



THE

LAST FRAME

June 2006

St. Albert Photo Club's Monthly Newsletter



Point Standings Final 2005-06

- 26 - Derald Lobay
- 17 - Seig Koslowski
- 11 - Allen Skoreyko
- 08 - Al Popil
- 07 - Andrew MacLeod
- 03 - Gary George
- 03 - Tracey Guzak
- 03 - Eric Hagedorn

Congratulations to Derald Lobay (left) on winning this year's club title.

COMPETITIONS 2006 - 2007

This year has a couple of changes. The club has decided that there will be two distinct categories. There will now be a separate slide and print competition with a winner in each. Points will no longer be combined. The competition themes will be the same for each.

Due to the lack of entries for past

“Summer Projects”, the club has decided that it will now be an open competition and entries have to have been taken from May 24th and September 27th of this year.

Membership is still a paltry \$20 for the year.

Only paid members may enter the competitions.

As per usual, a limit of three prints and three slides may be entered per competition.

Entries must address the selected theme for the month.

Entries must be submitted before 8:15 PM on competition nights.

Prints may be colour, b x w, mono-chrome or hand coloured.

SEPTEMBER
GUEST SPEAKER
TBA

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COMPETITION
“Summer Open”

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OCTOBER
COMPETITION
Faces

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Print sizes must be between 5"x7" minimum and 11"x14" maximum, matted or mounted with the total size not exceeding 16"x20". Glass or framed prints may be brought for display but not competition purposes.

Slides must be 35mm only.

The Competitions

September:

Open

October:

Faces

November:

Leaf/Leaves

January:

Photojournalism

February:

Open

March:

Sunsets

April:

Sports

May:

Stairs/Stairways

The first meeting in December is our annual Christmas dinner and the first meeting in June is our annual wrap-up dinner.

Clicking At Cooking Lake

Now that the warmer months are upon us, many will once again dust off their long-dormant camera equipment and think about places to visit and photograph.

Those wishing to capture elusive wildlife and nature see all those wonderful images published from famous locations such as Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming or possibly Denali National Park in Alaska.

Less than one hour east of Edmonton, however, are two areas often overlooked by local photographers, Elk Island National Park and Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area.

Local guide and naturalist Wayne Millar was the final guest speaker for the 2006-06 season of the St Albert Photo Club and he spoke to us about recreation opportunities in these two areas.

Wayne is the guide and owner of Watchable Wildlife Tours.

He holds an activities license in Elk Island National Park, a Prov-

ince of Alberta operating authority to guide his clients within the Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area, and has front country privileges in Jasper National Park.

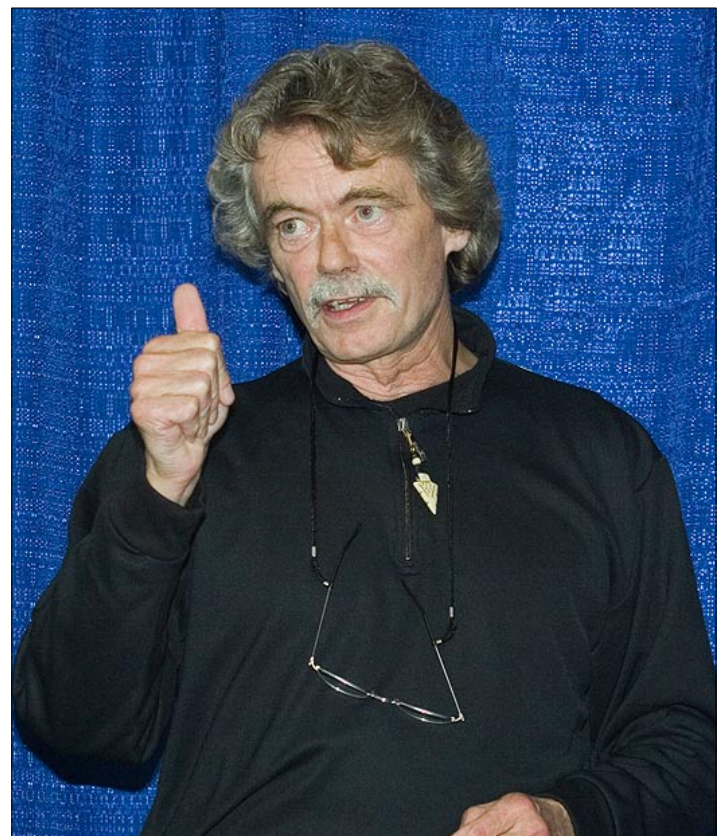
He is a strong proponent of minimal impact natural area touring activities.

He is also an experienced cross-country skier and is a volunteer instructor in the Alberta Association for Disabled Skiers

Nordic skiing program.

He has received the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce Award of Excellence, an Economic Developers Association of Canada Tourism Promotion Gold Award, and was selected as last year's Outstanding Tour Guide for the annual Edmonton Tourism "You're Welcome" awards.

Wayne began his presentation describing how



Wayne Millar

<p>St. Albert Photo Club Vol:5 Issue:9 PUBLISHED MONTHLY September - June</p>	<p><u>PRESIDENT</u> Derald Lobay</p>	<p><u>SECRETARY</u> and <u>TREASURER</u> Allen Skoreyko</p>	<p><u>PROGRAMME DIRECTOR'S</u> Derald Lobay Doug Poon</p>	<p><u>CLUB CONTACT</u> Doug Poon (780) 973-7035 dougpoon@shaw.ca</p>
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100 years ago, in 1906, local farmers in the Beaver Hills area east of Edmonton lobbied to section off land as a wildlife sanctuary.

In 1926 this became Elk Island National Park. It is the only national park with a fence surrounding it and has one of the highest concentrations of hoofed mammals in the world.

Two years ago, National Geographic rated Elk Island National Park as the 8th best wildlife viewing park in North America.

Within this park are 450-head each of two bison species, the Wood Bison south of Highway 16, North America's largest native land mammal, weighing up to 1200 kilograms, and the Plains Bison to the north.

In fact, there is a high genealogy of surviving bison that can be traced back to Elk Island National Park.

In addition to the two bison species, one can also find elk, moose, and deer.

The best wildlife viewing opportunities occur at dusk.

There are 103 kilometers of hiking trails, many forming loops.

The southern most fence line of Elk Island National Park forms the north boundary of Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area.

This 97 square-kilometer preserve is Canada's first forest reserve and

is only 40 minutes from downtown Edmonton.

It is about 1/3 the size of Elk Island and is a multiple use area.

All involved interests cooperate to make Blackfoot Recreation Area a success.

Industrial (natural gas extraction), agricultural (cattle grazing), and wildlife management practices take place alongside hunting, trapping and recreational activities such as hiking, wildlife viewing, birdwatching and photography.

Deer, moose, elk, bison, beaver, and muskrat all make their home here along with over 200 species of resident and migratory birds, including at least one nesting pair of Trumpeter Swans.

There are over 170 kilometers of maintained walking, hiking, mountain biking, equestrian, Nordic skiing and snowshoe trails.

Accompanying Wayne, was a colleague of his, Brian Peters. He was along to promote the launch his new magazine, "Alberta: Land and Wildlife".

This heavily illustrated magazine is modeled after magazines such as National Geographic, Arizona Highways, and Beautiful British Columbia.

It is a showcase for the province of Alberta and will feature articles and photographs from all regions of the province,



Brian Peters

from the Peace Country in the north and the Mountains to the west, to the Parkland in the east, and the Grasslands to the south.

The premiere issue will be due out in late July and is scheduled to be published bi-monthly thereafter.

The initial issue will be 115 pages in length, with subsequent issues being just slightly less, around the 95-page length.

Brian had samples of the double-page photographic spreads that he really wants to feature in each

issue.

Watercolour maps will accompany every article.

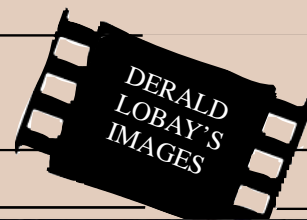
This summer, instead of driving thousands of kilometers to those iconic American National Parks, perhaps think about staying local, less than an hour east of Edmonton.

And if you're not familiar with the area and want to go with some whom is, contact Wayne Millar at guide@birdsandbackcountry.com.

Article-Derald Lobay

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CLUB MEMBERS WINNING MONTHLY PICTURES



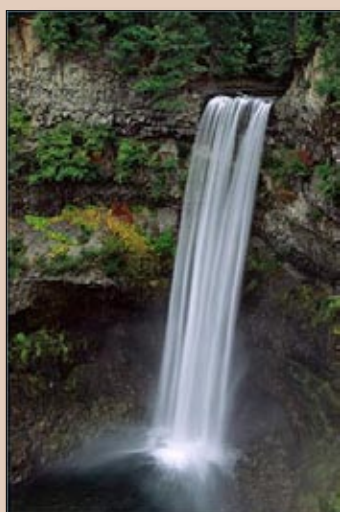
1st Place Print - October "Insects"



3rd Place Slide - April "Abandoned Vehicles"



2nd Place Slide - May "Open"



3rd Place Slide - January "Open"



2nd Place Slide - February "Doors and Windows"