



Idaho Wildlifer

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President's Notebook

With another year and my term of office coming to a close, it may do well to reflect on Chapter activities for the past twelve months.

We began the year with what was considered by many to be the best Annual Meeting ever. The theme, Wilderness & Wildlife, was timely and brought many concerns and myths into their proper perspective.

Through the efforts of many concerned members, the Chapter acted on a number of critical environmental issues both within and without the State. These included:

- River-of-No-Return Wilderness
- Birds of Prey National Cons. Area (Extension)
- Island Park Geothermal Development
- Reclamation Act Revision
- National Heritage Program-land Acquisition
- Jersey-Jack Area - Wildlife Concerns
- Big Deer Creek Basin - Wildlife Concerns
- Clearwater River Memorial Bridge
- U.S. Highway 12 - Lewis & Clark Highway
- Atchafalaya River Basin*
- Indiana Dunes*

*At request of local chapters

A special thanks to Jay Gore, this year's Environmental Action Committee Chairman, for his hard work and excellent (quick) response in giving Idaho Chapter's input into local issues.

The two years as President have certainly been a learning process. Having jumped right into the fire, having no previous official TWS experience, it has been a "sink or swim" situation. There's a lot I'd do different, but with the help of some hard-working officers and members, I'm proud of our accomplishments.

To future presidents I would say this: Don't underestimate the workload and, even if you have a flair for writing, find someone else to head up the writing, editing, and mailing of the newsletters. Fortunately, I have had a wife willing to type and two kids who have spent a few evenings placing address labels and stamping permit #'s on newsletters. Even with this help, I put out about half the newsletters I had hoped to.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Idaho Chapter will be held on January 25 & 26 at:
 State of Idaho Department of Highways
 Auditorium, 3311 W. State Street
 Boise, Idaho

Our program chairman, Jay Gore, has developed an excellent workshop concerning Raptors & Energy Corridors. As of this writing, there are eight excellent speakers confirmed with several others unconfirmed. I am hoping to see a big turn out for this year's meeting.

Dues

As you probably know, this year is the first into our new annual dues rate of \$3.00. These can be paid directly to the Secretary-Treasurer or can be included in your annual dues payment to the parent society who will then forward it on to the Chapter.

If you're not aware of increased costs, then you must be from Orofino or Kamiah! Just the costs to mail out newsletters and other correspondence is quite high. Needs for stationery, supplies, etc. is something we don't consider. Thanks to the generosity of the Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game, we had free printing of newsletters.

Beer & Bacon Bust

The 2nd Annual Pig Roast was another great success. Approximately 50 persons were in attendance. Steve Peterson's talents at the spit was much appreciated, as was Sam McNeill's help in arrangements. Unfortunately conflicting commitments kept the Chapter President from attending. However, the following week a suspicious "package" appeared in the front seat of his vehicle which, when uncovered, revealed a roast pig head, complete with apple! Maybe with these incentives we can draw more people in the future. After paying the expenses, a surplus of \$61.00 remained. This was donated to the University of Idaho Student Chapter by Steve and Sam. Thanks, guys, for the good work.

Certification

It is apparent that the appointment of Lew Nelson to the Certification Committee (Lew was the Chairman and sole Committee member) was a wise choice. Lew has given out over one hundred-fifty packets to prospective applicants. His screening of requests and follow-up to professionals in Idaho would indicate most of those who received packets will apply for certification.

I am hoping to see a strong showing from Idaho when the next roster of certified biologists is received.

Belt Buckles

Our enterprising Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Nee has been investigating methods in the development of new sources of revenue for the Wildlife Society. The popularity of the cast belt buckle led him to pursue the possibility of the Idaho Chapter sponsoring a Wildlife Society Belt Buckle. This has been a well-accepted item with other professional organizations including the Society of American Foresters (SAF).

Jim has been in contact with the parent society, the NW Region and a belt buckle manufacturer in an effort to find out the pros and cons of such an undertaking.

New Chapter Awards Program

The Idaho Chapter TWS is establishing an awards program that will recognize outstanding wildlife work performed in Idaho. An awards committee has been appointed to develop operational guidelines and get the program moving. The committee is presently reviewing the guidelines that our neighboring chapters are using in the operation of their awards programs. The recommended guidelines to be submitted to the chapter's executive committee will reflect these other procedures.

The awards committee and the executive committee feel it best to initially have only one chapter award. This award will be made to a professionally employed wildlife biologist and will be called the Professional Wildlifer Award. Nominee's need not reside in Idaho, but the work which qualifies the individual must have been performed in Idaho. Awards can be shared if the accomplishment is the work of more than one biologist. The awards committee will screen the nominations and recommend all highly deserving individuals to the executive committee. The executive committee, consisting of the chapter president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, and the awards committee chairman will make the selection. It will not be mandatory to select an individual every year. An appropriate award will be presented to the award recipient at the chapters annual meeting.

A nomination form has been attached to this newsletter. If you feel one of our professionally employed colleagues deserves recognition for outstanding wildlife work, please submit the form as soon as possible. Nominations received after December 17, 1979, will not be eligible for this year's award.

Nominations 1980-82 Officers

The nomination committee, Joyce Gebhardt, Tracy Trent and Hadley Roberts have reviewed a number of members and have come up with the following names as the next term's candidates for Idaho Chapter offices:

(Each candidate has submitted a brief biographical sketch of himself)

President: Jay Gore

Jay received his B.S. Degree in Wildlife Management and Conservation at South Dakota State University in 1963. He received his M.S. Degree in Wildlife Management at Maine Cooperative Wildlife Res. Unit at the University of Maine in 1965. He did his Master's Research thesis on the salt marsh ecology study involving natural plant and animal waterfowl foods. His professional involvement and honors are as follows:

1. Professional
 - a. Certified Wildlife Biologist
 - b. Member of TWS since 1960
 - c. Appointed to the "Professionalism Committee", TWS 1978
 - d. President, Illinois Chapter, TWS 1978
 - e. Charter Member, Tennessee Chapter, TWS
 - f. Past member of the Missouri Chapter, TWS
 - g. Idaho Chapter member
 - h. Idaho Chapter Program Co-Chairman, 1979
 - i. Illinois Chapter Program Chairman, 1976 & 1978

- j. Past member North Central Section, TWS
- k. Member Northwest Section, TWS
- l. Past member, Mississippi Flyway Council Technical Section, and served on the Habitat, Environmental Issues, and Woodduck Committees
- m. Member, National Wildlife Federation
- n. Member of Ducks Unlimited, Audobon Society and Wilderness Society
- o. Life Member, National Rifle Association

2. Honors

- a. Elected President South Dakota State University Wildlife Club 1962-63
- b. Granted Graduate Assistantship, University of Maine 1963-65
- c. Member Xi Sigma Pi, National Honorary Forestry Society
- d. Official Commendation from Corps of Engineers for Special Services, 1974
- e. Bell Ringer Public Relations Award, 1977, CE
- f. Sustained Superior Performance Award. 1977

3. Professional Experience

- a. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3 - U.S. Game Management Agent
- b. Tennessee Game & Fish Commission - Senior Waterfowl Biologist. Responsible for the research, development, and maintenance of three state wildlife management areas involving 10,000 plus acres of land and water.
- c. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis - Wildlife Biologist, Operations Division. Developed and implemented plans for wildlife habitat improvements on 5 large multipurpose lakes in southern Illinois and eastern Missouri.
- d. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boise - Wildlife Biologist, Team Leader, Section 7 Consultation Team. Responsible for administering Endangered Species Act of 1973, Section 7 Consultation in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

President: Gary Will

Gary C. Will was born in eastern Colorado on a farm near La Juanta in 1941. He attended school in Rocky Ford and graduated from Rocky Ford High in 1959. Gary attended Otero Junior College at La Juanta for one year after high school then joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He served for three years with an amphibious assault group stationed at San Diego. After discharge, Gary returned to Otero Junior College for another year then transferred to Colorado State University. He obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in wildlife management in 1966. For the next two and one half years Gary studied the productivity of Canada geese along the front range of the Rockies in Colorado and obtained his Master's Degree from C.S.U. in 1969. For the next three years, under the Idaho Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, he researched the population dynamics of Northern Idaho white-tailed deer and obtained his PhD from the University of Idaho in 1972. He began his career with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in 1972 as a Conservation Officer stationed at Arco. He served in that position for two years then accepted a promotion to Regional Wildlife Manager for Region 4, at Jerome. He has served in that capacity for the past five years. During the last 15 years, at one time or another, Gary has been an active member of the American Institute of Biological Sciences; The National Wildlife Federation; The Society of the Sigma Xi; Xi Sigma Pi; The Wilderness Society; The American Society of Mammologists; The Wildlife Society; The Wildlife Society Central Mountain Plains Section; The Wildlife Society Northwest Section; and the Wildlife Society Idaho Chapter.

Vice President: Lew Nelson

Lew received a B.S. degree in Wildlife Management from Colorado State University in 1966, an M.S. from Utah State University in Wildlife Biology in 1970 and his

Ph.D. in this field from Utah State University in 1973.

At the present time, Lew is an Associate Professor in the Department of Wildlife at the University of Idaho. His duties include teaching and continuing education; which involves establishing educational wildlife programs for professional and lay audiences. Before coming to Idaho in 1978, Lew worked for six years as a Wildlife Specialist for the University of California Cooperative Extension with state-wide responsibilities in Wildlife Management, Inland Fisheries, and Outdoor Recreation. He also worked with the Colorado Division of Wildlife for one year on deer and fisheries research projects.

Lew has been an active member and supporter of the Wildlife Society since 1965 when he was President of the Colorado State University Student Chapter of TWS and Chairman of the Western Students Wildlife Conclave. He also served as President of the Western Section of TWS and the Sacramento Chapter of TWS. In 1979 Lew acted as Chairman of the Certification Committee of the Idaho Chapter of TWS. On a national level, he has been a member of the Student Affairs Committee (1968 and 1971), Chairman of the Conservation Education Award Committee (1974), and Chairman of the Position Statements Committee (1978 and 1979).

Vice President - Phil Lee

Phil is a 1962 graduate of Colorado State University with a B.S. in Wildlife Management where he graduated with honors.

In 1962 he began work with the U.S. Forest Service in Oregon, subsequent assignments have been District Ranger, and Fish & Wildlife Staff Officer. He is currently Branch Chief - Fish-Wildlife, Range & Soil & Water at Targhee N.F. St Anthony. He has been a member of TWS since 1962 and is currently President of Lyman Richwine Chapter of Society for Range Management.

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Idaho Chapter TWS - 1980-82 term

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