



Dedicated to providing useful information to Tree Farmers and family forest owners.

2010 Tree Farmer of the Year Peter Bussman

Rancher, timberland manager Peter Bussman has been selected as the 2010 State Tree Farmer of the Year. A Humboldt County “Rancher” with a tremendous track record, Peters Tree Farm has been in the family since the early 1900’s and has been a certified tree farm since October 1, 1998.

Primary objectives of the tree farm have been timber production, grazing and livestock. He doesn’t talk about it, he just does it. And he does an awful lot with not a lot.

Peter has managed the Tree Farm since 1976. The 80 timbered acres grows approximately 137,000 board feet of prime Redwood and Douglas-Fir timber with an average annual value between \$40,000-\$50,000. This Tree Farm started with about one and a half million board feet (1,500 MBF) in 1982, has harvested well over two million (2,644 MBF) in the interim, yet still has a current inventory of nearly three million board feet (2,820 MBF).

The Tree Farm has been the site of the Annual Forest Institute for Teachers Tour, subject to articles in the North Coast Journal, site of photos for a National Geographic

article in 2009 on redwood forests, public information tours, tours for legislators, landowner associations and Humboldt State University classroom tours. His Tree Farm is one of only two “model” forests of the Forest Stewards Guild, the other one being the City of Arcata’s



Municipal Forest.

Peter is a member of the Farm Bureau and a founding member of the Buckeye Conservancy and was both co-chairman and chairman for many years (2004-2009). From 1980-1988 he was on the board of directors of the Humboldt County Cattleman’s Association and is still a member. In addition, he served on the Humboldt Bay Watershed Advisory Committee from 1998-2004. Currently he serves on the

board of directors of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District and a county committee member, USDA Farm Service Agency. Peter is a member of the Farm Bureau, National Cattleman’s Beef Association, American Angus Association, and the American Hereford Association.

What makes Peter Bussman “Peter Bussman”? He is a mentor for young ranchers, tree farmers and 4-H youth. He gives generously of his time for education and community service. You can find him cooking as a volunteer for the Humboldt County Cattlewoman’s Association fundraisers and other non-profit groups. He was

an easy selection for the 2010 California Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year.

Come join us when we honor Peter at the 2011 Annual Forest Landowners Meeting at the Blue Lake Casino, 6 miles east of Arcata in Humboldt County, May 5-7, 2011. There will be a tour of the Bussman Tree Farm and an award presentation to Peter. More details will be posted at forestlandowners.org as the date approaches.



Tree Farmers and Foresters Welcome

The American Forest Foundation's American Tree Farm System (ATFS) invited ATFS state programs to submit proposals to fund a Capacity Building grant. The objective of the Capacity Building grant is to increase leadership skills, improve infrastructure and build capacity to strengthen the California Tree Farm System. The California Tree Farm System approached California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) with a proposal to partner in the 2011 Forest Economics Workshop/Annual meeting with the objective of recruiting new inspectors in addition to new Tree Farmers. We were successful in securing the grant and look forward to working with CLFA.

Our active inspector numbers are in decline through retirements, loss of funding for CalFire foresters and lack of interest. As a result our optional inspections are in decline and our yearly required inspections, necessary to remain third party certified have been a challenge to complete. We needed a better way to get the word out to foresters and landowners alike about the benefits of Tree Farm. CLFA, with a membership responsible for the sustained management of millions of acres of California forestland, is a good fit to promote Tree Farm.

During the workshop and hospitality night Tree Farm will have a representative present for information dissemination and inspector training sign up. From the sign ups we will determine the geographic locations for the training secessions and begin training as soon as logistically possible. New inspectors require a face to face training secession, then a five year re-certification that can be completed on line. The training takes approximately four hours.

As part of our partnership inspectors AND Tree Farmers are invited to attend the Workshop/Annual meeting. When registering just give CLFA your Tree Farm number to get the discounted member rate. This is a great opportunity to interface with a variety of resource professionals and Tree Farmers while getting the latest information on Forest Economics.

CLFA SPRING WORKSHOP

Forestry and Finance: "Does Money Grow on Trees?"

**THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011
HILTON HOTEL, SACRAMENTO
REGISTRATION FEE***

CLFA Member: \$170.00 (\$195.00/Late – after 2/23)

****Non-Member: \$220.00 (\$245.00/Late – after 2/23)**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 23, 2011

Fee Includes: Lunch/Breaks & Workshop Binder

**Cancellations: Refund of registration fee, upon request,
if cancellation is received by 2/23/2011*

***\$50.00 of non-member workshop fee may be
applied toward CLFA Membership*

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Leadership in Forestry – Growing Stronger"

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 4-5, 2011

**HILTON HOTEL, SACRAMENTO
REGISTRATION FEE***

CLFA Member: \$180.00 (\$205.00/Late – after 2/23)

****Non-Member: \$230.00 (\$255.00/Late – after 2/23)**

**Spouse/Guest Tickets: Friday & Saturday Luncheons
& Friday Reception - \$35.00/Each**

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Saturday Lunch/Breaks**

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**Special Package Rate (Members Only) for attending both
the Spring Workshop & Annual Conference
CLFA Member: \$300.00 (\$350.00/Late – after 2/23)**

LODGING INFORMATION

You are responsible for making your own lodging arrangements. CLFA has arranged for a block of rooms at the Sacramento Hilton. Please make your reservations on or before February 9 and refer to CLFA Group Reservation Code "ACF" to receive the following special rates: Single or Double: \$96.00 plus tax. Guaranteed rates apply Wednesday-Saturday, March 2-6.

**Sacramento Hilton Arden West, 2200 Harvard St.
(Arden Way West at Business 80), Sacramento
Phone: 916.922.4700 or 1.800.344.4321**

**On-line Room Reservations & Hotel Information:
www.sacramentoardenwest.hilton.com**

*Room Reservations must be guaranteed with credit card or deposit by check
Other Sacramento Lodging: <http://sacramento.citysearch.com>*

Workshop Introduction: The California Licensed Foresters Association's spring workshop will focus on contemporary forest economics issues that affect our State's timberland owners and managers. Foresters and landowners are constantly trying to find a balance between the economic and ecological health of California's timbered landscape. Presentations are scheduled on the topics of: conservation easements, estate planning, state yield taxes, federal tax issues, appraisals and timber markets, and operational and logistical economic analysis. With this workshop, we are hoping to provide foresters and landowners with a broader understanding of the economic considerations that impact the viability of all management decisions.

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March 3, 2011 – Sacramento Hilton

WORKSHOP AGENDA**Thursday, March 4**

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM** **REGISTRATION** – Hilton Conference Center
- 9:00 – 9:10** **Welcome and Introduction**
Mike Duffy, Program Chair
- 9:10 – 9:55** **Forestland Estate Planning**
William G. Apger, RPF/Attorney-at-law,
Law Offices of William G. Apger
- 9:55 – 10:35** **Conservation Easements**
Megan Wargo, Klamath Cascade Program
Director, The Pacific Forest Trust
- 10:35 – 10:50** **Break**
- 10:50 – 11:30** **California Tax Considerations**
Peter Murphy, RPF, California Board of
Equalization
- 11:30 – 12:10 PM** **Federal Tax Considerations**
Lawrence Camp, RPF, Internal Revenue
Service
- 12:10 – 1:10** **Lunch** (provided)
- 1:10 – 1:55** **The Cost of Regulation in California**
William McKillop, Ph.D., University of
California Berkeley, Emeritus
- 1:55 – 2:40** **Timberland Value Trends** – United
States and California
Martin Patten, RPF and Russ Forsburg,
RPF – American Ag Credit
- 2:40 – 3:20** **Forestland Certification**
Robert Hrubes, Ph.D./RPF, Scientific Cer
tification Systems
- 3:20 – 3:35** **Break**
- 3:35 – 4:15** **Timber Harvest Project Bid Estimation**
Jeff Leddy, RPF (California Department of
Forestry and Fire Protection)
- 4:15 – 4:55** **Small Landowner Management Projects**
William Stewart, Ph.D./RPF, University of
California Berkeley Extension

This program has applied for professional CFE credits by the
Society of American Foresters.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA**Friday, March 5**

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM** **REGISTRATION** – Hilton Conference Ctr.
- 8:00 AM** **Welcome and Introduction**
Frank Mulhair, Program Chair
- BUILDING A HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP:**
Legacy of Leadership: A Century of Forest
Conservation in Modern America
Char Miller – Professor of Environmental
Analysis, Pomona College
- Building Communities Outside the**
Industry to Improve Awareness
Jeff Fowle – California Farm Bureau
- Coalition Building, Our Story**
Laurel Brent-Bumb – CEO El Dorado
County Chamber of Commerce and
Economic Development Corporation of El
Dorado County
- Break**
- GOVERNMENT AT WORK:**
How it Works at the Capitol
Louie A. Brown – Attorney-at-Law Kahn,
Soares & Conway, LLP
- Working With the State Boards**
Gary Rynearson – Manager of Forest
Policy and Sustainability, Green Diamond
Resource Co.
- Noon – 1:00 PM** **Lunch** (provided)
- State of the CLFA**
Jason Poburko – President CLFA
- THE MEDIA:**
Media Training
Mark Luster – SPI Community Relations
Manager
- Letter Writing**
William "Bill" Keye – CLFA Government
Affairs Specialist
- Break**
- ENGAGING THE PUBLIC:**
San Jose Water Company Story
John B. Tang, P.E. – Manager, Gov.
Relations & Corp. Communications, San
Jose Water Co.
- Public Relations**
Mark Allen – One World Communication
- The Town Hall Meeting**
Speaker T.B.A.
- 5:00 – 8:00 PM** **Reception, Raffle Drawing & Presentation**
of the Outstanding Forester Award



Saturday, March 6

COMMITTEE UPDATES

8:30 – 8:45 **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
Casey Keller, Chair, CLFA Scholarship Committee

8:45 – 9:30 **LICENSING:**
Bill Solinsky, Chair, CLFA Licensing Com. Eric Huff, Executive Officer, Foresters Licensing

9:30 – 9:45 **EDUCATION:**
Dean Lofthus & Ryan Hadley, Co-Chairs, CLFA Education Committee

9:45 – 10:15 **LEGISLATIVE:**
Jason Poburko, Chair, CLFA Legis. Com. Bill Keye, CLFA Gov, Affairs Spec. P. Anthony Thomas, California Forestry Association

10:15 – 10:30 **BREAK**

10:30 – 11:00

11:00 – Noon

Noon – 1:45

1:45 PM

WATER RESOURCES:

Matt Dias & Matt Green, Co-Chairs, CLFA Water Resources and Wildlife Com.

FOREST PRACTICE:

Frank Mulhair, Chair, CLFA Forest Practtice Committee George “YG” Gentry, Executive Officer, Board of Forestry & Fire Protection Bill Snyder, Deputy Director, Resource Management, CAL FIRE

LUNCH (Provided)

LUNCHEON SPEAKER:

Brian Robinson – Manager, Professional Development & Member Relations Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals “The BC Path From Prescriptive Rules to Results Based Forestry”

Adjourn

REGISTRATION FORM CLFA SPRING WORKSHOP & ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Registration Deadline: February 23, 2011

NAME(S): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____

FORESTRY & FINANCE: “DOES MONEY GROW ON TREES?”– March 3, 2011

(Register Early – Class may fill prior to deadline)

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TOTAL \$ _____

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***Confirmation of Registration: You will receive confirmation of your registration via email or postcard*

PAYMENT OPTIONS – CLFA Federal Tax ID #: 94-2707404

- Check: Make check payable to: CLFA. Mail to: CLFA, P.O. Box 87, Fort Bragg, CA 95437
- www.clfa.org, click “Pay Online”, then follow prompts. This is a secure line. [Note: To pay for more than one individual under the same credit card, you will have to make individual transactions (please allow 1/2 hour between transactions to avoid a Fraud Alert from credit card processing). Credit Card – On-Line: Go to:
- Credit Card – Via Mail or Fax: Fill out the credit card information below and mail or fax the information to CLFA (Fax #: 530-463-7521).

Charge Credit Card (check one): Visa MasterCard

Card #: _____

Card Expires ____/____

Security Code on back of card (3-digit #): _____

Amount: \$ _____

Signature of Card Holder: _____



TREE FARMER QUIZ

By George Belden

1. Is the following statement true or false, and briefly state why: Establishing a ponderosa pine plantation adjacent to a residual white fir overstory infected with mistletoe represents a high risk of spreading the mistletoe to the new understory. _____

2. “Woods Words”. Define what a “square” is. _____

3. Name a new boring insect that is contributing to major damage on oak woodlands, in Southern California. _____

4. The easy way to tell the difference between a Ponderosa Pine cone from a Jeffrey Pine cone is _____

5. One of the primary goals in estate planning is to reduce the amount of estate taxes that will be incurred when an estate is transferred. The Federal Estate Tax is an excise tax on the right to transfer property at the date of death. When are the estate taxes due? _____



1. False. Dwarf mistletoes are generally species specific, and in this case, there would be little or no risk of spread from white fir to ponderosa pine. 2. A measure of shingles or shakes, enough to cover 100 square feet. Also a basis for paying snag fallers or buckers, so much per square, measuring per square foot of stump or log cross section. 3. The Goldspotted oak borer was first detected in 2004 in San Diego County. In 2008 it was found in the same county attacking Coast live oak, Canyon live oak and California black oak. GSOB larvae feed under the bark killing patches and strips of phloem and cambium. 4. The period between November 15 to April 1, except as noted under special county rules. 5. PF cones are 3 to 5 inches long and prickly. JF cones grow up to 10 inches long, are smooth to the touch because the prickles of open cones bend inwards. 6. The estate tax return (Form 706), and any taxes due, are payable nine months after the date of death. Extensions are available.

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Tree Farm Mission

To promote the growing of renewable forest resources on private lands while protecting environmental benefits and increasing public understanding of all benefits of productive forestry.