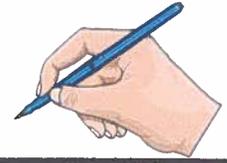


"Keeping In Touch"



Quarterly Newsletter by/for Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game
Retirees/Families and Interested Former Employees

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Dates to Remember

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

2010
January 14, March 11,
May 13, July 8,
September 9
November 11

Mark Your Calendars!

Note from Editor

Sorry for being so late with this issue. My creative powers have been a little slow this year.

Anyway, we hope you have a wonderful New Year and that 2010 brings peace, health and prosperity to you all!



For Your Information

You do not have to be a retiree to be on our distribution list. If you want to receive updates, etc., just e-mail me at JJFisher938@q.com or call me at 888-1015. We will be happy to include you. **Julie Mulholland**, you are on our list!

Outfitting for Turkeys, Upland, Waterfowl?

By Jack Trueblood

Over the past years we have seen several proposals for allowing outfitters to guide hunters primarily for turkey, upland birds and waterfowl. The idea is back and the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board (OGLB) and Fish and Game are going to study it.

OGLB has operated under an informal moratorium on the issuance of new outfitter licenses for upland birds (including turkeys) and waterfowl since 1989. F&G has opposed these types of outfitting, as have some legislators, and that was enough for OGLB to turn down license applications. Now OGLB has prepared to formalize that moratorium and go forward with studying the public need for such outfitter services, and the capacity of the resource.

In other words, OGLB is currently going to keep denying the licenses, but this time with more

logical grounds. At the same time the Board is going to go ahead with a formal study (co-op with IDFG) to see if there is a public need for outfitting for birds and if it should be allowed. F&G and OGLB will be setting up a collaborative process (study group) and taking public input. Individuals in the group will be selected by the agencies but all sessions will be open to the public. Any recommendation made to the Department and Board will then get additional public comment prior to going to the Commission and Board for appropriate action, according to IDFG.

I'm going to try to keep up with this process and let folks know by e-mail when and/or how they can testify. If you want to be on this mailing list, send your e-mail address to:
tantor@cableone.net.

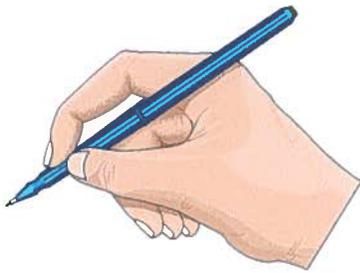
Welcome New Retirees

Bureau of Communications bid a fond farewell to **Donna Dillon**, Administrative Assistant, effective December 30, 2009. Donna put in 16 years of faithful service.

Jeffrey Wolfe, Regional Conservation Officer for the Southwest Regional Office, retired December 26, 2009. He

worked for the Department for 27 ½ years.

Judy McKenna, customer service representative for the Panhandle Region will be retiring January 30, 2010, after 18 years of service. Welcome, welcome! Hope to see you all at the reunions, etc.



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In Appreciation from Debbie and Whitney Trent

Whitney and I would like to express our appreciation to all of you for your many cards, e-mails, phone calls and prayers during Tracey's battle with cancer. We feel very fortunate that he had 2 fairly good years while he was in and out of treatments. I know that your encouragement and support meant a lot to him.

The cancer beat his body but, it never beat his spirit or sense of humor. Spending as much time as possible fishing, being with family and friends and enjoying the outdoors he loved so much gave him inner strength. We are very thankful to the Fish and Game family!

Wishing everyone a healthy and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely, Debbie and Whitney Trent

*P.S. Please e-mail future correspondence to:
deborah_trent@msn.com*

**Another Great HQ's
Christmas Wild Game Feed**
I think everyone who attended this event will agree that it was one of the best ever. There were so many retirees/former employees there you would have thought it was "the olden days." In fact, **Ralph Pehrson** said that to him it looked like there were more retirees there than what we get at the Retiree Reunions.

It makes you realize just how important this event is to everyone when one of the cooks, **Ralph Pehrson**, spent the morning of the feast in the emergency room and still made it to help with the cooking. And when someone travels over 255 miles from Kooskia to attend as **Don McPherson** did and to turn around the same day and return home before a snow storm hit the valley, man, that's dedication!

Thanks to everyone who helped put this together. It is much appreciated by all of us.

Here is a list of the retirees/former employees who attended: **Monte Richards, John Heimer, Jack Fisher, Roger "the Beav" Williams, Grant Christensen, Bill Goodnight, Ralph Pehrson, Phil Jeppson, Bert Bowler, Jerry Conley, Ray Greene, Keith Johnson, Fred Partridge, Al Van Vooren, Tom Parker, Jim and Vickie Keating, Irene and Dee Powell, Tom and Margie Reinecker, Fred Christensen (former Commissioner), Bob Salter, Vaughn Brauer, Don McPherson, Susan Wildwood, Royce Williams, Al Kiler, Darlene "Skip" Howard, and Pat Beauclair.** (I hope I didn't miss anyone.)

Retiree Updates

Had some good news from **Ralph Pehrson**. He said **Thelma Simpson**, Jim Simpson's widow, is happy and healthy and wished to be put on the retiree mailing list. We are glad to do it, Thelma, and we hope you enjoy the newsletter.

Also, **Ralph and Edie Pehrson** spent Christmas in Phoenix, Arizona, with daughters Leanne and Kendra and their families. They then went to San Diego, California, for a New Year's reunion with their family (all but two of their grandsons). Sounds like you had a lot of fun!

Thank you, **Gary Gadwa**, for your kind comments regarding the Retiree Newsletter. Sorry that we didn't get your anniversary in sooner, but since the newsletter only goes out every quarter, we will make up for it with this issue. Gary and Laurii celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary November 22. *(Now days, that is a record!!)* Congratulations!!

Also, Gary says, "LOVIN' LIFE in Stanley, Idaho. Continue to be the Executive Director (volunteer) of the Stanley Museum, etc., etc."

For those of you who have been the lucky recipient of one of **Gary and Michele Gadwa's** donated antler accessories, you can now purchase their creations from a website. Gary and Michele put together the website to show samples of what they have to offer. Gary says, "Family, friends and fish and gamers get wholesale prices. Please pass this information on to anyone you feel might be interested." The website is: www.somethingwild.net.

Finally, we were able to get in contact with **Mike and Diana Schlegel**. Here is the latest from them: "We moved to Grangeville a year ago October. Diana is back with US Bank. I am just being a 'retiree.' We decided not to have a land line; however, we each have a cell phone. Mine is listed below as well as my email and physical address. Diana's info is as follows: 208-630-4361; boisestategal@gmail.com." Mike's e-mail is: mws1941@gmail.com.

"The past 2 years have been rough. We both lost our mothers, two of our three dogs, Diana lost her job at the Tamarack Resort which resulted in losing our new home and 10 acres. On the positive side we are both in good health and have great family and friends.

"We look forward to again keeping up with our IDFG family." *(We are sorry for your losses, Mike and Diana, and please keep in touch.)*

Jack McNeel says every time he receives e-mail from me that he gets scared – afraid it is some more bad news. However, he says, "Fortunately I'm doing well . . . Jackie and I will be leaving Saturday (Oct. 3) for a trip into the Canadian Rockies. It's sort of a vacation and business trip combined. I have several stories lined up to write and we hope to do a lot of photography of wildlife and scenery – while at the same time just enjoying the trip." *(Jack, if you have any stories we can use for the Newsletter, we'd be happy to include them.)*

Pat Cudmore says "check out my photos on Facebook." You

must join Facebook before you can see them. To sign up for Facebook, go to: <http://www.facebook.com/p.php?> **Irene Powell** is also on Facebook. *(I'm afraid I don't have the time nor anything of interest to put on Facebook so I haven't joined.)*

Herb and Darlene Pollard are also south for the winter. "Last week we were in Phoenix to see the BSU Broncos in the Fiesta Bowl. This week we are in Blythe, California for a bluegrass music festival; next week we will camp out in the desert at Quartzsite, AZ for a few days for the big RV show and flea market; following week in Yuma for more bluegrass and a trip to the cheap dentist . . . in Los Algodones, Mexico."

Despite his continuing hip/knee problems, **Kent Ball** headed to Arizona for the winter the end of October. He will be checking in with the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale to see if they might have some answers to his problems. We sure hope so, Kent. Hang in there!

Looking over my notes, I must have at least a dozen e-mails regarding **Lloyd Oldenburg's** recent setback with his health. Every time we thought he was getting better, another problem would appear. Lloyd had a heart valve replaced on November 30. Then on December 29, he was back in the hospital with a very low heart rate and it was thought he might need a pacemaker. But that problem was solved by removing him from one of his blood pressure medications.

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Here is the latest from Lloyd himself: "Hello, I am still alive and kicking as of this writing. I am feeling the best today that I have since this started to unravel in October. My problems with hiccups and urping have stopped for about a week now and I think maybe the bones are starting to heal. May see you at the next lunch if things continue looking better. I need to gain some of my weight back. Am down into the 130s, the first time since about 1950. LEO"

(Thank you, Edna, for keeping us updated on Lloyd when he was unable to do it. It is much appreciated.)

Bill Platt's wife, Pearl, also has been recovering from surgery to replace her shoulder. After a couple of setbacks, she is now doing well, thanks to her wonderful physical therapist and her caregiver husband. However, she must have the other shoulder replaced in a couple of months. Oh, Pearl, we wish you the very best and a quick recovery.

Gloria Elliott (former Assistant Director's secretary) usually spends the winter in Arizona also, but she and her husband John had to return to Boise so that he could have surgery to remove his spleen Nov. 11. Gloria says, "John came through the surgery pretty well. The surgeon said that he came across a 'cute little finding.' Hiding behind his spleen was a diaphragmatic hernia. He seemed pretty tickled that they'd discovered it and repaired it. I think it brightened his otherwise routine day!"

Last minute addition: "John and I are (back) in sunny AZ. High

temp for today is predicted to be 74 degrees." (*Enough, Gloria!*)

A few other people have been coping with some health situations these past couple months. **Jo Toomey** fell and broke her wrist and had to have surgery and is now doing rehab.

Lorrie Parrish took a short trip to Baker, Oregon with some friends and came home with a case of food poisoning and had to miss the Wild Game Feed. She's okay now.

And **Corinne Barlow** is still in the process of finding out just what is ailing her. She should have some news from the specialist soon.

Just want all of you folks to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families and hope that the New Year brings you health and happiness!

In Memoriam

**Darlene Cannon
1942 - 2009**

Funeral services for **Darlene Adams Cannon**, were held November 18, 2009, at the Toquerville LDS church. Darlene, the wife of retiree **Wesley Cannon**, passed away Nov. 14. Darlene and Wes lived in Boise, Lewiston and Grace, Idaho when he worked for Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game.

Darlene worked as a teacher's aid in Lewiston, worked at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Grace, Idaho for over ten years, ZCMI, and WalMart in St. George. She also worked for American Greeting Cards at the time of her death. Darlene also was very active in her church.

Darlene is preceded in death by her father Chester, her sister Helen, and her son, Lance. She is survived by her mother Elizabeth, her husband Wesley and her daughters Elizabeth (Layton) Christensen of Lund, Nevada; Lara (Lance) Christensen of Toquerville, Utah; and Lacey (Josh) Cummings of Goshen, Utah; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a sister Hopi Hunt.

Gayla June Norton

1938 - 2009

Funeral services were held at Castle Drive LDS chapel November 14, 2009, for Gayla June Norton, 71, of Boise. Mrs. Norton worked for a short period of time in the IDFG Accounting department and later became a registered nurse working at St. Luke's Hospital for more than 20 years. She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, two daughters and their husbands, twelve grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.

Emma "Inez" Holland

1924 - 2009

Graveside services were held October 14, 2009, at Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise for **Emma "Inez" Holland** who passed away October 9. Inez was the widow of former retired IDFG Warehouseman **Ralph Holland**. She is survived by two daughters, three sons, one grandson and five granddaughters. Donations in her name may be made to the Idaho Humane Society or the National Parkin-sons Foundation, Inc.

Which Way Is Dubois?

*by Robert L. Salter, Retired Asst. Director
(Reprinted from Blasts from the Past Fish Tales and Ramblings
Wild Game Feed, December 14, 2007)*

Dan France was a C.O. at Dubois who one day received a tip something was going on at a sheep camp west of town. He checked it out and sure enough, he found a deer covered with a tarp at the camp. He collared the tender and explained that this was illegal because the deer season was not open and he did not have a license. He also explained to the herder that he would have to go to Dubois and talk to the

judge there. Pedro shouted, "Me not go Dubois!"

Dan started to write the citation while Pedro stormed around the camp muttering "me not go Dubois." Suddenly, out of the corner of his eye, Dan saw Pedro coming at him with a large cast iron skillet in his hand. Dan, who was a strong young man, whirled around, grabbed the skillet and tossed

Pedro over his head. Pedro landed with a mighty thud.

Finally, when he took time to catch his breath, Pedro struggled to his knees and weakly asked, "which way is Dubois?"

After that, people around the Department were often heard saying "Which way is Dubois" when things weren't quite clear . . . all thanks to Dan.

Sometime in Late February 1953

*by Don McPherson
(Reprinted from Blasts from the Past Fish Tales and Ramblings
Wild Game Feed, December 8, 2006)*

Phil Swanstrum and I had been feeding deer in Featherfille most of the winter (it seemed). The road was closed with deep snow sometime around Christmas.

We had two or three old Army M7 over-the-snow vehicles. They were worn out when the Department got them. We traveled in a caravan at all times to be sure that we might arrive at our destination!

One night, Phil, Pete Horning and I made it out to Mountain

Home. Pete had met us with a pickup at Dixie. We went into a new cafe (Oregon Trails). Phil had heavy black whiskers (more like a beard) and he carried an old burlap gunny sack with some old traps that rattled.

We were seated in a corner booth with Phil seated in the back corner of the booth. A young waitress came to our booth, Phil raised up, tried to crawl over the table to get at the poor frightened girl.

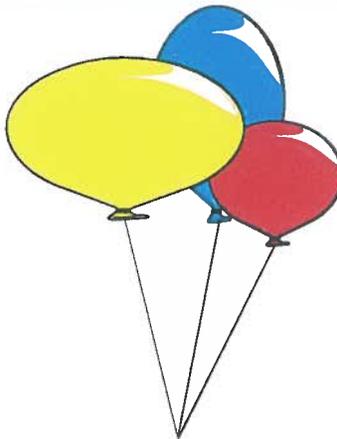
We shoved him back down onto the seat and told the girl that he was "Pierre," a French Canadian trapper, we had captured him after several winters of illegal activities down on the Boise River, and he had not seen a woman in a long time.

That waitress never came back to our booth; instead, a male cook came out, took our orders and served us the rest of the evening.

**Ha! Ha!
Ha!**



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Happy Birthday!!

Bob Salter, November 5

Lloyd Oldenburg, November 28, 79 years

Barbara Alverson, February 13

Jack Fisher, March 30

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Anniversaries

Gary and Laurii Gadwa, 40 years, November 22

Jim and Ann Graban, 51 years, December 27

Gloria and John Elliott, 53 years, December 28

Claude and Marie Clapsaddle, 58 years, February 24

