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American Lumberjack Association

ALA Member News

Jim Taylor Update.

Jim is doing well and at home again. He is doing very limited saw work at this time. If you would like to call him about saw filing you may, but he is unsure of when he will be able to get the saw back to you.

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Collegiate Competitions!

The University of British Columbia in Vancouver BC Canada hosted a competition on January 30th. Eric Hoberg and James Hartley headed north to help out. Other pros who are also ALA members that helped included Ben Lefler, Lukas Brown-John and Nick Hall, all of whom help with coaching and mentoring the UBC team. Dave McCloud and Anita Dankowski are Canadian pro competitors that also came to help out. University of Idaho, University of Montana, and UBC all competed. It was a great time for everyone and I hear Ben procured hockey tickets for all the participants to enjoy after their day of competition.

University of Montana will host the AWFC Conclave April, 26-30th, 2016. (And yes there will still be a Pro portion!)

Interested in advertising in the classifieds? It is FREE for ALA members! Contact the Secretary.

ALA Classifieds:

Custom toe climbing spurs and shin-guards available upon request. Contact Eric Hoberg for details. 406.531.9345

Looking for training gear? Contact Rob Waibel and help him sell his dad's old gear. Several peg-and-rakers and M-tooth's available. Also custom corks! 503.369.9910

Looking for axe handles? Contact Mike Forrester 541.496.3204
oregonaxeman1@hotmail.com

WANTED: Stihl chainsaw (046, 066 or 088). Contact Simon Chapman at 253-209-7281, or email simondevon@yahoo.com.

Looking for some beautiful art made from old chains/blades/bars? Visit www.renowildernessart.com.

2016 show dates

Tentative

Stihl Collegiate Western Qualifier; Missoula MT April 29th
 University of Montana Pro-Am Show; Missoula, MT April 30th
 Sequim Irrigation Festival; Sequim, WA May 14th
 Kaslo May Days; Kaslo BC May 21& 22nd
 Stihl Western Qualifier; Shelton, WA June 4th
 Brownsville; Brownsville, OR June 19th
 Stihl US Pro & Collegiate Championships; Chicago, IL July 15-16th
 Darby Logger Days; Darby, MT July 16th
 West Linn; West Linn, OR July 17th
 Squamish Days; Squamish, BC July 30 & 31st
 Salmon Festival; Campbell River BC Aug. 5-7th
 Morton Logger Jubilee; Morton WA, Aug 13-14th
 Orofino Lumberjack Days; Orofino, ID Sept. 18th
 Stihl World Championship; Stuttgart Germany Nov 11-12th

Know of any more? Please let the Secretary know!

Voting Results: (17 members voted)

President: Eric Hoberg

Vice President: Trevor Baker

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New memberships

1. One-time novice/intermediate membership \$5: Passed
2. Local competitor membership \$0: Passed
3. Newsletter recipient (associate) email ONLY membership \$10: Passed

New rule on climbing (alternating spur in): Passed

Addition of guidelines for end of year points: Passed

Please see the additional Ballot attachment for full explanation of the passed rules/memberships.

Winter Meeting

A big thanks to Heather Vincent for helping find us a meeting room, and to Jr Moses for allowing access to his training area!

Where: Police Department Training Room
34825 SE Douglas Street, Snoqualmie 98065

Take exit 25 off of I-90, head North on Snoqualmie Parkway (Hwy18), proceed 1.4 miles and take a Right/head East on SE Douglas Street. The Police Department is on the Right/South side of the road. We will meet in the Training Room.

When: Saturday, March 19th at 10am SHARP! The later we start, the later we start training!

There will be lunch provided at the meeting and then we will caravan to Jr Moses' training area for some training! You must attend the meeting to come to the training, but coming to the training is NOT a required part of the meeting. Caravanning is the only way to find Jr's "hidden" training grounds. (He has Google stumped!) We will leave after the meeting and lunch as a group. If you wish to participate in the training you **MUST provide your own chopping blocks**. Junior has 2 underhand, 2 standing and one sawing stand to use.

What to bring:

- ✓ **Your own chopping blocks** & some to share!
- ✓ Your own practice equipment (saws/axes/handles/guards)
- ✓ Sawing wood to share as well.
- ✓ A canopy in case it rains! (This IS the west side of the Cascades folks, rain is almost a daily occurrence here!)

Optional:

- ✓ An empty bladder and water bottles, there is NO running water and NO bathroom facilities at the training area!
- ✓ An extra underhand stand that would be great.
- ✓ Consider a camera to record the training session for any helpful insights!

Membership Dues!



It's back again! Incentive for paying your dues at the beginning of the year! If you pay your dues before the winter meeting, you can receive your 2016 membership for FREE! Payment must be **postmarked** by March 9th via snail mail, or can be paid in person before the BEGINNING of the winter meeting on March 19th. The drawing will be held at the end of the winter meeting. You do not need to be present to win. How it works: if you pay a family, junior, college, or annual membership, then a single ticket will be placed in the drawing. If your ticket is drawn then you will receive your dues back. (\$60 for a family, \$30 for a junior, \$45 for an annual, or \$25 for a collegiate). Reason enough to get those dues in early? We hope so!

HELP!

James Essig stepped up and donated saws to be given away by the ALA to a deserving collegiate team. David Moses Sr. donated his time to sharpen those saws. We need to continue to amass equipment and donations of time to sharpen that equipment. The ALA committed to helping these collegiate teams and we are out of donated equipment. We determine which team gets the equipment at the AWFC conclave event. Any ALA members in attendance are asked to vote on which team the equipment goes to. We need saws, axes, handles for both, corks, and chainsaws are also welcome. Anyone willing to help out? The board holds on to the donations and makes sure they are in competition shape before being given to the school. Please think of donating. We have asked the same people to donate time and again, and we need more equipment and expertise!

A big thank you to James Hartley for serving on the ALA board and as the president these past few years. James has been key in adding intermediate, masters and women's events at competitions that did not have them. He also has moved the association forward by spearheading projects such as getting a computer and printer for the ALA to use and to loan out to shows. James helped Libby, Longview, and Priest River with the running of their shows as well. All while helping out the University of Idaho team with training, coaching, and judging of their home meet. Thank you for your service James.

Tom Martin still has the axe and wrenches he found at Orofino, contact him or the secretary if they are yours!

**THIS IS YOUR LAST
NEWSLETTER!
SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO
CONTINUE RECEIVING
NEWSLETTERS!
A NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM WITH
THE NEW MEMBERSHIP TYPES IS
ATTACHED!**

Last year's schedule is still being posted so you can try to extrapolate the 2016 show schedule. If you know the dates of any shows please be sure to let the Secretary know! This includes you colleges too!

2015 NON-ALA shows of potential interest schedule

- ✓ Sequim Irrigation Festival; Sequim, WA May 9th
- ✓ Kaslo May Days; Kaslo, BC May 16 & 17th
- ✓ Western Stihl Qualifier; Shelton, WA May 30th
- ✓ Fort Saskatchewan Logger Sports Days; Alberta, Canada June 20th
- ✓ St. John Baptiste Festival; Morinville; Alberta, Canada June 21st
- ✓ Stihl USA Finals; June 20th
- ✓ North Shuswap Timberdays; Chase BC July 4th
- ✓ Logger Days Festival; South Fork, CO July 18-19th
- ✓ Darby Logger Days; Darby, MT July 18th
- ✓ Ukee Days; Ucuelet, BC July 25th
- ✓ Eagar Days; Eagar AZ July 31-Aug1st
- ✓ Squamish Days; Squamish, BC Aug. 1&2nd
- ✓ Salmon Festival; Campbell River BC Aug. 7-9th
- ✓ Nanaimo Loggersports Show; Nanaimo, BC Aug 22nd
- ✓ Logger's Play Day; Hoquiam, WA Sept. 12th
- ✓ Port Alberni, BC Sept 13th

2015 ALA Sanctioned Show Schedule

- ✓ Missoula Pro-Am; Missoula, MT April 25th
- ✓ Libby Logger Days; Libby MT June 27th
- ✓ Go fourth Show; Longview, WA July 4th
- ✓ Priest River Timberfest; Priest River ID July 25th
- ✓ Morton Loggers Jubilee; Morton, WA August 8-9th
- ✓ Orofino Lumberjack Days; Orofino, ID September 20th