REGION LOSES PASSIONATE MAN

By Jim Kelly - The Chronicle-Journal

July 12, 2005

Bernie Schnieders had a passion for life.

Schnieders, 49, who died suddenly Sunday, was the Thunder Bay regional geologist who poured his energies into everything he did whether it was geology or fishing, his closest friend Richard Anderson said Monday.

“He loved life,” Anderson said. “He liked to see new things, do new things and have his friends around him.”

Anderson and Schnieders met in the early 1970s when their families had adjoining camps at Wild Goose Park east of Thunder Bay on Lake Superior.

It was there that the two began fishing together, a partnership that turned competitive when they began entering fishing tournaments in the United States. In their second year together, they placed second in the South Dakota Governor’s Cup and won about $8,000 US.

Anderson said after he and Schnieders did the tournament circuit for three or four years, they were asked to hold walleye seminars on sport fishing for Thunder Bay’s D&R Sporting Goods.

Schnieders has also been a long-time columnist for The Chronicle-Journal on subjects ranging from walleye to salmon fishing. When the popular column began in the early 1990s, Anderson contributed information on the sport for which they shared a passion.

Anderson, owner of Design Building Centre, currently has a home improvements column in The Chronicle-Journal’s Sunday editions.

“‘He was a busy man who juggled lots of things,’” Anderson said.

Despite Schnieders’ busy and full life, Anderson said his friend was a devoted family man to wife Joni and daughters Whitney and Lauren.

Schnieders gave up competitive fishing to focus on the recreational aspect of the sport.

“It made fishing interesting for a lot of people,” Anderson said.

Schnieders also was passionate about his profession.

He was employed by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines since the early 1980s, said district geologist John Scott who teamed with Schnieders.

“He was very energetic and liked to promote the mineral resources of (Northwestern) Ontario,” Scott said.
Whether it was advising prospectors or conducting tours for companies looking to invest in the region, Schnieders was the consummate professional, Scott said.

“Anything Bernie did it was with gusto and total commitment,” he said. “He brought this complete enthusiasm to his job and his life.”

Geologist Iain Downie said Schnieders was a competent geologist who knew the area well. “He’ll be a big loss to the profession and the government,” he said.

Downie’s son Ewan said Schnieders would talk mining any chance he had.

“He’d take time out even if he was on holidays to talk mining or fishing,” said Ewan Downie, president and chief executive officer of public mining company Wolfden Resources Inc. “Those were his great loves.”

Prospector and mining entrepreneur John Ternowesky called Schnieders a true friend and a professional.

“He knew the whole district. He was a mentor to everyone from prospectors to mining company presidents,” he said.

“He always did his best to help. His death is a shock to everyone,” Ternowesky said. “He’ll be thoroughly missed.”

Editors Note:

I’ve known Bernie for probably 20 years, he was one of the most enthusiastic supporters of Ontario prospectors and the geological potential of the Province. I entered his office numerous times and was presented with rock samples and maps of “new” showings prospectors had shown Bernie in the field. Of these I’ve benefited greatly in getting Juniors to work them and gaining a better knowledge of economic mineralization. One of these is the Fern Elizabeth Gold Mine property west of Atikokan. One of the most spectacular visible gold showings of Ontario was found here by Bernie and local prospector Mitch Wicheruk. The Bernie-Mitch vein has produced spectacular gold specimens that rival some of the best from producing mines.

Years ago I attended the BC&Y Chamber of Mines Roundup in Vancouver. In discussion with Bernie and John Mason it became apparent the Ontario Ministry Booth was a little flat. I with Bernie and John’s helped lobbied the powers to be to expand the booth and include more “rocks” and prospectors properties.

Well the last few years there’s been lots of “rocks” and prospector’s properties and the booth is one of the busiest at the show. Bernie and John’s presentation and enthusiasm have sold numerous properties for prospectors right at the show. Now all Resident Geologists offices send rocks to the show.

I personally will be missing Bernie’s big smile and Northwestern Ontario Prospectors have lost one of their biggest advocates.

To Bernie's Many Friends

Thank you for your part in making this memorial tribute possible. To date we have been 75 donations, exceeding $10,000.00. This is tremendous and a wonderful tribute to Bernie. The Bernie Schnieders Memorial Bursary will provide assistance to students studying geology at Lakehead University and will be a lasting legacy in Bernie's name.

For those who are about to make a gift, they can call Laurie Hill (Lakehead University) at 807-343-8913 if there are any questions or if you would like to make a credit card gift by phone. Cheques are made payable to Lakehead University (including Bernie’s name on the memo line) and can be mailed to: Lakehead University, Development Office, 955 Oliver Rd. Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 5E1

For those who wish to make a gift online, they could do so by going to the University website, www.lakeheadu.ca and clicking on Giving To Lakehead.

THE ONTARIO EXPLORATION CORPORATION

The following is a review of the OEC Prospector Assistance program for 2004 with comparison to the 2003 Assistance program.

SCORING

All applications are required to meet with technical and property title requirements before the project can be approved for funding assistance. A relative score is awarded to each application in an attempt to quantify applicant compliance with the mandated requirements and to create a hierarchy of relative value to assist in the awarding of assistance. The scoring process is made up of three parts, training and experience, industry and/or Ministry of Northern Development and Mines references, and quality and
documentation of the program. The three part review process permits applicants a relative amount of leeway in receiving assistance by considering many aspects of an individual’s knowledge and experience.

Applicants who have their projects approved for funding receive half of the assistance money in advance and the remainder when they have provided Final Submissions documenting their work and expenses. Applicants must also deliver proof of acceptance of assessment credits for their work from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines before their Final Submissions are accepted.

2004 APPLICATIONS
There were a total of thirty-two applications for assistance in 2004; six applications for winter funding and twenty-six for the traditional “spring/summer” funding period. As the winter applications are incomplete as of the date of this report the winter program data are not considered at this time.

From twenty-six spring/summer applications three, or less than 1% of the applications, were denied funding leaving a total of twenty-three approved projects. Two of those applications were denied for inappropriate project rational and one was denied for failure to supply the required title documents.

Upon review of Final Submissions at the end of the reporting period, December 31, 2004, there are three applicants recorded as incomplete for failure to deliver their Final Submission forms and four have had final approval withheld. Final approval has been withheld for incomplete expense reporting, omission of the assessment credit approval letter(s) from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and pending clarification of technical reporting issues. An eighth application and its related funding has been voluntarily returned by the applicant.

As a result of seven incomplete projects and one voluntary return there are then fifteen completed projects from the 2004 spring/summer funding period for review. Fifteen projects represent funds advanced to prospectors of $90,000.00 and it is that amount that is used to compute and compare expense ratios (see Table 1).

This is the second year of a series of biannual prospector incentive programs. In 2003 a fairly high proportion of incomplete applications (29%) were thought to be data skewed in the first year of a multi-year initiative. Applicants who failed to complete their responsibilities for funding were not entitled to participate in future programs; their exclusion, it was thought, should result in a higher completion rate in following years. For 2004 the incomplete application ratio represents 30% of applicants, virtually unchanged from 2003. Once again individuals who do not successfully complete their responsibilities will no longer be permitted to participate in future programs. The OEC is also toughing the language for legal responsibilities of the applicant in the application documents. In time these two actions will eliminate most of those who do not fulfill their obligations to OEC.

Applicants filed $132,968 of assessment credit as a direct result of their exploration, an increase of $42,968 over OEC funding (see Table 1.). This 43% increase compares with a 41% increase in assessment in 2003

Applicants also spent $21,755 more than the total of their assistance on exploration of their properties. This 24% increase in 2004 compares with an 11% increase in 2003.

Prospectors have spent $0.17 for every dollar advanced by The Ontario Exploration Corporation over the last two years. When assessment credit is factored in that amount increases so that prospectors are generating approximately $0.44 of exploration for every dollar advanced by the OEC.

Rock and geochemical analysis and assays are considered by the OEC as the benchmark of conducting exploration that is most likely to result in continued exploration and, ultimately, exploration success. The expense ratio in the category of Analysis/Assay in 2003 represented the largest expenditure of $39,616, or 41%, of 2003 OEC funding. For the 2004 spring/summer projects that number has fallen to 23% of OEC funding.

The largest group of expenditures was for Contract Services. From Table 2 it may be seen that the most of contractor expenses was for mechanical stripping, geophysics and linecutting, 26%, 24% & 22% respectively.

Equipment rentals made up 16% of expenses for 2004, 6% in 2003. Travel costs made up only 12.6% of funding (11%, 2003). Helpers accounted for only 6% of OEC expenditures in 2004 and were over 10% in 2003. The other expenditure groups, which do not directly impact exploration results, are at a reasonable level of expenditure. (See Table 1)
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**EXPENSE BREAKDOWN**

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<td>16%</td>
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Assessment increase over OEC funding: $42,968
Assessment:OEC funding - leverage percent: 48%

Expense increase over OEC funding: $21,755
Expense:OEC funding - leverage percent: 24.2%
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Table 3 illustrates some quantifiable aspects of exploration work. It is difficult to comment in a meaningful fashion until an historical database is assembled to compare the apparent effectiveness and cost effectiveness of work done.
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Table 4 summarizes the most significant results of individual applicant projects. Taken out of context it is difficult to attach hierarchical absolutes to their individual importance but it can be seen that there are numerous results deserving of follow-up work.
THE HAILEYBURY HERITAGE MUSEUM
NEW EXHIBIT DONATED

A new exhibit of silver samples has been donated to the Haileybury Heritage Museum by Mr. Phil Jones of Peterborough, Ontario. Mr. Jones spent the past 20+ years traveling the Cobalt Mining Camp in search of specimens from the various mines that operated in the region. In total there were over 100 mines that comprised the Cobalt Mining Camp.

Haileybury Heritage Museum
575 Main Street, P.O. Box 911
Haileybury, ON, P0J 1K0

NOTICE NEW MEMBER SERVICE

Do you have old stock certificates? The OPA believes we can help you find if they have value or are worthless. For a fixed rate we will complete some basic research that may allow you to determine potential value. Just email gjclark@ontarioprospectors.com for more information.

PROSPECTING MANUALS

The OPA is offering Prospecting Manuals for sale. This is an updated manual covering everything from the Ministry Administration, staking and basic methods of exploration for most commodities sought after in Ontario. This informative document is available for the low price of $30.00 including GST and shipping. To order just call the OPA office (866-259-3727) or email oegs@ontarioprospectors.com

ONTARIO NATURALISTS / CANADA NATURE CONFERENCE

The OPA and PDAC were asked to present a talk on Modern prospecting to the Ontario Naturalists Association at an annual meeting in North Bay, June 4, 2005. The theme of the conference was “Gateway to Nature”. The OPA would like to thank Mike Leahy for presenting a 45 minute presentation “Modern Prospecting Methods: Do they Conflict with Nature”. Mike had a great assist by Dave Guindon in putting together an informative PowerPoint presentation. This presentation will now be added to the OPA library for the use of the regional groups and our members. The OPA would also like to thank Richard Tafel of Ontario Nature who contacted Frank Tagliomonte to get the process started.

A JOINT LETTER ON THE PARKS ACT REVIEW

Aggregate Producer’s Association of Ontario
Ontario Lumber Manufacturer’s Associations
Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
Ontario Mining Association
Ontario Forest Industries Association
Ontario Prospectors Association
Ontario Fur Managers Federation
Ontario Water Power Association

July 11, 2005

Honourable David Ramsay
Minister of Natural Resources

Dear Minister Ramsay,

On January 17, 2005 representatives from our various Associations met with you and your staff to discuss our common concerns related to the revision of the Ontario Parks Act legislation. During this meeting and through subsequent correspondence, we received assurances from your office that the legislative review is intended to address the management of existing parks and protected areas. Further, our Associations were assured that there is no plan to expand the parks and protected areas network through the legislative review, legislative proposals would be based on existing policies and regulations, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) would honour the commitments associated with the Ontario’s Living Legacy Land Use Strategy, and that any revisions to the legislation would not impact approved practices on the landscape outside of regulated parks boundaries.

As you are aware, in late May 2005, the Ontario Parks Board released a series of recommendations and suggestions related to the review of the Ontario Parks Act in a document titled *Fulfilling the Promise – Recommendations of the Ontario Parks Board of Directors Regarding “It’s in our Nature”*. The representatives of our respective Associations are concerned that many of the Boards recommendations go beyond your intended concept of a legislative review. For example, several statements and recommendations either directly or implicitly propose landuse planning activities outside the boundaries of the existing provincial parks. Such recommendations are well beyond the previous commitment as outlined above.

Specific recommendations/commentary that are of
common concern to our Associations include:

Page 3, 1st paragraph, lines 6-8 – “In particular, the importance of size, connections between protected areas and ecological integrity have been recognized. We know that “islands of green” are not sustainable.”

The issue of connectivity between protected areas affects landuse outside of parks and protected areas and exceeds the intent of the legislative review.

Page 4, 1st full paragraph, last 3 lines – “A consensus developed that protection of ecological integrity should be the main priority and cannot be accomplished exclusively within the protected area boundaries.”

This statement suggests that current landuse practices outside of parks and protected areas are not sustainable and provides a basis for landuse planning activities (e.g. buffer zones, connectivity) on the outstanding Crown landbase.

Page 5, last paragraph – “The Act should have a specific provision requiring that policies for and management of protected areas should be consistent with the Dedication and Purpose”.

Given the proposed Dedication Statement and Purposes of the Act (see page 5), parks policies and management plans would almost certainly have overriding requirements for “ecological integrity” and “connectivity”, which could (directly or indirectly) impact lands outside the parks and conservation reserves.

Page 6, 1st paragraph – “The Board believes that the dedication and purpose should have the force of law.”

In combination with the point directly above, this statement would give policy and management plans (and thereby potentially landuse planning decisions outside of parks and protected areas) the strength of the law. From a resource sector perspective, it is not desirable that (1) legislation intended to protect the lands within the boundaries of parks and conservation reserves be utilized to influence activities upon the public lands outside those boundaries, or (2) that policies and management plans, that otherwise exist without the force of law, be given the force of law through a back-door approach.

Page 8, recommendations 1 and 3: “The Act should require that provincial authorities, in approving or carrying out undertakings or land use changes or planning on lands in the vicinity of provincial parks or conservation reserves, shall ensure that the ecological integrity of provincial parks or conservation reserves is not impaired.”

AND

“The Act should authorize and encourage provincial parks and conservation reserves to engage actively in land use issues on surrounding lands to sustain the ecological integrity of the protected areas they manage.”

These recommendations would allow park and protected area planning to dictate landuse planning/management on Crown land outside of parks and protected areas.

Page 9, 1st paragraph – “Many protected areas are of small size and do not contain complete ecosystems. Their ecological integrity cannot be sustained effectively unless surrounding lands are managed in ways that respect protected areas’ ecological integrity.”

This statement indicates that current activities outside parks and protected areas are not sustainable and provides the basis for landuse planning (to be governed by the Parks Act) on Crown land outside of the boundaries of parks and protected areas.

Page 10, recommendation 2 – “An Aquatic Class of provincial parks and an appropriate objective should be identified in the Act.”

Creation of an Aquatic Class of provincial park is inconsistent with the commitment that the legislative review would not be used to create more parks. The establishment of Aquatic Class parks can only exist through an expansion of the provinces existing parks.

Page 12, recommendation 1, last sentence – “The concepts of multiple-area management direction, and comprehensive planning involving both protected areas and adjacent/intervening Crown land, should be explicitly recognized in the Act.”

The Board has brought the elements of buffer zones (adjacent) and connectivity (intervening) together in this recommendation, and has explicitly suggested that management direction of these adjacent/intervening lands be put under the control of the Parks Act and Ontario Parks staff.
In light of our concerns, our Associations collectively request a meeting with you and the appropriate representatives of the MNR to obtain re-assurance that the legislative review remains true to its intended purpose.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA). I look forward to your response.

Regards,
Jamie Lim
President & CEO
Ontario Forest Industries Association

Cc. Gail Beggs – Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources
Kevin McGuire – Executive Assistant, Minister of Natural Resources
Craig Hughson – Senior Adviser, Policy & Stakeholder Relations, Minister of Natural Resources
David Milton – President, Ontario Lumber Manufacturer’s Association
Paul Norris – President, Ontario Water Association
Howard Noseworthy – General Manager, Ontario Fur Managers Federation
Chris Hodgson – President, Ontario Mining Association
Carol Hochu – President, Aggregate Producer’s Association of Ontario
Mike Reader – Executive Director, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
Garry Clark – Executive Director, Ontario Prospectors Association
Bill Bartley – NOMA
Richard Adams – FONOM

SOMETHING INTERESTING FOR PROSPECTORS and GEOLOGISTS

The Northern Miner has generously provided the Chamber permission to publish the chapter on geology from The Northern Miner publication Mining Explained on its website. This guide explains geology and how it relates to mineral exploration and mining in non-technical language. It can be accessed at www.chamberofmines.bc.ca/miningexplained.htm. A copy of Mining Explained is available for reference at the Charles S. Ney Library. This introduction to geology complements a more in-depth introduction to mineral exploration at www.chamberofmines.bc.ca/mineralexplorationprimer.htm. SPECIAL THANKS TO BC and Yukon Chamber of Mines.

ONTARIO EXPLORATION AND GEOSCIENCE SYMPOSIUM
DELTA CHELSEA TORONTO
DECEMBER 13 and 14, 2005

Again this year we are getting started on the planning for the Toronto show. Attached is a list of the various forms for registration, posters and booths. The Symposium this year will feature presentations from companies, prospectors and government. We have requested KEGS to assist us in presenting leading edge Geophysical presentations to better inform Explorers on the new techniques available to them.

We are actively looking for speakers and exhibitors. Please contact us if you want to present or have ideas of topics you would like to be informed about.

This year we are proposing a special “Prospectors Display”. Even if you are not attending the show in Toronto but want to display a property for sale or option we may be able to help. We have reserved Display Boards for displaying prospectors data. We have set a rough dimensions of approximately 2 X 3 feet for each prospector. If you would like to display, all you would need to do is contact us at the office (1-866-259-3727).

DR. JOHN GAMMON RETIRES

Dr. John Gammon a strong advocate for the Prospectors and Explorers of Ontario is about to embark on a new career. I’ve known John since he started with MNDM and he has always been a great supporter of OPA and a valued council when we required assistance or direction. John’s time at MNDM has been far from a walk in the park. I first dealt with him over the “rewrite” of the Mining Act in the early 1990’s. This was a rocky way to start a new job with Prospectors and Explorers all trying to get their spin on the final product. John steered this issue with a light hand and the result is a more streamlined and functional Mining Act. Other major issues he had to preside over included the move from Toronto to Sudbury and the centralization of Mining Lands. Both of these issues were potential industry and internal staff powder kegs. John stayed the course on these two projects, calming all fears, completing the projects to develop a functional environment that is one of the best in Canada. The OPA wishes John all the best in his future endeavours and look forward to his continued council to our organization.
Ontario Prospectors Association

% Gary Clark, Executive Director
1000 Alcry Drive
Thunder Bay, Ontario
P7B 6A5

Dear Gary:

Re: The Valuable Contribution of the Lake Nipigon Region Geoscience Initiative (LNROI)

As a Director and VP of Exploration for Rampart Ventures Ltd. (TSX: RPT), an active, well funded, junior resource company who plan to aggressively explore the Sibley Basin for unconformity type uranium deposits. Apart from having excellent potential to host a high grade uranium deposit, we felt that the underlying Archean rocks are potential hosts to IOCG and classic shear hosted gold deposits. The Sibley Basin essentially forms a blanket covering a large area of high exploration potential to host new discoveries.

Exploring the Sibley Basin for the above types of deposits, because of the extensive and deep cover of overlying sedimentary, presents unusual challenges to us, the explorers. We are sincerely grateful for the excellent initiative completed to date by the LNROI and operated by the Ontario Prospectors Association. This geoscience-based, geological data acquisition and compilation program is extremely valuable for the mining industry as a whole and should not be discontinued. The multi-million ounce Lac des Iles palladium deposit near the west margin of the Sibley Basin and the Beadmore-Geraldton (5 million ounce) gold camp east of the same basin demonstrate, to us, the outstanding mineral potential underlying this area. Continuing the LNROI, we believe, is vital to our success.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the OPA and the NWPA for inviting Rampart to the excellent conference held at the Valhalla Inn last month.

Yours truly,

Nelson W. Baker, Director and VP Exploration
Rampart Ventures Ltd.
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