

BC Nature Spring Conference and AGM

May 13 to 16, 2010

Grasslands, Past, Present and Future

Hosted by the Kamloops Naturalist Club at Thompson Rivers University

Schedule of events

NOTE IMPORTANT CHANGE TO START TIME OF AGM ON SATURDAY

Thursday, May 13

12:30 to 4:30 pm

Pre-conference tour

Highland Valley Copper Mine grasslands and wetlands reclamation

6:00 to 9:00 pm

Registration: Displays and informal social

Friday, May 14

5:30 to 7:30 am

Early morning birding

7:30 to 8:15 am

Registration (breakfast on your own)

8:15 to 10:15 am

Presentations (note, some changes in presenters)

- “One percent and Shrinking, Grassland Conservation in BC”
Bob Moody and Dr. Andrew Harcombe
- “The Special Nature of our Grasslands”
Dr. Wendy Gardner and Terri France
- “Critters in our Grasslands”
Dr. Karl Larsen and Rick Howie

10:15 to 10:45 am

Refreshment Break

10:45 to 12 noon

Presentations

- “Hot, Dry Forests – Future Grasslands?”
Dr. Andre Arsenault and Ralph Heinrich
- “Looking Ahead”
Dr. Tom Dickinson

12 noon to 5 pm

Field Trips (pre-order lunch with registration or bring your own, same for Saturday's outings)

- Lac du Bois Protected Area
- Knutsford Ranches
- Kamloops Indian Reserve
- Six Mile Lake
- Ord Road to Dewdrop Flats
- Agriculture Research Station/Tranquille

6:30 to 7:30 pm

Wine and Cheese Social

7:30 to 9:00 pm

“**Spirit in the Grass**”, Chris Harris, renowned BC photographer

9:30 pm

Astronomy: survey the heavens from TRU Observatory

Saturday, May 15

5:30 to 7:30 am

Early morning birding

7:30 to 8:30 am

Registration (breakfast on your own)

8:30 am to 12 noon

Meetings: BC Nature Directors and Young Naturalists Committee

8:30 am to 12 noon

Field Trips: Similar to Friday's list. Friday sign-up. Lunch as above

12 noon to 1:00 pm

Directors' Lunch

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

IBA Presentation: Anne Murray Conservation co-chair: **ADDITION**

1:30 to 4:30pm

BC Nature Annual General Meeting (note: revised start/end time)

5:30 to 6:30 pm

No-host Happy Hour

6:30 to 9:00 pm

Banquet and awards

Keynote speaker: Dr. Lauchlan Fraser, Research Chair TRU,
“Grasslands in our World – a global perspective”

Sunday, May 16

8:30 am – 12 Noon

Farewell outings around Kamloops, perhaps on your way home.