



NEWSLETTER

The Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Bird Banding Association will be held on February 26 and 27, 2005 at Bird Studies Canada's Headquarters in Port Rowan, ON

As per the pattern set last year, a two-day event is scheduled with the format of the Saturday agenda following that of previous years. Winter banding, workshops and practical presentations will be the focus of the Sunday sessions.

Registration Fee

There will be a registration fee of \$5.00 for both members and non-members.

Lunch Arrangements

Coffee, tea and donuts will be served. There are several restaurants in Port Rowan or food will be ordered in for those who request it at registration time. Cost not available at this time.

Evening Social

On Saturday there will be a social evening at the home of Terri Groh and Martin Wernaart. Directions will be available at the meeting. Food will be ordered in at cost to those attending. Members and guests planning to attend may BYOB, although there will be some drinks provided.

Accommodations

There are several Bed and Breakfast places in and around Port Rowan. Information on many of these is available at: <http://www.bbcanada.com/associations/southcoast/>. A list of local B&Bs is provided inside the newsletter.

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.

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Show and Tell

** Note that on day two there is an item on the agenda entitled “Show and Tell. Attendees are invited to bring a small number of slides/photographs, actual traps, nest boxes and/or designs of them, or other items of interest, and encouraged to show them to the group.

OBBA AGM AGENDA FEBRUARY 26 & 27, 2005.

Location: Bird Studies Canada Headquarters, 115 Front Street, Port Rowan, Ontario

Saturday, February 26, 2005

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| 09:00 to 09:30 | Registration |
| 09:30 to 10:00 | <u>Business Meeting</u>
Introductions - Audrey Heagy
President's Report – Audrey Heagy
Treasurer's Report – Joanne Dewey
Election of an Auditor – Joanne Dewey
Nominations & Election of 2005 Executive – John Miles |
| 10:00 to 10:30 | Bird (slides and specimens) Quiz |
| 10:30 to 11:00 | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 to 12:00 | <u>Station Reports</u>
Innis Point Bird Observatory
Timiskaming Banding Group
Toronto Bird Observatory
Report from Banding Office |
| 12:00 to 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 to 14:30 | Speaker – to be announced |
| 14:30 to 14:45 | Presentation of the Janette Dean Award |
| 14:45 to 15:00 | Coffee Break |
| 15:00 to 15:30 | Results of the Bird Quiz |
| 15:30 to 16:00 | Speaker – to be announced |
| 16:00 to 16:15 | Bucket Raffle Draw |
| 16:15 | Close of general meeting. Following the meeting, everyone is invited to the home of Terri Groh and Martin Wernaat for a social evening. Food will be ordered in at cost to those attending. Directions will be available at the meeting. |

February 27, 2005 (all events at BSC HQ except as noted)

07:00 to 09:30	Ground Trapping and Banding (weather permitting) (venue to be announced)
09:30 to 10:00	Travel to BSC HQ (15 minute travel time)
10:00 to 12:00	Coffee, Mingle for Ideas, and “ Show and Tell ” (coordinator Martin Wernaart)
12:00 to 13:00	Free time, lunch
13:00 to 14:00	Northern Saw-whet Owl Banding Workshop (coordinator Audrey Heagy)
14:00 to 14:15	Coffee
14:15 to 15:15	Hummingbird Techniques Workshop (coordinator Cindy Cartwright)
15:15	End of Conference.

Bed and Breakfast List for Port Rowan Area

provided by Terri Groh

Prices range from \$60/per night/ per couple. Telephone area code is 519.
(Ice fishing season may effect availability and price)

Abigail’s Bed and Breakfast	586-8777	
Arbor Lane Bed and Breakfast	875-2481	
Balmy Breezes Bed and Breakfast	586-8342	
The Bay House Bed and Breakfast	586-3337	
Bayview Bed and Breakfast	586-3413	1-800-646-0668
Birds I View Bed and Breakfast	586-3258	
Birds and Blooms Bed and Breakfast	586-8116	
Bluebird Nest Bed and Breakfast	586-3806	
Brambles Bed and Breakfast	586-9173	
Brookvale Bed and Breakfast	586-9545	
Country Couple Bed and Breakfast	586-3197	
Green Valley Bed and Breakfast	586-3799	
Harbour Nights Bed and Breakfast	586-7764	
Season’s House Bed and Breakfast	586-2778	

Membership Renewals

Please check the address label on your envelope. If it does not say 2005 in the upper right hand corner then it is time to renew your OBBA membership for 2005.

Please send \$20.00 along with your name, address and email to:

Membership Secretary: Joanne Dewey, RR #8, 642 Elmbrook Road, Picton ON K0K 2T0.

Please make your cheque payable to the Ontario Bird Banding Association.

2004 Journal Reminder

Please send your 2004 data, annual reports and articles to:

Terri Groh, 25 Lakeview Cr., RR 1 St. Williams, N0E 1P0

naturesadvantage@amtelecom.net, 1-519-586-9545

To send your banding totals in aou order, you can easily create a report using Band Manager that lists number of captures by species (spp). Add the file(s) for 2004 and then create the report in aou order (not species order). Save it in the Band Manager Export file and then using your email editor send me the file as an attachment (look in Band Manager and the Export File) . If you require any assistance don't hesitate to call me and I will help you over the phone.

EDITOR'S NOTES

The OBBA website format has been updated and includes the new members-only section. The electronic version of this newsletter, as well as some past issues are now available for download. Members will be able to view the newsletter on-line or print their own copy including colour photos. This will also provide easy storage of past issues, instant delivery and the ability to link to additional information. Members are encouraged to visit the website at www.ontbanding.org and access the members-only section using the user name: *obba* and password: *obbanews*. All members will continue to receive the paper copy of the newsletter unless they request the electronic version only. The website also has a new bander directory. OBBA members can have their contact information added to the directory for public information. Each bander will be able to edit their own information as they want it to appear in the directory. Other new features will be added as they become available.

Articles for publication, with a preferred maximum length of two pages in font 12, should be submitted in a Word document as an email attachment of on a diskette. Photos in .jpg and drawing would be appreciated as well as banding highlights, milestones, special events, etc.

BANDING HIGHLIGHTS

Allen Chartier banded a RUHU in Indiana in Sept./04 that was recaptured in Louisiana in Jan./05. On December 28, 2004 Allen captured a RUHU that had been banded in Georgia on Jan. 9/03. Absolutely amazing results!

This is what all bird banders live for! That magic moment when you look at a bird in the net or trap and it is already banded. You glance at the numbers to see if it was one you had banded today, but then



the numbers do not look familiar. First you go with the most likely scenario that it may be one of your banded birds from last year or perhaps you just don't remember if the bird is one you or another of your crew has banded. Somewhere is that nagging little thought "Could someone else at another station have banded this bird? And if so when and where." Carl Pascoe

Holiday Beach Migration Observatory had their first foreign encounter this fall. On Sept. 4/04 they recaptured an AMGO that had been banded near Guelph on April, 9/03.

A happily married man had only one complaint; his wife was always nursing sick birds. One November evening, he came home to find a raven with a splint on its beak sitting in his favorite chair. On the dining room table there was a feverish eagle pecking at an aspirin while, in the kitchen, his wife was comforting a shivering little wren that she found in the snow. The furious spouse strode over to where his wife was toweling down the cold little bird. "I can't take it any more! We've got to get rid of all of these darn..." The wife held up her hand to cut him off in mid-curse. "Please, Dear," she said, "Not in front of the chilled wren." Author unknown.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Renew your membership (renewal form in last issue)

due now

Eastern Bird Banding Association AGM

April 15-17

Deadline for submissions for July 2005 issue

July 1
