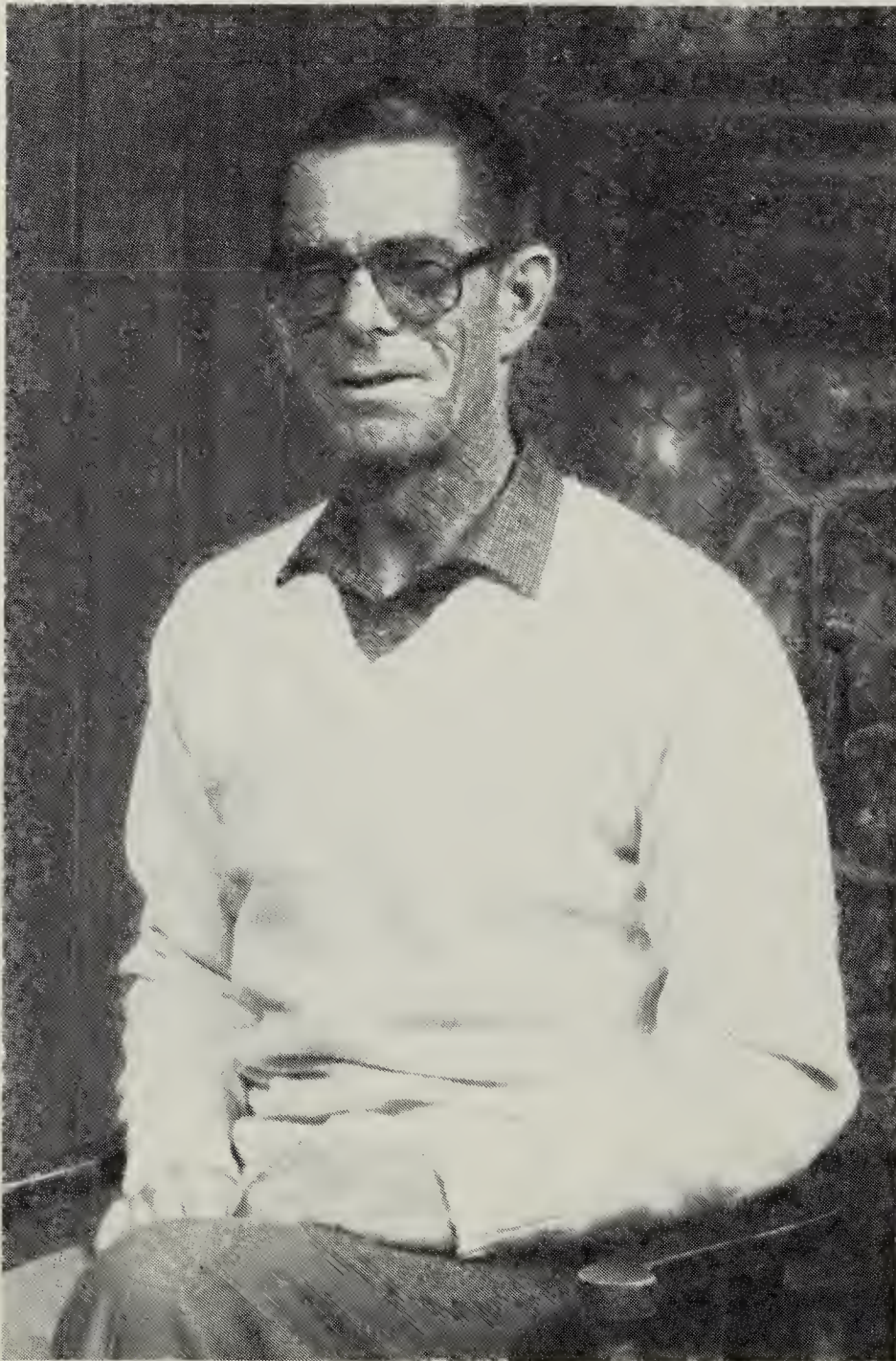

SOCIETY NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society was held this year in Prince Albert National Park at Waskesiu. Although the weather provided the year's first snowfall, and the birds did not make a grand showing, the Elk and White-tailed Deer were present to entertain the visitors between business activities held indoors. Several of our members were

honored by the presentation of a award at this meeting.

AWARDS

The Conservation Award presented to Warren Hjertaas for part in the development and maintenance of the Ravine Ecology Preserve in Yorkton. Warren did not stop working for the preserve when it had been established. He has completed the trails and boardwalks. He is active in his efforts to improve the preserve by picking up garbage and mowing the trails, leading numerous hikes for many groups, planning for the planting of trees and landscaping of a former dump site adjacent to the preserve, and showing slides or giving talks to promote the preserve. His activities do not stop there, since he has been active in improving interpretive material for the York Lake Regional Park as well as leading hikes there and making a series of boardwalk trails. As president of the Yorkton Natural History Society Warren continues to work on conservation projects and serves on the board of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society provincial and federal concerns are added in addition to local conservation topics.



Warren Hjertaas



Donna Barclay receiving Larry Morgotch Award from Lloyd Saul
Frank Switzer



Vic Beaulieu receiving Fellowship from Lloyd Saul
Frank Switzer

There was only a small number of members who brought slides to show at the evening program on 13 October. The Larry Morgotch Award, presented to the best series of slides shown at the meeting, was given this year to Donna Barclay. She showed an excellent set of photographs taken in Iceland, picturing water resources of that country.

Due to the late publication of the cover of our *Blue Jay* the Cliff Shaw Citation was postponed until all the slides for the year have been printed. The award should be presented at our annual general meeting.

Four new Fellows of the Society were elected this year. An unfortunate accident took the life of Hans de Vogel, one of our recipients, only a few days prior to the meeting. A dedication to Hans will be presented in the next issue of the *Journal*. Our other new Fellows are Vic Beaulieu, Margaret Belcher and Mary Switzer.

Vic Beaulieu spent 33 years as Agricultural Representative at Indian Head. For 40 years he worked with the 4-H organization where he helped children learn about their environment through enjoying nature. He has been involved with the Indian Head Natural History Society, and has been its president for the past 4 years. He worked on the Fishing Lakes Special Planning Area Commission to ensure that development on these Qu'Appelle Valley lakes did not unduly damage the environment. He helped with the administration of the soil conservation program in the Indian Head district, and worked with the native agriculture program. Vic continues to be involved in environmental issues and in agriculture.

Margaret Belcher has a long association with the Saskatchewan Natural History Society and the Regina Natural History Society. An avid birder, she compiled and revised the publication *Birds of Regina*. She has spent much



Margaret Belcher recipient of fellowship in the Saskatchewan Natural History Society
Frank Switzer



Mary Skinner recipient of fellowship in the Saskatchewan Natural History Society

time leading groups of birders on hikes, through which means she has introduced many people to a passion for bird watching. Margaret served in several capacities on the boards of both the local and provincial societies, and has ever been ready to take a leading role in working on conservation projects, including the preparation and presentation of briefs to government bodies. She has contributed many articles for publication in the *Blue Jay*. Margaret is now working on a history of the Saskatchewan society. She is a dedicated member and a deserving recipient of the fellowship.

Mary Skinner has spent her life in the Indian Head and Qu'Appelle Valley areas. With a life-long interest in nature and its preservation, she has been with

the Saskatchewan Society for many years, and she was a founding member of the Indian Head Natural History Society. She has served on the boards of both these societies, and was a recipient of the Conservation Award in 1976. This award was presented to her for her work in conservation and for her encouragement of young people to become involved. Mary served on the Qu'Appelle Implementation Public Advisory Board and was a member of the Qu'Appelle Development Association. Skinner Flats was kept as a wildlife sanctuary by the Skinners, and eventually was acquired by the government as a wildlife protected area. Because of health problems kept Mary away from the annual meeting, her neighbor Marg Beaulieu accepted the award on her behalf.

SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND FUND BALANCE (AUDITED)
 ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1989

	1989 11 MONTHS	1988 12 MONTHS
REVENUE		
Grants - Sask Trust for Sport, Culture and Education (ST) Annual Global Funding	\$ 88,259	\$ 70,000
Grants - Specified Programs	41,325	60,715
Grants - Other	885	875
Income Generated		
Advertising	450	490
Book Shop Income	2,066	2,142
Conference Registration	10,343	-
Conservation Sales	1,045	3,075
Donations	564	2,365
Interest	10,539	8,104
Memberships	20,821	20,672
Periodical Publications	1,467	1,146
Other Income	<u>3,070</u>	<u>8,481</u>
	<u>180,841</u>	<u>178,065</u>
EXPENSES		
Personnel		
Administrative Salaries & Benefits	34,711	30,486
Programming - Salaries & Benefits	-	10,661
Telephone	15,354	11,251
Organization Business		
Printing	750	500
Bank Charges	25	57
Memberships	130	125
Membership Communication & Public Relations		
Advertising & Promotion	6,827	2,145
Barbarium	300	1,829
The Jay Journal	12,009	18,029
The Jay News	4,072	5,558
Travel and Meeting		
Travel & Volunteer Travel	2,853	1,887
Annual & Summer Meetings	(229)	6
Board/Executive	114	391
Programs	<u>103,130</u>	<u>93,019</u>
	<u>180,046</u>	<u>175,944</u>
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	795	2,121
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>42,270</u>	<u>40,149</u>
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>43,065</u>	\$ <u>42,270</u>

**SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET AUGUST 31, 1989(AUDITED)**

ASSETS

	1989 AUGUST 31	1988 SEPTEMBER 30
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 98,192	\$ 53,314
Cash - Bookshop	1,613	1,803
Accounts Receivable	26,500	8,649
Accounts Receivable - Bookshop	5,309	1,312
Investments	83,016	82,327
Inventory - Bookshop	9,128	9,099
Prepaid Expenses	3,430	230
Prepaid Expenses - Bookshop	<u>47</u>	<u>-</u>
	227,235	156,734
TRUST ACCOUNT INVESTMENTS	180,891	170,295
FIXED ASSETS	<u>29</u>	<u>17</u>
	<u>\$408,155</u>	<u>\$327,046</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 46,528	\$ 25,210
Accounts Payable - Bookshop	3,537	1,719
Deferred Income	28,399	22,892
Bequests Trust	<u>15,499</u>	<u>-</u>
	93,963	49,821
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Specified Programs	90,236	64,660
Trust Accounts	<u>180,891</u>	<u>170,295</u>
	365,090	234,955
MEMBERS EQUITY	<u>43,065</u>	<u>42,270</u>
	\$ <u>408,155</u>	\$ <u>327,046</u>



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