

SCLC History Summary

1999-2009

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1999- SCLC 50th Anniversary. Proud Of The Past – Responsible for the Future was held at the Redding Convention Center and Shasta District Fairgrounds.

President Than Williams and Equipment General Chairman Roger Vickers developed a program and events that were kicked off by the conventional Gin Fizz Breakfast. Mason Weaver (former Talk Show Host, Oceanside, CA) was the mornings Keynote Speaker.

Dave Holder, John Wheeler Logging was honored as Logger of the Year.

In recognition of the 50th Anniversary, a reception sponsored by Sierra-Pacific Industries honored past presidents and Equipment Committee past presidents: those Past Presidents in attendance included Warren Carleton, Elmer Zimmerman, Glen Duysen, Larry Duysen, Ray Crane, Dick Pland, Jim Gilmore, Ed Walker, Bill Dennison, Jim McCollum, Jerry Evans, Joe Griggs, Joe Martin, Doug Whitaker, Ed Maloney, Reno Quilici, Ron Monk, Lowell Jones, Emmett Baugh, Roy Berridge, Steve Wiard, Tim Lynch, Frank Stewart, Jerry Boyer, Dick Roseberry, Tom Wulfert, Gene Dawson, Bob Jensen, Gary Shaffer.

This was also a memorable time for Joe Lausmann to gather with some of the Lausmann's Lousy Logger Band members: Lowell Jones, Rex Stevens, Gene Pickett, Glen Duysen, and Duke McQueen

During this conference it was necessary to have a membership badge to attend the programs. Of considerable interest were the discussion under "A Common Thread; Perspective on the Past and Vision for the Future, by two generations by panel members, Bud and Dan Tomascheski, Jim and Stacy Martin and Bill and Don Beaty.

We continued the traditional In-The-Woods Demonstrations near Shingletown, Lumberjack Banquet and Auction, Trucker's Workshop, Ladies Day Brunch featuring "Mothers and Other Goddesses" and Saw Dust Bowl at the Redding Convention Center.

Three New events were featured: Steve Wiard and Stacey Martin co-chaired a Silent Auction that supplemented the always-successful auction during the Lumberjack Banquet; Falk Locomotive from Humboldt Historic Park, Eureka, CA. operated on a short track and; Wild Things Wildlife Show.

The total conference attendance remained stable, but membership dropped from 721 in 1997 to 663.

The Lumberjack Dinner Auction netted \$84,206 that was distributed to California Talk About Trees, Oregon Talk About Trees, California Forest Center, Forestry Institute for Teachers, Butte/Tehama County Teacher's Field Trip and Northern California Interpretative Association.

The Raffle grossed \$38,505 and netted \$16,886. As agreed, the first \$12,000 went to the Loggers and the remainder was shared 50/50 with the Equipment Committee.

Sierra-Pacific Industries contributed \$8,913 to the Education Day Trust on the basis of logging costs for removing the logs during the In-Woods Demonstration.

For the first time, Loggers and Equipment Committee entered into financial agreement on the conference advertisement book. (See R&D for details).

It was noted: “As we move into our 2000 conference, we will be able to continue the quest for Good Will and Good Logging that was begun in 1949 by the SCLC founders.”

2000- World Forestry in the New Millennium

This year was under the leadership of President Joe Griggs Jr. and Equipment Committee General Chairman Greg Brooks at the Reno/Sparks Convention Center.

The Gin Fizz Breakfast, Sawdust Bowl and Lumberjack Banquet and Education Auctions were held at the Atlantis Resort Casino Grand Ballroom.

The Silent Auction was conducted during the breakfast with the final bidding at the Lumberjack Banquet, Friday night.

The Gin Fizz Keynote Speaker was Jim Peterson, Evergreen Magazine, Medford, OR.

Logger of the Year was awarded to Randy Pew, Pew Forests from Crescent Mills, CA.

Membership badges were required to attend the educational workshops.

This year’s program was of particular prophetic significance in regard to the future catastrophic wildfires. “Yellowstone Fires of 1998: Good Decisions? Are We Next?” Dr. Alston Chase, author of “Playing God In Yellowstone” and “In A Dark Wood”, along with Tom Bonnicksen, author of “Ancient Forests: From The Ice Age to the Age of Discovery” presented a realistic, but a dismal future of our national forests. Their predictions of more fires to come were upheld in the next years southern California (Lake Arrowhead) and Lake Tahoe (Angora Fire).

Retired US Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas told us the problems the industry was facing, for which we had identified and requested assistance from him before his retirement.

Timbco Hydraulics President Pat Crawford provided a two-hour Logger’s Workshop “Global Applications and Product Development.”

Mike Mittel Forester Sierra-Pacific Industries, Redding, CA and Jack Calvert, Consulting Forester, Alta, CA provided a two-hour workshop “The Forest Practice Rules: The Higher Fines For Non-Compliance”.

The Trucker’s Seminar and “Wild Things—Animals rescued from the wilds” drew good attendance. There was no In-The-Woods Demonstration this year because of the distance from a logging operation.

Paid attendance was 773 with 30 comps to students.

The Education Auction netted \$72,000 that was distributed to California Talk About Trees, Oregon Talk About Trees, Cal Expo Forest Center, SAF FIT, Butte/Tehama County Field Trip, Weed Logging Museum, Arnold Logging Museum, and Northern California Interpretation Association.

SCLC Board of Directors has set education of our youth as a high priority for our conference.

The annual raffle grossed \$35,560 and netted \$12,000 from Matching ATV’s with trailer, Rifle and Dinner/Train

A change in the by-laws has included the Conference Improvement Committee Chair on the Executive Committee.

The Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference, Inc and the Sierra-Cascade Conference Equipment Committee worked jointly to develop a Mission Statement which was passed by both boards:

To Promote Good Will and Good Logging through:

- Education
- Demonstration
- Relationships

We will do this by:

Education of the people to enhance the image of our industry

Education of our youth of our communities about good forestry and good logging.

Education of the people within our industry through:

- Timely and relevant programs
- Demonstrations of new methods, technology and equipment
- Stimulating members to keep abreast of issues affecting our industry.
- Solicitation and display of the latest equipment and supplies to meet the demands of our industry.'
- Promoting events that are fun and allow fellowship, camaraderie and promote the development of long-lasting friendships.

“We are pleased to see the next generation of conference leaders taking their place with confidence and poise. They will succeed if we all continue to assist them as needed, provide advice when requested and remember that ‘the good old days’ were our learning grounds, but the future can be even better.” —Bill Dennison Secretary/Manager.

2001: A Land Use Odyssey

This was the conference theme chosen by President Steve Wiard in recognition of the ancient Greek epic poem, ascribed to about the wanderings of Odysseus after the fall of Rome. Thus, the term Odyssey is sometimes used to describe an extended wandering, or journey. It was the intent of this year’s conference that we assure that current federal land management moves from wandering, unsupportable practices to a focused journey back to the original intent of national forests---multiple use.

Bill Williamson was this years SCLC Equipment Committee General Chairman.

The programs were designed to provide positive actions toward that goal as the conference moved back to Redding/Shasta District Fairground.

From this date on conference membership was not required to attend the special workshops.

Logger of the Year was long-time SCLC leader and 1985 President of the Equipment Committee Jerry Evans, Corporate Services Manager for Peterson Tractor.

Keynote Speaker Frank Gladics provided a political review of national forest policies.

Programs asked questions and provided some suggestions:

Fire Salvage: “What Will Be The Answer When The Smoke Clears?” “A Cohesive Fire Strategy.”

Politics and Land Management: “Who Owns the Sierra Nevada?” Politics and Trees: “You Have The Power To Make Your Message Heard.”

Special Programs included: The Falk Locomotive from the Fort Humboldt Historic Park, Eureka, CA. and Wild Things Wildlife Show.

Conference registration reached a fifteen-year low of 546.

The Lumberjack Dinner/Auction netted \$59,000 that was distributed to California Talk About Trees, Oregon Talk About Trees, California Forestry Center, SAF Forest Institute for Teachers and Butte/Tehama County Schools Field Trip.

The Annual Roy Derek Berridge Memorial Award was established to be presented to an individual, or business, which is not directly involved in the annual conference. It is based on a) Display of outstanding performance, or assistance to the SCLC; or b) Providing extraordinary support or enhancement towards our youths education about the forest products industry; or c) Demonstrated efforts toward positive changes in the forest management of our federal and/or private lands.

“Roy, Wampy Wambold and others will be remembered for their SCLC leadership. They set a course for different times. It will take new leaders with new visions to assure that our next decade of land use is truly an odyssey of meaningful journey, not a continued wandering into a bureaucratic morass.”
Secretary/Manager Bill Dennison.

2002—With Vision There Is Hope.

President Ed Maloney whose father Al Maloney (1978 President) began attending the conference in 1972 offered a Vision of Hope for the future during the meetings held at the Reno Atlantis Hotel/Casino Resort and Reno/Sparks Convention Center.

Earl Hutchinson was the General Chairman, SCLC Equipment Committee.

The annual Logger’s Breakfast provided the opportunity for:
Logger of the Year to be awarded to Larry Strawn, owner Blue Ridge Forest Management.
Keynote Speaker William Perry Pendley, Mountain States Legal Foundation, Cheyenne, WY was provided a special slot to review legal issues that are beleaguering the wise use of national forests.

The programs during Thursday through Saturday followed the theme of Vision and Hope: “Democracy Is Not a Spectator Sport” and “With Vision There Is Hope.”

The usual Sawdust Bowl Dance and Reception, Lumberjack Banquet and Education Auction provided fun and entertainment during the evenings.

The First Annual Roy Derek Berridge Memorial Award was presented to Congressman Wally Herger of the California 2nd district for his co-sponsorship of the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Act of 2000.

The Wild Things Wildlife Show was a welcome event to all attendees and Education Day when almost 200 students from the Reno area learned about well-managed forests.

Registration total was 551, only 5 more than the 2001 attendance in Redding.

The Education Auction netted \$45,000 which was distributed to California Talk About Trees, Oregon Talk About Trees, and California Forest Center.

The raffle of two ATV’s and a trailer netted \$21,000 an all-time record for this event.

2003-United, Confident and Courageous.

Mike Albrecht, owner Sierra-Resource Management, Sonora, CA began his President’s message by acknowledging the important parts played by Bill Williamson, Equipment Committee President, Frank Muse, General Chairman, and Jerry Bryant in revitalizing the Ladies Day Luncheon.

Mike quoted a past SCLC President that related the difficulties of markets, regulations and unfavorable publicity that ended... "it is more imperative than at any time in our history that we strive for this unity which is the prime objective of the Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference." Herbert W. McMahon...1950.

Mike emphasized some reasons to declare that we can be "United, Confident, and Courageous" as the conference began.

During the Logger's Breakfast at the Redding Conference Center we were encouraged by Keynote Speaker Bruce Vincent, President of the League of Rural Voters, Libby, MT, who also won the Second Annual Roy Derek Berridge Memorial Award.

Stan Leach, owner Stan Leach Timber, Inc. French Gulch, CA with a 37 year logging career was honored as Logger of the Year.

Jerry Bryant was the winner of the prestigious John Jarrett Award. Jerry served as President of the Equipment Committee, teamed with Jerry Boyer to implement the first Lumberjack Banquet and has been the chair and leader of the Ladies Day Brunch.

Past President/former Secretary-Manager Warren Carleton was given a surprise award for being an outstanding member of the SCLC for many years.

"Wild Things" Wildlife Show continued to entertain children and adults.

The first time Logging Competition and Exhibitions featuring Jim Taylor, Redding CA, International Logging Contest Champion (inducted into the Shasta County Sports Hall of Fame) drew large crowds. Students from University of California; San Luis Obispo; Humboldt State University and University of Nevada, Reno competed in various logging events.

Membership registration was required for attendance of the programs in Fusaro Hall.

A broad array of program speakers included Jack Blackwell, R-5 Regional Forester; Rick Haines, Farm Broadcaster of the Year of North America and Laura Skaer, Executive Director, Northwest Mining Association.

Total registration was 452.

The Education Auction netted \$54,556 which was distributed to California Talk About Trees, Forest Institute of Teachers and California Forest Center.

The raffle of two ATV's and a trailer netted just over \$19,000.

Ford Motor Co. displayed their automobiles and donated \$18,000 to the conference.

No two conferences have been the same and periodically we have witnessed new innovative ideas; as noted above. The period 2002-03 was the year of major SCLC change that had been chartered since 1998 when the board spent considerable time developing the "Vision for the Future" workshop of the Loggers and Equipment Committee board members. The resulting Joint Goals and Strategy Committee ultimately led to the understanding that the conference will be enhanced under one board of directors. This led to the 2004 merger of the Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference, Inc. and the Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference Equipment Committee, Inc.

The organizational chart provides a structure as the President in charge, with the Executive Director/CFO (previously Secretary-Manager), First and Second Vice Presidents and a Conference Support Chair sharing responsibilities for designated functions and projects of the conference. To not eliminate any existing officers the 2004 Executive Committee included 15 members to be reduced to 13 in 2005 and 12 in 2006. The Bylaws permit up to 50 directors, again to be inclusive of all existing directors.

2004-Healthy Forests and Fire Safe Communities

President Mike Mitzel, forester for Sierra-Pacific Industries, Anderson, CA convened the last SCLC to be held in Reno with a theme of significance, since California had been experiencing some huge catastrophic fires that destroyed hundreds of thousands of acres of timberland and countless numbers of private homes.

It was if President Mitzel and Program Chair Jeff Gletne had a premonition of the 2003 fire season facing California when they chose the 2004 conference theme. They developed the theme and programs in June and the September catastrophic Lake Arrowhead wildfires broke out in September 2003.

The Key Note Speaker was Tom Bonnicksen, Ph.D., Professor Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas who for years has provided statistics and warnings of the catastrophic wildfires to be expected from the poor management of our national forests.

The programs followed the conference theme with “Active Management Is the Key to Healthy Forests”, “Wildlife Habitat and Healthy Forests”, “Logging at Lake Arrowhead: Living with the Consequences of Our Decisions”.

Jim Headrick II was this years Logger of the Year.

Donn Zea, President California Forest Products Commission was awarded the 3rd annual Roy Derek Memorial Award.

Monte Adams, retired V.P. American Metals was honored as the recipient of the John Jarrett Award.

Logging Competitions and Exhibitions in the Reno/Sparks Convention Center had the same participants as 2003.

The Ladies Day Champagne Brunch hosted by Jerry Bryant and arranged entertainment by the Doodoo Wah singers from Sonora, CA

The Lumber Jack Banquet/Education Fund Auction netted \$48,292 which was distributed to California Talk About Trees, Provider Pals, and the Forest Institute.

Membership registration was 521.

The raffle of ATV's with trailer, hunting rifle, and steam engine dinner train prizes netted \$21,000.

This was the first SCLC held under just one board of directors through the merger of Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference, Inc. (1950) and Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference Equipment Committee, Inc. (1967).

For various reasons the directors agreed that the conference would no longer alternate between Reno and Redding, but schedule future events in Redding Convention Center and Shasta District Fairgrounds.

2005-America's Forests—American Dreams

Frank Muse, owner Muse Trucking and Northern Lights Energy, Redding, CA became the first SCLC president under the newly organized SCLC, Inc. to have been chosen from the group formerly called Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference Equipment Committee, Inc. Frank opened the conference at the Logger's Breakfast in the Redding Conference Center by saying he had chosen this year's theme, "...because many of our lives, hopes and dreams have been found within those forests"

Keynote Speaker Joan Brock, nationally recognized speaker and author of "All That Meets the Eyes," Tucson, AZ held the Logger's Breakfast crowd in awe. Joan's presentation was in recognition of the financial and social difficulties currently being experienced by logging communities all over the Pacific Northwest.

She had experienced similar pain and heartache when challenged to raise her 9-year-old daughter after losing her eyesight, and then her husband to an unexpected death before she turned 35 years of age.

Joan bolstered everyone's spirits by telling them how she had relied on positive thinking and her faith in the Lord for the impetus of reaching out to others. Joan Brock's smile, humor, and examples of life's opportunities will long be remembered by those who met her that day.

Madeline Zea, daughter of Donn and Lisa Zea Grass Valley, CA gave a very enthusiastic, memorized "Patrick Henry Speech."

Tom Fisher, Fisher Logging was named Logger of the Year.

Conference President Frank Muse was awarded the John Jarrett Award.

Milt Schultz was presented the 4th Annual Roy Derek Berridge Memorial Award.

The first Media Day, or Logger For A Day that provided opportunity for Virginia Reeter (The Valley Post), Rich Vahlquist (Channel 24), Robert Christopher (KQMS), Mike Quinn (KXLR) and others to compete in logging events.

Education Day hosted over 300 4th graders to tour the Equipment Show at the Shasta District Fairgrounds in Anderson.

Total paid membership was 541 members.

Programs continued to emphasize the importance of private property rights and the means to communicate our dreams with others.

Logging Competition was increased to four universities with the addition of The University of California, Berkeley.

Ladies Day entertainment was provided by One Voice trio from Alturas, CA.

The Raffle presented two ATV's and a trailer for first prize; hunting rifle for second place and; a steam engine dinner trip for two that netted \$15,804.

The Lumberjack Banquet and Education Auction netted enough to distribute \$52,228 to Talk About Trees, \$5,000 to Forest Institute for Teachers and \$4,000 to Provider Pals.

Executive Director Bill Dennison stated that the new interaction with Shasta's Builder's Exchange for the 2006 conference should be a positive, monumental step for both organizations.

2006-Growing Opportunities

The name of the conference was changed to Sierra-Cascade Forest Products and Equipment Exposition; still under the sponsorship of Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference, Inc.

President Jed Gibson, Peterson Tractor, Redding, CA summarized this 2006 conference by noting that:

- It was best attendance for many years because we combined our efforts with Shasta Builders Exchange (SBE) beginning in 2005 based on the need to diversify the conference.
- The conference success was bittersweet, because the sudden passing of Pat Dennison, assistant executive director for the past 12 years has tugged on everyone's heart.
- Bill and Pat had announced their retirement at the 2005 Spring Meeting to be effective at the end of that fiscal year.
- Bill "...was instrumental in providing strong leadership through the many conference changes during the past 12 years as Executive Director."

Keynote Speaker U.S. Navy Commander Scott Waddle was in charge of nuclear submarine in February 2001 when it collided with a Japanese boat that was carrying students. Unlike many other leaders in the public eye Waddle did not deny, or make excuses, stood bodily and accepted complete responsibility for his actions. Similarly to the testimony last year by Joan Brock, the support of his family and his steadfast belief in God strengthened him for this terrible ordeal.

Logger of the Year was Wilbur Black who retired in 2006 after 58 years of service with Joe Martin Logging and Trucking and Sierra Resource Management, Inc.

Long-time volunteer Alice Slagle was presented a token of appreciation with a bouquet of flowers.

Retiring Executive Director Bill Dennison was given special awards from the conference and Senator Doug LaMalfa for his many years of service.

The Education Auction raised \$65,134 that was distributed to Talk About Trees (\$48,000); Forest Institute for Teachers (\$10,000); Provider Pals (\$3,000); California Forest Center (\$1,625) and Log-A-Load For Kids (\$1,000). An additional \$11,300 was raised in memory of Pat and contributed to the "Pat Dennison PEO Scholarship for Continuing Education for Women." This is an organization and specific activity to which Pat had contributed significant leadership and time over the past eight years.

CANstruction was a new event and the first time it has been held north of Sacramento. It holds national competition where local engineering firms compete to construct various architectural marvels out of canned goods. CANstruction feeds the hungry with nutritious foods while showcasing engineering talents. Their moto is "One can make a difference."

There was another Media Day that provided opportunities for radio/TV/newspaper people to compete in logging events.

The Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference inserted a Memorial in the R&D "In honor of all of those men and women who have given their last full measure of devotion to their country." It was noted that Sergeant Thomas Turner Jr. had died July 14th after being wounded in Iraq. "We salute his family and friends for the sacrifice they made for our freedom."

The show was enhanced with more equipment and a greater diversity of vendors. There was a good turnout, but only 443 paid memberships.

The Logging Sports Show was increased to five universities: Humboldt State, Cal Poly, UC Berkeley, Oregon State, and Idaho State.

The Raffle net revenue for a personal watercraft, ATV, hunting rifle and steam engine dinner train tickets was \$18,488.

Appreciation of public participation was shown by keeping the Saturday Equipment Show open until 5 p.m. This required the very efficient Move-Out crew to stay late to remove the equipment.

Nadine Bailey was elected as the next years Executive Director.

In the 2006 Executive Director's Report Dennison stated in part: "If Pat was still here she would echo my sentiments of 'thank you' to all the directors and members that we served during the past 12 years for the cooperation and assistance that you have given us. You have been wonderful in providing personal appreciation to Pat and me during our tenure and the honoring us both this past year.

2007-Forest Energy Empowers People

President Patrick Emmert, Sierra Forest Products opened the 58th conference in the Redding Convention Center by explaining the basis for this years theme. "This was selected to recognize the fact that our forestlands and our industries provide many forms of 'empowerment' to people: electricity and ethanol fuel from biomass chips; wood products from timber harvesting and sawmill operations; employment and economic stability from construction and forest management; as well as the emotional energy that we gain from the opportunities provided by our forests, and our association together."

The normal annual Keynote Speaker was replaced to permit roundtable presentations by Dr. D. Patrick Moore, Greenspirit; Sam Aanestad, CA State Senator; and Bill Carlson, Wheelabrator.

Bill Schmidt, who worked nearly 50 years in the logging business, was named Logger of the Year.

Ron Voss was presented with the John Jarett Award.

The conference received a great deal of rain, but reportedly still had an attendance of over 5,000 people. However, only 382 were registered members.

The Lumberjack Dinner and Educational Auction raised enough from enthusiastic bidders to distribute the following: Provider Pals (\$2,000); California Forest Center (\$2,615); Forest Institute for Teachers (\$10,000); Talk About Trees (\$42,959)

The Ladies Day champagne brunch entertainment was provided by the Redding Improve Players

Income from the raffle was \$21,480

The programs included: California Emissions Workshop; Addressing Drugs and Alcohol in the Workplace, Workshop; What's New in the Woods; Truckers Seminar (over 200 attendees); Paperwork That's Worth It.

This was the second year for CANstruction. This years winner was the local food bank.

2008-Growing Green, Building Green

President Tom King, Redding Kenworth opened at the Logger's Breakfast with "...this Exposition and programs are intended to promote the awareness and support of our many member industries, as well as to

provide a wide range of educational and safety training, equipment and live displays and community understanding and support. This is our opportunity to show the public how our member industries are working to provide environmentally friendly forest harvesting and construction techniques.”

The Keynote Speaker was John Henderson, a nationally known photographer, environmental educator and author.

Jack Thornburg, of Columbia Helicopter, Hayfork CA was chosen as Logger of the Year.

Don Chapman was the recipient of the Roy Derek Berridge Memorial Award.

Alice Slagle was honored with the John Jarrett Award.

For the last couple of years Mike Quinn from KXLR Radio has been inviting local media to participate in the Logging Sports Show. This year the winners received prize money to donate to the charity of their choice.

Over 300 children attended the educational programs.

The programs included “Who Says You Can’t Get Good Help?” Federal Timber Supply Update; The Many Shades Of Green Workshop; Green Certification and special presentation of The Paul Bunyan Legend and the history of Paul Bunyan Lumber Co. by Milt Schultz.

The Backhoe Rodeo, Truck Rodeo were new events to the conference.

The Ladies Day Luncheon entertainment was by the Doodoo Wah singing group.

Over 8,000 people attended the equipment show. There were 514 paid members and 79 vendors.

The raffle of a Kawasaki Mule ATV netted \$30,190.

The 2008 conference was a good kick-off as we headed into 2009...the SCLC 60th Anniversary.

2009—60 Years of Reminiscing

President Dan Fisher, Fruitgrowers Supply Co. in discussing this years theme said, “We were able to honor many of our attending Past Presidents, who have over the past 60 years been the care-takers of our industry. I truly believe the sharing of our past helps strengthen our future.”

Roger Crawford was Key Note Speaker. Once referred to as “one of the most accomplished physically challenged athletes in history,” Roger Crawford is a top inspirational speaker and best-selling author. He was born severely disabled with a rare genetic defect called ectrodactylism, which is the congenital absence of fingers or toes. But despite this early setback, Roger was raised to never feel sorry for himself. His father taught him to focus on his possibilities, instead of his problems. He is the first and only person in American history to be a US Professional Tennis Association athlete and play a Division 1 college sport with a severe disability. His amazing story of overcoming adversity has inspired more than 3,000 organizations.

Frank Muse, Muse Trucking and SCLC Past President was named Logger of the Year.

The John Jarrett Award was presented to Mike Rawlins, General Trailer; Rick Rawlins, Freightliner; and Jimmy Thompson, Nor Cal Kenworth for their service as forklift operators during the moving of SCLC equipment during past years.

Lisa Perry who served many years as the California Forest Products Commission Education Director was presented the Roy Derek Berridge Memorial Award.

The 28th Annual SCLC Golf Tournament was rained out for the first time ever.

The programs were well attended; particularly “Hard Times Been There Before.” Over 200 attended this special panel by moderator, Ed Walker, Robinson Enterprises; Lowell Robinson, Robinson Enterprises; Dan Tomascheski, Sierra-Pacific Industries; Jim McCollum, retired logger; And Mike Albrecht, Sierra Resource Management Inc.

Logging Sports Show brought together student competitors from U.C. Berkeley, Cal Poly and Humboldt State University.

The Ladies Day Champagne Brunch was entertained by local Comedy/Magician and Escape Artist Byran Gilles.

A record crowd attended the Lumberjack Dinner and Education Auction.

The reported total attendance to the conference was “over 10,000.”

Paid member total was down to 258.

The raffle for an ATV Mule netted the conference \$19,760.

Executive Director Nadine summarized a story about her Hayfork High School basketball team that symbolizes the strength of our communities and industry. As the loggers lost their jobs and left town, the team lost members. However, as reported by the Record Searchlight in 1994, the girls continued to fight valiantly. Nadine concluded: “The history panel gave us a small glimpse of why this organization (SCLC) has survived for sixty years. Our team plays on, no matter the circumstances and we are the better for being part of the game.”