



IDAHO CHAPTER

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

1986(2): April

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, here it is April 2, and I'm still president of the Idaho Chapter, TWS. It wasn't some April Fool's joke after all. As I promised at the business meeting, here is the first newsletter of my tenure. I hope to settle into a regular routine with quarterly newsletters coming out on the first of the month in February, May, August, and November. Phyllis Kochert has agreed to help me in this effort by serving as newsletter editor. In this way, you will know when to expect a newsletter and there will be established dates for submitting items for publication. This will be discussed in greater detail later.

Those of us who were in Boise for the annual meeting enjoyed some excellent papers, renewed old friendships, and made some new ones. The social event Friday evening was well attended (although some people, who will remain unnamed, went over to the AFS gathering instead of attending ours) and the auction was a great success. Bill Mullins (AIT) gave an excellent slide presentation of several river trips in Idaho and Utah to get us all in the mood for the auction, which netted over \$600, after we covered all our expenses.

I would like to thank several people for helping to make the meeting a success. Among them are Sam Mattise for arranging the Friday evening festivities, Signe Sather-Blair for soliciting the auction items, Alan Sands, Larry Donohoo, Dan Herrig, Lisa Longelier, Lew Nelson, and Wilma Baker for helping at the meeting, and all of the people who contributed items or their time and talents to making the meeting and auction a success, as well as to those people who purchased auction items, as their dollars help the Chapter to put on better meetings and promote information exchange. Here is a list of auction items, contributors, and buyers. Perhaps it will give you some ideas for next year. I can personally assure you that the trips are great and the flies catch fish.

TWS 1986 AUCTION

Trip Donations

		<u>Buyer</u>
Bob McCarty	Two-day Raft Trip on South Fork of the Snake River	Sam Mattise, \$75
Bill Mullins	One-day Raft Trip on South Fork of the Boise River	Mike Kochert, \$90
Sam Mattise	Brownlee Reservoir Bass Fishing Trip	Jay Gore, \$55
Jay Gore	Waterfowl Hunting Trip on the Snake River	Kerry Reese, \$45
Gene DeReus	Steelhead Flyfishing Trip on the Clearwater River	Lew Nelson, \$50
Larry Manghan	Upland Gamebird Hunt in South-Central Idaho	JoAnn Cole, \$50
Gene DeReus	Blue Grouse Hunting Trip	Mike Anderson, \$45
Rich Howard	One-day Drift Boat Fishing Trip on South Fork of the Boise River	Larry Donohoo, \$55

Item Donations

		<u>Purchaser</u>
Edson Fichter	Wildlife Prints	Signe & Chuck Blair, \$110
		Mike & Phillis Kochert, \$100
		Karen Steenhof, \$65 Alice Wywialowski, \$95
Bill Mullins	Wildlife Photographs	Ron Nutton, \$30 Paul Harrington \$35
Jay Gore	Duck Decoys	Barry Keller, \$45
Roger Williams	Christmas Tree	Bill Mullins, \$25
Gene DeReus	Dozen Reservoir Flies	Steve Bowman, \$20
Gene DeReus	Dozen Shami Flies	Lew Nelson, \$15
Idaho Ducks Unlimited	Ducks Unlimited Print	Jeff Hogander, \$35

One final note before moving on. There were a few comments from folks who were at the AFS gathering that, compared to AFS, we don't know how to throw a party. If you've got some ideas on improving our meetings in any way, I'd be glad to hear from you. Better yet, get involved in the planning process and see what we can come up with. We're open to any suggestions.

NEW NEWSLETTER FEATURES

Phyllis Kochert and I have cooked up some ideas to try and make the newsletter more informative and useful to you, the member. With the next newsletter, we will institute several new features. These include sections for letters to the editor; news of members, new jobs, new research efforts, etc.; help wanted--as in reporting sightings of marked birds or in needing field assistants for the summer; a ride board so that people coming to the annual meeting from distant parts of the state can share vehicles to cut expenses, and perhaps cut the boredom of a another drive across the Snake River Plain; committee reports; and special features from other publications. We would like to make the newsletter a forum for exchange of ideas and information with much of the input from you, the members. If you have any items to contribute other ideas, lets hear from you.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

During the annual meeting, I passed around a sign-up sheet for Chapter Committees. To my surprise, 24 of our brave members volunteered for specific committee assignments. The list of committee members follows. But, first I want to make it clear that we could use additional people, especially from parts of the state that are not represented on a particular committee. So if you are interested in a little work on a committee, let me know. I am also looking for people to chair the committees. It really doesn't require all that much time, and the benefits are great. I'll be calling some specific people about chairing those committees without leadership in the next month, so don't miss your chance to volunteer now.

1986 - 1987 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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1986 CHAPTER DUES

In the last newsletter, Lew mentioned that we had 231 members in 1984. As of April 1, only 159 members have paid their 1986 dues. More will be added to our membership rolls when we get an updated membership list from the TWS. In an effort to keep non-paid members informed and of course to solicit their dues, we are sending newsletters to all who joined the Chapter since January 1985. In the near future, we will reduce our mailing to paid members only. To insure that you continue to get the newsletter, and to support your local TWS Chapter, please send your \$3.00 1986 dues payment to: Dan Herrig, 3116 Wagon Wheel Road, Boise, Idaho 83702.

1986 BUSINESS MEETING

Lew Nelson opened the business meeting with a run down of old business and the Treasurer's report. The minutes from the 1985 meeting were approved as read. He reported that we had \$705 in the Treasury and that the balance would likely go up to about \$1,300, following the 1986 meeting and auction. He also briefly discussed the status of Project Wild workshops, the number of teachers trained, and input from Chapter members. He closed his session by thanking several people who have helped him through his 4 years as Chapter President. Lew's final act as President was to introduce the new chapter officers for 1986-87. They are Chuck Blair - President, Karen Steenhof - Vice President, and Dan Herrig - Secretary/Treasurer. Chuck presided over the remainder of the business meeting.

Several items of new business were discussed, including: holding a summer meeting/camp out in addition to the annual spring meeting; holding the annual meeting somewhere besides Boise; proposed changes in the Chapter bylaws; developing a questionnaire for non-members; having three types of registration for the meetings - student, member, and non-member; requiring that all wildlife or related professionals from Idaho who present papers at the annual meeting register and join the Chapter (invited speakers would be exempt); a Chapter donation to the Idaho Foundation; sponsoring educational forums on special topics such as lead shot or other pertinent issues; and certificates of appreciation to deserving individuals. Several of these topics will be discussed in greater detail and we're interested in your thoughts on any of these subjects or others, so let us hear from you. Send any comments or opinions to Phyllis Kochert, 10230 West Amity Road, Boise 83709.

IDAHO FOUNDATION DONATION

Jay Gore proposed and the Chapter approved his motion to give to the Idaho Foundation \$100. The Idaho Foundation was founded by a small group of Boise businessmen with the goal of providing a vehicle to bring business leaders, environmental leaders, and organizations together in an informal non-controversial atmosphere. Monthly luncheon meetings are held where informal discussions on current environmental issues take place. Another objective of the Idaho Foundation is to raise money for the purchase of ecologically sound books for placement in the Idaho school system. With Idaho's education budget floundering, any assistance with the purchase of good library books should be appreciated. Our Chapter's contribution will go to this book buying project.

MEETING REGISTRATION/SPEAKERS

As in the past, we had people attend the meeting without registering or paying their Chapter dues. The costs of these items are not high and the entire Chapter benefits from everyone helping to share the financial load; and members are kept informed of Chapter activities through this newsletter.

I am proposing that we set up three forms of registration: student (at a reduced rate), regular (for members), and non-member (at a rate higher than for members). In this way I hope to encourage non-member registering professionals to join the Chapter and save themselves a few bucks.

I also feel strongly that wildlife or related professionals who reside or work in Idaho and who present papers at the annual meeting should register and join the Chapter. We are providing a forum for them to present their papers and if they want to address our professional society, then they should help bear the cost of putting the meeting on and support the Chapter and its activities.

What do you think about these ideas? The Executive Board will decide on these matters based on your input, so let's hear from you.

BYLAWS CHANGES

Those of you who attended the Annual Meeting know that I proposed several changes in the Chapter bylaws. These changes are described below. This information is being provided so that you have an opportunity to give them some thought and voice your opinion. We will publish all comments received in the next newsletter, which will include specific language changes, an announcement of a special meeting to vote on the changes, and absentee ballots for those unable to attend the meeting.

The proposed bylaw changes would:

1. Split the single officer position of Secretary-Treasurer into two positions, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each with specific assigned duties. This would increase membership on the Executive Board by one or 25 percent and would allow for a broader range of views on the Board.
2. Change the positions of Secretary and Treasurer from ones appointed by the President to positions elected by the membership for a term of 2 years, the same as other Chapter officers. I feel that in being elected, rather than appointed, these people would have a greater sense of responsibility to the Chapter in terms of their willingness to work on Chapter activities. We could also get Chapter officers from different parts of the state, which

is important with a state as large and diverse as Idaho. I personally don't feel that such a change would cause logistical problems with the President and Secretary not necessarily residing near each other.

3. Require that the Executive Board hold at least two meetings each year, including one at the annual general membership meeting. The purpose of these meetings would be to discuss Chapter business, special projects, committee assignments, and activities, the upcoming general meeting, other pertinent topics, and to actively involve more members in Chapter activities and decision making.
4. Increase Chapter dues from the present \$3.00 to \$5.00, bringing us in line with several other state TWS Chapters. I feel that we, as a Chapter, have great potential for improving ourselves as wildlife professionals and for improving our image among the foresters, range cons, and engineers we deal with in our work. One of the ways of achieving this potential is through putting on informative, thought provoking meetings and educational forums, and conducting these meetings in a professional manner in attractive, well suited facilities. This may include bringing in guest speakers, presenting educational workshops, or providing concurrent sessions at our meetings so that we can attract more professionals and offer some choices as to what they want to hear. These, and other worthwhile endeavors require two key elements: active members and money. I think the membership has demonstrated its willingness to become more actively involved in the Chapter and I am proposing to raise the dues to \$5.00 to provide a greater monetary base with which to work. Think about it, \$5.00 isn't all that much (one lunch, 1.5 pitchers of beer, or less than a box of shotgun shells). So let's hear your thoughts on these items.

LETTERS/CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Mr. O'dell A. Frandsen, District Manager
Bureau of Land Management
940 Lincoln Road
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

Dear O'dell:

The Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society is pleased to recognize and commend your efforts toward promoting sound wildlife management in the Idaho Falls District, Bureau of Land Management.

Largely through your efforts as District Manager over the past 11 years, the Idaho Falls District has become a show-place for multiple use management. Habitat management has received high priority in Idaho Falls BLM Land Use Plans due to your recognition of the material and ecological value of wildlife.

Idaho Falls was the first BLM District in Idaho to assign wildlife biologists to every resource area, the field level of BLM operations. Your support for the programs and input provided by these biologists has allowed critical maintenance and improvement of habitat for various wildlife species. This support has often brought you to the political arena, where your dedication has proven steadfast.

Notably, habitat management plans for Birch Creek, the Sand Creek elk, and the Little Lost/Birch Creek antelope have set the standard in activity planning for wildlife. Your administration of the Omitted Lands of the Snake River Act protected thousands of acres of unique and irreplaceable wildlife habitat from privatization and potential development. The unique wildlife habitat on the South Fork of the Snake River has received considerable attention due to your efforts toward promoting public awareness of this area.

Your commitment to adjusting livestock grazing on crucial wildlife habitat, without protest from the ranching community, has demonstrated the impartial application of grazing allotment decisions necessary to maintain and improve range conditions. Your efforts toward mitigation and multiple use rangeland improvements have created an atmosphere of cooperation with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and other wildlife interests.

During your tenure as District Manager of the Idaho Falls District you have succeeded in creating a much stronger, more professional wildlife program, in spite of considerable pressure from conflicting user groups.

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is proud of your attitude and actions concerning wildlife habitat management. Please accept this certificate as a token of our appreciation.

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