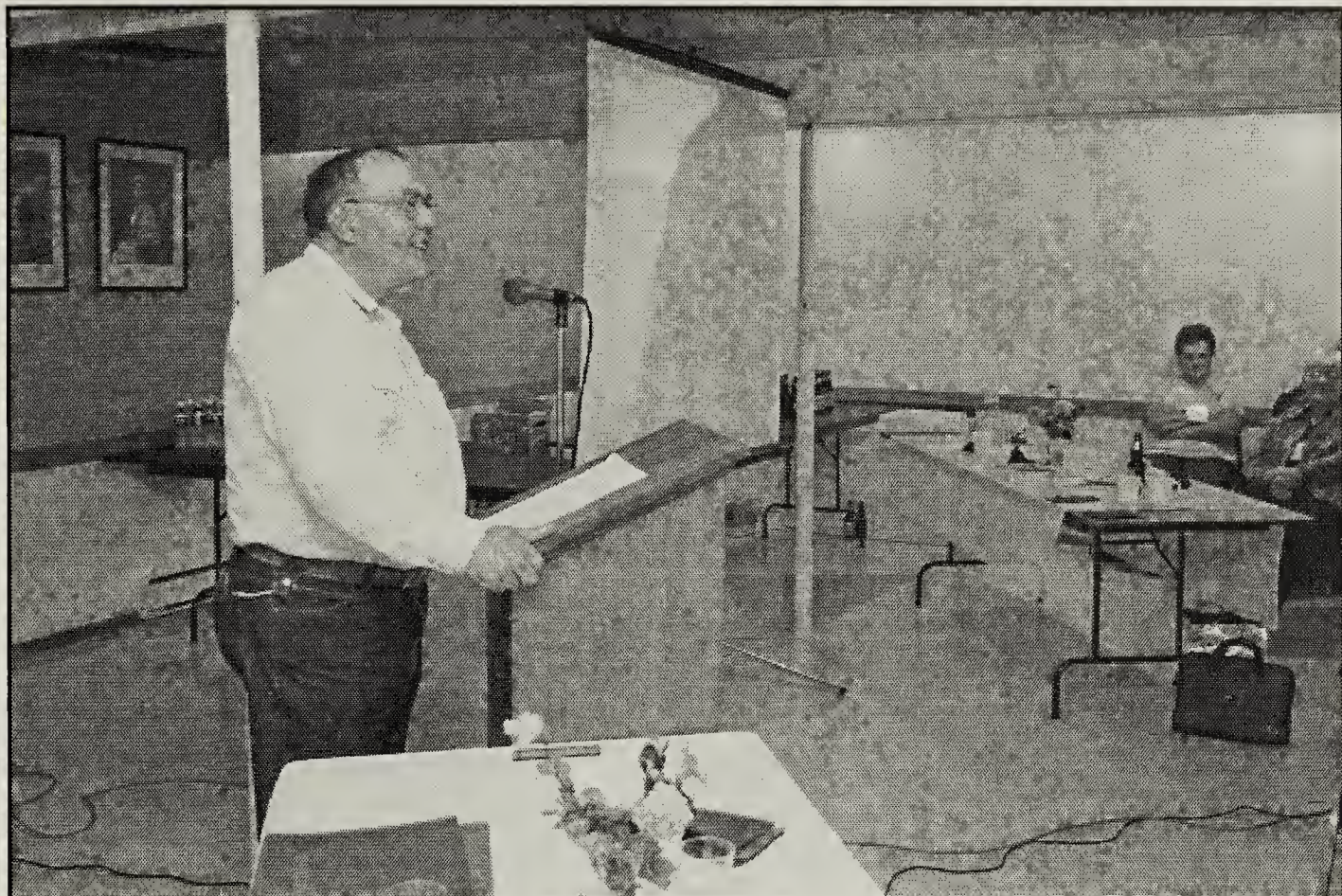


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*Figure 1. Conservation Director Lorne Scott was the featured speaker at the Fall Banquet. Lorne spoke about what we can do as naturalists to preserve dwindling habitat and species at risk.*

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## 2004 Awards

Nature Saskatchewan enjoyed superb fall weather at its Fall Meet in the Saltcoats area September 24 – 26, 2004. The Annual Awards Banquet was held in the Bredenbury Community Hall on September 25th with an enthusiastic audience of over 100 people. The Annual Awards program recognizes the invaluable contributions of volunteers to the society and to conservation.

### *Cliff Shaw Award*

This award is named for the second editor of Blue Jay, naturalist and writer Cliff Shaw. It is presented annually to recognize an outstanding contribution to Blue Jay in the past four issues. Special consideration is given to articles by new contributors. This year's recipient is **Todd J. Underwood** of Winnipeg, for several consistently well-

written and interesting articles in recent Blue Jays. The third and latest, titled "Red Squirrel Predation on Warbling Vireo and Yellow Warbler Nests," appeared in the December 2003 issue.

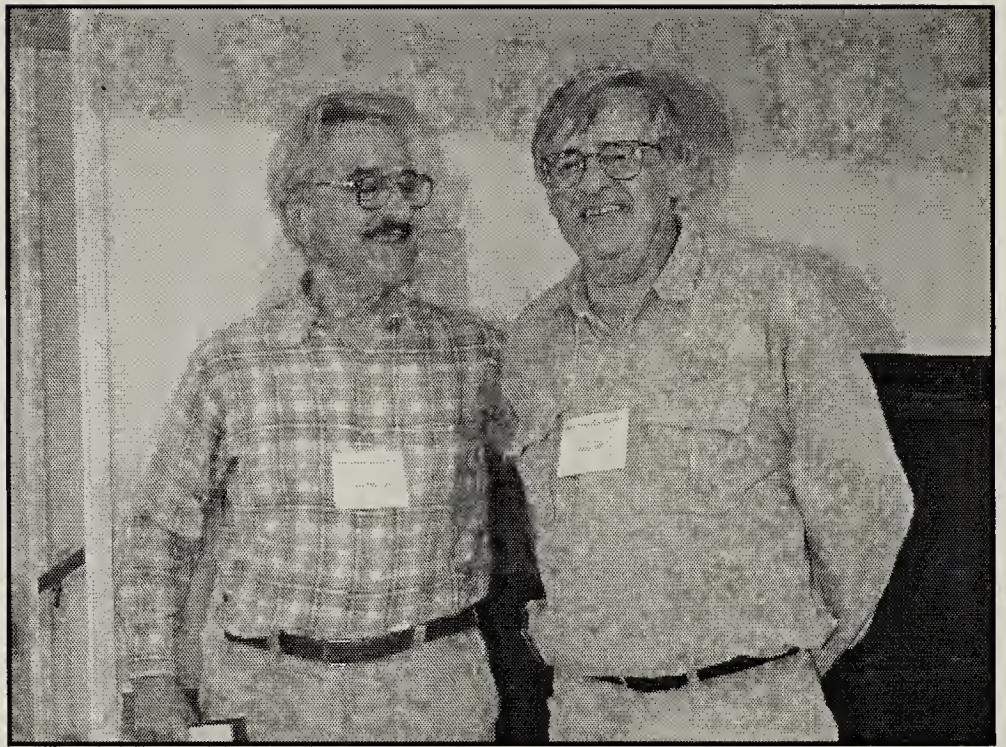
### *Larry Morgotch Memorial Award*

Initiated by the Yorkton Natural History Society in memory of former member Larry Morgotch, this award is presented to the member showing the best photographs at the annual competition held on the Friday evening of the Fall Meet. This year, the award was presented to **Gary Seib** of Regina for his fascinating presentation on snakes.

### *Fellows Award*

Since 1987, the Society has designated members who have made a long and outstanding contribution as "Fellows of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society." To

*Figure 2. Nature Sask  
President Attila  
Chanady presents 2004  
Larry Morgotch  
Memorial Award for  
best Members Slides to  
Gary Seib for his  
presentation on snakes.  
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date, 52 Nature Saskatchewan members have been awarded with this distinction. This year the Board of Directors of the Society recognized four more members with this award: **Kathleen Donauer** of Regina,

**Ardythe McMaster** of Treherne, MB **Carol Scott** of Winnipeg, and **Michele Williamson**, the current Past-President of Nature Saskatchewan.



*Figure 3. Nature Sask President Attila Chanady presents 2004 Fellows Awards to Carol Scott (centre) and Ardythe McMaster (right), both former board members from Manitoba.  
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### *Long-term Service Award*

This is only the second year Nature Saskatchewan has presented the “Long-term Service Award”. This award recognizes an individual who has made an ongoing contribution to the society, through their volunteerism and their energy. This year there are two recipients: **Melanie Elliott** of Saskatoon and **Brian Irving** from Kelvington.

### *Volunteer of the Year Award*

This award acknowledges individuals who have devoted significant time and energy to promoting the objectives of the Society. **Alex Rendek** of Hudson Bay is this year’s recipient for his hard work on the Rendek Nature Sanctuary.

### *Conservation Award*

Nature Saskatchewan’s Conservation Award is presented each year to an individual whose total contribution to conservation is outstanding. The award may be presented for a specific project or conservation work over a period of years. **Margaret Skeel** received the award this year for her many years of dedicated service to conservation in Saskatchewan as an individual and as the program officer for Nature Saskatchewan. (Figure 4)

This year there were no applications for the **Natural History Scholarship** so no award was presented.

- *Paul Wilson*, Manager of Member Services & Outreach, Nature Saskatchewan, Regina



*Figure 4. Nature Sask Conservation Director Lorne Scott presents the 2004 Conservation Award to our General Manager, Margaret Skeel. Branimir Gjetvaj*

