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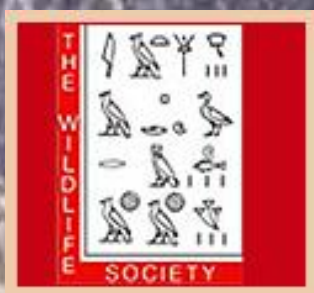
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Cover Picture: A grizzly bear takes a moment to relieve an itchy back in Yellowstone. M. Gocke.

Background, pp2: A cryptic jumble of an upturned root. E. Maichak.



## A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Autumn is my favorite season of the year. As day length diminishes, the sun takes on a hazy orange glow, nighttime temperatures plummet, dew crystallizes to frost, and animals scurry to accumulate the last of the resources they need to survive the long winter. The other day I noticed a flock of Canada geese flapping headlong into the stiff southeast wind of an oncoming storm. From the ground level, the V progressed along some flight path etched by experience gained over many days if not years or even generations of education. The repetitive physical movements of the geese seemed effortless as I coasted along on cruise control. I saw one trade position as leader, thus reducing the strain on the previous leader, and providing new opportunity for the next in line to take charge and navigate their migratory journey. Persistently onward they drifted steadily to some destination far away that I could only image.



Twenty years ago when I started college in pursuit of a BS in Biology in Arkansas, I had no clue that TWS existed. Fifteen years ago I started grad school at Oklahoma State University, learned about the Society, and quickly joined the Student and Parent chapters. Ten years ago I came to Wyoming, and if you would've asked if I'd someday be the president of the Wyoming Chapter of TWS, I might've laughed and said you're crazy. Not long after I arrived in our state, I went to my first WTYWS conference in Dubois. I noticed a request for associate editor of the newsletter, became interested, and signed up. In 4 years I'd become editor. A year later chair of the communications committee. And finally 5 years after that, president.

As a gosling, a goose probably doesn't know that it will someday be called upon and trusted to lead its companions in flight. Time goes on, maturity ensues, and the day comes when the goose is expected to help the gaggle slice its way to greener pastures. Unclouded by ego or delusions of grandeur, the goose doesn't dream of or aspire to command. No ovation or applause await. It simply recognizes its role, takes flight, and then takes a turn helping to maximize energetic efficiency and minimize overall stress to the team. For a while it has a chance to lead them to a suitable environment and continued existence.

It's funny where you may find yourself after 20 years. Before, during, or after college I never desired to achieve any position within any chapter of TWS. Yet over the years of involvement with the society, especially since I entered the professional world, I began to care more deeply for the outcome of WYTWS. I studied the various positions, calculated and balanced the risks and workloads, and subsequently took responsibility. Has it been a lot of work? Depends on what you call work. Has it been fun? When I've helped make it fun. Has it helped me and others grow personally and professionally? Undeniably.

So here I am, starting to lead our flock for a bit of time. Leading by example, and when coupled with vision and innovation, is one of the primary ways to inspire others and achieve the unimaginable. I'm confident that those of you reading this are active and engaged with the chapter. You choose to pay attention, assist with responsibilities, vote on chapter issues and elections. To those of you I say this: don't be afraid to conceive new ideas, share your vision, and inspire your friends, peers, even supervisors who may be skeptical to help our chapter not be what it is, but what could be. Together we can all take turns leading this voyage to our ultimate destiny: infinite success.

*E. Maichak, WYTWS President*





# WY TWS BOARD MEETINGS: AUTUMN HI-LITES



Daly Edmunds, WY TWS Secretary

Since our last newsletter, the Board has met two times. Once via webinar/conference call (July 24) and most recently at an in-person meeting in Sheridan (August 25). Below is a list of some of the topics discussed and decisions made. Board meetings are open to the membership, so participation is always welcome! For complete meeting minutes, please contact Daly Edmunds at [dedmunds@audubon.org](mailto:dedmunds@audubon.org).

- At our April board meeting, the board formally voted to co-host the **2015 meeting with the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI)**. Benefits of this partnership include increased attendance, potential new members/chapter exposure, and reduced expenditures for WY-TWS in hosting an annual meeting. The 2015 meeting has recently been scheduled to take place in Lander at the brand new conference center, November 30 - December 4. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** WLCI's Science and Technical Committee will be working with President-Elect Matt Hayes and WY-TWS planning team. **MEMBER HELP NEEDED:** If you're interested in helping out, please contact Matt Hayes.
- **Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation Heritage (COWCH) Project** continues to move forward due to Andrea Orabona's efforts and work of the COWCH committee. The Wildlife Society Council adopted the COWCH Project with the goal of preserving the history and evolution of the wildlife profession by interviewing influential wildlife biologist, educators, managers, and other pioneers. While this program was cut at the national level because of budgetary concerns, WY-TWS continues to actively work on this important program. The COWCH committee has bought new equipment needed to conduct interviews, such as cameras. Bob Lanka will assist in identifying past presidents for possible interviews. Stan Harter has volunteered his time to transfer video to digital (thank you Stan!). COWCH committee is interested in compiling pieces for all the interviews conducted to date and compile these into a 10-15 video, however this is currently cost-prohibitive. **MEMBER HELP NEEDED:** If you have ideas of someone who has the skillset to do this, please contact Andrea Orabona!
- **MEMBER HELP NEEDED:** The Board is looking for assistance with the Audit Committee and the Communications Committee – please consider helping out your chapter! Contact Eric Maichak for details .
- Efforts to improve **internal and external communications** continue, always with an eye towards being economically prudent with the Chapter's dollars. WY-TWS board members and committee chairs will be getting individualized new email accounts through Gmail. This will provide a consistent email structure and avoid any potential conflicts with use of work email addresses. Board meetings will also move towards using the Gmail platform post-2014 conference. This free service includes a conference call line and webinar capabilities for remote participation.
- Discussions on **Fellowship Program** continued, including presentation by Victor Villalobos at the September Wyoming Game and Fish Commission meeting in Pinedale. This was the third presentation the Commission has heard over the years, given directly by the Fellows, in an effort to receive continued support for the program. The 2014 program was successful under Coordinator Corinna Riginos, research ecologist at Teton Science School and WY-TWS member. Fellowship Committee Chair, Daly Edmunds and Riginos will be working together to formally document the various processes involved with the program. Former president Tony Mong and Edmunds will be working together to do outreach to previous fellows. Efforts are underway to thank an anonymous donor to the program.

# ...Board Meeting Highlights

- Dr. Steve Buskirk's book, "**Mammals of Wyoming**," is to be available in summer 2015. Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society contributed \$10,000 and will be recognized as such. Final price of the book is not known at this time but 50 copies will be provided at a discounted rate to WY-TWS members.
- The mission of **National TWS' Conservation Affairs Network (CAN)** is to engage wildlife professionals in the policy process and ensure that appropriate science is used to inform wildlife management and conservation policies, laws, and regulations, thereby ensuring that these are scientifically-based and practical where allowed. Over the past two years, the CAN of TWS has been working on promoting the Network and enacting associated Conservation Affairs Committees in each Chapter/Section. National is trying to engage Chapters in getting legislatively active, while developing a process for communication and cooperation across states and chapters. Earlier this year, Eric Maichak sat in on national call about this and it sounds like a mix of what WY-TWS Science and Legislative Affairs committees are already responsible for. After discussion over several board meetings, which included outreach to committee chairs, WY-TWS board has decided not to adopt the proposed structure but instead identify a member to be point of contact for National's CAN.
- **Budget Report** – Treasurer, Therese Hartman, gave a report on the Chapter's budget directly before the annual meeting. These numbers do not reflect expenditures (or profits) associated with the WY-TWS/CMPS joint meeting in Sheridan, which were not available at the time of this report. As of August 2014, the Chapter had a total of \$52,236.19 in our savings and checking accounts. Our approved operating budget for 2013-2014 was \$21,374.52, with one line item addition in March 2014 (Easterly Fund) making it \$22,374.52.
- **Two student travel awards** (\$250 each) were awarded to facilitate attendance by students presenting a technical paper or poster at the joint meeting of the CMPS and WY-TWS in Sheridan. Recipients were Beth Walters from North Dakota and Sam Dwinnel from UW. Board will discuss whether this award will continue to be offered and what stipulations, if any, will be associated with the award.
- WY-TWS' own **Bob Lanka has been voted Representative to Council for the Central Mountains and Plains Section** – congratulations! Lanka starts this position in October 2014 and will retain it for three years. Past and Current presidents attended the WY-TWS/CMPS joint meeting in Sheridan – check out the [photo](#) of who they are! To find out more about the objectives of the CMPS, check out this [website](#).



*D. Edmunds, WYTWS Secretary*





## Composure Under Duress: Thoughts from the Science Committee

Ahh “Flannel Season”, or some may call it Fall...one of my, and many other wildlife professional’s, favorite times of year. I was overlooking the magnificence of the deciduous change in the Prospect Mountains when I heard that wolves in Wyoming were going to be remanded to federal jurisdiction, and

despite support for dual classification and a fully recovered population that they would be relisted as a federally endangered species. I do wish I had a picture of my face, I’ve never been good at concealing my emotions. Needless to say things have been interesting in the world of wildlife management throughout Wyoming as of late.

John Wayne said, “*Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway*”. While not being scared, the notion is analogous to several situations we’ve dealt with as wildlife professionals and a scientific community especially in the world of litigation within the last decade. It would be easy throw our hands up and plead “*why should we even go through the effort?*!” To that I answer: because we finish what we started, we are good at what we do, and we learn from our experiences to make ourselves better for wildlife and habitats. Anyone who knows me knows I despise losing; hockey, cards, tiddly winks, but also the battle for wildlife. Wildlife managed properly by the professionals who are in the trenches, knee deep in blood and guts, committed to our responsibility to manage wildlife based upon the tenets of the scientific method and North American Model that we have strived to maintain throughout our careers.

The Science Committee is currently involved in a review of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan National Elk Refuge to be disseminated within the next week. The discussions and presentation related to mitigation at our recent joint annual meeting with the Section and State Chapter highlighted again why our Committee should address what mitigation truly means; slated as our next task. It’s a funny thing about devotion...mine has surely wavered many times, but it is important to come back to the basics, keep the faith, and keep on truckin’...watch ‘yer top knot.

*D.Thompson, Science Committee Chair*

### Jay Lawson Cheyenne, Wyoming



James “Jay” Lawson passed away peacefully in Cheyenne at the home his friend Tanny Van Dall on Tuesday, July 15, 2014. He was 65 years old.

Jay grew up in Casper, the son of Don and Marjorie Lawson. In 1967, he graduated from Natrona County High School. Following graduation from high school, Jay enrolled in classes at Casper College majoring in biology.

Jay was drafted and inducted into the army on January 21, 1970 and much to his surprise, he was number two in the draft lottery selection. During his tour of duty in Viet Nam, Jay served in the 1st Air Cavalry Division as a combat medic. Jay was wounded in combat, earning him the Purple Heart Medal. After recovering from his wounds, Jay volunteered to serve as a medevac or “Dustoff” medic and flew hundreds of helicopter missions rescuing and recovering injured American and South Vietnamese soldiers as well as civilians. Jay was honorably discharged from the Army in 1971.

After returning home from Viet Nam, Jay completed his college education under the GI Bill, earning a B.S. degree in Wildlife at the University of Montana at Missoula, Montana.

In 1977 Jay began a 33-year career with the Wyoming Game & Fish Department working as temporary biologist in the Green River District. During the winter of 1977-1978, Jay fed elk at the Patrol Cabin Feed Ground on the upper Gros Ventre River. He also worked as a special deputy on the North Platte River reservoirs during the summer of 1978.

In 1978 Jay was appointed to serve as the district game warden in Lovell and then transferred to the district game warden position in Thermopolis in 1982. In 1985, Jay was appointed to serve as the Laramie Regional Supervisor, a position he held four years. In 1989, Jay was promoted to serve as Wyoming’s Chief Game Warden, a position he held for 22 years before retiring in 2011.

Jay was known well around the state as an expert wildlife manager who cared very passionately for Wyoming’s people and wildlife. Jay was an excellent communicator and led by example in the professional manner in which he interacted with the public. He promoted a wildlife law enforcement approach focused on fairness and treating all people with dignity and respect. He molded the Wyoming approach to enforcing wildlife laws.

Over his career, Jay had a long list of noteworthy accomplishments. He was involved in the promotion of youth hunting. Jay was responsible for creating partnerships across geo-political boundaries to manage big game populations and building teams within the Department to find solutions to tough problems. He played key roles in the mitigation of damage and disease issues between livestock and wildlife serving in several statewide influential roles and committees. As Chief Game Warden, Jay worked extensively on several major lawsuits filed against the State of Wyoming in attempts to import exotic wildlife and privately commercialize Wyoming’s wildlife resource and hunting licenses. Wyoming prevailed in court on all this litigation, which has left Wyoming one of the few places in the world where wildlife is still managed for the public benefit with equal access for all.

Jay taught courses at the University of Wyoming as well Colorado State University. He taught at CSU’s Wildlife Management Short Course for 22 years. He served on the Pacific Flyway Council for 16 years, chairing the group twice.

In 1995, Jay received the WGFD Director’s Award and in 2010 he received the Western Association of Wildlife Agencies Special Achievement Award. In 2011, Jay received the Wyoming Game and Fish Department’s Lifetime Achievement Award. He served in the Wyoming Game Warden’s Association as the Vice President and was a strong supporter throughout his life.

Jay had a keen interest in Wyoming history, particularly with 19th and 20th century outdoorsmen and wildlife professionals. In 2007, Jay wrote and published the book, “Men to Match Our Mountains,” a collection of short biographies documenting the lives of early Wyoming game wardens, trappers, hunters and cowboys. He donated all of the proceeds to the Wyoming Forensics Fund enabling the purchase of new DNA testing equipment for Wyoming’s wildlife forensics lab. For this generous gift, he was awarded the Wyoming Conservation Philanthropist of the Year award in 2008.

In 2011 Jay was inducted into the Wyoming Outdoor Hall of Fame at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming.

Jay was an ardent big game and game bird hunter. He prided himself in his knowledge of wildlife and the state and used his talents to successfully hunt in most of Wyoming’s premier locations. He was a skilled dog trainer who was well known for being afield with two or three highly trained dogs. He took exceptional care of his four legged companions and encouraged others to do the same for their own pets.

His parents, Don and Marjorie and his sister, Dawn Leigh, preceded Jay in death. Jay is survived by his sister, Leslie Lawson (Dan Himelsbach) in Denver and his brother, Bruce in Casper.

A memorial service and celebration of Jay’s life will be held in Cheyenne on August 10th, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. in the Grand Ballroom at the Little America Hotel.

Memorials can be made to Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation, 1472 North 5th Street, Suite 201, Laramie, WY 82072 or the Cheyenne Animal Shelter.



## Echoes from the Deep: The Story Behind the Photo

Is there anything in nature more stirring than the bugle of a bull elk in the predawn light? It is an awesome wildlife experience everyone should be so fortunate to experience in their lifetime. We here in Wyoming get to relish it every fall. It in some ways defines fall in the Wyoming mountains. But I would have to say

the most soul-stirring way to experience a rutting bull is at close range in dark timber with an arrow nocked on your bow. Some liken it to hunting turkey because they respond to a call. But let's face it, this an 800 pound animal crashing through the timber, blowing spit and snot, that wants to, and could, kill you. That tends to get your full attention to say the least. Then, to actually sink an arrow into the vitals of such an animal would have to be one of the most profound of all hunting experiences. I have not been gifted this final step. Maybe one day. Congratulations to Wyoming chapter president Eric Maichak for getting to experience such a profound moment this fall.

M Gocke, WGFD I&E Specialist

### *The Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society strives to:*

- ♦ *Provide an organization of wildlife management professionals from which statements affecting wildlife can be made exclusive of agency limitations.*
- ♦ *Provide for the exchange of ideas and information between wildlife workers without agency consideration.*
- ♦ *To strengthen The Wildlife Society, its objectives and goals.*
- ♦ *To promote and provide for intradisciplinary communication and training to keep abreast of modern needs and technological developments.*
- ♦ *To promote awareness of and continued improvement in wildlife*





Working with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department-Thorne/Beth Williams Wildlife Research Center at Sybille Canyon, Victor Villalobos, 2014 Fellow, prepares to chemically immobilize a bighorn sheep and help collect biological samples for disease research.

# Exploring Wildlife Management & Conservation Issues in Wyoming: The 2014 WY TWS Fellowship Program

The Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society (WY-TWS) takes an active role in mentoring future wildlife stewards, most notably through a unique 10 week summer fellowship program designed to expose one aspiring wildlife professional (usually an upper-level college student or recent graduate) to the practical aspects of wildlife management and conservation in Wyoming.

As this year's WY-TWS fellow, I was lucky enough to get exposure to multiple aspects of the work being done by a diverse group of agencies, non-government organizations, researchers, educators, and other wildlife professionals throughout the 2014 summer. By shadowing over 20 mentors, I gained first-hand experiences ranging from working in the field

and in the lab to assisting with science education. I traveled throughout Wyoming to learn how to collect wildlife population and habitat data for threatened, endangered and common bird, mammal and plant species. I also attended a variety of professional meetings and engaged with members of the public to gain a better understanding of the complexities surrounding wildlife conservation and management.

This summer I had many exhilarating wildlife experiences! I had the opportunity to chemically immobilize a bighorn sheep and collect biological samples to help support research at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's (WGFD) Tom Thorne/Beth Williams Wildlife Research Center at Sybille. I also had the opportunity to work with a Brucellosis Feedground Habitat Biologist to track vaginal implanted transmitters (VIT) while identifying parturition sites. This was an especially memorable experience; to know that just a few hours prior to our arrival an elk calf was born at the same spot I was now standing on was both touching and riveting. I also had the opportunity to work with the WGFD Large Carnivore Crew near the Upper Green River Basin. There, I assisted wildlife managers in arranging culvert and snare traps to capture grizzly bears for population research.



Working with a brucellosis feed ground habitat biologist near Jackson, WY, I identified elk parturition sites with a vaginal implant transmitter (VIT). A parturition site is pictured above with arrows pointing to track of a newborn calf and VIT.



Working with large carnivore biologists near Dubios, WY, I had the opportunity to practice bear trapping protocols, data collection methods, and bear trap assembly. I am picture above disguising a snare trap used to capture grizzly bears.



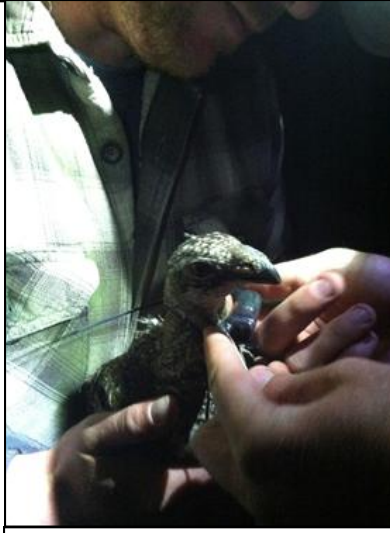
Biological samples collected from a bighorn sheep are processed at the WGFD-Wildlife Veterinary Research Services in Laramie, WY. Above, I am plating colonies of pneumonia for disease research.



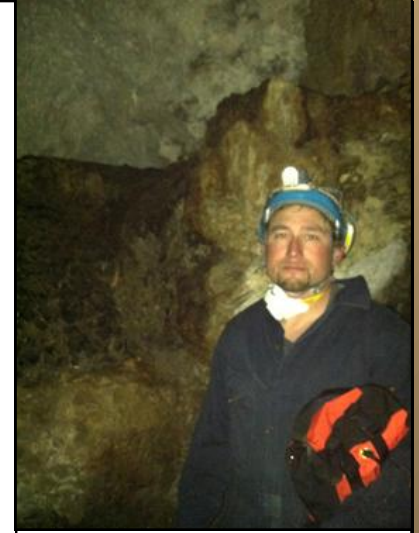
## ...2014 WY TWS Fellowship



Working with raptor researchers near Wilson, WY, I had the opportunity track Great Grey Owls and conduct nest checks. I am pictured above climbing up a lodgepole pine tree while retrieving video camera data that was used to monitor nests.



Working with University of Wyoming researchers, I am helping attach a very high frequency transmitter (VHF) to a Greater Sage-Grouse. If the study is successful, methods from this study will help supplement Greater Sage-Grouse populations.



Working with a non-game wildlife biologist near Sinks Canyon, WY, I explored a cave while learning about bushy-tailed wood rats, little brown bats, white nose syndrome, general cave ecology, and professional caving protocols and practices.

It was exciting to ride along with these biologists, hear their many wildlife-handling stories, and practice capture methods that bear biologists have been using across the country for decades. In addition to these field experiences, here are some examples of the activities I participated in throughout the fellowship: tracked and conducted nest checks on Great Grey Owls, set gill nets with a fisheries biologist on Jackson Lake, worked with a reclamation biologist, helped educate youth on the significance of wildlife science, captured song birds and recorded demographic data, assisted the Jackson Game Wardens, participated in a state game and fish and NGO meetings, and much more!

And these experiences were just a sampling of my ten weeks; I visited with many other dedicated professionals on a variety of important wildlife issues. I had the opportunity to learn new field methods and hone in on a skillset that I could apply towards graduate school and beyond. This multifaceted approach helped me develop a sense for the diversity of careers within the wildlife and natural resource fields, and also taught me the duties and responsibilities necessary to become a successful professional in these fields. By spending time with wildlife professionals in the field I was able to learn about their ambitions, the challenges they face, and other factors encountered by their organization. The WY-TWS fellowship has encouraged me to think more critically about wildlife management issues, greatly enriched the knowledge I obtained during my undergraduate education, and affirmed my commitment to pursuing a meaningful career in the wildlife field.



Every year the Audubon Society connects the public with wildlife science with a special event called the Bioblitz. I had the opportunity to assist fisheries biologists from the WGFD to inform enthusiastic youth and adults about electrofishing and data collection techniques used on freshwater fish.

# ...2013 WY TWS Fellowship

I appreciate the special opportunity afforded to me by the WY-TWS fellowship committee and the many mentors that I worked with. The relationships and experiences made available to me through this fellowship have made a wonderfully dramatic impact in my life. The mentors that I worked with were exceptional and offered their time, experience, passions, and expertise. The level of mentorship that I experienced in this fellowship is unparalleled and I hope that undergrads will recognize the significance of this valuable and rare fellowship opportunity. Through the generosity of the members of the Wyoming Chapter of the Wildlife Society, I had an amazing opportunity this summer to work with a variety of wildlife, but more importantly, I gained invaluable insight from incredible wildlife leaders.

*Victor Villalobos, 2014 WYTWS Fellow*



Working with a reclamation biologist near Pinedale, WY, I helped record damaged and disturbed grassland areas in the Pinedale Anticline Project Area (PAPA). I was astonished to see anthropogenic affects of oil and energy development. The picture above helps to showcase some of the issues that the PAPA faces: many oil derricks are seen in the background while cattlemen try to utilize the land for livestock operations.



While working near Jackson, WY, I assisted WGFD senior game wardens. Senior game warden Kyle Lash and I pictured above checking on some bear baits after floating across the Snake River.



As an associate of Teton Science Schools, I assisted avian biologists to capture and band passerines near Jackson, WY. I am pictured above banding a Cedar Waxwing while helping the Teton Research Institute gather demographic information that has been collected for over 23 years.

If you would like to learn more about the WY-TWS Fellowship (to be part of the Fellowship Committee or become a mentor for next summer) please feel free to contact WY-TWS chapter president Eric Maichak at [Eric.Maichak@wyo.gov](mailto:Eric.Maichak@wyo.gov) or WY-TWS committee chair Daly Edmunds at [Dedmunds@audubon.org](mailto:Dedmunds@audubon.org).



# The 2014 Conference: Photo-Journalistic Glimpses from Sheridan

This year, WYTWS hosted the CMPS annual conference in historic Sheridan as they celebrated their respective 40th and 60th anniversaries. For 3 days, attendees were treated to dozens of captivating oral and poster presentations, a big-game nutrition session, 8 mini-workshops, 3 field trips, and a fabulous banquet that included big meals, bigger award presentations, a beautiful keynote speech by Chris Madson, feisty live auction, and lively performances of Jared Rogerson and Teka Brock Band, both with music rooted in Wyoming's natural and cultural heritage. Nearly 30 past-presidents as well as current TWWS president Jon Haufler and Executive Director Ken Williams provided insights to leadership from the chapter to national levels during formal and informal presentations.

Despite a few glitches there were countless positive comments, including one from past WYTWS, CMPS, and Parent President Tom Ryder who dubbed it "the best [WY] chapter conference in 20 years." The event was a result of nearly 2 years of planning and coordination among WYTWS and CMPS presidents Mong, Grenier, and Vodehnal, co-chairs Andrea Orabona (CMPS) and myself (WYTWS), an ever-growing committee of board members and selfless members, dozens of donors and sponsors, and a tireless hotel staff that was constantly striving to accommodate our needs no matter how risky.

To give members a sense of what went on or help reminisce, what follows is a small sample of images and explanations derived from this event. Nothing compares to being there live, and the newsletter staff are indebted to the many individuals who provided these photographs and captions. On behalf of the entire conference committee, we sincerely thank all individuals who believed in us, shared our vision, and helped make this conference all that it could be. See you in Lander...

*Cheers.....E. Maichak, Newsletter Editor*



BLM Buffalo field office (BFO) range management interns (from left) Heather Bromberg, Justin Chappelle, Jill Pastick, Sara Burns with BLM BFO wildlife biologist Don Brewer (2nd from right) who are from around the country - Vermont, Chicago, Chicago and Tennessee respectively. The conference was a wonderful opportunity to learn about current research projects and network with wildlife professionals and graduate students!



The first president of WYTWS, Roger Wilson (left), receives the Distinguished Leadership Award from WYTWS president Martin Grenier at the President's Breakfast.



The audience listens attentively as Chris Madson (inset) delivers his keynote speech, providing classic examples of functional humanitarian professionalism in the wildlife field.

## ...Glimpses from Sheridan

Leadership abounds at the President's Breakfast with past and current presidents from Parent (top), CMPS (bottom left), and WYTWS (bottom right).



All attending past-presidents at the President's Breakfast pose for one final shot before heading to the day's events. Presidential positions occupied by each person for Wyoming chapter (WY), CMPS (C), or Parent (P) follow names. From left, Bob Phillips (WY), Stan Harter (WY), Roger Wilson (WY, C), Bill Vodehnal (C), Tom Segerstrom (WY), Bill Rudd (WY), Andrea Orabona (WY), Tom Christiansen (WY), Martin Grenier (WY), Tim Byer (WY), Tony Mong (WY), Tom Ryder (WY, C, P), Jon Haufler (P), Rollie Sparrow (P), Gary White (C), Steve Capel (C), Bob Lanka (WY, C), Karie Decker (C), Steve Riley (C), Larry Bidlake (C), Steve Kilpatrick (WY), Bob Wood (C), Jerry Kobriger (C), Len Carpenter (C, P), and Ken Williams (Exec Director). Present but not pictured, Ken Higgins (C) and Eric Maichak.



## ...Glimpses from Sheridan



President Grenier (far right) presents outgoing service awards to (from left) Kilpatrick, Cudworth, Edmunds, Vosberg, and Thompson.



Who says executives don't enjoy a good time! CMPS president Vodehnal (front right, yellow plaid) sways to the beat with WYTWS past-president Orabona, while TWS president Haufler (center rear, teal/blue stripe shirt) carves the parquet with CMPS past-president Frink.



For their exemplary accomplishments, long-time friends and co-workers Steve Kilpatrick and Jill Randall bask in the glow and celebrate with a hug after receiving Lifetime Achievement and Professional of the Year Awards.



At the necropsy field trip, WYTWS past-president Todd Cornish (top right) shows students how to quickly enter a trumpeter swan, while the entire crew (bottom) pose for a yearbook-style photo.



Best Student Poster (Charlotte Gabrielsen, left) and Oral Presentation (Melia DeVivo) recipients pose off-stage. Both also took home nice cash awards courtesy of WEST Environmental Consulting.

# WY-TWS Nomination Form for Awards and Officers



Anna Chalfoun, WYTWS Awards & Nominations Chair and Professor at University of WY.

It is not too early to start thinking about deserving nominees for our WY-TWS awards and officer positions. Please take a few minutes and give some thought about those who are working hard for wildlife and should be recognized for their efforts, as well as those who would make strong candidates for board members. At next year's annual conference in Lander, awards (Professional and Citizen of Year) will be presented to recognize outstanding efforts by individuals in the state who conserve and manage wildlife and wildlife habitat. Successful candidates for officers are also announced at this time, and by October 2015 positions available will include President-elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and Board Member At-Large.

To submit a nomination, please fill out the biographical information listed on the form below and write up a short summary of the nominee's accomplishments in the wildlife conservation/management arena. Nominations can be mailed or e-mailed to the following:

WY TWS Awards and Nominations  
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Nominee:

Award (circle one):   Professional      Citizen      Lifetime Achievement

Officer (circle one):   President-elect      Secretary      Board Member At-Large

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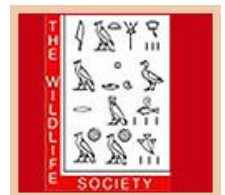
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**Please support your WY-TWS Chapter by paying your membership dues!**

## Note from the Editor....

Autumn - the time of year when the air is frosty and our heightened awareness frostier still as we pursue the meaty bounty of the land. WYTWS is an organization that fully supports and promotes the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. I would say that many of our members are hunters, and this season is particularly special as the thrill of the chase is something that keeps us scrambling over the countryside, peeking over the next ridge, glassing into the next basin.

The privilege of hunting provides countless opportunities, perhaps even dilemmas: primitive or modern, solo or team, plains or mountains, relaxation or exertion. While in the field this season, maybe after the big push up the hill, I ask you to rest and reflect. As you ponder the mystery of why it is that we choose to hunt and harvest, be it recreation, subsistence, nature, or nurture, take a moment to jot your thoughts or snap a photo. Our chapter newsletter is a canvas on which we paint. Help contribute to that painting and make it something that we can all be pleased to present.

To those of you who've yet to fill your tag, I wish you the best of luck, have fun out there, and even though the window of opportunity may be narrow and fleeting, don't be afraid to take the shot.

*E. Maichak*

More formally and specifically, we accept appropriate articles and information related to wildlife management and conservation activities in Wyoming from our board, members, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations. Articles, photos, and other submissions can be sent to:

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