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Macnamara
FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

Promoting the appreciation, understanding, and preservation of nature in the Ottawa Valley

Welcome, **<<First Name>>**

WHAT YOU TOLD US

Many of you are looking forward to the return of our in-person meetings at the Arnprior Curling Club. The good news is that we will return there starting with our October 2022 meeting, which will feature research scientist Patrice Bouchard on *Beetle Diversity in Canada and Beyond*. Members who are more comfortable joining virtually via Zoom will continue to have that option as well.

We had 98 responses to our question on meeting preference. Of these, 53 preferred meeting in person while 45 preferred meeting virtually.

Note that our September 2022 meeting featuring Michael Runtz and *The Wolves of Algonquin* will be virtual only; we need time to test our hybrid version.

MEETING

September 7, 2022
7:00 p.m.
The Wolves of Algonquin - Michael Runtz

Right next door to us lives a relatively newly "discovered" species of wolf called the Eastern Wolf. Michael's association with this iconic animal spans 50 years and his highly visual presentation (which includes never-before-seen images captured mere days ago!) explores the fascinating life of this elusive animal.

Members will access this Zoom meeting

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SIGHTINGS:
Don't forget to send your new local sightings to johndrlawrence8@gmail.com by September 4. Please flag your email as Sightings.

Macnamara Banquet
October 28, 2022

Thirty-three of the 73 respondents to the questions about our 2022 banquet said that they would likely attend the event and 40 said they were not likely to attend. Given that many of the individual "votes" were from couples, **we have now booked the Sand Point Golf and Country Club for our October 2022 banquet!**

As mentioned, Jeremy Inglis will be our guest speaker on bears. More details on the evening will follow, including where and when to get tickets and their cost.

As members of the public are also invited to attend, club members are encouraged to buy their tickets early. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Morris Island Conservation Bioinventory Kick-off
September 10, 2022 8a.m. - 4 p.m. Rain or Shine.

Spearheaded by the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club, in conjunction with the MFNC, this will be the first of several events in 2022 and 2023 held at the Morris Island Conservation Area (MICA, Map) to document the site's biodiversity. Experts and non-experts alike are welcome to come and help us record the biodiversity present in this interesting riverside conservation area at the northwestern edge of Ottawa. More details here.

Join us Saturday, September 17 at the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall, Arnprior

ARNPRIOR is hosting its second Recreation & Culture Fair and our club will again be part of it!

Free to all, the event takes place on Saturday, September 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Arnprior's Nick Smith Centre Community Hall at 77 James Street.

Drop by and say hi. **Even better — volunteer to take a turn at our club's display**. We're asked to be there for 8:30 a.m. to set up. **Can you spare a couple of hours in the morning or afternoon? Please contact Karen Runtz at** communications@mfnc.ca

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Meetings:

We expect to resume our in-person first-Wednesday-of-the-month meetings at the Arnprior Curling Club in October 2022. Members who are more comfortable joining virtually via Zoom will continue to have that option as well.

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