

A misty forest scene with tall trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy. The text is overlaid on this background.

The Blade

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2009 Awards-In-Craft Winner "*Spirit of the Forest*", by HOW Member PJ Perea



Hoosier Outdoor Writers

The Hoosier Outdoor Writers was formed in 1969 and has brought together many diverse groups and individuals with shared interests. The Hoosier Outdoor Writers, known among its members as HOW, is a group of dedicated professionals who are keenly interested in the wise use of natural resources in the Hoosier State.

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President's Report

“Civilized life has altogether grown too tame, and, if it is to be stable, it must provide a harmless outlet for the impulses which our remote ancestors satisfied in hunting”

Bertrand Russell

As I pen this report from high atop the asphalt jungle of downtown Indianapolis I am literally watching the transformation of Spring. The beautiful buds have all been blown from the trees and green leaves have replaced the beautiful colors. The grass has been cut (a few times now), flower gardens mulched and 80 degree days have descended upon us. Spring is nearly gone and summer heat soon replaces.

However, while all these changes are taking place around us the other beautiful rituals of Spring are occurring deep within our fields and forests – the tom turkey is parading in the woods and fields all over Indiana, the inland trout season has begun and the mighty morels are popping like firecrackers. Moreover, from what I hear, the coho and chinook salmon are literally jumping into the charter boats on Lake Michigan. The state parks are also welcoming their endless parades of campers and families back from a long winter.

Changes are all around us and that means more opportunities to enjoy the great Indiana Outdoors. Change has also visited the Hoosier Outdoor Writers organization. I am once again penning the President's report and couldn't be more thrilled to shepherd the organization in the coming months. However, there is a lot of help along the way. I am delighted to welcome John Maxwell as our Vice President and to have Tom Berg again as our Secretary/Treasurer – as well as his expanded duties. I encourage you to read more in his profile on the next page.

We are very fortunate to have talented and giving volunteers and members. I have made great friendships with many over the years and continue to be impressed with all that you do as individuals, communicators, hunters, anglers, philanthropists, conservationists and the list could continue. Over the years we have surveyed the hundreds of outlets our members contribute to regularly, but we sometimes forget about the philanthropic and conservation efforts that our members dedicate themselves to year in and year out. Most are thankless efforts and kept quiet. I would encourage you to let us know what organizations you work with and what specifically you do within them. Whatever it is, tell us! It might just inspire others to do the same!

This issue is our traditional Post-Conference issue. Thanks to all who attended or helped organize it. Inside, you will learn what took place as well as hearing how Jack Spaulding, Tom Berg (and others) pulled off another world-class raffle. A complete list of raffle donors is included in this issue, as well as the Awards-In-Craft winners, a new Calendar of Events and much more. Please enjoy this issue and I hope to see you on Lake Michigan in early May!

See you in the outdoors!

Bryan Poynter
President – Hoosier Outdoor Writers

Please Welcome Tom Berg as HOW's Executive Director

by Bryan Poynter



I take great pride in welcoming Tom Berg as HOW's first Executive Director. Since 2004, Tom has been instrumental in keeping our budget and treasury issues organized, as well as handling member communications as the Secretary/Treasurer. I have enjoyed every minute of working with Tom, and the organization has benefited greatly from his experience, selflessness and volunteer spirit.

He has been a member of HOW for more than 12 years, and in my opinion is one of Indiana's finest outdoor communicators. In addition to writing interesting, timely and in-depth articles on a variety of fishing topics, he has set numerous line-class fishing world records for several species of fish including salmon, trout, bass, catfish and many others.

If the record books are checked you will probably see that he still holds more than a dozen world records. He is also a recreational shooter, hunter and an avid trapper.

Tom's work can always be counted on and his skills as a writer and photographer have been recognized by his peers; he has received numerous writing and photography awards from both HOW and AGLOW. Currently, Tom's work can be found in Game & Fish Publications, Midwest Outdoors, Indiana Outdoor News, Tri-State Outdoor News, Adventure Sports Outdoors and others.

I asked Tom at our conference in February what prompted him to take up the new role of Executive Director, and with usual humility he stated "I have great confidence in the volunteers and leadership within HOW and I look forward to continuing to help advance the organization in a number of areas." Tom has already taken over the publication of The Blade as one of his new responsibilities, and he will continue his stewardship as Secretary/Treasurer as well.

The debate over the position of Executive Director had gone on for several years. I believe that Tom was worth the wait. HOW is fortunate that he will set the bar high for years to come and will continually work for the good of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers. Welcome aboard!

The Hoosier Outdoor Writers

New Members, Past Presidents & Memorial Section

**HOW extends a warm welcome
to our growing ranks of
outdoor communicators:**

Roger Hunter (Associate)
Bedford, IN
Sponsor: Bob Jennings

Mike McKee (Active)
Michigan City, IN
Sponsor: Louie Stout

Memorial to Deceased HOW Members Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Jack Alkire – President of HOW 1979
Bill Beeman – Executive Director
Ed Blann
Charlie Brown
Jim “Moose” Carden – President 1982/83
Gary Carden
George Carey
John Case
Bill Church – President of HOW 1972
Jack “Big Jake” Cooper
Mark Cottingham
Dick Forbes
Dale Griffith
Fred Heckman
Mike Lyle – President of HOW 1981
Ralph “Cork” McHargue – President 1976
Bob Nesbit
Jack Parry
Harry Renfro
George Seketa
Al Spiers
Butch Tackett
Robert “Doc” Stunkard
Joe West

Presidents of HOW

Bill Scifres	1969
Bill Scifres	1970
Bill Scifres	1971
Bill Church	1972
Rick Bramwell	1973
Jack Ennis	1974
Phil Junker	1975
Ralph McHargue	1976
Tom Glancy	1977
Bob Rubin	1978
Jack Alkire	1979
Louie Stout	1980
Mike Lyle	1981
Jim “Moose” Carden	1982
Jim “Moose” Carden	1983
John Davis	1984
John Davis	1985
Ray Harper	1986
Ray Harper	1987
Ray Dickerson	1988
“Bayou” Bill Scifres	1989
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Jack Spaulding	1992
Jack Spaulding	1993
John Rawlings	1994
Phil Bloom	1995
Martin (Marty) Jaranowski	1996
John Martino	1997
Mike Schoonveld	1998
Jack Spaulding	1999
Jack Spaulding	2000
Sharon Wiggins	2001
Phil Junker	2002
Larry Crecelius	2003
Bryan Poynter	2004
Phil Bloom	2005
Brian Smith	2006
Brian Smith	2007
Brent Wheat	2008
Bryan Poynter	2009

HOW Sporting Clays Shoot: Balmy Weather!

by Tom Berg

OK, so maybe we weren't shooting in balmy weather. After all, the annual HOW Fun Shoot was held in Indianapolis on February 20th, so cold weather is standard fare. But the camaraderie was plenty warm, and everyone present had a great time.

As usual, the shooting outing was held just one day before the annual HOW Conference at Fort Harrison State Park. We met at the Indiana Gun Club on the north side of Indianapolis off of Olio Road, and although there was very little snow on the ground this year, it was still a bit chilly.



There were enough shooters to divide into two separate groups on the sporting clays course, and everyone did their best to break as many clay targets as possible. Two members hadn't attended the February shoot for a few years, and they had forgotten just how much fun it is! If you didn't make it this year, you should definitely make plans to join us next year!

A big thank-you goes out to Linda Powell from Remington Arms again this year for supplying all of the ammunition for the shooters. It is always very much appreciated. Thanks again!



40th Annual HOW Conference Re-Unites Members



Here are the HOW members that attended the 2009 conference. Do you recognize all of them? Can you name each one of them? If not, here are the names, from left to right: Roger Hunter, John Goss, Jason Boer, Brent Wheat, Joe Martino, John Martino, Brian Traylor, Gary Doxtater, Doug Allman, Alan Smith, Dave Hoffman, Tom Berg, Alan Garbers, Mike Schoonveld, Rich Creason, Jack Spaulding, John Davis, Rick Bramwell, Bob Jennings, Bill Keaton, Dan Anderson, Sharon Wiggins, Don Bickel, Dean Shadley, Phil Bloom, Garry Burch, Ben Shadley, Dean Farr, Gene Clifford, John Maxwell. Not shown: Bryan Poynter.

HOW Conference Another Resounding Success

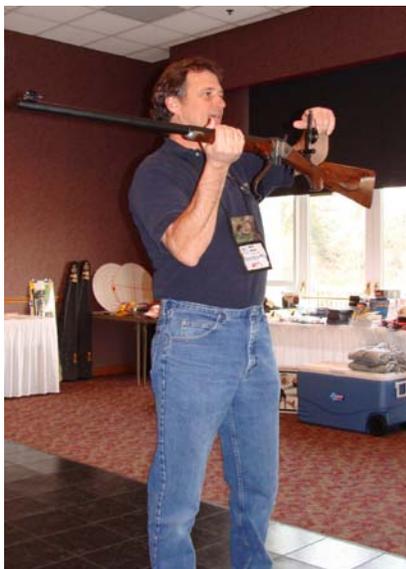
by Tom Berg

The 2009 annual conference is now in the record books. It was actually a historic event, in the sense that it was the 40th meeting of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers! Nearly 50 HOW members and their guests gathered at Fort Harrison state park on the east side of Indianapolis on Saturday, February 21st to socialize, meet new people, renew old friendships, and learn more about the great outdoors.

We decided to do things a little differently this year, and we scheduled the HOW business meeting for after lunch. That gave us time to have a relaxing social hour from 8:00-9:00am, where members had a chance to drink coffee, eat breakfast and talk amongst themselves before the structured sessions began. It seemed to work out pretty well, too.



The first seminar speaker was Mark Reiter from the Indiana DNR. He gave a very interesting presentation on black powder cartridge guns, and he brought some of the rifles that he uses in competition shooting to show the membership. He uses



some of those rifles to make long-range 1000 yard shots! Like most hobbies, Reiter admitted that shooting black powder cartridge guns can easily become addictive, and it isn't an inexpensive sport, either. HOW member Dean Shadley quickly raised his hand and attested to that! In fact, the ammunition is so expensive that black powder cartridge shooters are basically forced to make and reload their own ammunition to be able to afford to shoot their guns as often as they would like!

The second seminar speaker was bowhunting and archery expert Gene Hopkins. Hopkins has been involved with the archery industry and bowhunting for decades, and he has one of the most extensive collections of archery equipment anywhere in the world.

He brought several different types and styles of bows from his personal collection and discussed the history and uses of each. He also explained the evolution of bows from ancient times to our modern compound bows. Even so, he admitted that he truly loves the traditional bows that were used for centuries before the advent of today's compound bows.



Hopkins is a life-long bowhunter, but he has been quite involved in many aspects of the archery and hunting fields. He has been involved with the Indiana Bowhunter's Association, the National Bowhunter Education Foundation and the Archery Hall of Fame.

Our third speaker was John Goss from the Indiana Wildlife Federation. John was kind enough to speak at the last minute when one of our other seminar speakers could not make it.

His discussion focused on the fact that America's hunters and anglers were the first true conservationists. This is just as true today as it was in years past. He then gave a short slide presentation and encouraged all HOW members to get involved with conservation issues and promote them to their readers, viewers and listeners.



At noon, the membership broke for an excellent lunch at the Garrison. This year's luncheon was generously co-sponsored by B'n'M Poles and Duke Energy, and it was enjoyed by all.

After lunch, the general membership meeting was called to order and HOW Nominating Chairman John Martino presented the new slate of officers and directors for 2009. Outgoing President Brent Wheat will be the Chairman of the Board, while Bryan Poynter will take over as President. John Maxwell will be the new Vice President, and Berg will remain as the Secretary/Treasurer. It was also announced that there would be a vote among the Board of Directors after the conference concerning hiring Berg as the new Executive Director. Incoming board members included Mike Schoonveld, Jeff Hammond, Dave Hoffman, Ben Shadley and Eric Stallsmith. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

Brent Wheat and Tom Berg then announced and distributed the Excellence-In-Craft awards for 2009. Besides writing, photography and broadcast awards, this year there was also a Best Book contest. The contest was sponsored by Houghton-Mifflin-Harcourt, and it was a very close competition. Check the results in the next few pages to see who won.



The final activity of the day was the annual HOW Raffle. Raffle chairman Tom Berg and his helpers secured a record number of raffle donors this year – 58 companies in all! Thanks go to Tom Berg, Rich Creason, Joe Martino and Mike Schoonveld for their help in securing and storing those raffle items this year.

But the raffle just wouldn't be the same without our long-time ticket salesman and professional number-caller Jack Spaulding.

Jack was in perfect form this year, too, and he sold lots of tickets! The raffle was a huge success this year.

It didn't hurt that we had plenty of good items to raffle off, though. Some members who hadn't opened their wallets in several months plunked down big bucks in an effort to win the best prizes! We had rifles, coolers, camp stoves, gun cases, fishing rods, tackle boxes, game calls, videos, knives, hunting gear, ammunition, hunting trips, hiking boots, icefishing gear, laser grips, binoculars, fishing lures, hunting gear, targets, gift certificates, books, reels, outdoor clothing and gun care products – just to name a few of the items! For a complete list of the raffle donors, please see the next page.



Raffle Donors - 2009

3M Scientific Anglers
Alpen Outdoor Corporation
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Blackpowder Products, Inc.
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DeLorme
Eagle Claw
Edgecraft
Flambeau
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Rocky Boots
Schrade/Taylor Brands
Sebile Lures
Shimano American Corporation
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Star Brite
Strikemaster
ThermaCELL
Tri-Tronics, Inc.
TTI-Blakemore Lures
Vexilar
Vortex Optics
WaveSpin Reels
Wildlife Research Center
W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery

The 2009 HOW Awards-In-Craft Contest:

Writing 

 Photography

Broadcast  

 Books

This year the Book Contest was sponsored by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
The Hoosier Outdoor Writers would like to thank HMH Publishers
for their generous donation of prizes for the Book Contest.



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The HOW 2009 Awards-In-Craft Contest

The Awards-In-Craft contest this year was as popular as ever. The writing portion of the contest featured an amazing 164 entries from the membership, so the winners should feel particularly proud of having their work recognized among such stiff competition. The photography contest featured 26 entries, and 1st Place in every category was won by P.J. Perea. Come on photo nuts – next year you need to give P.J. some competition! The book competition was very close. There were nine books entered, and even though each book could be awarded a maximum of 50 points per judge, the top five places were separated by only one point each!

The Writing/Photography/Broadcast divisions were unsponsored this year, so the winners were awarded certificates to commemorate their achievements. The Book division was generously sponsored by the Houghton-Mifflin-Harcourt Publishing Company, and they donated a variety of excellent outdoors-related books to the winners. Certificates were also awarded to the winners of the Book contest.

A special thank-you goes to our contest coordinators who donated their time and energy to secure judges and get each of the entries reviewed and scored in time for the annual conference. They also generated a few ideas to make judging next year's contest a little easier. Those ideas will be incorporated into the rules later this year, so be on the lookout for them. The contest coordinators this year were: Evie Kirkwood, Mike Schoonveld and Tom Berg.

Here is a complete list of the winners (along with the number of entries for each contest):

WRITING (total of 164 entries)

Less Than 1000 Words

Hunting/Trapping

- 1st: Louie Stout, "Greatest? Not at Hunting"
- 2nd: John Martino, "Special Needs Kids Enjoy Annual Freedom Hunt"
- 3rd: Mark Crowley, "A New Lease on Life for Minnehaha FWA?"

Fishing

- 1st: John Martino, "Streams Offer Good Fishing"
- 2nd: Louie Stout, "Fishing Decline a Concern"
- 3rd: Tom Berg, "Emerging Pads and Bass"

More Than 1000 Words

Hunting/Trapping

- 1st: Brian Traylor, "Trapping Pete's Farm"
- 2nd: Don Mulligan, "Oops! Baiting Blunders"
- 3rd: Don Mulligan, "Alaska – Ocean to Ocean"

Fishing

- 1st: Brandon Butler, "Bluegills and Bobbers on Reelfoot Lake"
- 2nd: Louie Stout, "The Worm, His Story"
- 3rd: P.J. Perea, "Black Hills Gold"

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Less Than 1000 Words

Conservation

- 1st: John Martino, "It's Official – Our Majestic Bald Eagle is Back"
- 2nd: Rich Creason, "Where is the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker?"
- 3rd: John Martino, "One Time Poacher Turns into Conservationist"

General Outdoors

- 1st: Ray McCune, "How to Make an Easy Kabin Kamp Shower"
- 2nd: John Martino, "Young Teen Steps into a Man's Job at Simpson's"
- 3rd: Rich Creason, "Dutch Oven Cooking Lends Flavor"

More Than 1000 Words

Conservation

- 1st: Brandon Butler, "Tobias Buck: A Responsibility to Give Back"
- 2nd: Mark Crowley, "Survival of the Weakest"
- 3rd: P.J. Perea, "Raising Green Without Spending Green"

General Outdoors

- 1st: John Martino, "More Than I Bargained For, Thank Goodness!"
- 2nd: Mark Crowley, "Eating Wild in Indiana"
- 3rd: Rich Creason, "Three Decades with my Whites"

PHOTOGRAPHY (total of 26 entries)

Hunting

- 1st: P.J. Perea, "Go With Flo: Osceola Hunting"
- 2nd: P.J. Perea, "The Eyes Have It!"
- 3rd: Tom Berg, "Girl's First Pheasant"

Outdoor Scenic

- 1st: P.J. Perea, "Spirit Of The Forest"
- 2nd: Don Mulligan, "Arctic Circle Of Life"
- 3rd: Mark Crowley, "Downey Lake"

Fishing

- 1st: P.J. Perea, "Pretty And Pink"
- 2nd: Tom Berg, "Great Lakes King Salmon!"
- 3rd: P.J. Perea, "Ted's 'Eye'"

Outdoor Recreation

- 1st: P.J. Perea, "Saluda Slide"
- 2nd: Mark Crowley, "Wabash River Canoeists"
- 3rd: Mark Crowley, "Wild Edibles"

BROADCAST (total of 2 entries)

Best TV Broadcast

- 1st: P.J. Perea, "Get in the Game TV, #245"
- 2nd: P.J. Perea, "Get in the Game TV, #238"
- 3rd: No Entry

BEST BOOK (total of 9 entries)

Overall Best Book

- 1st: Dave Hoffman, "The Great Trophy Catch"
- 2nd: Louie Stout, "Secrets of a Champion"
- 3rd: Dave Hoffman, "The Great Buck Caper"

Treasurer's Report

Hoosier Outdoor Writers

January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

Balance beginning January 1, 2008:	\$9,848.60
<u>Income:</u>	
Dues (Member renewals & new members)	\$1,860.00
Annual Meeting Fees (Members)	\$950.00
Annual Meeting Fees (Non-members)	\$125.00
BPS Pass-It-On Award	\$300.00
Awards-in-Craft Sponsors (BPS, USSA)	\$1,000.00
HOW Raffle	\$1,537.00
Total Income:	\$5,772.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
2008 Annual Meeting (Conference Center Rental & Meals):	\$1,825.19
2008 Awards-in-Craft contest:	\$1,345.00
2008 Directory (Printing/Mailing):	\$350.34
Conference Calls (Board of Directors):	\$269.86
Memorial Flowers (Beeman):	\$106.50
HOW Newsletter:	\$750.00
Office Supplies:	\$105.65
Postage:	\$273.97
Total Expenses:	\$5,026.51
Balance ending December 31, 2008:	\$10,594.09

HOW Lake Michigan Outing

by Tom Berg

Dear HOW members,

If you had a chance to read some of my email notes earlier this month and late last month, you know that we are currently working on putting together a Lake Michigan outing for May 8th and May 9th. This trip is open to all Active members who are interested in heading north to the big lake. It won't be quite like other outings that we have had in the past, however. This one will give our members a chance to get on a boat and do some salmon fishing one afternoon (there's a great story opportunity right there), and then the next day get on another boat and cover a second story on a fishing outing for disadvantaged children (more story prospects!).

We will be working with Indiana's North Coast Charter Association on this outing, since they will be hosting a group of disadvantaged children (chronically ill, handicapped, etc) for a day of fishing on Lake Michigan. The captains are planning to put only 1 or 2 kids on each boat to make sure that they catch lots of fish, so there is room for members of the working press to be on the boat and cover the story.

The main event with the children will be held on Saturday, May 9th. HOW members who are planning to do some fishing of their own should arrive shortly before noon on Friday. We will meet at Pastrick Marina in East Chicago, which is easily reached via Cline Avenue (off of I80/94).

After fishing on Friday afternoon, we will spend the night, and then get on a boat with the kids Saturday morning. The salmon fishing has been spectacular for the past couple of weeks, so hopefully the fish will stick around and give the kids a thrill!

We are also working with the South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority (formerly the Lake County CVB), and they have arranged rooms for Friday evening for those HOW members that elect to come to cover the event. The final details are still being worked out, so we will provide the particulars to everyone who is attending in the next few days.

Although we are planning for there to be minimal cost for members to attend, we are borrowing one of OWAA's practices concerning trips like this. There will be no registration fee, but we will require a check for \$25 from each member to be used as earnest money (payable to HOW). If you show up, we will destroy the check. If you don't show up for some reason (you changed your mind, your dog had puppies, you forgot, etc), then we'll cash the check and give the money to the participating captains. After all, they are donating their time and gasoline for this outing.

As mentioned in the emails, the last day to sign up for the outing is April 30th. So hurry up! Maps to Pastrick Marina will be provided to anyone who needs one. We hope to see you there!





THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US



HOW Member Dale Griffith – Age 84
April 18, 1924 – March 15, 2009

Clay City – Courtney Dale Griffith, 84, of Lewis, Indiana, died March 15, 2009 in his home, surrounded by his family. He was born April 18, 1924 in Clay County, the son of Courtney Lee Griffith and Lillian Mae Field Griffith. He graduated from Coalmont High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. On October 18, 1947, he married Patricia Ann Oare Griffith. Dale was born, raised and stayed on the family farm. He worked on the family farm, and also farmed for other families. After retiring from farming, he worked at Shakamak state park at the boat rental. He worked there for 10 years. He also served as a county commissioner from 1962 to 1967.

Dale's memberships included Vigo Lodge 29 Free & Accepted Masons, Scottish Rite Valley of Terre Haute, both for more than 50 years. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6606 in Clay City, American Legion Post 2, and the Elks Lodge in Brazil.

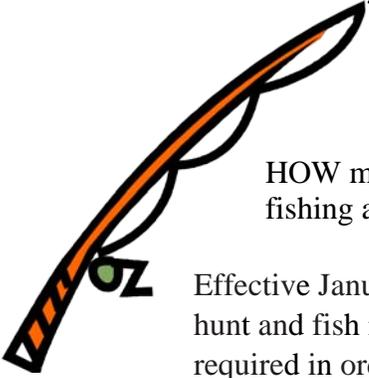
Dale was also an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing and quail hunting for many years. For several years, the family vacation was spent on a two-week fishing trip that all enjoyed. He was an inactive member of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Pat Griffith; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey Dale Griffith and Martha Griffith of Jasonville; one daughter, Tami Griffith Wonders of Lewis; four grandchildren, Nicole Walters (Travis), Kourtney Morris (Doug), Haven Wonders, and Jeffrey Tate Griffith; two great-grandchildren, Jake Walters and Hannah Walters; one sister, Jacky Brady of Tampa, Fla.; one brother, Gary "Pud" Griffith (Shelby) of Lewis; several nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at noon at Sanders Cemetery, near Lewis. Masonic services will be conducted by Lodge 29. Pastor Mark Messmer will provide funeral services; also VFW Post 6606 will provide military honors.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be directed to Vista Care Hospice, the American Heart Association or to the American Lung Association. Directions to the cemetery will be available at Schoppenhorst Funeral Home in Clay City.

Thanks to HOW member Jerry Criss who brought Dale's passing to our attention.



**ONTARIO OUDOORS CARD
REQUIRED FOR NON-RESIDENTS
TO FISH AND HUNT IN ONTARIO, CANADA**

HOW members planning to travel to Canada this year should take note of a new fishing and hunting requirement:

Effective January 1, 2009, all anglers and hunters from outside Ontario who want to hunt and fish in the province will need to obtain an Outdoors Card. The card will be required in order to purchase an Ontario fishing or hunting license, except for a one-day fishing license.

The introduction of a nonresident Outdoors Card is part of the modernization of Ontario's licensing system. Initially, nonresident anglers and hunters will be able to purchase the Outdoors Card by filling out an application at any Service Ontario counter or Ontario fishing and hunting license issuer. There are over 1,800 license issuers located across the province. The paper application serves as a temporary Outdoors Card until the permanent card is received in the mail.

The Outdoors Card is a wallet sized plastic card valid for three years. The cost of the three year card is \$9.00 Canadian. There are two types of Outdoors Card: the Fishing Outdoors Card which can only be used with fishing licenses, and the Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card which valid for both hunting and fishing. Ontario residents have required Outdoors Cards to purchase hunting and fishing licenses since 1993.

A fully integrated automated licensing system is scheduled to be implemented in 2010. The automated system requires all anglers and hunters to have a unique identification number. To meet this requirement, the ministry is extending the obligation to have an Outdoors Card to nonresident anglers and hunters. With the Outdoors Card, nonresidents will be able to purchase Ontario fishing and some hunting licenses from home, either by using the ministry's website or the toll free automated telephone service. These options will not be available until closer to the implementation date.

For more information on the Ontario nonresident Outdoors Card, contact the Outdoors Card Center at 1-800-387-7011.

Hoosier Outdoor Writers

Application For New Membership

(Check Desired Classification below)

- \$30 _____ Active
- \$25 _____ Associate
- \$50 _____ Supporting
- \$15 _____ Active Student
- \$10 _____ Associate Student

Personal Information:

Name: _____
Company (Supporting members only): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Professional Information:

Employer (if outdoor-related): _____ Position: _____
Business Address: _____
Business Phone: _____

1. Describe your work in the outdoor field: Full Time _____ Part Time _____

2. Check your field(s) of outdoor work:

_____ Newspapers	_____ Magazine	_____ Photography
_____ Books	_____ Radio	_____ Lectures
_____ Television	_____ Teaching	_____ Trade Journals
_____ Artist	_____ Public relations	_____ Government Info - Ed
_____ Other (Specify): _____		

3. Are you paid for your outdoor work? Yes _____ No _____

4. Your work is published or disseminated: Daily ____; Weekly ____; Monthly ____; ____ times a year

Attach samples or other proof of your work in the outdoor field: newspaper clips, letters from station managers attesting to frequency of radio or TV broadcasts, lecture schedule or publicity clips, photo clips or artistic prints, title of latest book, masthead of trade journal showing your position, etc.

Send completed application and article copies to: **Tom Berg, 2142 Nondorf Street, Dyer, IN 46311.**

I have read the principles and membership requirements of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers and would like to enroll in the classification checked above.

Signature: _____

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Who We Are

The Hoosier Outdoor Writers was formed in 1969 and has brought together many diverse groups and individuals with shared interests. The Hoosier Outdoor Writers, known among its members as HOW, is a group of dedicated professionals who are keenly interested in the wise use of natural resources in the Hoosier State.

What We Do

These are the purposes of HOW:

1. To improve ourselves in the art, skill and effectiveness of our craft, and to increase knowledge and understanding of the whole State.
2. To help insure the wisest and best conservation of Indiana's resources, and the most wide-spread fair use of Indiana's recreational potential.
3. To provide a vehicle for bringing together and joining in common cause all Hoosiers who by profession, hobby or interest are devoted to the outdoors.
4. Conduct an annual Awards-In-Craft Contest among its members. The award winners are announced each year at HOW's annual meeting held in Indianapolis.

What We Stand For

These are what we strive to accomplish:

1. To give the profession of outdoor writing/reporting greater recognition and understanding, even higher standards and enlarged scope.
2. To encourage and enforce high standards of professional ethics.
3. To strive always for the truth, accuracy, clarity and completeness in the dissemination of outdoor information.
4. To help friends and fight the foes of wisely conserved Indiana resources.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to anyone who meets one of the following:

1. Active

Members are those regularly engaged in the paid dissemination of outdoor-oriented information via newspapers, radio, television, magazines, trade journals, books, photographs, art, lectures, or other fitting media. (Basic guidelines of "regularity" of dissemination are: 20 newspaper articles, photos or broadcasts a year; two national or four regional



magazines or specialty journal articles a year, or one book, 10 lectures, or 20 bona fide outdoor news releases a year.)

The legal advisor for the association shall be an active member without meeting the basic guidelines.

2. Associate

Members are those who have a strong direct interest in the outdoors, either professional or personal, such as conservationists of all kinds; public employees in outdoor fields; educators teaching related subjects; certain sportsmen and retail-level dealers in outdoor goods, equipment or facilities.

3. Supporting

Members are those engaged in major commercial efforts directly related to the outdoors, such as manufacturers, distributors, manufacturers' representatives, or advertising agencies serving any of these.

4. Active Student

Members are those between the ages of 18 and 24 years who are bona fide college students with a major in journalism, communications, or natural resources sciences.

5. Associate Student

Members are those who are students who have an active interest in the outdoors in the areas of hunting, fishing, ecology, or in preserving the environment in general.

Calendar of Events

- HOW Lake Michigan Outing:** May 8-9, 2009
East Chicago, IN
- OWAA Annual Conference:** June 13-16, 2009
Grand Rapids, MI
- AGLOW Annual Conference:** September 21-25, 2009
Gaylord, MI
- AGLOW Spring Mega Media Event:** May 4-7, 2010
Details to come...
- HOW Annual Conference:** Summer, 2010
Details to come...

HOW members may submit upcoming events, along with dates, locations and other details to the newsletter editor at: tberg@netnitco.net for possible inclusion in future issues of The Blade.