
EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The *Blue Jay* typically publishes new articles that have been specifically written for our journal, although I sometimes select an article that has been published elsewhere. Generally I do this when I need to get broader coverage and more balance in the content. On several occasions I have used material written by members of the Saskatoon Nature Society and were originally published in the Saskatoon Sun. The SNS members are to be congratulated for the high quality and interesting subjects of these weekly articles. As editor I really appreciate the SNS allowing *Blue Jay* to use them for the benefit of a wider audience. (Does any other society in the prairie region have its members write articles for a local paper, that would similarly benefit *Blue Jay*?)

Sometimes I recycle an article because I believe it fills a particular need. Such is the case in this Issue. "Game Farm Development in Saskatchewan: Should We Be Concerned?" by Stuart Slattery and Jantina Portman raises some important questions. I urge you to read this article and consider the question it raises.

With this issue we move to a new publisher and printer. The previous publisher, Canadian Plains Publishing, has served *Blue Jay* well for many years. The quality of the journal's organization, page layout and technical accuracy are a tribute to Brian Mlazgar and his staff at Canadian Plains. Our thanks go to these people for their professional service and being part of *Blue Jay's* history and success.

I am fortunate to have the support of several experienced Associate Editors. These people have done yeoman service for many years. While all have agreed to continue as needed, a couple have said they would like to retire when new associate editors can be found. I therefore encourage you to consider joining the *Blue Jay* team or approaching a friend who would be willing to contribute. The job is not onerous - indeed I have been accused of ignoring these people by not sending ENOUGH work! - and you will become part of a highly respected undertaking. I certainly enjoy my role as editor, although there is usually some unforeseen problem that has occurred with every issue so far. We have managed to overcome these glitches and learn in the process.

My life would be easier, though, if I were two issues ahead. So I encourage you to keep the photographs, articles, notes and letters coming. I also need fillers - one or two lines of interesting information that fills in the white space between articles. Is there anyone with a source of good nature trivia?

Sincerely,

Roy D. John