

Idaho Wildlifer

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"The world is full of talented failures, as well as some very untalented people who become hugely successful. Our educational curriculum is designed for failure because our teachers are not teaching from experience. It would be far more practical and much more fun to be taught by teachers who've been successful in their own business or profession instead of those who have nothing but tenure and academic degrees." Burt Reynolds, 1981

The Idaho Chapter has finished its initial plans for our Chapter meeting next year. It will be held in Boise on January 28 and 29 at the Boise Interagency Fire Center (BIFC) auditorium. Lunch and break-time refreshments can be purchased at the BIFC cafeteria. The Chapter meeting topic in 1982 will be Outdoor Ethics.

In 1980, The Izaak Walton League held a National Outdoor Ethics Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. George Harrington was the only attendant from the west side of the Rockies, yet we all know there are conflicts amongst user groups in the outdoors, improper conduct by individual users, and a general lack of appreciation for the resources that are out there. The outdoorsman's ethics and/or hunting are being attacked outright by some special interest groups. Hunters and fishermen are a small minority and we sometimes affect other outdoor users in a negative way. What can we do? Certain key people from across the country are coming to Boise to facilitate discussions about this important topic.

The tentative agenda will include speakers, slides, movies and group discussions to decide what initiatives can be taken to promote the ethical use of the out-of-doors. This is shaping up to be quite an event.

The list of tentative speakers, to date, who will participate include:

Judy Place	Michigan Youth Education	4-H Challenge
Wally Wenzel	Boy Scouts of America	Youth Conservation
Dick Anderson	Minnesota Hunter Education	Ethical Hunting
Del Benson	CSU Extension	Ethical Hunting
George Harrington	Idaho Chapter, ARCC	Whitewater Canoeing
John Ormiston	Montana, USFS	Hunter Attitudes
Tony Faast	Oregon Wildlife	Education Programs
Ken Norrie	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	CAP, others

Other speakers from various user groups will also speak.

A Chapter business meeting will be held at the end of the program with an informal Chapter dinner, dance and fellowship program on Thursday night. Don't miss this one; mark it on your calendar today. Everyone should participate in this needed exercise of how to harmonize human behavior in the environment that we try to protect during our professional careers.

Some publicity has already been done for this meeting. We now need a real "go getter" to take it from here and advertise - advertise - advertise. Who's up to the challenge? Call Jay Gore at 334-1806 to volunteer. We need publicity in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and other places. We don't just want hunters and professional wildlife people here. We want 4-wheelers, whitewater folks, backpackers, horsey people, trailbikes - all outdoor users that impact use upon someone else.

The pledge below is paraphrased from NRA's Ethics for Hunters. It is modified to be applicable to all outdoor users.

Think "Outdoor Ethics"

1. I will consider myself an invited guest of the landowner-land manager, seeking his permission, and so conducting myself that I may be welcome in the future.
2. I will obey the rules of safety and will courteously but firmly insist that others with me do the same.
3. I will obey all laws and regulations and will insist that my companions do likewise.
4. I will support conservation and wise land use management that will assure plentiful outdoor opportunities in the future.
5. I will pass along to younger people the attitudes and skills essential to a true outdoors person.

Bylaws

Our old bylaws are being updated to reflect the needs of the model bylaws issued by the Washington office. All of our old items have been incorporated into the revised set. Copies will be available at the annual meeting for your review on you can call Jay and he'll send you a copy. Please be ready to vote on approval or non-approval of these revised bylaws at our business meeting.

The official election ballot is below.

For your votes to be counted, your 1982 dues (\$3.00) must accompany the ballot. To vote, simply tear off the page as noted, put it in an envelope with your check, and send it to: Idaho Chapter, The Wildlife Society, c/o Karen Steenhof, 1528 Ralfroy, Boise, Idaho 83705.

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1982 Idaho Chapter TWS Election Ballot

President

Lew Nelson, Jr.

Jerry Thiessen

Vice President

Al Boss

Jim Nee

1982 Dues Enclosed (\$3.00)

Vita on the candidates is as follows:

LEW NELSON - Lew received a B.S. degree in Wildlife Management from Colorado State University in 1966, a M.S. from Utah State University in Wildlife Biology in 1970 and his Ph.D in this field from Utah State University in 1973.

Since 1978, Lew has been an Associate Professor of Wildlife Resources at the University of Idaho with major responsibilities in teaching, continuing education, and communications. From 1972-78 he was a Wildlife Specialist with the University of California Cooperative Extension with statewide responsibilities in Wildlife Management, Inland Fisheries, and Outdoor Recreation. Lew also worked with the Colorado Division of Wildlife for one year on deer and fisheries research projects.

Lew has been an active supporter of The Wildlife Society since 1965 when he served as President of the Colorado State University Student Chapter of TWS and Chairman of the Western Students Wildlife Conclave. In California he served on a variety of committees for the Western Section, including Technical Papers Chairman (1974), Arrangements Chairman (1975), and Director of several Wildlife Communications Workshops (1973-1978). In Idaho, Lew was Chairman of the Certification Committee, a member of the Einarsen Award Committee, and Arrangements Co-Chairman for the N.W. Section's annual meeting (1981). Past offices include Secretary-Treasurer and President of the Sacramento Chapter, President of the Western Section, and Vice-President of the Idaho Chapter. On a national level, Lew served as 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 (1978-1980).

JERRY THIESSEN - Jerry received a B.S. degree in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University in 1964 and worked toward an M.S. degree until June of 1965 when he took a position as research biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He conducted research on mule deer in several locations across southern Idaho until 1971 when he transferred into management as Regional Game Manager out of the Region 3 office in Boise. In 1974 he became State Big Game Manager for the state of Idaho where he has remained until the present.

Jerry has belonged to The Wildlife Society since 1962 and has been a member of the Northwest Section and Idaho Chapter since moving to Idaho. He served as vice president of the Idaho Chapter in 1976 and 1977 and has worked on several Idaho Chapter and Northwest Section committees since 1965.

AL BOSS - Al started his wildlife career as a student at the University of Wisconsin (1956-58) and completed a B.S. degree in Forestry (with a Wildlife major) at the University of Idaho in 1960. He then attended the University of Minnesota until 1963, when he earned an M.S. degree in wildlife management.

After serving in the Army from 1963-65, Al became a Utah State Conservation Officer until 1968. He was then chosen to be a Regional Game Biologist for Utah, and by 1970 was promoted to the position of Regional Game Manager for the southern region where he served until 1975.

Al joined the U.S. Forest Service as a Forest Biologist on the Eldorado National Forest at Placerville, California. In 1978, he moved to Boise as the new Terrestrial Biologist on the Boise National Forest where he is presently employed.

JIM NEE - After working as a park naturalist in suburban Detroit while going to school from 1954 to 1958, Jim received a B.S. in Wildlife Management at Michigan State University in 1959, and later a Master of Public Administration from Wayne State University in 1963. While pursuing an M.S. in Zoology, he was the deer hunt manager at the University of California Hopland Field Station in 1966 and 1967, and in 1968, a mammal collector in Paxaco, Mexico, for the

California Academy of Sciences. Since completing his M.S. at the University of California in 1968, Jim has worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a Fish and Wildlife Biologist with the Division of Ecological Services. He was stationed at Fort Worth, Texas, and then at Patchogue (Long Island), New York, prior to moving to Boise. Jim analyzes water development projects (dams, canals, dredging, channelization, etc.) and works to minimize their adverse impacts. He has been a TWS member for 15 years and served as the Idaho Chapter Secretary-Treasurer in 1978 and 1979, Belt Buckle Committee Chairman in 1980 and 1981, and is presently working on our Public Service Announcement project.

1982 Professional Wildlifer Award

Nominations are being sought for the Professional Wildlifer Award, which is to be presented at the annual meeting in January. As most of you will remember, this exclusive Idaho Chapter award was established two years ago to give recognition for outstanding contribution and achievement within the wildlife profession. Lonn Kuck was last year's recipient of this award.

As a reminder, the following guidelines should be followed in selecting nominees:

Recipient of the award must be a professionally employed wildlife biologist who has made an outstanding contribution to wildlife resources in the State of Idaho.

Awards may be shared if the accomplishment is the work of more than one biologist.

The work which qualifies an individual for the award must have been performed in Idaho; however, the recipient need not reside in Idaho.

Recipients are not required to be Wildlife Society members, either State or National.

If you feel someone deserves this recognition, please fill out the attached nomination form and submit it no later than December 11 to Al Boss, Awards Chairman, Boise National Forest, 1075 Park Boulevard, Boise, Idaho 83702.

"At the end of a good race, if you know you've done it well, you have a liberating, enlarging, freeing feeling - absolute exhilaration. It makes everything smell better, feel better, taste better. And you feel that you're a better, more complete human being because you've done this terribly difficult thing very well." Janet Guthrie

The Janet Guthrie quote above brings at least two things to mind.

- 1) If you are gift shopping for that special wildlifer (all wildlifers are special), make it easier on yourself and give a TWS Belt Buckle, Portfolio, or Notebook. These can be ordered through the Idaho Chapter or on the form below. For the belt buckles, call Jim Nee at (208) 334-1931.
- 2) As wildlifers, and for anybody interested in the proper management of our natural resources, we are now deeply involved in our own race. With the resource exploitation attitude of the present national administration, exploitative development interests large and small are racing to make as many inroads into our national resources as they can prior to 1984; and those resources are not limited to trees, minerals, soil and water. They also include legal resources such as the Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, water pollution laws, and openness in government. We can expect to see more inroads into the ranks of professional administrators as well. The most recent example is the removal of Idaho State BLM Director Robert Buffington because he didn't represent the current administration's approach to "balanced use." Mr. Buffington's greatest "crime" may be that he really is committed to balanced use (which at times can disgruntle anybody) of our natural resources to meet not only today's needs, but

those of many future generations that he, at least, is sure will come. Whether he and others like him will be replaced with the servants of some pious proponents of public resource prostitution remains to be seen. In the meantime, we will always have a responsibility to provide resource managers with the best information possible for making decisions, whether political or biological.

Our race is like a regular track meet, and the event now underway is the Idaho State Water Plan revision. Several policy changes are being proposed, some "good" and some "bad." Written comments on the changes will be accepted by Wayne Haas, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources, State Office Building, Boise, Idaho 83705, until December 7, 1981. The proposed changes are not long, and several organizations have information about them (Idaho Conservation League is a good one - call 345-6933, Boise).

All of the changes will either directly or indirectly affect our wildlife resources. From a wildlifer's standpoint, how should the changes be made? Investigate, then write - the race is on.

President's Message - Whats 20¢ worth?

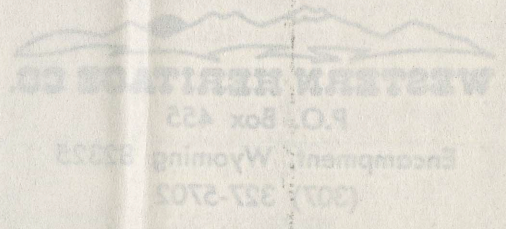
Elections are here! The ballot and data on the candidates are included in this newsletter. Your Chapter is moving and is clearly known by state and federal legislators. We have been very active on environmental issues and have written many letters on behalf of the Chapter. I hope you have responded with phone calls or letters to your representative, when called upon to do so! A pathetically low number of Chapter members voted at our last election. Let's have a better showing this time. Take time now to vote, dig in your pocket for 20¢ to mail your ballot soon. A BIG thank you if you do it now. For the ladies - I'll give you a big hug at our annual meeting if you'll come up and say you voted. Guys, I'll just shake your hand.

This will probably be our last Newsletter for this administration. On behalf of our officers and committee chairpersons and members, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve. I believe we have achieved credibility for our Chapter and people know who we are. Thank you to all of you who responded to my request for help. Let's all keep working to make the Chapter better next year and eagerly assist our new officers.

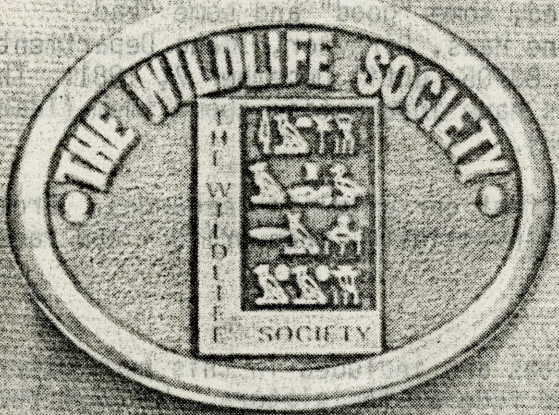
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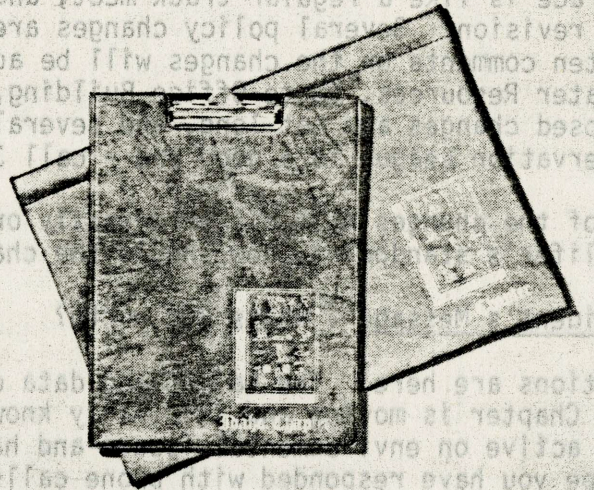


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