

# JUNE 2005 - HONOURING EXCELLENCE DINNER, VANCOUVER, BC

## THANKS TO PETER WEBSTER and HIS DINNER COMMITTEE

*The Arbutus Club (Vancouver B.C.) was the site of the 2005 "Honouring Excellence Dinner". Mr. Peter Webster a Director of The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation and his able assistants Ms. Jay Gilbert and Ms. Debbie Bengtson organized this Special Evening for close to 100 guests. All this to honour Mr. Robert Bateman who received the Foundation's PRESIDENT'S AWARD. Mr Peter Hillary came to Vancouver from New Zealand as main speaker at the dinner and to help the Foundation in its fundraising activities in B.C. Peter Hillary presented the Award to Mr. Bateman. Again congratulations to Peter Webster and his volunteers for a great evening!*



*Nevenka and Peter Webster and Friends*



*Birgit, Robert and Chris Bateman and Friends*



*Dr. Joan Ford's Family and Friends*



*Associates at Sears' Table*

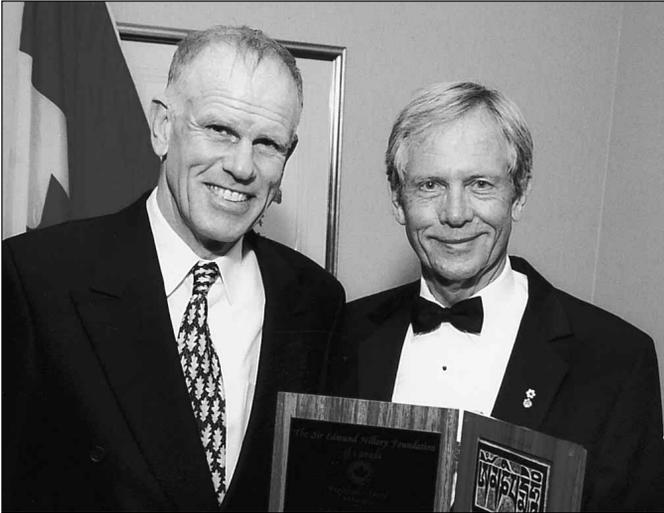


*Dr. Laara Banner and Friends*

# THE SIR EDMUND HILLARY FOUNDATION



## Robert M. Bateman Receives President's Award



*President's Award is presented to Robert M. Bateman by Peter Hillary. Mr. Bateman is a world-renowned artist, naturalist, author, lecturer and resource person in art, photography, nature and conservation.*

The Board of Directors of The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation was pleased to announce the selection of Mr. Robert M. Bateman, O.C., O.B.C., R.C.A., D.F.A., D.Litt., D.Sc., L.L.D., B.A., Artist/Naturalist, as the tenth recipient of the prestigious 2005 President's Award. Mr. Bateman resides in Salt Spring Island, British Columbia.

The President's Award was created to gratefully recognize and honour a person or persons who, over a long period of years (usually 15 to 20 years), has supported and made a meaningful contribution to the work in Nepal of The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation of Canada. Only ten President's Awards have been presented in the 32-year history of the Foundation.

Mr. Bateman was presented with this Award on June 22, 2005, at The Arbutus Club in Vancouver at The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation fundraising dinner and auction in aid of the Sherpa people of Nepal.



*Dinner Committee*



*Bateman Family and guests at the Dinner*



*Mr. & Mrs. Kilgour Shives at The Arbutus Club*

# THE SIR EDMUND HILLARY FOUNDATION OF CANADA

JUNE 2005

## The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation

### Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 16, 2005  
Sears Canada Inc. Boardroom  
222 Jarvis Street  
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### FROM THE BOARD

The Board expresses its appreciation to **Brian Baxter** for his contribution as a Director and as a Member for his dedication and service provided to the Foundation since May 1989. Mr. Baxter will serve as an "Associate Director" of the Foundation.

### Guest at the Board Meeting

**Colette Walker**, Staff Lawyer  
Sears Canada Inc.

**Annual Black Tie Dinner will be held on November 2, 2005, at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. The Foundation is honoured to have as guest speaker Mr. Peter Hillary, adventurer, author, speaker and philanthropist.**

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*Dr. Kami Temba Sherpa, Kunde Hospital and Ang Rita Sherpa, C.E.O. in Kathmandu, in traditional Sherpa clothes at a ceremony*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is the 60th Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation Board of Directors' Meeting.

Again, I am pleased to report that the 2004 – 2005 operation of The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation has been positive in spite of the continuing "insurrection in Nepal".

### June Meeting Summary

#### I Kathmandu, Nepal

1. Administration (Sherpa Committee)
  - (a) Ang Rita and his Board
  - (b) Ang Rita meeting in Washington with Zeke O'Connor and Kate Cole
2. Kunde Hospital and Medical Clinics – budgets
3. Reforestation – Nick Ledgard's Report
4. Literacy – Problem with Maoist in Solu Valley
5. Discuss Medical Scholarships with Dr. Kami Temba in November - about planning continuing programs

#### II Financial Outlook

1. Fund Raising Events
2. Endowment – Legacy and Future Grants
3. Fund Raising Consultants

#### III Sherpa Control in Nepal of Our Funds

1. Kathmandu Administration
2. Kunde Hospital and Medical Clinics
3. Sagarmatha Forestry
4. Literacy

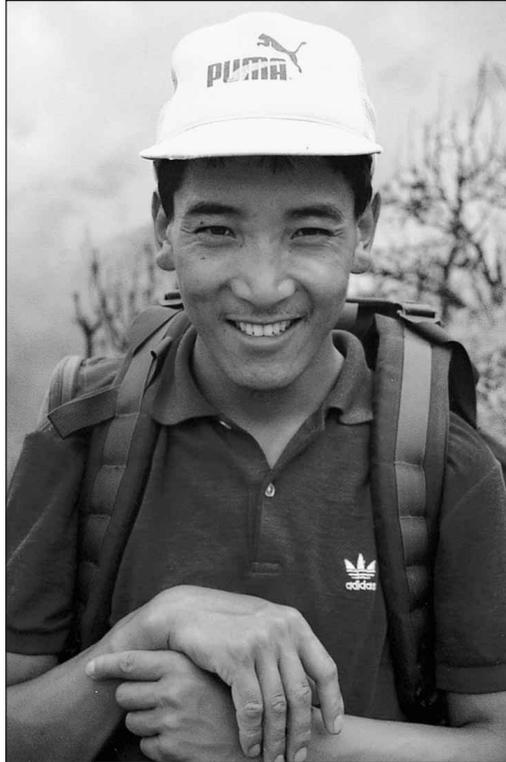
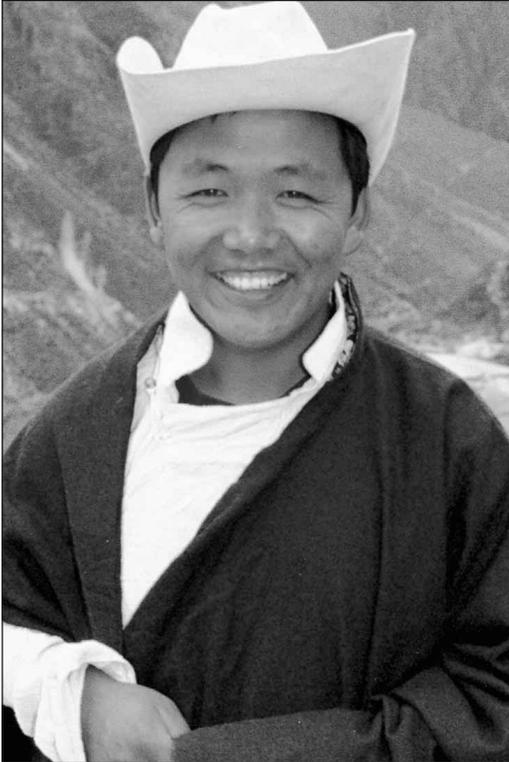
#### IV Future Planning

1. Succession
  - (a) Treasurer
  - (b) President
2. Board Structure – Review
3. Possibility of Executive Director

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## Kunde Hospital Update

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**Dr. Kami Temba Sherpa,  
Chief Medical Officer  
at Kunde Hospital  
& Mingma Temba Sherpa,  
Head Paramedic**

The Hospital continues to operate under the capable leadership of Dr. Kami Temba Sherpa and his staff including Mingma Temba and Gayse Sherpa. Dr. Kami and Ang Rita Sherpa and the Sherpa Committee in Kathmandu are studying plans for another extension to the Hospital. Dr. Kami has hired a full-time Nepali doctor to assist at Kunde.

The Sherpa Committee also discussed medical scholarships and the status of our three medical students.

Mingmar Chering and Tsering Wangdi are studying in Kathmandu and Eliza Bajracharya is studying in China.

**Excerpt from Dr. Kami Temba's letter  
June 14, 2005**

I am looking forward to a visit to Canada some time soon. I am very keen to take a short medical course either on obstetric or emergency medicine or any course that is not expensive but relevant to our clinical setting up here at Kunde. Although we have to talk on various hospital matters, this extra opportunity will certainly make my visit even more worthwhile. Hence, it is possible to make some enquiry in regards to this course. Any suggestion or opinion from our ex Kunde doctors in Canada would be highly appreciated.

keep in touch through email address.

Things are fine with us at Kunde. Dr Tim and Janet are leaving Kunde end of this month and the new Nepali doctor will hopefully be here around in the middle of next month. Thank you very much again for your kind support.

Yours, Kami

**Special note to thank all Canadian doctors  
who served at Kunde Hospital**

As I look back at our input into the Kunde Hospital, I once again get a great feeling of satisfaction over yours and the Foundation's contribution to the health care of the Sherpas of the Solu-Khumbu.

Financial help was necessary and we met the challenge! Volunteer doctors were needed and through Canadian and New Zealand doctors and also a few doctors from other countries, we met this challenge too.

Our gratitude to the following Canadian doctors who served from 2002 to 2004 -- Dr. Rod Leighton & Dr. Heather Culbert; Dr. Laara Banner & Dr. Jean Rawling and Dr. Kate Morgenstern & Dr. Simon Pulfrey.

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# Sagarmatha Forestry Report

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## **Reforestation –**

### **Excerpt from Nick Ledgard's report**

Needless to say, I have given quite a bit of thought relative to the next few years of the SNP forestry program. I see it as follows:

The SNP forestry program is one of the more successful forestry assistance programs in Nepal. It is arguably the world's highest forestry program of any size and duration of existence since 1979. It has overcome the challenge of growing and outplanting forestry species at very high altitude, with well over a million species grown in the three nurseries. In addition, valuable information has been gathered on forest growth and the factors which influence the success of trees such as their numbers, and much effort put into public and tourist awareness.

Probably the highest challenge for the future is in the socio-economic area - to get the program fully accepted and managed by the local people, to be user-driven and eventually self-funded. The local Sherpa people are certainly sufficiently educated and financially robust to meet this challenge.

With the above in mind, the program should aim to:

- continue with the existing, and most successful, seedling nursery and outplanting program
- continue, and hopefully expand, its forest growth and forest influence monitoring work
- train younger local people to carry on the work of existing SNP forestry staff
- obtain greater and long-term 'buy-in' (input and management) from local people, particularly those in influential positions.

To this end:

- increase promotion activities e.g. produce local reports and a 'Khumbu Forestry Handbook' in Nepali
- ensure maximum input of local village people in outplanting and forest management decision making... work as closely as possible with the 'umbrella' SNP conservation management Buffer Zone programs
- seek official support of the Rimpoches at Thyangboche and Thame
- liaise and collaborate closely with other conservation initiatives such as the Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee and the recently established Everest Alpine Conservation Project.



**Fenced plantation area – In Namche West plantation, forestry supervisor, Rangit Gurung, removes prayer flags tangled up in 20-year old silver fir. Demonstration pruning is being carried out in this plantation and one other at Chorcang.**

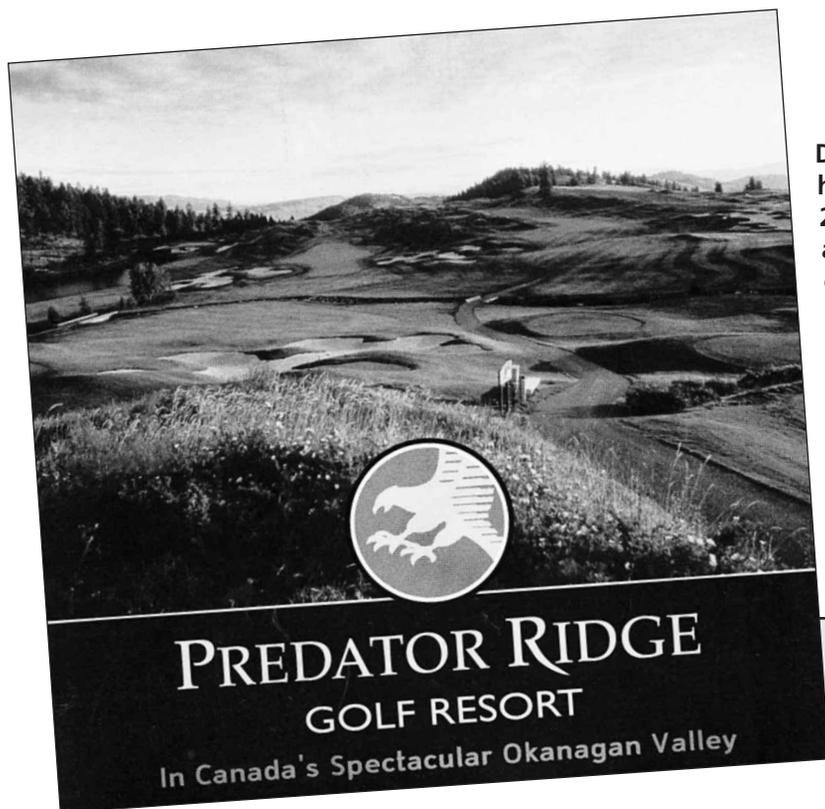
## **Literacy – Statement from Chairman of Committee**

Our literacy program in the Solu region is still on hold due to Maoist situation. The committee reported that we are fully prepared for a quick start-up once it is felt safe to proceed. Directors Kate Cole and Zeke O'Connor discussed this situation with Ang Rita Sherpa and Mingma Norbu Sherpa in Washington, D.C. this past April.

Both Zeke and I were very much in agreement with Ang Rita continuing his search for a suitable teacher for our literacy program. I look forward to further discussion to this situation at the November Board meeting.

**Kate Cole**

## FUNDRAISER IN VERNON, BC



Dave Paterson of Predator Ridge Golf Resort hosted our group for a fundraising event on June 23, 2005. Peter Hillary and Zeke O'Connor gave a slide presentation at Okanagan University on highlights of Peter's challenging South Pole adventure and the Canadian sponsored projects in the Solu Khumbu area of Nepal.

An audience of 200 filled the University auditorium to hear and meet Peter Hillary. The entire proceeds from the event were donated asking the Foundation to use the money raised on environmentally slanted projects e.g. reforestation.

*A warm thanks to Dave and Herb Paterson for a very successful fund raising event!*

### Eden Cameron Story

Eden Cameron, a 6th Grade Kingston, Ontario, young student learned about our Foundation on TV and looked us up on our web site. She came up with the idea of having a charity donation party on her 12th birthday on March 18, 2005. She asked friends invited to her party in place of gifts to make a donation to The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation in the amount they would have spent on a gift. We received generous donations from her guests.

Eden later e-mailed advising that she was working on a bake sale run by her Grade 6 class at John XXIII Catholic School in Kingston, Ontario, under the guidance of her teacher, Mrs. Limoge. It was a great success, and we

received over \$200.00 from this endeavour.

Mrs. Jill Cameron has informed us that her daughter has a very serious case of "Everest Fever". It shows no signs of abating and Eden does have summit plans for later in life

Over the years, we have received assistance from many schools, and this personal initiative by Eden is most appreciated and very helpful in our efforts to bring better health care and literacy to the Sherpas of the High Himalayas.

Thank you Eden, Mrs. Limoge and the Grade 6 students at John XXIII School.