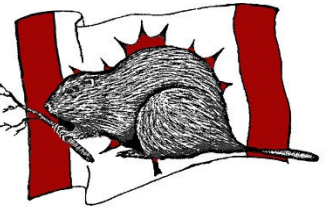


NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



"The Voice of Resource Law Enforcement"



2014 NAWEOA OFFICER OF THE YEAR ***David Webb,*** ***Georgia Ranger First Class***

Vice-President Lew Huddleston (left) presenting the Officer of the Year Plaque to RFC David Webb, 13 year veteran of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division

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Fallen Officer Memorial



Master Sergeant John T. Collum, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks,

was responding to a prowler call from his neighbor on Friday, May 9th 2014 around 10:30 pm. After checking the surrounding woods in the area, Officer Collum was returning to where he parked his truck on the side of the highway, when he was struck by a vehicle moving at a high rate of speed.



Master Sergeant
John Collum died
on the scene
from his injuries.



The President's Report

By Dave Webster



Well another summer has passed us by and I hope everyone made it home safe and sound from Reno. This years' conference was a very busy week with some of the most powerful and emotional presenters we have had. I was impressed with the top notch speakers and training provided and I am sure those of you who were in attendance will agree. I don't believe there was a dry eye in the house after Bobby Smith finished delivering his key note address. It was a very powerful message delivered with humility and humour which I won't soon forget.

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank the core organizing committee of Randy Hancock, Scott Haney and Steve Tomac for the wonderful job they did in organizing the week for us in Reno. I also

want to thank once again Shawn Ferrell, Shelley Ferrell, Levi Krause, Marion Hoffman, and Rob Brandenburg for all their efforts in making sure things ran smoothly all week long.

We on the executive board and all members of NAWEOA, I'm sure, look forward to the conference next year being hosted by NAWEOA in Columbia, South Carolina. NAWEOA has joined in a partnership with Milligan Events and have selected Columbia as our next conference location based on its affordability, accessibility and all around destination appeal. We did not take this decision lightly and many factors were considered before it was reached. I urge all of you to attend Columbia to experience some true southern hospitality and what I know will be an excellent summer conference.

Be safe during the upcoming fall hunting season and I look forward to seeing everyone in Columbia next summer!

2014 NAWEOA CONFERENCE OPENING & CLOSING CEREMONIES

By Shawn Farrell, Outgoing Region 3 Director

The 33rd NAWEOA training conference was held in Reno, Nevada. The NAWEOA Executive were the hosts of this year's conference and were joined by the Nevada Division of Law Enforcement and the Nevada Game Warden Association. Conference co-chairs Scott Haney (Texas), Randy Hancock (Colorado) and Steve Tomac (Nevada) deserve a huge "Thank You". These individuals contributed countless hours to ensure a quality conference. I think those who attended would agree they did a great job!

On Wednesday morning, officers and family gathered outside the Reno Events Center and made their way to the city of Reno welcome sign. Officers assembled underneath the Reno "The Biggest Little City in the

World" sign and had the customary officer photo taken. Once completed, the officers returned to the convention center and gathered inside for the opening ceremonies. Inside the conference area, the Master of Ceremonies, retired Colorado Officer Randy Hancock, welcomed everyone and the presentation of colors was performed by the Nevada game wardens, the Reno Police Department, the Washoe County Sheriff's Department, and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks. The US and Canadian anthems were sung.



NAWEOA President Dave Webster then began the tribute to fallen officers. Sadly, we lost one of our own in the line of duty. The ceremony honored Mis-

Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Officer Master Sgt. John Collum. Two officers from Mississippi were present to participate in the ceremony. "Amazing Grace" was played on the bagpipes, followed by "Taps". An invocation was given by Region 7 Director Mark Allegro. The fallen officer ceremony



continues to be an emotional event as we honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Dave Webster officially called the conference to order. Guest speakers were introduced. Max Venzon, Deputy Chief of the Reno Police Department, welcomed the officers and families to the city. Rob Buonamici, Retired Chief of Law Enforcement for the Nevada Department of Wildlife, was the next guest speaker. This was the second time the State of Nevada has hosted a NAWEOA conference. Rob presented a slide presentation called "Now and Then" which compared the Department of Wildlife during the first conference and today.

The NAWEOA Board of Directors were introduced followed by the roll call of jurisdictions. Vice President Lew Huddleston took the podium following the roll call and read this year's nomination for the 2014 NAWEOA Officer of the Year. Ranger First Class David Webb of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division was this year's winner. After hearing the nomination, it was clear why Webb was presented with this award. Webb thanked those who had helped his career and advised the audience to always put family



first, because the bad guys will always be there.

Officer exchange presentations were done. Officer Ken Snowden of Ontario did his exchange in Wyoming and Officer Jason Sherwood of Wyoming travelled to Newfoundland.

After the officer luncheon, the group attended a motivational talk presented by retired LA State Trooper Bobby Smith. In 1986, Trooper Smith was shot in the face and blinded by a drug offender. As a result of his shooting and the aftermath of trauma, Smith realized the need for law enforcement officers to have assistance in dealing with post trauma and founded FORTE (Foundation for Officers Recovering from Traumatic Events). Smith discussed life-changing events with a unique blend of seriousness and humor. Words passed on regarded not taking your profession for granted, but appreciating the value of family and just how important they are.

At the end of the week, the NAWEOA members met for the closing ceremonies. After a few words from Dave Webster, the NAWEOA Executive again accepted the flags and memorial candle indicating that another conference had come to a close.

Next year's conference will be hosted by the NAWEOA Executive and will be held in Columbia, South Carolina. To anyone who has not attended a NAWEOA conference, I encourage you and your family to do so. It is truly something that you will always remember.

Take care and stay safe.

NAWEOA Business Meetings & Elections

By Rich Cramer



Each year, the day before the summer conference officially opens, the NAWEOA Board of Directors sit down for an all-day meeting. The general membership is welcome to attend these meetings each year to see what occurs “behind the scenes”. The general members present each year often provide valuable input and clarification on many issues brought before the board. If you are considering a run for office it is also a very good idea to attend the board meeting so you can see what a board position entails.

This year was a bit different than previous years as the board spent a great deal of time dealing with the choice of location for the 2015 summer conference in addition to the informational reports from the jurisdictions. It is important to go over the tasks assigned to board members throughout the week such as booth staffing requirements and other responsibilities. Most importantly, at this meeting the board finalizes the budget that will be presented to the membership for approval. The budget process begins months earlier and is gone over extensively at the winter board meeting. With the most up to date figures the board can present a realistic and thorough financial picture to the membership.

A review of the fallen officer fund, elections and several other reports such as IGW, The Game Warden Museum and several more are reviewed throughout the day. The meeting, which began at 0815, is finally adjourned around 1700.

NAWEOA business picks back up on Thursday of the conference with the announcement of elections and several individual reports. The budget was presented to the membership for approval with a motion made by Kevin Clayton (MA) and a second by Bob Verberkmoes (MI). The motion passed and the annual budget was approved by the general membership. There were 69 members present as the board also reviewed a proposal to compensate the NAWEOA

Secretary/Treasurer for the inordinate amount of time spent on NAWEOA business. A motion was made by Jim Binder (PA) and seconded by Frank Maykuth (PA) to provide remuneration to the Sec/Treas between \$3000 and \$5000 as determined by the board. The motion passed unanimously.

NAWEOA business resumed on Friday with election announcements and candidate speeches. We had nominees for Region 1 (Western Canada – Lori Backen of Alberta), Region 2 (Central Canada – Kurt Henry of Manitoba) and Region 3 (Eastern Canada – Roy Marchand of New Brunswick and Roger Selese of New Brunswick). The candidates were given a chance to make a short speech as to their qualifications and interest in the position and voting commenced to close on Saturday afternoon.

The board then provided a number of reports to the membership and the meeting closed with an open discussion on what can be done to encourage attendance to the conference with the 44 members present for the meeting. Without a doubt it is apparent that NAWEOA is going to have to explore new and different ways to do business if we are to survive as an association. The exchange at the meeting was encouraging and showed the passion which so many of our fellow officers have for NAWEOA.

A third business session was held this year occurring late Saturday morning with 50 members in attendance. At this session we were able to revive regional “breakout sessions”. At these we separate into groups by NAWEOA region and have open discussions and updates from the various states and provinces represented. Several excellent ideas for the future resulted and are currently being acted upon by the board.

The results of the elections were announced at the closing banquet on Saturday. Lori Backen received a second and final term as the Region 1 director, our new Region 2 director is Kurt Henry and our new Region 3 director is Roger Selese.

Believe it or not the NAWEOA board is not finished with meetings as they must stay for a final board meeting on Sunday morning. The week for your board is extremely busy so if you see a few of them exuberantly relaxing in the hospitality area each evening you should understand.

2014 NAWEOA Officer of the Year Award

By Lew Huddleston

When I was elected as Vice President one of the duties of the position is to administer the awards for NAWEOA. Well last June I had the privilege to make the phone call to the recipient of the Officer of the Year Award. It was both very humbling and very exhilarating. The recipient this Year David Webb was actually driving with his son when I gave him the news. The sound in his voice was something I will never forget. The fact that he got to relay that information first to his son was an added bonus.

Ranger First Class (RFC) David Webb is a 13 year veteran of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division who continually maintains a positive and professional attitude while performing his daily duties. RFC Webb's dedication and hard work has earned him the 2013 statewide Ranger of the Year Award, the 2013 Statewide Investigative Ranger of the Year Award, and he was honored by the Georgia DNR Board of Natural Resources with a Resolution for his efforts. RFC Webb exceeds as a team player. He constantly works closely with other Law Enforcement sections, Game Management, Fisheries Management, Parks, USFS, USFWS, North Carolina DNR, South Carolina DNR and many local agencies while in performance of his daily duties. He assisted the Georgia DNR Investigative Unit with over 22 separate cases and 4 undercover details statewide over the past year. He also excelled while functioning as a Georgia DNR member of a 3 year long multi-agency undercover operation.

RFC Webb completed a 3 year long term multi agency covert investigation named Operation Something Bruin. This operation was a cooperative federal and state investigation that targeted illegal bear hunting and guiding activities on US Forest Service properties in the Appalachian Mountains along the Georgia

and North Carolina state line. The operation began in the fall of 2009 and closed January 1, 2013. RFC Webb was detached solely to the Investigative Unit for 18 months throughout the 3 year-long investigation. He was one of five undercover officers in the investigation who assumed undercover identities to infiltrate groups of people who were hunting illegally. RFC Webb hunted with four different groups that totaled approximately forty-one people in Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and South Carolina.

During this time, RFC Webb generated over 189 reports and 500 undercover audio taped conversations

documenting the violations. The violations included: Hunting bears out of season, hunting bears over bait, failure to tag bears, taking protected wildlife (heron), taking an alligator out of season, etc.

The undercover portion of the operation was closed in January 2013 and David began working on case reports. RFC Webb spent 264 hours organizing reports, evidence and obtaining search/

arrest warrants on the North Carolina and Georgia targets in preparation for the takedown of the operation which was scheduled in February 2013.

On February 19, 2013, officers from the US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Park Service, Georgia DNR, and North Carolina DNR began serving numerous search and arrest warrants simultaneously in Georgia and North Carolina. On February 20, 2013, all the officers served additional search and arrest warrants in both states and completed the takedown phase of the operation. At the end, this operation documented over 900 state and federal charges which included 139 state charges against 8 defendants in Georgia and 110 state charges against 26 defendants in North Carolina.



2014 Officer Exchange Winners

By Justin Punchard

Annually the officer exchange draw is held during the officer's luncheon at the summer conference. This year in Reno was no different with a winner being picked from the United States and Canada as well as an alternate for each country.

This year's winner from Canada is Kurt Henry (left) from Manitoba and his alternate is Ted Crozier from Ontario. The winner from the United States is Ian Knight (right) from Nevada and his alternate was



Jason Jackson from Nevada. (the hometown wardens cleaned up)

I would like to send a big thanks to Ken Snowden from Ontario and Jason Sherwood from Wyoming who were last year's officer exchange winners and did an excellent job with their presentations at this year's conference. Ken attended Wyoming and Jason discovered Newfoundland. Thanks in advance to those jurisdictions that will or have hosted an officer exchange and also to the agencies that support their officers in taking part.

2014 NAWEOA AWARDS

By Lew Huddleston

N.A.W.E.O.A. believes deeply in recognizing the commitment of the wildlife law enforcement professional. The awards recognize people and agencies that have performed outstanding work, exemplary service to the public or have contributed to wildlife law enforcement in other ways. The awards program is engrained within the constitution of the association and many of the objectives speak to the importance of recognizing our own officers.

Awards are presented annually at the summer conference. Officers in attendance are presented with their award in front of their peers. There is also a "Wall of Honor" established at the summer NAWEOA conference so all conference attendees can read the nomination letters submitted for the officers. Over the previous year NAWEOA was pleased to announce that it received 45 different nominations for various awards. It is a credit to all those officers who have taken the time to nominate a fellow officer because the honor of being nominated by a peer is, in essence, the real reward.

The most important thing to remember is that none of these awards would happen if supervisors and co-workers didn't take the time and make the effort to submit individuals for the awards.

The awards are listed on the NAWEOA website, www.naweo.org. It is easy to put in a submission. Please, if you have an officer that you work with or one that you supervise and you think they fit the criteria from any of the many awards that NAWEOA.

I hope and pray that everyone has a safe and productive fall.

Information regarding **NAWEOA Jurisdictional Representatives,**

- ♦ Names
- ♦ Contact information
- ♦ The jurisdictions they serve
- ♦ Etc.

Can be found elsewhere on the NAWEOA website
[**naweo.org**](http://naweo.org)

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

By Dave Webster

This year the annual golf outing at the summer conference was held at the Wildcreek golf course in Sparks, Nevada. This challenging course has hosted three Senior PGA events in the past and it was easy to see why. This par 72, 18 hole course is over 7,000 yards long from the back tee boxes and was no easy walk in the park, as those who played can attest to.

Scott Haney organized the event. We were provided transportation to the course and fed a quick lunch before heading to the practice range to get warmed up.

The weather looked a little daunting as heavy rain threatened at the start of the round, but it passed quickly so that we were able to stay dry for the rest of the day.

Three groups of four teed off at around 1300 hrs. After four hours of a lot of laughing and a bit of crying, we all

met back at the club house for a burger and a beer while Scott handed out prizes to all those who played. It was a fun day and a great way to kick off the conference.

Thanks again to Scott Haney for organizing the event and Wildcreek GC for hosting us. I am already looking forward to next year!



2014 NAWEOA Awards Presented to Recipients

By Past Region 2 Director
Justin Punchard



Above: NAWEOA Lifesaving Award presented to National Capital Commission Officers Eric Marion, Jason Pink, and Alexandre Proulux.

Below: NAWEOA Lifesaving Award presented to National Capital Commission Officer Jason Pink. Officer Pink is a NAWEOA Jurisdictional Representative.



**REGION 2 DIRECTOR
KURT HENRY**

Good day to my fellow officers.

I am Kurt Henry your newly elected Region 2 NAWEOA Director. I was honored to be nominated and elected for this position at the 2014 NAWEOA conference in Reno, Nevada.



I am employed as a Natural Resource Officer from Manitoba presently living in Thompson. I am responsible for the Gods Lake Narrows district, a remote fly in community 500 miles north of Winnipeg. During my career I have seen most corners of Manitoba from Hudson's Bay and Polar bears to the 49th parallel working boarder checks. It's the diversity of the work that keeps me going from day to day since I was first hired seasonally in 1989.

It's that same diversity we all share that bonds us as officers. We all do something very different in our home jurisdictions, but yet we all have common ground, the protection of our land, water and living creatures. Sit down and talk with an officer from a different State or Province and it does not take long before you are finding similar tactics to catching the bad guys, or similar issues with management regarding work issues.

It is those conversations and friendships that I look forward to and missed after each new NAWEOA conference. My first conference was in Omaha NE. I was fortunate to share a room with a fellow officer who had won the trip at our Manitoba Officers Association Convention that March. Well, to say the least, I was hooked. Reno was my thirteenth convention. I have held positions in our association as regional director, vice president and president. But I think the most important role is that of an active member. It is these members that we work for locally and internationally for. We need strong membership with strong leadership working towards our common concerns and goals.

I look forward to representing, specifically the members of NAWEOA from Region 2, as well as working with the board and all members to keep this association going forward into the future.

Please feel free to contact me anytime. I look forward to meeting you.

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MEET THE NEWEST

NAWEOA EXECUTIVE

BOARD MEMBERS

**REGION 3 DIRECTOR
ROGER SELLESE**

Hi to all of you,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Region 3 NAWEOA Director, elected at the last NAWEOA Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada.



I am currently employed as Assistant Conservation Supervisor in Region 1 for the New Brunswick Provincial Department of Natural Resources. I started as a casual employee in 1986 and obtained a permanent position in the summer of 1989. I have been residing in the Province of Quebec since 1993 while employed as a Conservation Officer with the Province of New Brunswick.

I am currently the Vice-President of the New Brunswick Conservation Officers Association.

The first NAWEOA Convention I attended was in Nova Scotia. I was very impressed with professionalism, organization and activities of the conference. Then a few years later, attended in Newfoundland. I have attended all NAWEOA Conferences since 2006. In addition, I was a board member for the organizing committee of the 2009 NAWEOA Conference held in Moncton, New Brunswick.

I look forward to talking to each of you in the near future in order to share information, get to know you all better as well as assist all members as needed.

Please feel free to contact me anytime by e-mail or telephone. I will be pleased to assist you.

Roger Selesse
NAWEOA Director
Region 3

2014 CONFERENCE REPORT RENO, NEVADA By Randy Hancock

This year's conference was both a success and a failure.

The success was that NAWEOA hosted the conference due to not having a host association or agency. The conference itself was exactly as past conferences with warden skills day, banquet, torch run, hospitality, and most importantly some excellent training.

The trainers for this year's conference were excellent. The main theme was Subversive Groups. Attendees learned a lot about recognizing subversive group members, what they believe, what they do, and how to handle them when encountered. In a changing world, we are going to come across more and more of these types of citizens, and it will be important for us to handle them accordingly. The training gave officers real life tools to be able to handle these situations.

The social activities were all well attended. Sponsors from many associations stepped up to assist hosting various evenings. Our thanks go out to officer associations from Wyoming, Nevada, California, Michigan and Washington for stepping up and hosting an evening.

The Nevada Division of Wildlife helped out tremendously. We assured them we would not lean on them to do anything because we just picked Reno as a destination, not as a Nevada Host. But, their agency stepped up and helped us in many ways. They stored donated water in their warehouse, accepted donated items that were sent to the conference and stored them, and assisted with many logistics that we faced in Reno. Their officers helped with fundraising and with warden skills day. We are indebted to the agency and to the officers.

The failure part of the conference deals with members. We had just over 140 officers attend. This is about half of normal. We are at a loss to figure why so few attended. With low numbers of attendees, the fixed costs including speakers was spread over fewer officers, so our financial bottom line suffered. We actually lost money on this conference, which is a first. Hopefully next year we will see more officers attending. This is excellent training that officers usually can-

not get in their home jurisdictions. This enhances your ability to be a better officer. The benefits of learning excellent techniques, critical information, and of the networking that comes out of these conferences is invaluable. Officers should consider investing in themselves and attending future conferences. Anyone who has attended will tell you they are very worthwhile.

Thanks to all those workers who put in time at the conference. We had so many volunteers step up that we often didn't have work for all of them to do. But, they were willing, and through them, the conference was a huge success. Thanks to the core committee: Randy Hancock, Scott Haney, Steve Tomac, and Rick Hildebrand. Thanks to "staff" members Rob Brandenburg, Marion Hoffman, Shelley Farrell, Shawn Farrell, Levi Krause, Julie Krause, Nettie Haney, and Melissa Clayton. And thanks to all those who volunteered time at the conference. There are way too many to mention individually.

Prepare to come to next year's conference. You will learn, you will make new friends all across the continent, and you will make yourself a better wildlife officer. Invest in yourself!

2014 Jurisdictional Representative Breakfast—Reno, NV

This year's J-Rep breakfast saw a great group of hard working members in attendance. The Reno Conference Committee ensured that no one left hungry. It was business as usual as we got through the agenda and round table discussions.

As a reminder to all of the J-Reps across North America, your role as a representative of your agency or association should not be taken lightly. You are the direct line of communication to the NAWEOA Board. On behalf of all the Regional Directors, I would like to thank all of you for your continued hard work and commitment.

We realize that in today's busy work environments, any extra workload or e-mails are not always easy to get to. But, please take the time to respond to your Regional Directors and feel free to forward any concerns that you have. NAWEOA is truly here for all of our members. Communication is crucial to staying strong and connected.

2014 Torch Run/Walk

By Rob Brandenburg, Missouri

It was a beautiful evening for a run on the Truckee River through Reno's scenic river corridor. What a wonderful place to stage for the 2014 Museum Torch Run. The Truckee River is western Nevada's largest river. It supports a large sport fishing population each year and is a beautiful backdrop for this year's Torch Run.

This year's run raised over \$7,000.00 dollars for the Game Warden Museum. The weather was great and there was pizza and refreshments waiting at the end. Thanks Dominoes Pizza!

This years results;

Men

Scott Kallweit 22.38 →→→→
Dennis Shumway 23.12
Wyatt Bubak 23.26

Women

Karen Burgess 28.30
Julie Bryant 29.35
Karina Walsh 31.58

Kids

Erin Norris 30.35
Evan Thome 35.27
Carson Jones 35.44

Walkers

Bob VerBerkmoes 38.51
Dave Palmer 40.08
Roger Selesse 41.45





Field Notes

Fall 2014

North American Game Warden Museum Board Retirements- A Job Well Done!

The Museum Board has had a big turnaround this year! We've had to replace three members. We would like to thank **Dennis and Debbie Hlady** (*working the booth at Reno*) of Boissevain, Manitoba for all of

their hard work since 1998. Dennis was our Treasurer and Debbie assisted at the Museum Booth at many a NAWEOA Convention.

Dwayne Strate of Manitoba joined the Museum Board in 1998, as well, as a Canadian Director, and organized the successful fundraising raffles among many other things. Tom Greene became a US Director in 2003 and assisted the museum with many projects over his tenure. All three retirees have been presented with plaques in recognition of their service- a job well done!



Meet the Newest Game Warden Museum Board Members

Derek Bobbie

Natural Resource Officer/District Supervisor
Manitou District, Manitoba
Conservation and Water Stewardship

Derek joined the Museum Board in March of this year. He replaces Dennis Hlady as Museum Treasurer. Derek brings his enthusiasm to the Board and sees the opportunity to promote our jobs as game wardens to the general public. Derek also feels that the museum represents wardens on both sides of the border and shows how we differ and yet how we all attempt to achieve the same goal.

Blair Lacroix

Environment Canada, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Blair joined the Museum Board in March of this year, as well. He replaces Dwayne Strate as a Canadian Director. Blair brings his organizational experience to the Board and is keen on raising the necessary funds to build the new educational addition onto the museum

GAME WARDEN MUSEUM LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Many NAWEOA members have traveled to the United States/Canada border to visit the North American Game Warden Museum, and for those who have not, we hope it is in your plans to do so sometime in your Career or on your bucket list in your retirement.

Regardless of your future travel plans, you can play an important role in the life of the Museum. Memberships, paving stone purchases, sponsorships, donations, grants, and activities at our annual NAWEOA Conference, have all made it possible for the North American Game Warden Museum to grow and to achieve its mission.

Membership support of our Museum is vital for the continued growth of the Game Warden Museum. Membership will keep you in touch with the important events and exhibits through a bi-annual Newsletter from the President of the Board of Directors. Discounts of up to 20% at the Museum Store and at the soon to be Internet Store are an advantage

of membership. Upon full payment of a Life Membership you will receive a Life Member Certificate, Membership Card and an official Life Member Jacket.

Whether you are an active or retired Game Warden, through the exhibits, paving stones and the Memorial Garden, the Museum preserves your legacy for you, your family and fellow Wardens across North America. Not only will the memory and recognition of those who have lost their lives in the line of duty be honored, but every North American Game Warden's legacy will be forever preserved.

Please consider joining Game Wardens across North America in becoming a Life Member of the Museum, begin your Life Membership journey now for as low as \$75.00 a year. Go to our website or contact our Membership Secretary directly.

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Life Membership is \$750, payable in installments

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Annual membership includes a Membership Card, 10% off all Museum products, and a Museum Decal.

The Game Warden Museum is found in the heart of the North American Continent in the International Peace Garden. This beautiful vacation destination is on the US - Canadian border near the town of Dunseith, North Dakota and the Manitoba town of Boissevain.

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NORTH AMERICAN GAME WARDEN MUSEUM

Celebrating Natural Resource Protection

Regardless of the risk, at the front of the thin green line you will find Game Wardens

"We believe by that by educating the public about natural resources and the men and women who protect them, we can help create better conservationists across this continent."

"By introducing the heroes of our profession, especially those who have given their lives in the line of duty, we can make the matter of natural resource protection real, immediate, and personal to our visiting public."

The Game Warden Museum is located in the heart of the North American

gamewardenmuseum.org

2014 NAWEOA Torch Run/Walk

The 14th annual NAWEOA 5K Torch Run/Walk was held on Wed., July 23, 2014 in Reno, Nevada, as part of the annual NAWEOA Conference. A total of 145 participants took place in this event on a hot Nevada day. After all expenses were paid, a profit of \$7,181.17 was realized with all proceeds benefitting the North American Game Warden Museum. Board member, Larry Hergenroeder of Pennsylvania, would like to thank all participants and sponsors for their continued support honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Wardens on Wheels

The Warden on Wheels, Museum Chapter, held their 7th Annual Rally to the museum on Sun., Aug. 10th. A total of 15 officers from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, Michigan, Montana, Illinois, Kansas and Florida enjoyed good weather and motorcycled to the museum to raise funds for its continuing operation. They managed to raise a little over \$1500.00 bringing their successful total to date to \$18,440. Event organizers, Rob Grainger of Saskatchewan and Paul Hopkins of Manitoba, are already planning next years' run.

The Warden on Wheels, Missouri Chapter, also held another great run in June which contributed a few more hundred dollars to the museum. A working warden from Georgia wants to start a WOW chapter down there and go with an April run which might not be too appealing for the Canadian officers.



North American Game Warden Museum Fund Raising Golf Tournaments

The 1st Annual Del Tibke Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Sat., July 26th at the Valley City Country Club. Del was one of the original founders of the museum and passed away last year. The tournament was organized by Erik Schmidt of Bismarck, North Dakota. All profits from the tournament support the museum.

The 13th Annual fundraising golf tournament in Manitoba was held on Wed., Aug. 13th at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club near Winnipeg. Tournament organizer Blake Patterson of Swan River, Manitoba reported that everything went very well with good weather and had 17 teams in attendance which was up significantly from last year. The tournament managed to raise around \$10,000 which goes to operating YOUR Game warden Museum.

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To date, over 470 paving stones have been purchased and placed at the museum.

The Museum would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the years
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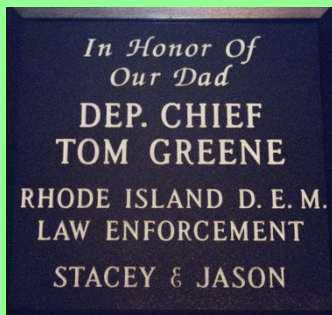
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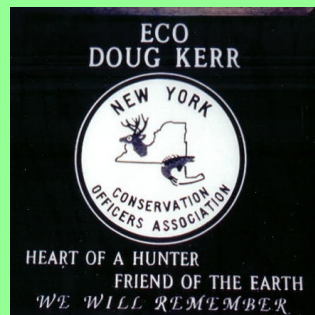
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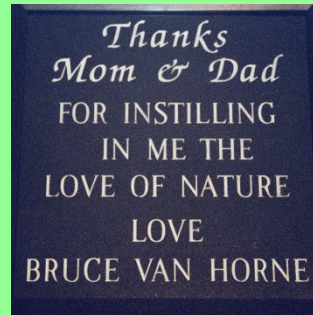
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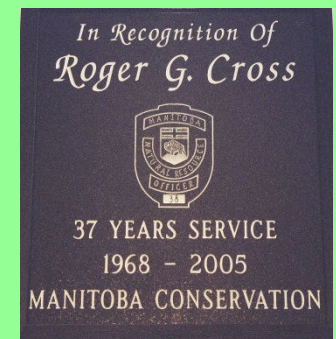
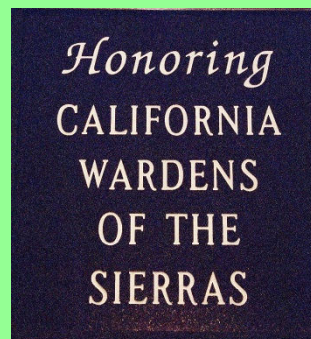
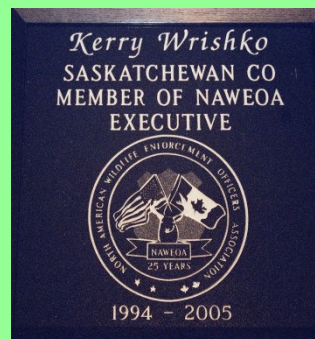
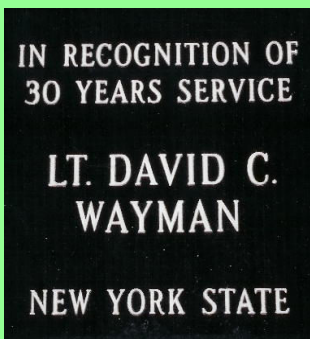
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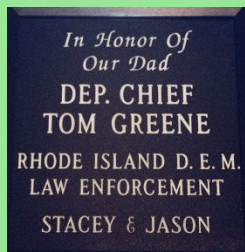


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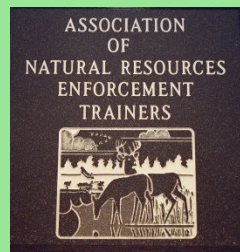


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Agent de l'année, par Lew Huddleston, vice président.

Traduit de l'anglais par Christian Lemonnier

À titre de vice-président, l'une de mes tâches consiste à administrer les récompenses décernées par La NAWEOA. Ainsi, en juin dernier, j'ai eu la chance d'effectuer l'appel téléphonique au bénéficiaire du titre d'*Agent de l'année*. Ce fût à la fois très palpitant et gratifiant. Le récipiendaire de cette année, David Webb, était sur la route avec son fils lorsque je lui ai annoncé la nouvelle. Je n'oublierai jamais le son de sa voix. Le fait d'annoncer cette nouvelle en premier à son fils constituait un avantage additionnel.

L'agent de classe principale David Webb est un vétéran comptant 13 années d'expérience à la division de l'application de la loi du *Department of Natural Resources* de l'état de la Georgie. Il a su maintenir une attitude positive et professionnelle dans l'exécution de ses tâches quotidiennes. Le dévouement et le travail acharné de l'agent Webb lui ont valu le titre d'agent de l'année et d'enquêteur de l'année de l'état de la Georgie, en plus de faire l'objet d'une résolution du conseil des ressources naturelles de l'état, soulignant ses efforts particuliers.

L'agent Webb possède un esprit d'équipe hors pair, multipliant les interventions avec les différentes divisions d'application de la loi, de gestion de la faune, des parcs, des pêcheries et d'agences fédérales, tel le *US Fish and Wildlife Service* et le *US Forest Service*. L'agent Webb a également travaillé en étroite collaboration avec le Département des Ressources naturelles des Caroline du nord et du sud, tout en effectuant ses tâches régulières. Il a assisté l'unité d'enquête du département des ressources naturelles de la Georgie dans plus d'un vingtaine d'enquêtes et 4 opérations d'infiltration pendant la dernière année.

L'agent de classe principale Webb a également excellé à titre de participant à une enquête multi agences qui s'est déroulée pendant plus de trois années dans tout l'état de la Georgie. L'opération « Something Bruin, menée conjointement par les instances fédérales et l'état de la Georgie, visait à mettre fin aux activités illégales de chasse à l'ours et les activités de guides sur le territoire du *Us Forest Service* dans la chaîne des Appalaches, le long de la frontière commune entre de la Georgie et la Caroline du Sud. L'opération a débuté à l'automne 2009 et s'est terminée le 1^{er} janvier 2013. L'agent Webb a été assigné uniquement à l'unité d'enquête pendant 18 mois. Il était l'un des cinq agents d'infiltration qui se sont introduits dans des groupes qui pratiquaient la chasse illégalement. L'agent Webb a chassé parmi quatre groupes, dont le nombre de chasseurs totalise plus d'une quarantaine de personnes en Georgie, en Caroline du Nord, au Tennessee et en Caroline du Sud.

Pendant cette période, l'agent Webb a généré 189 rapports d'infractions et enregistré 500 conversations, permettant de documenter les infractions constatées, parmi lesquelles chasse à l'ours et à l'alligator en temps prohibé, chasse à l'ours sur un site d'appâtage, omission d'apposer le coupon de transport et chasse d'une espèce non autorisée (héron).

La portion d'infiltration s'est soldée en janvier 2013 et l'agent Webb a rédigé les rapports inhérents. L'agent Webb a consacré 264 heures à la préparation des rapports et à l'obtention des mandats de perquisition pour l'opération de démantèlement prévue en février 2013.

Le 19 février 2013, des agents du *US Forest Service*, *US Fish and Wildlife Service*, du *US Park Service*, du Département des ressources naturelles de la Georgie et de la Caroline du Nord ont exécuté simultanément plusieurs mandats de perquisition et nombre de mandats d'arrêt en Caroline du Nord et en Georgie. Le 20 février 2013, d'autres mandats ont été exécutés dans les deux états, mettant fin à cette opération. En tout, plus de 900 chefs d'accusation ont été déposés contre des individus, dont 139 contre 8 individus en vertu de la législation de l'état de la Georgie et 110 chefs d'accusation envers 26 prévenus en vertu des dispositions légales de la Caroline du Nord.

Message du président par David Webster

Traduit de l'anglais par Christian Lemonnier

Un autre été a passé et j'espère que tous sont revenus sains et saufs de la rencontre de Reno au Nevada. La conférence de cette année a été le théâtre présentations parmi les plus intenses et émouvantes auxquelles il m'ait été donné d'assister. J'ai été impressionné par la qualité des conférenciers et de la formation reçue et je suis convaincu que ceux qui ont assisté seront d'accord avec moi. Je crois d'ailleurs, qu'aucun des membres de l'assistance n'a réussi à retenir ses larmes après le discours d'ouverture de Bobby Smith. Il s'agissait d'un message puissant, livré avec humour et humilité que je n'oublierai pas de sitôt.

J'aimerais profiter de l'occasion pour remercier de nouveau le comité organisateur de Randy Hancock, Scott Hane et Steve Tomac pour le merveilleux travail d'organisation qu'ils ont fait lors de notre séjour à Reno. Également, je souhaite remercier de nouveau Shawn Ferrell, Shelley Ferrell, Levi Krause, Marion Hoffman, et Rob Brandenburg, pour les efforts consacrés au bon déroulement des événements de la semaine.

Nous les membres du comité d'administration, ainsi que tous les membres de la NAWEOA, j'en suis certain, avons

hôte à la conférence de l'année prochaine qui aura lieu à Columbia en Caroline du Sud. La NAWEOA et son partenaire *Miligan Events* ont sélectionné la ville de Columbia comme site de la prochaine conférence, en raison de critères qui se basent sur l'accessibilité, le caractère abordable et l'attrait général de la destination et de ses environs. Cette décision n'a pas été prise à la légère et plusieurs facteurs ont été considérés. Nous vous exhortons à assister à la conférence de Columbia afin d'y expérimenter l'hospitalité du sud et de profiter d'une conférence qui sera remarquable. Soyez prudents lors de la saison de chasse automnale. J'espère vous voir en grand nombre à Columbia l'été prochain!

Réunion d'affaires et Élections à la NAWEOA

Par le président sortant Rich Cramer

Traduit de l'anglais par Christian Lemonnier

À chaque année, le jour précédent l'ouverture officielle de la conférence estivale de la NAWEOA, le conseil d'administration se réunit pour une rencontre d'une journée. Les membres réguliers de la NAWEOA sont invités à assister à cette réunion, afin de constater ce qui se passe à « l'arrière-scène ». Les membres présents d'année en année, font des commentaires utiles qui aident à faire la lumière sur plusieurs enjeux débattus devant le comité. Cela permet aux participants de connaître la dynamique derrière les positions entérinées par le comité.

Cette année, en plus d'aborder les rapports d'activité des différentes juridictions, le conseil a consacré beaucoup de temps à discuter du choix de la ville hôte pour la conférence de 2015. Il est important de revoir les tâches assignées tout au long de la semaine, les rôles et les responsabilités de chacun.

Plus important encore, lors de cette rencontre, le conseil d'administration finalise le budget qui sera soumis à l'approbation des membres. Le processus de budgétisation débute plusieurs mois auparavant et est révisé intensivement pendant la période hivernale. Le conseil d'administration est alors en mesure de présenter un portrait réaliste aux membres, qui tient compte des données financières les plus complètes.

Une révision du fonds dédié aux agents décédés en devoir, aux élections et plusieurs autres rapports concernant entre autres, la revue *International Game warden* et le *Game Warden Museum* a lieu pendant la journée. La rencontre qui débute à 08h15 se termine généralement autour de 17h00.

Les affaires de la NAWEOA ont repris le jeudi, avec

l'annonce des élections et la présentation de quelques rapports individuels. Le budget a été présenté au membres pour approbation et accepté par une motion de Kevin Clayton (MA) secondée par Bob Verberkmoes (MI). La motion a été entérinée et le budget annuel fût adopté par les membres réguliers. Les 69 membres présents ont également voté sur une proposition visant à octroyer une compensation au secrétaire trésorier de la NAWEOA, pour le nombre incalculable d'heures investies par celui-ci auprès de la l'organisation. Une proposition de Jim Binder (PA) et secondée par Franck Maykuth (PA) visant à accorder une rémunération entre 3000\$ et 5000\$ au secrétaire trésorier a été votée à l'unanimité.

Les activités du vendredi ont débuté avec l'annonce des élections et le discours des candidats. Les élus sont les suivants : Lori Backen de l'Alberta (Région 1 ouest canadien); Kurt Henry du Manitoba (Région 2, centre canadien); ainsi que Roy Marchand et Roger Selese du Nouveau-Brunswick (Région 3, est canadien). Les candidats ont eu l'occasion de faire valoir leur qualifications et leurs intérêts pour le poste lors d'un court discours. Le vote s'est déroulé samedi après-midi.

Le comité d'administration a présenté plusieurs rapports aux 44 membres présents. Par la suite, une discussion a eu lieu, afin de trouver des manières d'encourager les membres à assister aux conférences annuelles de la NAWEOA. De toute évidence, la NAWEOA devra explorer de nouvelles façons de faire, si elle veut survivre à titre d'association. Les échanges à cet effet ont été constructifs et démontrent la passion de plusieurs membres envers la NAWEOA.

Une troisième rencontre s'est déroulée samedi matin, en compagnie d'une cinquantaine de membres. Lors de cette rencontre, des groupes restreints ont été formés, afin de représenter les diverses subdivisions sectorielles de la NAWEOA. Plusieurs excellentes suggestions ont émané de ces discussions de groupes, dont certaines ont été mises en œuvre par le comité d'administration.

Les résultats des élections ont été divulgués au banquet de clôture de samedi. Lori Backen a été élue pour son deuxième et dernier mandat à titre de directrice de la région 1, alors que Kurt Henry et Roger Selese ont été respectivement élus directeurs des régions 2 et 3.

Le comité d'administration s'est réuni de nouveau dimanche matin pour une dernière fois. Pour les membres du comité, la semaine de la rencontre annuelle est extrêmement demandante, alors si vous voyez de ses représentant relaxer de façon exubérante au salon chaque soir, vous devriez en connaître la raison.

2014 Warden Skills

By Steve Beltran

Warden skills day was great this year in Reno Nevada. The skills and events were perfect in time, skills, and diversity. There were 5 stations total and several teams. Each of the stations had a variety of physical, intellectual, and endurance performance items. The NAWEOA Board and Nevada wardens had thought of everything needed to have a successful skills day. The weather was good and the friendship was great. As a participant, a well formed team was our key to success (this is debatable).

Our first station was a team effort single task placing projectiles into a catch basket. Scoring was based on how many catches were made across the marked areas. A rubber launcher was used by three



team members to launch to the other two members. A bit of trial and error was needed to get the system down. Lots of hustle needed combined with some physics to achieve a high score.

The second station was a multi-station event each leg of the event was performed independently by one of the five officers with a final run by all officers belly



crawling under a hot wired fence. Each leg of this event was timed and the next participant could not advance until the previous one was complete.

The third station was a geographic quiz station. Here it was essential to have a varied bunch of wardens from all over North America to identify the international landmarks. This was a timed event and was mentally challenging.

The fourth station was an intellectual station which again benefitted from a diverse group of wardens. The station provided sounds of bird calls and the group had to match them up with a group of pictures of various international birds. Each sound was played and a total timed event score was given based upon the correct number of answers.



The final station was a multitasked event where officers had to tranquilize a bear and transport it to the patrol vehicle. There were obstacles such as hazing public and medicinal requirements like measuring liquids. Each officer from the team could use their particular skill set to best fit the special needs of this event.



The warden skills day always ends on friendly terms, a bit of teasing and great food. This year's event was catered and delicious. Participants, friends and family met at the end of the skills to enjoy once again a day of networking, comradery and friendship. The warden skills event 2014 in Reno was an excellent display of the light hearted but hard work Wardens do every day with a smile.

With Next year's conference being held in South Carolina it would be a great opportunity to attend and get some great training, network, and work as a team on the 2015 game warden skills event.

See you next year.

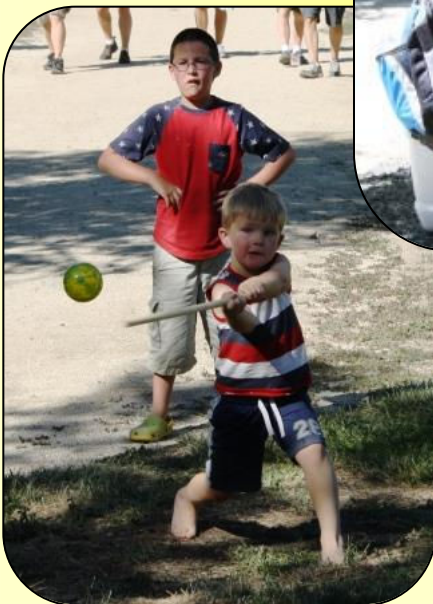
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2014 Officer Exchange Trip. A Wyoming Game Warden in Newfoundland

By Jason Sherwood

The most appropriate place to start my story of traveling to Newfoundland as a Wyoming Game Warden participating in the annual officer exchange is where Ken Snowden, the Canadian exchange officer, left off: with a huge “thank you” to NAWEOA! This trip was an experience of a lifetime. I expected it to provide some swapping of ideas, “war” stories, camaraderie with other wildlife officers, and a unique view of distant lands I might not have otherwise experienced. Less expected, the trip left me amazed at how game wardens seem to be cut from the same cloth; with very similar personal ethics, the drive and ability to work through varied and significant challenges, with a continuing, deep-seated desire to conserve wildlife resources, and a “do-what-it-takes” persevering attitude.

Also, much like Ken, I was enjoying lunch at last summer’s NAWEOA meeting with a couple of previous exchange officers who had since retired. We were just discussing how none of us could remember a Wyoming officer ever being chosen for the exchange when I heard them call out for “Jason Sherwood”. I didn’t move for a time, as I considered the options of getting to see another, much luckier, person with the same name as me, or that I had been mistaken in what I thought I had heard. Dumbfounded, I stood and started to realize I was the lucky one. The remainder of the conference was spent visiting and trying to narrow down the choice of “where should I go?”

I started out with the idea of trying to find somewhere completely different from what I was used to. Newfoundland, an island at the eastern tip of North America piqued my interest quickly, as the Maritimes certainly fit the bill for being very “different” from my dry, high-elevation home. As I discussed the idea with other conference attendees, every one of them mentioned how nice the people in Newfoundland are. Knowing how nice everyone was throughout the three conferences I’d attended, I was puzzled how these people could somehow be nicer.

My trip to Newfoundland started with a flight into Deer Lake, near the western coast. More exactly, it took three different planes and roughly thirteen hours of travel before Sheldon Anstey, Western Region Manager of the Newfoundland Fish & Wildlife En-

forcement Division (FWE), picked me up from the airport at 1:00 in the morning on May 16, 2014. Sheldon had been the acting Chief of Enforcement when I first called to discuss the options for me visiting Newfoundland and he was instrumental in setting up the tour.

I spent the remainder of the night at the Anstey’s home and we took our time getting to the headquarters office in Corner Brook after having breakfast with Sheldon and his wife, Catherine. On the way, we discussed how Wyoming is comparable in size to Newfoundland and both agencies are similar in numbers of officers, respectively with 63 and 54 wardens. Matching parts of Wyoming, Sheldon drove through areas where small acreages had been hastily developed, mostly with vacation homes for non-residents. Familiarly, he pointed out a site where he had made a great moose poaching case on a small group of transient workers who had helped build the houses.

Once in Corner Brook, we pulled up in front of a non-descript building with a Newfoundland-Labrador government sign over the door indicating we had arrived at the Department of Justice Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Division building. Unlike Wyoming, their offices do not sell hunting and fishing licenses and are not often visited by the public. In Newfoundland, wildlife and fisheries are managed by at least four separate agencies: FWE provides only the enforcement of game and fish laws; while the relevant seasons, license quotas, and regulations are set by the Wildlife Division (part of the Department of Environment and Conservation’s Natural Heritage Branch); nuisance,



problem, and wildlife damage issues are handled by the Forestry Services Branch of the Department of Natural Resources; and the prized Atlantic Salmon are managed federally, by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

I felt like a new employee as I was introduced and shown around the office. The feeling became more apparent when we entered the "equipment room". I was amazed at the quality and extent of their standard-issue equipment, and was shocked to find the



agency provides all uniform items, from various weights of jackets and coats (in standard uniform black and in camouflage) all the way down

to long underwear and socks! They explained new hires are even issued a tea kettle and portable camp stove to ensure they are prepared for a daily "boil up" (heated field lunch with hot tea). As we looked the gear over, Equipment Manager



Faron Lidstone started putting together a large dry-bag full of extra gear to supplement my already bulky luggage. Pretty soon, I was outfitted with a sleeping bag, a Mustang flotation suit, an inflatable PFD, a pair of rubber boots, and extra wool socks. Of course, they also provided me with a package with a set of crisp agency patches, a cap, and a badge tie clip to keep as reminders of the trip.

After loading me up with gear, we ate a great barbeque lunch of moose burgers and sausages with Director Jim Maloney and most of the headquarters and regional staff. The group was very interested in Wyoming's use of dispatch and radios, as well as our computerized system for storing case files and being able to quickly verify whether or not a suspect had

been cited or warned by wardens in the past. FWE had just installed "Toughbook" laptop computers in all of their patrol vehicles, but did not have a central radio dispatch available.

Everyone was surprised to find I carry a .40 cal. Sig P226 just as they do, although the surprising part was not in the model or caliber, but in the fact that it is personally owned. Wyoming wardens are allowed to carry their own handguns if they prefer them to the department-issued Glock 22C, as long as they meet similar criteria. I was surprised to learn FWE officers are required to qualify with their handguns only once each year, compared to twice annually and with all duty firearms (handguns as well as Remington 870 12 gauge shotguns and AR-platform .308 rifles).

That afternoon, Sheldon and I accompanied his nephew, Jonathan Anstey, who is one of the local game wardens, on a plainclothes patrol to try to find a salmon net he suspected was stashed near a local beach. The net was no longer at the site, but I was able to look at the suspect's "dory," or small boat very commonly used for lobster trapping and setting bait nets in the area. Afterwards, we followed the picturesque coastline along the Bay of Islands, out to Lark Harbour. The steep terrain reminded me of the mountains in parts of Wyoming, except these extended from sea level up to 2,671' (814 meters) at the highest point, instead of starting at six or seven thousand feet elevation.

That evening, I ate a hearty supper of cod au gratin with Jonathan and his wife, Susan before heading back to Sheldon and Catherine's for the night.

After a breakfast of pancakes and bakeapple jam the morning of day three, Sheldon and I decided to do a fishing patrol on Sandy Lake to see who was enjoying the great weather and the "May 24," holiday weekend. (I learned that, in Canada, it is possible for "May 24," which is designated as the "Victoria Day" holiday and the unofficial start of summer, to be included in the weekend of May 17th – 19th!) Sheldon suggested I purchase a non-resident trout-fishing license before we left town, in case we found the need to do some "trouting" ourselves. Amazingly, this annual license cost only \$11! A resident annual fishing license in Wyoming costs \$24; however, Wyoming license fees make up the majority of funding for our department.

We only found a few people to contact, but tried a

little fishing and enjoyed a “boil up”, which included some home-canned moose meat while we anchored the boat in a beautiful inlet to the lake. Moose seem to be the most popular big game animal on the island, with over 33,000 licenses issued annually, hugely eclipsing Wyoming’s 485 tags. Hunters in Newfoundland don’t realize how lucky they are to be able to draw a moose license every two or three years, although Wyoming hunters do get to enjoy diverse pronghorn antelope, mule deer, and/or elk hunts nearly every year. After lunch, we reloaded the boat and explored the area, stopping in Howley to visit the monument commemorating the 100th anniversary of moose first being introduced into the area in 1904.

That evening, I hopped back in with Jonathan Anstey and we patrolled several popular areas around Deer Lake. At dusk, we finally encountered the first violations of the trip worth documenting, as a family was fishing at the head of a “scheduled” salmon river. Salmon rivers have very stringent regulations on tackle, require anglers to possess a salmon-fishing license, and do not open until June 1. Due to their location at the head of the river and apparent goal of catching trout, Jonathan issued them written warnings and provided them information on legal areas where they could fish. Much like I’ve experienced at home, the anglers’ relief at receiving only warnings apparently convinced them it was okay to blurt out information regarding at least two other occasions when they had inadvertently fished in closed areas.

After a hearty breakfast while listening to “Jigs & Reels” (traditional Newfoundland and Irish music) on the local radio station, I accompanied Jonathan and another local warden, Mark Gillam, on a coastal patrol in their 22’ Silver Dolphin boat. We traveled more than 170 km (105 miles) through the Bay of Islands and north toward Chimney Cove, mostly searching for signs of salmon netting activity and checking anglers. Along the way, we found two dead whales on the shore, and discussed how the winter had been especially rough in the area and sea ice had either crushed or suffocated a significant number of whales. Dead whales had recently washed up on municipal beaches in a few nearby communities, causing extensive discussions on how and whose responsibility it was to remove them. Knowing how upset homeowners can get when a warden tells them it isn’t the department’s responsibility to remove a 100-pound dead pronghorn from their yard; I could certainly imagine the issues arising from a rotting eighty-ton blue whale!

That afternoon, we stopped for a very traditional “boil up” of fried bologna, maple-flavored beans, and sweet raisin bread with partridgeberry jam at the mouth of a small river. Mark also fried a pan of very tasty marinated moose meat to ensure we wouldn’t go hungry anytime soon. Of course, what had been a deserted beach in between a few sparse cabins soon saw two other boats come ashore. A known poacher who was suspected of netting salmon in the area occupied one of the boats. He briefly stopped to visit in a thinly veiled effort to see what the wardens were doing there.

After another night at Jonathan’s house, we traveled north to Rocky Harbour, where we made a quick stop for photos at a traditional lighthouse before I switched to Roddickton Detachment Supervisor, Baine Pilgrim’s company. Baine, who is also the president of their wardens association (and had taken care of many of my Newfoundland travel details), and I patrolled up the coast of the northern peninsula, driving past the fireplace where the cabin of Lee Wulff, famous early fly angler and conservationist, once stood. We also drove through a number of small towns along the shore and discussed how they had changed drastically when the government placed a moratorium on commercial cod fishing in 1992. Since then, many residents have had to take seasonal mining or drilling jobs in central Canada.

Near the tip of the northern peninsula, I noticed a couple of men working a wooden boat onto the ice in the bay. Baine explained they were likely getting ready to go on a seal hunt and explained that sealing was an important source of off-season income for many commercial fishermen. He noted animal-rights campaigns had drastically reduced the market for seal products, despite increasing seal populations and long-standing regulations banning the take of “whitecoats” or the young seal pups so often shown by the animal rights groups’ propaganda. Seal populations are now suspected of reducing fish populations and there is concern they may be at least partially responsible for declines in Atlantic salmon populations.

As we neared Roddickton, a bank of fog started building, and by the time we reached Baine’s house, visibility was no more than a couple hundred yards. After supper with his wife, Nancy, Baine and I drove into Englee, a smaller community just down the bay. Baine explained he had planned another coastal patrol while I was there, where we would have a great chance to see some whales and icebergs. However,

a large ice pan, more than 100km long, was blocking the entrance to the bay. With the cold, foggy weather, there were only a few boats in the harbour and it was a quiet evening.

The following morning, Lester Richards joined us at the local office, which they share with Forestry. We visited the town hall, which also houses the “Green Moose Interpretation Centre” that urges visitors to learn about the relationships between the people and the environment of the area. Displays included a mounted polar bear that had been euthanized in the community. Polar bears come through the area each winter with the sea ice, and as Baine put it, “you can never trust a polar bear!”

Afterwards we traveled on to the tip of the northern peninsula and met Maurice Chambers and Katlin Young for lunch in St. Anthony before all caravanning out to the Viking settlement at L’Anse Aux Meadows. Historian Mike Sexton, aka “Chief Bjorn the Beautiful”, led an amazing tour of the museum and grounds. His knowledge of everything Viking was amazing. For most questions, he would provide an answer, a couple stories relevant to the topic, and top it all off with a poem—a very melodious, Viking poem that would tie in with the question, and include surprisingly graphic descriptions of Viking battles and other gruesome events.



That evening, we again had supper at Baine’s house, but his parents joined us. Baine’s father, Earl Pilgrim, is a retired Newfoundland warden and renowned storyteller/author for the province. He gave me two books and signed them for my wife and I. Baine wasn’t convinced those were the “most fitting”, so he added five more titles from his own collection. I was less than a week into the trip and I already needed a post office to get my bags back down to airline weight!

The following morning Baine added a jar of partridgeberry jam to my luggage and we headed back

south. Jonathan Anstey then hauled me from Deer Lake to Springdale Junction, where I briefly met local warden Glenda Bateman before heading on to Newfoundland’s interior with Blair Barnes, Detachment Supervisor for the Grand Falls-Windsor area. We followed the Exploits River, a major salmon river, south toward Millertown, and then continued on dirt roads, checking several trout anglers and ATV operators along the way.

We stopped briefly at the entrance to the Lake Douglas Outfitting Camp, which he explained retired warden Hayward White was working on purchasing. That evening, we followed up on a tip regarding a couple of anglers who had appeared to be non-residents fish-

ing at Granite Lake without a guide, checked a couple of bear baits someone had placed very near the edge of the road, and headed to Hayward’s personal cabin on the shore of Cowley Lake for steaks and some great stories of Hayward’s time as a warden. Hayward, who was reverently referred to as “the Jackal” by his peers, had led a very successful career, with a special interest in undercover operations.



The morning of May 22, Hayward and I got up early to sample the fishing again. I lost a nice brook trout and we each caught a small “Ouananiche” trout (landlocked Atlantic salmon), while a pair of loons swam around in front of us. Heading back down the road, we passed the Lake Douglas lodge and Blair noticed the gate was laying down. He backed up and, upon closer investigation, found that someone had driven over the gate and broken into most of the buildings. We snapped a few photos of the tracks before they faded further into the rain and mud, and returned to let Hayward know about the damage. We spent a good share of the day identifying people in the area, letting them know to secure their cabins, and followed the suspects’ vehicle tracks, which led to

another cabin property and a logging company pickup which had also been broken into. On our way back to the highway to pass the information along to the RCMP, we were forced to wait for well over an hour when a fully loaded logging got stuck in the middle of the road in front of us.

We continued into Grand Falls, where we stopped at the detachment office and briefly met with a few officers there. I then continued on with Grant White and Ryan Collier to Twillingate. After a quick supper with Grant, we toured the island community and took photos with an iceberg that had run aground in Back Harbour. By the time we reached the South Island, the fog was too thick to see much of anything and he dropped me off for the night at the Sleepynoggin Bed & Breakfast, which is operated by his very welcoming in-laws, Eric and Ruth.

The following day, I accompanied Grant to the detachment office in Gander. After another big barbecue lunch, we visited the Silent Witnesses Memorial, where we learned about the "Arrow Air" crash there in December of 1985, which killed all 248 United States military personnel and eight flight crew members who were on board. Allan Scott, Grant's uncle, had been employed at the airport at the time and was able to give a detailed presentation about the crash and subsequent investigations. To show our mutual respect,



we placed a wreath at the memorial and then headed back toward Twillingate. On the way, we stopped at the Boyd's Cove Beothuk site.

After a quick look around inside the interpretive center, we hiked down to the archaeology site and checked a spot where locals frequently collect smelt on the beach just below it.

After a restful night, Grant transferred me to Joe Janes, Detachment Supervisor for the Clarenville area. We drove through Terra Nova National Park, made a quick stop at the Clarenville office for a tour and some tea, and headed out to Burgoyne's Cove. We hiked through the fog, up a beautiful, moss-

covered trail to the ridge, where a US "B-36" bomber had crashed in 1953 during a training mission in poor weather. Afterwards, we took back roads to check a few trout anglers and pass by some grassy meadows where moose frequently hang out and provide easy targets for poachers.

I was very surprised to learn that, in Newfoundland, the only privately owned lands are within the communities, and the majority of the island is "Crown Land" and open to public recreation. Similar to the many rural cabins I had been past, the hay meadows and adjacent dairy were simply covered under a government lease that allowed the private activity on the public land. Joe explained that the only "No Hunting" signs on the island are put up near logging operations, and they are only supposed to be displayed when workers are present. Much of my job as southeastern Wyoming's regional access coordinator, is in working out agreements with private landowners to allow managed public hunting or fishing on their properties and then providing an added game warden presence in those areas.

On May 25, Joe and I drove out the Bonavista Peninsula, viewing icebergs along the shore in the small fishing communities along the way. Several locals were also out sightseeing, and commented this



was the best iceberg-viewing year in the past several years. We stopped in Bonavista to tour both the historic and the newer, automated lighthouses there, as well as a statute noting the landing of explorer John Cabot there in 1497. With the gnarly, rocky shorelines and notoriously rough seas, I imagine he must have been one incredible sailor to land and be able to return to Europe again!

While visiting the lighthouses, we received a tip regarding a small, non-scheduled stream in a nearby community, where salmon do run every summer and several locals try to poach them. So, we altered our route slightly and checked two fishermen trout fishing there. Both seemed surprised to get checked by game wardens, and mentioned salmon running the stream, but neither was in violation. We continued along the shoreline, and while passing through the community of Trinity, made a traffic stop on a man riding an ATV on the highway. Joe documented several ATV equipment and operation violations and is-



sued a citation to the man for not wearing a helmet. While Joe filled out the paperwork, I occupied the rider's time asking about the area and explaining why I was there. He didn't have much of an idea where Wyoming was, and exclaimed he had "never been off the island, b'y" before further explaining that he had only been "as far as Springdale once!" Shockingly, I had visited Springdale a couple days earlier, and it was less than five hours away from his house.

The following day, Joe and I set out for the Burin Peninsula of southern Newfoundland, where we met wardens Gary Edwards and Luke Robichaud in Winterland. Moments after the four of us left the office, we crossed over a scheduled salmon river and all noticed a man casting a fishing line into the river as we passed. Gary pulled off the road and Luke quickly jumped out to apprehend the rogue fisherman who was apparently trying to get a jump on the salmon season that didn't open until June 1. Soon, we caught up with Luke, who was holding the offender's "My Little Pony" fishing rod while his very young daughter watched from the edge of the trail. All agreeing we couldn't really cite the man for trying to help his daughter catch her first trout; Luke issued the

man a warning and gave him several ideas on legal places to take her fishing.

We then continued on to the communities of St. Lawrence and Lawn, where two US naval ships, the Truxtun and Pollux, were destroyed after running aground during a particularly nasty storm in February 1945. I was starting to question my hosts' motives in light of the number of US residents who had met their end in Newfoundland, when they showed me the in-



terpretive site explaining how the locals had endured great personal risks and put forth indescribable efforts to lower a dory boat over the cliffs in order to rescue 186 sailors from the icy water.

As we worked our way down the peninsula, Gary discussed how his patrol area is known for organized crime. Nine miles off the tip lay three islands belonging to France (St Pierre et Miquelon). These islands do not have moose, but they do have an apparent abundance of cheap alcohol. In response to this, a number of locals have taken it upon themselves to supply "France" with poached moose meat and return to Canada carrying extra booze. Gary proceeded through a neighborhood where Al Capone had allegedly kept a house and explained the more organized of the poachers conduct counter-surveillance operations on he and Luke.

Shortly after passing through the community of Lord's Cove, Gary received a call from a local there stating there was a lynx stuck up a power pole at the edge of town. He explained the call would need forwarded to Forestry, as they were in charge of wild animal complaints, however we decided to take a look, as we were close. It is unusual for a lynx to be seen in this portion of the island where trees were rel-

atively sparse. Now, I may have neglected to mention this is not the part of Canada where “eh” is the common interjection. This part of Canada has much more notable influences, and strong accents, from Britain and Ireland. When members of largely isolated communities here get excited, such as when a lynx is stuck up a pole, they can be really difficult to understand! After giving them advise to keep people and pets away from the area in hopes that the animal would climb down later in the evening, Gary passed the information to Forestry and we continued our patrol back around toward Gary’s house, for some excellent barbeque and rest.

The following day I accompanied Joe to Whitbourne, where I briefly met with detachment supervisor, “Big Jon” Sharron and moved to warden Doug Hayes’ vehicle for the last leg of the trip. The day was particularly wet and the forecast called for “steady drizzle” so Doug took me to the harbor in St. John’s, where the Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker, the “Terry Fox” was docked. His brother, Randell, is the ship’s chief logistics officer and offered to take us on a tour of the 26,000 horsepower ship while it was in for maintenance. Afterwards, we toured the city, stopped for supper at a “fish & chips” diner, and Doug showed me the Rennie’s Mill River, where he has been helping a local group try to reintroduce salmon. By this time, the river was running quite high, as the “drizzle” had dumped more than 70 millimeters (nearly three inches) of rain on the area. In contrast, Laramie, Wyoming, typically receives 15” or less of precipitation in a year!

On May 28, I accompanied Doug and Barry White, Eastern Region Manager, to a quick meeting in the Confederation Building with some of the upper administration in the Department of Justice. Afterwards, we went over to the stables and met the mounted unit of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, the oldest civil police force in North America, which provides police services for the two largest cities in Newfoundland. They have four Percheron horses, averaging more than 2000 pounds each, which are used for patrolling the parks and downtown areas in St. John’s. They offered me to take “Dobbin” for a quick ride and even had a 3-step ladder available for me to use to climb on. Where Wyoming wardens typically use quarter horses, mules, and other relatively small breeds for patrolling remote areas, the constabulary prefers the gentle, but imposing draft horses for their city patrols. The officers explained they don’t get off the horses, even to make arrests. Further clarifying, they admitted, “We can’t really put the cuffs on from up there,

but we can mash the suspect against a wall or a car and wait for a ground unit to come.”

After lunch, we stopped by the Headquarters Office for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), as Barry and Doug thought it would be fitting for me to get my picture taken with a couple of their officers in their dress uniforms. Similar to the Wyoming Game & Fish, the RCMP adopted the traditional red uniform top to make themselves noticeable and easily identified as they rode their horses across the open plains. While at their office, we discussed the many different law enforcement roles the RCMP play across Canada, the apparent equivalent of what would be several separate state and federal agencies in the US.

Interestingly, I realized that no one outside Fish and Wildlife Enforcement had questioned my bright red uniform during my stay in Newfoundland, and I had even been stopped by passersby on a couple of occasions to answer wildlife and enforcement questions as if I were a local officer. In discussing this with the area wardens, we speculated that people there weren’t used to game wardens being in one standard uniform. Several officers I had worked with during the trip had worn four different uniforms during their careers, as game wardens were bounced between various agencies until they recently evolved into Newfoundland Fish and Wildlife Enforcement.

To finish out my last day in Newfoundland, Doug and I made a patrol and sight-seeing trip out to Cape Spear, the easternmost point of North America, where a sign advises, “Canada begins here!...or ends, depending on which way you are going.”



Why kids like NAWEOA By Gabriel "Lito" and Ciela

This year in Reno, Nevada, I had a great time. The first night in the kid's room I had ice cream and made friends with all the kids at NAWEOA and even the guy serving the ice cream who was named David. We all got our own spoons and all our favorite toppings.

The night of the Game Warden Games, we left early so that we could see the Reno Aces play against the Albuquerque Isotopes and the Isotopes won. The best part of the game was getting to see a real minor league baseball game.

My favorite part was when I went to the bowling alley and I saw almost all of the kids. I met new friends named Kellen, Michael, Jake, and Owen. And the best part is I got to hang out with old friends and new friends.

Mrs. Nelly was the one who hosted all of the things above, and I told her thank you and I showed her my "to do" list that I wrote when I got to NAWEOA. Mrs. Nelly and her volunteers did an awesome job and made our week special. It was really sad saying goodbye after the bowling alley but I know I will see my friends again next year in South Carolina. For more about NAWEOA read my sisters story.

By Gabriel "Lito" Paz



NAWEOA is fun for all the family. They have Youth Room while parents go to Hospitality night. Hospitality is also for kids too.

Hospitality has raffles, silent auctions, and all sorts of

fun. Youth rooms are a different event each night. After a night or two your kids will have friends from the U.S. and Canada. Kids could have more fun than ever.

I went to the NAWEOA in Tucson, AZ and loved it and since then I have been coming every year. During the 2014 NAWEOA we went bowling, to a water park, and a baseball game. In the youth room we did pellet guns, nerf archery, wii games, games, arts and crafts, and had a bunch of fun.

So, that is why you should bring the family to NAWEOA 2015 and the other conferences.

By Ciela Paz

"RECOGNIZING THE GOOD GUYS"

is a special column which was initiated by Pat Brown several issues back. We will continue to recognize Wildlife Enforcement Officers who have received awards or recognition in the Spring issue of the NAWEOA Newsletter.

This recognition may be from their own agencies, officer associations, civic groups, outdoor-oriented organizations, etc.

So be prepared to send appropriate information about your fellow officers who have received awards since the previous Spring issue of the NAWEOA Newsletter.

This information should be sent to your NAWEOA Jurisdictional Representative so that he/she can compile a list for your Region. It should be received by your J-Rep no later than February 15th.

Fortunately, we hear of many Wildlife Enforcement Officers who have been honored by a variety of awards and recognition.

Make sure that we hear about your fellow officers!

Unfortunately, there is limited space to recognize these officers in the Newsletter, so the information will be limited to:

Name, rank or title, agency name, award name, and year if appropriate.

San Francisco Tour

By Lori Backen, Region 1 Director

The San Francisco tour started with the group loading onto the bus bright and early on Monday morning. Our tour guide Todd was excellent. He provided us with stories and background to all the points of interest along the way from Reno to San Fran.



After our exciting trolley car ride we went on the bay boat tour. This took us from pier 4- to the San Francisco Bridge and back, going around Alcatraz. Next time I'm in San Francisco I am definitely going to try to get on the Alcatraz tour.

Our first stop along the way was at the Jelly Belly factory in Sacramento, CA. There we were able to sample whatever Jelly Belly we wanted. I must say that the beer flavored one was not my fav. There was also a chocolate counter where I was able to try chocolate covered bacon! I would highly recommend it. Salty, bacon, chocolately goodness all rolled into one!

San Francisco was a beautiful city that I hope to return to one day

to spend a little bit more time in.

On our way home we were treated to supper at In and Out . Todd made sure we knew the secret local lingo so we could have our burgers and fries made the local way. I'll have mine animal style!

Once we got to San Francisco, Todd made sure that everyone was dropped off where they wanted to spend the day. My little group wanted to take a tour on the trolley car and take the bay boat tour. We started on the trolley car, which was quite the experience I must say. I chose to hang on the side of the car while we rode the hilly streets at fairly high rates of speed in my opinion. The only thing keeping me on was me! It was especially exciting when we met another car coming in the opposite direction. There isn't a lot of space between cars!



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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

How would you imagine a Southern City?

Is it Historic? Gracious? Sultry? Columbia, South Carolina encompasses each of these and much more! Columbia tantalizes all of your senses with a relaxing; comfortable pace; an abundance of playgrounds including Lake Murray, rivers, parks, gardens and the Riverbanks Zoo - one of the best in the country; the University of South Carolina and Fort Jackson. Civil War history abounds and is celebrated in museums, historic homes and even in repurposed buildings with a new start as shops and restaurants.



As the Palmetto State's capital and a college town, Columbia's fiery vibe cultivates a colorful arts scene while an indie spirit envelops several energized entertainment districts overflowing with locally owned boutique shops, eateries, spas and salons, and night spots. University of South Carolina is home to a beautiful campus and features some amazing historical buildings.



For those with an adventurous spirit, the rivers, trails or the Congaree National Park will provide endless fun. Food-lovers have over 450 restaurants to choose from and can pick a new feast for every day and night of the week. The variety is abundant and all with an easy reach. Once you've experienced Columbia, you'll be delighted that you stopped to explore. Columbia has been named one of "10 Great Cities to Live In", as well as one of 30 communities named "America's Most Livable Communities".



NAWEOA 2015

CONFERENCE AGENDA AND SOCIAL AGENDA

MONDAY, July 27, 2015	
Executive Board Meeting (approx. 30 people)	08:00 – 17:00 Social activities/trips
	19:00 – 01:00 Hospitality Room Open

TUESDAY, July 28, 2015	
08:00 – 08:30 Group Photo	08:00 – 12:00 Opening ceremonies
08:30 - 10:30 Opening Ceremony & Tribute to Fallen Officers	
10:30 – 11:45 Keynote Speaker	
12:00 – 13:30 Officer Luncheon & NAWEOA Awards	12:00 – 13:30 Spouses Luncheon
	12:00 – 13:30 Children's Lunch
13:45 – 16:30 Training	13:30 – 16:30 Social activities/trips or free time
	16:30 – 19:00 Museum Annual Torch Run & Cookout
	19:00 – 01:00 Hospitality Room Open

WEDNESDAY, July 29, 2015	
08:00 – 09:45 Training	08:30 – 09:30 Retired Officer's Breakfast ?? & Female Officers' Breakfast
10:00 – 12:00 NAWEOA Business Meeting/Officer Exchange Presentation	08:30 – 17:00 Tours/activities/spouse and kids activity rooms ??
12:00 – 13:30 Lunch on your own	
13:30 – 17:00 Training	
	19:00 – 20:00 Hospitality Room Open
	20:00 - 21:00 Future Conference Bid Presentations
	21:00 – 01:00 Hospitality Room Open

THURSDAY, July 30, 2015	
06:30 – 07:45 NAWEOA Executive Breakfast (By invitation only)	
08:00 – 10:00 Training	08:30 – 16:00 Local Tours/Shopping/Activities Spouses and kids
10:15 – 12:30 NAWEOA Business Meeting/Candidate speeches	
12:30 - 13:30 Lunch on your own	
13:30 – 16:30 Training (Breakout Sessions)	
16:30 - 17:00 Closing Ceremony	
	18:00 – 01:00 Social Hour (cash bar), Formal Banquet/ Auction/Entertainment
	20:00 – 01:00 Hospitality Room Open

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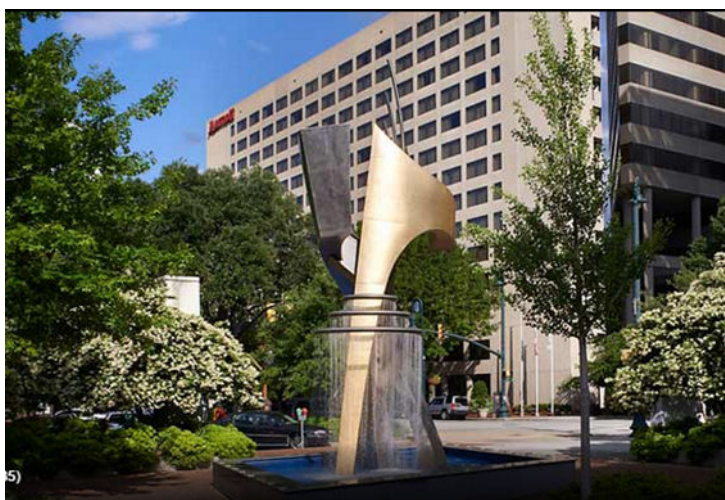
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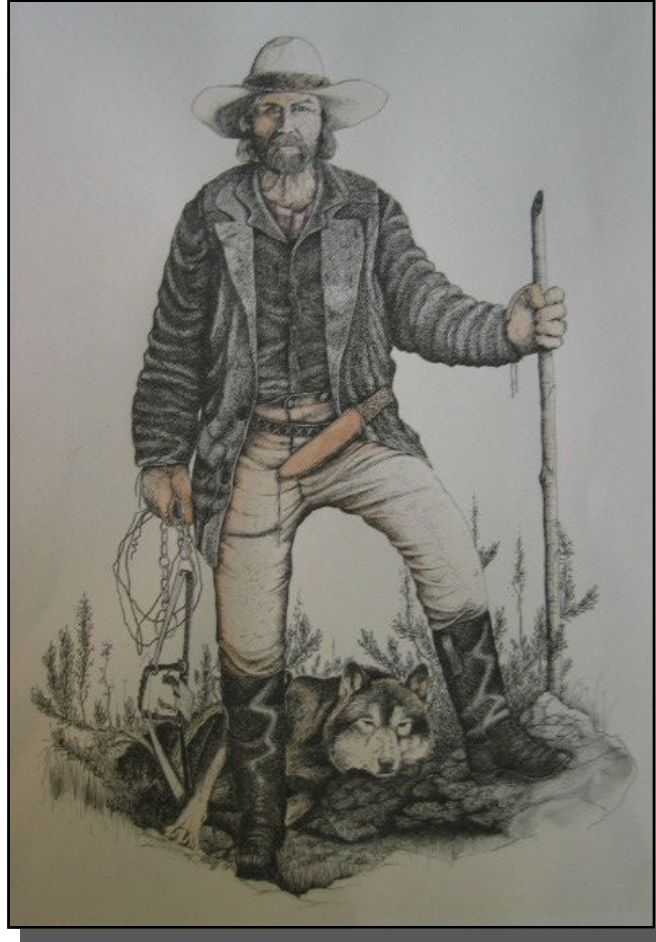
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- ✦ Bus service, fee: 10 USD (one way)
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The Trapper
by fallen
Idaho Wildlife Officer and artist
Bill Pogue



The original pen and ink was hand-colored by the artist for use on the cover of the Idaho Wildlife Magazine.

Bill Pogue's family generously allowed the use of Bill's art work "The Trapper" as a fund raiser for the North American Game Warden Museum.

Visit the Museum booth at the Reno, Nevada NAWEOA conference to purchase your Museum edition print for \$20.

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***2014 Game Warden Skills Day
1st Place Team***



TEAM NAME: Dakotavania

***TEAM MEMBERS: Larry Hergenroeder
(PA), Brian Sheetz (PA), Mike Reeder (PA),
Mark Ohm (SD), Joe Keeton (SD)***