

## David Barrett Joins the Forestry Hall of Fame



Beaver Banker David Barrett's passion for the woods leads him to the Forest Hall of Fame. The Registered Professional Forester Association of Nova Scotia and the NS Forest Technicians Association surprised David with the honour recently at their annual meeting in Truro.

Downy Thompson introduced David saying "It was apparent to me from the very first meetings I attended with David that he has passion for the woods and he would later prove to me that in many ways he is also a visionary. He is never afraid to stick up for his beliefs and I have always respected him for that. David's contributions to the forest industry over the years are undeniable but aside from that, he is also recognized as being an involved, contributing community member, whose generosity is well known

In his response David repeatedly referred to the word "Lucky". Lucky is how he feels about spending his life doing what he loves best. He

expressed how lucky he feels to have worked side by side with his father for thirty-two years and lucky to have his wife support him in his work for over fifty years. He feels privileged to have worked with many distinguished individuals who made a difference in the forestry industry of Nova Scotia. To name a few Dr. Wilfred Creighton, and Laurie Ledwidge.

David also worked in forestry for many years with Jimmy Wilber in particular, to establish the N.S. Forest Products Road Access Rebate Program and to encourage the N.S. and Federal Sales Tax Departments to treat the Nova Scotia Forestry Industry fairly. He served as Chair of the N.S. Forest Products Association Sawmill Chip Committee and he still continues to be a member of many forestry and community related organizations:

On the home scene he has worked to involve others with the woods and is a firm believer in encouraging groups and

organizations that expose our youth to forestry. He has worked with the local Scouts on the tree planting programs and the You-Pick Christmas lot in Beaver Bank.

He is known for his calls to our local councillors, Mayor and other officials as well as his open letters to the Premier and MLAs of N.S. For over fifty years he has presented matters of interest to forestry and community before The Nova Scotia Legislature Law Amendments Committee.

David wanted to leave us with one thought, "Stand up for your convictions, make them publicly known. You will be pleasantly surprised how you can influence both public policy and laws in Nova Scotia". Congratulations David. We hope you have many more years enjoying what you love.

-Pat Crowther