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MFPC Visits the Membership

**By Patrick Strauch
MFPC Executive Director**



June was another busy month here at the Council! James and I were fortunate to be able to get out and visit the membership in Fort Kent, Jackman, and Farmington at the Council's three summer membership breakfasts. While members had many concerns on their minds, energy costs, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and industry growth were among the most talked about issues this year. We visited Fort Kent from June 17-19. Don Tardie and his family were very gracious and allowed us to stay at their beautiful camp on St. Froid Lake. We had the opportunity to make several visits to members and

potential members alike. Some of our visits included a tour of the Maine



Patrick and members at the Fort Kent breakfast

Woods Company mill, and visits to a Seven Islands Land Company harvest site, Kelly Lumber and Northeast Pellets LLC in Ashland. On Thursday morning we had a wonderful breakfast at Rock's Family Diner in Fort Kent. Thank you goes out to both our sponsors in Fort Kent, J.D. Irving and Key Bank, and Don Tardie who helped organize the trip.

Our Jackman breakfast, sponsored by Plum Creek Timber Company, was on June 24, where Alan Duplessie at the Four Seasons Restaurant hosted us. I was able to

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Babineau Logging, Inc.: 2008 National Outstanding Logger

*From a Forest Resources Association
Press Release: April 18, 2008*

Note: Babineau Logging, Inc. was awarded the Maine Forest Products Council Logger of the Year Award in 2007.

Rockville, MD – The Forest Resources Association honored David and Kurt Babineau, owners of West

Enfield, Maine's Babineau Logging, Inc., as the 2008 National Outstanding Logger at its April 13 Annual Awards Luncheon in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. FRA Chairman Jim Brody



presented them with a special plaque and congratulated David, Kurt, and their crews on behalf of the FRA Board.

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President's Message

I am pleased to report that the annual MFPC golf outing was a great success. Turnout was excellent, the weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time. The event raised important revenues for the Council, which is a great way to have fun and keep dues low.

For the second year in a row the golf team I was on took last place honors and won the case of paper towels. At the risk of seeming immodest, the common factor of the two teams was me. It appears that I was instrumental in achieving this new nadir in golf performance. Although I am proud of this accomplishment, I promise to wear the paper towel crown with appropriate humility. I also wish to congratulate my team of Barry Burgason, Greg Rush and Joel Philbrook who worked hard to keep us at the bottom.

Great thanks and congratulations go to Brian Flewelling, Don White, Sue McCarthy and Patrick Strauch for organizing the golf event and working hard to raise sponsors. They did a great job and made the event a success. I would also like to thank all the companies and individuals who sponsored holes, and provided equipment and prizes. The event cannot occur without you.

Please note that the MFPC annual meeting is scheduled for September 21-23 in Bethel, Maine. You will shortly receive registration materials, and a draft budget and proposed bylaw changes will arrive before the meeting. Not only is the



Peter Triandafillou

annual meeting fun and informative, but it's the one time each year when the membership elects the Board of Directors and passes any changes to the Council's bylaws. Please make an effort to come. There is another golf event on the 21st. Don't plan on seeing me there; I've accomplished my golf goal for the year. Things should therefore move along at a faster pace (in case you were worried).

Note that the Council makes several awards at the annual meeting banquet. These include logger, trucker and manufacturer of the year. It's your chance to nominate people and businesses that you know and respect, so please take a moment and send a nomination to Sue at the Council office before July 31st.

Hope you are all having an excellent summer, and dealing with current market conditions profitably. Take some time to enjoy our brief warm season and I'll see you all in September.



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Communications Corner

By: James Cote



July was a busy month at the Council, with many opportunities to comment in the media. Patrick Strauch, Peter Triandafillou and others did a tremendous job in interviews with the Portland Press Herald, MaineBiz, and Maine Public Radio. I was also fortunate enough to get an invitation from Paul Reynolds of the Northwoods Sporting Journal to join him on his radio show on a Sunday evening to discuss LURC's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Our new email service, *MFPC Forest News*, has truly taken off in recent weeks. We have heard great feedback from members on the benefits of such a service. MFPC Forest News is a daily email that is sent to members that includes the day's forest products industry related news clippings, a calendar with important dates, and Council reminders and announcements. To sign up for this service, please email me at jcote@maineforest.org.

The fall also looks to be busy in the communications office. With legislative races heating up, several task force reports being completed, and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan process-taking place, MFPC will have no shortage of opportunities to get our messages into the public. We are also considering putting together a media tour of some member facilities for members of the Maine news media who frequently report on our industry. As always,

please contact me with ideas and suggestions.

Have a safe and relaxing remainder of the summer!

Issue Briefs

Maine's Quality of Place Council

Maine's Quality of Place Council met for the first time since the Governor initiated the group through an Executive Order on Thursday, July 17, 2008. The Council is chaired by Dick Barringer. The group is tasked with several items, perhaps most important, however, is preparing legislation by December 1, 2008 to establish a statewide and regional Quality of Place investment strategy for Maine.

Some follow up tasks from the original Quality of Place Council include asking the members to "align the state's major land use laws for mutual consistency and coherence in support of Maine's Quality of Place", reassessing the LURC statute-including subdivision exemptions, plan a statewide network of multi-use trails, and studying current regional conservation initiatives, and developing a proposal to strengthen Maine's landowner relations program.

The next meeting of this group will be on September 14th at 9:00 a.m., location to be determined.

MFPC will continue to monitor this group in the future.

Sirex Wood Wasp

A developing situation regarding upcoming federal regulations on the movement of pine potentially infested with Sirex, or European Wood Wasp, could possibly affect some Maine pine facilities, although we are not directly targeted.

The State of North Carolina has recently sent out a notice effective June 24th that they are enacting an external quarantine on pine that is imported from jurisdictions potentially infested with the wasp.



Currently there are efforts supporting a regional pest management plan,

instead of a total quarantine.

While Maine doesn't move a tremendous amount of pine to North Carolina, there still could be some related ramifications. MFPC will keep members apprised as to how to comment on this issue.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan

At the July meeting of the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC), Director Catherine Carroll informed the Commissioners that staff should have a summary on the draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan public workshops, which were held this spring, prepared for the next meeting of the Commission on August 6 at the Black Bear Inn in Orono.

Staff's summary will be an analysis of what they heard at the public workshops, and a report on recommendations to the Commissioner's concerning what changes should be made to the draft plan. MFPC is strongly urging members, who are able, to attend this meeting.

For more information on the agenda for the meeting, please contact James Cote at jcote@maineforest.org or call the MFPC office at 622-9288.

Membership Breakfast *(Cont. from page 1)*

get out into the field with Mark Doty of Plum Creek after the breakfast, where Eaton Peabody's Bill Ferdinand



Patrick and members at the Jackman breakfast



Members at the Farmington breakfast

and Patsy Wiggins joined us for a tour of some of Plum Creek's land.

The membership breakfast in Farmington was well attended, and included guest speaker Bob Meyers, Executive Director of the Maine Snowmobile Association. Thank you also to Representative Tom Saviello for stopping by to say hello. Members joined in chorus to sing happy birthday to the Council's own Sue McCarthy, and while our tune didn't exactly sound heavenly, we can be sure that it will be one birthday celebration that Sue won't soon forget. Thanks to Farm Credit of Maine for sponsoring this event!

Be sure to keep an eye out for our fall legislative forum series schedule, which will be announced in late summer. Sponsors for the events are being recruited. If you or your company would like to sponsor a fall event, please call Sue McCarthy at 622-9288.

Have you received your MFPC Forest News today?

Tired of searching through dozens of websites to get the day's industry news? You're in luck! The Council's newest service, MFPC Forest News, is a daily email containing a collection of the day's most pressing forest products industry related news stories from around the state. MFPC Forest News also contains a calendar of events, member alerts, and Maine Forest Products Council updates. To sign up for this free service, please email James Cote at jcote@maineforest.org

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H.O. Bouchard and SFI Participants Deliver Big for Habitat for Humanity!

We want to offer a special thanks to H. O. Bouchard for donating the transportation of building materials from three northern Maine mills to a Habitat for Humanity construction site in Portland. The Maine Sustainable Forestry Initiative Committee and Bank of America are cosponsors of the Matiyabo family, Habitat home. On July 8th, H.O. Bouchard delivered all the SFI certified materials necessary to construct the shell of the new home. Contributors include Fraser Papers, with all the framing lumber, Huber Engineered Wood with sheathing for floors, roof and walls, and Louisiana Pacific with



engineered wood beams you see being carried by volunteers from Portland West, Youth Build Alternatives. Wagner Forest Management and SFI Inc. are donating cash. The opportunity to participate still exist with the need to raise the final \$27,000. \$93,000 have been raise to this point.

August 12th, there will be kick- off event with Governor Baldacci, his wife Karen, and member of Maine's delegation present. This will be the first ever Habitat for Humanity home constructed to the National Association of



Home Builders, Green Building standards. Please contact Pat Sirois for more details.



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MFPC 2008 Summer Golf Tournament

The Maine Forest Products Council Annual Summer Golf Tournament was successful once again this year, drawing the largest crowd ever of 118 golfers. Sponsors for the tournament deserve an enormous



Even the non-golfers had fun--Doug Denico , Brian Flewelling, Patrick Strauch and Sue McCarthy

amount of thanks for providing equipment showings, cart sponsorships, hole sponsorships, and prizes. See list of sponsors on next page.

Three people in particular deserve a tremendous amount of thanks for putting on such a terrific day, they are Don White of Prentiss & Carlisle, Brian Flewelling of Key Bank and Sue McCarthy of the Maine Forest Products Council.

Players enjoyed a beautiful summer day of golf at Bangor Municipal Golf Course, and ended the day with a wonderful dinner reception and award ceremony at the clubhouse.

Gross Team Winners

1st Place- Eric Dubay, Buddy Gardner, Bill Gardner, Randy Bishop 58. They each received \$100 and a trophy.



2nd Place- Jim Maynard, Don White, Scott Barnes, David Carlisle 59. They each received \$50



3rd Place- Mario Thyer, Allen Miller, Jeff Leadbetter, Tom Doyle 62. They each received a box of golf balls.



Net Team Winners

1st Place- Chris Fitzpatrick, John Raymond, Bill Rayfield, Paul Rudd with a score of 54. They each received \$100 and a trophy.



2nd Place- Dave Wilby, Alec Jarvis, Stacy Fitts, James Cote with a score of 55. They each received \$50



3rd Place- Don Libby, Mike Levesque, Mike Cote, Arkon Horne with a score of 56. They each received a box of golf balls.



Other Awards

Closest to the Pin on #3- Jim Maynard (71")
Men's Long Drive Winner- Jason Clifford

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Kent Hall of Stihl also congratulated the two and presented them with a \$1,000 check.

Kurt Babineau thanked Brody and FRA for the Award, commenting, "This is a tremendous honor for us. Our being here today is not only due to our effort. We have a lot of people backing us up." He praised the support of their wives, their crews, and American Forest Management's Allen LeBrun: "He's just the kind of guy you want to give 110% to."

Since 1995, David and Kurt Babineau have used cut-to-length harvesting equipment and are known widely as one of the premier contractors in Maine.

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Babineau Logging often hosts the Maine TREE Foundation's summer teacher's tours and is a favorite place for American Forest Management's clients and investors to visit during woods tours.

Why? They are American Forest Management's "go-to" contractor for harvesting in environmentally sensitive sites, such as riparian zones, deeryards, and aesthetically important areas. Carefully selecting and handling each harvested tree results in accurate tree selection, optimal

utilization, and minimal residual damage. Products are sorted three times: when the tree is processed, when the forwarder piles the logs at roadside, and when trucks are loaded—resulting in nearly flawless merchandising.

To boost harvesting efficiency, three operators will either run one shift on the processor and two shifts on the forwarder or two shifts on the processor and one shift on the forwarder each day as needed. Trucking is handled by custom-built center-mounted loader trucks using lightweight components and equipped with on-board scales, which allow for hauling the maximum legal load.

Safety is also a top priority for Babineau Logging. Due to its effective safety program, the company has never experienced a serious injury.

FRA has honored 18 National Outstanding Loggers since establishing the national award in 1990. Recent National Outstanding Loggers include Ken and Lynetta Griner of Florida (2003), John and Nipper Bunn of Georgia (2004), Mitchell and Wanda Presley of Alabama (2005), Adrian Bishop, of South Carolina (2006), and Tommy Barnes and David Cox, of Edgemoor, South Carolina last year. Nominees for this year's award passed through state-level recognition to regional award programs administered through FRA's Regional Division structure. A jury of 25 national-level leaders in forestry and conservation selected the winner.

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Babineau.(Cont. from page 8)

The other nominees for this year's National award were:

Johnny and Michelle Kynard, Kynard Logging, Inc., Greensboro, Alabama

Henry Schienebeck, Schienebeck Renewable Resource Management, Butternut, Wisconsin

Josephy Seckinger, Seckinger Forest Products, Hampton, South Carolina

Shawn Sexton, Sexton's Excavating, Jackson, Ohio.

The Outstanding Logger program is designed:

1. to recognize outstanding logging contractor performance;
2. to raise the visibility of competent, professional independent logging contractors in the forestry community;
3. to encourage other independent logging contractors to emulate the outstanding performance of the award winners; and
4. to improve forester-logger relations by publicly recognizing outstanding logging performance as an essential element of every planned timber harvest.

The Forest Resources Association Inc. is a nonprofit trade association concerned with the safe, efficient, and sustainable harvest of forest products and their transport from woods to mill. FRA represents wood consumers, independent logging contractors, and wood dealers, as well as businesses providing products and services to the forest resource-based industries.



To Pat, With much appreciation for your hard work and dedication! Olym Snow

SFI's Pat Sirois during a recent productive trip to Washington D.C. where he and a coalition of industry supporters advocated for increased weight limit restriction on Maine highways. Way to go Pat!

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Dear MFPC Member:

The Maine Forest Products Council invites you to attend our 48th Annual Membership Meeting. Our focus, continuing from last year, is the celebration of our industry, and returning to a more grass-roots format. Plan to join us Sunday, September 21th, to play golf at the Sunday River Golf Club, and then a BBQ at the Sunday River Jordon Grand Resort Hotel in Bethel, Maine. Note that the golf is not a tournament. You will need to choose a tee-time from 10-30 to 12:40, A form will be in the packet being sent out next week. Monday morning starts with a 7:00 AM breakfast and key-note speaker TBA, followed by the business meeting. Directly following the meeting, we will enjoy a soup and sandwich buffet and then board buses for two industry tours. Later in the afternoon the buses will return to the Jordon Hotel and we will reconvene for the President's Reception and annual awards banquet. The evening will conclude with the annual awards presentations and auction.

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**Please return this form and payment with all registration materials by
August 22**

to Maine Forest Products Council, 535 Civic Center Dr, Augusta, ME 04330. Fax (207) 626-3002



Maine Forest Products Council 48th Annual Meeting Registration

Sunday – Golf Tournament

10:30am -- Golf Tournament (see enclosed Form) \$100.00
Includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart

Sunday – 19th Hole Reception

6:00 pm -- 19th Hole Reception/BBQ - Sliders Restaurant @ Jordons \$ 35.00
BBQ Boneless Chicken, Brisket of Beef, Chili, Potatoes, Salads, Baked Beans
Salads, Breads & Pie

Monday – Breakfast, Tours, Lunch, Annual Meeting & Joint Meeting

7:00 am -- Buffet Breakfast \$ 20.00

Breakfast includes Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Sausage, Baked Beans, Assorted
Dry Cereals, Fresh Baked Muffins, Bagels Choice of two juices, Pancakes/ French Toast,
Home Fried Potatoes, coffee and tea

11:30 am-- Buffet Lunch & Tour \$ 25.00

New England Clam Chowder, Minestone Soup, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad
Glased Ham and Smoked Turkey Sandwiches & Brownies

Monday Evening – Reception & Silent Auction, Awards Banquet & Live Auction

5:00 pm -- Social Hour
6:00 pm -- Buffet Dinner \$ 45.00

Herb chicken, Grilled Sirloin and Stuffed Sole, salads, soups, vegetables and dessert

Name	Billing Address	Golf \$100	BBQ \$35	Breakfast \$20	Lunch/Tours \$25	Banquet \$45	Total

Person Submitting form: _____

Phone: _____

Questions, please call Sue (207) 622-9288

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July

17- Governor's Council on Quality of Place- Cabinet Room,
State House

August

6- Land Use Regulation Commission Meeting, Black Bear Inn,
Orono

14- MFPC Executive Committee Meeting, MFPC Augusta

September

21- Annual Meeting Golf/BBQ Sunday River

22- Annual Meeting, Bethel

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