

“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.**

**2011
November 10**

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

**IDFG Headquarters
Christmas Wild Game
Feed
December 9**

Mark Your Calendars!

University Professors Dr. J. Michael Scott and Dr. Oz Garton Retirement Celebration

Norma Stewart thought that some of you who know these gentlemen would be interested in the following information:

As many of you know Dr. J. Michael Scott, Unit Leader of the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Idaho and Dr. Oz Garton, Professor of Wildlife Ecology and Statistics in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at the University of Idaho both retired in June 2011.

We are currently planning a retirement party for both of them and if you are interested in contributing, please let us know.

We are specifically looking for:

1. Stories about either Mike or Oz or both to share with them at their retirement party.
2. Photos of either Mike or Oz or both.
3. Contributions towards a retirement gift for each of them.

Photos can be sent digitally (.jpg, .png, .tif, etc.) or via the mail. Please only send copies. Stories can be sent via email or USPS. If you send a check for a

contribution, please let us know if you are contributing to Mike, Oz, or both. You can make the check out to myself (Jocelyn Aycrigg) and we will pool all the contributions for each of them to give at their retirement party. We will provide a list of contributors to each of them. Ideas for retirement gifts are also welcome. You can send your stories, photos, and/or contributions to Jocelyn at the following address:

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Welcome New Retirees!

Larry Willmott, Clearwater Region Sr. Conservation Officer, retired September 30, 2011, after 17 years of service.

George Stephens, Data Coordinator for the Information System Bureau, retired September 30, 2011, after 17 years of service.

And for a second time, welcome back to Southwest Regional Conservation Officer *Jeff Wolfe* who retired once December 26, 2009, after 27½ years of service; then he returned to work to retire again after working a total of 29 years.

Thank You for Your Thoughtful Donations!

Thanks to *Dale Turnipseed* for your donation and for your updated e-mail address. It helps me to keep my records up to date. Also, thank you to "*Anonymous*" from Boise who sent a very "generous" donation. The envelope was addressed to the "IDFG Retreads" so I think this person must have a great sense of humor (I hope!). (*I think I know who you are! JJF*)

Need A Vacation/Break?

Ed Jochum is again offering an opportunity to utilize his Costa Rican beach house. "We are located on the central Pacific coast south of Jaco and north of Quepos. All major airlines fly into the capital of San Jose. We are 75 miles from the airport (SJO). Think of it as a patrol cabin in the tropics. *John Beecham and Jack McNeel* visited recently. *Dave Cadwallader and Greg Tourlotte* have also stayed at the beach house." (*See the attachments at the end of this newsletter for more information.*) And you can contact Ed at:

ejochum@wilblue.net;

if you don't have a computer you can call him at home: 265-6149.

2011 Track and Field

By *Bill Platts*

USA Indoor National Masters Championships

I started Track and Field very early this year by competing in the Indoor Nationals in Albu-

querque, New Mexico in February. I was the Indoor National Champion in the Long Jump and 60 Meter Dash and took Silver in the Shotput. I was having a good meet until the 200 Meter Dash where I badly tore a calf muscle running the steep turnbank. It hurt so bad that I stepped out of my lane without thinking and was immediately disqualified. I hobbled to an airport and come home.

World Track and Field Master Championships

With the World Championships coming to the United States for the first time in 28 years, I took advantage of the much shorter than normal travel distance and competed. I do plan on competing in the World Championships in Australia in 2013, but will pass up the 2012 Championships in Norway next year.

I was completely healed up for the World Championships and was able to make the finals in the Long Jump and beat out athletes from Brazil, Mexico, and Japan to take the Gold. I and another American made the finals in the Javelin where I beat out athletes from Russia, Japan, and Canada to take the Gold. After being the World Champion in these two events, I was able to beat out a World Record Holder in the Discus, but an athlete from the Czechs Republic beat us both so I only took home the Silver. I strained my back in the Discus and scratched

from the 100 Meter Dash that was won by a very fast runner from Japan. My World Record in the Javelin still stands.

Idaho Senior Olympics

The Idaho Senior Olympics closely followed the World Track and Field Championships, but my back had healed enough that it did not bother me. I was the State Champion in the 100 Meter Dash, Long Jump, Javelin, Discus, Softball Throw, and Football Throw. I come out of this meet uninjured.

Huntsman World Senior Games

These Games are very heavily attended with about 10,000 athletes competing, but the competition is not so intense as in the World Track and Field Championships. I went into the meet injury free and in good shape and it paid off. I won Gold Medals in the 50 Meter Dash, 100 Meter Dash, Javelin, Long Jump, Discus, and Shotput. My Huntsman World Senior Games records in the Javelin and Long Jump still stand. This was my last meet of the year and ended a long track and field season. Next year there is going to a lot less track and field and much more fishing and hunting. (*Not bad for an 83-year-young guy, don't you think?!!*)

Retiree Updates

"Hi, enjoyed the July newsletter, especially Royce's "getting old;

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"I feel lucky that most of it doesn't apply yet!! Our anniversary is May 8th, for your calendar, which this year we celebrated our 46th year, in Gemunde, Germany at a Mother's Day concert and finished up the day with Black Forest cake and German white wine! Our trip was fabulous: Polish, Hungarians, Czechs, Germans all like Americans; they credit us for getting them out from under the Russians.

"I really planned to get to ISTS barbecue, but our youngest daughter was getting married July 9, only 6 weeks after we got back from our trip, so I just had to pass even though I could have got a free ride down with Reg. 1 or Reg 2 people. People know I am a tightwad.

"I would love to show retirees how to see Europe on a shoestring while young enough to still walk multiple miles a day on cobblestone streets, drive 160 kph on the Autobahn, or get put off a train in Poland and told to walk across the border to Czech Republic because the rails dead-ended at the border!! We will try to make a luncheon or the Wild Game feed; I would like to see some of the old timers I worked with; ie, Wright, Pollard, Goodnight, V. Moore, Papp, etc. —*Rod & Lanore Parker*"

Although he likes to stay undercover, word leaked out that my neighbor, former Commissioner *Don Clower*, was lucky enough to bring home a cow elk (September), and he bagged it with his muzzleloader! Also, he and his wife, *Leona*, have been organizing all the poll workers for all the elections here in Meridian. Yup! They even corraled me to work the last couple of times (and again in November.

Also, *Bill Platts* took the time out from all his competitions to get a moose at Island Park.

As most of you know, *Pat Cudmore* has never really retired. He is now in real estate and would like to offer his services to any of you, or if you know of anyone, who may be in trouble on their home. If you or they are having financial problems on your home, you can contact Pat who is a specialist in handling short sales or foreclosures and can help people with their distressed home situation. You can contact him direct at his e-mail address: patcudmore@kw.com or go to his website: www.patcudmore.com. He would be happy to be of service.

**In Memoriam****DeLon (Lon) Teeter**

A memorial service for *Lon Teeter*, 64, was held September 23 at the American Falls Golf Course to celebrate his life. Lon was killed September 17 while cutting firewood at the family cabin near Stanley.

Lon retired from his full-time career as both a Senior Conservation Officer and District Conservation Officer for the Region 5 IDFG office in 2000, but continued to perform volunteer work for the department. He was the Southeast Region Volunteer Coordinator until 2005 when he officially retired

Lon's undercover work as a "southern Idaho potato farmer" in North Idaho helped take down an illegal elk hunting outfitter and a Montana outfitter who was guiding steelhead fishing trips without an Idaho permit. Lon was a kind and caring person with a great sense of humor. "It makes the loss even worse," says *Mark Gamblin*, SE Regional Supervisor.

Lon was preceded in death by his wife, Maureen "Mo" Teeter in 2006. (Mo was the SE Regional Administrative Assistant.) Survivors include his daughters Katie, Kalauni and son Kelly. The family suggested a donation

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***All donations should be sent
to the above address.***

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to the American Falls Golf Association for course improvement or to the American Red Cross in Lon's name.

Steve Agte
Retired Panhandle Region RCO
Steve Agte passed away on August 19 after suffering a heart attack on Wednesday morning (Aug. 17). His family said he passed very peacefully.

Services were held August 24 at the Community Presbyterian Church in Post Falls, with Pastor Doug Waltar officiating. If you wish to send a card to Frieda and the family, the address is: 13102 W. Hayden Avenue, Post Falls, ID 83854. *(I'm sorry I was unable to locate an obituary for Steve, so this is a little sketchy. Thanks to Lynette Moran for forwarding the e-mail from Region 1's Nancy Kasner.)*

Excuses from the Editor (Wah, Wah!)

I'm sorry this issue is so late, but I was gone for two weeks to North and South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming. Then I had the pleasure of visiting with my daughter for a week who flew in from Upstate New York the week after I returned. And it didn't help that I picked up a real bad cold and allergies while in North Dakota.

Also, I'm still having trouble with my software and am learning a new program, so be patient with me. I just did the bare minimum for this newsletter but hope to improve it in the future.

Happy Anniversary!

Gary and Laurie Gadwa, 42 years, November 22

Jim and Ann Graban, 53 years, December 27

Gloria and John Elliott, 55 years, December 28

October Birthdays

Bill Horton, October 2
Jerry Conley, October 4
Bud Ainsworth, October 4
Mark Armbruster, October 6
Bill Davidson, October 6
Ted Meske, October 6
Chris (Ewing) Craig, October 7
Bob Royce, October 7
Brent Ritchie, October 8
Pat Cudmore, October 8
Roger Williams, October 8
Lynda Beach, October 15
Gary Phillips, October 20
Gerald Mowery, October 22
Kent Ball, October 22
Frank NeSmith, October 24
Lynn Merrill, October 24
Joe Curry, October 27
Al Nicholson, October 28

November Birthdays

Dale Baird, November 1
Bill Snow, November 1
Ardella Reinke, November 4
Bob Salter, November 4
Gary Gadwa, November 7
Dick Scully, November 11
Dave Neider, November 12
Sharon Wavra, November 14
Dick Orcutt, November 18
Fred Partridge, November 21
Jerry Neufeld, November 22
Don Carr, November 24
Mike Schlegel, November 25
Ned Horner, November 25
Gary Loveland, November 26
Lloyd Oldenburg, 81 years,
November 28

December Birthdays

Donna Dillon, December 1
Tom Levendofsky, December 2
Ardith Butterworth, December 7
Joe Greenley, December 13
John Heimer, December 14
Rod Parker, December 16
Virgil Moore, Department
Director, December 18
Don Anderson, December 20
Anna Marie Halpern,
December 23
Ed Stackler, December 27
Bill Gorgen, December 28

(Sorry I messed up the September Birthdays last issue. The dates under September are correct, just the month was mistyped. Oh, well, at almost 73 years old, I'm lucky I can still cause trouble and enjoy doing it, huh? JJF)

Casa Bejuco Beach House

Casa Bejuco ("bay-hoo-ko") is a beach-front vacation home located on the central Pacific coast of Costa Rica, halfway between the famous Manuel Antonio National Park and the surf town of Jaco. Our beautiful beach stretches uninterrupted for miles in both directions and is famous for its seclusion, its consistent surf and its wildlife. The two-story duplex, located on a large beach lot, sleeps six (ten or more if living room space and cots are utilized), and is shaded by fruit-bearing coconut, cashew and mango trees.

THE HOUSE

The house itself has two modern, furnished units with big windows and ocean views. (See more complete description below) Casa Bejuco was totally renovated in 2009 and includes wall to wall tile and separate entrances for both units. It's shaded by mango, coconut, banana and cashew trees that are frequented by scarlet macaws, parrots and other tropical birds. The lower unit has a single bedroom with a queen sized bed, a living-room, a bathroom with a large walk-in shower and a basically equipped kitchen (microwave, gas stove, toaster oven, refrigerator, etc.). The ground floor unit is very simple and fitting for travelers desiring modest accommodations. The upper unit is slightly larger, has the same layout with an

additional bedroom with twin beds. Both units are non-smoking.

The upper unit has a more open feel with its high ceilings, large windows and consistent breeze. The second story unit has a spacious veranda while the ground floor unit accesses a large tiled patio. Both units share a laundry room with washer and drier.

Our large beach front lot includes a front lawn, some flowers and lots of trees, shrubs and colorful plants. Our on-site caretaker lives in the cabina near the main house.

Bejuco Beach becomes a huge beachcomber's paradise at low tide, and a surfer's or boogie boarder's paradise at high tide. The beach sand is dark brown with no rocks; the water is consistently warm. While Casa Bejuco is secluded on a relatively unpopulated stretch of coast, several boutique hotels are a short beach walk away and provide great places to dine, set down for a drink or check email.

Runners can get six miles of uninterrupted exercise on our beach--more if you're willing to wade across a few shallow streams. We can even arrange for a front yard beach massage at Casa Bejuco. Nearby town of Jaco and the national park at Manuel Antonio provide lots of

amenities, including restaurants, shops, jungle tours, mountain hikes, canopy tours, zip lines, fishing, horseback riding & many other activities. You can cast a spinning rod in the front yard surf or book a guided fishing trip at one of the nearby marinas of Los Suenos or Quepos. Lower cost guided trips are also available a just up the beach in Esterillos.

GETTING THERE

Most major airlines fly into Costa Rica. You should have no trouble flying into the international airport near San Jose (SJO), the centrally located capital, any time of the year. Rental cars are easily obtained near the airport (SJO); which is actually in Ajajuela. Casa Bejuco is a 2.5 hour drive from the airport and a 4-wheel drive is not necessary unless you plan to spend time exploring remote mountain roads.

We've designed this property to be secluded but not isolated, simple relaxing for owners and renters. Our guests are encouraged to embrace the relaxed attitude of Costa Ricans, or "Ticos," which is summed up in the phrase 'pura vida,' or 'pure life.' Much like Hawaii's aloha ethos, 'pura vida' means relax, take life as it comes, be kind and generous, and embrace the moment. The 'pura vida' attitude--plus the great food, beauty, and tropical climate--is what allows Costa Ricans to enjoy one of the

highest qualities of life and longest life expectancies of any people. So when you come to Casa Bejucó, we encourage you to cultivate a spirit that's open, a pace that's slow, and an attitude that's gracious and friendly. It will get you a long way down here! See beach house description below.

CASA BEJUCO DESCRIPTION

Ground Floor Unit

Bedroom

11' x 15' with queen bed
Large screened windows with view of patio and front yard
Bathroom access
AC, ceiling fan and recessed lighting
Access to laundry

Bath

Large walk-in shower
Ceramic sink & tile counter top

Kitchen

Basically furnished
Tiled counter tops and breakfast bar
3-burner propane stove top cooking unit
Four bar stools

Living Room

Wicker furniture with custom cushions
Oversize screened windows, view of patio, front yard, beach and ocean
Ceiling fan and recessed lighting
Access to patio

Large tiled patio

Four deck chairs & table
View of front yard, beach and ocean

Laundry Room

Washer and dryer

Upper Unit

2 Bedrooms (sep-arate entrance via stairs)

Master Bedroom

11' x 14' with vaulted ceiling
Queen bed
AC, ceiling fan & recessed lighting
Large windows with ocean view over roof of cabina (caretaker cottage)

Bedroom

11' x 14' with vaulted ceiling
Two (2) twin beds
AC, ceiling fan & recessed lighting
Screened windows with back-yard view

Bath

Ceramic sink
Tile counter top
Large walk-in tiled shower

Kitchen

Fully furnished
Vault ceiling
Tiled counter tops and breakfast bar
3-burner propane stove top cooking surface
Four bar stools

Living Room

Vaulted ceilings
Wicker furniture with custom cushions
Oversize screened windows with view of front yard, beach and ocean
Access to large terrace

Terrace

Large tiled terrace with large table & four deck chairs
Gated entrance at head of stairs
View of front yard, beach and ocean

Laundry Room

(access via ground floor)
Washer and dryer