

Hurricane Dorian Creates Dangerous Work

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Peter Spicer, Spencers Island will probably have nightmares, when the weather forecast is predicting a hurricane for the immediate areas around Southern Cumberland. Hurricane Dorian caused a lot of damage, created a lot of dangerous work for him, and will cost him bundles of lost income for years to come.

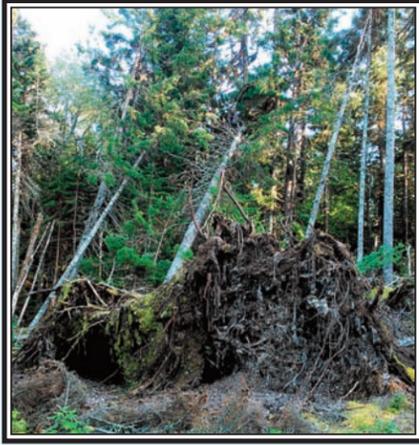
He and his family have over 1600 acres which he has managed with a precise forestry plan for ages. When he started going around his property to survey the damage from Hurricane Dorian he found large areas that are untouched. Wherever property had been either commercially thinned, selectively harvested, or was exposed to the north-east had some damage.

There are a couple of areas of over an acre each that were flattened. He explains, "There are places all over the lot where there are one or two trees down and others that are probably weakened. The number of downed trees is in the high hundreds and probably more".

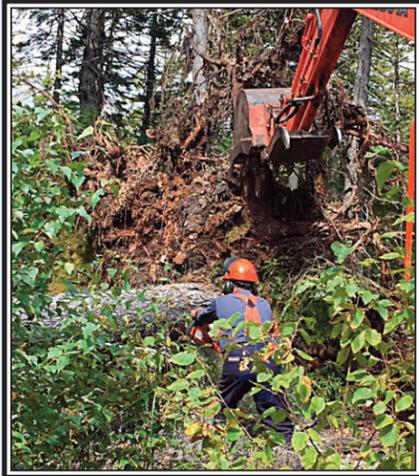
He has salvaged over a hundred already. So he knows the long term implications on his operation, he will keep a log. By late fall, he will have an exact idea of the damage and how it will affect the plantation in years to come.

Even with severe damage, he will probably be able to salvage most of the trees and sell them as he normally would. However, it is much more expensive to harvest them when they are blown down, as it takes so long and it is quite dangerous as well. Other than the extensive work he wasn't anticipating, Peter won't actually lose money. He won't profit as much per tree.

Peter says, "It isn't quite the same as when a farm crop such as blueberries is lost completely to frost. It is more like the apple farmers that will salvage their crop but get less for it".



Imagine the potential danger of getting in amongst these trees to try to salvage the wood, and to try to correct the landscape.



Peter Spicer using a chainsaw cleaning up hundreds of trees blown down during Hurricane Dorian. He and his family have over 1,600 acres of forestland under management. Peter Spicer will be able to salvage a lot of wood, but it's much more expensive to extract, highly dangerous work and commands less price than if harvested according to the plan.



What was once well managed, almost a manicured woodlot, is what greeted Peter Spicer, when he started checking his 1,600 acres of woodland.



Over 150mm of rain from earlier hurricane contributed to hundreds if not thousands of trees of all sizes were cross piled, like toothpicks, throughout Spicer property. Some areas escaped severe damage, but other areas up to two acres were completely devastated.

Bernie Burke Memorial Golf ends

By Patricia Burke

History made when the 20th Annual Bernie Burke Memorial Golf Tournaments comes to a close at Parrsboro Golf Club.

60 Golfers converged on the Parrsboro Golf Club to participate in the 20th Annual Bernie Burke Memorial Golf Tournament which was decided by the organizing committee would be the last tournament held.

It was a very hard and emotional decision by the committee wanted to see it go down in history. After 20 years we wanted to go out with a bang and it just did that. A wonderful warm sunny day greeted the golfers as they registered for a tournament that many had played in for many years.

Starting back 20 years as "Golfing for Parkinsons", then

moving to Cancer and for the last 10 years, named after Bernie Burke and the funds directed to The Hall in Parrsboro, which was very close to Bernie's heart.

In the last 20 years, we have raised close to \$100,000.00 for the three charities which we are very proud of and felt we wanted to go out in a blaze of glory.

We have had a blast raising money for these wonderful organizations. We would like to thank all The Major Sponsors, the Prize Sponsors which have been with us right from the beginning.

To all the golfers who have come to Parrsboro each year in August to help us make this tournament such a success, we could not have done it without you, and to all the other volunteers who worked tirelessly to help as well, in particular, Dawn

Coleman and her family, Norma Collinson and Doreen Wheaton, the greenskeepers at the club who made sure the course was in top notch shape for the tournament and to Ryan Wheaton (Bernie's grandson who brought almost 20 golfers from the HRM).

During the Awards Celebration, several of the board of directors of the Hall arrived and Rob Bentley, Board Chair spoke on their appreciation for the funds that have been raised at the hall, in the tune of \$50,000.00 from this tournament.

At this time a tree was presented to Nancy, Brenda and Trish as a thank-you for all their hard work. The tree will be planted at The Parrsboro Golf Course and will have an appropriate plaque will be placed beside it.

Here is a list of the winners for the tournament: 1st Place: Cole Mac Isaa, Tristen Dimmer and Matt Hunt; 2nd. Place-Ryan Wheaton, Andy Townsend and Ryan Townsend and Putting Contest: Jamie Oatt.

Other winners included: Closest to the Line: Shirley Hurley; Longest Drive: Roddy Mc Cormick; Closest to the Pin on 3 & 12: Triisten Dimmer; Closest to the Pin on 9 & 18: Matt Mills and Most Honest Golfers: Bob Jamieson, Josh Levy and Chris Myers.



Bernie Burke Tournament 1st Place winners included: Cole Mac Isaa, Tristen Dimmer and Matt Hunt. (Submitted)



Ryan Wheaton, Andy Townsend and Ryan Townsend were 2nd place winners. (Submitted)



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