Why & How

Why record your observations?  
What’s in it for you and others?

• Taking notes and then promptly losing them or promising yourself that you will compose them “later”
• Stay motivated by using media like photos, diagrams, star maps
• Have a plan - use observing lists
• Create a legacy by sharing online
• Share with others to get them involved, attend star parties & events
• Look back on your progress - improve technique & frequency
Observing Notes

Evernote or OneNote

- Use a template
- Insert a diagram and/or photo
Technique & equipment improvement over 13 years
Resources

- The Amateur Astronomer’s Notebook - pre-made $20
- Evernote or OneNote - electronic note taking (all devices & web)
- Starry Night or Stellarium - planetarium apps
- Lightroom or ACDSee Photo - manage photos
- Explore the Universe - RASC observing certificate & online
- This Week’s Sky from Skynews and Sky At A Glance from Sky & Telescope
- RASC Victoria Centre members’ photos online galleries
- Astronomy - Joe Carr