



The Spirit and Tradition of the Woodsmen



Have you seen . . .
The Woodsmen Team?
 They cut and saw, run and roll, chop and throw, climb and compete.

On Saturday, October 19th the UNB Woodsmen will proudly present their 1991-92 team. On this day the Forestry Faculty will be hosting the 26th Annual UNB Woodsmen competition. Teams will travel from Ontario to Nova Scotia and the Eastern states to participate. The spirit of this sport honours the heritage of Forestry and indeed, the early history of Canada.

The events emulate the traditional practices of early lumberjacks and demand stamina, strength, skill and ability.

This Saturday, the UNB team will strive to defend the Overall Champs title they've held for the past 5 years.

The Woodsmen team is comprised of all members from the faculty of Forest Management and Engineering. The team consists of 3 components called A, B and C. The first two men's and the latter women's component has 6 competing members and 1 training member. The team is anticipating top performances from veteran competitors Ross Millar, Bevan Lock, Leigh Black and Doug Folkins. The returning members are supported by a talented and spirited group of rookies such as Dave MacLeod and Jillian Weldon. The 1990-91 Woodsmen would like to welcome coach Roddy Cumberland, professional competitor and alumnus UNB woodsman.

It takes a lot of dedication to be a woodsmen. Not only are there physically gruelling practices 5 days a week, but weekend work is also required. We are proud to say we financially support ourselves. We earn enough to travel to Ontario, Quebec, Maine and Nova Scotia once each year. In addition to travel costs we pay competition fees, buy and maintain our equipment. Due to last year's efforts the team is

purchasing 2 new saws at a cost of \$1,400. Local businesses sometimes donate to our team. Currently we'd like to thank the Social Club and Capital Men's & Boys' wear.

The Annual UNB Woodsmen competition is the second oldest of its kind in Canada. This is the 26th year of existence. The Forestry Association is responsible for its organization and planning begins months ahead of time. Teams from as far south as Finger Lakes, N.Y. and west as Thunder Bay, Ontario, are invited. Accommodations are provided for the visitors as well as meals during the day of competition. Judges and timers are volunteers from the forestry faculty and local forestry profession.

On Saturday the efforts of many people will result in the most exciting Woodsmen competition of the year.

The UNB competition boasts a fell and twitch competition as well as the usual sawing and chopping events. 30 poles are erected along the Chapman field parking lot. At 8:30 Saturday morning each team fells a pole attempting to drop it on a spike in the ground. Then using a rope the pole is dragged a given distance. The event is timed.

Some other events are:

Pole Climb

A person climbs a 20 foot wooden pole with spurs and a rope. The quickest one to reach the top and ring the bell wins.

Water Boil

One or two people are given a can of cold water, an axe and a log. They cut the log (creating shavings,



kindling and shingles) to build a fire. The first team to boil their water wins.

Crosscut Sawing

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CROSSCUT SAWING

A TEAM RELAY EVENT. THREE SUCCESSIVE PAIRS USE THE CROSSCUT SAW TO SLICE TWO "COOKIES" FROM THE END OF A LOG. THE TEAM THAT CUTS SIX COOKIES IN THE LEAST AMOUNT OF TIME WINS.