

"Keeping in Touch"

Quarterly Newsletter by/for Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game
Retirees/Families & Interested Former Employees
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Dates to Remember: Retiree Luncheon Schedule

Golden Corral on Emerald in Boise, 11:30 a.m.
May 8, July 10, September 11,
November 13, 2008

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Larry Hlavaty Honored With "Spirit of Idaho" Award

Larry Hlavaty was given a Spirit of Idaho award by Sen. Mike Crapo for his upcoming efforts in helping build a three-room school house for the Montagnards in a remote area of Vietnam. Larry is a Vietnam veteran and served with the Marines in the mid-1960s. His group will be the first Americans to go the remote area since the end of the Vietnam War. His wife, Andy, right, will accompany him in the month-long effort that will involve 13 Americans, mostly Vietnam vets. (*Taken from the Caribou Sun, Soda Springs, March 8, 2008.*)

Senate Bill 1447 Defeated!

This bill would have dropped retirees over 65 from the Blue Cross plan. Thanks to the dedication of those who protested and contacted their representatives for helping put this bill to rest. At least for this year!

Thank You from Al Van Vooren

"Al Van Vooren would like to thank all the retirees who attended and supported the Idaho Wildlife Federation's annual banquet and fund raiser. Fred Christiansen outdid himself coming up with donated wine and other items, as well as arranging some great live music.

"The Department's Wildlife Bureau received the President's award and a large number of current Fish and Game employees turned up for the evening. Al messed up the raffle sufficiently to assure that his stint as banquet chair would last only one year. But everyone had fun and the banquet brought in \$10,000 that evening, up from \$6000 last year."

Donation Welcomed!

A big thank you to **John Crawford** for his kind donation to help us keep our heads above water. It is much appreciated.

IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM

To: Fish and Game Employees

From: Cal Groen (Director)

Subject: Historical Artifacts Preservation Policy A-1.05

In recent years, the need to document and preserve the Fish and Game's vast history has become increasingly apparent. Notice has been given to the increase of history-related inquiries from the public as well as the needs of the Department's personnel. With the new policy we will retain what we have and hope to regain much of what has been lost.

The policy outlines the procedures for the acquisition, preservation, exhibition, and accountability of the Department's historical items and documentation. It also establishes the title of Department Curator and Archivist, and effective immediately, I appoint **Mick Hoover and Sharon Clark**, respectively.

As many of you already know, Mick Hoover has been seeking and collecting Fish and Game artifacts, documents, photographs, etc., for display and has interpreted and exhibited these items statewide. Mick's vision in 1999 of a restored Department vehicle was fulfilled in 2005 with the completion of the 1957 Chevrolet pickup, which was showcased in the Museum of Idaho "Guns and Hooks" exhibit. He is also the staff writer of the "Blast From the Past" feature, originating with the web magazine and currently in the Fish and Game News.

Sharon Clark's interest in Fish and Game history began early in her career when working with the historical stocking records and subsequent database. Her direct involvement the past four years is a result of her skills as a resourceful researcher, fulfilling both public and employee requests for historical information.

The public's response to the work of these two individuals has been nothing but positive. I encourage all employees to visit the Fish and Game display at the Idaho Museum of Natural History in Pocatello where 500 of the artifacts are displayed. If you believe you have items of historical significance, regardless of size or condition, please contact Mick or Sharon.

(Editor's Note: I think it's about time these two were recognized. Thanks, Cal!)

Pat Cudmore Moves His Office

"I wanted to take a moment and let you know about my recent move to another real estate office. After 3 ½½ wonderful years at Bullock Realty I decided for the last couple of years of my working career I would move to Keller Williams and work with my daughter. She has been at KW for about 3 years and has done very well there. She is currently working in the administrative area of the company and I am very proud of her. What could be finer than a firm with two Cudmore's in it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

"My real estate service to my many friends and clients will stay the same if not improve since I have Stacie looking over my shoulder. Please remember, the finest compliment you could give me is a referral from one of your many friends and associates. Take care and God Bless.

"My new e-mail address is patcudmore@kw.com; cell phone stays the same 208-859-6275; but the office number is now 467-5959 and the fax is 467-6060."

Royce Williams Sells Out in Kentucky!

"**Royce Williams** is getting serious about moving, something he hates to do, so he's getting rid of a lot of junk (junque). Here's your chance to get some really rare items, things most people don't have and will never have unless they take advantage of this offer right away. Royce needs to unload the following:

- Pratts poultry and livestock feed display rack — A chicken candy dish — A petrified pawpaw
- A brick from Old West Main Street in Leitchfield
- A toe bone from a prehistoric buffalo (giant buffalo, very rare) — 2 Bank of Clarkson ashtrays
- 2 lenses from an Argus camera (sure to increase in value, because Argus isn't making cameras anymore).
- A South American flute — Book of the best ads of 1976 — A Christmas Book music box
- 3 years of National Geographic magazines — The Louvin Brothers' 20 greatest hits CD
- A variety of combs — A wrench that fits any bolt on a Model T Ford — A shark's tooth
- 1928 edition of "Farm Economics" in which termites have created interesting patterns on several pages
- A Jehovah's Witness Bible — An alabaster doorknob — A Sierra Club camping cup
- A combination flashlight-cigarette lighter — A 2-piece set of luggage (Made in Korea)
- A dove decoy — A flowerpot shaped like a hippopotamus — Deer hoof wind chimes
- A yucca stalk walking stick with Williams family pictures imbedded
- The "Best American Essays of 1987" — Several pairs of shoes (well broken in, but without laces)
- Coffee samples from Kenya, Guatemala, Sumatra and Ethiopia
- Old calendar with 1930's art of Italy — A blue wooden lawn chair — A sheep bell
- Two clunky end tables with glass tops (could be tables)".

And much much more! These items will go fast, so get your order in immediately. Like today! All items will be shipped to your door by either U.S. Mail or UPS (C.O.D. of course)."

(Of course, you must know this is a joke. You never change, Royce! — jif)

"I hope to get moved to Boise by early April, but there are a lot of loose ends still to tie up here. And in Grayson County, tying up a loose end takes a lot longer than it does anywhere else. Take care, Royce"

Welcome, New Retirees

We have three new retirees joining our group. **Mel Sadecki**, Fish Hatchery Manager 1, Ashton Hatchery, retires effective April 30.

Keith Johnson, Fish Hatchery Pathologist Supervisor at Eagle retired April 4.

Ned Horner, Regional Fishery Manager, Panhandle Region, retired March 31 after 28 years of service to Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He will continue to work for the Avista Corporation on the Clearwater/Lake Pend Oreille mitigation project as an independent contractor. Ned says he and his wife Cathy will continue their Kootenai County Farmers' Market business. And his intent is to taper his work weeks to 60 hours in order to spend more time fishing, hunting and traveling.

News from Around the State

Sounds as if everyone is doing a lot of traveling these past few months. **Jack and Karen Fisher** just left for France for a few weeks and after their return, he plans to go to Alaska for awhile.

And now the latest from **Rod Parker**: "Just another quick update on the latest Parker odyssey: I'm leaving Saturday, March 23rd with daughters and grandson for Paris, be there for Easter, then out to Normandy Beaches on Wednesday so they can see the cemeteries and battle sites. We train down to the Black Forest, drive back up thru Rothenburg for 2 nights, then on to Mosell and Rhine Rivers winding up two nights in a 13th century castle on the Rhine River and fly home April 3rd from Frankfurt. Hopefully, the snow in Deary will be gone by then. After this trip, with the weakness of the U.S. dollar, we are going to spend our retirement dollars in the USA like **Herb and Darlene Pollard**.

"**P.S.** Just returned and the snow is still here in Deary as well as two feet of snow in Germany's Black Forest, but the roads were dry. Paris had the coldest Easter in 40 years, but we still covered all the sights, Louvre, top of Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, and the Avenue Champs Elysees, where I was dive bombed by a gastronomically distressed pigeon, leaving a permanent reminder on my Fish & Game watch cap. My daughters say it was a comment on my lack of fashion in Paris. The stormy weather and high tides in Normandy have uncovered a lot of artifacts and human bones from the landings in 1944. We did some cave and tunnel exploring by candle light on our own, under some castle ruins in Germany where if you get lost, you're on your own. My daughters were not thrilled by the bats hanging from the ceiling above their heads, so I went first so I could videotape (with my night vision camera) them crawling past the bats. It was a great trip, but too short, good food and good German beer."

Now a report from **Dick Orcutt**: "Peg and I have been traveling so much I forgot to keep in touch. Our Fall was filled with constant hunting and fishing trips, big game, waterfowl, upland game and our favorite -- STEELHEAD FISHING! I was able to hunt pheasants with **Monte Richards, Ralph Pehrson, Bill Platts and Steve Huffaker**. Steve and I also hunted a lot of quail and Steve continues to be a shooter to reckon with - - seldom does one get past his barrel. I even lost a \$5.00 bet with him and had to sign the bill which he carries in his wallet and displays when I may think I made a good shot. Once a Director always a Director!

"Hope all is well with you and all the other great fellow retirees. I think about all the good times quite often but have yet to look back and wish I was still on a schedule and time frames. With Spring coming, we will begin traveling more and hopefully make it to Alaska this year. Till next time -- I have steelhead to clean.

"Now a report from **Steve and Diane Pettit**: "We have just returned from our 3rd trip to New Zealand (visiting our son Kelly and his wife Gayle). Kelly is an ER doctor in the New Plymouth hospital and they live on the west coast of the North Island.

"We had another fabulous 6-weeks and this trip we stayed exclusively on the North Island. We hiked the 4-day, Tongaririo Circuit through the zone of active volcanoes which was much different than the great walks that we had done down in the rain forests of the South Island."Diane and I spent a week exploring the Coromandel Peninsula and did a lot of birding and sea-kayaking. Fantastic place. We also attended the WOMAD World Music Festival. The fishing I experienced this trip has to have been the most exciting and unique trout fishing I've ever had. Made two helicopter flights back into the wilderness and fished streams that hadn't seen a fly rod all summer! Every run and pool had fish in the 4 to 6 pound range! I also fished two larger rivers with my Spey rod, and might as well have been back here in the Northwest fishing for steelhead! The browns and big rainbows in the larger rivers were exceptional. Can't wait for next year!"

Updates!

Here are a few items that I picked up through the grapevine. **Marie Clapsaddle** underwent cataract surgery on March 18. We hope everything went well, Marie. Hope to see you at the luncheon next month.

Word has it that **Thelma Simpson** is now living in Boise. She has sold her place in Phoenix and will be spending summers in Cascade. Welcome home, Thelma!

And **Kent Ball** is still struggling with his knee problems. Sure hope you get better soon, Kent.

Also, it was reported that the first week in April there was a fire at C.J. Strike WMA and the Hot Springs Ranch on the Bruneau River. Never did see anything in the paper about this so I have no details on how bad the damage was.

In Memoriam

Daniel R. Hohenhorst, 67, of Mountain Home, died at his home on January 31, 2008. Per his request, no services were held. Daniel worked as a systems analyst for the State of Idaho and as a consultant for the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

Orie L. Dudley, Sr., of Eagle passed away on January 26, 2008. Mr. Dudley was the brother of Retiree Barbara Quenzer.

Vivian V. Vanderford, 84, of Nampa passed away at home on March 12, 2008. Mrs. Vanderford was the mother of former License Supervisor **Diana Schlegel** of McCall.

Our deepest sympathies to all the families.

Well, that's it for this time. Sorry this is getting to you a little later than usual but things have been a little hectic lately. Hope to have the July issue out on time. And I appreciate all your input. If it weren't for you, we wouldn't have a newsletter. Thanks again! — *jjf*

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