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COMING EVENTS:

FROM THE EDITORS

1 The 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Bird Banding Association will be held on February 25 and 26 at the Bird Studies Canada Headquarters in Port Rowan. The Saturday meeting features a number of interesting speakers covering a diverse range of bird banding research projects in Ontario. Members are also invited to take part in bird banding activities on Sunday. See the Agenda on Page 2.

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7 As always, you can help to fill the OBBA newsletter by sending us news and events from your banding operation, research, or any other interesting notes related to bird banding in Ontario.

7 **Send material for publishing anytime to Stu Mackenzie—**
smackenzie@birdscanada.org

- **Eastern Bird Banding Association 89th Meeting**, March 30—April 1, 2012. Golden Inn, Avalon, New Jersey.
- **North American Banding Council Annual General Meeting**, April 27-30, 2012. Bird Studies Canada Headquarters and National Data Centre, Port Rowan.
- **Baillie Birdathon**: May 2012. Support your local bird observatory or the OBBA by sponsoring the OBBA's Birdathoner! For more information visit: www.birdscanada.org/support/birdathon.
- **Prince Edward County Birding Festival**, May 12-20, 2012. www.peptbo.ca

HAVE A COMING EVENT OF NOTE FOR THE ONTARIO BIRD BANDING COMMUNITY ?
LET THE EDITORIAL TEAM KNOW !!!

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OBBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2012

- 09:00 – 10:00** **Registration and Bucket Raffle**
- 10:00 – 10:20** **Business meeting**
Introductions – David Okines
President’s Report - David Okines
Treasurer’s Report – Barbara Campbell
Election of an Auditor – Barbara Campbell
Nominations & Election of 2011 Executive – Barbara Campbell
- 10:20– 10:30** **Janette Dean Award**
- 10:20 – 10:50** **Coffee Break, Skill Building Quiz and Bucket Raffle**
- 10:50 – 11:20** **Station Reports**
Pelee Island Bird Observatory
Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory
Long Point Bird Observatory
- 11:20– 11:30** **VIDEO: The Use and Application of Hard Metal Bands (Environment Canada)**
- 11: 30 – 13:30** **Lunch (Neighbours Restaurant)**
- 13:30 – 14:15** **The Added Value of Banding Red Knots**
Mark Peck, Royal Ontario Museum
- 14:15 – 14:45** **Examining effects of food and temperature during different stages of the breeding period on the reproductive success of Tree Swallows**
Dayna Leclair, University of Guelph
- 14:45 – 15:00** **Coffee Break, Skill Building and Bucket Raffle**
- 15:00 – 15:30** **Ontario Piping Plover Program (2007-2011)**
Madeline Austen, Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service
- 15:30 – 16:00** **Movement patterns of breeding Chimney Swifts**
Hazel Wheeler, Trent University
- 16:00 – 16:30** **Bucket Raffle Draw**

End of Annual General Meeting



OBBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA CONTINUED

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2012

18:00 - 22:00 **Social at Long Point Bird Observatory (LPBO) Old Cut Research Station.**

Dinner: 18:30, BYOB

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2012

07:00 – 12:00 **Winter Bird Banding —LPBO Old Cut Research Station**

09:00 – 12:00 **Skill building, Show and Tell, Specimen Examination (same location as banding)**

LOCATION AND DETAILS:

The AGM will be held at the Bird Studies Canada (BSC) headquarters at **115 Front Rd. in Port Rowan**. There is a registration fee of \$5.00. The meeting will continue to follow a two-day event schedule with the Saturday agenda filled with business meetings, station reports and a short scientific program related to bird banding in Ontario. The focus of Sunday will be a practical bird banding session where members can hone their skills, and share information and knowledge with each other. There are always a few surprises!

HOW TO GET TO BSC AND OLD CUT:

BSC and LPBO are situated on the north shore of Lake Erie, in Ontario, Canada. From Highway 401 or Highway 3, come south on Highway 59 to the north shore of Lake Erie. Front Rd intersects Highway 59 at the base of Long Point. The BSC headquarters is approximately 1 km east of Hwy 59 along front Rd.

The LPBO Old Cut Research Station is on Old Cut Blvd. on Long Point, just two streets before Highway 59 ends at Long Point Provincial Park. It is the 6th building on the right as you head north on Old Cut Blvd. from Highway 59. There is a small sign on the front lawn. You can park across the road in the Ministry of Natural Resources parking lot.

SHOW AND TELL: Bring anything you think may be of interest to the OBBA membership—special traps, interesting pictures, articles or tools.

BUCKET RAFFLE: As in previous years a bucket raffle will be held. Any member wishing to donate a prize should bring it to the meeting, or if they prefer contact any board member.



ACCOMMODATIONS:

BED AND BREAKFASTS - ALL LISTED AT www.bbcanada.com:

Abigail's Bed and Breakfast edgewood@kwic.com 519-586-8777

The Bay House www.thebayhousebb.com 519-586-3337

Brambles Bed and Breakfast taylorpm@amtelecom.net 519-586-917

Brookvale Bed and Breakfast Ltd. brookvale@amtelecom.net 519-586-9155

The Coach House on Erie (519) 586-2832

Country Garden Bed and Breakfast www.bbcanada.com/3603.html 1-877-310-5133

The Peacock Roost (519) 586-9607

Seasons House mmudford@sympatico.ca 519-586-7096

Green Valley Bed & Breakfast (519) 586-3799

Kinda Cute 519-586-9744 or 1-866-900-1104 (toll free)

Marsh Landing Bed and Breakfast mfoster7@aol.com 519-586-7777

MOTELS: There are also a number of motels in nearby Simcoe. For details visit:

www.simcoe.worldweb.com/Wheretostay/HotelsMotels/

LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY—OLD CUT RESEARCH STATION:

There is limited space available for \$35/night. If you would like to stay at Old Cut contact Stu Mackenzie as soon as possible at smackenzie@birdscanada.org.

FOOD AND SOCIAL:

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS:

Coffee and donuts will be served throughout the day. There will be a midday buffet organized on Saturday at a local restaurant "Neighbours." Cost will probably be around \$15 per person and includes tea or coffee.

EVENING SOCIAL / DINNER:

On the Saturday evening there will be a social at LPBO'S Old Cut Field Station following the meeting. A meal will be served between 18:30 and 19:00. The cost will be in the range of \$10 - 20 per person, with the actual cost being announced at the meeting, and will be payable at registration. Members and guests planning to attend are encouraged to BYOB.



BIRDERS AND BANDERS WANTED:

Canadian Migration Monitoring Network (CMMN) stations across the country, many of which are in Ontario, are looking for birders and banders who are interested in gaining the experience of a lifetime volunteering or working for the birds. Visit the CMMN web-site – www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/cmmn/ for more information about stations near you and opportunities offered. Population trends, seasonal abundance graphs, and other summary statistics from the CMMN are available from Nature Counts at www.naturecounts.ca.

Long Point Bird Observatory (LPBO) Assistant Coordinator and Internship Positions Available:

LPBO is looking for professional ornithologists to fill two roles at LPBO in 2012. For more information about volunteer or internship opportunities at LPBO visit Bird Studies Canada's job opportunities page - www.birdscanada.org/about/jobs or contact Stu Mackenzie—smackenzie@birdscanada.org.

Tommy Thompson Park Bird Research Station Coordinator:

Toronto Region Conservation Authority is looking to hire a coordinator for the Tommy Thompson Park Bird Research Station. For more information visit <http://trca.on.ca/carreers/job/126641>.

KEEN TEEN BIRDERS AND BANDERS WANTED:

LPBO is looking for keen teen birders to apply for the 2012 Doug Tarry Natural History Fund - Young Ornithologist Workshop to be held from Saturday, August 4 to Sunday, August 12. Participants will receive hands-on training in field ornithology including bird banding, censusing, field identification, birding trips, preparing museum specimens, guest lectures, and more! Six of Canada's most promising ornithologists between the ages of 13-17 will be selected to attend, and will receive the Doug Tarry Bird Study Award to cover all on-site expenses. For those traveling long distances, special grants may also be available to help offset air travel costs. Applications are due April 30, 2012. For more information and an application form, contact us at lpbo@birdscanada.org, or visit www.birdscanada.org/longpoint.

BOARD NOMINATIONS WANTED:

Are you or someone you know an enthusiastic bird bander in Ontario? The OBBA board of directors is interested in attracting new individuals who may be interested in contributing to bird banding in Ontario. If you're interested or have a potential nomination in mind contact David Okines: davidokines@aol.com.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE JANETTE DEAN AWARD

Every year the OBBA gives the Janette Dean award to individuals that have made outstanding contributions to bird banding in Ontario. If you would like to nominate a fellow bander to receive the Janette Dean Award, send a written nomination with a brief explanation of the candidate's qualifications to David Okines—davidokines@aol.com.



INNIS POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The Innis Point Bird Observatory will be holding their 30th anniversary dinner and silent auction on February 28, 2012 at the Marconi Centre (1062 Baseline Road) in Ottawa. The evening will feature guest speaker Michael Runtz talking about "Lovers, Killers, Hoarders, and Thieves: The Untold Story of Birds". Tickets are available at \$40 each or \$300 for a table of eight. The deadline for purchase is February 18, 2012. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact e.slump@rogers.com or 613-725-2362. Information is also available on our Facebook page — www.facebook.com/InnisPointBirdObservatory.



EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION 89TH

The 89th meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association will be held **March 30 to April 1, 2012** at the Golden Inn in Avalon, New Jersey. It's not too early to call (866) 343-6111 for reservations. Margaret Fritze, our 1st Vice President, has arranged rooms for the meeting (Friday and Saturday nights) for only \$99 per night, plus tax. For those who wish an extended stay, additional nights are only \$79 per night.

Please call The Golden Inn directly, (866) 343-6111, (609) 368-5155 to reserve your room. Notify them that you are with the EBBA conference. For more updates and more information visit <http://keh-ee.com/EBBA/2011%20Meeting.htm>.



BRADDOCK BAY BIRD OBSERVATORY—WORKSHOP

BBBO has scheduled an Advanced Bander Workshop, which will be taught by Peter Pyle at Braddock Bay from **May 28 – June 1, 2012**. The four-day advanced classes are designed for experienced banders who wish to improve their sexing and ageing skills. The class will focus on understanding and identifying the differences between specific adult age classes using the *Identification Guide to North American Birds* by Peter Pyle. We will also spend some time, as needed, addressing other advanced skills, such as skulling, refining the scoring of various characteristics, and interpreting these characteristics for age and sex determinations.

Participants will be limited to 14. The cost for the workshop will be \$650 (\$550 early registration, payment by April 1, 2012). Breakfast and lunches are included; lodging is not provided. For more information and a registration form please contact Betsy Brooks at brookser@earthlink.net.



INSERT YOUR CONTENT HERE:

You can help fill the OBBA newsletter by sending us news and information about your bird banding program.

Acceptable content include:

- Season summaries
- Job postings
- Special events
- Interesting recoveries
- Regular recoveries
- Special Research Projects
- Pictures
- Anecdotes
- Trap design
- Helpful hints



Erratum: Contrary to the caption in this photo in Volume 56(2), Bill Wasserfal is the only OBBA founding member shown (second from left). The others are early OBBA members that were instrumental in its success over the years. From Left to Right: Bill Ansley, Bill Wasserfall, David Hussell, Pat and Jim Woodford and Marshall Field.

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If you band birds in Ontario, for any reason, you should be a member!

