

Since 1953 the Miramichi Salmon Association (MSA) has worked toward the preservation and enhancement of the wild Atlantic salmon. MSA continues to look to build its membership strength, so we encourage you, if not already a member, to please join our ranks. [Join us Now](#)

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# **THE LEAPER**

**MSA'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**



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## **MSA First Annual Photo Contest a Success!**

Below: MSA Best Member Photo by Humphrey Sheehan (New Maryland, NB) of Gilman Brook in October.



The MSA's first Annual Photo Contest came to a close on August 31st of this year. The committee was overwhelmed by the response, with over 100 entries from members and non-members. After much deliberation by a panel of judges, the MSA is pleased to present

here  
the Best Overall Winners for the 2016 Photo Contest:

**Best Overall Member Photo: Humphrey Sheehan, Scenes (above)**

**Best Overall Non Member: Chris Gaston, People (below)**



[For a full list of this year's 33 winners please go to the MSA website where all of the winning photos are on display. Click Here!](#)

## Conservation Programs Update

with MSA Biologist  
Holly Labadie

August has been a busy month this year with field crews carrying out our electrofishing program, cold water pool temperature surveys, and scouting for cold water seeps.

Electrofishing began the first week of August and over 30 sites have been surveyed so far to assess spring stocking success and the success of beaver dam removal from the fall program of 2015.

Almost all of the sites above beaver dams removed last year contain fry, and all sites surveyed that were stocked earlier this year have contained fry. Field technicians Tyler Storey and Alexandra Dottin will continue to electrofish into September by helping DFO conduct their annual juvenile assessments.



Follow up temperature surveys have been completed at the cold water pools that were restored last year – Doak Brook, Indiantown Brook, Otter Brook, and Pats Brook. A small number of juveniles were observed at Otter Brook during the follow-up survey. Restoration work for 2016 was completed at Parks Brook on the Little Southwest River on August 19th. An initial survey was also completed at Salmon Brook on the Cains, with restoration work

to follow in 2017.

Scouting was done for small cold water seeps along the Little Southwest River in mid-August. A follow-up electrofishing and temperature survey found a few juveniles in the area, and a small area of cooler water formed near the shore. These seeps are a temporary solution to increase cold water inputs in the river, but may prove to be just enough to help the fish on very hot days.

## The MSA Honours Largest Donor at Fredericton Dinner



Above: Wayne O'Donnell, Camp Manager of Rocky Brook Camp accepts award at MSA Fredericton Dinner



Above: Close to 400 Salmon Conservationists attentively listening to the details on new CAST Program.

Featured to the right: MSA Chairman Brian Moore, Rocky Brook Camp Manager Wayne O'Donnell and MSA President Mark Hambrook during awards presentation.

The 21st Annual Fredericton Conservation Dinner took place on Wednesday September 14th with close to 400 salmon conservation supporters present. The MSA took the opportunity to formally acknowledge and recognize International Paper / Rocky Brook Camp's long standing and continuing support of the MSA. Over the course of the last 20 plus years, IP has contributed and/or helped to generate in excess of \$750,000 in support of the MSA's ongoing salmon conservation efforts. Wayne O'Donnell, Camp Manager at Rocky Brook Camp, accepted the recognition on behalf of IP/Rocky Brook Camp and thanked current and past staff as well as acknowledged his own aw when he began working there and realized that the fishing camp employed a full time biologist.

The live auction, which contained 35 items donated by local artists and companies, fishing camps, and various other MSA supporters, brought in over \$60,000 towards salmon conservation. If you missed the event you most certainly missed out. The Fredericton MSA Dinner Committee would like to thank all those who attended, donated and purchased at the 21st Annual Dinner.



**Rocky Brook Camp Makes Gunshot Victims**

## Dreams of Seeing Fall Brook Falls Come True

When word got out the MSA would be honouring International Paper / Rocky Brook Camp, stories came in of some of the wonderful things that Rocky Brook Camp has done in the past.



"On March 8, 1980 my sister, Lynn and her fiancé, Folke were shot in Louisiana by a gunman (mistaken identity). The 1st bullet caused my then 19 year old sister to be a paraplegic. Folke bravely protected her from further bullets by lying on top of her. He also received bullets and lost part of a kidney causing them both to be in intensive care at a local hospital in Baton Rouge until they were transported to St. Michael's hospital in Toronto. That was 35 years ago."

[To read the rest of heartfelt thank you letter from Elaine Hurley Wilson please click here](#)

## Soups On....

Soups on at the BoatHouse Restaurant where their fabulous tasting soup special is served in an oversized MSA coffee mug. This great eatery's décor is totally dedicated to the Miramichi and its famed Atlantic salmon fishing, including a handcrafted cedar canoe suspended from the ceiling and walls decorated with great river and camp photographs. Special thanks to Jeff Green, owner of the Bishop Drive Irving and Boat House Restaurant (located at 130 Bishop Dr. in Fredericton, NB) for including the MSA and its conservation message and products in his restaurant's tribute to the Mighty Miramichi.



[Click Here to check out their Facebook Page!](#)

## MSA Welcomes New Members - July-August 2016

*"A true conservationist is a person who knows that the world is not given by our fathers, but borrowed from our children"*

- John James Audubon

The Miramichi Salmon Association was excited to have welcomed twenty-four brand new members into our ranks during the months of July and August.

Eric Burchill, Halifax, NS  
Curt Chesley, Moultonboro, NH  
Ronald F. Falusy, Hatfield, PA  
Pat Fitzpatrick, Renous, NB  
David Foster, Saint John, NB  
David Hastings, Fryeburg, ME  
James Gaul, Rangeley, Maine  
Rolf Hofer, Pottstown, PA  
Alexander (Sandy) Johnson, Victoria, BC  
Chris Lloyd, Gray Rapids, NB  
James Lukens, Amesbury MA

Bob Mathews, Fredericton, NB  
Andy Mockler, Fredericton, NB  
Alan Mockler Fredericton, N.B.  
Bob Moran, Grafton, NH  
Ellen Morris, New Maryland, NB  
Brian Noyes, South Freeport, ME  
Malcolm Ray, Damariscotta, ME  
Michael Reed, Winslow, ME  
Robert Teufel, Emmaus, PA  
Harvey Wheeler, Cumberland Foreside, ME  
Jason Wollard, Mars Hill, ME  
Robert Zed, Halifax, NS

**Still not a member of the Miramichi Salmon Association?**

Membership in the MSA is the perfect way to express your passion and support for the Miramichi River, for the Atlantic salmon who make it their home, and for the vital work being done by the MSA to protect and conserve both for today and tomorrow!

[Click here to sign up today!](#)

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## **MSA Events You Do Not Want to Miss**

**October 26th- ASF/MSA Saint John 15th Annual Autumn Run Dinner- [Get the Info here!](#)**

**November 9th- Carleton County Conservation Dinner- [Get the Info here](#)**

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