



# The Prairie Arborist

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## **Meet the new President of the Prairie Chapter.**

Kevin Cassells moved into the President's position of the Chapter at the 2015 AGM in Lethbridge.

Prior to this position, he served two years as Vice President and several years as a Director. He

has been dedicated to the ongoing success of our Chapter both as a member and a volunteer board member for several years. Kevin was instrumental in securing Davey Tree as an ongoing sponsor of the annual conferences.

Kevin plans to ensure the Chapter's success by continuing with the offering of relevant workshops and conferences, holding an annual Chapter Tree Climbing Competition maintaining existing and investigating new partnerships with like minded organizations.

Kevin has been with Davey Tree for 26 years. He is an ISA Certified Arborist, as well, earned a Diploma from the California Arborist Training School.

He has been a dedicated volunteer to this organization but also served as Secretary Treasurer to the Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease (STOPDED).

Kevin thanks outgoing Board members Kelvin Kelly and Jean Mathieu Daoust for the work they did for the Chapter, welcomes Codie Anderson (Alberta Director) and Garrett Smith (Saskatchewan Director) and is looking forward to working with the entire Board over the next two years.

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**Bonnie Fermanuik**

My term as President of the Prairie Chapter has come to a close and I must reflect on the past 2 years. The board has achieved many milestones, one of the biggest was operating without an Executive Director for 6 months and then hiring Keith Anderson as our new Executive Director.

Keith's previous experience as President of the Chapter and his time with the City of North Battleford Parks Department, he is able to share his experience and excellent organizational skills with the board and the Chapter members. THANK You Keith for all the assistance over my term, you made my job so much easier.

I also want to thank the board members for the participation on the board and commitment to the Chapter to make the various programs a success. A special thank you goes out to the host committees for the Prairie Chapter conferences, workshops and Tree Climbing Championships - your hard work is very much appreciated.

When my term started our finances were in a precarious position and the board made many tough financial decisions and operated on a shoestring budget to get the finances back on track. I am pleased to report that the board achieved this. We need to ensure the viability of the Executive Director position that conducts all administration functions, assists the membership, works through the international processes and assists our volunteer host committees with the offering of quality educational opportunities for the membership.

I have enjoyed meeting the membership and have developed many new friendships. I admire the commitment to the industry shown by our members and the professionalism exhibited in offering quality tree care to communities and clients.

I know, I have become a better person for meeting and working with all the talented volunteers and professionals out there. I look forward to my continued involvement in the Chapter.

Thank you for your support.

Bonnie Fermanuik

### **Save the Date**

**The next TRAQ Workshop**  
in the Prairie Chapter will be in  
Winnipeg MB.  
January 18-20, 2016.

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**The next TRAQ Workshop** in the Prairie Chapter will be in Edmonton AB.  
April 20-22, 2016

Watch the website for registration information for this upcoming workshop.

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Tree Climbing Championships**

will be in  
[Brackenridge Park](#)

San Antonio, Texas, US

#### **EVENT DATES**

**April 2-3, 2016**

[Tentative Schedule of Events](#)

**Kali Alcorn and Jesse Antonation**

will be representing the  
Prairie Chapter at this event.

### **Save the Date**

**ISA Certified Arborist, Municipal  
specialist and Utility Specialist Exam**

May (date TBA) at Olds College  
October 30 in Red Deer at the conference

### **Save the Date**

**The 2016 Prairie Chapter Tree  
Climbing Championships**

will be in in Central Alberta

Watch the website for  
location and dates

### **Save the Date**

**The 2016 Prairie Chapter Conference  
and Tradeshow**

will be in Red Deer, Alberta  
At the Sheraton October 31-November 1

## TCC Comments and Compliments

Thanks Winnipeg! We all felt welcome from the get-go.

That feeling persisted all weekend, that weekend being the Prairie Chapter Tree Climbing Competition held in Winnipeg September 12, 13, 2015.

St Vital Park had some great trees suitable for our purpose and had excellent facilities for the awards and Saturday night supper.

Setup was done on the Friday led by our TCC Chair, Gerard Fournier, and our local TCC host and Manitoba Director to the Prairie Chapter, Matt Vinet.

The set up volunteers were competent and efficient. Yannick and Cyril along with many others were a great help in the trees.

Setup was relatively effortless due to the tree prep done by Bill Schroeder's Alliance Tree Care Crew, Matt's Greendrop crew. Executive Director Keith Anderson, the Jack of all Trades and the guy who brought all the equipment, scoresheets, stopwatches (with batteries) and other stuff that can get forgotten. Pizza for the climbers and judges during the equipment check rounded out that day.

**Saturday** saw 29 registered climbers show up early to take on the day. A barbecued lunch by the staff of Greendrop, Matt's wife Tash and Prez Bonnie kept the climbers fuelled for the work they had to do. If you've never experienced a climbing competition, you are truly missing out. Some of the Chapter's best men and women climbers compete using the work skills they use on a daily basis. Put it on your Bucket list to come and watch.

Saturday night we had a wind up supper of traditional Ukrainian food followed by awards and a social time.

**Sharon Vickner** was voted the winner of the Spirit of the Competition Award provided by Arboriculture Canada Training and Education. A most fitting recipient as she spent the whole day encouraging the climbers at the Work Climb and explaining to onlookers what the rules are and what was happening in the tree.

**Sunday** saw more great weather, hardly any mosquitoes and 3 men, 3 women competitors for the Masters Challenge. The winner of each category getting the opportunity to represent the Chapter at the International

competition in Texas in April of 2016.

Excellent climbing skills, finesse and speed were shown that resulted in Kali Alcorn of Olds, Alberta and Jesse Antonation of Winnipeg advancing to the International.

## Conference Comments and Compliments

What a great conference the folks from Lethbridge put on for us all - nothing better than getting together with folks with a common mind-set!!

Kudos to the Lethbridge committee - Maureen, John and everyone else, you all did a fabulous job of engaging us and feeding that arborist soul.

Outdoor sessions in a beautiful setting; indoors, the speakers were on track with relevant issues facing our industry. Thank you!

Thank you to the membership for your vote of confidence - as your new Vice President, I'll do my best to help with the continued success of the Chapter.

Each of you contributes a special something to this chapter, making it an organization I'm proud to be a part of. Looking forward to hearing your suggestions and concerns as we move forward.

By the time you read this Christmas will be over but I wanted want to take a minute to wish all a joyful holiday, filled with loved ones and laughter.

Cheers,  
M.J."Mimi" Cole,  
Rocky TreeGirl Ltd.



## For Immediate Release

### **ISA Announces Separation of International Annual Conference and Tree Climbing Championship**

CHAMPAIGN, Ill The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is excited to announce a new strategic plan for separating its annual international conference and the International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC).

After careful consideration, the ISA Board approved a new format that creates greater opportunities for involving ISA chapters, associate organizations, and members and also increases opportunity for public outreach.

ISA leadership believes that holding the events independently provides flexibility in selection of locations, facilities, and dates that are best suited for the growth and success of both events, which may result in them occurring at different times of year and in different locations altogether. This flexibility moves ISA toward being able to deliver better benefits to a wider audience, reaching more people within the industry and among the general public.

"With the events separated, ISA will be able to better allocate human and financial resources to organize events that meet our strategic goals and provide even more educational opportunities and interaction with our members," says Jim Skiera, the executive director of ISA. "Separation

also allows capacity to build out a greater public engagement experience with our tree climbing championship."

Without the time constraints of one annual event, ISA plans to offer more educational workshops during the ITCC geared toward reaching niche groups of the industry. In conjunction, an outdoor trade show will provide additional opportunities for demonstrations and networking among our members, vendors, and other industry partners. More interactive educational activities will also be a key component in order to attract the public and generate more exposure for the industry.

The board had previously approved a temporary separation for the 2015 and 2016 events. The first stand-alone ITCC was held March 21 and 22 in Tampa, Florida. A new event structure was introduced at this event, which included the Arbor Fair and Expo. Post-event review of the experience was instrumental in the board decision to move toward longer term separation of the competition and the annual conference.

"The board believes that holding two separate events will provide more volunteer opportunities with fewer administrative constraints for staff and host organizations," adds ISA Board President de Gourét Litchfield. "This will permit more focus on creating experiences that are valuable for

our members, vendors, sponsors, components, and the public."

Currently, the events are scheduled to be held separately in 2016 as previously decided by the board, but will be together for 2017 in Washington, DC, in order to honor previously established commitments. However, future planning for 2018 and beyond will develop them as two separate events. To encourage participation from the climbing community at the ISA Annual International Conference and Trade Show, there are plans to incorporate more educational programming focused on safety, industry innovation, and climbing techniques geared toward the everyday working arborist.

Next steps for ISA include finalizing a business plan for the ITCC focusing on additional human and financial resources needed for expansion as a stand-alone event. ISA will also be communicating with chapters and associate organizations on future scheduling to allow time to adjust their event schedules, particularly the climbing competitions used to qualify competitors for the ITCC.

#### **For More Information**

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### **International Tree Climbing Championship**

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**Sign-up to Volunteer!  
Deadline 1 March 2016**

Submitted by Manitoba Director Matt Vinet

Well summers is long gone out here in Manitoba, but here's some things we been up to out here Arbor Wise...

### **Arbor Day 2015**

#### **"All trees tell a story"**

On May 30, our annual event (#12) was held in in Beautiful St. Vital Park for the first time, right next to the picturesque duck pond and the new pavilion... The weather was great and as a result attendance was as well. It was perhaps our best attended Arbor Day to date... As usual we had an overwhelming amount of local Arborists, Professionals and volunteers dedicate their time to present an amazing event for the public, and present the message.

Our theme as always was and is "All Trees tell a story" Every year a local elementary school class holds an art contest with this theme. The winner has their art displayed on our shirt, and is a guest of honor for the day, with "front of the line" privileges for all events!

This year, visitors were treated to: Zip Line rides... on the new and improved set up by Alliance Tree Care

**Kids and Adult Tree Climbs:** Several trees were set up for the less to the more adventurous...from a simple foot lock a few feet up the rope to an all-out limb walk.....

**Bucket truck rides:** A breathtaking view of the park and the city aboard "Kong" City Of Winnipeg Forestry's 90' Aerial lift....

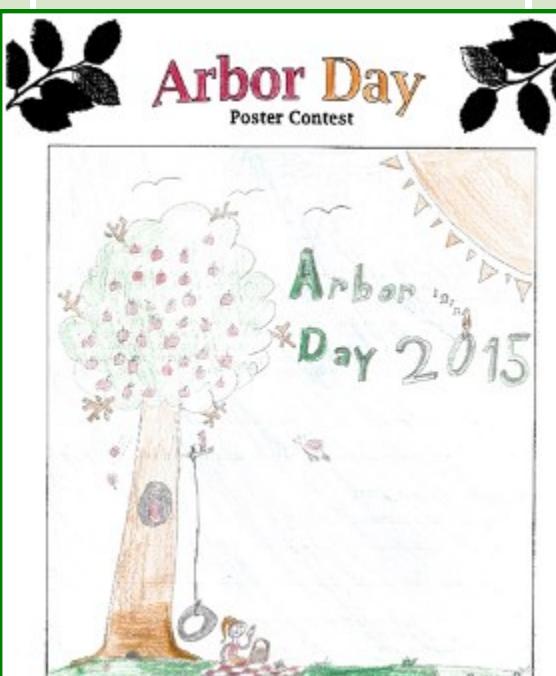
**Our ever popular kids craft tent,** a chain saw carver and a host of educational displays...

Arbor Day is Co-sponsored by Trees Winnipeg and ISA Prairie Chapter. A big thanks to all our Sponsors, volunteers and organizing committee



for making this a continually amazing event.

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- Treelife
- TreeWise



Our non-profit vendors....All the volunteers, climbers and Techs who make this possible...  
A big special thanks to the girls who feed and water us!

Lise Bettens  
Tasha Vinet

### **Prairie Chapter Tree Climbing Championships**

September 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>

Once again in beautiful St Vital Park. Once again, fantastic weather made this a great event. With just under 30 competitors;

23 Men and 5 women travelling from 3

provinces to compete, hang out, drink beer, eat food and all the things one does at a Prairie TCC. Of course the winners get bragging rights and a trophy and a chainsaw and a potato launcher and... a trip to San Antonio Texas!

Again the weather, and some great trees were the story here. The preliminary events went off great, beautiful day, sad day for Scott Niulli, who was injured descending in the work climb, and was unable to continue. Wish you all the best Scott...better luck in 2016!

The Masters Challenge finalists were:

Women's:  
Kali Alcorn  
Emily Michaelson  
Ruth Maendel

Men's:  
Jesse Antonation  
Ian Jones  
Peter LaRue

Day 2: Another beautiful day for the Masters challenge. A huge old Cottonwood for the Men, and a VERY challenging American Elm for the Gals... Some very exciting moments, and a big disappointment for Emily Micheaezon who was disqualified for dropping a handsaw from the tree. In the end the travellers to the great old State of Texas to represent the Prairie Chapter in the International Tree Climbing Championships (ITCC) in San Antonio are:

Kali Alcorn  
Jesse Antonation

This will be Jesse' s third ITCC  
Good luck guys

\*Special mention must go to Dave Lutes who was competing in his 18<sup>th</sup> competition...at the ripe old age of 53!

We'd like to thank everyone who helped out in one way or another it would not be done without all your tireless efforts. And of course to the climbers who train and climb and work all year to put on a great show for all of us! If we've forgotten anyone we're truly sorry, remember these are old and tired minds at work here, we can't remember what day it is....

**All the competitors -**  
(go to: [www.isaprairie.com](http://www.isaprairie.com) for scores)

**All the climbers and techs who helped out especially those from out of town:**

Yanick Portauw All the way from Belgium, by way of Calgary  
Cyril Reboulet from Calgary  
Mike Telford: All the way from Denver by way of Calgary  
Maurice Pilote: All the way from Quebec!  
Dwayne Neustaeter: All the way from Olds!

Sharon Vickner All the way from Saskatoon!

**Of course all our board members who travelled to get here:**

Mimi Cole  
Bonnie Fermanuik

**Our Prairie Chapter Director:**

Keith Anderson; who brings all the stuff we need in a trailer, and remembers to bring all the stuff we think we don't...

**Special thanks:**

**The Alliance Tree Care team:** For all their help with setup and the great job cleaning up all the trees, and the use of their Aerial trucks for the entire event.

**City Of Winnipeg Forestry:** for their double basket bucket truck, without it the work climb would be very hard.

**TCC Chairman:** Gerard Fournier  
**TCC Local Chairs:** Bill Schroeder, Matt Vinet  
**Head Scorer:** Keith Anderson

**Master of Ceremonies / Technical Advisor:** Dwayne Neustaeter

**Thanks to all the Judges:**

**Work Climb:** Sharon Vickner

*Her team:*

Mimi Cole

Jodi Vinet

Alexis Barwinsky

Carley Hungerford

Yannick Portauw

Mark Hungerford (the very skilled bucket operator)

**Belayed Speed Climb:** Carla Antonation

*Her team:*

Carl Epp

Alexey Egorov

David Lutes

**Throw Line:** Martha Barwinsky

*Her team*

Joelle Fournier

Kyle "F"

**Aerial rescue:** Mike Telford

*His team:*

Nick Wagstaff

Jeffrey deRocquigny

Cyril Roubilet

Gerry Engle

Simon Bickle-Tapper

Ryan Shaw

Mark

**Foot lock:** Andrew Beach

*His team:*

Chris Barkman

Mitch

Pat

Michelle

**Our Food team!**

Lise Bettens

Tasha Vinet

Adam Schmidt

Scott Peter

Bonnie Fermanuik

**Misc. Volunteers:**

Jamie Unruh

Nick Stewart

Dylan Vinet

**A big thank you to all our Sponsors:**

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**Throw Line:** Petzl

**Work Climb:** Alliance Tree Care

**Belayed Speed Climb:** Green Drop

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**The Spirit of the Competition award©** was presented to Sharon Vickner, Head Judge of the Work Climb.

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## REPORT – CANADIAN URBAN FOREST NETWORK (CUFN) – PRAIRIE REGION WORKSHOP

*By Martha Barwinsky,  
CUFN Prairie Region Representative*

With the generous support of TD Bank, Tree Canada hosted the Canadian Urban Forest Network (CUFN) Prairie Region Workshop in Winnipeg on September 22, 2015. This workshop was one of 5 regional workshops being held across Canada.

The workshops are being held in the “off-year” of the Canadian Urban Forest Conference, the next one to be held in Laval, QC on September 27-29, 2016. The results from these workshops will be compiled and presented as a key topic of discussion in Laval.

There were 55 participants representing Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and updates on urban forestry activities in Alberta were presented to the group. The workshop engaged participants for the whole day and included brief presentations of urban forestry activities from all 3 Prairie Provinces, meaningful facilitated group discussions, and a “dotmocracy” exercise to prioritize needs and concerns.

### The goals of the workshop were:

1. to provide an overview of urban forestry activities across the Prairie Region,
2. to provide an overview of, and introduce to many, the Canadian Urban Forest Strategy (CUFS) to a wide range of professionals involved in urban forestry across our region,
3. to provide a forum for participants to give voice their concerns and needs as they relate to the national Strategy through facilitated discussion in smaller groups,
4. to identify and prioritize needs and activities for the Prairie Region to advance objectives and tasks in the CUFS, and,
5. to generate an updated contact list of urban forestry professionals for the Prairie Region.

After a review of the CUFS, each delegate participated in one of 4 facilitated discussion groups:

- Group 1 – Establishing,
- Group 2 – Planning,
- Group 3 – Retaining, and
- Group 4 – Maintaining.

Each group discussed the roles each of the 5 five Topic Areas of the CUFS play in their respective group subject, and identified needs and activities to advance the objectives and tasks outlined in the CUFS.

### The 5 Topic Areas in the CUFS are:

- 1) National Infrastructure,
- 2) Communication and Public Education,
- 3) Research,
- 4) New Technologies,
- 5) Professional Development.

Each of the delegates was given the opportunity to review the items identified by each group and voted via “dotmocracy” on their priorities.

Of the 5 Topic Areas in the CUFS, most of the priorities and needs identified fell under National Infrastructure, Communication and Public Education, and Professional Development. Even amongst these topic areas, there were recurring themes most of which are summarized below:

- national and regional standards for industry best practices
- national red seal trade for practitioners
- educate the public on best practices whereby the public asks for standards and professionals
- national legislation for tree protection and soil preservation / soil management practices
- the need for federal infrastructure in controlling or managing invasive pests – not just monitoring
- strengthen public understanding of the value of urban forests and link the values to people’s health and to provincial and federal health mandates,
- encourage long term care of trees on private property
- the role of public education in leveraging funding for municipalities whereby education needs to present the fact that trees are not a free resource
- the role of public education in increasing commitments from politicians to enact legislation to protect and preserve urban forests

There were some special mentions from the group discussions that represent needs that received fewer votes but are important to recognize. Of particular note is an item under Research identifying the need for case study research on urban forest planning, specifically what works and what doesn’t, while taking into consideration the different circumstances or variables.

Several delegates stayed after the workshop to discuss next

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steps in carrying forward the priorities identified in the workshop. The outcome of this discussion identified the need for an organized group from the prairies to move the priorities and needs forward. The group discussed the best means of moving forward through a collaboration of current urban forestry NGO's from each province (Trees Winnipeg, SOS Coalition, STOPDED) working in partnership under a coalition model.

#### NEXT STEPS FOR THE PRAIRIE REGION

The next steps for the prairie region include:

- Prairie Region Rep to update the contact list for CANUFNET for the prairie region based on the registration for this workshop
- Report of the workshop to be made available to all participants and all on the list serve by posting on the CANUFNET webpage
- Invite input from representatives from Alberta on the results of the workshop presented in this report
- Prairie Region Rep to follow up with participants who expressed interest in being involved in further discussion to move the priorities forward and to invite regional urban forestry NGO's to collaborate under an overarching prairie coalition

Overall, as one participant commented, the workshop was a success in providing a creative and effective process for getting participant input.

I invite anyone who was not able to attend the workshop (and anyone who did attend) to send me your comments, thoughts, ideas on the priorities identified from our group work at [mbarwinsky@winnipeg.ca](mailto:mbarwinsky@winnipeg.ca).



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I also encourage those who have not yet done so, to join the Canadian Urban Forest Network (CANUFNET) listserv by going to the following link:

English:

<http://www.cufn.ca/#join-the-cufn-listserv/crrf>

OR

French:

<http://www.rcfu.ca/#joignez-vous-au-listserv-du-rcfu/c2yt>



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# TREE CLIMBING COMPETITION 2015



All Pictures submitted by Matt Vinet: Clockwise starting from top left:

Ian Jones with prize from TreeStuff, Kali wins a Chainsaw sponsored by Stihl, Petzl rep Maurice Pilote from Quebec presents Jesse Antonation with a prize, Dave Lutes does the Hokey Pokey and turns himself around because that's what it's all about, Greendrop's Red Seal Chefs: Lise Bettens, Adam Schmidt, Scott Peter





Peter LaRue, Jesse Antonation (2015 Champ), Ian Jones (2014 Champ.), Kali Alcorn, Ruth Maendel, Emily Michaelson



Jesse Antonation



Kali Alcorn



Gerard Fournier - TCC Chair & 2015 Champ Jesse Antonation



Kali Alcorn 2015 Women's Champ

## "Weird things Arborists do"

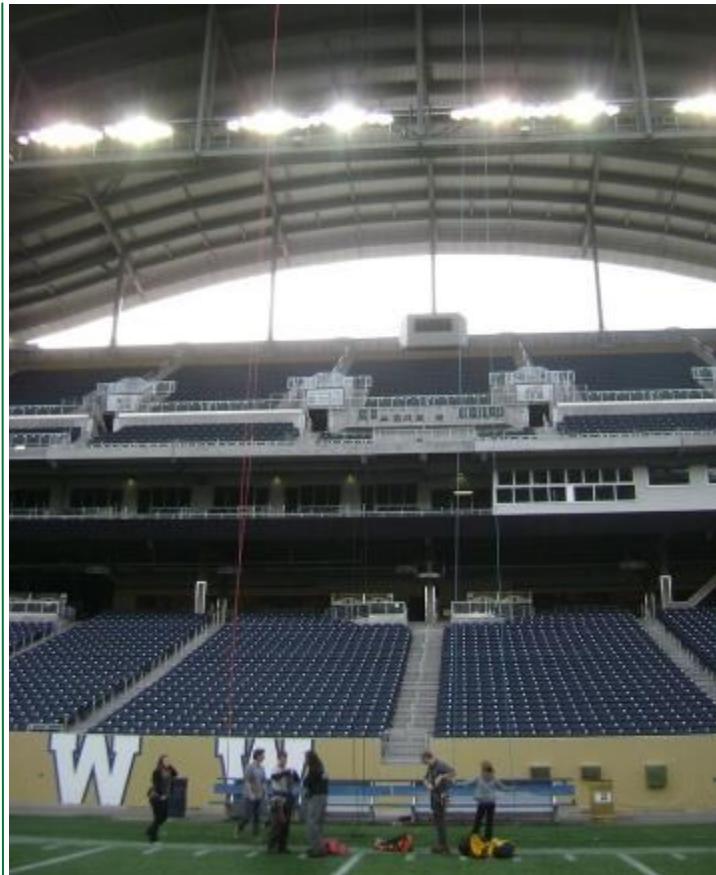
*Story and Photos Submitted by Matt Vinet*

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers asked us if we would be interested in performing a stunt for them; rappel 3 mascots off the roof of the new Stadium as part of a pre-game show. After examining the roof, and the 225' drop - we said "sure, why not we do this stuff all the time..."

So we enlisted the help of some rope-access specialists; Todd and Kris (also of Green Drop Tree Care) of TLC construction and we put together a team. 3 techs; on the roof for setup, 3 Arborists to rappel, and 3 techs on the ground; Jodi Vinet, Brooklyn Bettens and Scotty of TLC, for rope management.

Now to find 3 Arborists crazy enough to do this while dressed in 100 pounds of very hot mascot suit, with hands that have less than 5 fingers and size 17 clown shoes...Mmmmmmm

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Well, it wasn't hard to convince Dave and David Lutes of Treewise and Rob Knight of Timberland Tree, who is also an accomplished Ice Climber. (the beer bribe helped)

A 3 minute stunt took literally hours of rehearsal...not as easy as you think.. hardest part; trying to stay composed the first time I saw Dave, David and Rob trying to make their way across the roof in size 17 clown shoes, hardly able to breathe!

Game day went off great, before 30,000 people and right after a military flyover they descended, I'd like to say almost without a hitch, (let's say without a "wardrobe malfunction) but it was quite the experience.

The Bombers have asked for a repeat performance so keep an eye out for Dave, David and Rob on TSN!



## On-line tree care course aimed at hobbyists and professionals

Do you have a passion for trees and shrubs? Want to learn more about health and maintenance of these woody wonders? With the online Manitoba Arborists course through the University of Manitoba, you can now study tree care from the comfort of your home.

Offered by the School of Agriculture, the course covers tree biology, plant classification and identification, soil science and tree worker safety. Participants learn about proper tree pruning techniques as well as the issues that affect urban tree health, including environmental stresses and forest pests and diseases.

"The online format makes this course accessible to anyone in Manitoba and may be of interest to those looking to care for trees and shrubs on their own property," says Michele Rogalsky, Director of the School. "This course is also ideal for entrepreneurs thinking of becoming professional arborists."

Under provincial law, anyone who provides tree care or pruning for financial gain in Manitoba must have a valid Manitoba Arborists Licence. Completion of the Manitoba Arborists Training Program prepares students for the licensing examination, which is administered by the School.

The Manitoba Arborists course has been taught on campus since 1997, and recently also became a web-based offering through UM Learn, the University of Manitoba's online learning management system. The online course closely mirrors the 12 weekly sections covered in the in-class course, but allows students the flexibility to learn the material at their own pace and on their own time.

Registration is now open for the next session, which begins January 11, 2016. Don't delay as registration will close December 18, 2015.

Learn more and register at [www.ManitobaArborists.ca](http://www.ManitobaArborists.ca). Students in the most recent course praised the format and the content:

"I am enjoying the course as it serves me well in my role here in Morden. University was a few years back and this is a great refresher!" Shawn Dias, City of Morden - Parks, Morden, MB

"I am finding the tree identification sections very useful. I am learning to distinguish the species and cultivars, not just the genus level identification." Diana Race, Stonewall, MB

"I was able to work on the course at the times best suited to my own schedule with no vehicular cost and all my time was invested in studying, not driving. If given a choice of online or classroom again, given the distance I live from a large centre, I would most certainly take the online version." Terry Fehr, Gladstone, MB.

## Winter Session, On-Line Course Begins January 11, 2016

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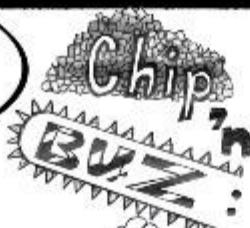
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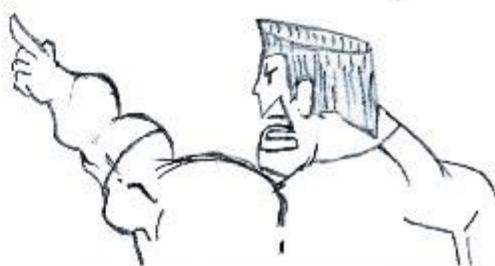
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