

La Perouse Bay and Churchill. The early years.



Ken Ross and I (1968). \$2000 and a tent!

Help from Pat Worth (Rocket Range).
Provided heater, radio contact and Flicek.
Brought into Churchill by helicopter
when launch over our area!
Eventually found colony. Nests found and
goslings marked according to parentage



1969 Bigger crew (mainly volunteers); US involvement through Marvin Seiger. Early involvement of Rocky as volunteer. Three focal points of study :

- 1) Nest finding ASAP. Large sample needed
- 2) Hatch. Marking goslings individually.
- 3) Banding

Our first banding. Project led by Ken Ross and Paul Mirsky.

Our local helpers included Danny Bighead from the Dene community.

Eggs collected for a behavioural project at Guelph (I think).

1970 Major event in retrospect was the partnership of George Finney (an undergraduate from Queen's) and Dr. Ian Newton from UK. Decision to make project an ecological one.

1971 First mixed crew for banding.



Some of the people













Sylvia and Randy's Tower

The Wannagan





Nest Finding







The CNSC Connection

1. Hugh Jones and Ken Greggs – Manitoba Govt. Came offering money for development.
2. Met Churchill residents, including the LPB crew leader - George Finney. 1973 or 1974. George (among others) suggested a field centre in Churchill.
3. Funding provided for Study Centre at Akudlik, late 1976.
4. 1977 Bill Erikson as first manager. Bishop Robidoux & Rev. Jerry Stretch on Advisory Committee. Centre set up in Akudlik.
5. Official opening of Northern Studies Centre on 18 Apr 1977 coinciding with meeting of Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS).
6. First Field course in Arctic Ornithology and Botany. Cooke and Lewis. Students from south and Churchill residents.
7. Fred Cooke appointed as interim Director for 18 months, July 1977. Role to learn about similar institutions and to publicise CNSC to universities across Canada.
8. Maintained close connection throughout our research









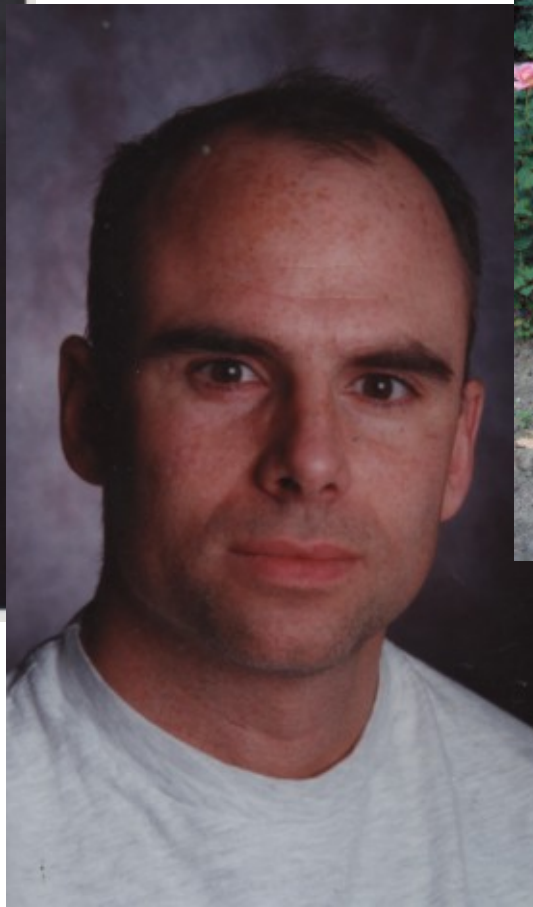


Bonnie Chartier



Barbara Ganter

Evan Cooch



Dawn and Peter



**“Rocky”
Rockwell**

Rocky and Lauraine Newell



**Greg Robertson Chris
Davies**









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