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# SOCIETY NEWS

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## **Conservation Award**

The 1990 Conservation Award went to the Telephone Pioneers of America - Saskatchewan Chapter. It was presented at the banquet of the annual general meeting to their representatives Ron Peddle and Bob Hildred. Six years ago the society began to work with the Pioneers to use metal cages being phased out by SaskTel as bluebird nest boxes. Over time they have built approximately 4000 boxes. These boxes have been built in six locations across the province at Swift Current, North Battleford, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Regina and Yorkton. At each location members of the Pioneers have worked with society members or in some cases Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation members to distribute the boxes out onto fence lines across Saskatchewan. Ron Peddle, an S.N.H.S. member, has been coordinator of the project for the Pioneers. Bob Hildred represented the individual Pioneers who built the boxes. Jim Elliot noted about the bluebird trails I saw "eight Mountain Bluebirds over a period of 20 miles while returning from a society summer meetin Nipawin, ... 43 bluebirds, 82 Tree Swallows, 26 wrens, 5 sparrows and 14 mice on a trail of 188 boxes between Dubuc and Crooked Lake maintained by Ed and Dorothy Skene of Yorkton.

There were no new life members this year and no honorary members were elected.

## **Garry Morgotch Award**

This award went to Michael Williams of Saskatoon for a fine series of photographs of Labrador scenery.

## **Cliff Shaw Award**

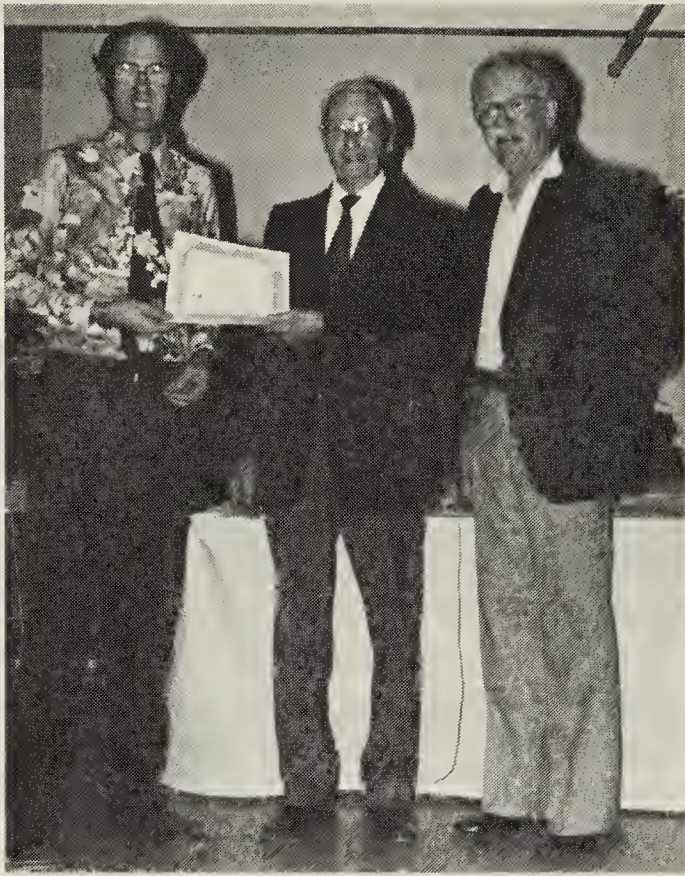
The 1989 award was sent to Vernon Harms of Saskatoon. In 1989 he published "The Silky Milkweed in Saskatchewan" [47(1):2-6] and co-authored "The Yellow Immaculate Lily in Saskatchewan and adjacent Manitoba, and its persistence in native lily patches" with Doris Silcox [47(2):69-73]. Vernon has been a regular contributor of articles on the plants of Saskatchewan, with keys to help members distinguish between the plants of different groups.

This year's award was presented to Paul Chytk of Regina for his article on the Black-legged Kittiwake sightings at Last Mountain Lake "Saskatchewan's first Black-legged Kittiwake." [*Blue Jay* 48(2):112-114.] Paul gave a graphic description of the bird(s) seen, and his article pointed out the value of careful observation, in the fact that they had actually seen more than one bird. The two could be distinguished by plumage, but they were not recorded initially as two separate individuals because they were seen separately, and because they were a newly confirmed species for the province it is understandable that the observers were not expecting to see more than one individual on the same day.

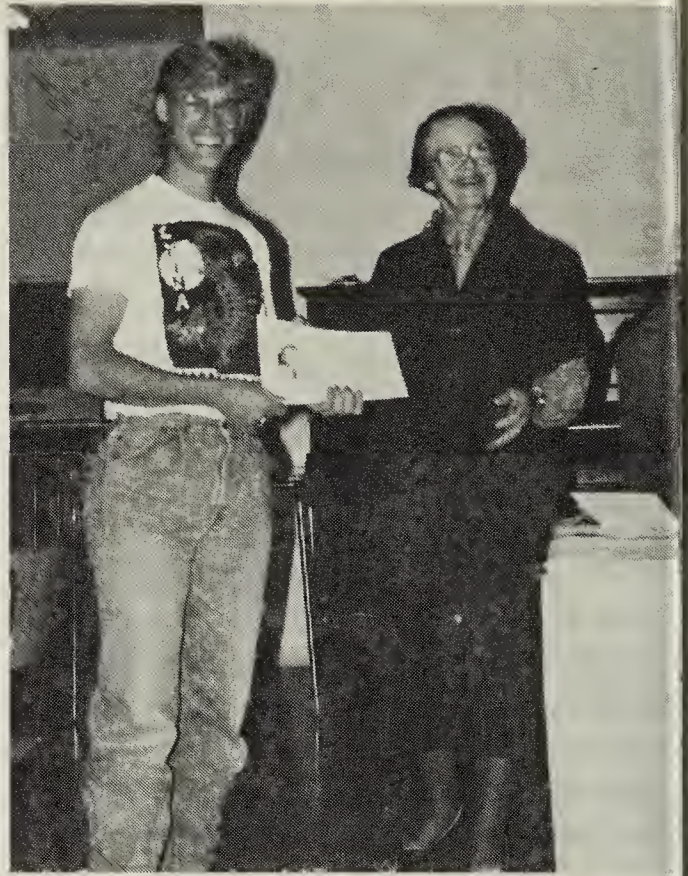
## **Weyburn Birdathon**

Pat Adams of the Saskatoon Natural History Society received the presentation from the Weyburn Natural History Society (represented by Leo Belanger) for taking the top place in the Birdathon held this past summer.





*Conservation Award being presented to Ron Peddle and Bob Hildred by Jim Elliot  
Frank Switzer*



*Cliff Shaw Award being presented to Paul Chytk by Margaret Belcher  
Frank Switzer*



*Michael Williams receiving the Larry Morgotch Award from Jim Jowsey  
Frank Switzer*



*Pat Adams representing the Saskatoon N.H.S. as winners of the Weyburn Birdathon  
Frank Switzer*



SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED AUGUST 31, 1990

	1990 12 MONTHS	1989 11 MONTHS
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Grants - Sask Trust for Sport, Culture & Recreation: Annual Global Funding	\$100,000	\$ 88,259
Grants - Specified Programs	42,175	41,325
Grants - Other	2,550	885
Self Generated		
Advertising	580	450
Book Shop Income	1,153	2,066
Conference Registration	-	10,343
Conservation Sales	1,073	1,045
Donations	747	564
Interest	12,938	10,539
Memberships	22,223	20,821
Special Publications	1,038	1,474
Tour Income	6,801	3,070
	<u>191,278</u>	<u>180,841</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel		
Administrative Salaries & Benefits	41,033	34,711
Office - Schedule 2	20,946	15,354
Organization Business		
Audit	600	750
Bank Charges	24	25
Memberships	220	130
Membership Communication & Public Relations		
Advertising & Promotion	2,839	6,827
Honorarium	3,245	300
Blue Jay Journal	19,049	12,009
Blue Jay News	7,189	4,072
Travel and Meeting		
Staff & Volunteer Travel	5,761	2,853
Annual & Summer Meetings	421	( 229)
Board & Executive	648	114
Programs - Schedule 3	<u>87,898</u>	<u>103,130</u>
	<u>189,873</u>	<u>180,046</u>
INCREASE IN FUND BALANCE	1,405	795
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>43,036</u>	<u>42,241</u>
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 44,441</u>	<u>\$ 43,036</u>

SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT AUGUST 31, 1990

**ASSETS**

	1990	1989
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 46,056	\$ 98,192
Cash - Bookshop	3,703	1,613
Accounts Receivable	23,013	26,500
Accounts Receivable - Bookshop	1,926	5,309
Investments	83,016	83,016
Inventory - Bookshop	9,600	9,128
Prepaid Expenses	-	3,430
Prepaid Expenses - Bookshop	-	47
	<u>167,314</u>	<u>227,235</u>
TRUST ACCOUNT INVESTMENTS (Note 2)	<u>219,102</u>	<u>180,891</u>
FIXED ASSETS (Note 1)	19,995	29
	<u>\$406,411</u>	<u>\$408,155</u>

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS EQUITY**

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 19,192	\$ 46,528
Accounts Payable - Bookshop	1,517	3,537
Deferred Income (Note 4)	22,065	28,399
Bequests Trust	-	15,499
	42,774	93,963
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>		
Specified Programs (Schedule 1)	80,099	90,236
Trust Accounts (Note 2)	<u>219,102</u>	<u>180,891</u>
	299,201	271,127
<b>MEMBERS EQUITY</b>		
Fund Balance	44,441	43,036
Equity in Fixed Assets	<u>19,995</u>	<u>29</u>
	64,436	43,065
	<u>\$406,411</u>	<u>\$408,155</u>