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# SOCIETY NEWS

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## 1987 AWARDS

The recipients of the society's awards for 1987 were Mary Houston, Doug Cole and Michael Monkman.

The Larry Morgotch Award was presented to Mary Houston for the series of slides which she showed at the Annual General Meeting in Moose Jaw.

Doug Cole, as General Manager of the Wakamow Valley Authority in Moose Jaw Doug handles finances, and supervises a staff of 3 permanent employees, 7 summer employees and 120 volunteers. He seems equally comfortable selling an idea to his board of directors or teaching preschoolers about wildlife. Because he holds to the philosophy that both natural and man made resources are valuable and should be both protected and used for education, Doug has promoted Project Wild, bringing 1500 students to Wakamow-sponsored education programs each year. He has developed a nature trail and cleaned up the river, leaving natural areas to coax wildlife into the city. On summer weekends he leads interpretive walks along the river. The SNHS recognises the outstanding contributions of Doug Cole to wildlife education and the conservation and interpretation of the natural heritage of the Moose Jaw River Valley, by presenting him with the 1987 Conservation Award.

Michael Monkman was not able to be present at the Annual Meeting and hence the Cliff Shaw Award was again presented via the mail. Michael's article in *Blue Jay* appeared in the December 1986 issue. It was entitled *Observations of an American Woodcock nest and egg dates in Manitoba*. The author reports detailed observations of the nesting of a woodcock. He is to be commended for being astute enough to notice that the female always faced away from the sun while incubating. Such small details of observation can be easily missed, yet may be of vast importance in some cases. May this report serve as an example to others to be exact and detailed in their observations.

## FELLOWS OF THE SNHS

A motion was passed at the Annual Meeting creating a new class of membership. Up to five members may be named to this category in any one year to honour sustained contributions to the SNHS and its goals. Once selected, a Fellow holds that title as long as he/she remains a member of the society. Although our other awards do honour people who make major contributions to the society, a Fellowship acknowledges long-time contributors. The executive named four Fellows in 1987.

The names of our first two fellows seem

synonymous with the Saskatchewan Natural History Society. Stuart and Mary Houston have served this society in innumerable ways. Stuart's involvement goes back to the first issue of the Blue Jay. He is a past president and served many years editing our special publications. Mary served on the executive in a variety of positions and has compiled Christmas Bird Counts for the society since 1957. The Houston's banding expeditions have introduced many to ornithology and indeed, to the SNHS, and they are always ready with advice, encouragement and an extensive library. Mary and Stuart have authored numerous articles for the Blue Jay and are now heavily involved in producing the Manley Callin series of publications, especially the Birds of Saskatchewan.

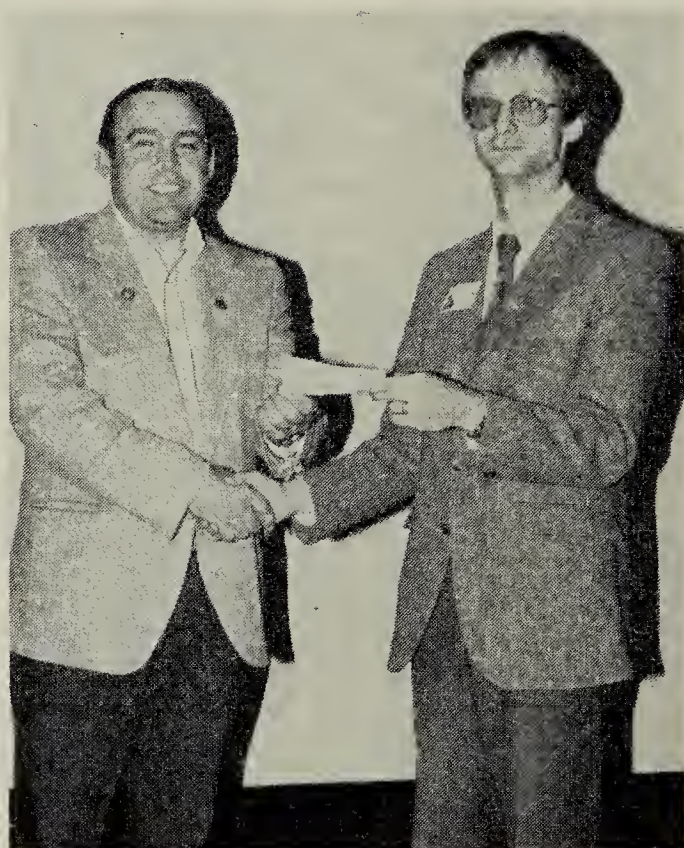
Our third Fellow, Frank Brazier, has now resigned after 19 years as bookshop manager. He is to be commended for his unfailing appearance with boxes of books from the Blue Jay Bookshop for SNHS and local society meetings. Before taking on

the Bookshop he served in posts such as president, treasurer and circulation manager. Frank is an active bird-watcher who turns up rarities and publishes in the Blue Jay.

The fourth member elected as a Fellow is Dr. George Ledingham. If anyone could claim the title of founder of the SNHS, it is George Ledingham. When the Yorkton Natural History Society ran into problems publishing The Blue Jay, George took the lead and organized the Saskatchewan Natural History Society. He has served as president and editor of The Blue Jay. George is a keen botanist and continues to work actively collecting specimens for the University of Regina Herbarium, and arranged the University's recent purchase of the Fort Qu'Appelle Herbarium. George has represented the Society at countless meetings and on numerous committees. He has worked continually through this society for establishment of the Grassland National Park and other ecological reserves.



*Doug Cole (left), recipient of the 1987 Conservation Award, with Dale Hjertaas  
F. Switzer*



*Lorne Scott (left), representing the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation accepts \$5000. from the SNHS for the Heritage Marsh Program  
F. Switzer*



*Mary Houston receiving the Larry Morgotch award for best slide presentation from Sheina Wait.*

*F. Switzer*

**SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
 Operating Statement for the year ended September 30, 1987

**INCOME:**

Membership - regular	19,307.66		
Membership - Sustaining and Patron	<u>2,845.00</u>		22,154.66
Donations			960.00
Interest - received			6,489.83
Misc. income			25.00
Tour income			9,990.54
Sales Special Publication			2,180.23
Bookshop sales	37,013.33		
less cost of sales	<u>(27,203.57)</u>		
gross profit		9,809.76	
less costs: post etc	1,003.36		
less honor (40%)	<u>3,522.56</u>	(4,525.92)	
Net bookshop profit		5,283.84	
less transfer to habitat conser		<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>283.84</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>42,084.10</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Advertising and Promotion - ST grant		1,000.00	
expenditures		<u>1,417.68</u>	417.68
Audit costs - ST grant		500.00	
expenditures		<u>500.00</u>	0.00
Conservation Activities-Heritage Marsh		5,000.00	
- donation to N.D. Wildlife Soc.		200.00	
- transfer Heritage Marsh Trust		3,000.00	
- transfer Habitat Conservation		4,000.00	
- transfer Rare & Endangered spp.		<u>3,000.00</u>	15,200.00
Bank charges			19.65
Computer expense - ST grant		500.00	
- transfer purchase reserve		3,000.00	
- other expenses		<u>789.00</u>	3,289.00
Honoraria - Blue Jay Editor			1,050.00
Meeting - annual (profit)			(59.07)
Meetings - board & other			264.81
Memberships			180.00
Misc. Office & Admin.			565.63
Office equipment			39.20
Office Supplies & Stationary			1,929.71
Postage & Express - general			2,029.89
Blue Jay - printing - cost	13,950.62		
Env't Can. grant	<u>450.00</u>	13,500.62	
- postage		<u>363.88</u>	13,864.50
Blue Jay News - ST grant		4,000.00	
- cost of printing		2,269.44	
- postage		<u>2,804.78</u>	1,074.22
Telephone			1,804.34
Travel - ST grant		4,000.00	
- travel costs		<u>3,215.19</u>	(784.81)
Wages - ST Grant		12,900.00	
- wages paid		<u>12,331.04</u>	(568.96)
Employment expense			<u>1,006.96</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>41,322.75</b>
		<b>NET INCOME (gain)</b>	<b>\$ 761.35</b>

**SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
Balance Sheet for the year ended September 30, 1987

<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash on hand (bookshop)		\$ 40.00	
Bank - Current		22,578.04	
- Current (bookshop)		6,475.92	
- Savings		1,210.34	
- Savings (bookshop)		<u>1.08</u>	30,305.75
Investments - Regular Term		81,467.71	
- Life Membership-begin	19,449.01		
- new memberships & interest	<u>2,996.04</u>	22,445.05	
- Manley Callin bequest-begin	118,603.72		
-interest received	<u>11,816.04</u>	<u>130,419.76</u>	152,864.81
Accounts Receivable		430.00	
Equipment and Fixtures		7.00	
Stock on hand (bookshop)		8,038.60	
Customer accounts receivable	1,324.60		
less customer prepaid	<u>4.50</u>	1,320.10	
Supplier prepaid accounts		<u>201.03</u>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>\$274,634.63</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Accounts payable		3,431.00	
Prepaid from ST		17,500.00	
Accounts payable (bookshop)		54.25	
Education tax payable		117.35	
Honorarium payable (bookshop)		<u>3,832.99</u>	24,935.59
<b>TRUST ACCOUNTS</b>			
Habitat Conservation -opening bal.	21,372.78		
less projects - Sage Grouse	1,000.00		
- Insecticide study	2,000.00		
- Screech Owl	300.00		
- Loggerhead Shrike	3,000.00		
- Piping Plover	1,400.00		
- Grassland Insects	891.49		
- Rafferty	2,000.00		
- Purchase pins, prints, etc.	1,284.40		
plus transfer from income	4,000.00		
- Bookshop profits	5,000.00		
- Member donations	<u>3,710.65</u>	22,207.54	
Heritage Marsh - opening balance	694.88		
plus donations	777.00		
transfer from income	<u>3,000.00</u>	4,471.88	
NCC Ecological Reserve		1,050.00	
Reserve computer purchase - begin	1,706.50		
transfer from income	<u>3,000.00</u>	4,706.50	
Reserve Special Publications	4,775.00		
CWS PWIC Webb Trust - beginning	2,628.43		
plus income book sales	<u>105.06</u>	2,733.49	
Life Membership Trust Fund		22,445.05	
Manley Callin Bequest Trust	<u>130,419.76</u>	<u>\$192,809.22</u>	
<b>PROJECTS</b>			
IBP Research		113.77	
Endangered Species Research - begin	3,901.29		
plus member donations	200.00		
plus ST Grant	11,100.00		
plus WWF grant	10,780.00		
plus Wild. Hab. Can. grant	14,000.00		
contributions from income	3,000.00		
transfer wildlife centennial	2,000.00		
employment grant	630.00		
less Burrowing Owl project	27,544.95		
less Ferruginous Hawk	1,578.15		
less Trumpeter Swan	1,600.00		
less Herptiles Survey	2,725.68		
less Piping Plover	<u>203.68</u>	11,958.83	
Yorkton Project - opening balance	2,728.59		
less expenses	<u>2,738.92</u>	(10.33)	
Interpretive Programs - begin	3,221.26		
plus ST Grant	4,000.00		
less costs	<u>6,537.46</u>	683.80	
Critical Wildlife - begin	4,000.00		
plus WWF grant	4,320.00		
less expenses	<u>5,042.69</u>	3,277.31	
Floral Protection - begin	1,100.00		
less expenses	<u>1,100.00</u>	0.00	
Natural History Classes - begin	261.15		
plus ST Grant	<u>400.00</u>	661.15	
Wildlife Centennial Proj. - ST grant	2,200.00		
transfer to End. Sp.	2,000.00		
loss from Ramsar trip	<u>144.17</u>	55.83	\$16,740.36
<b>NET WORTH:</b>			
Opening balance		39,388.11	
plus net gain		<u>761.35</u>	40,149.46
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, TRUST FUNDS &amp; NET WORTH</b>			<b>\$274,634.63</b>



*Fellows of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society, above (l. to r.) Stuart Houston, Mary Houston, Frank Brazier and below, George Ledingham F. Switzer*





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