

Local Lumberjack to Compete at World Championships

By Ryan McIntyre

Truro's Scott Read, a professional timbersports athlete, is one of six men selected to represent Canada in Germany this November at the STIHL Timbersports World Championships.

Scott got his start in the sport at an early age in 4H before heading to NSAC (now Dal AC) and joining their Woodsmen Team. Scott, who now works for Dalhousie AC as an instructor, has coached the AC woodsmen team for the past 15 seasons. He is a founding member of the NNLS, as well as President of the Maritime Lumberjack Association (MLA) which is the governing body for professional timbersports competitions throughout the Maritimes.

George Williams of Rivers Deny (Cape Breton), NS will also be part of this year's Team

Canada, after winning the STIHL Timbersports Canadian Rookie Championship (under 25 division) this past July in London, ON.

Scott and George are the first Nova Scotians to be selected to Team Canada and with only six spots available, having two "bluenosers" on the team at once is quite an achievement to say the least.

Scott and George competed this past June in Truro at the Nova Scotia Pro Lumberjack Championship hosted by the NNLS. That competition was filmed by the television show Lumberjacks and will air this October on TSN. The North Nova Lumberjacks Society (NNLS) is extremely proud to announce Scott will be a participant.

The North Nova Lumberjacks Society is a non-profit organization based in Truro whose mandate is to grow and promote lumberjack sports and the athletes.



George Williams standing on the podium after winning the STIHL Timbersports Canadian Rookie Championship in London, Ontario this past July. Note: to the left is fellow Nova Scotian and Dal AC alumni Thomas Henderson of River John who also made the podium, placing 3rd in Canada in the Rookie (under 25) division. (Submitted)



Alex Smith, Great Village was one of the 34 juniors participating in the 2nd Annual Limousin Show for juniors held at Balamore Farm on September 10th and 11th. (Submitted)



Scott Read raises his hand after the hot saw event at the STIHL Timbersports Canadian Championships in July held in London, ON. This event requires strength and composure in order to handle a 250cc chainsaw with over 60hp, weighing nearly 70lb. Scott makes it look easy. (Submitted)



The judge for the weekend was Eric Boon seen chatting with Sidney Patton, North River and Sam Mills, Onslow. (Submitted)



Ian Kittilsen, Debert leads a Limousin calf into the rink for judging (Submitted)

4-H Pro-Show Slated for Sept 30-Oct 2

By Natalie Porter

On Sept 30th - Oct 2nd Provincial Show, the largest 4-H event in Atlantic Canada, will take place at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds in Truro. Members from all different counties in Nova Scotia that have 4-H will gather to compete against each other.

Onslow-Belmont has many members helping to represent Colchester County. Every year a different county hosts Provincial Show. This year Colchester County is hosting. Come and see the top project work of the past year from across the province. There is something for everyone.

At our September general meeting we voted on a new

executive. This new executive will take over running things in October at the beginning of a new 4-H year. Our executive for the 2016-2017 4-H year is as follows: President - Michael Congdon; Vice-President - Ciara Congdon;

Secretary - Lauren Sooksom; Treasurer - Carlie Barnhill; Club Reporter - Mary-Emma Barnhill and Recreation Director - Jillian Hill-Macmillan
Natalie Porter is current Club Reporter Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club

Start Feeding the Birds with Suet

By Christine Urquhart

With the colder nights and the fast - dare I say it - approach of winter, if you haven't been feeding the birds all summer it is time to start-up again. Once it becomes cold throughout the day as well as at night, you will also need suet for the birds. It is important that they can maintain their body heat throughout the cold weather.

At this time of year many birds are migrating. You may be surprised to see who is at your feeder! For those of you looking for hobbies that you can do with your children, bird watching is a nice, clean, fairly cheap hobby! All you really need is a feeder, some seed, a bird book to help you identify the birds that come and patience.

You can get binoculars, expensive sound CD's and fancy feeders but even a feeder made out of an old milk carton will do to entice the birds into your back or front yard. Birds also like a fresh water source so a bird bath while the weather is warm works. Place an old pie plate on top of a stump if you are trying to save money - the birds will still come and drink out of it!

To have a year round bird bath, an easy way is to put a light bulb inside a cardboard box with the pie plate sitting on top (make a hole for it to fit into). The warmth of the bulb will keep the water from freezing and make the birds happy!

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