

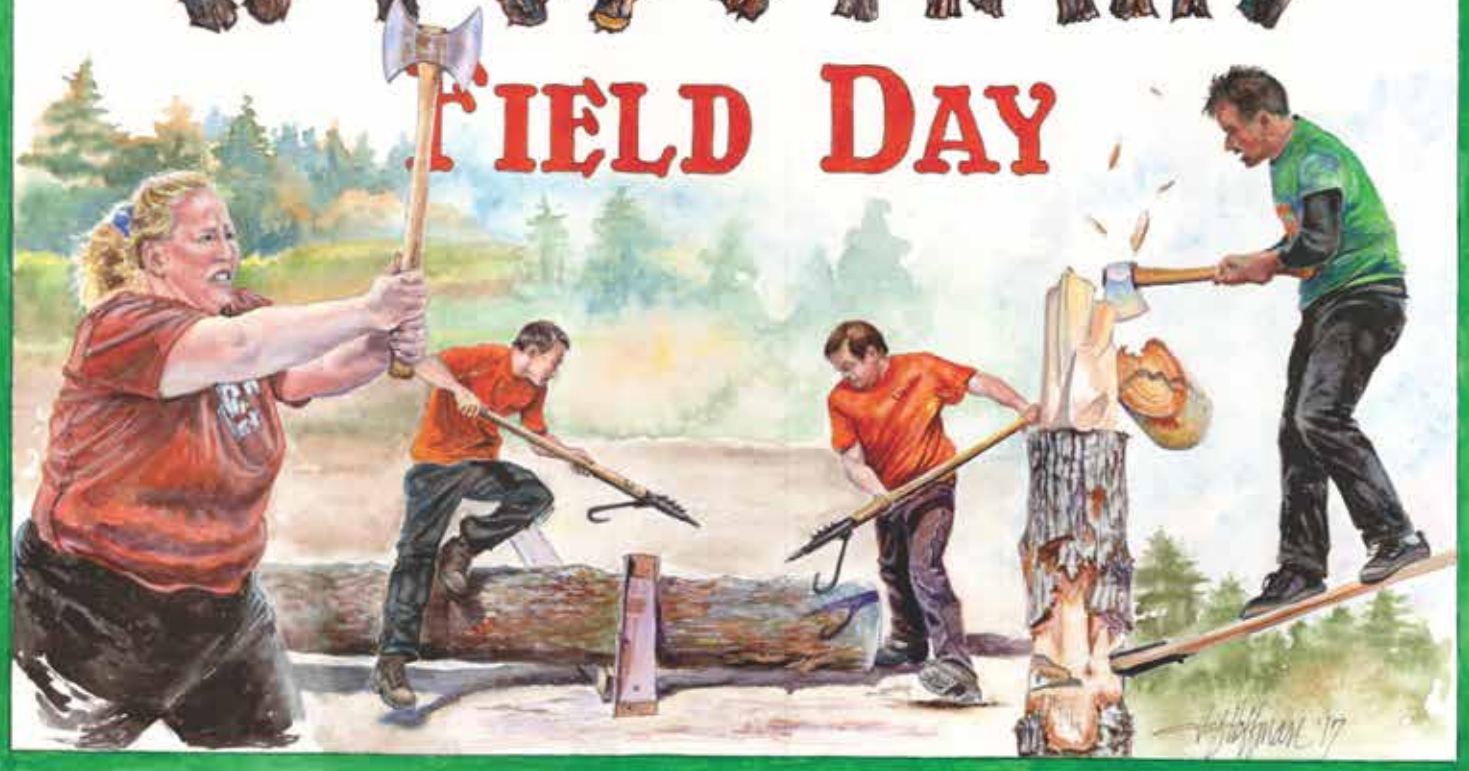
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50th ANNUAL

Saco Valley

WOODSMANS

FIELD DAY



Jeffery Moore '17



WELCOME TO THE 50TH ANNUAL SACO VALLEY WOODSMEN'S FIELD DAY

Dear Fairgoers,

This is our 50th Annual Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Day and I would like to pick up where my Dad left off and comment on our growth and success over the past 25 years.

But, before I go any further, I want to take this opportunity to thank the most important participants in our show. You, our fans! Without your enthusiastic support there wouldn't be a show. So a special thank you to you, our rain or shine supporters.

From 1992, the 25th Annual Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Day, until 1996, the number of contests remained the same with great competitions and beautiful Maine fall weather drawing large crowds. In 1997, we added Women's and Master's Underhand Chop events. In 1998, we added three more events - Women's Bucksawing, Master's Bucksawing and Axe Throwing. These five events allowed for an almost 10% increase in competitors.

Woodsmen's Day 1999 went off without a hitch under the most difficult weather conditions ever. Our 160 plus volunteers and contestants suffered temperatures in the mid 30's with heavy rain and sleet at times. In spite of the adverse weather the grandstands were full all day. All of the events on the schedule were completed, with the least number of contestant complaints ever. The Women's events that were added the prior two years brought good contestant turnout and proved to be crowd pleasers. Shannon Strong of Bantam, CT, set a record of 14.05 seconds in Women's Bucksawing, besting her own previous time. In the Jack and Jill Crosscut competition, the team of Dany Boulanger and Gaston Duperre of Shipshaw, Quebec, recaptured their championship while setting a new record of 6.71 seconds. In the Axe Throwing contest, JP Mercier of St. Etienne, Quebec, scored the maximum 25 points, earning the win. The new Master's Champion class was a fan favorite as well. Dave Geer, a past Champion Woodsman, competed with two screws in his ankle from a break four weeks prior. He was on crutches between events, but his tenacity and grit served as an example of what it truly means to be a "Woodsman."

Gilles Levesque of Charlesbourg, Quebec, won the day as Master Woodsman. That year, the Champion Woodsman title went to perennial competitor, Mike Sullivan of Winsted, CT. Arnold Winn of W. Newfield was named Champion Logger and Dale Mills bested the field of entrants, taking the Champion Trucker title home to Parsonfield, ME.

Woodsmen's Day 2000 was a huge success, with spectacular weather and a record-breaking crowd. Contestants, spectators and volunteers enjoyed the 70 degree temperatures. We crowned three new Champions and contestants set eight new records out of twenty events. Shannon Strong joined four of our male competitors with a perfect score of 25 points in the Axe Throw. Five contestants had perfect scores so we added a couple of wrinkles to the event. The new challenges made the event even more fun for our competitors and spectators.

The Fryeburg Fair held its Sesquicentennial Celebration that summer. Our old fashioned Woodsmen's events have helped to bring record numbers of people to the Fair since its inception. We celebrated the first 150 years of Fryeburg Fair at Woodsmen's Day and it is our hope that our special blend of old-time techniques and high-tech equipment will continue to honor our logging heritage and draw contestants and spectators for another 150 years.

Woodmen's Day 2001 was once again a highlight of a great Fryeburg Fair. We were blessed with wonderful weather, which brought huge crowds and great contestants for all of our events. The growing popularity of the trucking events was confirmed by the number of registered entrants, nearly double from the previous year's number. Three new Champions were crowned, and new records were set in Log Loading and Master's Axe Throw.

Good fortune was with us once again in 2002 and Woodsmen's Day. Although the leaf peepers were disappointed that year with late foliage, the day more than made up for the lack of colors. Records continued to be broken in a number of events, and several championships swapped hands. Arnold Winn of West Newfield, ME, was once again named Champion Trucker. Champion Logger was won by John Wescott of Hollis Center, ME, and veteran contestant Jean-Guy Rodrigue of Saint-Prospere, Quebec, was named Master's Champion. Newcomer Paul Pfenninger of Scottsville, NY, claimed the Champion Woodsman title. Women continued to make inroads into the formerly all-male competition with strong showings in all of their events. The women's events were so successful that a Crosscut competition for Women was added the following year.

2003 was one of the best Woodsmen's Field Days ever! Stephen Verrill of Porter, ME, unseated the tough-to-beat Arnold Winn of West Newfield, ME, and was named Champion Trucker. Newcomer Heath Taylor of Cornish, ME, won Champion Logger and veteran contestant Maurice Molleur of Greensboro Bend, VT, was the Master's Champion. A top competitor in the World Championship, Mike Sullivan, claimed the Champion Woodsman's



*Toby Hammond
General Chairman
Woodsmen's Field Day*



Fred Kitka

FRYEBURG FAIR SUNDAY TO SUNDAY 8 FULL DAYS!

2017	October 1 - October 8
2018	September 30 - October 7
2019	September 29 - October 6
2020	October 4 - October 11
2021	October 3 - October 10
2022	October 2 - October 9
2023	October 1 - October 8
2024	September 29 - October 6
2025	September 28 - October 5



*Brothers - Alex & Tyler Jordan,
sons of Rich Jordan (Page 14)*



Brothers - Marc & Scot Gould

title and set a new record in the Springboard Chop in the process. A wonderful, head-to-head tie breaking throw off in the Master's Axe Throw, between two old favorites, Leo Lessard and Dave Geer (in his eighties), brought the crowd to their feet as Dave threw straight bull's eyes for a new Master's record. Competitions like that epitomize the Woodsmen's Field Day spirit.

2004 was a great year at Woodsmen's Field Day! We added a Master's Crosscut event, a Women's Axe Throwing contest; and we crowned our first- ever Women's Champion, Nancy Zalewski, of Manitowoc, WI. We also paid \$320 for the Women's Championship and may have been the only sport with equal pay for women. With the addition of \$20 for 6th place in Woodsmen Events and \$100 for 6th place in Trucking and Skidder Events our total prize money paid reached \$23,815.

2005 brought four records and ties in both the Master's and Trucker's Championships that made for a very competitive and crowd-pleasing show. Our Fryeburg Fair Woodsmen's Day web page was a super addition for anyone that might have been interested in a particular event or championship and really helped our committee with questions from competitors and the media.

In 2006 Gerry Gingras of Errol, NH, was named Champion Woodsman. Nancy Zalewski of Manitowoc, WI, continued her dominance in the Women's Championship. Rudy Dettmer of Deerfield, NH, broke the previous year's tie with Charlie Wojtkun of Preston, CT. Champion Logger went to Heath Taylor of Cornish, ME, and Champion Trucker went to Brian Winn of South Effingham, NH. As always, contestants came from as close as next door to as far away as across the continent, making our contest one of the biggest draws in the United States. Prize money was added for a Master's Log Rolling event and a \$500 prize was added to the Axe Throw event for throwing six or more bull's eyes. There were a total of eight record holders tied at five bull's eyes, going back as far as 1982 and including Men's, Women's and Master's competitors. In an effort to keep our equipment up-to-date and safe, the Fair crew completed a new Axe Throw safety enclosure, which worked great and allowed us to keep this popular event. Some shows had to discontinue their Axe Throwing competition due to safety issues.

In 2007 we celebrated the 40th Annual Woodsmen's Field Day. The celebration year brought outstanding competitors setting new records in Men's Underhand Chop, Master's Bucksaw, Master's Crosscut, Springboard, Grapple Skidder, Cable Skidder and Jack & Jill Crosscut. In the Jack & Jill Crosscut, the Schreiners from Fulton, NY, broke the record but were later beaten by nine-time Champion Woodsman Mike Sullivan of Winsted, CT, and four-time Women's Champion Woodsman Nancy Zalewski of Manitowoc, WI. For the first time in the history of Woodsmen's Field Day both the Men's and Women's Championships were ruled a tie. We continued our tradition of fairness and awarded trophies and full prize money in both Championships. Rule changes and procedures were implemented to prevent this from happening again. There were two additional changes that year - the Master's Log Rolling was added and using 8x8 for the Women's Underhand Chop. We also honored two dozen past champions and other outstanding competitors which was well received by both competitors and fans.

Woodsmen's Day 2008 attracted a wide range of competitors including 65 men, 27 women and 24 masters. We had 23 competitors from our neighboring New Hampshire, 17 from Maine, 15 from Vermont, 12 from Connecticut and New York, 7 from Pennsylvania, 4 from Nova Scotia and 3 from Quebec and New Brunswick. Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Rhode Island each had one contestant. Seven records were broken that year and eight the year before, clearly reflecting the high quality of timbers and our excellent field of competitors. Jerry Gingras of Errol, NH, and Nancy Zalewski of Manitowoc, WI, were overall Champion, Charlie Wojtkun of Preston, CT, was Master's Champion, John Wescott of Hollis Center, ME, was Champion Logger and Dale Mills of Parsonsfield, ME, was Champion Trucker. Dale nearly lost his chance to be Champion Trucker when he had trouble with the hydraulics in one of the preliminary events, but his competitors put their pride ahead of their pocketbooks and allowed him a restart. It's things of that nature that restore your faith in human nature.

2009 was another great Woodsmen's Field Day. A near record-breaking crowd stayed to the last event to watch all-time favorites throw two tie breakers before Dave Geer bested Jim Colbert. Only one point separated them in the third throw off of the Master's Axe Throw. Needless to say the crowd was on their feet and cheering wildly. What a fitting ending to a great competition. It says a lot when five of our top competitors drove all night from an event in Ohio to compete in our event. We also had a very successful launch of our Woodsmen's Field Day Hall of Fame. Inductees included Dave Geer as Champion Woodsman, Dick Brown as Champion Logger and Arnold Winn as Champion Trucker.



2014-Fryeburg Fair
 President Roy Andrews presents Ed Brightman with \$500 after he throws nine bull's eyes! In photo with WFD Chairman Toby Hammond

2010 saw a record number of contestants (156). Chop, saw, roll, load, drive, haul, break records and even boil water in one of the most exciting Woodsmen's Field Days ever. Contestants said our show was the largest and had the best crowds they had competed in front of in all of North America. The Hall of Fame inducted its second group of outstanding contestants including Mike Sullivan as Champion Woodsman, Jim Colbert as Master's Champion, John Wescott as Champion Logger and Dale Mills as Champion Trucker.

In 2011 we anticipated having a few more contestants than the previous record. However, two weeks before the Fair, Elaine told me registrations were still coming in fast and furiously. When the dust settled we had 193 competitors. We needed more wood, more hats and more time! With the same crew and lots of help from the Fair office, grounds crew and security we pulled off the busiest Woodsmen's Field Day ever. In 2011 Don Lambert was inducted into the Woodsmen's Day Hall of Fame as Champion Woodsman.

Our 45th Annual show went off without a hitch in 2012. Our new Standing Block Chop fielded 28 competitors in its first year and continued to grow as we added it to the list of qualifying events. It was a great addition to our show and put our events more in line with other major competitions

outside of New England. Outstanding performances were turned in by Jerry Gingras and Mike Eash, who not only set a Woodsmen's Day record in the Men's Xcut, but also established a new World Record in the process. Nancy Zalewski recaptured the Women's Championship and set new records in the Women's Chop and Women's Bucksaw. More changes were made to make our competition as safe as possible. The size of the log in the Women's Log Roll was reduced from 160BF to 140BF to reduce back injuries. In the Trucking events, the contestants were started seated on the loaders rather than standing on the ground and racing up and down the ladder. The event is much safer showcasing their skills running the loader. These changes allowed for another safe show and as we all know "Safety Is No Accident."

In 2013, Rick Geer shaved almost half a second off his old record held since 2011 in Master's Bucksaw and Nancy Zalewski and Peg Engasser set a new World Record in the Women's XCut in a time of 8.465 seconds. Four new members were inducted into the Woodsmen's Hall of Fame - Rick Geer and Jerry Gingras as Champion Woodsman, David Billing as Society Champion and Nancy Zalewski as the first ever Women's Champion.

The 2014 Champion Woodsman was Dave Jewett from Pittsford, NY. Dave had just finished second in the World Championships, where he just missed winning a new Dodge Ram pickup by a sliver and came directly to compete in what he says is his favorite show, our Woodsmen's Field Day. Six records were broken and Ed Brightman from Assonet, MA, threw an amazing nine bull's eyes and walked away with five crisp one hundred dollar bills. The crowd roared when they were counted by President Roy Andrews.

Considering that the forecast was for a major hurricane in 2015, we were happy to have good weather and one of the biggest crowds in five years. Eight records were broken and more than \$38,000 was distributed in prize money.

For a long time many of our senior competitors had been asking for their own Championship. Competing with contestants as much as fifteen years younger and chopping 10x10 timbers was a difficult task. So starting in 2016, contestants 68 plus were scored in their own Super Master's Championship using 8x8 timbers in all chopping events. Again, we were the leader in our sport, recognizing both ends of the spectrum from Rookies, starting at age 16, to Super Master's at age 68 and over. We saw 158 contestants and set six new records as our team put on another great show. The new Super Master's competitors brought back many old friends and some new faces. It was a crowd favorite and starting next year will be a regular show event. The addition of grapple skidders provided by John Deere and Cat were well received and appreciated by our competitors. It saves them a lot of time and money not having to remove tire chains the day before, truck their skidders to and from the Fair and replace the chains before starting work the next day.

Needless to say, it has been an amazing 50 years. Helping to organize the annual field day continues to be a tremendous source of pride and enjoyment for me, personally. I cannot emphasize enough how important the help of all of the Committee members, Fair personnel and hundreds of hours contributed by the many volunteers is to making this event a success! It continues to be one of the mainstays of the Fryeburg Fair and continues to grow each year. Most importantly, it has been so satisfying to see the quality of the competition raised each year because of the dedication, not just of the competitors, but of the people who work so hard to make sure it all comes together so well. Thank you!

Our Committee and Fryeburg Fair have worked very hard to make this 50th Annual Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Day the best and most exciting show ever. So grab a seat, clap your hands, stomp your feet and enjoy the show! **Toby B. Hammond**, General Chairman



Fryeburg Fair Timers & Scorekeepers

DEDICATION

Above all, he was a devoted son, loving husband and a wonderful dad. He cared greatly for his friends, his employees and their families, his community, state and country.

Dad lived his whole life by the highest possible standards and set an example for all of us to follow. He worked tirelessly to accomplish his goals and enjoyed tremendous success throughout his life.

He was at the very top of his class at Fryeburg Academy, academically, athletically and socially. He received the Gibson Medal, the highest honor the Academy awards. After graduation he set a long standing base running record at his tryout with the Boston Braves.

He left Worcester Polytechnic Institute to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII to help make the world a safer place for all of us. After the war he returned home and joined his dad in the sawmill business.

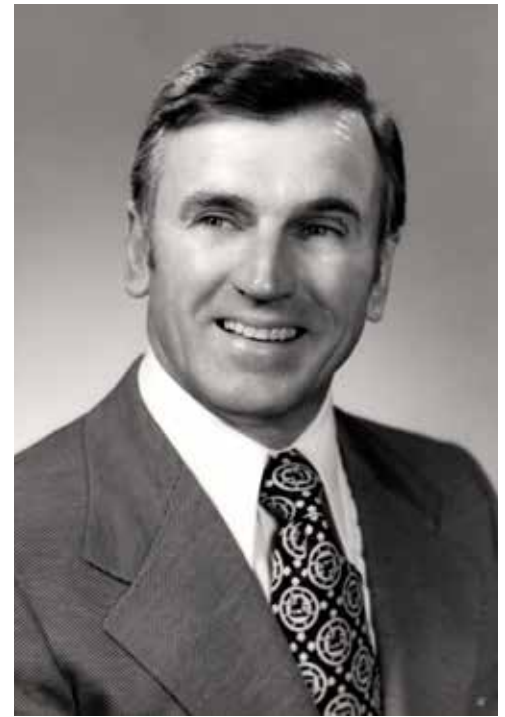
Dad became one of the most respected men in the lumber industry. He served as President of the Northeast Lumber Manufacturers Association and Chairman and Treasurer of the American Lumber Standards Committee which regulates all of the lumber manufactured in the U.S. and Canada. He was called upon to represent the industry before Congress on numerous occasions. His leadership was exemplary.

He was a pillar in the community and loved by all. And he was a character. Everyone that knew him remembers him for his many stories, unforgettable limerics, always present smile and infectious laugh. If you were lucky enough to have known him, take a moment sometime today to remember him telling one of his favorite stories or a favorite joke. It will bring a smile to your face – a true tribute to dad!

Dad was one of the original founders of the Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Day and became chairman shortly thereafter. Through his vision and guidance our Woodsmen's Day is one of the largest and best attended shows in the country.

I had the privilege to work with Dad for more than forty years and it is with honor and pride that Fryeburg Fair dedicates our 50th Annual Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Day to my dad.

Written by **Toby Hammond**, Chairman



In Memory of Wilbur F. Hammond
October 19, 1922 - December 29, 2012
Fryeburg Fair Official 1968-2012



(from the 25th Commemorative Booklet)

THE HISTORY OF THE SACO VALLEY WOODSMEN'S FIELD DAY LETTER & DEDICATION AT THE 25TH ANNUAL

Dear Fairgoer, This is the 25th Anniversary of Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Day, and I thought it would be appropriate to comment on our success and growth in our first 25 years. With John Weston as General Chairman, and a small group of volunteers, Woodsmen's Field Day started in 1968 with six most common hand events: Wood Chopping, Log Rolling, Bucksawing, 2-Man Crosscut Sawing, Tree Felling, and One-Man Power Saw, and one mechanical event, Pulp Loading. These events began after lunch and were completed by late afternoon. Contestants were mostly from the surrounding towns, with a few from adjoining states. The Field Day grew in popularity, both with contestants and the fans. In 1971, we added a skidder contest, and a log loading event which proved to be very popular. The starting time was moved ahead to mid-morning in order to get everything in before dark. To keep the interest of the spectators and the contestants, we have added new events from time to time. In 1974 we added the Hydraulic Loader Contest; in 1978 Axe Throwing; in the early 1980's Springboard Chopping, and more recently we included the Grapple Skidders in the Skidder Event. To keep in good stead with the ladies, we most recently added some Jack and Jill events. Our contestants come from all over the U.S. and recently we had some from Australia. Woodsmen's Field Day has become one of the Fair's biggest and most popular attractions. Participants average between 250 and 300 in number. This day is made possible by volunteer help and we want to acknowledge all of them and thank them for their generous and continued support. Let's hope the next 25 years is as successful as the first 25, and that we can continue to hold the interest of all contestants and spectators.

Wilbur F. Hammond, General Chairman



*In Memory of John F. Weston
January 13, 1910-September 23, 1972
Fair Official 1938-1972*

(from the 25th Commemorative Booklet)

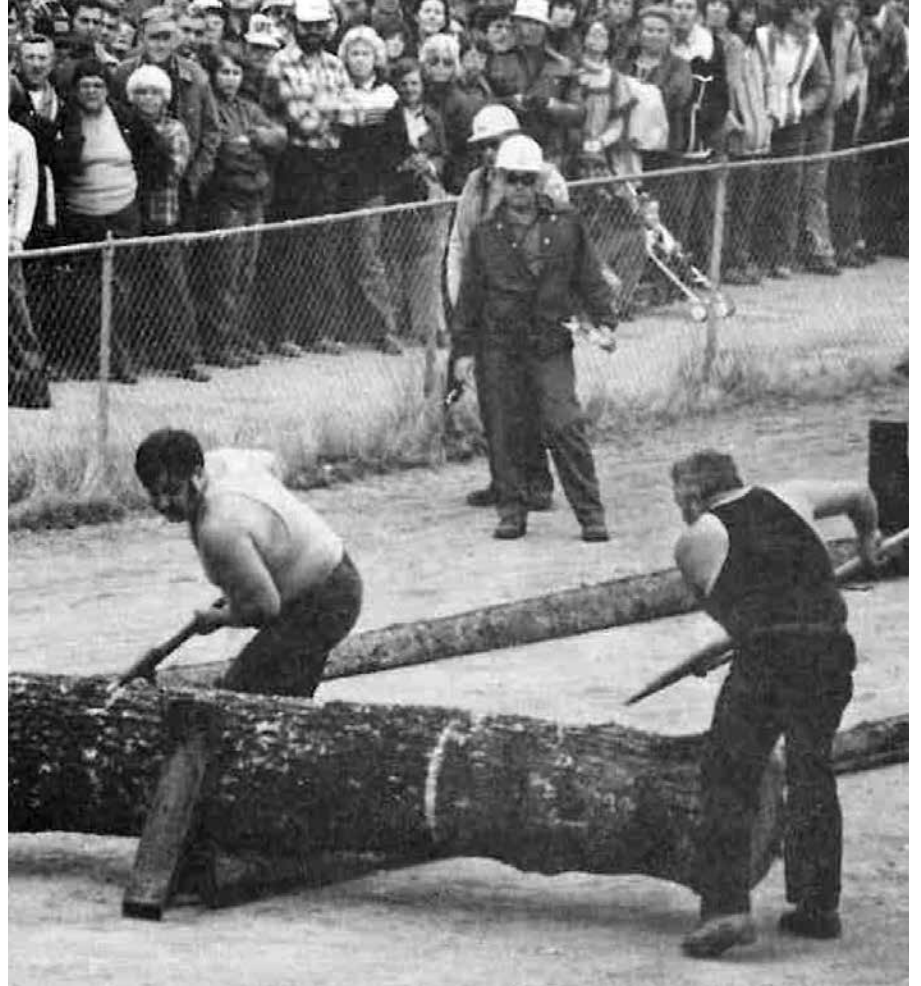
THE HISTORY OF THE SACO VALLEY WOODSMEN'S FIELD DAY THE BEGINNING: NEWS RELEASE 1968

FRYEBURG, MAINE - At a meeting held early in July, Fryeburg Fair voted to sponsor the Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Day. This field day will be held at Fryeburg Fair, Fryeburg, Me. beginning at 2:00 p.m., Monday, Sept. 30, 1968.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the U., S. National Forest Service, as well as interested industries including Brown Company, S.D. Warren Co., Oxford Paper Company, Franconia Paper Co., and Saunders Brothers.

The field day will include all regular woodsmen's contests such as log chopping, chain saw events, cross cut saws, log rolling, and tree felling as well as skidders. Certain classes will be open to the world while others will be limited to legal residents of ME, NH, VT & Quebec who are gainfully employed in woods work. There will be no entry fee. Interested parties are urged to write to the secretary of Fryeburg Fair, Fryeburg, Me. 04037 for a more detailed list of rules and events and application blanks.

John Weston, veteran official of Fryeburg Fair and associated with the pulpwood industry for many years, was chosen by the group as chairman. He will appoint a general committee made up of people representing Fryeburg Fair and the lumber industry in the area. Early in August the general committee will meet at Fryeburg Fair grounds to work out the program and schedule of events.



(from the 25th Commemorative Booklet)
THE HISTORY OF THE SACO VALLEY WOODSMEN'S FIELD DAY
THE FIRST 25 YEARS

FRYEBURG - It has been more than a quarter century since the idea for a woodsmen's field day at Fryeburg Fair was conceived.

"We were just sitting around John Weston's kitchen table one day when John thought it would be a good idea to start a field day for area woodsmen," recalls John Renoux of Berlin, NH, a retired wood buyer from the old Brown Co., now James River Co. Renoux has served continuously as head judge since the first field day in 1968.

Weston, a Fryeburg cattleman, pulp and log buyer, and Fryeburg Fair official, took his idea, gathered together people from throughout the wood industry and forest service in Maine and New Hampshire and established what has become one of the most popular woodsmen's events anywhere.

"I think it's a safe claim to make that there are more people watching the woodsmen's contest at Fryeburg Fair than any other woodsmen's contest in the world," maintains Don Quigley, a competitor here for the past 17 years. And Quigley should know. Besides being a former champion woodsman in 1987 at Fryeburg, he has traveled around the United States and Canada to many woodsmen's shows, including the world championship.

A professor at the University of New Hampshire's Forest Technology program and at UNH's two-year Thompson School, Quigley teaches logging, sawmilling and most of the wood related courses. He also applauds this year's decision to have preregistration with fees because he says it makes for better competition.

"The guys who are competing and winning the top dollar have a significant investment in the sport, so it's kind of nice to have just the competitive guys out there," Quigley said, admitting that the sport has changed dramatically from when it began.

While the crowd enjoys the excitement of roaring chain saws, "The cross cut saw and the wood chopping contests are probably the premier events as far as the contestants are concerned," says David Clement, master of ceremonies since 1974.

The large crowd that gathers early for seats in the main grandstand is one of the reasons competitors travel here from throughout North America. As many as 20,000 people are expected to watch 100 to 150 men and women compete in 16 events throughout the day.

Besides attracting a large crowd, the event lures photographers, writers and television journalists from throughout the region. In 1975, WCBB's Dick Anderson filmed a segment for "Up Country." That was in the days of black and white and before the public television station had film editing capabilities. They used three cameras and kept them rolling as officials scurried around to keep up.

"They just kept on a going so we jumped around to three different events in about a half hour," Clement recalled. That also was the year that George Gustin of Wales, ME, and Leon Sharp of Bristol, NH, set the record in the log rolling event, a mark that was finally broken in 1991 by two Canadians, Don Lambert and Pierre Mercier of Quebec.

The first event was held in the infield area of the 1/2-mile harness horse track. One official recalled that a couple sets of bleachers were put up "and that's about all we needed. But we very quickly attracted a lot of people from out of state as word got around about the show."

It was through Clement's initiative that records have been kept for the past 16 years. Shortly after taking over the emcee duties from Gibb Dodge in 1974, Clement discovered no one had been keeping track of each year's results. He started the process and has been keeping them ever since.

The late Ralph McKeen is credited with helping make the event a success. McKeen served as secretary to the Fair for many years.

"Ralph took a personal interest in Woodsmen's Day," Clement recalled. "He really enjoyed the people and worked hard to promote Woodsmen's Day."

Unfortunately, John Weston never witnessed the success the event achieved over the years. He died just before the fifth contest was held in 1972. Wilbur Hammond of Fryeburg was named chairman, a position he still holds today. He is considered the driving force behind Woodsmen's Day and the man responsible for the show's success.

Hammond, President of Thomas Hammond & Son Lumber Co. in Hiram, now shares the leadership responsibilities with his son, Toby, President of Hancock Lumber in Casco. Toby has worked with his father in various capacities for the past 15 years.

From the beginning, officials have worked hard to improve the competition. The 1968 Woodsmen's Field Day that featured nine events has grown to 16 today. While several events were added, others were eliminated. The one man chain saw steeple chase was stopped in 1979 for safety reasons. The bore, or plunge cut, was eliminated in 1987 for safety reasons.

The only event not open to everyone is the invitational springboard chop (started in 1984) because of the inherent danger involved. There have been as many as nine competing in the event, which involves notching a springboard in a tree and standing on it to chop a block affixed to the top, approximately 10 feet off the ground.

In 1988, the Fair established a championship for local residents. Society champion woodsman points are earned in the local chain saw, skidder, log rolling and axe throw contests.

Last year, a champion trucker contest was started. Arnold Winn of West Newfield won in 1991. The three contests involved are log loading, pulp loading and the hydraulic loader contest.

Other changes over the years have included the addition of axe throwing in 1979, Jack and Jill crosscut in 1988 and the grapple skidder in 1989. Also in 1989, the Fair began providing stock saws for the local event.

The Class C or "super saw" class has always been a popular event, although Clement pointed out that the super saws "are the next thing to a motorcycle engine. Anything goes in the open saw class as long as they resemble a gasoline engine," he said. The record for three cuts through a 10-inch square pine timber is a brisk 3.69 seconds.

Phil Andrews, a Fair official for more than four decades and one of the founders of Woodsmen's Field Day, recalled that the first event in 1968 was a success. "As I remembered it, everything went very good right from the start," although the retired dairy farmer and woodsman admitted that he always hated to hear a power saw run. "The old ones were louder than they are now," he said.

Arland Farrar, retired field man for Oxford Paper Co. and later Boise Cascade, remembered that while Fryeburg wasn't the first to have a field day for woodsmen, it was one of the first in this part of the state. Several officials traveled to other shows out of state to learn how it was done. Farrar, who retired 20 years ago, worked on the event until 1985.

"Fryeburg has really come to the front on Woodsmen's Field Day because they have improved it and keep improving it each year," Farrar said.

The event has run virtually without incident. One year, a woodsman competing in tree felling had one of his trees go over backwards. It made a large dent in the chain-link fence, but no one was hurt. The dented fence was left for several years as a reminder to spectators not to stand too close during the tree felling event.

Quigley, an ardent supporter of Fryeburg Fair's Woodsmen's Day, describes the annual event as a phenomenon. Competitors have come from all over the world, including Australia and Wales. With spectators, there's no way to tell where they are from.

"It's fascinating how many people come here from how far away. No other fair in New England draws like that." In Quigley's area of New Hampshire, as in other communities throughout the region, sawmills and wood crews shut down for the Fryeburg Fair Woodsmen's Day.



In 1979, Bren Canfall of Queensland, Australia competed in several events and won his wood chopping heat. Canfall, who was visiting relatives in Rhode Island, is shown with Wilbur Hammond, chairman of Woodsmen's Day.

HALL OF FAME



David Billings

Champion Woodsman
 Mike Sullivan, Winsted, CT 2010
 Don Lambert, St. Gilles, QE 2011
 Dave Geer, Jewett City, CT 2009
 Rick Geer, Jewett City, CT 2013
 Jerry Gingras, Errol, NH 2013

Women's Champion
 Nancy Zalewski, Manitowoc, WI 2013

Master's Champion
 Charlie Wojtkun, Preston, CT 2009 (dec.)
 Jim Colbert, Winsted, CT 2010

Champion Logger
 Dick Brown, Rumford Point, ME 2009 (dec.)
 John Wescott, Hollis Center, ME 2010

Champion Trucker
 Arnold Winn, Newfield, ME 2009
 Dale Mills, Parsonsfield, ME 2010

Society Champion
 David Billings, Otisfield, ME 2013

Hall of Fame Requirements:
 Must have competed in ten Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Days; have achieved five 1st places finishes; attained two or more records; and have been a Champion twice.

Mission:
 To preserve and celebrate the past, showcase the present in a safe and exciting format and perpetuate the future of our woods products industry and the men and women who make their living from the bounty of our forests.



Dick Brown (dec.)



Jim Colbert



Rick Geer & his father, Dave Geer



Jerry Gingras



Don Lambert



Dale Mills



Mike Sullivan



John Wescott



Arnold Winn



Charlie Wojtkun (dec.)



Nancy Zalewski

RECORDS



Jen Michaud



Don Lambert

1. CABLE SKIDDER CONTEST: Bruce Cox, Peru, ME, 2007, 57.7 sec.
2. GRAPPLE SKIDDER CONTEST: Brad Taylor, Porter, ME, 2009, 57.24 sec.
3. LOG LOADING: Arnold Winn, West Newfield, ME, 2004, 2 min. 11.06 sec.
4. PULP LOADING: Clay Wilson, 1990, 2 min. 37.92 sec.
5. HYDRAULIC LOADER CONTEST: Arnold Winn, West Newfield, ME, 1995, 4 min. 5.86 sec.
6. MEN'S UNDERHAND CHOP (10 X 10): Arden Cogar Jr., West Hamlin, WV, 2007, 10.785 sec.

7. WOMEN'S UNDERHAND CHOP (10x10): Nancy Zalewski, Manitowoc, WI, 2004, 38.34 sec.
(8x8): Nancy Zalewski, Manitowoc, WI 2012, 17.865 sec.
8. MASTER'S UNDERHAND CHOP (10 x 10): Jim Colbert, Winsted, CT, 1997, 17.47 sec.
9. ROOKIE UNDERHAND CHOP (10 x 10): Nathan Cumberland, Keswick Ridge, NB, 2014, 15.5 sec.
10. MEN'S LOG ROLL: Trevor Beaudry, Walpole, NH & Nathan Cumberland, Keswick Ridge, NB, 2016, 10.525 sec.
11. WOMEN'S LOG ROLL: Kendall

- Kunelius, Chester, NH & Janet Walker, Truro, NS, 2016, 15.16 sec.
12. MASTER'S LOG ROLL: Don Lambert, St. Gilles, Que., & Paul Woodland, Benton, NB, 2016, 12.48 sec.
13. ROOKIE LOG ROLL: Ricky Miklioche, Vandling, PA & Eric Mance, Slate Hill, NY, 2016, 12.39 sec.
14. MEN'S AXE THROWING: Dave Engasser, Cortland, NY, 2011, 30 Points, 6 Bull's Eyes
15. WOMEN'S AXE THROWING: Nancy Zalewski, Manitowoc, WI, 2006 , 24 Pts.



Nathan Cumberland



Jerry Gingras



Nancy Zalewski



Mary Beth Dooley



Stephanie Naud, Nancy Zalewski & Joseanne Naud

- 16. MASTER'S AXE THROWING: Ed Brightman, Assonet, MA 2014, 45 Points, 9 Bull's Eyes
- 17. ROOKIE AXE THROW: Nathan Cumberland, Keswick Ridge, NB, 24 pts.
- 18. MEN'S BUCKSAWING: Don Lambert, St. Gilles, Que., 2009, 4.83 sec.
- 19. WOMEN'S BUCKSAWING: Nancy Zalewski, Manitowoc, WI, 2012, 9.665 sec. (World Record)
- 20. MASTER'S BUCKSAWING: Don Lambert, St. Gilles, Que., 2016, 5.41 sec.
- 21. ROOKIE BUCKSAWING: Nick Molleur, Greensboro Bend, VT, 2014, 5.495 sec.
- 22. MEN'S CROSSCUT SAWING: Jerry Gingras, Errol, NH & Mike Eash, Coatesville, PA, 2012, 4.685 sec. (World Record)
- 23. WOMEN'S CROSSCUT SAWING: Nancy Zalewski, Manitowoc, WI & Mary Beth Dooley, Waterport, NY, 2013, 8.465 sec. (World Record)



Gaston Duperre



Nathan Waterfield

- 24. MASTER'S CROSSCUT SAWING: Brad Stevens, Castleton, VT & Don Dolliver, Starksboro, VT, 2016, 5.80 sec.
- 25. ROOKIE CROSSCUT SAWING: Ben & Nathan Cumberland, Keswick Ridge, NB, 2016, 5.80 sec.



Trevor Beaudry



Brad Stevens



Alissa Wetherbee



Laurette Burgess Russell



Brad Taylor



Don Dolliver



Kendall Kunelius



Janet Walker



Nick Mollieur



Arnold Winn & Bruce Cox

26. MEN'S STANDING BLOCK (10 x 10): Matt Cogar, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2016, 17.085 sec.
27. WOMEN'S STANDING BLOCK (8 x 8): Jenn Michaud, East Hampton, CT, 2015, 36.145 sec.
28. MASTER'S STANDING BLOCK (10 x 10): Gaston Duperre, Shipshaw, Que., 2015, 25.685 sec.
29. ROOKIE STANDING BLOCK (8 x 8): Nathan Cumberland, Keswick Ridge, NB, 2015, 11.13 sec.
30. OPEN CHAINSAW: Jerry Gingras, Errol, NH, 2014, 2.94 sec.
31. TREE FELLING: Rick Geer, Jewett City, CT, 1989, 14.0 sec. (Direct Hit)
32. SPRINGBOARD CHOP: Nathan Waterfield, Cherry Valley, NY, 2011, 41.66 sec.
33. JACK & JILL CROSSCUT: Mike Sullivan, Winsted, CT & Nancy Zalewski, Manitowoc, WI, 2009, 5.655 sec.

CHAMPIONSHIPS OVER THE YEARS

Men's Champion

1973 - Ira Stevens
 1974 - Alan Chapman
 1975 - Dave Geer
 1976 - Russell Van Hazinga
 1977 - Rudy Dettmer
 1978 - Dave Geer
 1979 - Dave Geer
 1980 - Rick Geer
 1981 - Rick Geer
 1982 - Jim Colbert
 1983 - Jim Colbert
 1984 - Mike Sullivan
 1985 - Jim Colbert
 1986 - Rick Geer & Mike Sullivan (Tied)
 1987 - Don Quigley
 1988 - Mike Sullivan
 1989 - Mike Sullivan
 1990 - Donald Lambert
 1991 - Mike Sullivan
 1992 - Gaston Duperre
 1993 - Mike Sullivan
 1994 - Gaston Duperre
 1995 - Matt Bush
 1996 - Gaston Duperre
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 1998 - Matt Bush
 1999 - Mike Sullivan
 2000 - Matt Bush
 2001 - Andy Schreiner
 2002 - Paul Pfenninger
 2003 - Mike Sullivan
 2004 - Gaston Duperre
 2005 - Donald Lambert
 2006 - Jerry Gingras
 2007 - Jerry Gingras & Mike Sullivan (Tied)
 2008 - Jerry Gingras
 2009 - Jerry Gingras
 2010 - Mike Eash
 2011 - Jerry Gingras
 2012 - Jerry Gingras
 2013 - Jerry Gingras
 2014 - Dave Jewett
 2015 - Jerry Gingras
 2016 - Mike Eash

Women's Champion

2004 - Nancy Zalewski
 2005 - Nancy Zalewski
 2006 - Nancy Zalewski
 2007 - Shannon Strong & Nancy Zalewski (Tied)
 2008 - Nancy Zalewski
 2009 - Nancy Zalewski
 2010 - Mary Beth Dooley
 2011 - Nancy Zalewski
 2012 - Nancy Zalewski
 2013 - Peg Engasser
 2014 - Nancy Zalewski
 2015 - Kendall Kunelius
 2016 - Kendall Kunelius

Master's Champion

1999 - Gilles Levesque
 2000 - Jim Colbert
 2001 - Jim Colbert
 2002 - Jean Guy Rodrigue
 2003 - Maurice Molleur
 2004 - Charlie Wojtkun
 2005 - Charlie Wojtkun & Rudy Dettmer (Tied)
 2006 - Rudy Dettmer
 2007 - Don Quigley
 2008 - Charlie Wojtkun
 2009 - Jim Colbert
 2010 - Charlie Wojtkun
 2011 - Rich Geer
 2012 - Brad Stevens
 2013 - Rick Geer
 2014 - Gaston Duperre
 2015 - Jean Paul Mercier
 2016 - Don Lambert

Society Champion Started in 1988, ended in 1996

1988 - Luther Hilton
 1989 - Luther Hilton
 1990 - Gary Taylor
 1991 - Gary Taylor & Doug Jones
 1992 - Scott Taylor
 1993 - David Billings
 1994 - David Billings



1995 - David Billings
 1996 - David Billings

Super Master's Champion Started in 2016

2016 - Gib Engel

Champion Logger

1975 - Dick Brown
 1976 - Dick Brown
 1977 - Dick Brown
 1978 - Bob Babb
 1979 - Dick Brown
 1980 - Tom Richards, Dennis Taylor, Maurice Edwards, Robert Fogg, Luther Hilton
 1981 - Robert Fogg
 1982 - Robert Fogg
 1983 - Tom Richards
 1984 - Dennis Taylor
 1985 - Larry Buck
 1986 - Tom Richards
 1987 - Larry Buck
 1988 - Clay Wilson
 1989 - Dick Brown
 1990 - Gary Taylor
 1991 - Dick Brown
 1992 - Dennis Taylor
 1993 - Dick Brown
 1994 - Dick Brown
 1995 - Dick Brown
 1996 - Dick Brown
 1997 - Gary Taylor & Scott Taylor
 1998 - Wayne Estes
 1999 - Arnold Winn
 2000 - John Wescott
 2001 - Brian Winn
 2002 - John Wescott
 2003 - Heath Taylor
 2004 - John Wescott
 2005 - John Wescott
 2006 - Heath Taylor
 2007 - Brad Taylor
 2008 - John Wescott

2009 - Heath Taylor
 2010 - John Wescott
 2011 - Brian Winn
 2012 - Ryan Mills
 2013 - Brad Taylor
 2014 - Ryan Mills
 2015 - Ryan Mills
 2016 - Heath Taylor

Champion Trucker

1991 - Arnold Winn
 1992 - Arnold Winn
 1993 - Arnold Winn
 1994 - Arnold Winn
 1995 - Arnold Winn
 1996 - Dale Mills
 1997 - Arnold Winn
 1998 - Dale McAllister
 1999 - Dale Mills
 2000 - Dale Mills
 2001 - Arnold Winn
 2002 - Arnold Winn
 2003 - Steve Verrill
 2004 - Arnold Winn
 2005 - Brian Winn & Steve Verrill
 2006 - Brian Winn
 2007 - Brian Winn
 2008 - Dale Mills
 2009 - Brian Winn
 2010 - Dale Mills
 2011 - Dale Mills
 2012 - Dale Mills
 2013 - Dale Mills
 2014 - Heath Taylor
 2015 - Dale Mills
 2016 - Albert Silver

Collegiate/Rookie Champion Started in 2011, changed to Rookie Champion in 2014

2011 - Robert Ameson
 2012 - Trevor Beaudry
 2013 - Trevor Beaudry
 2014 - Ben Cumberland
 2015 - Nathan Cumberland
 2016 - Brad Jones



2016 CHAMPIONS

Men's Champion

Mike Eash, Coatesville, PA

Women's Champion

Kendall Kunelius,
Chester, NH

Master's Champion

Don Lambert, St. Gilles, Quebec

Super Master Champion

Gib Engel, Brooklyn, CT

Rookie Champion

Brad Jones, UMaine-Orono, ME

Champion Logger

Heath Taylor, Cornish, ME

Champion Trucker

Albert Silver, Bryant Pond, ME



*Gib Engel &
Toby Hammond*



*Mike
Eash*



*Kendall
Kunelius*



*Albert
Silver*



*Don
Lambert*



*Brad
Jones*



*Heath
Taylor*

CONTESTS IN ORDER

1. Cable Skidder (Infield)
2. Grapple Skidder (Infield)
3. Log Loading (Infield)
4. Pulp Loading (Infield)
5. Hydraulic Loader (Infield)
6. Men's Underhand Chop
7. Women's Underhand Chop
8. Master's & Super Master's Underhand Chop
9. Rookie Underhand Chop
10. Men's Log Rolling
11. Women's Log Rolling
12. Master's & Super Master's Log Rolling
13. Rookie Log Rolling
14. Men's Axe Throwing
15. Women's Axe Throwing
16. Master's & Super Master's Axe Throwing
17. Rookie Axe Throwing



David Billings & John Postemski



Rich
Jordan

18. Men's Bucksawing/Bowsawing
19. Women's Bucksawing/Bowsawing
20. Master's & Super Master's Bucksawing/
Bowsawing
21. Rookie Bucksawing/Bowsawing
22. Men's Crosscut Sawing
23. Women's Crosscut Sawing
24. Master's & Super Master's Crosscut
Sawing
25. Rookie Crosscut Sawing
26. Jack & Jill Crosscut Sawing
27. Men's Standing Block Chop
28. Women's Standing Block Chop
29. Master's & Super Master's Standing
Block Chop
30. Rookie Standing Block Chop
31. Open Chainsaw Class
32. Master's & Super Master's Tree Felling
33. Springboard Chop

Several contests run concurrently -
not necessarily in the same order.

BEHIND THE SCENES

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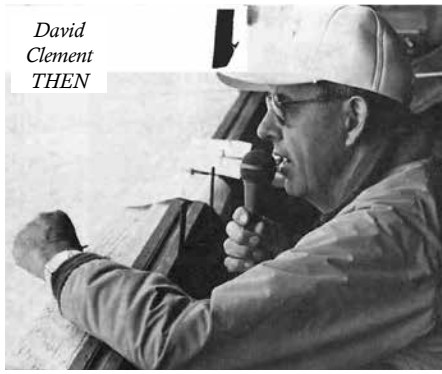
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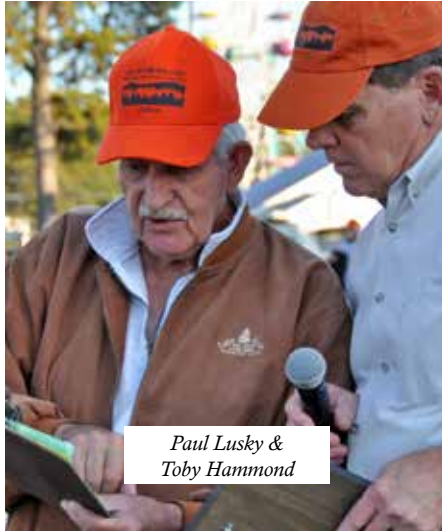
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Paul Lusky & Wilbur Hammond with
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GENERAL RULES

Safety and accuracy rather than speed will be stressed.

1. Decision of Judges shall be final. The Judges may disqualify any contestant for any failure to follow safe procedures, rules of any event or for repeated failures to comply with official directions. **CONTESTANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING TIME WITH TIMERS AFTER EACH HEAT**
2. All results are final at the end of the show. Any concerns must be expressed at the time of the events. Only official time sheets will be used. No videos, pictures, etc., will be considered.
3. **CONTESTANTS MUST FURNISH OWN TOOLS, SAFETY HELMETS MUST BE WORN IN EVENTS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 5.**
4. If there are more entries for an event than positions available, participation will be determined by drawing.
5. **IN CROSSCUT AND BUCKSAWING:** If the wood breaks while sawing, the contestant may continue. If the judge can put the pieces together and make a full piece, the time will be allowed and the contestant will not be disqualified.
6. Run offs will be held for 1st Place Tie only.
7. In the event of adverse weather conditions, some or all events may be eliminated or rules altered at the discretion of the Judges.
8. Unsportsmanlike conduct, alcohol, or drug abuse will result in disqualification on any and all events.
9. Children and pets are not permitted on track or infield area during contests.
10. Only nationally distributed brand name skidders may be used.
11. 10" x 10" timbers will be used in all contests using timbers, except 8" x 8" timbers will be used in the Women's and Super Master's Underhand Chop and in Women's, Super Master and Rookie Standing Block Chop.
12. Only over the road trucks may be used.
13. Rookie events are open to anyone age 16-22 at the time of the show. Contestants under 18 must have parents or legal guardians complete parts A-B of the Waiver and Release From Liability Form.
14. All wood and positions in events are assigned by luck of the draw.
15. In sawing events the time stops when the saw exits the wood. In axe events the time stops when the wood is severed.
16. All woodsmen events except Axe events (Underhand Chop, Standing Block Chop, Tree Felling and Springboard) will start On "GO". Axe events will start when axe strikes wood. In chainsaw events hands will be placed on timber and not removed until "GO". Early movement or removal of logging tool will result in disqualification.
17. Only Track Judges can approve wood changes.
18. Only one record per event at the end of show.
19. Contestants must be 55 or over at the time of the contest to compete in Master Events and 68 or over at the time of the event to compete in Super Master's.
20. Saws and axes must be kept covered except when competing.
21. Mesh safety socks must be worn in all chopping events.



*Evan &
Katie Ames*



*Sheridan Doyle &
Nancy Zalewski*

CONTEST RULES

1. CABLE SKIDDER CONTEST

Seat belts must be fastened whenever contestant is in the seat and hard hats are mandatory. Doors must be shut and secure. The Skidder course will be laid out on an area approximately 35 x 250 feet. It will consist of four 15-foot gates, set in a zig zag pattern. The Skidder, pulling 3-16 foot logs will pass through the four gates and return through same in the reverse direction, making a total of eight gates.

Rules as follows:

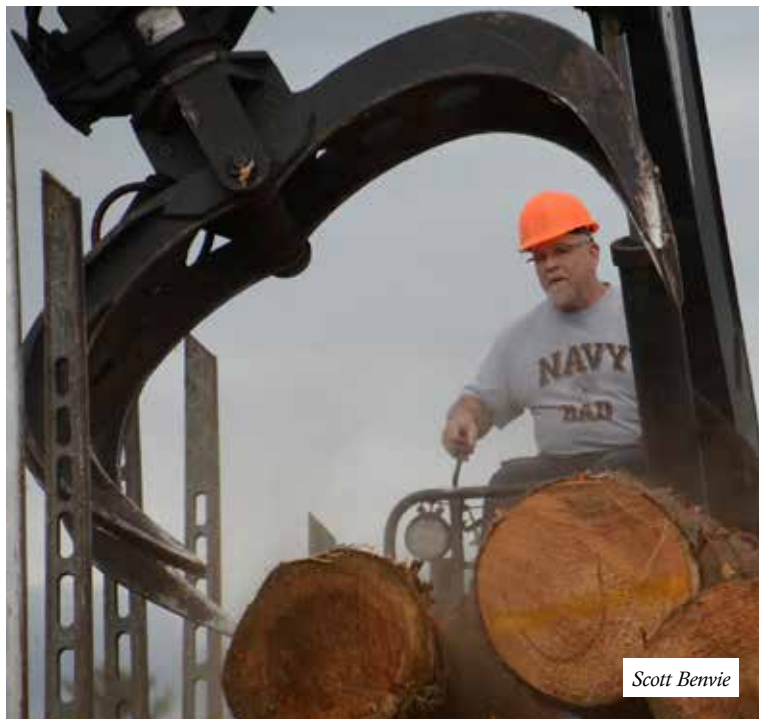
- A. Skidder with engine running and winch cable wound up, will be at the starting gate in front of three large 16-foot logs awaiting "GO" signal. Operator will stand beside front of skidder with one hand on corner of blade. At "GO" signal operator will hook each log with separate choker, mount skidder, fasten seat belt, winch up and go through the four gates and return through same. Time starts with "GO" signal and stops when end of logs have completely gone through the starting gate.
- B. Skidders must be equipped with seat belts and no tire chains allowed.
- C. Each log in contest must have an individual choker on it. Chokers must be detached from main winch cable prior to start.
- D. A one minute breakdown will disqualify contestant.
- E. Operator must stop and secure log if he drops one or he is disqualified.
- F. Time added will be as follows: Any gate hit by Skidder or logs - plus 10 seconds; any other item hit, such as fences, cars, judges, etc. will be plus 25 seconds for each encounter. 20 seconds will be added if the doors are not shut and secure if they have them. This contest is not so much for speed, but rather for skill, and to show the woodlot owners that skidders can be used effectively and without damage.

2. GRAPPLE SKIDDER CONTEST

All same rules apply as in Cable Skidder contest except: Skidder with engine running will be parked all the way through Gate #1 with grapple elevated and grapple even with post on gate. Operator will stand beside front of skidder with one hand on corner of blade awaiting "GO" signal. At "GO" signal operator will mount skidder (doors must be shut and secure), hook seat belt and back up to pick up logs. All logs will be 6 feet apart. One log will be parallel and 6 feet ahead of the other two measured



Arnold Winn



Scott Benvie

at the closest end. Time starts at "GO" signal and stops when end of logs have completely gone through Gate #8.

3. & 4. LOG LOADING & PULP LOADING

- A. SAFETY
 - a.) 30 seconds will be added if grapple fails to clear pile before reloading.
 - b.) 10 seconds will be added each time pulpwood or logs are dropped on ground or truck.
 - c.) No devices allowed to hold valves open.
 - d.) 10 second penalty for each pulpwood bolt or log extending from the side of the truck body more than 6 inches.
 - e.) 10 seconds will be added each time the loaded bucket does not go over the stakes.
 - f.) Outriggers or stabilizers must be down at the start and finish of the contest.



Mike Eash

- g.) Contestants will be disqualified if all safety equipment is not properly used.
- h.) No binding of load is necessary.

B. LOG LOADING CONTEST

The truck will be loaded at the start of the competition and will be unloaded on the ground and reloaded back on the truck. Loader bucket or clam must be empty of last log and clear of pile of unloaded logs prior to reloading the truck. Contest will start on "GO" signal with bucket on the ground, operator seated on the loader with both hands raised above his head with the motor running. Time will end with the bucket in place for highway travel, and the operator raises both hands above his head.

STAKES - MINIMUM 8-FOOT HEIGHT.

C. PULP LOADING CONTEST

Center stakes must be used in side loading trucks. Four cords of 8-foot wood will be used. Two cords will be put in the front tier and two cords in the back tier. The tier nearest the operator will be off-loaded to one side of the operator; rear tier to the other side. Truck will be loaded at start of competition and will be unloaded on the ground and reloaded back on the truck IN THE SAME TIER as at the start of the competition.

Loader bucket or clam must be empty of last pulpwood prior to reloading. Loader operator must retrieve loose wood on the ground. Contest will start on "GO" signal with bucket on the ground, operator seated on the loader with both hands raised above his head with the motor running. Time will end with the bucket in place for highway travel, and the operator raises both hands above his head.

STAKES -MINIMUM 8 FOOT.

5. HYDRAULIC LOADER CONTEST

1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners of the pulp loading and log loading contest will compete in this event. If one or more persons should be eligible from both events, these slots will be filled by drawing lots from 4th and 5th place finishers.

This contest will start with the truck engine running at a starting line. The contestant will move his truck from the starting line to station 1, a group of five logs. He will position the truck and load the logs one at a time. Three seconds will be added for each dropped log. With the logs on the truck, the contestant will move to station 2 and proceed to hoist a full pail of water from the ground using the provided hook and picking up the pail by the bail and placing it in a provided stand on the opposite side of the



truck. Ten seconds will be added to the score for each one inch of water spilled. At this same station he will lift a pole and place it in a vertical eight-inch pipe.

Finishing at station 2, the contestant will return to station 1 and unload the logs one at a time. The logs must be placed in marked slots, five seconds added for each misplaced log end. The contestant is finished and the total time recorded when the truck clears the starting line. Outriggers will be used at each station and will be fully up at the start and finish of contest. 30 seconds will be deducted from total time for rear and center mounted loaders. Contestant will be disqualified if he fails to complete any portion of this event.

6, 7, 8 & 9. UNDERHAND CHOP

Each contestant will be scored on time taken to chop through a 10" x 10" sawn softwood timber or 8" x 8" for Women's and Super Master's. Time will start when the axe strikes the wood and stop when the block is severed. Contestants may stand on ground or timber. (THREE MINUTE MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT.) Contestants may enter only one Underhand Chop contest.

10, 11, 12 & 13. LOG ROLLING CONTEST

Two contestants will roll a 135 BF + 14' log between two pairs of stakes. The log will be rolled both ways and rest against both stakes, at either end. Disqualification will result if the log does not rest against stakes at each end of roll or if either end of log comes off skids. Peavies, cantdogs or rolling hooks can be used. Skids will be set ten feet apart on center and 30 feet long. Log must be returned to same starting position each time. Contestants may roll anytime before the 2:00 PM cut off.

14, 15, 16 & 17. AXE THROWING

- A. There will be two targets. Men will compete on the right target and Women, Master, Super Master's and Rookies on the left target.
- B. Center of bull's eye should be approximately 60 inches from the ground or stage. The target will be 36 inches in diameter with five scoring areas. A four inch bull's eye with four-inch width rings for center and outer areas. The bull's eye shall score five points, the next outside area four points, the next outer three points, next two points, and the next one point.
- C. Each contestant will have five throws - all to count. Contestants may request one optional practice throw. Contestants may enter only one axe throwing contest.
- D. Axe need only cut outer edge of line scoring area to win point of that area. If both blades stick, no score will be given.
- E. Contestants must stand behind a line 20 feet from base of target, but may stand at any distance desired behind the 20 foot line. The axe must be double bitted, and at least 2 1/2 pounds and at least 24 inches overall length. Face of the blade shall not exceed 6 inches.
- F. Throw offs will be 3 throws for first and one throw for all others.
- G. Men, Women, Super Master and Rookie contestants who score 6 bull's eyes will be allowed to keep throwing until they miss the bull's eye, scoring 5 additional points for each bull's eye.
- H. In the Master's Contest 9 bull's eyes will continue to be a record until it is broken.
- I. Axe Throwing will start at 8:30 AM and will be cut off at 2:00 PM.

18, 19, 20 & 21. BUCKSAWING/BOWSAWING

Each contestant will be scored on the time it takes to cut off one complete section from 10" x 10" softwood timber. Cuts will be made on or near a chalk line put on timber by Judges. Any weight or length bucksaw may be used and may rest on the timber. Contestants may enter only one Bucksawing/Bowsawing contest.



John Guy Rodrigue (dec.) & Gil Levesque



Brenda & Brad Stevens



Calvin Willard

22, 23, 24 & 25. CROSSCUT SAWING

Contestants will be scored on time it takes them to cut off two complete sections from a 10" x 10" softwood timber. Cuts will be made inside a chalk line put on timber by Judges. Any crosscut may be used and may rest on timber. Jack & Jill teams are not allowed in these contests. Contestants may enter only one crosscut sawing contest except for Jack & Jill crosscut sawing.

26. JACK & JILL CROSSCUT SAWING

A male and female contestant will be scored on time it takes them to cut off two complete sections from a 10" x 10" softwood timber. Cuts will be made on or near a chalk line put on timber by Judges. Any crosscut may be used and may rest on timber.

27, 28, 29 & 30. STANDING BLOCK CHOP

Each contestant will be scored on the time taken to chop through a 10" x 10" sawn softwood timber or 8" x 8" for Women, Super Master's and

Rookie contestants. Time will start when the axe strikes the wood and stop when the block is severed. It is the contestant's responsibility to secure the timber to the stanchion. Contestants may enter only one Standing Block Chop.

THERE IS A THREE MINUTE MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT.

31. OPEN CHAINSAW CONTEST

All contestants must use hearing, eye and leg protection. Anybody with any saw open to world.

Contest will consist of making three cuts: down, up and down. Scoring of contest will be decided on accuracy and speed. Cuts must be made between outer edge of block and chalk line 6" from edge. Three seconds will be added to the time for any line severed. A line will be considered severed if the judge can't see any part of it. All cutting will be made on any 10" x 10" softwood timber. Saws may be started and warmed up just prior to cutting. No restrictions on horsepower rating. Chain saws will not be started until the warmup period announced by the Judges. Chain saws must be on the ground NOT running while waiting for the starting signal of the Judge.



Mary Reeder & LaVonne Mikloiche



Brenda Gingras



Cody Jackman

Contestants must stand with fingers on top of the timber until “GO” starting signal. Same saw may be used only ONCE.

32. TREE FELLING CONTEST

Twenty positions available and will be assigned by random draw to Super Master’s contestants first and then Master’s and then Women’s until all trees are used. Contestants will fell a tree with an axe endeavoring to hit a pumpkin on the ground on a 16-foot radius from the base. An X will be sprayed on the track to mark the pumpkin location. The contestant is not to touch the tree as it falls so as to guide it in any manner. Any touch on the pumpkin on the down fall will be considered a hit. Two minute time limit. Trees can be shaved to an ANNOUNCED UNIFORM ROUND MINIMUM CIRCUMFERENCE. Scoring will be time only for all hits. After direct hits are scored, all other contestants will be scored using the shortest distance from edge of tree’s initial point of impact to the X where the pumpkin was placed.

In case of ties with same distance, the fastest time will be the deciding factor. Time stops when tree hits ground. NO LEANING TREES.

33. SPRINGBOARD CHOP

- A. Approximate 9-foot above ground support pole will be used to set springboard.
- B. Each support pole will be used more than once. Poles for right and left-handed contestants will be available.
- C. Three-foot by 10-inch diameter tops will be spiked to top of support pole by each contestant.
- D. Two springboards must be set.
- E. Holes must be notched in such a manner so that no benefit can be gained from previous holes. No test holes will be allowed.
- F. Boards must be balanced without hanging device.
- G. Time starts when the axe hits the wood and stops when the block is severed.
- H. Bolt is to be cut through from both sides.
- I. Only one axe is permitted, except for damaged axe.



Chip Arthur

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Men’s Champion, Champion Logger, Champion Trucker, Women’s Champion, Super Master’s Champion, Master’s Champion, and Rookie Champion will be chosen on the basis of 6 points for first place finish, 5 for second, 4 for third, 3 for fourth, 2 for fifth, 1 for sixth place finish. In the event of a tie, the highest place finishes will determine the winner. If this procedure does not determine a champion, the champion will be determined by a five throw, Axe Throwing, throw off. All Axe Throw rules will be in effect. A contestant can win only one championship. This will be the championship with his highest point total. The 2nd place winner is champion in the other contest.

MEN’S CHAMPION QUALIFYING EVENTS:

Men’s Underhand Chop, Men’s Log Rolling, Men’s Bucksawing, Men’s Crosscut Sawing, Open Chain Saw, Men’s Standing Block Chop, Men’s Axe Throwing

WOMEN’S CHAMPION QUALIFYING EVENTS:

Women’s Underhand Chop, Women’s Log Rolling, Women’s Bucksawing, Women’s Crosscut Sawing, Women’s Standing Block Chop, Women’s Axe Throwing

MASTER’S CHAMPION QUALIFYING EVENTS:

Master’s Underhand Chop, Master’s Log Rolling, Master’s Bucksawing, Master’s Crosscut Sawing, Master’s Standing Block Chop, Master’s Axe Throwing



Matt Taylor



Jennifer McGuire



Brad Jones



Robert Ameson & Matt Galambos

SUPER MASTER’S QUALIFYING EVENTS:

Super Master’s Underhand Chop, Super Master’s Log Rolling, Super Master’s Bucksawing, Super Master’s Crosscut Sawing, Super Master’s Standing Block Chop, Super Master’s Axe Throw

ROOKIE CHAMPION QUALIFYING EVENTS:

Rookie Underhand Chop, Rookie Log Rolling, Rookie Bucksawing, Rookie Crosscut Sawing, Rookie Standing Block Chop, Rookie Axe Throwing

CHAMPION LOGGER QUALIFYING EVENTS:

Cable Skidder, Grapple Skidder and Log Scaling

CHAMPION TRUCKER QUALIFYING EVENTS:

Log Loading, Pulp Loading & Hydraulic Loader Contest. In the event that the normal tie breaker procedure does not determine a champion, the highest place in the Hydraulic Loader Contest will be the champion.

PRIZE MONEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Trucking & Skidder Events	\$300	\$275	\$250	\$225	\$200	\$100
Woodsman Events	\$205	\$165	\$120	\$ 80	\$ 60	\$ 40
Men’s Champion	\$320					
Women’s Champion	\$320					
Master’s Champion	\$320					
Super Master’s Champion	\$320					
Rookie Champion	\$320					
Champion Logger	\$320					
Champion Trucker	\$320					

Full Prize Money will be paid to both contestants of Two-Person Woodsman Events.

\$100 for establishing a new record in all events. \$500 total will be paid for throwing 10 or more bull’s eyes in any axe throw event.

Ribbons will be awarded for each Event. Run offs will be held for first place ties only to determine first and second place winners. In case of second through fifth place ties, prize money will be combined with next lower finish and divided.



Herb Gingras



Nicole Whitney

THE TAYLOR FAMILY

For those of you who have attended Woodsmen's Field Day for years and paid attention to the events on the infield, there's one name that stands out. That name is Taylor. For almost four decades there has been a Taylor, or several of them, competing in the skidder contests and truck loading contests. It's time for a family history lesson.

In the mid to late 1970's Laurence Taylor Jr. aka "Junior" of Porter, and oldest son, Dennis, went into the logging business. When the opportunity arose to expand the operation to mechanical harvesting and chipping, Junior Taylor and his wife, Brenda, decided to pursue it. They called it a business investment, but locals all speculated it was just a move to give their sons something to do to keep them out of mischief. It worked. And soon after sons Scott, Gary, and Walter (all four of the Taylor sons are now in their 50's) joined the Taylor team which today (each of the four sons had two children) includes Dennis' daughter, Diana, and son, Heath, Scott's sons, Brad and Bud, and Gary's son, Jeff, comprising the third generation. That's a lot of Taylors! You've heard most of those names before, but more on that later. The Taylors work on private woodlands within probably a 50-mile radius of Porter, including into New Hampshire. Junior "retired" about ten years ago, but still serves as a gopher for the crew until winter when he and Brenda head for Florida, leaving generations two and three to carry on. And carry on they do. Good forestry, and some interesting sidebars. They will not move to a new woodlot on a Friday. That's bad luck! Has been for years. So, they'll drive to the next lot late Thursday and cut one tree with a chainsaw under the truck headlights. I've honestly seen that done. Come hunting season the avid hunters of the group will work like crazy for the first half of the week to give the less than eager hunters - okay, that's Dennis - some wood to haul while the hunters play. If any get a moose permit that really stirs things up. Ask Dennis about the time his daughter, Diana, put his name in the moose lottery unbeknownst to him



Laurence "Jr." & Brenda Taylor of Porter, ME

"Our grandparents are exceptional. They have a work ethic like you've never seen before. They started this business (L.E. Taylor & Sons Logging) from nothing. My grandfather set the precedent for his children and grandchildren (additionally three great-grandchildren!) to treat people the way you would want to be treated," says Diana Taylor Seavey, granddaughter of Junior & Brenda Taylor, and oldest daughter of Dennis Taylor.



Woodsmen's Field Day Competitors from The Taylor Family of Porter, ME - Bradley, Derrick, Scott, Gary, Walt, Laurence "Jr.," Dennis, Heath & Jeffrey

- and he got drawn! Only moose hunter in Maine that year who wasn't really happy about it. Now the family owns a deer hunting camp in Ohio that they really enjoy, so you can see how the hunt has expanded.

Now, on to why this all matters to us. There has been a Taylor competing in infield events since 1979, and some years, many Taylors. Every Saturday before Woodsmen's Field Day is practice day. Skidder chains are removed, logs are hooked and unhooked, wood is loaded and unloaded in preparation for this event. And if you look at the record, it shows.

Here are third place or better finishes in descending age order of the Taylors:

Dennis Taylor: Skidder Contest - 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987; records set in 1980, 1982; Grapple Skidder Contest - 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996; Chainsaw - 1985, 1988, 1989, 1993, 1995. Dennis was a Champion Logger in 1980, 1984, and 1992; and recognized at the 40th Anniversary in 2007.

Dennis began logging with Junior in the 1970's. He operated feller bunchers when they went mechanical, up to about 2007. Since then he has driven tractor-trailers with chips and roundwood. He is 58. For many years Dennis and his wife, Juliann, toured around in a Winnebago-style RV for vacations, but sold that and bought a cottage on Chemo Pond, east of Bangor. Then another. And another. All on Chemo Pond, off the airline. Now they keep one for their own use and rent the others out. They're on Chemo Pond every weekend. You'll sometimes see Dennis sneaking out early on Fridays, if you look.

Scott Taylor: Skidder Contest - 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993; Grapple Skidder Contest - 1995, 1997, 2001

Gary Taylor: Skidder Contest - 1981, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1996, 1997; Grapple Skidder Contest - 1989, 1991, 1992; Chainsaw - 1990, 1994, 1995; Log Loading - 1997; Pulp Loading - 1997; Champion logger in 1990 and 1997.

Walter Taylor: Skidder Contest - 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987; Grapple Skidder Contest - 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001.

Now for the next generation:

Heath Taylor: Skidder Contest - 2014; Grapple Skidder Contest - 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016; Log Loading - 2010, 2012, 2014; Pulp Loading - 2009, 2010, 2014; Hydraulic Loading - 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016; Champion Logger in 2003, 2006, 2009, 2016; Champion Trucker - 2014.

Brad Taylor - Grapple Skidder Contest - 2007, 2009, 2013, 2015, 2016.

Bud Taylor - Grapple Skidder Contest - 2013.

If you pay attention to the years, it appears the second generation is letting the third generation take the limelight here at Woodsmen's Field Day.

For the rest of the year, the Taylor Family, along with three employees, own and operate two mechanical timber harvesting crews and the trucking operation to support them, and that includes Diana Taylor's husband, Milt Seavey, who hauls wood chips. Today at Woodsmen's Field Day we recognize them for their achievements.

Written by **Don Winslow**, Master of Ceremonies, Photos by **Rachel Andrews Damon**



The Taylor Family
Front Row (l-r)-Angie Taylor, Courtney Taylor, Bradley Taylor, Baylee Taylor, Riley Seavey, Paisley Taylor & Diana Taylor-Seavey; Middle row-Sandra Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Brenda Taylor, Kelsey Taylor, Juliann Taylor, Milt Seavey; Back row-Jeffrey Taylor, Gary Taylor, Walt Taylor, Scott Taylor, Jr Taylor, Derrick Taylor, Dennis Taylor & Heath Taylor

THE AXE THROW CONTEST

In 1979 the Axe Throwing Contest, which starts at 8:30 AM and runs concurrently with other contests, was added to Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Day. Most of our contests showcase how logging tools were used in the early days to harvest timber but.....throwing an axe certainly did not qualify as how the axe was used in harvesting logs and pulpwood. But wait a minute - we know loggers staying in logging camps for long periods often had to have some recreation to work off the periods of isolation and hard physical work. They often challenged fellow loggers in axe throwing, sawing and chopping contests to see who was best in filing saws or grinding and filing axe blades. Logging camp champions were often crowned!

The axe throwing contest is a good way to enter local woodsmen day competitions as it only requires an axe and practicing on your own. You can bet there are a lot of targets in backyards (I know of two on Route 202 in Winthrop, ME!) throughout the northeastern USA where contestants can practice at any time honing their individual skills.

Our track events are set up with the axe throw target front and center so it can be seen easily by most of the audience. This event attracts the most contestants at Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Day each year with over 100 entering. In 2017 we are adding a second target to accommodate our expanding entry list and also for easier visibility for the audience who not only love to watch the Axe Throw, but also listen intently for the sound of the air horn which signals that all important bull's eye. Often when we are doing runoffs to break ties late in the contest we will stop other track events to allow everyone to watch the match. Dave Geer and Leo Lessard have hitched up in a couple of runoffs over the years that took three to four runoffs before the winner was crowned.

Some of our outstanding axe throwers are Leo Lessard with 9 wins, Mike Sullivan and Rick Gear with six wins each, and the late Charlie Wojtkun (Hall of Famer) with five wins. In the women's contest, Nancy Zaleski has won three times and holds the current record along with Alyssa Wetherbee each with four bull's eyes.

In our contest each contestant has 5 throws and several have thrown five bull's eyes for a perfect score - including Leo Lessard who first achieved this in 1982 and continued to hold the record for 12 years when Dave Geer finally tied his 5 bull's eyes in 1994. Others began tying the five bull's



eye score from 1995 to 2012 including retired Hall of Famer Jim Colbert, plus Mike Sullivan, Don Lambert, Jerry Gingras, J.P. Mercier, Shannon Strong, and Mark Bullock. We changed the rules several years ago to allow a contestant to continue to try and break the log jam of five perfect scores from 1982 by nine different contestants. Finally in 2012 Dave Engasser of Newfield, NY, landed six straight bull's eyes.

In 2014 Ed Brightman, who had never won this event, threw nine straight bull's eyes to take over the current record by a wide margin. When asked about his achievement he said most nights when he gets home from work and gets out of his truck, he winds down from a hard day's work by stopping at his practice target and makes several throws. Practice making perfect and Ed sure has proven it works.

Dave Engasser and Ed Brightman have had the pleasure to stand out front and have Fryeburg Fair President Roy Andrews, with help from the largest audience of any Woodsmen's Field Day, count one-by-one five \$100 bills which is the bonus for breaking the Axe Throw record.

Written by **Dave Clement**, Master of Ceremonies

WHAT ON EARTH IS A SPRINGBOARD?

For many years at Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Day we have had a Springboard Contest, a very athletic event requiring special skills. So what does that event have to do with logging in the Northeast. NOTHING! Use of springboards were common out West in redwood country when cutting down 300 foot high mammoth trees which measured 10-30 feet in diameter at the base. The springboards served as scaffolding for the fallers (loggers) access to the base of the tree above root swells, basal hollows or to gain access to the downhill side of a tree growing on a hillside. A logger first made a notch in the tree to hold the springboards which were from 10-30 feet long depending on the size of the tree. While standing on the springboards, one or two loggers would begin chopping with axes the face cut (undercut) which is a massive notch on the side of the tree. The face cut would be chopped into the tree facing the intended direction that the tree was to fall. Two men would then make springboard notches on the back side of the tree and commence sawing, with a very long crosscut saw, the back cut until the tree started to fall. This sawing often took 2-3 days to complete. When the tree would start to fall they would throw their saw, jump the 10 or 15 feet to the ground, and run for their lives.



Mike Sullivan



Michael Lambert

Now... jump forward in time to our yearly contest which we have had in our repertoire of events here at Fryeburg Fair since 1984, when Jim Colbert was our first winner. In this event, a contestant using an axe chops a notch in a pole and then inserts a springboard, jumps up on it and proceeds to make a second notch, inserting a second springboard, jumps on it and proceeds to cut a block of wood on top of the pole. This is a timed event with time starting when the axe hits the wood and stops when the cut off block is severed. At the finish, the competitor is standing 20 feet off the ground gasping for air!!

Key to success in this event is cutting the notch correctly so the end of the springboard will fit in it and support the contestant when he climbs on it. This takes a lot of practice and training!

This event is eagerly anticipated by the crowd, and there are several heats throughout the day. The current record for this event is held by Nathan Waterfield from Cherry Valley, NY, who first broke Mike Sullivan's 2003 time of 42.635 seconds with a time of 42.11 seconds in 2007 before setting the current record of 41.66 seconds in 2011. The record has been broken five times since Jim Colbert's winning time the first year (1984) of 53.6 seconds knocking 11.94 seconds off Jim's original time as contestants have perfected new techniques.

Enjoy this year's Springboard competition and perhaps this year it's time to set a new record!

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THE MOLLEUR FAMILY

Memories of 50 years of the Saco Valley Woodsmen's Field Day events would not be complete without acknowledging the competitors from the Molleur Family from the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

Fifty years ago, four brothers from a family of 15 children competed: Gilles, Bernard, Claude, and Maurice. Gilles, the eldest, now age 84, and Maurice, the sixth child, now 74, are still competing in the Super Master's Class. Brothers Bernard and Claude won many events at the Fair and are retired but Claude's children, Todd and Diane, have just started competing here.

The Molleurs, who are a very athletic family, enjoy a wide variety of sports with golf and pedal bike riding now being two of 84 year old Gilles' favorite activities plus, of course, all the woodsmen events that keep the guys busy all the time.

The Molleurs most familiar at Fryeburg Fair over the last few years are Gilles, Maurice, Maurice's son, Trevor, and Trevor's son, Nick. These four are not only regular competitors in the United States and Canada but also regulars at earning prize money and ribbons.

This very close-knit family is certainly what the American family concept is of working and playing together. Most live within a short distance of each other so are able to gather in the garage each Wednesday night to hone their skills for the international competition circuit - which starts for them July 4th weekend in Barton, VT. However, when Fryeburg Fair rolls around, the entire family is here - siblings, cousins, wives, husbands, mothers, grandmothers, in fact everyone comes



Trevor Molleur is congratulated by Toby Hammond

as either a competitor or a spectator. Nick was here, kicking and cheering in Tanya's tummy for his dad and other relatives to win, so no wonder Nick is a great competitor today having worked his way up from the womb to the garage to the collegiate, rookie, and now the men's competitive classes. This family gets some of their practice while earning their living utilizing some of the same tools. All four have enjoyed being in the woods as tree surgeons. For over 50 years, Gilles and Maurice were employed by power companies clearing lines. Maurice helped clear the power line many years ago from Cornish to Fryeburg. If you noticed the word "work" was not mentioned, as both men said, "If you like what you are doing, it is not work." These two never feel it is a job as they are doing something they love and both Gilles and Maurice are still doing the same line of work today!

Over the last fifty years, Gilles injured his hand badly (in the 70's) which slowed him down for a little, while Maurice served our country in Vietnam. Other family obligations came and went but Fryeburg Fair was always a top priority.

Other family members have competed and have had to take a break due to family obligations and employment but some hope to return to the circuit soon as Gilles is already looking forward to partnering with his son in a few years. The two patriarchs, Gilles and Maurice, are still working as tree surgeons and still competing in the circuit. They both love Fryeburg Fair, with Gilles still enjoying the tree felling competition best and Maurice the bow saw. They both miss the Steeple Chase Competition.

Due to all of the Molleur Family members being exposed constantly to the competitions, of course we now have two more generations competing with



Father & Son
Nick & Trevor Molleur

several more waiting in the wings. Trevor Molleur and his son, Nick, who are employed as linesmen for a power company, are regulars on the circuit with a friendly father-son competition focused on the bow saw. The Molleur Family at Fryeburg Fair have placed in the top three positions in various competitions, numerous times winning first places in tree felling, buck saw, crosscut, axe, under hand chop and log rolling. In 2003, Maurice earned the prestigious trophy of Master's Grand Champion. Many thanks to the Molleur family for sharing their years with us!

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Nick Molleur is congratulated by Maine Senator Susan Collins



Maurice Molleur



Bernie Peters



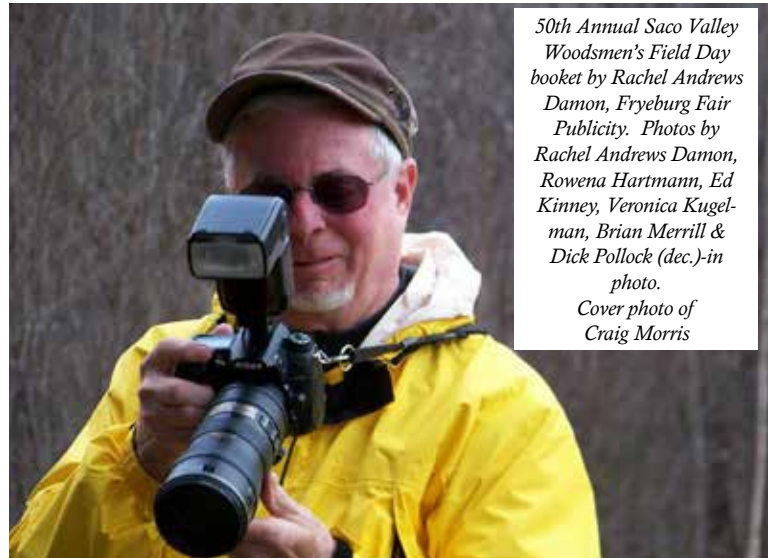
Bob Doyle



Ryan Mills, Shaun McLucas, Alex Moody, Tyler Libby, Heath Taylor & Patrick Callaghan



Dave Geer & Rick Geer



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