



# INTELLIGENT TINKERING

*Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife Society Newsletter*

*To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of Intelligent Tinkering. – Aldo Leopold*

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## 78th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference

Milwaukee, Wisconsin | January 28-31, 2018

## Early Registration Ends December 15!

Registration: As mentioned above, early bird pricing ends December 15, so register soon by going to this link:  
<http://www.midwestfw.org/html/registration.shtml>

Schedule: Now available online.

Workshops: The Wisconsin Chapter of TWS is sponsoring two workshops at the conference with registration discounts for chapter members. The workshops are “Conflict Resolution in Fish and Wildlife Management” and “Wildlife Data Analysis Using Program R”, both organized by Dr. Scott Hygnstrom. Several other workshops are being held, all occurring on Sunday, January 28. You can sign up for one as part of the conference registration process.

Chapter Business Meeting: The Chapter will hold their winter business meeting on Monday, January 29 from 2-5pm at the conference. Awards and scholarships will be presented.

Janice Lee Fenske Memorial Award for Outstanding Students: Applications are being accepted thru December 8 for undergraduate and graduate students planning to attend the conference. Up to 25 will be selected and recognized, with 2 receiving \$500 scholarships. Visit this link for details:  
<http://www.midwestfw.org/html/fenske.shtml>

For more details, please visit the conference website at  
<http://midwestfw.org/>

*A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community.  
It is wrong when it tends to do otherwise. – Aldo Leopold*



## *President's Soapbox*

*By Derek Johnson*

First off, thank you for starting to read this issue of the Intelligent Tinkerer. Hopefully you're able to get through a few articles before the beckoning of the woods, the marsh, the trails and the holiday dinner tables gets too loud. The sound of rustling leaves and high flying honkers has been stuck in my mind for over a month now. I hope you're able to enjoy the wonderful sights of fall that we all strive in our lives to conserve and enhance.

While trying to think of a great topic for this soapbox, it dawned on me, tinkering is a great way to spend a fall. At least that's how I usually spend it. I use tinkering in a broad sense: I tinker at most types of hunting, at trapping, at fly tying, at woodworking, and so the list rolls on. I personally think tinkering your way through life makes it very enjoyable. You get to experience lots of things and you don't have to be fully invested in them. Tinkering also opens your mind to think outside of the box, which is a huge asset in our professions and education. While you should be a specialist in a few things, life is too short to try and master every craft. Aldo realized this since he tinkered on lots of projects but never so much he wore himself out on one thing.

I think we should try to keep this tinkering spirit alive. There may be forces at work to try and specialize every part of your life, work and personal. I hope that you are able to be happy with what you are doing and that tinkering is what keeps life fresh. Also, I hope that you are able to spend some time tinkering with the Wildlife Society as a new Executive Board member, keep reading for details. Now get outside and be safe in the woods this fall!

## *Raise Your Hand*

*By Lesa Kardash, Editor*

Earlier this month, my children's 4H club held elections for officers, including president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and historian. This was my first experience with the 4H election process and I was in complete awe as I observed kids from ages 9-18 raise their hands in excitement at the thought of being an officer. Some of the more outgoing kids nominated themselves, needing no encouragement. What amazed me the most, however, was the response from three kids who were nominated by their peers. Rather than immediately saying no, they said they would think about it and two of the three agreed to run by the end of the meeting.

I encourage members who have not yet volunteered to run for an officer position to take note of this excitement and commitment to an organization by our youth and follow suit. The Wisconsin Chapter of TWS Executive Board is seeking at least two candidates for President-Elect (3-year term) and Board Member (2-year term).

Let me remind you what the Chapter provides members. Not only do you receive this quarterly newsletter, you are provided scientific presentations and discussions, networking, and training opportunities through the annual winter meeting and technical training workshops; a voice on pertinent issues/policies via our issue committees; and a venue to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of our members thru chapter awards.

New candidates will begin following the chapter winter meeting which will be held during the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, January 28-31 in Milwaukee. If you want to learn more about the duties of each officer position, please contact the current officers. Their names and

contact information can be found on page 11. Please send me an email at [skuldt@uwalumni.com](mailto:skuldt@uwalumni.com) if you want to run for a position.

The Chapter depends on dedicated, passionate members to step up and serve as officers. Please consider giving back to your chapter by serving as an officer.

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## ***Dear Students***

***By Jason Riddle, Past President***

Dear Students,

As most of you know, The Wisconsin Chapter of the Wildlife Society will integrate our regular winter meeting with the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Milwaukee. We typically recognize the best undergraduate and graduate presentation at our winter meeting. This year, we plan to work with the Midwest Student Awards Committee to offer our awards. The Midwest Student Awards Committee will be coordinating judging and awards for all students at the conference. However, we intend to work with the Midwest Student Awards Committee to obtain judging scores for oral presentations and posters presented from you. We will obtain these scores after the Conference and use them to make decisions about our regular student presentation awards. Please let me know ([Jason.Riddle@uwsp.edu](mailto:Jason.Riddle@uwsp.edu)) if you are a member of one of our Wisconsin student chapters or a student member of The Wisconsin Chapter of the Wildlife Society and would like to be considered for a student presentation award from The Wisconsin Chapter of the Wildlife Society. In your email, please specify if you are an undergraduate or a graduate student. Your notification of interest will allow us to make an informed request from the Midwest Student Awards Committee.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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## ***Truisms - Contributed by Tom Bahti***

***Shamelessly borrowed, stolen and plagiarized from other sources***

When you are with your best friend it doesn't matter whose idea it was as long as your alibis match.

And so ends another week without me becoming unexpectedly rich.

I'm planning on having my favorite drink this weekend. It's called "A lot".

Sarchotic: (n) When you're so sarcastic that people don't know whether you're joking, or just plain crazy.

There's nothing like a piping hot cup of coffee on a cold morning. It helps warm up the evil in me.

Time to get up and get going...today's bad decisions aren't going to make themselves.

I'm going to retire and live off my savings. I have NO idea what I will do on the second day.

I can run entirely on caffeine and inappropriate thoughts.

The first 40 years of childhood are always the hardest.

## *Financial Report for 8/26/17*

*Submitted by Kelly VanBeek, Secretary/Treasurer*

### Income

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Membership                         | \$2,176.08  |
| Winter meeting registration        | \$14,249.07 |
| Winter meeting sponsors/exhibitors | \$2,250.00  |
| Winter meeting fundraisers         | \$1,540.14  |
| Total                              | \$20,215.29 |

### Expenses

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Travel Grants                    | \$3,616.90  |
| Awards                           | \$ 756.68   |
| Scholarships                     | \$2,020.83  |
| Fundraisers – expenses           | \$ 116.05   |
| UWSP cut of silent auction       | \$ 195.00   |
| Administrative                   | \$ 224.10   |
| WI League of Conservation Voters | \$ 500.00   |
| WI Conservation Hall of Fame     | \$ 250.00   |
| Winter meeting 2017              | \$15,256.88 |
| Total                            | \$22,936.44 |

| Account  | 1/1/17<br>Amount | 10/10/17<br>Amount |
|--|------------------|--------------------|
| CHECKING   | \$5,339.83       | \$2,618.68         |
| SAVINGS 1<br>(CUNA brokerage transfer, 3/22/17: \$20,409.41)<br>(Bjerke transfer 9/24/17" \$64,515.67) | \$15,973.97      | \$100,923.02       |
| SAVINGS 2  | 22,955.69        | \$22,972.91        |
| CD2 (Bjerke)<br>(matures 9/24/16)  | \$64,327.87      | N/A                |
| CUNA Brokerage   | \$19,442.23      | N/A                |

## *WCTWS Executive Board Meeting Minutes*

*October 11, 2017*

*By Kelly VanBeek, Secretary/Treasurer*

Called to Order 8:00 AM by Derek Johnson

Present: Derek Johnson, Jeremy Holtz, Jason Riddle, Scott Hyngstrom, Bob Holsman, Kelly VanBeek, Kristina Kennedy, Lesa Kardash

1. Finance Report (Kelly)
  - a. Account updates (please see associated financial report)
    - i. Account histories
      1. Savings account 2 was originally designed to accept revenue from the previous time we hosted Midwest (late 2007)
      2. CUNA Brokerage in large part held money from the sale of Leopold prints and may have been referred to as the "Leopold Account," potentially designed to fund Leopold scholarships
      3. Bjerke estate funds were distributed 2 separate times for a total of \$64,250. An additional \$1000 donation was made from the Paul Brandt Estate in 2007
    - b. Membership renewal through Paypal
      - i. Kelly is working toward using our Paypal account to accept membership renewals through the WCTWS website

## Old Business

1. Financial investment (Kelly/Derek)
  - a. Setting a deadline
    - i. Jason, Derek, and Kelly reviewed details on a previous call
      1. Bjerke CD matured end of September, funds now sitting in Savings Account 1
      2. Financial committee should meet prior to end of November and solidify proposal for full board early December
  2. Technical Training/Workshop (Scott)
    - a. Speakers secured?
      - i. Rob Lonsinger for R Workshop and Harry Webne-Behrman for Conflict Resolution Workshop
        1. We agreed to cover Rob's travel expenses and \$2000 for Terry
          - a. Are we not recouping cost through extra workshop fee?
          - b. Scott thought that since we were providing a service we would not charge an extra fee, and that we would be using previous Midwest revenue to support the workshops
          - c. Jeremy moved to increase registration fee for Wisconsin Chapter sponsored workshops to \$50 for non-WI TWS

professionals, \$25 for WI TWS professional members, \$20 for non-WI TWS member students, and \$10 for WI TWS member students

- i. Jason seconded
    - ii. Unanimous approval
  - b. Gave the thumbs up to Delaney indicating the workshops were a go
  - c. Small fee added to cover break and large buffet for all workshops. (\$25 for Professionals and \$10 for students)
3. Budget proposal (Kelly/Derek)
    - a. Will have a proposal for the 2018 Annual Business Meeting
  4. Chapter Operations Document (Derek)
    - a. Derek hoping to have this done soon
  5. Funding request for Natural Resources Foundation (Derek)
    - a. Not discussed at this time

## New Business

1. Request for support for the 2018 Fenske Memorial Award Wildlife Scholarship (Derek)
  - a. \$250 contribution from WCTWS, combined with another \$250 from MI
    - i. Scott and Jason – Pointers have benefited
    - ii. Bob moved for approval, Jason seconded
  1. Unanimously approved

- b. Also, they are wondering if anyone would like to help with the selection group (applications due at end of Dec., selections during Jan.)
- 2. National Conference Student travel support. (Kristina)
  - a. Used to collaborate amongst student chapters
    - i. Group meals, shared hotels and travel
      - 1. Currently little communication between chapters for the national conference, so this would provide incentive
    - ii. Valuable for student chapters to get together more frequently
    - iii. Lesa brought up that we could get a lot of students together in state for that money – is \$1000 split 2 or 3 ways appropriate? What is the real purpose – travel for the conference or getting the student chapters together?
    - iv. Derek – help make it easier for students to attend first and foremost, and since the money is coming from the WCTWS, student chapters must show a good faith effort to increase collaboration
  - b. Vote does not need to occur today, but discussion should continue
    - i. Derek will flesh out sideboards with Kristina later this year
  - c. Scott – currently written to benefit student chapters as a whole vs individual students on a merit basis
  - d. Derek – could be created to have an individual student apply similar to the professional travel grant
- e. Scott – would have a student travel award for an individual, would be a grant if given to an organization
- f. Jeremy –some action in terms of financial support was better than no action this year, not a good enough excuse to not give out money because we didn't have a process
  - i. Will need commitment from a committee if we will do an application process for individual awards with fair criteria that rewards both passionate and academically gifted students
- g. Jason – good opportunities for students to get travel support at UWSP already
  - i. A thought is not to tie this money to a particular conference (could include Midwest and state meeting)
  - ii. The hard part is trying to get the most students as possible to the conference, including new/young students that haven't been previously involved
  - iii. Preference would be to give the whole student chapter an allotment to use at their discretion
- h. Scott – if goal is to increase collaboration across chapters, maybe the national meeting is not the best venue; state or Midwest meeting might be better
- i. Jason – any support from the state chapter frees up student chapter funds for other travel
- j. Derek – not limiting travel to the national meeting could help a student chapter like Northland get to a state meeting

- k. Financial caution should be taken. Perhaps travel grant amounts should be determined annually depending on budget and meeting location
  - l. Kristina – student chapters would support travel grant for any meeting, not just the national meeting
    - i. Travel and budget planning also occurs as a group and not as individuals
  - m. Derek - \$1000 for a meeting in central WI split between the student chapters is solid financial support
    - i. Increasing participation at state chapter meetings from students would give us a lot of bang for our buck
3. Membership recruitment ideas and fundraising for future stability (All)
- a. Calendar idea, similar to what groups like NWTTF do
  - b. Sponsorship kick-back from national
  - c. More organized raffle with larger ticket items
    - i. Derek is working hard for the Midwest raffle, should be a good revenue source
4. Updates from Albuquerque (Jeremy, Jason and Scott)
- a. Jeremy will do an article for the IT
5. IT Newsletter (Lesia)
- a. November 6<sup>th</sup> deadline
  - b. Jeremy/student chapters could do an article about the national conference
    - i. Would like an article from the student chapters since we provided travel funding, despite this not being a requirement originally
6. NCS Update (Derek)
- a. none
7. 2018 Midwest Updates (if we have time or if there are questions)
- a. Each Board member should give an update about the progress of the particular committee(s) they are on
    - i. See updates below for various items
  - b. Midwest seed money can only be used for setup/incidentals/IT, not registration costs for speaker
  - c. We need to pick a day and time for business meeting
    - i. We could have an afternoon business meeting, first 2 hours for business, last hour for awards with refreshments
    - ii. Target 2-5 PM on Monday
  - d. Will need a targeted announcement to determine who would be judged for a WI-TWS students only presentation award
    - i. We could give out award after the sessions are over
    - ii. Put something in the IT asking people to contact us if they want to be considered
  - e. Booth space?
    - i. Potentially offer our comped booth space to student chapters

Jeremy moved to adjourn, Jason seconded  
Adjourned 10:23 AM

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## ***WCTWS Award Nominations***

*By Kris Johansen, Awards Committee Chair*

Please consider submitting a nomination for one of our awards.

**The Wisconsin Award**, our chapter's highest honor, recognizes overall achievement or service by an individual or group that exemplifies the highest standards of the wildlife profession.

**The WCTWS Don Rusch Memorial Award** is presented to a nominee who has made an outstanding contribution to wildlife conservation and meets the following requirements: 1) A wildlife professional actively working in management, research, or education in Wisconsin, 2) A member in good standing of WCTWS, 3) An active participant in or a strong supporter of the role of hunting in wildlife conservation.

To submit nominations, provide Kris Johansen ([Kris.Johansen@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kris.Johansen@wisconsin.gov)), Chair of the Awards Committee, with a statement of nomination and relevant supporting information that you have available by January 5, 2018.

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## ***Aldo Leopold Memorial Scholarship Nominations***

*By Lesa Kardash, Scholarship Chair*

The Leopold Scholarship provides support and recognition for future wildlife researchers and managers who are continuing their professional training. A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to both a graduate student

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and an undergraduate student who has made a commitment to the wildlife profession and has shown exceptional commitment to developing themselves professionally.

Applicants should be: currently enrolled at a technical school, college, or university within Wisconsin; be majoring in wildlife management, ecology, zoology, biology, or related field, and have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0.

To apply, students must submit the following: 1) Letter of application, including a statement of professional goals and philosophy, and a summary of experiences or activities that relate to and show a commitment to wildlife conservation; 2) official copy of college/university transcripts; and 3) Two letters of recommendation.

Electronic submission of materials is preferred. Nomination materials should be received no later than **January 1, 2018** to: Lesa Kardash, [lesa.kardash@wisconsin.gov](mailto:lesa.kardash@wisconsin.gov), 473 Griffith Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.

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## ***Janice Lee Fenske Memorial Award for Outstanding Students***

Michigan and Wisconsin are pleased to accept applications for the Janice Lee Fenske Memorial Award from fisheries and wildlife undergraduate and graduate students who are planning to attend the 2018 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Up to 25 students will be selected and formally recognized for their achievements after the Monday morning plenary session. Two students, one focusing on fisheries management and one focusing on wildlife

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management, will be presented with a Fenske Memorial Award that includes a scholarship of \$500.

The winners of the Fenske Memorial Award will be selected based on the characteristics that made Jan Fenske a remarkable fisheries biologist.

To learn more about the Fenske Memorial Award visit the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference webpage or click [here](#).

Applications are due **December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

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## ***Issue Committee Updates***

### Climate Change (vacant)

Deer: Keith McCaffery No report.

Farm Wildlife: Mark Witecha No report.

### Forestry Issues Committee: Ron Eckstein

August 1 – October 31, 2017 summary of activities:

I attended five meetings representing the Wisconsin Chapter on forestry issues:

- Governor's Council on Forestry in Marinette
- White Birch Pole permitting meeting at Park Falls
- State Forest Recreation Plan Amendment meeting at Arbor Vitae
- Natural Resources Board Tour: State Forest and Powell Marsh
- Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC) in Wausau on land management in the NHAL State Forest. WVIC manages

the Rainbow Flowage and has a large FERC License within the NHAL State Forest.

I sent written comments concerning forest habitat issues on State Forests to DNR staff and the Natural Resources Board. I gave a talk to UW Deans at Kemp Natural Resources Station on forest habitat issues.

The Silviculture Guidance Team was dormant during this period. The Team is waiting on recommendations from another Division of Forestry Team that is reviewing and developing recommendations from the State Legislature's Forest Practices Study.

### Furbearer & Trapping Issues: John Olson

WCTWS folks continue to provide lead roles in regional furbearer training. Fur Schools occurred in Idaho (NW region), New York (NE region), Wisconsin (MW region), and Kentucky (SE region).

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) Technical Working Group on Humane Trap Research has been active on several fronts.

- Recent challenge by EU parties (to trash ISO standards on humane trap work) was neutralized via serious dialogue by U.S., Canada, and the Fur Resources Center with member nations of EU as well as ISO administration.
- Trap research continues, with primary focus on completing the wolverine work in Alaska as well as ramping up outreach efforts through Trapping Matters workshops and expansion of Fur Schools.
- AFWA (myself) attended and represented the U.S. at the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Trapper Conference in Portugal.
- And....it looks promising that a monograph of almost two decades of trap research may be accepted for publication by the Journal of Wildlife Management.

Tim Hiller, Executive Director of the Wildlife Ecology Institute is leading a major effort to coordinate a new edition of ***Wild Furbearer Management and Conservation in North America, 1987***. Grant submissions are occurring as well as recruitment of select authors.

**Government Affairs: Chuck Pils** No report.

**Wildlife Damage: Daniel Hirschert** No report.

**Wolves: Randy Jurewicz** No report.

## *Student Chapter Corner*

### *Northland College*

By Michaela Fisher, President

No report.



### *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

By Valerie Knurr, President

The UW – Madison Student Chapter started this school year off great! We had nearly 100 people show up to our kick-off meeting and we have had lots of events. Our officer team was able to attend the annual TWS National Conference, where we had a great time and learned a lot. We hope to implement some of the things we learned at conference to make our club the best it can be.



Our club went hiking around Devil's Lake, where we saw the start of the fall colors. One of the highlights from our trip is that we found a Milksnake! We also took a trip to the Deer Park in the Wisconsin Dells. We have done multiple outreach events which have display tables and activities at a Saturday Science event and the Harvest Moon Festival. Our members had the opportunity to teach the public about how important and cool wildlife is. We also took members to Goose Pond to help with prairie seed collection.



We are excited for our future events and meetings which include bird banding at Sand Bluff Bird Observatory, Sandhill Crane Migration viewing at Aldo Leopold's Shack, and our Annual Game Dinner which will be held December 8<sup>th</sup>.

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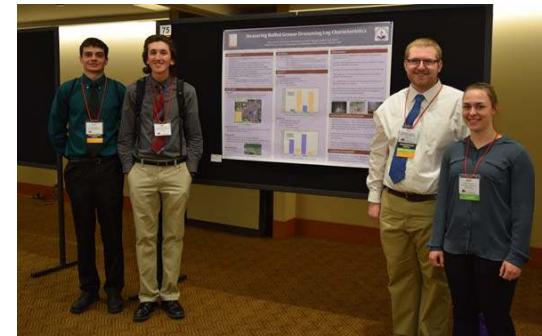
## University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

By Katherine Rexroad, President

The students of the Stevens Point Wildlife Society chapter are having a fantastic fall semester! We confirmed the date for our first volunteer day, November 7<sup>th</sup>, with the DNR for the Adopt a Wildlife Area. Students will get hands on experience maintaining fence lines and cutting brush on the Buena Vista property. An advanced wing shooting workshop and teamwork workshop are in the planning process for the spring semester with the help of Dr. Scott Hgnstrom. We plan to open the workshop to other Wisconsin student chapters and the college of natural resources. In the meantime, there are plenty of learn to hunt and CWD sampling volunteer opportunities across the state for our members. Nine Stevens Point chapter members volunteered at the learn to hunt at Sandhill Wildlife Area November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, our chapter brought



over 20 student volunteers to help winterize the enclosures on REGI property (Raptor Education Group Inc). REGI as plans on presenting live birds at our student chapter meeting November 7<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming education opportunities include presenting "Nocturnal Animals of Wisconsin" to Bannach Elementary 3rd graders on November 10th and presenting on wildlife careers to PJ Jacobs, SPASH, and Ben Franklin high schoolers on November 17<sup>th</sup>.



The annual Wildlife Society conference was a big success for our chapter members! Our chapter was able to take 24 Stevens Point students with the help of the Derek Johnson and the Wisconsin State Chapter. Students who attended got the opportunity to network with professionals while getting the chance to see Albuquerque New Mexico!

12 of the 24 students presented on their research. Congratulations to our quiz bowl team, Natalie Erickson, Riley Hall, McKenna Hammons, and Nate Fore for making it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round and Sam Lau for winning in the game cam category of the photo contest!

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## *Albuquerque, New Mexico Experience*

*By Jeremy Holtz, President-Elect*

When I was first approached to consider nominating myself for the position of President-elect of the Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife Society, I had to carefully weigh the pros and cons. One of the benefits, I was told, was that the chapter would send me to the national meeting of The Wildlife Society. This was a benefit indeed; I truly enjoy attending our society's events both for their educational value and the opportunity to network with college students and professionals from around the state and around the country. This year, the meeting you sent me to was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The meeting was very well attended; at last count, there were over 1,800 participating in the various activities offered as part of the 5-day meeting. Well, actually, it was four days, but for those of us who had to fly in, they offered optional workshops that would extend the experience. I decided to attend a full day workshop at the Valles Caldera National Preserve: Monitoring the Effectiveness of Habitat Management, Restoration, and Wildlife Reintroduction Efforts. It was very interesting to see first-hand (among other things) the struggles of managers trying to reintroduce populations of beavers and leopard frogs lost to generations of overgrazing.

The meeting itself was truly overwhelming. With 1,800 attendees, I found I could socialize to the greatest extent I could manage and still not meet the great majority of my colleagues in attendance. The four plenary sessions were interesting and engaging, examining facets of natural resource management such as the impact of belief systems on wildlife policy and management, restoring natural infrastructure, and forming partnerships. There were over 900 educational presentations, way more than I could possibly attend, but this year they recorded every session so attendees would be able to watch presentations they wanted to see after returning home.

Every day there were numerous opportunities to network, renew old acquaintances or make new ones. I was able to attend a few of these events, and was once again reminded how we really are all part of one large extended family. Even though we were all strangers, you could always count on a smile or a friendly greeting anywhere you went. I was also glad to see friendly familiar faces from Wisconsin, especially from our two student chapters who were in attendance.

I truly enjoyed everything about the trip and the meeting, but by the end I admit my brain was full and I was anxious to return home. If you have never attended a national meeting, I strongly recommend it. Next year the meeting will be in Cleveland Ohio, and they plan on putting on quite a program. It will be built around a theme of conservation success stories.



## ***UW-Madison Chapter Conference Update***

*By Kristina Kennedy, Vice-President*

This September, the UW-Madison Student Chapter of TWS sent four undergraduate students to the National Conference in Albuquerque. We had a great time attending enriching and informational presentations and poster sessions, and we took part in student-professional networking events, which offered us a casual and fun way to meet others and learn about unique opportunities in the field. We also had an exciting time competing in Quiz Bowl, and would like to congratulate all of the other student chapters that took part in the fun.

We look forward to our upcoming member meeting where we will share our experiences and what we learned at Conference, and we hope to get our members excited and motivated to attend important events like these in the future. We'd also like to thank the Wisconsin Chapter TWS for their support in sending student chapters to National Conference, as it was an invaluable experience for all of us as we progress in the wildlife field.



## ***Read the Most Talked About Papers from JWM and WSB***

*By Nancy Sasavage, TWS Director of Publications and Communications*

Are you taking advantage of your free access to TWS journals? As a member of The Wildlife Society, you can now easily read the full text of every paper —including the most talked about papers — from the *Journal of Wildlife Management* and the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*. This new benefit has been extremely popular since it was launched in January 2017. And it's leading to increased visibility for papers published in TWS Journals.

The list of papers below includes those with the highest Altmetric scores, which translates to how much attention the paper is getting. The scores are composed of metrics and qualitative data that are complementary to traditional, citation-based metrics. They can include — but are not limited to — mainstream media coverage, discussions on research blogs and mentions on social networks such as Twitter. Many journals today use the Altmetric scoring system because it indicates the amount of attention a paper has received. Authors also find the scores useful to follow engagement in their publications.

To read TWS journals, you must first [log into the TWS member portal](#). Choose the “Publications” tab at the top of the page to go to the Wiley Online Library where the journals are archived.

- [Polar bear attacks on humans: implications of a changing climate](#)
- [The true cost of partial fencing: evaluating strategies to reduce reptile road mortality](#)

- [How publishing in open-access journals threatens science and what we can do about it](#)
- [Investigating impacts of oil and gas development on greater sage-grouse](#)
- [Free-roaming cat interactions with wildlife admitted to a wildlife hospital](#)
- [Demography of an increasing caribou herd with restricted wolf control](#)
- [Evaluating population expansion of black bears using spatial capture-recapture](#)
- [Online hunting forums identify achievement as prominent among multiple satisfactions](#)
- [Population-level effects of lead fishing tackle on common loons](#)
- [Persistence of great sage-grouse in agricultural landscapes](#)

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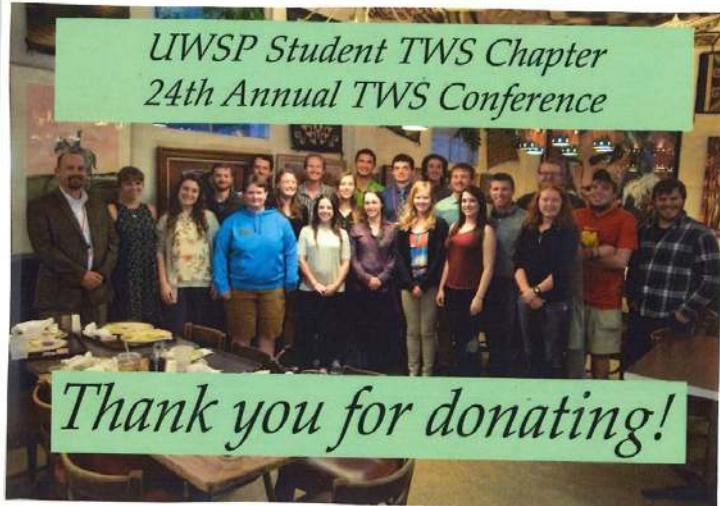
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Dear Wisconsin Chapter TWS Board,

Thank you for your generous support in helping us attend National Conference this year in Albuquerque! We had a blast competing in Quiz Bowl, meeting other student chapters and learning at the student leaders lunch, attending talks, and networking with many wildlife professionals. We really appreciate your help in getting us to National Conference this year.

Sincerely,

UW-Madison Student Chapter TWS Members



Dear Derek & WCTWS Board,

Thank you so much for the national conference travel grant! Everyone had an awesome time networking with other wildlifers. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

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