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Spring is Finally Here!

Greetings from

The Saskatchewan Geological Society

Details of upcoming talks

Our Spring program has wrapped up, but stay tuned for announcements of further talks in the fall season. Our new venue, Bushwackers Brew Pub, has been a great success. While the room is a bit cramped at times, the food has been excellent, and the talks of high quality. Thanks to Kim Kreis and Mike Thomas for continuing to put together a great program.

President's Message

Greetings to all fellow SGS members. My name is Erik Nickel, and I am your new President of the Saskatchewan Geological Society. Many of you also may know me as your 2004 President of the SGS, but most of you know me as the guy who was with the survey at the lab for a long time, and now resides at the Petroleum Technology Research Centre. My apologies for being so late in getting this newsletter out, but as with many of us these days, work and life get in the way sometimes.

I was both humbled and frightened when the past President last year (Ryan Morelli) suggested that I should take my second spin as the President. It had been 14 years since I had done this, and like most of us, I have a busy work schedule. After some discussion, Ryan let me know that he wasn't really asking, he was letting me know that I was the new President. So, with some trepidation I accepted the post.

In the time since, I have found so many things that have have changed in the society, but so many that have stayed the same. Changed... well, we no longer spend afternoons licking envelopes and putting stamps on copies of the Rock Record to mail out to the membership, or hand deliver them through the halls of the survey... come to think of it, the survey no longer has halls at all. The immediacy of the communication we now have with members is both a blessing and a curse. The free and instant flow of information and ideas is great, but also comes with the responsibility of ensuring we act in an equally timely fashion.

What has stayed the same? That's easy. The people. The people I have met with the passion and drive they have for our little society that punches so far above it's weight. I am constantly amazed by the people in the society, the volunteers, who passionately create and sell calendars, plan fields trips, and organize luncheon talks. The people who think nothing of giving up a weekend to tell children about geology, judge a science fair, or tour kids through the lab. Those that host barbeques, get the beer, look after the vans, all this stuff. I'd like to name them all, but you know who you are. It is those people that keep this society where so many other similar societies have disappeared.

The current executive you will find to be the perfect mix of the young and enthusiastic (Taylor, Samantha, Zeinab), the professional and efficient (Kate), and sage old guys (Mike and Kim), with Monica keeping us all energized and on-track. We have had a great spring program for talks, at a new venue (Bushwackers) where the beer is cold, and the food plentiful and good. We intend to continue with that and other society functions as time and volunteer energy allows.

I hope you all enjoy this SGS year as much as I will, and derive from it the professional discussions and camaraderie we have come to expect.

Erik Nickel



Field Trip!



The Saskatchewan Geological Society are going to Montana for the 2018 Annual Field Trip. Drs. Michael Hofmann and James Sears (University of Montana) have volunteered to show us around. Michael will show us the Sappington Formation (Bakken equivalent) at Hardscrabble Peak in the Bridger Range (see attached picture). The tour will involve a strenuous hike where we will see the entire Mississippian Madison Group, Sappington plus underlying Devonian Three Forks and Jefferson in outcrop. (Michael showed us the Sappington Formation at Milligan Creek on our 2015 Field Trip). We will spend two days with James Sears in the Proterozoic sediments of the Belt Super Group. James is the expert in this area.

The Field Trip will leave Regina on Friday August 24 and return on Tuesday August 28.

Contact John Lake (lakegeol@sasktel.net) to reserve your space. Although the trip is currently full, there is a wait list to put yourself on.

Curling was a success!

The Sask. Geological Society and D.M. Kent Geology Club Annual Curling Bonspiel was held on Saturday March 17th at the Tartan Curling Club. Contestants of all skill levels turned up, including seasoned curlers and a couple of members who had never before stepped out on the ice. In total, there were 8 teams, split evenly between student teams from the University of Regina and Society member teams. After many hard-fought battles on the ice, first place was awarded to a team of four students: Arin Kitchen, Brody Strocen, Daniel Ferguson, and Derek Johnson. Second place went to a team of Society members that comprised Peter Hill, Samantha Van De Kerckhove and the two first-time curlers Omid and Anahita Mahmoodi! Bill Slimmon was the lucky winner of our 50/50 draw.



Fall Barbeque

Due to difficulties in getting enough people and teams for golf, we are switching it this year to just a fun fall barbeque for SGS members and their families. Date will be the same as the traditional golf tournament, Friday after the Labour Day weekend. Please stay tuned for further details.

Membership Renewals PLEASE

To help our members to follow up on their membership status, SGS is now sending out reminder emails at the time of the renewal (Close to the end of the year). Members would also receive a confirmation email of their payment and renewal status a few days after receiving the payment here at the SGS. SGS uses emails as the primary way of communication to our members; please let us know as soon as you change your email address, and we would be happy to update your account.

SGS membership is on a calendar year basis. The most convenient way to renew your membership is to do it online. Please renew your memberships as soon as you can. It's easy at:

<https://sgshome.ca/membership/membership-application>.



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