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OBBA AGM - February 25!

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This issue features news about the upcoming OBBA Annual General Meeting being held at the Bird Studies Canada Headquarters in Port Rowan February 25. We hope to see you there!

As always, you can help to fill the OBBA newsletter by sending us news and events from your banding operation, research, or any other interesting notes related to bird banding in Ontario.

COMING EVENTS:

DONATE TO THE OBBA TODAY!

- Ontario Bird Banding Association Meetings, February 25, 2017.
Bird Studies Canada Headquarters—Port Rowan, Ontario.

www.ontbanding.org

- Great Backyard Bird Count - February 17-20, 2017
- North American Banding Council Meeting, March 8-10, 2017, Fort Myers, FL. www.nabanding.net
 - Eastern Bird Banding Association Meeting, March 24-26, 2017.
Ramada Inn Ithaca Executive Conference Centre in Ithaca, NY. <http://www.easternbirdbanding.org/>
 - Niagara Peninsula Hawkwatch Open House, April 14, 2017.
Beamer Conservation Area, Grimsby, Ontario. www.niagarapeninsulahawkwatch.org

OBBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2017

- 09:00 – 10:00** **Registration and Bucket Raffle**
- 10:00 – 10:20** **Business meeting**
 Introductions – Stu Mackenzie
 President’s Report - Stu Mackenzie
 Treasurer’s Report – Barbara Campbell
 Election of an Auditor – Barbara Campbell
 Nominations & Election of 2017 Executive – David Okines
- 10:20—10:30** **Awards - Janette Dean and Wasserfall Award**
- 10:30 – 11:00** **Ontario Station Reports**
- 11:00 – 11:15** Canadian Migration Monitoring Network Update
 Bird Banding Office Update
 North American Banding Council Update
- 11:15 – 11:45** **Use of automated telemetry to track the timing and extent of post-breeding and migratory movements of bank swallows: implication for conservation.**
 Dr. Greg Mitchell – Environment and Climate Change Canada
- 11:45 – 13:00** Lunch and Birding Break (Catered at BSC or on your own in Port Rowan)
- 13:00 – 13:30** **Dynamics of Red-breasted Nuthatch irruptions in eastern North America: combining bird observatory and other citizen science data.**
 Dr. Erica Dunn
- 13:30 – 14:00** **Tuning an ear to the night sky: A quantitative analysis of acoustic variation in nocturnal flight calls.**
 Blaine Landsborough – University of Windsor
- 14:00 – 14:30** **Coffee Break and Bucket Raffle**
- 14:30 – 15:00** **Body composition and refuelling in songbirds migrating through Long Point, Ontario.**
 Lisa Kennedy – Trent University



- 15:00 – 15:30** **Waterfowl Training and Certification in North America**
Norm North
- 15:30 – 15:45** **Coffee Break and Bucket Raffle**
- 15:45 – 16:45** **Closing remarks. Bucket Raffle Draw.
End of Annual General Meeting**
- 17:00 – 22:00** **Social at Long Point Bird Observatory (LPBO) Old Cut Research Station.**
Dinner: 18:30, BYOB

LOCATION AND DETAILS:

The AGM will be held at the Bird Studies Canada (BSC) headquarters at **115 Front Rd. in Port Rowan**. There is a registration fee of \$7.00. The meeting is filled with business meetings, station reports and a short scientific program related to bird banding in Ontario. The evening social is held at the Long Point Bird Observatory Old Cut Research Station.

There may be a practical bird banding session (weather and bird dependent) on Sunday where members can hone their skills, and share information and knowledge with each other. There are always a few surprises!

HOW TO GET TO BSC AND OLD CUT:

BSC and LPBO are situated on the north shore of Lake Erie, in Ontario, Canada. From Highway 401 or Highway 3, come south on Highway 59 to the north shore of Lake Erie. Front Rd intersects Highway 59 at the base of Long Point. The BSC headquarters is approximately 1 km east of Hwy 59 along Front Rd.

The LPBO Old Cut Research Station is on Old Cut Blvd. on Long Point, just two streets before Highway 59 ends at Long Point Provincial Park. It is the 6th building on the right as you head north on Old Cut Blvd. from Highway 59. There is a small sign on the front lawn. You can park across the road in the Ministry of Natural Resources parking lot.

SHOW AND TELL: Bring anything you think may be of interest to the OBBA membership—special traps, interesting pictures, articles or tools.

BUCKET RAFFLE: As in previous years a bucket raffle will be held. Any member wishing to donate a prize should bring it to the meeting, or if they prefer contact any board member.



ACCOMMODATIONS:

BED AND BREAKFASTS - ALL LISTED AT

http://www.bbcanada.com/bb_search_results.cfm?search_general=port+rowan&x=0&y=0:

MOTELS: There are also a number of motels in nearby Simcoe.

LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY—OLD CUT RESEARCH STATION:

There is also space available for \$35/night. If you would like to stay at Old Cut contact Stu Mackenzie as soon as possible at smackenzie@birdscanada.org.

FOOD AND SOCIAL:

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS:

Coffee and donuts will be served throughout the day. There will be a catered lunch at BSC or you can do your own thing. The cost will be \$15-20 and payable at registration.

EVENING SOCIAL / DINNER:

On the Saturday evening there will be a social at LPBO'S Old Cut Research Station following the meeting. A meal will be served between 18:30 and 19:00. The cost will be around \$20 per person. Members and guests planning to attend are encouraged to BYOB.

BIRDERS AND BANDERS WANTED:

Canadian Migration Monitoring Network (CMMN) stations across the country, many of which are in Ontario, are looking for birders and banders who are interested in gaining the experience of a lifetime volunteering or working for the birds. Visit the CMMN web-site – www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/cmmn/ for more information about stations near you and opportunities offered.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE JANETTE DEAN AND WASSERFALL AWARDS

The **Janette Dean Award** is given to individuals that have made outstanding contributions to bird banding in Ontario. To nominate an individual, send a written nomination with a brief explanation of the candidate's qualifications to [ontariobirdbanding AT gmail.com](mailto:ontariobirdbanding@gmail.com).

The **Wasserfall Award** provides critical funding to support bird-banding and related of birds in Canada. Applications for the award will be considered as part of the Small Grants of the James L. Baillie Memorial Fund - <http://www.birdscanada.org/about/funding/jlbmf/>



WHY BELONG TO THE OBBA?

1. **Meet** like-minded people who enjoy banding birds by providing a forum for communication among Ontario banders.
2. Chance to **share** and compare the results of your banding efforts with others.
3. Receive a **newsletter** three times a year reporting on current banding activities and topics of interest to banders.
4. Contribute to and receive the organization's long running **journal – Ontario Bird Banding** - that reports annually on the bird banding activities of its members and read articles on banding techniques.
5. Take part in an **annual general meeting** where you can present, listen to and meet guest speakers and share your banding interests with other banders from across Ontario in a pleasant social atmosphere.
6. Get opportunities to **learn** different banding techniques and share knowledge of different issues and the latest trends in the banding world.
7. Have the chance to recognize extraordinary efforts of individuals through the **Janette Dean Award**, or fund your research through the **Wasserfall Award**.
8. Benefit from the **North American Banding Council's** network of activities, training workshops and certification programs and connection to the Canadian **Bird Banding Office** under the Canadian Wildlife Service.
9. Encourage **mentorship**, share **enthusiasm**, **contribute** to knowledge of bird banding and take part in collaborative projects (such as Mourning Dove and Snow Bunting banding).
10. Most of all – to have **FUN** while contributing to **bird conservation science!**

TO JOIN OR RENEW: Please fill out the renewal form, or send the same information along with payment to Barbara Campbell—[barbcampbell52 AT gmail.com](mailto:barbcampbell52@gmail.com). A renewal form is at the back of this newsletter or can be found online at [http://ontbanding.org/OBBA Membership form.pdf](http://ontbanding.org/OBBA_Membership_form.pdf)

RENEW ONLINE – Send the pertinent information to [barbcampbell52 AT gmail.com](mailto:barbcampbell52@gmail.com), and make your payment online here -

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/OBBA/>.
Please specify "membership" in the comments field.



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2017 Membership Application or Renewal

Name: _____

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City: _____ Prov: _____

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Email:

NOTE: ALL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE OBBA WILL BE ELECTRONIC. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A HARD-COPY OF THE MATERIALS, NEWSLETTER AND/OR JOURNAL, YOU MUST SPECIFY BELOW.

- Please send me the Newsletter by regular mail
 Please send me the Journal by regular mail

Membership Category:

- Life Membership(\$400)
 Individual/Family/Household (\$20)
 Student (\$10)
 Outside of Canada and United States—\$10 mailing surcharge

Additional Donation: \$_____, tax receipt issued if \$10 or more.

Make cheque payable to: Ontario Bird Banding Association

PAY ONLINE: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/OBBA/>

Please state purpose of donation in comments.

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