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Pacific Regional Society of Soil Science

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President's Message

It's that time of year now where we are gearing up for our fall field trip. As per members' suggestions at the March Workshop we are planning for an active day trip. After Andy Jakoy's reconnaissance trip to the Howe Sound area July 15, we have planned a one-day field trip for Saturday September 27, 2003 to the Squamish Valley. Details are included in this newsletter and I hope that this will prove to be of interest to members. It's such a beautiful and interesting area!

Our 25th annual PRSSS Workshop in March was a great success. We had a diverse range of speakers from all over BC making contributions and we had a great turnout. I had some excellent feedback from members in terms of desired future directions of the society and interests for next year's workshop. There were great ideas and enthusiasm generated. The Executive have been working towards generating some of those ideas into action such as exploring ways of enhancing the Society's cooperation with other organizations to gaining recognition as a good source of objective

information. At next year's workshop we hope to host a session of technical talks and find out more about what Grad students are working on these days.

Recently issues regarding the bookstore have been brought to my attention. I want to clarify that it is the intention of the Society to make these materials available to the general public to get this information out. A lot of hard work has been put into collecting and cataloguing these materials and it is important for members to know that they are accessible. Andy is currently managing the bookstore and can be contacted at: (604) 736 - 7225 . I hope to post the inventory list on our link, on the BCIA website. Another issue of concern is the actual bookstore fund and how the Society should allocate the funds. These are some of the issues that the Executive are facing and will likely need to be addressed at the next AGM.

On behalf of the PRSSS Executive I'd like to welcome any comments or concerns. I can be reached at 604-278-5535 or by email at natasha@soilconlabs.com.

Natasha Smyth
President

What's Happening in the PRSSS...

The New Executive Committee

A new executive committee was formed last spring and should you have questions or comments to put forth to any of the committee members, here is their contact info:

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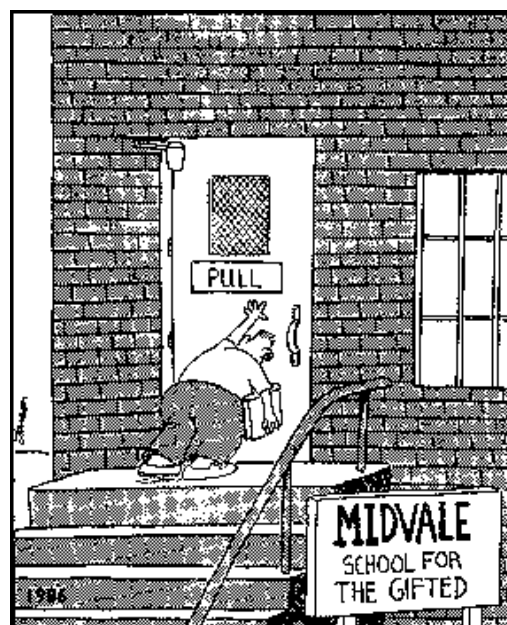
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PRSSS is Online!

The Pacific Regional Society of Soil Science has a link through the British Columbia Institute of Agrologists at: www.bcia.com/pacificregionalsocietyofsoilscienceprsss/
 Details on membership, recent publications and upcoming events can be found at this site. We are in the process of looking into setting up our own website, which will allow us to "link" with other associated organizations. Many thanks are given to Mr. Garth Bean for administering our current link.

PRSSS Bookstore

One of our main purposes for maintaining the bookstore is to get the materials out into the hands of people who will make good use of them. We still have a fair bit of material available for distribution. A lot of hard work has gone into collecting the materials and cataloguing the items. A list of inventory can be viewed on our BCIA link. For further information on bookstore items, please contact Andy Jakoy at 604-873-3877 or email him at burtonjakoy@yahoo.com.



Upcoming Events, Conferences and Workshops

Aug 20-21, 2003. Forest Law for First Nations. Malaspina Forestry Extension Program. Nanaimo.

<http://www.mala.bc.ca/www/ForestEx/ForestLaw.HTM>

Sept 21-28, 2003. XII World Forestry Congress: A Focus on Forests. Quebec City, Quebec.

<http://www.cfm2003.org/>

Sept 22-26, 2003. The Art and Science of Ecosystem-Based Conservation Planning. Salmo. <http://www.silvafor.org>

Oct 23 to 25, 2003. Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia AGM. Penticton, BC.

<http://www.apeg.bc.ca/ac2003/>

October 30, 2003. "Landslides and Natural Resources" Sponsored by the International Consortium on Landslides. Vancouver.

<http://www.pep.bc.ca/events/events.html>

Nov 23-26, 2003. Banff Mountain Summit 2003 - Mountains As Water Towers.

<http://www.banffmountainfestivals.ca/festivals/summit/>

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Feb. 25-27, 2004. 56th ABCPF Forestry Conference & Annual General Meeting. Vancouver.

<http://www.rpf-bc.org/agm.html>

April, 2004. Forest Land-Fish Conference II: Ecosystem Stewardship

Through Collaboration. Edmonton, Alberta.

<http://www.tucanada.org/forestlandfish2/>

May 13-15, 2004. Land Summit 2004 Conference. University of British Columbia.

Just for fun - Worms 'n Dirt Recipe!

What you need:

- 8 inch flower pot & trowel
(use the right pot)
- 8 oz. softened cream cheese
- Large package of **Oreo** cookies
- 1/2 stick softened margarine or butter
- 12 oz. Cool whip or other whipped topping
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 2 3/4 cup milk
- 2 small package instant French vanilla pudding
- 1 package of Gummy Worms

What you do:

1. Crush well the package of Oreo cookies (set aside).
2. Cream together 1/2 stick of margarine or butter, 8 oz. package cream cheese, 3/4 cup powdered sugar (set aside).
3. Mix together- 2 3/4 C. milk, 2 packages pudding.
4. Combine- #2 and #3 and mix well.
5. Fold In- 12 oz. Cool Whip
6. Using an 8" flower pot, plugging bottom of pot with lid from cool whip. Layer ingredients in pot starting with cookie crumbs then pudding mixture and inserting the gummies continue until

ending with cookie crumbs on top.
Refrigerate overnight if possible.

7. Add artificial flowers before serving for decoration

Serve with trowel.



Pacific Regional Society of Soil Science Fall 2003 Field Trip

Howe Sound Corridor, Squamish Valley and TFL. #38

Saturday, September 27th, 2003

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from Park Royal, West Vancouver, 'The Bay' main entrance (North side of Marine Drive)

- Follow lower Marine Drive to Caulfeild's Cove.
At Caulfeild's Cove: examine contact between Coast Intrusives, Bowen Island and Georgia Straight rocks.
Discuss soil development associated with Georgia Straight Depression.
- Drive to Lion's Bay: examine concrete lined debris chutes of Harvey and Alberta Creeks.
- Porteau Cove: examine glacial grooves on granitic rocks.
- Shannon Falls: short walk to Look Out to admire water fall.

Lunch: Howe Sound Brew Pub in Squamish

- If time permits examine Squamish River Estuary. Meet representatives of Empire Logging.
- Drive to TFL. #38 and examine the nature trail set aside to honour Charlie Deminger, area engineer of Empire logging for 30 years. The nature trail is located on the channelled fluvial fan of Terminal Creek. Provide a summary of our observations concerning soils of the area to the forestry staff of Empire Logging.

Return to Vancouver. (Estimated time of arrival to Lion's Gate Bridge is 6:30 p.m.)

References:

Armstrong, J.E. 1990. Vancouver Geology. GAO. Cordilleran Section. Vancouver, BC.
Roddick, J.A. 1965. Coast plutonic Complex. Mem.335. GSC. Ottawa, Ont.

FIELD TRIP LEADER: ANDY JAKOY

COST: \$25/person (includes van rental and lunch)

RSVP by September 13

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