

“Keeping in Touch”

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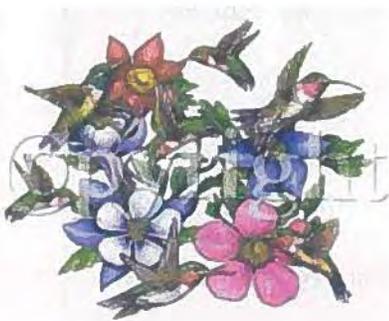
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Dates to Remember

Retiree Luncheon
Schedule
Golden Corral
on Emerald in Boise
11:30 a.m.

2013
May 9
July 11
September 12
November 14

Mark Your Calendars



Ventures Travel

by Dale Toweill

*(Want to Travel?
Here's Your Chance!)*

Judy Fisher reported in the last newsletter that I am still “working” at my business. Maybe so, but that’s a relative term. As owners of Ventures, the company my wife and I founded in 2005, we lead several photo safaris each year, and planning those trips, building a website, and taking the trips hardly qualifies as work! Most of our time, in fact, is spent outdoors taking wildlife photos, writing travel articles, and working around our house.

Dee and I love to travel, and the travel business is a labor of love. Each of our trips features very small groups (10-16 people), excellent accommodations, good food, and lots of opportunities for photography. Since retirement I have been constructing a website and blog (find it at <http://venturestravelonline.com> with information about our trips and links for

reservations. Maybe you can join us!

Our next trip, June 11-25, will head to Borneo by way of Taipei. Our tour begins with snorkling the coral reefs of the Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park in the South China Sea. From there we travel to Mt. Kinabalu National Park to enjoy birds and orchids before continuing on to the orangutan rehabilitation center at Sepilok. We’ll visit a proboscis sanctuary and the fabulous Danum Valley to photograph wild orangutans and birds before heading on to Kuala Lumpur and home.

In November we head to Kenya in East Africa, where we will visit three of Kenya’s famous national parks: Samburu in the north, Lake Nakuru in the Rift Valley, and the fabulous Maasai Mara. We expect to photograph all of Africa’s “Big 5” plus

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dozens of other species, and will likely see several hundred bird species over the course of our two-week trip. If there's enough interest, we will continue on to the plains of Tsavo and finish up at Amboseli national park, sitting just under Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Alternating back to southern Africa in August 2014, we will tour South Africa featuring Cape Town, Table Mountain, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, the Cape of Good Hope and of course Boulders Beach, home to penguins. We will do a little shopping, visit several nearby wineries, and even try hands-on cooking of Cape Malay cuisine before continuing on to the Drakensberg Mountains and then to Kruger National Park for five days of wildlife photography.

New Retirees! Welcome!

Wow! You folks are retiring so fast I can hardly keep up with all of you! **Sharon Landin**, Fisheries' Fish/Wildlife Health Technologist, retired February 22 after 26 years of service; **Rita Minard**, Technical Records Specialist 2 for the Administration Bureau - Licensing Section, retired

February 28 after 20 years; **Lynn Stratton**, Salmon Region's Program Coordinator, is retiring March 30 after 25 ½ years; **Robert Sellers**, Sr. Conservation Officer at Mountain Home, is retiring March 31 after 34+ years; **Gary Hompland**, Regional Conservation Officer for Magic Valley Region, is retiring April 20 after 33 years with the department; **Ron Fritz**, Hunter Education Coordinator for the Communications Bureau, is retiring April 27 after 11 years; and **Pam Sommer**, Senior Systems Technician in IT, is retiring May 31 after 23 years of service. Welcome to you all!

And welcome back to **Carl Nellis** who somehow was dropped from our list. Just a reminder: If for some reason you don't return our postcard with your first newsletter, we will assume that you are not interested and will remove you from the retiree list. And if you do not want to be added to the list, please send the postcard back anyway letting us know you do not want to be included. Or call me at 888-1015 or e-mail me at JFisher938@q.com and let me know you wish to be removed. Thanks for your help! I need all the help I can get!



For You Younger Retirees!

Just wanted to put out the word that if any of you younger retirees have an interest in organizing a Retiree Reunion, etc., we older folks would be happy to offer our support but some of us are getting a "little up in years" to take on more duties. Some of us are in our 80s and retired for many, many years and it's taking its toll! Although I am only 74 and retired for over 17 years, I can still function. But if any of you have an interest in taking over some of our duties, we would welcome the help. I will keep doing the newsletter until my mind goes (although some of you probably think it's gone already! Ha! Ha!).

Steve Elle Retiring!

Oh, No!!

(Steve, just want you to know I had nothing to do with this announcement! — JJJ)

"Today, we sadly announce that **Steve Elle**, one of the last true legends of IDFG, is finally hanging up and calling it a career this April after what feels like centuries but is only really about 31 years with the department (computers don't go back far enough to be sure however). Steve Elle has had a profound influence on Idaho's fisheries,

both good and bad. Shortly after the ice age, Elle arrived on the scene and cut his teeth managing two large glacial lakes. However, his young heart yearned for flowing water. He has been largely credited for the failure of the ice dam forming Lake Missoula, although the resulting flood formed the Columbia River Gorge. Evidence also places him at the scene of the breaching of Lake Bonneville.

Prior to the arrival of other white men, he worked intimately with the Nez Perce, Shoshone, and Blackfoot tribes. He was known by the Nez Perce tribe as Chochinug Noish, meaning "Grandfather Fish," and to the Shoshone people, as Danagu Chituick Shamish, which translated to "Whitefish Face."

His contributions to fisheries management and fish introductions are unmatched, and many of our current efforts are directly influenced by his past actions. Although responsible for events such as the species divergences of Bonneville and Yellowstone cutthroats, he also brought brook trout, small-mouth bass, and carp into Idaho. As recently as fall 2012, Elle was still leading young biologists in electroshocking crews and pointing out missed fish on both shores, often at distances of 200-300 yards.

However, it was the most recent century that Elle really made his mark, both in fisheries and society as we know it. Steve Elle has long been thought to have brought the hippy movement and counterculture to Moscow, Idaho, during his time as a graduate student. In fact, a doo-wop band from San Francisco called "Jerry and the Loveboys" once made a campus visit to Moscow for a small concert. After staying a few nights in Elle's dorm room, they departed back to the Bay Area with a new musical vision, and renamed themselves the "Grateful Dead."

As you can imagine, Steve Elle has seen and done it all. From writing Merriwether Lewis a ticket for collecting species without a sampling permit, to giving Theodore Roosevelt a ticket for not having a license. Elle was never intimidated or influenced by status or fear of retribution. To this day, he can be seen and heard on the SF Snake River harassing Dick Cheney's security staff and flipping off their helicopter. He is well known for his story telling and one liners, fondly observed as "Elle-isms." If you haven't heard the same story or joke 3-4 times, you haven't been working with him for more than an hour.

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So, two things . . .

Please send letters and pictures! Send them to Nampa Research (ATTN: Liz) — we'd be happy to scan any hard copies of photos and send them back to you (realizing most of the good stuff happened way before digital cameras).

Come celebrate with us on May 18th at 6 p.m. at the Riverside Hotel in Boise (formal invite following). Help us regale the achievements and career of a true legend and see to it that he doesn't take any wooden nickels on the way out!

Liz "I'm just the messenger"
Mamer

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Retiree Updates

Received a call from *Virginia Atwood's* son, Larry Hodge, who gave me an update on his mother. Virginia's newsletter was returned without a forwarding address so I sent a note to her son asking for her new address. He said that she had moved into the Coeur d'Alene Homes for people with memory problems. He lives in Portland, Oregon, but makes the trip to Coeur d'Alene about every two

weeks to visit her. He said Virginia will be 93 years old in a couple of months and that she has been having trouble with her memory. She is in good health otherwise. So glad to hear she is well.

In the last issue of the newsletter I promised a new address for *Diane Harper* who has moved to a retirement home in Bremerton. Here it is: Diane Harper, 3210 Rickey Road, Bremerton, WA 98310; phone: 1-360-627-9169.

A few weeks ago, *Bill Platts* forwarded a newspaper article from the Idaho Daily Statesman dated March 18, 1965 titled "Idaho's Fish and Game Department Personnel Reveal Their Favorite Hunting, Fishing Spots." I wish I could include it in the newsletter; however, it is too dark to photocopy. If you would like a copy e-mailed to you, I would be happy to do so. And I can run off print copies on my printer for those of you who don't have e-mail access. Just let me know and I will be happy to oblige. It is quite an awakening to see the pictures of 21 of those folks, and only 2 of them are still living! Sure brings back old memories!!

And, Rod Parker, thank you so much for your "very" generous donation! Much appreciated. And Rod says: "Staying close to home this year . . . another grandchild due in July, makes 3

under 4 years old from 2 daughters. Gotta do the grandparent thing this summer. Looking forward to a 50th class reunion in Iowa this fall and planning a major 2-month trip to Europe in the spring of 2014, that is, if we both stay healthy enough to walk 5 miles a day on cobblestone streets."

In Memoriam

John J. Huber, Jr., 78, husband of retiree *Karen Huber* from the Coeur d'Alene Office, passed away February 20, 2013, after a battle with lung cancer. A memorial service was held Feb. 28 at the First Presbyterian Church in Coeur d'Alene. John was active in numerous organizations and was a state retiree. He is survived by wife, Karen; son Keith (Katie), two stepdaughters and one stepson; nine grandchildren; one great granddaughter; one great grandson; a brother; one niece and two nephews; and many cousins.

Joan Kathleen Muffley Mowery, 75, wife of retiree *Gerald Mowery*, passed away March 28 in Twin Falls following a long battle with interstitial lung disease and rheumatoid arthritis. Services were held April 2 at Parke's Wendell-Gooding Chapel with burial at the Wendell Cemetery.

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Joan is survived by her husband, Gerald; children Mary (Von) Beckstead of Box Elder, SD, Ronald Mowery of Jerome, Amanda (Mark) Scheer of Wendell and James (Michele) Mowery of Wendell; one brother and one sister; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Deepest sympathies to the Huber and Mowery families.

**Happy Birthday &
Happy Anniversary!**

***Current Employee**

April Birthdays

Linn French*, April 1
Dan Duggan, April 5
Dale Turnipseed, April 7

May Birthdays

Don Wright, May 1
Jerry Mallet, May 5
Stanley (Bob) Moore, May 6
Corinne Barlow, May 7
Alice Cannaday, May 9
Ray Greene, May 21
Eric Stansbury*, May 23
Paul Hanna, May 25
Milt Williams, May 26
Ruth Stemper, May 27
Bill Goodnight, May 29
Tom Abel, May 29
Russ Kozacek, May 31

May Anniversaries

Rod & Lanore Parker
May 8, 48 years

Jody & George Taylor
May 15, 48 years

Bob & Betty Jayne Royce
May 26, 47 years

June Birthdays

Larry Smith & Walt Browne, June 6
Terry Williams, June 7
Walt Arms, June 9
Al Kiler and Bob Bell, June 13
Dexter Pitman, June 16
Roger Olson, June 17
Jack Trueblood, June 18
Joan Trueblood, June 27
Vaughn Brauer, Larry Miller & Don Stucker, June 27



GARY HOMPLAND

Is retiring after 33
years with IDFG

Come and help celebrate his
career!

WHEN: Saturday, May 11, 2013 @ 6:00 PM

WHERE: Hompland Residence
535 Silver Beach Drive.
Jerome, ID

BRING: Your own lawn chair and your musical instruments!!

PROVIDED: BBQ Pig, baked beans, potatoes, salad, pop, water, plates,
napkins and silverware

COST: \$10.00 per person

R.S.V.P. by: April 26, 2013

Please send money and scrapbook items to:

Sally Rose
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
324 South 417 East
Jerome, ID 83338

Name: _____

- I will attend the dinner and have enclosed \$10.00 per person and will
 - Contribution for Gary's gift in the amount of \$ _____
 - I will not be able to attend, but have included \$ _____ for Gary's gift
- Total enclosed \$ _____