

Featuring • Highlights Saint John AGM  
& ATCC September 17-19, 2009 •  
Member Profile: Brian Phelan

- Chapter honours long standing members, Randy Nelson and Walter Bidlake of New Brunswick with Honourary Life Memberships



**Randy Nelson** former Saint John Parks and Leisure Services Department head receiving Life Membership award at AGM from President Stan Kochanoff

- Prominent ASCA Consulting Arborist from Connecticut, **Scott Cullen** was our keynote speaker at Friday AGM



Saint John AGM host chairman, Chris Gaudet presents Scott Cullen with a gift following his challenging presentation on “ALSO trees”.

- Other presenters at the AGM educational sessions held at Saint John’s Rocklife Park including veteran N B Department of Agriculture Horticulture Extension agent, Garth Nickerson and Kelly Honeyman of the Irving Nature Park.



**Walter Bidlake** retired from New Brunswick Power receiving Life membership plaque from outgoing President Stan at Friday evening banquet

- **Trevor Burton** recaptures chapter ATCC winning Master’s Tree climbing championship competition



Master finalists, Runner-up Dan LeBlanc (our new president), Trevor Burton, our new ATCC champion and second runner-up Joey Peters.

- Our annual ATCC event was held at Kings Square in Saint John. John Denovan our ATCC chairman and his committee ran things very Efficiently for 11 competitors from all three provinces (NB, NS and PEI)



ATCC competitors watching intently



Host Saint John Chair with the Department of Parks & Leisure Services Chris Gaudet confers with outgoing past president Dan Hicks of Moncton Parks



ATCC Chair (The sergeant) John Denovan

• **New Board elected for 2010 Chapter Executive**

President: Dan LeBlanc, Moncton, NB  
Past President: Stan Kochanoff,

Falmouth, NS

Vice President: Jim Urbanowsky,  
Gagetown, NB

Secretary: Chris Gaudet, Saint John, NB  
Directors: Kurt Laird, Charlottetown, PEI, David Evans, St. Johns, NFLD, Neil Trebble and Andrew Hayes, Fredericton, NB, Crispin Hoar and David Cooper, Halifax, NS.

Brian Phelan of Halifax continues as the chapter director to ISA International and also the Certification and membership chair.

Trevor Burton, 2009 ATCC winner. Trevor will represent the chapter at the ITCC in Chicago in 2010

Our 2007 & 2008 champion Matt Follett did not compete this year and has moved on to Montreal



Jim Urbanowsky our new Vice president and directors Martin Walsh and Kurt Laird relaxing in the sun at Kings Square



Our new president, Dan LeBlanc



**Member Profile: Brian Phelan ISA-Atlantic's Veteran Director to ISA International**



Brian Phelan, Halifax Regional Municipality's Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces

- In the October 2009 issue of ISA's Arborist News our charter member Brian Phelan was featured in an article in the Global Perspective Section. For those who may have missed it, check out the article on page 64. If you are like me, you'll find out a lot about Brian and his HRM day job and the tremendous amount of work he has done with our chapter since it's inception in 1988.

- Brian is a founding charter member when we became the twenty-second ISA chapter in 1988. In 1989 he was selected as our first director to serve on the International Society of Arboriculture's board of directors. He has held that position for 20 years and represented us on the International Board every year at the ISA International AGM meetings held at different cities throughout the United States and Canada including meetings in England and recently Hawaii.

- Brian has served at every capacity in our chapter and at the 1991 ISA Annual conference in Philadelphia he represented us as our chapter president, competed in the International Tree Climbing Jamboree as our chapter Champion and as our director at the ISA-International Board meetings.

- Brian continues to be our chapter workhorse taking on the duties of our chapter Certification Liaison, Membership

and Finance (with some help from his wife, Cathy) in addition to his board duties for ISA International.

- Brian admits to being a tree climber at heart and is also a perennial judge in our Atlantic Tree Climbing Championships held at various venues throughout the Atlantic region.

Brian in judging action at the Moncton ATCC in 2007



- Brian's responsibilities as supervisor of Parks and Open Spaces at HRM includes the Urban Forestry Section. He has been responsible for a high level of professionalism with his staff members. All of his key management groups are Certified Arborists as well as a number of his crewmembers. They are encouraged to take training and achieve the designation of an ISA Tree Worker/Climber Specialist.

On a personal note, everyone would probably agree, Brian is our "Mr. Nice-Guy" of the chapter. He is always very helpful and provides guidance to new members and to new in-coming directors and officers.

Brian, enough can't be said about your contribution, we salute you and thank you for your tremendous service to the chapter.

By: Stan Kochanoff, Past President, ISA-Atlantic