



# The Top Cut

Safety

Quality

Efficiency

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## St John Valley CLP wins Game of Logging Competition



Left to right: Jeremy Grignon, John Grignon, Chris Roberts, Andrew Marquis—1st Place, Steve Pinkham—3rd Place, Tom Fox, Tyler McIntosh—2nd Place

It came down to the final cut in the precision felling event to determine the winner on Saturday August 10th in Greenville, at the 25th Annual Game of Logging Competitions.

Andrew Marquis, CLP arborist/logger from St Agatha came in first place with a total of 281 points. Andrew has been a longstanding competitor and his perseverance has paid off, winning a \$1000.00 cash prize.

Tyler McIntosh from Brewer came in 2nd place with 278 points, winning a chainsaw. Steve Pinkham from Rumford mirrored last year's 3rd place finish with 270 points, winning safety apparel.



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# The Top Cut – Fall 2019

## 2019 Fall Recertification Training Session Topics

### CORE CURRICULUM ALL PROGRAMS

- ◆ CLP Update
- ◆ Emerging Technologies
- ◆ Managing Landowner Expectations Before a harvest begins—SFI / MFS

### MECHANICAL LOGGERS

- ◆ Hand Tool Safety & Skills
- ◆ Hazard Mgt.
- ◆ Fatigue Mgt. / Ergonomics

### SUPERVISOR/CONTRACTOR

- ◆ Hazards & Near Misses
- ◆ Word Class Safety Program
- ◆ Fatigue / Driver Safety

### CONVENTIONAL LOGGERS

(Inside Session)

- ◆ Hazards & Near Misses
- ◆ Advanced Felling Techniques (Outside Session)
- ◆ Level II & III

## Fall Class Schedule

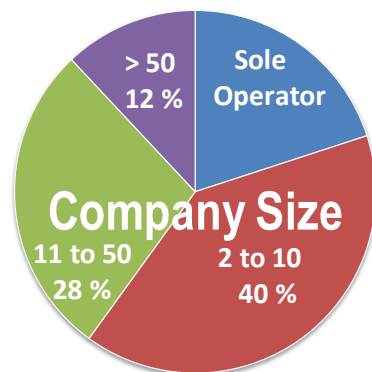
Session	Date	Location
4-Day Certification	Nov. 12th - 15th	Bangor
1-Day Re-Certification		
Conventional	Friday, Oct. 4th	Bangor
Mechanical	Friday, Nov. 1st Friday, Nov. 8th Friday, Nov. 22nd	Augusta Bangor Fort Kent
Supervisor	Friday, Nov. 22nd	Bangor/Augusta



## Maine Logger Health & Safety Study

### Check what we've learned so far!

- ◆ **393** Maine loggers completed the initial survey
- ◆ **99%** Male, **1%** Female
- ◆ **48** average age, **18** youngest, **78** oldest
- ◆ **25** average years worked, **6** mths shortest, **60** longest
- ◆ **11 hr.** average work day, **2** shortest, **18** longest
- ◆ **55%** have over **20** years experience
- ◆ **40%** of participants have musculoskeletal pain
- ◆ **15%** saw a specialist in the past year
- ◆ **13%** saw a chiropractor in the past year
- ◆ **1 hr.** logger's average commute



## Safety Corner

### OSHA Reveals Latest Top 10 List of Violations

Violations cited from October 1, 2018, through August 31, 2019

1. **Fall protection (construction)—general requirements (29 CFR 1926.501):** 6,010 violations.
2. **Hazard communication (29 CFR 1910.1200):** 3,671 violations.
3. **Scaffolds (construction)—general requirements (29 CFR 1926.451):** 2,813 violations.
4. **Lockout/tagout (29 CFR 1910.147):** 2,606 violations.
5. **Respiratory protection (29 CFR 1910.134):** 2,450 violations.
6. **Ladders (construction) (29 CFR 1926.1053):** 2,345 violations.
7. **Powered industrial trucks (29 CFR 1910.178):** 2,093 violations.
8. **Fall protection (construction)—training requirements (29 CFR 1926.503):** 1,773 violations.
9. **Machine guarding (29 CFR 1910.212):** 1,743 violations.
10. **Personal protective and lifesaving equipment (construction)—eye and face protection (29 CFR 1926.102):** 1,411 violations.

### Safety Meetings Focus on changing behavior

Pick a topic from OSHA's 10 mostly cited areas or a near miss that happened on site. Ask yourself, what behavior must change to prevent an accident? For example, Lockout / Tagout (LO /TO), we want zero energy and tags in place.

At a safety meeting supervisor number one hands out LO/TO procedures to employees, explains he expects them to read, and perform next time they break down. Then he checks the box, everyone has a LO / TO procedure.

Supervisor two tells himself, "I'm going to make sure operators can lock their machines properly by handing out procedures and having them perform before leaving". Supervisor two will have better results at affecting behavior which in turn lowers accidents and possibly increase production.



### Important Changes in Diesel Fuel Formulation

**What You Need to Know About Static Electricity Risk**  
From: **Best Practices Guidance Bulletin 6/13**  
Association of Equipment Manufacturer

The removal of sulfur and other compounds in Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) fuel decreases its conductivity and increases its ability to store static charge. Refineries may have treated the fuel with a static dissipating additive. However, there are many factors that can reduce the effectiveness of the additive over time.

Static charges can build up in ULSD fuel while it is flowing through fuel delivery systems. Static electricity discharge when combustible vapors are present could result in a fire or explosion.

Therefore, it is important to ensure that the entire system used to refuel your machine (fuel supply tank, transfer pump, transfer hose, nozzle, and others) is properly grounded and bonded. Consult with your fuel or fuel system supplier to ensure the delivery system is in compliance with fueling standards for proper grounding and bonding practices.



### CELL PHONES

**Effective Thursday, Sept. 19,**

Maine law prohibits the use of handheld phones and devices while driving. ... The new legislation now makes it illegal to use a cellphone for any phone calls, texting, surfing the web or any other purpose. In fact, simply holding a cellphone while driving is now illegal under the new rule



# Cast Your Vote For Logger Of The Year

**Yes! I want to nominate one or all of the following CLPs as Logger of the Year.**

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_ My Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

My Address: (Street/PO Box) \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONVENTIONAL LOGGER**

**MECHANICAL LOGGER**

**CONTRACTOR/SUPERVISOR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Award recipients must be active CLPs and must be nominated with the form above. Two references must be provided, of which one must be a landowner.

To submit a nomination or nominations, you must do the following:

- ◆ Form must be received by November 15, 2019. Send to: CLP·P.O. Box 557·Jackman, ME 04945
- ◆ Attach on a separate sheet, the names, addresses and phone numbers of two references per nominee. **Include one landowner per nominee.**
- ◆ For each nominee, attach a description of their qualification, with attention to their safety, business practices, resource protection, and community activity.

## CLP Update

CLP program is re-branding in regards to governance, administration, curriculum, policy, and funding opportunities. Changes to training will maintain viability of CLP as Maine's only SFI approved training and education program. Work has begun and board will create sub-committees to look at training program delivery and content.

Maine TREE will take on a more defined role and continue as the umbrella organization to serve as fiscal agent. Fund raising efforts will be promoted by using 501c3 status.

These action items are the first steps in reestablishing CLP's vision for the future.

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### Help Team Thurlow Make Wishes Come True

For the third consecutive year, Mike Thurlow of Lee, a lifelong Maine logger, will run half of the Millinocket Marathon carrying a chainsaw and wearing logger's safety gear. Mike and his team of supporters have the goal of completing the run/walk, to honor the loggers that have helped support the industry.

All proceeds from Team Thurlow's run on Dec. 7th, 2019 will help grant wishes for children in Maine. Please support this cause by contributing to this fundraiser. Every donated dollar matters.

**Donate NOW, visit**

**[site.wish.org/goto/teamthurlow](http://site.wish.org/goto/teamthurlow)**

Or mail in a donation to

Make-A-Wish Maine

66 Mussey Rd, Scarborough, Me, 04074

**Mike and Team thank you for your support!!**

### Upcoming Events

12 - 6 -19

- ◆ CLP Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ Annual Banquet & Awards, Brewer, Me