

“Keeping In Touch”

Quarterly Newsletter by/for
Fish & Game Retirees/Families and
Interested Former Employees

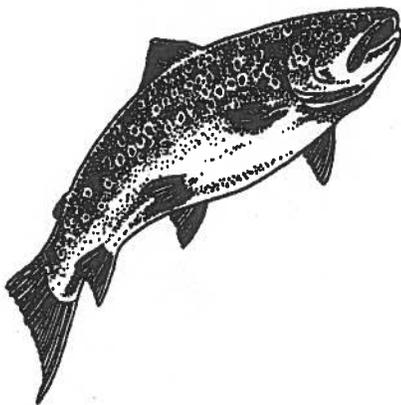
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Dates to Remember

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

**2013
March 14
May 9
July 11
September 12
November 14**

Mark Your Calendars!



First Annual Fish and Game Kokanee Fishing Tournament April 26, 2013

(Ed Shriever, Chief, Bureau of Fisheries, has put together a Fish and Game employees only (for current and retired employees) kokanee fishing tournament this spring. The tournament will be held on Lucky Peak and Arrowrock Reservoirs. See the information below.)

The Fisheries Bureau is soliciting teams to participate in the first annual F&G and PSMFC (Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission) employees' kokanee tournament! We would also like to invite all staff to the salmon barbecue and potluck following the tournament weigh-in on April 26.

Tournament Rules

Participants

- All tournament participants must be current IDFG employees, IDFG affiliated PSMFC employees, or IDFG retirees.
- Boats are limited to a team maximum of 3 anglers.
- No more than two anglers on any team may be employed in the same IDFG bureau or from the same region.
- For the purposes of team affiliation in this tournament, Bureaus are defined as:
 - Directors Office, Fisheries, Wildlife, Enforcement, Communications, Engineering, Administration, and Information Systems.
 - The Directors Office includes Regional Supervisors, Idaho Fish and Wildlife Federation, Legal, and Human Resources staff. PSMFC employees are included in the “Fisheries Bureau”.
- Retirees are not restricted by any previous bureau affiliation and may be teamed with any employees. No more than 2 retirees per team.

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**All donations should be
made payable to
IDF&G Retirees and
sent to the above address.**

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Entry Fee

- \$30 per boat — Boat captain is responsible for team entry fee.
- Entry deadline is April 13, 2013 (Form and fee submitted to Fisheries Bureau front office staff).
- All teams must have a team name declared at the time of entry.

Stipulations:

- All Fish and Game fishing rules apply.
- Tournament limited to Lucky Peak and Arrowrock Reservoirs.
- Kokanee are the only fish that will be counted in the tournament.
- All kokanee caught and not immediately released will be counted in the daily bag limit and weighed in, no sorting.
- Angling may commence any time after 5:00 a.m., April 26, 2013.
- All anglers must be in the IDFG HQ parking lot for weigh-in no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 26, 2013.
- All kokanee weighed in will be donated to the salmon barbecue following the tournament weigh-in.
- Winning teams will be determined by total weight of kokanee harvested by that team.
- Any team with one or more team members who are new anglers (e.g., first-time Idaho license buyer) will receive a bonus of 12 ounces added to the total weight of their team's catch.
- Any team with two anglers from the same bureau or region will have 12 ounces deducted from the total weight of their team's catch.
- Weight of fish may not be artificially enhanced. Fish may be subjected to X-ray surveillance.

Prizes:

- ½ of the entry fee will be used to award prizes.
- Team prize(s) will be awarded based on the heaviest total combined catch (maximum of 18 kokanee), including weight bonuses or deductions.
- Individual prize(s) will be awarded to the angler(s) catching the largest kokanee (determined by length).
- ½ of the entry fee will be awarded to the HQ Fun Committee to be used at their discretion.

Note for Retirees:

If you are not a boat captain looking for anglers or an interested angler looking for a boat to fish on, contact Sharon Clark in the Fisheries Bureau for assistance. Sharon may be reached at 287-2784 (Work Phone), 695-5344 (Cell), or sharon.clark@idfg.idaho.gov.

Newsletter Recipients

If you move/change your e-mail address/change phone numbers or if you receive the newsletter from some other source, please let me know as soon as possible so our records can be updated properly. And then, we hope, you won't miss any retiree newsletters/updates. Also, if you wish to be included in the Birthday/Anniversary page, just let me know. The dates I have were taken from *Ralph Pehrson's* old files. Several people have asked about how I obtained this information, so now you know. Thank you for your help. — JJF

Wild Game Christmas Luncheon

As usual, it was a great success. It's hard to believe this tradition has been carried on since the first year we moved into the "new" building on Walnut Street from 518 Front Street. The year was 1965, 47 years ago! Can you believe it?

Many retirees/former employees were in attendance — many of them also offered their services to cook the food. The attendance list includes the following: *Royce Williams, Lorrie (Spiker) Parrish, Mart Morache, Jim and Vickie Keating, Bill Goodnight, Bill Horton, Monte Richards, Herb Pollard, Bill Hutchison, Wayne Melquist, Al Van Vooren, Dr. Richard Meiers, John Heimer, Dale Tankersley, Dale Toweill, Irene Powell, Kate*

Bethke, Darlene Howard, Bruce Penske, Ruth Stemper, Gary Hompland, Grant Christensen, Joe Greenley, Don Wright, Jo Toomey and her daughter Stephanie, Barbara Alverson, Kevin Ware (Stumpy), Les Trout, Fred and Dottie Christensen, Tom and Marjorie Reinecker, Frank Morgan, Lois Lunday, Bert Bowler, Pat Cudmore and me. (Hope I didn't miss anyone.)

One person we did miss at the Wild Game Feed was *Edie Pehrson*. Seems she left Boise in October to visit her daughters in California, Utah and Arizona.

Welcome!

We would like to welcome the new retirees to the group: *Connie Stevens*, Administrative Assistant for the Clearwater Region, retired October 31 after 25 years of service; *Ed Bottum*, Sr. Financial Specialist for the Fish and Game Foundation, retired October 31 after 24 years; *Dale Toweill*, Program Coordinator for Wildlife Bureau, retired November 17 after 28 years; *Loreli Bouffard*, IT Systems Programmer for Information Systems Bureau, retired December 15 after 18 years; *Mark Liter*, Regional Fishery Biologist for the Panhandle Region retired December 17 after 20 years; *Stella Bush*, Sr. Financial Specialist for the Fish and Game Foundation, retired December 31 after 14 years; *Carla Hogge*, Fish/Wildlife

Health Technologist position in Fisheries (Eagle Lab), will retire January 21 after 20 years. Congratulations to all of you. Enjoy your retirement to the fullest!

Thanks to You Generous People!

A giant "Thank You" to *Walt Browne and Wayne Melquist* for their most generous donations. As you know, the donations are used for printing/distributing the newsletter and all of you have kept us going way past our expectations. Thanks again!

Dale Toweill Still Working

Visited with *Dale Toweill* (recent retiree) at the luncheon and was really surprised that he is still working at his business "Ventures" instead of laying around after retirement. He is a freelance outdoor writer/editor, an International Travel Service (tours all over the world) and an outdoor photographer. If you would like to book a tour to some exotic land, make sure to call Dale. You can take a look at his website at: www.venturestravelonline.com. (*Dale said he would provide more information for the next newsletter, so look for it!*)



Availability of Blue Bird Boxes

A few weeks ago, we sent out an e-mail from **Dr. Richard Meiers** asking for information on where to obtain mountain blue bird nesting boxes. Several of you answered his request. Evidently, according to **Phil Cooper**, Stimson Lumber in Coeur d'Alene donates cedar to the IDFG volunteer program where volunteers cut and assemble the boxes and sell them for \$5 each. Also, Dr. Meiers said Region 1 has nesting boxes available for \$5 and an instruction pamphlet for placement and how to make your own. Region 2 also has boxes available for \$7 and the instruction pamphlet. Dr. Meiers said he acquired 20 boxes and he has put them up in hopes of spring migration.

Retiree Updates!

Just got the news that **Bud Stackler** finally moved to Utah. The last time I talked to him he was selling his home in California and moving either to Idaho or Utah. If anyone wishes to contact him you can write him at his new address: 7740 South Keswick Road, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84093. He wishes everyone the "best". Glad you finally made the move, Bud. Keep in touch.

I had the opportunity to visit with **Dorothy DeReus** at our mutual hair dressers last week and she informed me that **Edie Pehrson** had called her to let her know that **Diane Harper** had fallen and

broken her leg. As a result, Diane sold her home and moved into an assisted living facility and is very happy. She no longer has to keep house, cook, etc., and she has many new friends to visit with. As soon as I receive an address from Edie, I will let you know how to contact Diane. *(Thank you, Dorothy and Edie for your help!)*

Ever wish you could move somewhere else where it isn't so populated? Well, **Debbie Trent** (Tracey Trent's widow) did just that. She sold her home in Boise and moved to Lucille on the Salmon River. And, she has so generously invited anyone in the area to please give her a call or come by and see her. Her address is: 124 River Front Road, P.O. Box 402, Lucille, ID 83542. Her phone: 208-628-3582. She also wishes a "Happy New Year to ALL!" *(I'm really envious, Debbie! — JJF)*

Walt Browne said: "It's been quite sometime since I touched base with the retirees newsletter gang, so thought I'd better let everyone know that I haven't been shot yet and that I'm still alive and doing fairly well for an 84-year-old. . . . I always look forward to receiving the newsletter but have mixed emotions about it as there always seems to be some sad news that comes with it — my "Old" Fish and Game buddies are slowly mov-

ing on to the 'Happy Hunting Grounds'."

"The last couple of years for me has definitely had its ups and downs as I lost my wife, Ruth, after 59 years of marriage and my oldest son, Randy, had a major stroke leaving him paralyzed on the left side. He's now in a care center in Pensacola, Florida, and seems to be slowly improving with therapy.

"I've pretty much given up hunting and fishing but still get a hunting and fishing license every year, just in case. I'm staying closer to home every year but still manage to get up to my cabin in the Elk City area during the summer months to do some gold panning and rock hounding." *(Walt, so sorry to hear about your loss and your son's stroke. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers!)*

I guess the deer hunting in Vermont isn't too hot, according to **Wayne Weseman**. However, he said "the duck and goose hunting ain't bad." He was going to try a lake a few weeks ago. Let us know how you did, Wayne.

Well, Arizona is seeing its share of our retirees this winter. Two of those persons are **Jody and George Taylor**. They were just getting ready to head to Yuma, Arizona in November.

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Jody said: "We have a couple bazaars to participate in and when we're done with those, we'll be on the road. . . . When we went out to start getting the RV ready to go, we discovered we'd been invaded! There was mouse poop just about everywhere you could imagine. Needless to say, a VERY thorough cleaning was required, which entailed taking everything out of all the drawers and cupboards and running them through either the dishwasher or the washing machine, just to be sure everything that might have been contaminated was cleaned up. Then the vacuuming, shampooing and mopping of all the surfaces, and spraying the others with disinfectant. So far, we've trapped something like 14 mice, adults and little ones. I tell you, if I never see another sign of a mouse, it'll be too soon for me! Remember the cartoon movie called Ratatouille? No longer do I think that mouse is cute!" (*Jody, I'll take my RV bee invasion any day!* — JJJ)

Another "Snowbird" who made his annual trip south is **Kent Ball**. Kent has been having a lot of trouble with leg pain. So, after ankle reconstruction, he is able to walk a little, but the ankle is weak and it will take a long time to get the strength back. It takes over three months to heal. Kent said, "It is not nice when you can't walk or even stand up for

two months." (*Hang in there, Kent! Knowing you, you'll be up and around in no time!*)

Former employee **Mike Mancuso** has joined the Retiree/Former Employee group of Fish and Gamers. **Ruth Stemper** encountered Mike at the theater one evening. Mike worked within the Idaho Conservation Data Center (part of what used to be NRPB). He worked for 15 years for the department, beginning in 1990, mostly a seasonal job. He mentioned to Ruth that if he had heard about **Jerry Conley's** passing, he would have attended the service. So, Ruth suggested that he get on our list and get the newsletter/updates. So, welcome Mike!

Received a travelogue from **Phyllis and Mike Kochert** on their recent trip through Southern Oregon, Northern California and Northern Nevada. Phyllis figured out how to use her Droid smartphone with Navigator. (*I'm including the total 7 day trip accounts because some of you might want to take the same trip in the future. Having taken almost the same route, it has many fascinating sights and things to do.*)

"Day 1: Our diesel VW Jetta took us to Burns, OR; at Riley we drove SW and enjoyed the geology of Abert Rim, a 30-mile

long, 2,500 foot high fault (the highest in N. America).

"Day 2: We took back roads to Oregon Caves NM (National Monument). The caves consist mainly of limestone metamorphosed into marble. We ended the day at Crescent City, CA. Lucky us: there was a big car show going on and most of the 'old' boomers were staying at our motel.

"Day 3: Driving south on Hwy 101 through the Redwoods NP (bucket list!), we stopped at numerous points of interest including Klamath River Estuary, Requa Road, and Prairie Creek/Elk Prairie on Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway. We also took Davison Road and hiked into beautiful, secluded Fern Canyon. Taking time to walk the beach in a couple of places, the rest of the day found us driving east to Redding through Six Rivers and Shasta-Trinity National Forests. Halfway to Redding we discovered the neat little gold rush town of Weaverville in Trinity County, CA. On the National Register of Historic Places, its Historic District has also recently been designated a Preserve America Community.

"Day 4: Lassen Volcanic NP was another first for us; it doesn't take more than a couple of hours to drive through.

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We continued SSW thru Chico & Sacramento and the farming monoculture of the Sacramento River/Central Valley with thousands of acres of fruit and nut trees and vegetables and tree nurseries. OH, AND RICE FIELDS! It was a different site for this Magic Valley farm kid.

"Day 5: Next stop, Yosemite NP, another bucket list item for me. We transitioned from rice paddies into oak savannah, Ponderosa and Digger pines and at last arrived in the awe inspiring Yosemite Valley and into Yosemite Village. If you have never been there, trust me, the Ansel Adams photos don't even do justice to its magnificence. And, to top that, the overlook of the valley from Glacier Point literally left me speechless.

"Day 6: Today we drove Tioga Pass Road and bisected Yosemite within the Sierra NF. The descent to Lee Vining, CA was dramatic as we entered a different ecozone and visited USFS Mono Lake Center which interprets the aberrant lake's ecology and the disturbing human impact on the watershed. We continued across Nevada's Walker River Paiute Indian Reservation along US50 (the Loneliest Road in America) to BLM's Grimes Point Archeological Site to walk among the petroglyphs. We saw enormous playas that are remnants of the sea that filled this

part of NV back in the day when the Great Basin was a Great Sea. It was easier for me to comprehend the meaning of "Great Basin." At Cold Springs Pony Express Station and Trail site, we walked along the same route taken by the riders.

"Day 7: Heading East toward Elko, we visited the new BLM California Trail Interpretive Center, then drove a scenic byway through Secret Pass and along Hastings Cutoff (California Trail cutoffs) in the Ruby Mountains. Wells was pretty desolate, but we gave it a chance and walked past some of the buildings demolished by the 2008 earthquake. It felt like time to go home to Gooding, but we got sidetracked in Jackpot, as Mike had never been there. That didn't take us long, and home was the end of our adventure."

In Memoriam

Tim M. Vaughan

August 2, 1916 - July 4, 2012

Tim M. Vaughan, 95, passed away July 4, 2012. After graduation from the University of Washington, he obtained a job with the Idaho Fish and Game Department. He continued to work for the Department until 1943 when he enlisted in the Army and served his country during WWII as a Signal Corp cryptographer, or code breaker, in the South Pacific. He was

discharged in 1946 with the rank of Technical Sergeant and battle stars in the New Guinea and Luzon actions. He returned to work with IDFG, working first in Boise, then Grangeville and finally Sandpoint. He left the Department in 1952 to operate a commercial fish hatchery near St. Ignatius, MT. Tim's wife of 70 years, Alice, and a daughter, Ann, predeceased him. He is survived by Michael Gwilym and Deborah Vaughan of Talkeetna, AK; Jane and John Rehms of Green Bluff; grandchildren Ixtla Vaughan, Dylan and Natalie Vaughan, George and Molly Vaughan and Meghan and Andy Blomberg; three great-grandchildren and one niece.

Frank Allen Smith

May 13, 1929 - Sept. 20, 2012

Frank Allen Smith, 83, of Newport, Washington, passed away September 20, 2012 in Spokane. He was born in Emmett, Idaho, and served in the U. S. Marine Corps in World War II and in the Korean War. He was a brakeman and conductor for the Anchorage Alaska Railroad before it became a state. A longtime resident of Post Falls, Frank was a conservation officer and game warden for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, retiring after 34 years of service.

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Frank is survived by his wife, LaVeta; his son John Franklin Smith of Post Falls; daughters Ann and Steven Shoopman of Riverton, Wyoming and Jolene and Farren Walden of Newport, Washington; and a brother, John Paul Smith of Rexburg; 49 grandchildren and 90+ great-grandchildren.

Frank's life was extended for many years as a heart transplant recipient. Therefore, the family requests that any memorials to help other transplant recipients be sent to: SHMC Foundation, Attn: Joyce Cameron, 101 W. 8th Avenue, Spokane, WA 99204. *(Thank you, to Jerry and Addie Neufeld for sending this obituary which we were unable to find.)*

Ray Shalz

Ray Shalz, 70, passed away October 27, 2012. A memorial service was held at the Weiser Christian Church November 4. Ray worked in the Department's Engineering Bureau. An official obituary did not appear in the newspaper so details are rather sketchy.

Thelma Irene Anderson Simpson

Sept. 4, 1917 - Nov. 17, 2012
Thelma Simpson, widow of long-time Chief of Fisheries Bur-

eau, *Jim C. Simpson*, passed away at home in Cascade, Idaho, Nov. 17 at the age of 95 1/2. Services were held November 24 at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise. Interment was next to her husband, Jim, at the Terrace Lawn Memorial Gardens. Neil Simpson, Thelma's oldest son, said his mother was in good health and of sound mind; he said her cause of death was called TMB (Too Many Birthdays).

Thelma is survived by four sons Neil, Norman, Gil and Gordon Simpson; 21 grandchildren and 58 great-grandchildren, as well as their wives and husbands.

Judith "Judy" Ann Gross 1953 — 2012

Judith Ann Gross, 59 years old, passed away suddenly of an aortic aneurysm October 24, 2012, while vacationing in Paris, France. Judy was the first child of *Jim and Geraldine Uranga*. Jim worked for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He passed away January 23, 2007.

Byron J. Johnson 1937 — 2012

Byron Jerald Johnson, retired Justice of the Supreme Court passed away December 9, 2012 at his home in Boise. Byron was

the son of former Idaho Fish and Game *Commissioner Arlie Johnson* who passed away October 6, 2004. Byron also served as President of the Poachers Club, as well as many other leadership posts with many other organizations.

Mike Murray 1942 — 2012

Mike Lee Murray, 70, passed away November 5, 2012. He left this world fly fishing with his good friend at one of his favorite fishing holes. Mike was a good friend of former Fish and Game *Commissioner Don Clower* and was very active in many sportsman organizations, such as the EE-DA-HOW Long Rifles, Idaho Muzzleloaders Association, Fly Fishers of Idaho, etc. He was an avid advocate for improving opportunities and regulations for traditional weapon hunts through Idaho. Although Mike was not a Fish and Game Employee, he did support the department's purpose.

Our deepest sympathies to all the families and friends of the departed.

Also, would like to ask you to keep *Lloyd Oldenburg and Barbara Alverson* in your thoughts and prayers since they both are struggling with some very serious health issues.

Happy Anniversaries!!

Ruby & Tony Tolsma, March 7, 43 years
Al & Sue Van Vooren, March 14, 2 years

Happy Belated Birthday!

Les Trout, 88 years young, November 18
Martel Morache, December 28



Happy Birthdays!

January

Jack McNeel, January 4
Clay Cummins, January 6
Margaret Whipple, January 7
Jody Taylor, January 13
Grant Christensen, January 18
Tom Parker, January 21
Ray Lyon, January 28
Perry Johnson, January 28
Martin Luther, January 29

February

Wes Cannon, February 1
Dave Ortmann, February 1
Greg Tourtote, February 4
Gerald Scholten, February 12
Barbara Alverson, February 13
Tom Rogers, February 16
John Nagel, February 19
Chuck Jensen, February 20
Bernice Howell, 85 years, February 24
Doyle Reynolds, February 25

March

Terry Holubetz, March 3
Bruce Penske, March 4
Jerry Thiessen, March 6
Ken Norrie, March 9
Bill Hutchison, March 24
Cheryl Bridges, March 25
John Gahl, March 28
Cathy Kopke, March 28
Jack Fisher, 88 years, March 30

