



# The Top Cut

A newsletter for Certified Logging Professional

*"Cultivating skill, knowledge, and pride in the Maine woods"*

## St. Cyprien Logger Takes Home Top Honors



l-r Chalma Greatorex, Rene Valcourt, Ronald Gosselin, Andrew Marquis and Chris Maxim

The 15th annual regional Game of Logging competition was held this year in Greenville on August 8th. With this year's total prize package valued at over \$6,000.00, it was well worth it for loggers to come out and compete. This year featured some seasoned competitors, as well as some new faces to the competition.

Each competitor had to compete in nine arena events, with the tree felling being the final event. When the scores were all tallied, the winner, and the recipient of \$1000.00 was Ronald Gosselin of St. Cyprien. 2nd place, and a new chainsaw went to Chalma Greatorex of Amherst, 3rd place, and some new safety gear went to Rene Valcourt of Fort Kent. Ronald will be going to Ohio on October 2nd to compete at the Nationals event.

The raffle for the chainsaw and wood carvings, donated by Mike Thurlow, benefiting the Children's Miracle Network Log-A-Load for Kids took in close to \$1,000.00 at this year's event. Thanks to all who purchased tickets for such a great cause!

[www.maineloggereducation.org](http://www.maineloggereducation.org)

The Maine Logger Education Alliance has launched a new website to bring educational and training resources to Maine's logging industry.

Loggers and those interested in the profession will find a wide variety of topics to include:

- Logger training calendar
- Entry level education programs
- Resume postings and job openings
- Links and latest news
- Popular subjects, etc...

Al Schaeffer, forestry instructor at Oxford Hills High School, has taken the lead piecing this site together. He is quick to mention that "the website is a work in progress and we welcome loggers' input." He goes on to say that the "possibilities are limitless."

The Maine based alliance hopes the site will provide a focus point of information regarding logger training and education in Maine.

### The CLP Board is looking for your ideas!

If you have any suggestions for curriculum training to be used in upcoming CLP recertification sessions, give us a call. We are always looking for new and improved ideas to make the training practical for you, the logger. Call us at 668-2851 or e-mail us at [clploggers@myfairpoint.net](mailto:clploggers@myfairpoint.net)

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## CLP Banquet to be Held December 4th 2009 Logger of the Year to be announced!

Jeff's Catering in Brewer, ME will be the site for this year's banquet on December 4th from 5:00pm to 8:30pm.

The event will include a social hour, buffet dinner, entertainment, and door prizes; with the annual chainsaw prize. We will also be selling 50/50 raffle tickets to benefit the Children's Miracle Network, Log-A-Load for Kids Foundation.

The CLP Logger of the Year awards will also be presented (see nomination form on page 4).

CLP Logger of the Year awards are presented annually to a conventional, mechanical and supervisor/contractor CLP.

Fraser Papers and Huber Resources will once again present the winners with a check for \$1000, an engraved plaque and a jacket commemorating their achievement.

For more information on this year's banquet, contact the CLP office at 207-668-2851. Hope to see you there!

## REMINDER!

*Schedule your  
evaluation now!*

*If your certification expires by  
December 31, 2009, you  
must arrange to have a field  
evaluation completed by the  
end of the year. Contact the  
CLP office to schedule.*

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## CLP Stats

Total CLPs 91 – 09.....	5640
Conventional.....	2771
Mechanical.....	1751
Supervisor/Contractor.....	626
Associate.....	492
Total class of 09.....	101
Conventional.....	22
Mechanical.....	68
Supervisor/Contractor.....	9
Associate.....	2

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Questions & comments are encouraged.  
Please send them to  
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# Fall 2009 Certification & Recertification Schedule

Fall 2009 Certification Schedule	
November 9—12	Northern, ME
November 17—20	Gray
December 1—4	Bangor

Register online at [www.clploggers.com](http://www.clploggers.com) or by calling the CLP office at 668-2851. The spring 2010 schedule will be available soon.

Fall 2009 Recertification Schedule	
<u>Conventional Loggers</u>	<u>Mechanical Loggers</u>
October 23rd—Skowhegan	October 29th—Gray
October 28th—Bangor	October 30th—Lincoln
	November 6th—Fort Kent
	November 13th—Farmington
<u>Supervisor/Contractor/Associate</u>	<u>French Language</u>
October 27th—Bangor	<u>Mechanical</u>
<b>Go to <a href="http://www.clploggers.com">www.clploggers.com</a> for other workshops</b>	November 6th—St. Georges

## Q & A

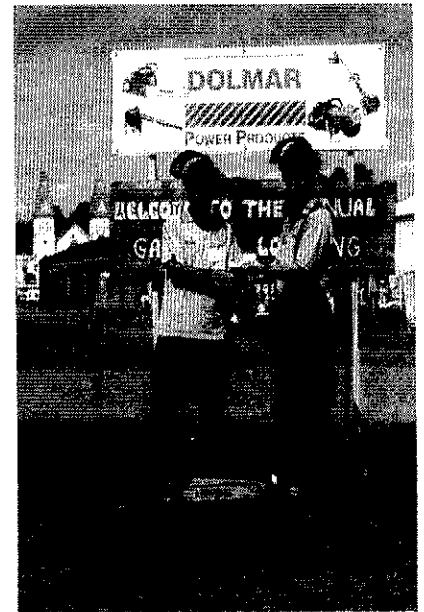
1. T or F CLP's first class was held in 1981.
2. T or F BMPs are not an important component of SFI.
3. T or F Ergonomics is defined as adapting the equipment to the operator.
4. T or F The success triangle can only be used when setting up the harvest.
5. T or F You do not need to check for circulation before splinting an injury.
6. T or F Equipment records are only kept for income tax purposes.
7. T or F The Forest Practices Act only regulates clearcuts.
8. T or F Calling DEP should be the 1st thing you do in the event of an oil spill.
9. T or F "Edge" and mature forests are important for wildlife.
10. T or F You dismount a machine the same way you entered (3 points of contact)

Check you answers below.

1. F (1991), 2. F, 3. T, 4. F, 5. F, 6. F, 7. F, 8. F, 9. T, 10. T

## Maine Regional winner Ronald Gosselin wins National Game of Logging Championship in Ohio!

Under torrential rains and in ankle deep mud, Ronald Gosselin of St Cyprien PQ proved why he deserved to win the 2009 National Game of Logging Championship in Cambridge, Ohio on October 2nd. Ronald made few mistakes, never seemed to be rattled, and scored consistently well en route to his second national championship. With a slim lead going into the felling portion of the competition, Ronald held off all comers and methodically went about the business of setting his tree on the target stake. Ronald, as always, represented the CLP Program and Maine (Canada too!) with quiet professionalism and first rate skills. He was accompanied by his wife Lucie, his sister, and sister-in-law to the awards ceremony, where he accepted a check for \$5000.



Winner Ronald Gosselin on left and Andy Wood of MEMIC

# Cast Your Vote For Logger Of The Year

**Yes! I want to nominate one or all of the following CLPs as Logger of the Year.**

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_ My Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Address: (Street/PO Box) \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>CONVENTIONAL LOGGER</u>	<u>MECHANICAL LOGGER</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR/SUPERVISOR</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____	Address: _____
City: _____	City: _____	City: _____
Zip Code: _____	Zip Code: _____	Zip Code: _____
Phone #: _____	Phone #: _____	Phone #: _____

To submit your nomination(s) for CLP Logger of the Year, fill out this form and return it with the names, phone numbers, and addresses of two references, including one landowner per nominee, plus a description of their qualifications by November 20th to:  
 CLP·P.O. Box 557·Jackman, ME 04945

It's time once again to send in your nomination for the CLP Logger of the Year. Fraser Papers and Huber Resources Corporation are again co-sponsoring the award, given for the first time in 1999, to an active Conventional, Mechanical or Supervisor/Contractor CLP. Winners will be announced at this year's annual banquet being held December 4th at Jeff's Catering in Brewer. Each will receive a check for \$1,000, an engraved plaque, a jacket, and the honor of being recognized by their peers. The award is given on an annual basis to loggers who have shown the skill, knowledge and ethics encouraged by the CLP program throughout their career.

Award recipients must be active CLPs and must be nominated with the form above. To be considered, two references, one of which must be a landowner, must be provided. To submit a nomination or nominations, you must do the following:

- Fill out the form above and send it to the CLP office by November 20, 2009.
- Attach on a separate sheet, the names, addresses and phone numbers of two references per nominee. **Include one landowner per nominee.**
- For each nominee, attach a description of their qualification, with attention to their safety, business practices, resource protection, and community activity.



(l-r) 2008 Logger of the Year award winners Gene Goodine, Lance White and Paul Vicneire, stand with Mike St. Peter, CLP Director and Robert Sirois of Fraser Papers.



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