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The President's Column by Steve Havara

I don't know about all of you folks, but as far as I'm concerned, I am glad winter is finally over. It was sure a tough one here in central Illinois—and the weather was bad too! As I look over Lake Chautauqua Refuge from my office on this day in mid-March, flocks of ducks, snow, white-fronted and Canada Geese, white pelicans, and red-winged blackbirds are announcing the approach of spring and our renewed spirits. Six neck-collared trumpeter swans appeared today as well as a few individual robins and eastern bluebirds that intermingled among the remaining winter residents.



The stock market has been hard on a lot of investors this past year, but the severe winter weather has once again underscored the importance of the quantity, quality and distribution of habitat to wildlife populations. The stock market will, as I'm told, recover in time; nevertheless, one of our professional responsibilities is to ensure that quality habitat does too. We have a couple of opportunities that can provide big dividends for our wildlife friends if we invest our time and efforts wisely.

One of these opportunities is the 2002 Farm Bill, which will replace the expiring current Farm Bill. We will need to ensure that we capitalize on enhancing wildlife conservation in the next Farm Bill. Some programs from the previous bills have benefited wildlife and should be retained. These programs include the Conservation Reserve Program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Wetland Reserve Program, and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program. Additional ideas like "green payments" to help improve habitat in the agricultural landscape should be considered as well. If federal aid is going to be given to farmers to offset economic hardships, then something should be provided in

return, and that could be linking subsidies to conservation practices. Our ability to enhance habitat reaches many more acres across our nation through agricultural policies than any other means. It is important that we begin this century with sound conservation practices in the new Farm Bill. Along those lines, The Wildlife Management Institute has a new document that will be helpful in our efforts. It is entitled "*How much is enough for 2002? A Regional Wildlife Habitat Needs Assessment for the 2002 Farm Bill.*" Single copies of this booklet are available from WMI Publications, PO Box 34646, Washington, DC 20043; phone (202) 371-1808; fax (202) 408-5059. The last few pages have some recommendations that we should pass along, so you likely will find a personal copy useful.

Another opportunity we have is the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) that was reintroduced as House Bill 701 by Representative Dan Young (R-AK) on 14 February 2001. Through the Herculean efforts of many, CARA received overwhelming support in the House and had strong support from the Senate's Energy and Natural Resources Committee last year. Although the "CARA light" that resulted will provide some much needed benefits, we are hopeful HR 701 will lead to the CARA that we would like to see. Successes with CARA and the 2002 Farm Bill will help offset some periodic "bumps in the road," such as the Supreme Court's ruling in early January that the Clean Water Act does not cover isolated ponds and wetlands, areas important to a variety of wildlife species. I guess we all need a home and groceries.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the new section officers: Scott Johnson, President-elect and Newsletter Editor; Jaime Edwards, Secretary; and Jim Hardin, Treasurer. Contact information for these folks along with fellow officers, Past-President DeeCee Darrow, our very capable Section Representative, Dan Svedarsky, and myself are provided later in this issue. We thank all of those who willingly were candidates for these offices. Congratulations are extended to Kyle Zimmer (North Dakota State University), Mark Hanson and Malcolm Butler for the Best Student Presentation at the 62nd Midwest

Fish and Wildlife Conference in Minneapolis and to Brian Piccolo (University of Illinois), Karmen Hollis, Richard Warner, Timothy VanDeelen, Dwayne Etter, and Chris Anchor for the Best Student Poster at the Conference. Minnesota's Al Berner was our distinguished 2000 recipient of the Section's Professional Award of Merit.

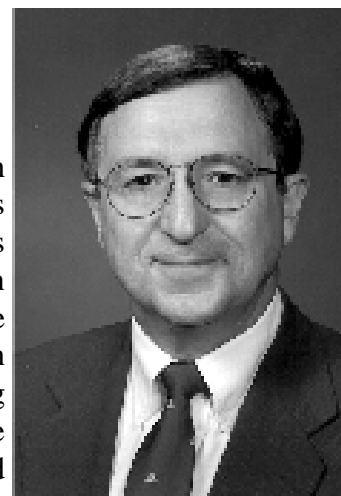
Other Information

Our current supply of proceedings are available at no cost for state and student chapter functions. They are available from Pat Brown, our Section's Publications Sales Coordinator (217-244-4289; pbrown@mail.inhs.uiuc.edu). Pat may even deliver copies to you in person. Our chairman for the 2001 symposium, Mike Foy, and his committee are busily preparing for "The Public Trust in Wildlife Conservation" symposium that will be held at this year's Midwest. Unfortunately, we will not have a Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in 2002. The meeting originally scheduled for Ontario has been cancelled for the first time since World War II. If you have someone you would like to nominate for our Section's Professional Award of Merit, please see the notice in this newsletter or contact me. Also student chapters wishing to compete for the Section's Chapter of the Year Award should have their applications to me by 30 April. Lastly, we hope to revitalize our Continuing Education efforts this year and Gary Potts will be asking for assistance in this endeavor.

Until the next time, may all of your eggs hatch and seeds sprout!

Rep Report by Dan Svedarsky

Greetings North Central Wildlifers at this delightful time of year as the prairie crocus begin to push up from the thawing prairie sod in the North and flowering dogwood buds in the South are swollen and



ready to pop. As I write this at the wrap-up of the TWS Council Meeting at the D.C. North American, most NCS Chapters have now held their annual meetings and it was my pleasure to attend three. Partnering and interdisciplinary cooperation have been recurring themes and we have a couple of great models in our Section where wildlifers, fisheries folks, foresters, and soil and water conservationists meet together. What better way to get resource management colleagues talking together, which precedes working together? Missouri and Illinois call these “Natural Resources Conferences.” Illinois includes environmental educators, which completes the loop nicely. The Michigan Chapter stages their annual meeting at Michigan State University at the end of a weeklong event called the “Agriculture and Natural Resources Week.”

I also attended the “Prairie Conservation – seeking the common ground” conference in Winnipeg held every 3 years in one of the Prairie Provinces. This meeting pulled together livestock farmers, policy officials, biologists, resource managers, professors, and restorationists to thoughtfully address issues of private production of public values, synergistic resource programs, far-reaching influences of land use and commodity policies, and sustainability. Great session!

Increasingly, I see resource management deliberations (sometimes, “spirited discussions”) boiling down to land use-planning issues. How do we decide the shape of future environments and habitats? Who makes the decisions? Those who show up to meetings and express their views based on credible information and empathetically listen to the views of others seem best positioned to make a difference. This issue is also intimately tied to economic activity, population growth, and consumption patterns.

What are hot topics within the Section and at the national Council level?

TWS Policy Priorities: Top priorities for 2001 include the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Federal land management and research agency budgets, 2002 Farm Bill, and nongame wildlife funding/CARA.

COWCH: The Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation Heritage project continues to gather steam as the living historians of our professions are videotaped for posterity and as indispensable reference points.

High fence enclosures of ungulates came up as a focus topic at 3 Chapter meetings that I know of and will be the topic of a special session at the 2002 North American in Dallas. The Wildlife Society is working on a technical review of the topic which will likely be followed by a position paper. At what point does the “artificialization” of wildlife within fences become unethical, unhealthy (because of disease considerations) and illegal (private ownership of wildlife vs. the public trust thing)? Stay tuned, more on this in the days ahead!

Water, termed by Jim Perry of the University of Minnesota as the “dependent variable of land use,” will be a topic of increasing priority from now on in resource management discussions.

Invasive species were the focus of recent meetings in Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan and looms large as an issue due to a mobile society and increasing globalization.

Communications technology and its quality management continues to challenge all resource professionals but it has some benefits as well; inexpensive and rapid movement of information, joint authoring/editing manuscripts, web sites, etc. We have been changed forever. John Loegering is developing a web page for the North Central Section to facilitate better communications. The web pages of many of the student chapters are really quite impressive and can serve as models for state chapters!

Membership: At the Minneapolis Midwest, I was pleased to present charters to 2 new student chapters, the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and the University of Minnesota at Crookston. Recruiting students into the fold is the heart and soul of our outfit and we need to put this into high gear. The next 10 years will see a tremendous

changing of the guard (probably >50%) in all resource management professions due to retirements in a huge cohort of “boomers.” At the upcoming Iowa Midwest, a “Student Chapter Forum” will be staged to allow students to share project ideas, network, get conclaves back on track, and have a little fun. I will be communicating to student chapters directly about this.

Awards: Those of you at the Minneapolis Midwest know that Al Berner received the Professional Award of Merit. At the national level, John Mumma was the Aldo Leopold Award winner this year. John is a retired career professional from Colorado. This marks the last year that the Leopold Award will be presented at the North American. Commencing with the Bismarck, North Dakota meeting in 2002, it will be presented at the annual TWS meeting. Check out the Nov-Dec issue of *The Wildlifer* for a description of the various TWS awards and consider nominating someone or a group. Don’t forget Section and Chapter award nominations as well. The Michigan Chapter presents an award to an outstanding high school student who has done good things for wildlife.

Publications. Lenny Brennan assumed duties as the new editor of the JWM last fall and Warren Ballard of Texas Tech will be the next editor of the Wildlife Society Bulletin. Hopefully, the new format of both publications has improved the readership. The addition of Bill Rooney as the managing editor in the international office made a huge difference in the efficiency of producing TWS publications. The new Human Dimensions book developed by Dan Decker and colleagues will be printed in June of this year and available for fall classes. The technical guide on managing urban deer is available now from the Extension branch of Cornell University.

Elections: Section Representatives will be chosen this year for both the North Central and Northwest sections. At the international level, Dan Edge from Oregon State and Dan Decker from Cornell will be candidates for TWS Vice President.

Why belong to The Wildlife Society, at any level? I liked the way Craig Cox, Executive Director of the Soil and Water Conservation Society put it

at the Missouri Conference; “The fundamental role of any professional organization is to elevate the way we think about ourselves,” says he. “After all, are we not helping to sustain the planet?” Sounds like pretty important business to me. Sign up at least 1 new member within the next year and we will double our membership!



North Central Section of The Wildlife Society ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2000
Minneapolis, Minnesota

1. CALL TO ORDER

President-Elect Steve Havera called the annual business meeting to order at 4:11 P.M. Approximately 29 people were present.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

President-Elect Steve Havera introduced the NCS Officers: President-Elect Steve Havera and Secretary Stan Gehrt. Section representative to TWS Council, Dan Svedarsky, and TWS President-elect Diana Hallett, also were introduced. President-Elect Havera explained that President DeeCee Darrow could not attend due to illness. An attendance sheet was routed through the membership. There was a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES TO THE 1999 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1999 Annual Meeting minutes were presented to the meeting attendees. Bob Montgomery moved to accept the minutes as presented. Gary Potts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. OFFICER REPORTS

4a. President’s Report

Activities during the past year included approval

of the applications of two new student chapters: University of Illinois-Urbana and University of Minnesota-Crookston. Other activities included student awards, the Professional Award of Merit, Student Chapter of the Year. The Executive Committee recommended changes to the Bylaws and printed these in the fall newsletter. Nominations were solicited to replace Dan Svedarsky as Section Representative.

4b. President-Elect's Report

Approximately 714 copies of the Spring/Summer newsletter were mailed to Section members, TWS members that reside in the Section, state chapters, student chapters and affiliated university libraries. The Fall/Winter newsletter, which contained the ballot, was sent to Section members and student chapter libraries (without the ballot). There were 689 copies sent. The Fall/Winter newsletter contained the proposed bylaw changes so membership could vote on approval of the bylaw changes at the annual meeting.

4c. Treasurer's Report

President-elect Havera presented the financial status of the Section. The beginning balance in the General Fund was \$10,090.30. Income (almost exclusively from dues) was \$3,650.00, and expenses were \$2,417.61. Ending balance as of 12/4/00 was \$11,322.69.

The beginning balance of the Continuing Education Fund was \$20,369.19. Income included interest of \$251.78, bringing the current balance to \$20,620.97.

John Hart maintained the Symposia account. The account balance was \$10,920.34 as of 9/30/00. This is invested in a Vanguard Money Market fund. The account balance should be over \$11,000 on 12/1/00.

4d. Section Representative's Report

Havera invited Diana Hallett to comment before Svardesky's report. Hallett said she was honored to represent the Section during her tenure as Section Representative and currently as President-Elect of

TWS. There was a slight decrease in membership in TWS from last year, which may be due to a decline in student membership. She encouraged current members to work on recruiting new members. She noted the long history of the Section's symposia, and its increasing importance as an opportunity for continuing education. The managing editor will assume production responsibilities of the Journal in addition to the Bulletin. This should improve timeliness of the publications and reduce costs. Hallett reminded members to be thinking of potential nominees for the various awards offered by TWS, and solicited volunteers for committee work during her presidency.

Dan Svedarsky presented the Section Representative's report, which was basically a highlight of his report published in the Fall/Winter newsletter. A Wild Ungulate Confinement Committee was formed to address issues regarding captive deer and other ungulates. An Economic Growth and Wildlife Conservation Committee will produce a white paper with respect to the effects of economic growth on wildlife conservation. Council accepted a special report from the Grizzly Bear Committee. Another committee was formed on performance measures for ecosystem management.

The COWCH project is underway. It is a society-wide effort to document the history of the profession. There are state coordinators for all but two states (Michigan and Ohio) in the Section. Some interviews have been conducted. Scott Craven related an anecdote regarding this effort, and Svedarsky described some of the importance behind this activity, and that time is short for some of the people.

Awards and recognition within the chapter included the SIU Cooperative Lab for the Group Achievement Award and Steve Havera for Best Book. The Don Rusch Memorial Game Bird Research Award was awarded to Ben West at Nashville. Here in the Section, Best Student Paper was awarded to Brent Jamison, Best Student Poster was awarded to Lori Corteville, and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point won Outstand-

ing Student Chapter of the Year. Two new chapters were approved by the Section, which are the University of Illinois-Urbana and University of Minnesota-Crookston.

Membership is a concern, with a continued decline in membership. More recruitment is needed. Many of the working groups are active and doing good work. The next annual conference will be in Reno in 2001, Bismark in 2002, and somewhere in New England in 2003. The 3rd International Wildlife Management Conference will be held in New Zealand next year.

The Section's web page will be up very soon, and will be produced and managed by John Loegering.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5a. Nominations and Elections Committee

Gehrt reported election results were:

Scott Johnson (Indiana) – President-Elect
Jaime Edwards (Minnesota) – Secretary
James Hardin (Wisconsin) – Treasurer

Steve congratulated the winners and thanked all who ran for office.

5b. Audit Committee

Havera presented the Audit Report for Winterstein. Henry Campa audited and signed the financial records. A motion to accept the audit Committee report was made by Scott Craven and seconded by Terry Little. There was no discussion. Motion carried. Don Pfeiffer moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and D. Hallett seconded. Motion carried.

5c. Publication Sales Coordinator Report

The Executive Board decided to relieve John Hart of the Coordinator position, and replace him with Pat Brown because most of the publications are housed at the Illinois Natural History Survey and Hart has expressed a desire to be relieved of the position.

Hart will send the remaining publications in his possession to Brown. Some publications will be given to the Iowa Chapter to distribute during the conference next year, and Havera encouraged state chapters to offer some publications for their annual meetings. For the moment the fund will be transferred to Treasurer Hardin. Scott Craven recommended moving the urban deer publications quickly because of a new publication coming out soon.

5d. CARA

Gary Potts reported that the Conservation and Reinvestment Act was eventually passed by Congress but only after some substantial changes had been made which significantly reduce the legislation. Most of the details are in *The Wildlifer*. Instead of \$15 billion over 15 years, Congress passed \$1.6 billion during FY2001, and after 6 years it would increase to \$2.4 billion. However, some dollars would be competitive with grants, and funding must be appropriated every year. Gary wanted to focus on the work and dedication exhibited by proponents of the Act, and encouraged members to maintain the cohesion of the various groups and go at it again next year. Bob Montgomery added that we had an impact during Senate deliberations; when it stalled there was considerable pressure brought by groups that got the process moving again. Politicians were impressed with the strength of the movement and said we did well. Gary reiterated that the initiative brought many different groups together, and they must come together again.

5e. Awards Committee

The 2000 Professional Award of Merit was awarded to Al Berner. The award was announced during the plenary session of the Midwest Conference.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Bylaw changes. The proposed changes were published in the fall newsletter, and need approval from members. Scott Craven moved to accept the

changes, and Diana Hallett seconded. There was little discussion, and the motion carried.

Term Length of Secretary and Treasurer. Possibly extending the terms of Secretary and Treasurer to two years was discussed last year. Havera entertained discussion and questions, He noted that transfer of funds can be time intensive. Hallett suggested distant banking to circumvent the problems of setting up accounts. Havera said we will look into it with the new treasurer. Svedarsky pointed out that more opportunities would be available for others to serve if the term lengths remained at one year.

Havera recognized Gary Potts and Al Berner as nominees for Section Representative next year, and thanked other candidates for volunteering.

2001 Symposia. Mike Foy presented a report on the current status of the Symposium for next year. Foy is taking the lead in organizing the symposium. Although they are behind the schedule published in the operations manual, they are proceeding quite well. A committee has been formed, including Foy, Jaime Edwards, Val Geist, James Peek, and Larry Hutchinson. Invitations have been extended to 9 possible contributors, of which 4 have accepted, 2 declined, and others are negotiating. Foy expressed a need to look further for possible contributors, especially for travel expenses for contributors. Discussion ensued for possible funding sources.

Foy will be editor of the proceedings, unless another can be found. Hallett asked if the symposium would be a full day, and Foy said that was a goal but it may not be possible. Hallett reminded the group that historically symposia are very important to the Section and there may be various ways to get support from NCS. Svedarsky suggested contacting all state agencies in the Section and the US Fish and Wildlife Service for funding. Bob Clevestine stated that he might be able to help with travel costs. Svedarsky suggested getting manuscripts in before the meeting and Foy agreed to try. Foy asked for advice regarding peer review of the papers. Bob Montgomery suggested peer review take place soon after the conference (probably won't be possible before the presentations). Terry Little asked about a budget,

and Foy responded there was none at this time.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Havera described an implementation committee to administer the continuing education fund. Their charge would be to raise additional funds and to determine ways to disseminate support. Gary Potts provided a historical perspective on the committee and expressed the need to continue fundraising and re-establish a committee. Potts suggested an application be put in the Spring/Summer newsletter to get requests for support. Potts also noted the importance of continuing education for certification. Havera thanked Potts and invited input.

WIN. Havera presented some information on the Wildlife Information Network, which was launched in 1998. The goal of the program is to improve communication between wildlife professionals and farmers, ranchers, other groups. It is not funded by TWS, but by outside contributors. Havera suggested contributing money to this. Hallett also described the program. Phil Seng talked to Tom Franklin who said that they have received monies from many state chapters. Discussion followed but no action was taken.

Havera reported, as the new president, that he is hopeful the symposium will be a success. He reminded members to be thinking of topics for symposia in 2003. We will seek to have the Parent Society approve our bylaw changes and we are looking forward to the 2001 Midwest in Iowa. Havera thanked officers Darrow, Gehrt, and Winterstein for their service and is excited about working with new officers next year.

Havera moved to adjourn, and Gates seconded. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.



Reports From Around The Section

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

by Timothy Van Deelen

The Illinois Chapter of The Wildlife Society held its annual business meeting at the Holiday Inn City Center in Peoria on March 8, 2001. This meeting was in conjunction with the Illinois Renewable Natural Resources Conference (7-9 March) for which the Illinois Chapter was the principle host and organizer. The Illinois Renewable Natural Resources Conference (IRNRC) is a joint meeting of the Illinois chapters of TWS, American Fisheries Society, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Society of American Foresters, and Environmental Education Association. It is held every 3 years and is an excellent opportunity for professionals in Illinois to get some cross-disciplinary perspectives on the state's natural resources issues. This year's meeting include over 350 registered participants and featured 3 concurrent theme sessions dealing with Exotic and Invasive Species, Management of Riparian Forests, and Urban Sprawl. By all accounts, this year's was a great success and special thanks go out to Illinois Chapter members John Thompson (Steering Committee Chair), Bob Bluett, Charlie Paine, George Feldhamer, Aaron Yetter, Gary Potts, Larry David, Tom Nelson, and Bruce Dugger for all their hard work. During the meeting, we awarded Bob Montgomery of Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation the Illinois Chapter's Professional Award of Merit for his career-long record of service to the wildlife profession. Congratulations Bob!

Our bottom line has never been better thanks to proceeds from the IRNRC, the 1999 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, and a series of professional development workshops that the Chapter has sponsored over the past couple of years. Consequently, we find ourselves in the enviable position of trying to decide where to go with the excess cash. Thus, we formed an ad hoc committee (of course) to recommend to the membership ways to spend some money on worthy wildlife-related projects or programs. Ideas that were kicked around at our business meeting include a student-travel fund or a small grant program.

Other activities include continued vigilance on CARA, support and volunteering for Illinois' state science fairs, support to the COWCH program, and support for "Under Illinois Skies" a program that provides outdoor experiences for underprivileged kids from the Chicago Area. We continue to be supportive of our student Chapters and were particularly pleased to see the University of Illinois Student Chapter receive its Charter at the 2000 Midwest in Minneapolis.



INDIANA CHAPTER

by Phil Seng

The Indiana Chapter closed the Year 2000 with an excellent continuing education workshop on *Designing Wetlands for Multiple Species*. Nearly 100 people attended, including 20 of our colleagues from the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Speakers addressed many different aspects of wetland systems, and it was an excellent learning opportunity for all.

The chapter played a strong role in the Indiana CARA coalition throughout 2000, including sending several representatives to Washington, DC several different times to encourage passage of the CARA bill. We were frustrated to see the full CARA bill come up short, but we are prepared to throw our support behind renewed efforts in 2001.

In the local legislative arena, the chapter once again teamed up with the Indiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in January to hold its annual legislative reception for the Indiana General Assembly. The reception focused on the Clean Water Indiana Initiative, a bill that will provide funding and expertise for a wide array of soil and water conservation measures throughout Indiana watersheds. At this writing, the bill has been passed by the House of Representatives and is currently being considered by the Senate. Its passage would have significant positive impacts on Indiana's wildlife and natural resources.

At its 2-day spring meeting in March, the

Indiana Chapter plans to take a long, serious look at the put & take hunting issue. During the first day, speakers will address the legal, economic, health, and ethical considerations of the issue. On the following day, the chapter will engage in a half-day facilitated discussion to determine whether or not to pursue a position statement. At this writing, there is a bill before the Indiana General Assembly that could significantly expand the scope of high fence deer hunting, so the issue is very timely.

The spring meeting is the traditional platform for the Indiana Chapter's annual awards, and this year the following awards will be given to the following deserving members: Gene Rhodes of Purdue University receives the Best Paper Award for his presentation of a paper entitled "*Polymorphism of Microsatellite Loci for Wild Turkey Subspecies in the United States*" at the 2000 ICTWS Spring Meeting. Mark Pochon receives the Past President Award for his service as president of ICTWS for the year 2000. This award is given in appreciation for his dedicated service. Mark is the property manager of Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area. Carl Eisfelder receives the 2001 Hoosier Wildlife Award, the highest honor given by the Indiana Chapter. Carl is a retired wildlife biologist with over 37 years of service with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish & Wildlife. Carl has held many different professional positions with IDNR, such as a district private lands wildlife biologist, property manager of Sugar Ridge and Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Areas, wetland biologist, and forest wildlife biologist. He was instrumental in the development of several state wildlife areas, wetland projects, restoration projects, and practical field techniques or protocols for habitat enhancement projects. Carl is a previous winner of the Division of Fish and Wildlife Biologist of the Year and is the only Division of Fish & Wildlife employee to receive the IDNR Richard Leiber Award. The Indiana Chapter is very proud of these members and fortunate to have them in our ranks.

IOWA CHAPTER
by Donald Pfeiffer

The Iowa Chapter-TWS and the Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society held a joint

meeting 16-18 January in Ames, Iowa with 120 members in attendance. Approximately 66 persons attended the wildlife session presentations. The meeting began with a social on Tuesday evening with a special invitation to the Fish and Wildlife students at Iowa State University. This allowed the exploration of job opportunities with Federal, State, and County members. Many students obtained knowledge of what the jobs will be like for internships or temporary jobs. The morning session was a joint session with topics involving the Missouri River rehabilitation, the Salmon Crisis in the Northwest, Wildlife Management Lessons and Predators, Iowa's Private Land Program, The Status of Wildlife Diversity in Iowa, and Nitrogen Affects in the Mississippi River Basin. Thirteen presentations on wildlife-related issues included: five issues involving white-tailed deer, private land programs, restoration of aquatic vegetation, grassland breeding birds, predators and edge, nesting mallards and patch size, bird diversity in short-term and long-term restored wetlands and natural wetlands, wetland restoration efforts along the Missouri River, and radio-telemetry and GIS to study movements of leopard frogs. A banquet, fund-raising raffle, and live auction were held on Wednesday evening, making it a successful meeting among wildlife and fishery interests in Iowa.



MICHIGAN CHAPTER
by Kelly F. Millenbah

This year has been, and will, be a year of rebuilding for the Michigan Chapter, under the leadership of President Craig Albright. The Chapter's participation and involvement has recently started to decline and revitalization is necessary to ensure a successful, thriving chapter. New executive officers were elected in October 2000 and include: President Craig Albright, Michigan DNR; President-Elect Dr. Henry (Rique) Campa III, Department of Fisheries & Wildlife, Michigan State

University; Past President Dr. Larry Caldwell, Biology Department, Central Michigan University; Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Kelly Millenbah, Department of Fisheries & Wildlife, Michigan State University; and Board Members Dr. Larry Visser and Sara Scaeffler of the Michigan DNR.

The chapter held its spring meeting March 8 and 9, 2001 on the Michigan State University campus. Thursday's session focused on the *Top 3 Threats to Wildlife and Priority Research Needs*. Engaging, thought-provoking presentations were made by representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, Industry, and the section's own representative Dan Svedarsky. Immediately following the presentations was an informal mixer that allowed conversation to continue into the early evening.

Friday's session started with a general membership meeting in which a variety of committee's were restructured and given charges for the upcoming year. Four chapter awards were presented and included: *High School Student Recognition Award*: Gregory Bouwkamp, Hudsonville High School; *Undergraduate Student Membership Award*: Rebecca Geelhood, Lansing Community College; *Citizen's Award*: Delbert Sheppard, Manistique, Michigan; *Professional Achievement Award*: David Best, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Friday's presentation session was standing room only and focused on *Using GIS and Related Technologies in Wildlife Research and Management*. Folks from Michigan State University, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Center for Remote Sensing and GIS provided outstanding presentation for this technical session.



MINNESOTA CHAPTER

by Gary Huschle

The Board met on February 21, 2001. Dave Pauly, Prairie/Farmland Issues Committee chair, brought us up to speed on the Short Rotation Woody Cover review/policy efforts that he has diligently

dogged on behalf of the Chapter. Fortunately, the tour and discussion on SRWC that we had at the summer meeting last year started bringing the Chapter together on this subject. Unfortunately, the urgency and deadlines involved did not allow us to wait for the white paper that Jodie Provost is coordinating on the subject to be finished. However, the drafts helped Dave with his thoughts and the reviews he has made will be good input to the white paper.

The Forest Issues committee reviewed a piece of legislation (Anderson-Kelliher Bill 1797) that would require the state to have public review of every individual timber sale. The committee saw several problems with the legislation and the Board decided to not support it. The Committee suggested a review of the different processes being used by county, state and federal agencies for timber sales at one of our next meetings. Based on this, the Board has directed President-Elect Jeanine Vorland to look into having our next Annual Meeting as a joint meeting with the Society of American Foresters. One of the sessions could be on the above mentioned topic and possibly result in a working group to develop a proposal that would be acceptable to a wider range of interest groups.

The Statewide Issues chair, Pam Perry, briefed us on legislation being drafted to give turtles in the state much needed protection. We will be asking the Fish and Wildlife Legislative Alliance that we are a member of, to track and support this legislation.

A couple of other successes that we have been involved in are: the EIS on the Highway 169 upgrade along Mille Lacs Lake will look at several reroutes, CARA Light will be funding \$973,000 for nongame in Minnesota, and Fred Bengtson interviewed Dan Frenzel for the COWCH project.

We are proceeding with planning our summer meeting to piggyback on the Watchable Wildlife Conference in September.

Bill Berg brought to our attention that continuing education credits are being used by TWS for certification process and that in some other Societies the local chapters assist with getting credits assigned and keeping their membership informed of the credits that can be earned by

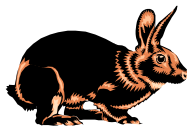
attending symposiums/conferences etc. For example the Young Forest Conference on March 29, has 5.5 hours assigned to it. The professional development committee will be checking into this.

Minnesota gained a new student chapter at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference with the approval of the Chapter at University of Minnesota, Crookston. We hope they will be as successful, active and enduring as the Chapter at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Both have web sites:

<http://webhome.crk.umn.edu/clubs/wildlife>

<http://www.fw.umn.edu/F&Wclub>

The Minnesota Chapter has also developed a web site: <http://www.crk.umn.edu/tws/mn/>



MINNESOTA CHAPTER SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

January - December 2000

by Martha Minchak, Past-President

The Minnesota Chapter held its annual meeting on January 20-21, 2000, at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud. It was a joint meeting with the MN Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The meeting theme was “Welcoming the New Millennium: Fisheries and Wildlife Management in the 21st Century”. Posters and papers discussed the history and current state of fish and wildlife management and predicted trends for the future of our professions. The meeting culminated in a panel discussion on the shift within our state and university system from a focus on traditional fish and wildlife management to the field of conservation biology. We presented the following awards: *Minnesota Award*: W. Dan Svedarsky; *Conservation Award*: Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society; *Student Award*: Shane Osborne; *Law Enforcement Award*: Marty Book; and *Service to Chapter Awards*: Brad Ehlers and Ross Hier.

The annual meeting fund-raiser generated \$1,600, half of which is dedicated to habitat project grants. This year’s grant recipients were: The Pennington County Sportsmen’s Club for a tree planting project, the Nicollet Conservation Club for land acquisition; Area Wildlife Manager, Rich Staffon, for land acquisition; and the Stearns County Chapter

of Pheasants Forever for land acquisition. We also continued our student scholarships, providing travel assistance for students to attend the national TWS meeting in Nashville, and the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Minneapolis. We also helped sponsor our president’s attendance at the national meeting in Nashville.

Our chapter is a strong proponent of professional enhancement and toward this goal we sponsored workshops throughout the state including: the MN Native Plant Society’s “Rare Plants and Local Ecotypes workshop, a turtle telemetry workshop, a Creating Liveable Communities workshop, an on-going natural resources seminar series, and helped out with many aspects of hosting the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Members have also conducted at least three COWCH Project interviews to date. Our summer meeting was devoted to a field tour and panel discussion on hybrid poplar and short rotation woody culture (SRWC) in agriculture, specifically CRP and its implications for wildlife and wildlife management. The meeting was held at the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center in Fertile, and included tours with staff from the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI) who developed much of this technology. This session was fairly well attended and resulted in the chapter developing a white paper on this issue. This was fortuitous in that the whole issue of SRWC has returned to the forefront of several state and national farmland and forest resource policy initiatives. The workshop helped to better educate our members on this continually evolving issue.

Our long-awaited chapter display was completed, in time for our winter meeting, by member Jodie Provost. The attractive, table-top display describes the mission of the MN Chapter, highlights past activities and accomplishments, and includes a photo album of past chapter activities. It will be used at chapter-sponsored events and also at career/work fairs and environmental education outreach activities. Our hope is that the display will boost membership and the visibility of TWS throughout the state.

Our annual 2000/2001 membership meeting was held in conjunction with the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. At this meeting we

presented the following awards: *Minnesota Award*: Robert Janssen; *Conservation Award*: Izaak Walton League, MN Division; *Student Award*: Emily Spinler; *Law Enforcement Award*: Leland Owens; and *Service to Chapter Awards*: Al Berner and Margaret Anderson. Also at this meeting, the second student chapter of TWS, the University of MN-Crookston, received its official charter. This chapter hit the ground running and already had a number of accomplishments to report at the meeting.

All three chapters, the MN chapter, University of MN-Twin Cities, and University of MN-Crookston, went global this year as each developed a website.

In our continuing efforts to provide professional opinions and guidance on issues affecting wildlife and natural resources within the state, our chapter sent the following letters: a letter to Governor Jesse Ventura and selected legislators supporting the designation of the remaining state Consolidated Conservation (Con Con) lands as Wildlife Management Areas (WMA's); a letter to Lt. Joe N. Ballard, US Army Corps of Engineers, commenting on a proposed dredging project on the Mississippi River near Little Falls; a letter to DNR Commissioner Alan Garber supporting the designation of the remaining Con Con lands as WMA's; and cards, letters and phone calls supporting CARA. Chapter members also attended meetings with legislators to provide input on the 2002 Federal Farm Bill. Members of our ten standing committees also attended meetings of the MN Fish and Wildlife Legislative Alliance, Coalition of MN Conservation Organizations, and a number of other public input meetings to track and voice our Chapter's position on issues affecting wildlife and natural resources.

OHIO CHAPTER

by Scott Butterworth

The Chapter cosponsored the Fortieth Ohio Fish and Wildlife Management Conference on 18 February 2000. Additional cosponsors were the Ohio Fish and Wildlife Management Association and the Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The theme for the conference was "*Fifty*

Years of Leadership in the Management of Ohio's Fish and Wildlife Resources."

The Chapter sponsored a Population Viability Analysis Workshop as part of our Continuing Education Program. The Workshop was held at The Ohio State University, Columbus, and led by Dr. H. Resit Akcakaya, Senior Scientist at Applied Biomathematics, Setauket, New York.

The Chapter awarded three places at the Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day on 29 April 2000. First place in the Wildlife Awareness Award sponsored by the Chapter went to Thomas Clark, 8th grade, for his project titled "*To What Do Zebra Mussels Prefer to Attach?*". Thomas received a plaque, \$50 savings bond and an invitation to display his project at the 2001 Fish and Wildlife Management Conference. Second place went to Michael Maffei, 8th grade, for his project titled "*Which Seeds Do Birds Prefer?*" A gift certificate and a \$50 savings bond were awarded to Michael. "*Growth of the Purple Catpaw Mussel*" was the title of third place Alexandra Schmitt, 7th grade. Alexandra received a gift certificate.

The Chapter made donations to the following organizations/causes. Ohio Chapter of the Legislative Fund of America received \$500 to protect professional fish and wildlife management in Ohio. The Ohio Avian Ecology and Conservation Conference to be held on 3 August 2001 was awarded \$500 to defer expenses. The COWCH project was awarded \$250.

An executive board meeting was held on 27 July 2000. Regular membership meetings were held on 18 February 2000 and 8 September 2000.



WISCONSIN CHAPTER

by Jonathan Gilbert

The Wisconsin Chapter held its annual winter meeting from February 28 - March 1. The meeting brings together chapter members each year, and we like to focus on professional presentations of local issues. This year was no exception. President Jerry Bartelt put together an excellent

series of concurrent sessions including; oak ecosystems in peril, deer management issues, grassland/prairie papers and a series of papers focusing on northern forest ecosystems. The meeting started with presentations on exotic earthworms and their threat to forest ecosystems, a presentation on the original land surveys and the uses which can be made of this valuable database, and a presentation on a new habitat classification system which incorporates forest cover and land capability. Of course, no winter meeting would be complete without our annual game feed. Scott Craven came through again with usual culinary skills and the membership contributed from their fall harvests. There was unanimous agreement that this was one of the most interesting winter meetings we have had in a long time. Many thanks to Jerry and all those who contributed to excellent series of papers.

The Chapter also held its annual business meeting. Several important decisions were made at this meeting. Perhaps the most important was a decision by the membership to support efforts by the Wisconsin legislature to pass legislation to protect isolated, intra-state wetlands. On January 9, 2001 the U. S. Supreme court issued a decision that significantly reduces the regulatory authority of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers over isolated wetlands. The court made it clear that they were deferring to states and local governments to protect these important wetlands. In Wisconsin, this represents nearly 1.5 million acres or approximately 30% of the states wetland areas. The Chapter membership passed a motion urging the Wisconsin legislature to act swiftly to put into place laws which will continue the protection of these valuable wetlands.

We honored a couple of our members during this meeting. We bestowed the prestigious Wisconsin Award on Chuck Pils. Chuck is a long-time member of the Wisconsin Chapter of TWS. He is a recently retired 30-year veteran of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Chuck began his career as a wildlife research biologist with WDNR, moved onto the Bureau of Wildlife Management, and ended his career as the Director of the Bureau of Endangered Resources. In the recent past, Chuck has been extremely active in educating our representatives

in Washington D. C. on the merits of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA). Chuck is now pursuing other interests, but we are all sure that whatever he does, wildlife will not be far from his heart. Congratulations Chuck.

Matthew Ruwald was the recipient of the Wisconsin Wildlife Student of the Year and the winner of the Leopold Scholarship for 2001. Matt is a member and president of the student chapter at UW-Madison where he studies wildlife ecology. He has been very active in the student chapter activities and, as his professors have said, is the kind of student they dream of having. Matt will be joining the U.S. Peace Corps when he graduates in May and is looking forward to a career in wildlife when he returns from Africa. Congratulations Matt.

We looked back on the accomplishments of the past year including the completion of a membership directory, creation of a chapter web site, and the development of a traveling display board to be used to recruit new members. We also reflected on our efforts to gain support for CARA legislation. Although it was not to be in 2000, we are all anticipating success in 2001. It was a good year with much progress. We also look forward to the coming year. We have set some objectives and hope that these objectives can help stimulate increased involvement in chapter activities. It is only through the active participation of our members that we can continue to provide a valuable service and be a vibrant chapter.



BALL STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER
by Corey Rieman

The Ball State University student chapter has had an active year both on campus and off. We have had a number of guest speakers address the chapter during our bi-weekly meetings held on campus. Graduate students, professors, and state and federal biologists are some of those who have generously given presentations on their research to

our group. Additionally, student members were successful in obtaining a grant that enabled us to sponsor a raptor education program on campus twice during the academic year. Members of Soarin' Hawk, a raptor rehabilitation center, brought raptors to campus and gave presentations throughout the day on raptor biology and conservation. The events were open to the entire university community and were well attended. During the events, we also sold birdhouses and bat boxes that we built to raise funds for chapter activities.

We have been involved in some volunteer activities during the school year. For example, many of our members volunteered throughout the state helping Indiana Department of Natural Resources biologists at deer check stations during the hunting season. Additionally, we have made several trips to the Exotic Feline Rescue Center to help build facilities for large cats that are housed there.

Our chapter has had a number of outdoor social functions such as bar-b-ques and mixers. Additionally, we have continued to hone our skills at mist netting birds on Ball State properties and a group of our members traveled to Bloomington in February for a day of eagle watching.



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER
by Will Fields

This spring, members of the Iowa State University Student Chapter assisted The Nature Conservancy with prairie restoration work at a preserve in Ames, Iowa. We also attended a joint meeting of the state chapters of the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society held at ISU earlier in the spring. We have brought in biologists from the Iowa DNR to discuss private lands program in Iowa, and we will have speakers later in the semester to discuss management issues concerning the Missouri River and local watersheds. Lastly, the student chapter of The Wildlife

Society at ISU has gone through a change in leadership as Dr. Best has replaced Dr. Clark as the chapter's advisor.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER
by Diana Michelsen

The Northern Michigan University Student Chapter of TWS has been busy during the 2000-2001 school year. We started the year with a speaker from the Northwoods Wilderness Recovery who discussed local logging issues. Many members went out to Trap Hills, an area that may be logged, to view the wildlife and natural vegetation. We wrote letters to local government officials to encourage them to protect these lands.

We went on a night hike in late October and called for wolves, and actually got a few to call back. We saw flying squirrels and had a great time. We performed a clean-up of the local recreation areas in mid-November and placed recycling bins in high traffic areas around campus. We also have a Chapter member as a student representative on the campus-wide recycling committee.

We had representatives from the Hiawatha National Forest speak to us about their current projects, jobs in wildlife management, and their thoughts on logging. We've also had a T-shirt designing contest and assisted with crowd control during the UP 2001 Dog Sled Races. Several members attended a public conference on the status of the eastern timber wolf, an environmental activist who talked about living with respect to Mother Earth, and a public hearing on the management of the Great Lakes. We also helped with several local deer censuses in both semesters. Lastly, we have plans to help the Hiawatha National Forest with owl calling surveys and a project this spring to mark trees to keep the habitat of black bears from being logged.



PURDUE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

by Brianne Hicks

The Purdue Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society is looking forward to an exciting semester. We will have seven organizational meetings, a number of which include informative talks from a variety of speakers. Topics include the Prophetstown State Park prairie restoration, the Indianapolis Zoo, the Division of Nature Preserves, and the search for graduate schools. In March, our members will attend the Indiana Chapter meeting in our own hometown of West Lafayette. Activities planned for this semester include frog-call surveys, a waterfowl watch to allow individuals to get an up-close and personal view as the birds head to the breeding grounds, and prairie seed cultivation. Many members have joined with our student chapter of the National Association of Interpreters to develop educational outreach programs for area schools and youth organizations. We will also be helping out at Purdue University's SpringFest celebration, so look for us there in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources tent. Also, look for our new webpage that will be up and running soon. It will be linked to the Department webpage: www.frn.purdue.edu.

At the end of the semester, the Chapter is planning a game roast for its members. This is an annual tradition that was lost in recent years, but we are bringing it back. All in all, it looks like it will be a great semester for our members, and we look forward to every moment of it!



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

by Suma Mallavarapu

For the Spring semester 2001, the Wildlife Society Chapter at Southern Illinois University Carbondale has planned a number of meetings and activities. For our first two monthly meetings, Jamie Feddersen and Tim Carter, graduate students in the Zoology Department, spoke about their re-

search on waterfowl and bats in Illinois. Our final seminar speaker will be Dr. John McDonald, a research faculty member with the Cooperative Wildlife Research Lab at SIUC who will talk about his work with black bears.

Chapter members constructed nest boxes for the use by wood ducks on the SIUC campus. Some members also took part in an "owling" activity to observe owls in their native habitat. The chapter is also organizing the 2nd Annual Wildlife Film Festival that will feature award-winning films from the 23rd International Wildlife Film Festival. As a fundraiser for this semester, chapter members helped out at a concession stand at high school basketball supersectionals. The chapter plans to end the semester with our annual spring picnic in April when new officers for the 2001-2002 school year will be elected.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS STUDENT CHAPTER

by Brian Piccolo

The activities committee for the University of Illinois Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society (UISC) has been busy organizing this semester's events. After a busy fall semester, the chapter picked up right where it has left off this spring semester. On February 16, we went to Richardson Wildlife Foundation in West Brooklyn, Illinois for a weekend retreat. Members participated in cleaning out wood duck boxes used from the previous nesting season and prepared them for the upcoming season. Members also scoured the property for antler sheds, went raptor watching, and ice fished. In March or April, the UISC plans to assist the DeWitt County Chapter of Pheasants Forever with habitat management. The DeWitt Chapter has over 1000 acres, and UISC members will help create wildlife food plots and assist with controlled burns. The big trip this semester will be held on April 6-8 to Wolf Park in Battle Ground, Indiana. Members of UISC will receive a private, behind the scenes tour of the facility. On that same weekend, members will camp at Turkey Run State Park in Indiana. Bird watching, canoeing, and hiking are some of the activities planned at Turkey Run. Plans are also being made to become the official stewards at Harry Woodyard State Natural

Area in Georgetown, Illinois. Chapter members will assist site manager Bob Szafoni with wildlife related projects, habitat restoration, and wildlife inventories such as bird surveys in April. Many UISC members will also be conducting frog surveys this spring at selected wetlands near campus. This will be a part of a long-term monitoring project conducted by the university. The UISC education committee has also been very busy this semester. In January, vice-president Paul Strode and member Julie Dyar traveled to Urbana Leal Elementary Cub Scout Troop in Forest Glen, Illinois and presented a Native American craft project called the Winter Count (Julie) and talked about Illinois mammals in the winter (Paul). In late March, UISC member/falconer Todd Coleman, treasurer Ron Davis, and Paul Strode will travel to Urbana Youth Detention Center in Urbana, Illinois. Todd will do a presentation on birds of prey with his red-tailed hawk, Ron will talk about endangered bats (live bat present), and Paul will present a slide show about ecological succession at Mt. St. Helens. Also in late March, UISC president Brian Piccolo and members Chad Stewart, Patrick Hubert, Todd Gosselink, and Shana Lavin will give nature presentations at Robert Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois. Brian and Chad will talk about how to age deer and the effects of deer browsing in bottomland forests, Patrick will talk about turkeys in Illinois, and Todd and Shana will give presentations about coyote and fox ecology. On March 31, UISC members will participate in a Project WILD environmental educator workshop. We will be using our newfound teaching skills in upcoming wildlife education programs for elementary and secondary aged students. In early April, member Karmen Hollis will speak to girls at Central High School, Champaign, Illinois in the math, science, and engineering clubs about careers in animal biology. Also in April, UISC members Jason Martin, Valerie Olinik, and others will do a wildlife presentation for biology classes at St. Joseph-Ogden High School. The Anita Purves Nature Center of Urbana will provide live animals. In June, UISC members will assist the Illinois Natural History Survey with the Biodiversity Blitz at Robert Allerton Park. This is a joint effort to inventory as much of the biodiversity at the park in

a 24-hour period. To earn some money for the UISC account, the fundraising committee just had a hot drink sale on campus and is working on a design for our new T-shirts which will be ready to sell in March. For more information, check out the totally new and improved UISC website at: <http://wildlifesociety.nres.uiuc.edu>.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-TWIN CITIES STUDENT CHAPTER *by Chad Nordstrom*

Our website is up and running again and can be found at <http://www.fw.umn.edu/F&Wclub>. We welcomed a new club to the state with the addition of the U of M-Crookston chapter. At our Isaac Walton League clubhouse in Bloomington, we have spent the day watching the deer (rather tame) and birds. We also learned about rare bird sightings in Duluth and other areas of the state. Members also assisted the DNR with projects around the state, and we are now in the process of elections and the transition to the new leaders.

Here is a short list of our events in Fall Semester 2000: we attended the TWS annual meeting in Nashville and won the student chapter quiz bowl. We also attended the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference and worked at various deer check in stations. We sold Minnesota Freshwater Society calendars as a fund-raiser and updated/revised our website. We visited the Science Museum of Minnesota and saw the omni theater movie "Wolves."

In Spring Semester 2001, we had an overnight at the Isaac Walton League property by the Minnesota River and adopted a section of the Mississippi River for clean up. We held a "Chubby Bunny" game at the College of Natural Resource's (CNR) Winter Week and had an environmental education outreach program at Washburn Elementary School in Bloomington.

Upcoming events include the Trout Unlimited Banquet, CNR Eco-challenge event, CNR Alumni banquet, aquaculture tour, campout and BBQ.



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI STUDENT CHAPTER

by Jason Summers

The University of Missouri Student Chapter has been busy over the past several months. Biweekly meetings were held with a variety of speakers in the field of wildlife management. Meeting attendance averaged between 25 and 30 undergraduate and graduate students. The main fund raising activity for the Chapter is working a concession stand at home football games. We awarded our first scholarship, and several members attended the Annual TWS conference in Nashville, TN. Dr. Eric Dinerstein, guest lecturer at the annual Dunmire Lecture, spoke about the conservation of large mammals in Lowland, Nepal. In January, we held our first annual winter bird count at the Prairie Forks Conservation Area in central Missouri. We also sponsored a student job fair (with over 20 jobs available) in February, and several members took a weekend trip to Mingo National Wildlife Refuge in southeast Missouri. Upcoming events for spring include our first annual deer drive at the Thomas Baskett Wildlife Area, a weekend trip to central Nebraska to view migrating sandhill cranes and booming prairie chickens, and election of 2001-2002 officers. Visit our website at www.missouri.edu/~wildlife.



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON STUDENT CHAPTER

by Matt Ruwaldt

The fall 2000 semester was one our busiest on record. We had weekly meetings alternating between speakers and activities. We started or reinstated several projects, which provide additional leadership and participation opportunities for students. General meeting attendance averaged around 25 members, which is better than in the past. We had food at several meetings including a joint meeting with the Forestry Club on opportunities to study abroad. However, the highlight of the

semester was our attendance at the national TWS meeting in Nashville, TN.

Our accomplishments include general activities such as workshops on GIS and deer aging, panel discussions with professors and graduate students, a falconry demonstration, and bi-weekly speakers. Projects and associated activities include the small mammal survey (led by Cherrie Warren) that conducted squirrel trapping and serology with the vet club. Our birding group, led by Lara Fondow and Nick McCann, conducted songbird mist netting, banded saw whet owls, viewed waterfowl in Milwaukee Harbor, conducted an eagle watch, and toured the International Crane Foundation. The marsh monitoring project (Kim Detert, leader) had an orientation and organizational meeting while the prairie restoration group conducted several brush cutting trips. New or resurrected projects include sports, herptiles, policy discussion, and educational outreach. All new and returning leaders have plans for this semester and are looking forward to the spring thaw. We hope to make it as successful as the last one.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STEVENSON POINT STUDENT CHAPTER

by Christopher Kocovsky

This school year has once again found the members of the UWSP-TWS student chapter busy with the College, professionals, our community, and school and scout groups. With 207 paid members, we are the largest student organization on campus, and our presence is always felt in the College of Natural Resources. Social events have included broomball and bowling with fellow student organizations and a great Halloween bash for Society members and friends. We also helped cook and serve food for the annual Student Advisory Panel cookout for students and professors. Along with those inter-organizational events, members visited the backwaters of the Wisconsin River for an educational, wet and wild weekend of canoeing and fun. We also were well represented at the National and North Central conferences, with 11 members attending Nationals and nine at the North Central Section conference.

As most undergrads know, real life experience is vital. To that end, we were very active in assisting and interacting with professionals on a variety of projects. We continue to work with the International Crane Foundation in the annual spring and fall crane counts. We assist the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with crane counts, prairie chicken censuses, and red-shouldered hawk surveys. We have several projects with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources including work at state wildlife areas and annual gun deer season aging stations. We recently began working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation on plans to construct a new interstate highway and the Wisconsin Public Works and Northland Cranberries on osprey nesting. We also have two Society members that sit on the board of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

In addition, we are also very active in our local community. Our abatement project helps landowners remove unwanted animals from their home and find the animals a more appropriate residence. A nearby landowner is getting assistance in habitat improvement from the land management project. Wood duck boxes and floating duck nesting structures have been placed on suitable private lands. Bluebird houses have been put up throughout the Stevens Point area for residents as well as on University-owned Schmeekle Reserve.

Our most active community service is the education project. The members of this project have helped teachers in area elementary schools teach about animal adaptations, threatened and endangered species, and any other topic the teacher requests. Lessons are adapted to each situation and are always well received by students and teachers. The education project also has helped Boy and Girl Scouts earn badges by teaching specific skills and general environmental knowledge.

Whether we're cooking brats and hamburgers for our professors, working with governmental agencies or helping little kids learn about the Earth and all its inhabitants, the UWSP-TWS Student Chapter is always doing what it can to help out. We strive to help our members grow and learn while providing valuable community service.

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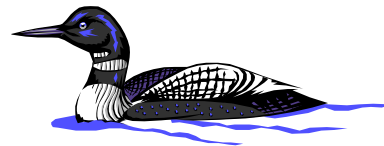
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UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

2001

- April 22-25 **57th Annual Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference**, Sheraton Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Springs, NY. (Art Newell, Conf. Coord., e-mail: ajnewell@gw.dec.state.ny.us).
- April 23-27 **9th North-American Caribou Workshop: Caribou and Man**, Kuujjuaq, Quebec, Canada. (9th NACW Secretariat, 5486, chemin de la Côte Saint-Luc, Montréal, QC, Canada H3X 2C7; www.cccpp-hftcc.com/nacw; nacw@odon.ca; Tel. 514/481-7408; fax 514/481-7379).
- May 1-3 **Urban Wildlife Management National Conference**, Arbor Day Farm Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE. (National Arbor Day Foundation, PO Box 81415, Lincoln, NE 68501; 402/474-5655; arborday.org/urbanwildlife).
- May 13-17 **37th North American Moose Conference and Workshop**, Sugarloaf Resort, Carrabassett Valley, ME. (<http://lakeheadu.ca/~alceswww/alces.html> or Karen Morris, ME Dept. Inland Fish. & Wildlife, 650 State St., Bangor, ME 04401-5654; 207/941-4473).
- May 21-25 **International Association for Bear Research and Management (North American Session)**, Jackson Hole, WY. (Co-chair: Dr. Fred Lindzey, Univ. of Wyoming, Box 3166, Laramie, WY 82071; 307/766-5415; flindzey@uwoyo.edu).
- July 20-22 **8th International Waterfowl & Wetlands Symposium**, Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC. (www.ducks.org).
- July 27-31 **6th Biennial Conference on Communication and Environment**, Marriott Kingsgate Conference Center on the campus of the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. (<http://www.esf.edu/coce/conf.htm>).
- Aug. 1-4 **Fourth Western States and Provinces Deer and Elk Workshop**, Holiday Inn Select, Wilsonville, OR. (For more info: click 'Wildlife' on the ODFW web page at: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us>).
- Aug. 4-8 **Soil and Water Conservation Society 2001 Annual Conference**, Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, SC. (SWCS, 7515 NE Ankeny Road, Ankeny, IA 50021-9764).
- Aug. 13-15 **7th North American Agroforestry Conference and the 6th Annual Conference of the Plains and Prairie Forestry Association**, Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. (www.agr.ca/pfra/aftappfa.htm).
- Sept. 3-7 **25th Congress of the International Union of Game Biologists**, Saint Raphael Hotel, Limassol Cyprus. (Eleftherios Hadjisterkotis, IUGB Chairman, Game and Fauna Service, Ministry of Interior, Nicosia 1453, Cyprus. Fax: +357 2 867755, e-mail: hjsterkotis@cytanet.com.cy).
- Sept. 3-7 **International Symposium Perdix IX**. Saint Raphael Hotel, Limassol Cyprus. (Eleftherios Hadjisterkotis, IUGB Chairman, Game and Fauna Service, Ministry of Interior, Nicosia 1453, Cyprus. Fax: +357/2- 867755, E-mail: hjsterkotis@cytanet.com.cy).
- Sept. 25-29 **The Wildlife Society 8th Annual Conference**, Reno/Tahoe, NV. See announcements on pages 18 and 22 for more details.
- Oct. 4-6 **Society for Ecological Restoration 13th Annual International Conference**, Sheraton Fallsview Hotel and Conference Centre, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. (SER Conference Coordinator, e-mail: SER2001@niagarac.on.ca; www.ser.org).

- Oct. 18-21 ***Human Dimensions of Natural Resources in the Western U.S.***, Grand Targhee Resort, Alta, WY. (e-mail: hdinwest@lamar.colostate.edu, or see website at www.colostate.edu/nrrt/hd).
- Oct. 24-27 ***The 31st Annual North American Symposium on Bat Research***, Victoria Conference Center, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (for details, visit the conference website: www.nasbr.com).
- Nov. 5-8 ***Prairie Grouse Technical Council Biennial Meeting***, Woodward, OK. (Russ Horton, 405/364- 7142; rhorton@onenet.net; or Stephanie Harmon, 918/581-7458 x229; stephanie_harmon@fws.gov).
- Nov. 26-28 ***Southern Forest Science Conference***, Renaissance Waverly Hotel, Atlanta, GA. (Herman Gucinski or Nancy Walters, Southern Research Station, 828/257-4302; www.southernforestscience.net).
- Dec. 9-12 ***63rd Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference: Transitions in the Conservation Landscape***. Marriott Hotel, Des Moines, IA. (Bruce Menzel: program chairman - 515/294-7419 or bmenzel@iastate.edu; Terry Little: arrangements chairman - 515/281-8660 or Terry.Little@dnr.state.ia.us; conference website: www.state.ia.us/midwest2001).

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- Jan. 23-27 ***Quail V - Fifth National Quail Symposium***, Omni Bayfront Hotel, Corpus Christi, TX. (Steve DeMaso, Program Chairman/Editor, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744-3291; 512/389-4975; e-mail: steve.demaso@tpwd.state.tx.us).
- May 15-18 ***Symposium on the Medical Management and Captive Care of Chiroptera***, Gainesville, FL. Holiday Inn, 1250 W. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601. (John Seyjagat, Lube Foundation, (352)/485-1250 or LUBEEBAT@aol.com).



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Best Student Paper Presentation: *“Effects of Fathead Minnows and Drainage History on Prairie Wetlands.”* **Kyle D. Zimmer**, North Dakota State University, Fargo. Co-authors: Mark A. Hanson, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Bemidji; and Malcolm G. Butler, North Dakota State University, Fargo.

Best Student Poster: *“Variations of White-Tailed Deer Home Ranges in Fragmented Urban Habitats around Chicago, Illinois.”* **Brian P. Piccolo**, University of Illinois, Urbana. Co-authors: Karmen M. Hollis, University of Illinois, Urbana; Richard E. Warner, University of Illinois, Champaign; Timothy R. VanDeelen, Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign; Dwayne R. Etter, Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign; and Chris Anchor, Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Elgin.

PROFESSIONAL AWARD OF MERIT

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Request for Nominations

Nominations for the North Central Section’s Professional Award of Merit are being accepted. Contact President Steve Havera for nominating forms and further information.



QUOTABLE

“Unfortunately, most people tend to think of conservation as something that puts limits on our freedoms. The message needs to be more positively framed than that.” Former NRCS Chief, Paul Johnson at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference.

APPLICATIONS DEADLINE REMINDER

- ◆ 30 April 2001 deadline for North Central Section’s Student Chapter of the Year Award.
- ◆ 30 April 2001 deadline for the Society’s Chapter of the Year and Student Chapter of the Year Awards.



TWS Reno/Tahoe 2001

8th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society Reno/Tahoe, Nevada - September 25-29, 2001

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

PLENARY

The Endangered Species Act: How do we make it work? Some new approaches.

SYMPOSIA

- ◆ Remote Photography in Wildlife Research and Management: Detection, Inventory, and Beyond
- ◆ What We Have Here Is a Failure to Communicate! Symptoms and Solutions
- ◆ Methods and Applications for Monitoring Wildlife in National Parks
- ◆ Avian Interactions with Utility Structures
- ◆ Restoration and Maintenance of Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem Health
- ◆ Conservation Management of Bison in Northern Landscapes: Advances in Ecology and Epidemiology
- ◆ Using Community-Based Conservation Approaches to Better Manage Human-Wildlife Conflicts in the West
- ◆ Research and Management Concerns for Alpine Ecosystems
- ◆ Understanding and Conserving Black-Tailed Prairie Dogs
- ◆ Conservation of Bats and their Habitats: Contemporary Research and Management
- ◆ Toxicological Effects of Mining on Wildlife Species
- ◆ Bayesian Analysis: a New Frontier for Wildlife
- ◆ Sage Grouse Management and Habitat Relationships

WORKSHOPS

- ◆ Adaptive Wildlife Management: Concepts, Optimization Tools, and Case Studies
- ◆ Landscape Level Wildlife Habitat Planning and Management in the Urban Environment
- ◆ Developing Tomorrow's Professionals: Teaching the Skills They Will Need

SPECIAL POSTER SESSION

- ◆ Wildlife Toxicology: Contaminant Issues in the Western U.S.

CONTRIBUTED PAPERS & POSTERS

- ◆ Ecology and Conservation of Birds
- ◆ Ecology and Conservation of Mammals & Other Wildlife
- ◆ Conservation of Communities, Ecosystems & Landscapes
- ◆ Wildlife-Habitat Relationships
- ◆ Wildlife Population Dynamics, Estimation, & Modeling
- ◆ Human Dimensions, Conservation Education, & Conservation Policy
- ◆ Wildlife Damage Management
- ◆ Environmental Contaminants & Wildlife Diseases

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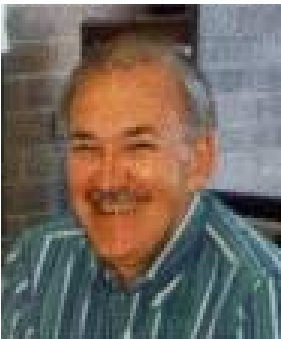


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