



*Happy March People! A compatriot asked me recently if I was going to change the focus of the Grapevine now that I am writing for it. After thinking on it for a while, I think I am going to expand one of the areas Gina focused on. You will notice that in addition to general industry news (when it's sent my way), we will be featuring heavily submissions from the CSEG and other industry organizations that really help to develop*

*and foster the idea of community amongst our membership. (It's not because I tend to volunteer for several of them either... it's purely altruistic... really!).*

*If you have any company or industry news, please send me an email to [kristy.manchul@sigmaex.com](mailto:kristy.manchul@sigmaex.com) or call at (403) 294-6432. Thanks! Oh! And have a great St. Paddy's Day!*

### **2009 CSEG Family Ski Spree**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2008 CSEG Family Ski Spree! We are already looking ahead to the 2009 event and the committee has a few important announcements to make.

First, we are blessed by having phenomenal interest in our event, but we are cursed by a size limitation at our venue. We usually manage to get everyone into the event who wants to be there, but unfortunately there are always a few who won't get in. The good news is that the Fairmont Hotsprings Resort is expanding. With that expansion comes the hope that in the future they will be able to accommodate larger groups for functions such as the Ski Spree. So, for 2009 make sure you register early as this event tends to sell out within a week. Look for registration information in the November 2008 issue of the RECORDER.

Second, we are changing the dates of this event for 2009. We want to move the Ski Spree a little further away from the Doodlespiel so that we can spread the fun out a little more. The 42nd annual CSEG Family Ski Spree will be held February 27, 28, March 1st, 2009.

Lastly, we would like to sincerely thank all of our sponsors who help make this event a tremendous success. Without your support the Ski Spree wouldn't be the fun filled weekend we all look forward to every year.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments or suggestions please feel free to contact Patrick Tutty at 264-8722 or [patrick@earthsignal.com](mailto:patrick@earthsignal.com)

Thank you all, see you on the hill in 2009.

#### **2008 CSEG Ski Spree Committee**

- Patrick Tutty, Chairman*
- Kevin Viney, Past Chair*
- Zoe Ferguson, Races*
- Ross Turner, Races*
- Evan Perry, Entertainment*
- Karen Webster, Entertainment*
- Jeff Crowhurst, Registration*
- Mark Watson, Sponsorship*
- Carol Laws, Finance*

### **2008 GeoSkills Day**

As per Adam Flynn, *Geophysics Undergraduate Students' Society* Executive, University of Calgary: The first annual GeoSkills Day was held on February 6, 2008 in downtown Calgary. This daylong event was targeted towards geoscience students from the University of Calgary, the University of Alberta and SAIT, as well as current professionals who were either recent graduates or mentors.

GeoSkills was well attended by about 80 students and about 30 professionals. The event consisted of a range of professional talks by former CSEG and CSPG luncheon speakers and was geared towards students. It was an opportunity for students to obtain an overview of the energy sector through a variety of different geological and geophysical topics, as well as gain an understanding of future job opportunities that may exist for them in the industry.

Participants were also treated to a lunch at The Metropolitan Centre and an industry mixer that was held in the evening. The evening mixer was well attended by both students and professionals and was open for all to attend. This gave a chance for students (especially the younger ones) to network with professionals about their experiences, goals, and ambitions.

GeoSkills was made possible with support from the CSEG, CSPG and APEGGA as well as industry sponsors such as Husky Energy, RPS Energy, Geophysical Services Incorporated, Divestco, Kelman Technologies, BP Canada, EnCana, Nexen and Sigma Explorations.

### **2008 Doodlespiel Results**

The 36th annual CSEG Doodlespiel was held in Banff and Canmore Jan. 25-27, 2008, with 92 teams participating.

Gary Kelman's Team won the "A" Event, defeating the Shane Kitz team;

Dave Timko's team defeated Andy Williamson for the "B" Event win;

Larry Herd and team took the "C" Event over Glenn Hauer's squad;

Harvey MacDougal's team was victorious over Kevin Love in the "D" Event; and

the Holeplug Event was won by Kim Hedin, defeating Lyle Cedargren.

Many thanks to ALL participants and social attendees for making another great spiel. Looking forward to next year's event, to be held Jan. 23-25, 2009.

*Morgan Steeves  
Chairman*

### **CSEG/CSPG/CWLS Silent Auction**

A reminder that there will be a Silent Auction on the exhibit floor again at this year's CSEG/CSPG/CWLS Convention. This fifth annual charity event to raise money for Light Up The World ([www.lutw.org](http://www.lutw.org)) will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 from 4pm until 6pm.

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We invite you and your company to be a part of this worthy cause by generously contributing products or services for the silent auction. If you can help out with a donation or if you would like to work on the committee for the silent auction please contact Laurie Ross at (403) 298-5614. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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staffed a complement of 30-40 field consultants during the nineties.

Roger Ponton my good friend and co-worker at Canterra put together some spec 2D lines in the deep basin during this period. I joined into some of his survey endeavors so Call Roger at 265-9300 if you want some great data. Free advertizing always is appreciated.

Aguila hired a young geologist from the mining sector to assist us in growing the company. Lawrence Verlaan and his wife Cheryl Fraser moved to Calgary from Ontario thus another Easterner was rescued from the Dark Side. In 2000 we formed Aguila International Inc. and became involved to a greater degree at off shore projects. We brought on staff to provide a very highly competent G & G Department. These were the fun times as projects were undertaken that included the drilling of wells plus the reservoir analysis. As the nature of the Western Canadian Basin changed to a spec/participation data acquisition regime the move to off shore projects became increasingly effective.

In the fall of 2004 Barb Quirk developed symptoms that required some visits to the hospital. The initial diagnosis was MS but with further testing at the Foothills / U of C medical centre in March 2005 the worst was made clear. Barb had ALS also know as Lou Gehrig's Disease. This was a devastating blow to our family. The courage exhibited by Barb during these difficult times has allowed our family to deal with her condition without debilitating despair. The addition of our first grandson in January 2007 has made a huge contribution to our well being.

I sold my position of Aguila in November 2007 and am now supporting my wife, raising dollars for charity and waiting for Logan James to become old enough so I can be the Grandpa that spoils him. Both our sons Jamie, Rob and our daughter in law Susan are extremely supportive during these difficult times.

My Father showed me you can be tough but gentle, my Mother being a lawyers bookkeeper showed me that a work ethic is so important. I am also an expert

## Junior Geophysicists Forum

Mark your calendars: the next JGF is coming soon and will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2008. Check the CSEG website and next month's Grapevine for more details. [R](#)

at "balancing the books" due to her influence. This carried on to Aguila as we paid our invoices in full and within a reasonable time fame.

Two years ago in the Feb 06 RECORDER I mentioned that "People" make the business. I had the pleasure of meeting and working with so many great individuals in my 40 years in the exploration game. It is important to try and keep the contacts going even if it is only once a year. I lost two good friends to cancer last year. Ross Brown and Bruce Hare made my work plus personal life fulfilling through their friendship and professionalism. Don't wait for the funeral to visit, do it while people are alive.

I trust some of the text above the reader may find interesting. Not one technical algorithm but some personal views on how lives are positively affected by people we meet and making to most of the circumstances we encounter. [R](#)

