

SCYP Alumni An Interview with Bryan Tudor

You may know him as Captain Co-op !



Bryan Tudor exploring in Colorado

Name?

Bryan Tudor

What do you do for work?

I used to work for Saskatchewan Wheat Pool when it was a co-operative. Now I'm semi-retired and I work for the Saskatchewan Bed and Breakfast Association. And I volunteer with Prairie Lily Funeral Co-op.

What kinds of skills and knowledge do you use in the work that you do?

Communications, inter-personal relations, knowledge of how co-op democracy works in various co-ops and in different countries, and an understanding of adult education and training.

How were you involved in SCYP?

I was a staff person and/or co-ordinator for about 8 or 10 seminars. After that, I promoted SCYP throughout the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and coordinated other staff people. Oh! and I was Captain Co-op! (I always enjoyed staff training!)

How did your involvement in SCYP influence you?

SCYP made me much more confident in myself and helped me to understand and accept myself just the

“SCYP made me much more confident in myself and helped me to understand and accept myself just the way I am.” - Bryan Tudor

way I am. It also added to my know of co-operative practices in other types of co-ops (e.g. retail co-ops, credit unions). I worked with some great people!

What influenced/led you to do the work that you are doing now?

My belief in the ability and the right of ordinary people collectively to manage their affairs and the belief that co-ops are better for society than multinational corporations. I also like agriculture, rural life and being close to nature.

What do you find inspiring in your work?

The goodness of ordinary people.

What else inspires you?

People who have overcome difficulties of any kind, especially people who remain optimistic and upbeat while they are doing it. Also, people who worked for the good of others – like Tommy Douglas, Martin Luther King, Louise Arbour and *Aung San Suu Kyi*.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

I spent some time with the Canadian Co-operative Association in Western China; on the Silk Road. I'd love to go again and to see the cities of the Silk Road in places like Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

Favourite summer activity?

Music, travel, reading, walking.

Last book you read?

“The Poisonwood Bible” by Barbara Kingsolver.

Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?

I have ten fingers and ten toes. I think co-op people are great and international development is really important. I like to sing and play the banjo (but not at the same time) and *Out of Africa* is one of the best movies ever. 😊



Bryan enjoying an ice cream while in Cuba