

“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.**

**2011
July 14
September 8
November 10**

**2012
January 12
March 8
May 10
July 12
September 13
November 8**

Mark Your Calendars!

News from IDFG Headquarters

by Jim Unsworth, Deputy Director

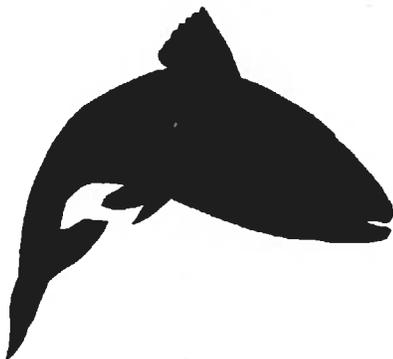
It is my pleasure to announce that *Mark Gamblin* and *Craig Wiedmeier* are the latest Fish and Game employees to graduate from the National Conservation Leadership Institute. They are part of a graduating class of 36 fellows from across the country recently selected to participate in the award-winning institute.

The Institute runs an intense eight-month-long class designed to prepare, develop and retain conservation leaders. Three quarters of the people currently serving in senior leadership roles in state fish and game agencies across the country are expected to retire

by 2015, so it is essential we begin preparing our future leaders, and the Conservation Leadership Institute helps us do that.

The NCLI is a nonprofit corporation sponsored by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Boone and Crockett, the Pope and Young Club, the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and others.

Six Fish and Game employees have now graduated from the Institute, which is run by Dr. Sally Guynn who spoke to us during ISTS. Please join me in congratulating Mark and Craig on their achievement.



Still Struggling!!

I must apologize for not being able to produce a better looking newsletter. My current software keeps losing/shifting copy without my knowledge. I'm trying to find software that doesn't take forever to learn (like my previous Corel.)

So, please bear with me and hopefully, in the near future, things will get better!

Judy Fisher, Editor

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McCall Welcomes New DCO

by **Jon Heggen,**
IDFG Enforcement Chief

Please join me in congratulating Marshall Haynes as the new McCall DCO. As New York Governor, Teddy Roosevelt wanted game protectors who were of good character and could travel day or night, use an axe, canoe, snowshoe long distances in the winter, etc.

Marshall began his quest for outdoor adventure when he traveled west as a teenager to help his mom in the outfitting business in the Idaho wilderness. He learned all the traits of a good outdoorsman and gathered a little horse (mule) sense in the process. After graduating from Colorado State, he joined Wyoming Game and Fish as a reservoir patrol warden. His time in the Idaho backcountry pulled him back here where he began his career in Boise as an Enforcement Tech before being stationed in Weippe and then back to Boise/Idaho City as an SCO. His desire for backcountry adventure and his Teddy-like skills and character will do him well as he leads the McCall district officers in our mission to protect, perpetuate and preserve. Congratulations Marshall!

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ISTS Barbecue Was Great!!

The IDFG Retirees were graciously invited to attend the In-Service Training School sessions and the Monday evening Barbecue free of charge. Many of us turned up at the barbecue and a good time was had by all with great food, live music and a reconnection with retirees/current employees. Thank you to the administration for showing its appreciation for the retirees and for their past contributions to the department and the wildlife of Idaho.

Welcome New Retirees!

Ed Mitchell, Conservation Public Information Officer, Supervisor of Communications Bureau, retired May 31 after 14 years of service to the department.

Also, **Jim Lukens** retired as Salmon Regional Supervisor May 28 after 32 years with IDFG.

And **Bruce Haak**, Nampa Regional Wildlife Biologist, is retiring July 18 after 24 years of service.

We also would like to welcome back former employee **Jody Taylor** and her husband George

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who have returned to the area and are now living in Middleton. They attended the last Retiree Luncheon in Boise and a good time was had by all.

Jody is now on our Retiree/Former Employee list and she says "I've been sitting here for the last couple of hours reading old newsletters and laughed out loud at some of the mentions of Phil Swanstrum's antics. There'll never be another like him"

"Don't know whether this 'memory' has been covered already in the newsletter, but one of the classics has got to be the 'Wildwife' article, following by the T-shirt and then the story about what wild wives are really like." (*Yes, Jody, every once in awhile someone brings up the Wildwife fiasco; in fact, I still have one of the T-shirts.*)

Also, former employee **Lorraine Lish** has asked to be on our list. She now lives in San Diego, California and enjoys reading the newsletter.

Tony Latham, Now An Author!!

"It's written for the troops that still have their boots on the ground, not us old-yahoo's with our slippers on the coffee

table!" so says Tony. You can access Tony's book, "Analyzing Ballistic Evidence" by going to the following websites: The book's "movie trailer":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M26m7G1fncs>

And the link to Amazon for the book:

http://www.amazon.com/ANALYZING-BALLISTIC-EVIDENCE-Investigator-ebook/dp/B004YWK9Q0/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&m=AG56TWWU5XWC2&s=digital-text&qid=1304777759&sr=1-1

You can also read the rave reviews of Tony's book on the Amazon site, all a "5 out of 5" rating!!

Retiree Updates

Congratulations to **Al Van Vooren** and to his new wife **Sue (Barnes) Van Vooren**. "Sue and I eloped to Hawaii in March and, after having to evacuate the beach house we were renting for the tsunami, got married at sunset on March 14 on the beach in front of the house. The luxury resort with beach side cabanas we were going to stay in the next night got wiped out by the tsunami so we had to scramble for other arrangements. Sue was a teacher, most recently teaching 1st grade at Hemingway Elementary in Ketchum for 21 years.

"She retired last fall and we have been busy having fun and traveling. For the first time in either of our lives we can live anywhere we want and have done some major road trips checking out areas in the northwest." *Congratulations again, Al and Sue. Be happy and stay young! You deserve it!*

As you probably know, **Rod and LaNore Parker** have been touring Europe for seven weeks (*during April and May*). "Just about completed our 7 weeks in Europe, had great time so far no trouble except driving in big cities drives me nuts; today, we toured an underground German bunker on our way to Bacarach for our all day Rhine River cruise on our last day, relaxing, watching the castles go by and drinking pitchers of good German beer. The currency was pretty crazy; 450 Hungarian Kr for one beer = about \$2 US. Polish Slotys were about the same. Our US dollar, of course, has dropped even more while we were here which really hurts. Back in US Sunday night and back to the grind (the kids got rid of several horses while I had LaNore out of the country for 2 months), so that is GREAT!!! Rod" (*So, if any of you are thinking of touring Europe, Rod and LaNore would probably be happy to help you with your planning!@!)*

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I have had lots of inquiries about **Jerry Conley**. Here is the latest from Janet. "Jerry is doing better. He had three radiation treatments in May and for now is stable so he will be reevaluated later this month to see if he will need more radiation. He feels good and doesn't say but we all know he misses his fishing trips greatly. The pond in back of the house doesn't seem to make the grade.

"We are having a family reunion this weekend so we are enjoying having lots of family in town and this nice weather. We hope all is well with you also and thank you for checking in with us." (If you want to contact Jerry/ Janet, you can at 4939 W. Navaho Ct., Boise, ID 83714; e-mail: jconley104@gmail.com; phone: 853-6768 or cell: 867-4826.)

On the Road to Recovery!

Russ Kozacek of Salmon is recovering or is recovered from successful open heart surgery performed in early May. Russ retired in 2003. If you would like to send a card or contact Russ, his address is: P.O. Box 128, North Fork, ID 83466. Phone: 865-2215; cell: 208-794-1400. Hope you are totally recovered by now, Russ!

In Memoriam Marvel Lurell Greenley

1925 - 2011

Marvel Lurell Greenley, wife of former director Joe Greenley, passed away on May 1 at her home in Boise, Idaho. A memorial service was held at the Cathedral of the Rockies Methodist Church, on May 6 under the direction of Summers Funeral Home.

Marvel was born on December 21, 1925 in Ventura, California. She attended Elementary, High School, and graduated from Ventura Junior College in 1946. During WWII, in addition to attending college, she worked at the Mira Loma Air Force Academy. She enrolled at San Jose State College in 1946 and graduated in 1948 with a B.A. in Education.

During her second year at San Jose State she met her future husband Joe Greenley. A year later on February 23, 1947, they were married beginning a union which produced 5 wonderful children and lasted for 64 years.

In 1971, Marvel, Joe and their two boys moved to Boise, Idaho for Joe's new job as Director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. She concluded her teaching career at Lowell Elementary School in

1980. A certificate of Recognition was presented to Marvel by Governor John V. Evans for serving the people of Idaho (as an Elementary school teacher) with distinction, loyalty and ability, and from Governor Cecil D. Andrus in recognition and appreciation of her outstanding volunteer service to the Idaho State Library Blind and Physically Handicapped Library Services Volunteer Recording Program.

Marvel is survived by all of her five children: Johanna Crouch (Norman), Loretta Ponton (Bill), Rebecca Kissel (Kevin), Joe H Greenley (Bonnie) and Jeff Greenley (Judy), eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and her beloved cat "Pootu". In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Idaho Humane Society, 4775 Dorman St, Boise or a charity of your choice.

(Marvel's lifetime accomplishments are too many to enumerate in this newsletter; however, if you would like to receive a copy of her obituary, I would be glad to forward it to you, either by e-mail or by mail.)

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Gloria Diane Baird

1933 - 2011

A memorial service for **Gloria Diane Baird** was held July 18 at the LDS Cole Haven Ward in Boise. Gloria, wife of retiree **Dale Baird**, was born September 9, 1933 in Boise, Idaho and passed away May 29, 2011 in Yuma, Arizona from complications resulting from post polio syndrome. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Dale S. Baird; her two daughters, Jana and Rachel; her son John; and her sister Marcia; six grandchildren; two step children, Brad and Teri; seven step grandchildren and six step great grandchildren.

Marian Albrethsen

Funeral services for **Marian Albrethsen**, 92, of Ashton, Idaho were held at the Ashton 4th Ward LDS Chapel on May 6. Marian, the *widow of Harvey Albrethsen*, past manager of Ashton Hatchery, passed away May 3 at the Ashton Living Center due to age-related causes.

Rex Haynes

1948 - 2011

Rex L. Haynes, 62, of Boise, died Saturday, April 16, 2011 of surgery complications. Grave-side services were held

April 21, 2011 at Cloverdale Memorial Park in Boise. Rex was born October 20, 1948 in Nampa, Idaho to Shirley (Allen) and Charles Haynes, Jr. Rex's father, **Charles "Chuck" Haynes** was a former employee of Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Survivors include his wife, Starla of Boise; a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Richard Mather, Jr. of Nampa; a stepson and daughter-in-law, David and Laura Perry of Nampa; four grandsons, two granddaughters; three brothers; three sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews. Rex was preceded in death by his parents, Chuck and Shirley, and brother Kirk.

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Here is something to cheer up everyone. I think it is self-explanatory, don't you? Royce hasn't lost his sense of humor, for sure. JJF

Got to thinking about my birthday a few months back, so decided to write this. **Royce Williams**

YOU'RE OLD WHEN . . .

After a few retirees' lunches, it's obvious that most Fish and Game people don't know how to get old or if they do know, they're totally surprised by the signs of age.

Maybe this is to be expected, since F&G types are accustomed to long periods of being outdoors with nobody around but chipmunks and squawfish to talk to, and accustomed to running up the sides of mountains with a 60-pound pack and a Sierra Club cup rattling on their belt.

When all that ends, it's a real jolt to the system. Most F&G'ers are totally lost when it all ends, and they find themselves eating in a crowded restaurant and in shock from the blab, all of it miles from what's important – big game surveys and salmon jaw tags. And the food . . . It all tastes like cheesecloth soaked in rum. Where's the trail mix and the gorp? In the mountains, there were 7-course meals, dessert included, in the same bowl! What are all these dishes for, anyway?

Don't despair, and wonder alone whether or not you're going crazy. Here are the signs that you're getting old and what to do about them:

☺ Wisdom comes with age, but don't let this get you down. You just have to accept it on faith, because whatever gem of wisdom you collide with you immediately forget.

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☺ Waists disappear, so be ready to decide whether or not you'll wear your pants above the watermelon or below it. When your waist size passes your inseam length, it's time to put away the Levis and think about suspenders.

☺ When you're out with friends, don't worry about looking like a collection of bowling pins. Sit down and the image disappears.

☺ Skin takes on a crepe paper texture and turns the color of lumpy brown gravy. Tell people you were out in the sun too long wearing the fishnet poncho. Put all full-length mirrors on eBay.

☺ Hair has a plethora of aging stories to tell. Women are limited to one basic hairstyle – helmet. Men lose a lot of it, and what's left gets far too long. Avoid comb-overs at all cost! It's surprising. You get up one morning and an eyebrow hair has gone rogue and is climbing halfway up the forehead toward the old hairline, and barbers put scissors in your ears. Hair dangles from the nose like old fishing line.

☺ All the things you used to love to do now strike you as boring, and the things you still

enjoy, you can't do. Quit sleeping on the ground, and when you get to the motel, look straight ahead as you walk past the contraceptive dispenser.

☺ Most young doctors and counselors will tell you to make new friends, and that's good, even though some of these new friends will be old friends whose name you forgot. Not to worry; they forgot your name, too.

☺ You will have to take pills, but put this off as long as possible. Start the process at the last possible moment. Take the first pill for a few weeks, then you have to take a second pill to handle the side effects of the first one, then a third one to take care of the effects of combining the first two, then a fourth one to handle the totally unexpected effects of the combination of the first three, then a fifth one to take care of some new ailment, leaving you with the choice of taking the first three or to chuck those and start the pill pyramid on the new ailment.

☺ Young people won't listen to you, but you deserve to be ignored, for that's what you did when you were young.

☺ There is no choice about getting old; you have to do it. Still, more pitiful than getting old is to dye your hair forest

green with streaks of chartreuse and dress like Hare Krishnas, which only advertises and overstates old age. You have to walk the walk – as soon as you have the knees replaced.

☺ A sure sign of getting old is collecting and hoarding. Think about it . . . Do you want survivors to find those 1950s newspapers, the profile of Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Barbershop quartet albums, tip sheets on oven cleaning and shoe organizing, 500 state park salt and pepper shakers, swizzle sticks from strip clubs, pictures of office parties gone bad, love letters about a love that didn't pan out, etc., etc., etc.? Recycle and trash are key words.! –
Royce Williams

Happy Anniversary!

Gail and Dan Papp, 43 years, July, 2011
Milt and Beverly Williams, September 7, 1952

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Belated Happy Birthday

Milt Williams, May 26

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July Birthdays

Larry Hlavaty, July 2
Paul Sommerfeld, July 2
Butch Welch, July 3
John Scott, July 9
Phyllis Kochert, July 9
John Beecham, July 10
Lois Lunday, July 10
Fred Christensen, July 14
Mel Branch, July 19
Rod Duke, July 22
Josephine Toomey, July 25
Steve Barton, July 25
Wayne Melquist, July 28
Dale Tankersley, July 29
Diane Ronayne, July 30
Dale Toweill, July 30*

August Birthdays

Monte Richards, 86 years,
August 1
Jeff Copeland, August 4
Bert Bowler, August 4
Herb Pollard, August 5
Mick Hoover, August 5*
Kris Van Cleave,
August 14
Lonn Kuck, August 15
Frank Morgan, August 17
Dan Papp, August 20
Gary Will, August 21
Keith Kiler, August 21
Tom Reinecker, August 21
Lorrie (Spiker) Parrish,
August 24
Norm Guth, August 26
Leon Strickland, August 26
Merry Dell Morris,
August 29
Stacy Gebhards, August 31

September Birthdays

Rick Gilchrist,
September 1
Don McPherson,
September 1
Bob Vaughn, August 3
Tom Leege, August 3
Al Van Vooren, August 4
Ted Chu, August 11
Phil Jeppson, August 13
Claude Clapsaddle,
August 15
Dwight Kilgore, August 15
Steve Pettit, August 15
Chuck Garey, August 20
Julie Mulholland,
August 21*
Mel Sadecki, August 22
Norma Stewart, August 22
(*Current Employee)

Congratulations to All!

(Remember, if you want to include your birthday/ anniversary or that of someone else from IDFG, please let me know and I will put it on my calendar.)