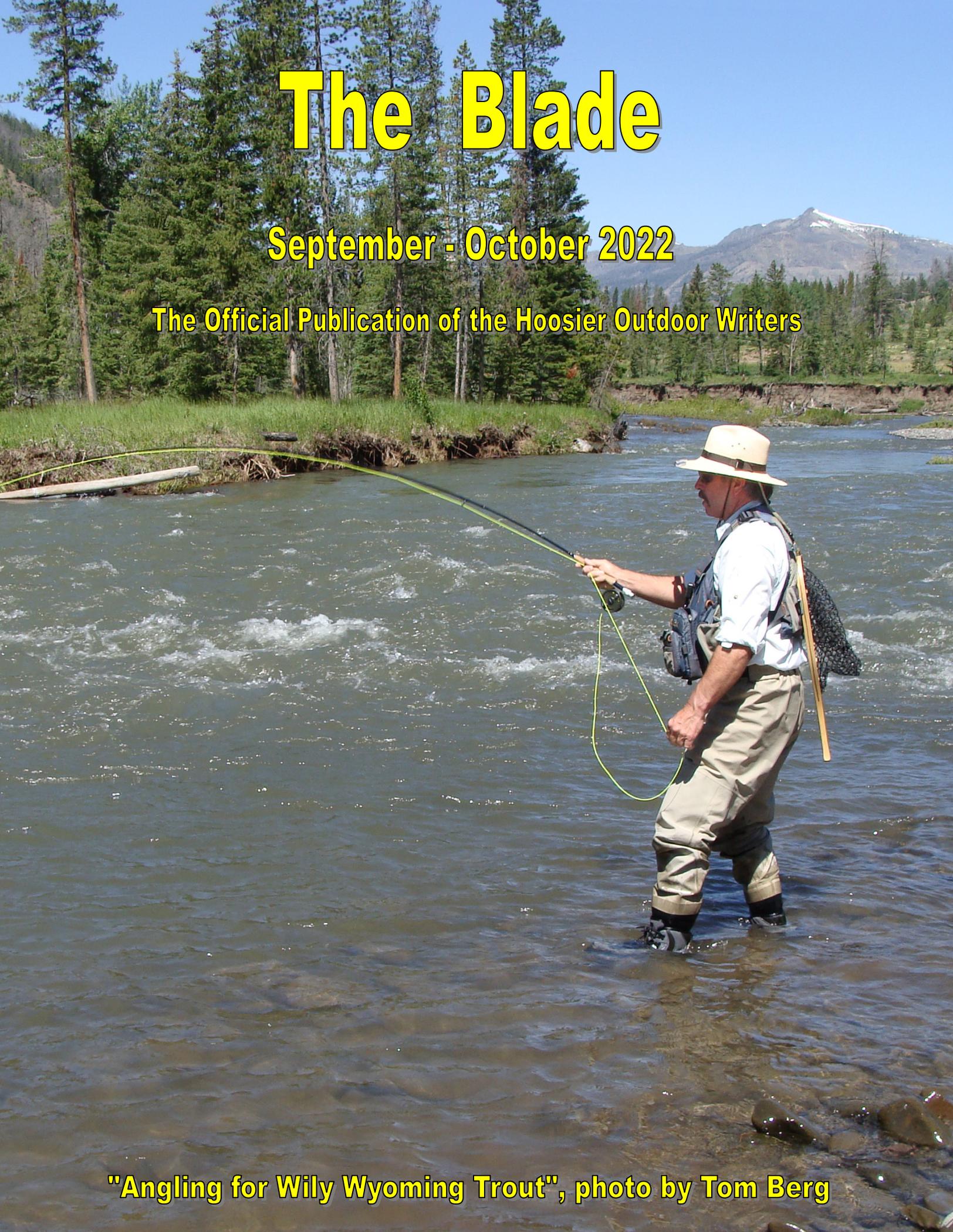


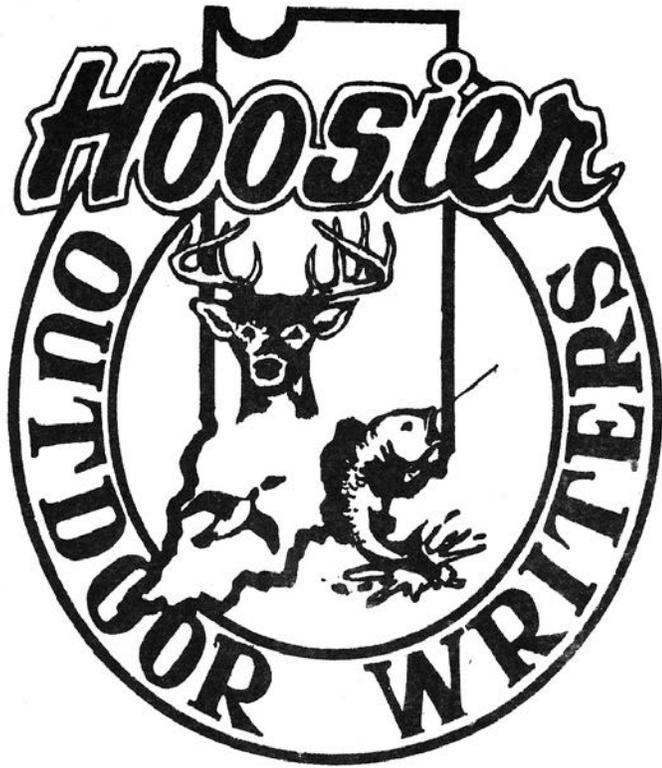
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"Angling for Wily Wyoming Trout", photo by Tom Berg



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On the cover: Veteran Wyoming fishing guide Tim Wade battles a feisty Shoshone River trout along one of his favorite sections of water. He landed this fish, a fat rainbow trout, but he also caught Yellowstone cutthroat trout and hybrid cutbow trout before heading upstream. Photo by Tom Berg.

President's Message

by Phil Seng

Now is the Time to Get Outside!

As I write this, the leaves are piling up on the ground and October is slipping into November. Dang. There just isn't enough October to go around. Of course, there isn't enough November to go around, either, which brings me to the point of this month's missive: Get Outside! And encourage your readers to get outside, too!

In 2016, DJ Case partnered with Dr. Stephen Kellert, famous professor at Yale University, to conduct a nationwide study called [*The Nature of Americans*](#). Through surveys and focus groups with nearly 12,000 adults, children, and parents, we studied Americans' connection with nature.

We found that connection to nature is not a dispensable amenity, it's essential to the health, prosperity, productivity, quality of life, and social well-being of all Americans. Unfortunately, the barriers that keep people from connecting with nature are extensive. The places where most people live, work, and go to school generally discourage contact with the natural world. Competing priorities for time, attention, and money prevent contact with nature from becoming routine. New technologies, especially electronic media, distract and captivate. In spite of this, Americans value nature in broad, diverse ways—a pattern that holds across demographic differences of age, race & ethnicity, residential location, education, income, and gender.

The vast majority of adult Americans reported that nature is highly important for their physical health and emotional outlook. Most noted that certain smells and sounds of nature bring to mind some of their happiest memories, that being in nature provides a sense of peace, and that being in nature helps to give meaning and purpose to their lives. In addition, nearly all the children in our study said contact with nature made them happier and healthier and deepened their relationships. Their parents agreed with this assessment, with one-quarter reporting that contact with nature had actually improved some aspect of their child's health. We found that interest in nature is highly positively associated with experiences in nature, which in turn are positively associated with particular benefits and connection to special places and unforgettable memories.

This is where you come in. With your stories and your images, you help paint mental and emotional pictures that encourage people to slip the surly bonds of the built environment and go outside to make more of those connections with wild things and wild places.

Connecting Americans and nature must be a vibrant, ongoing effort. The state of the natural world and our place within it cannot afford for us to act slowly. We must act now to ensure that present and future generations both make and maintain connections with nature and all the benefits that come with it.

All of which brings me back to the point of this month's missive: Get Outside! And encourage your readers to get outside, too!



The Hoosier Outdoor Writers

New Members, Past Presidents and Memorial Section

HOW Extends a Warm Welcome to our Growing Ranks of Outdoor Communicators:

Kevin Paulson (Active)
Lincoln, NE
Sponsor: Tom Berg

Memorial to Deceased HOW Members Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

Jack Alkire – HOW President 1979
Bill Beeman – Executive Director
Don Bickel
Ed Blann
Charlie Brown
Gary Carden
Jim “Moose” Carden – HOW President 1982-83
George Carey
John Case
Bill Church – HOW President 1972
Gene Clifford
Jack “Big Jake” Cooper
Mark Cottingham
Jerry Criss
Gary “Dox” Doxtater
Dick Forbes
Tom Glancy – HOW President 1977
Dale Griffith
Phil Hawkins
Fred Heckman
Marty Jaranowski – HOW President 1996
Jack Kerins
Mike Lyle – HOW President 1981
Ralph “Cork” McHargue – HOW President 1976
Dick Mercier
Bob Nesbit
Hellen Ochs
Jack Parry
Harry Renfro
“Bayou” Bill Scifres – HOW President – 6 Terms
George Seketa
Hal Shymkus
Al Spiers
Robert “Doc” Stunkard
Butch Tackett
John Trout, Jr.
Joe West

Past Presidents of HOW

“Bayou” Bill Scifres	1969
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“Bayou” 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
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John Davis	1984
John Davis	1985
Ray Harper	1986
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Ray Dickerson	1988
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John Rawlings	1994
Phil Bloom	1995
Marty Jaranowski	1996
John Martino	1997
Mike Schoonveld	1998
Jack Spaulding	1999
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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
John Maxwell	2010
Brandon Butler	2011
Josh Lantz	2012
Ben Shadley	2013
Bob Sawtelle	2014
Alan Garbers	2015
Ken McBroom	2016
Don Cranfill	2017
Troy McCormick	2018
Mike Schoonveld	2019
Kenny Bayless	2020
Kenny Bayless	2021

HOW Awards-In-Craft Winner

1st Place in the Writing Contest (Conservation category) – Under 1000 Words

Conservation Officers Play Vital Role

by John Martino

Conservation officers have one of the best offices in the world. Places where fish and wildlife abound. But they also have an often times dangerous job. Think about it, almost everyone they encounter while in the field is armed with either a gun or a knife. Yet serious confrontations are rare because of the respect possessed by most hunters and fishermen.

With any large number of people there is always “that guy,” the one who makes a scene, thinks they are above the law or possess an over inflated ego.

So what is the proper thing to do when approached by a game warden? The best thing is to relax and listen to their instructions. The officer should treat you courteously but remember they are expected to ask questions and inquire about your outdoor activities. Because of the nature of their job, they can ask to look in your livewell or cooler.

As long as both parties remain cordial, there should never be a problem. “Conservation officers are just average people trying to do their job as best as they can,” said Corp. John Nearingdner, who has been an Indiana Conservation officer for the past 22 years.

When encountering a CO while hunting make sure to point the barrel of your firearm in a safe direction. That should be common sense. “Although they don’t have to unless requested, it’s always comforting to see a hunter begin unloading their gun when they see us approaching,” said Nearingdner. “It shows safety and respect.”

One thing that concerns wardens is to see someone start fidgeting around or appearing nervous. “We will always ask to see their license but there is some concern when people appear nervous and start putting their hands in their pockets because sometimes you never know what they could pull out,” explained Nearingdner.

Conservation officers fully understand some don’t want to see a game warden when in a deer stand or while fishing a tournament. “We get it,” Nearingdner continued. “They want to get back to hunting or when competing and every cast counts, they want to get their lines back in the water as soon as possible,” he added. “We want to be as expeditious as possible out of respect.”

Most people don’t mind when they encounter an officer in the field. “I appreciate seeing them out doing their job,” said Randy Parker who has hunted and fished for over 45 years. “I’m glad they are out protecting our natural resources.”

A game warden may also perform a stop of your boat or ATV by signaling you to stop either by an obvious body gesture or with emergency lights. Here’s a good tip – Don’t run! I have never known any vehicle or person fast enough to outrun a radio. Conservation officers will make themselves known by identifying themselves verbally and while in uniform by providing a badge or other state credential.

As soon and safely as possible bring your vehicle to a complete stop and allow the game warden to approach. If you are fishing, reel in all lines. Make sure rod tips and other equipment are clear of the space between boats. Another good idea is to put bumpers out or even an extra life vest for a cushion between boats. Be courteous and follow the warden’s instruction. Your cooperation only expedites the process and they will have you back on your way as quickly as possible.

According to Nearingdner “ninety percent of people are good, upstanding law abiding citizens who we enjoy interacting with.” Unfortunately, there are always a few who try to skirt the law. Fish and game belong to all citizens.

“The two most common tickets we write are not obtaining a hunting or fishing license or failure to have a boat registered properly,” Nearingdner added. “Not having the adequate number of lifejackets is another.” It is important to remember that all boats with a gas or electric motor need to be registered, while all boats, motorized or non-motorized, must have a lake permit when used on impoundments operated by the DNR.

All state conservation officers prefer to have pleasant interactions with the people they encounter. Treat them as you want to be treated. So be polite and comply with their requests. These men and women in green are professionals and know the outdoors. Plus, if you are having a bad day in the field, which can sometimes happen, ask them for advice or helpful tips. Again, when treated with courtesy and respect they are often more than willing to share their knowledge in helping make your outdoor experience pleasurable.



Hoosier Outdoor Writers Turn in a Poacher/Polluter Writing Contest Official Contest Guidelines



Once again, the Indiana Turn in a Poacher (TIP) Citizen's Advisory Board is sponsoring a writing contest to encourage HOW members to promote the TIP mission, the hotline and support of the TIP Advisory Board. **This year the prizes have jumped up to \$500 for first place; \$300 for second place; \$200 for third place.** Be sure to write your TIP article right away!

Requirements are simple and entering is easy! Article must be at least 400 words in length and must include:

1. Brief description of TIP (see below—does not have to be verbatim)
2. TIP Hotline (1-800-TIP-IDNR)

Although it is not required, preference will be given to stories that:

- Feature a "real-life story of TIP" or something similar.
- Are published in paid publications.

To enter, submit an electronic copy of an article published between **February 1, 2022** and **January 31, 2023**. The TIP Citizen's Advisory Board will review all entries and will select the entries that best promote the mission of TIP and encourage citizens to get involved.

Entries should be marked as "TIP" entries and sent to Contest Coordinator Phil Seng (phil@djcase.com). They must be emailed by March 1, 2023.

What is TIP?

Turn in a Poacher, Inc. (TIP) is a non-profit conservation organization that works hand-in-hand with Indiana DNR Law Enforcement to protect our fish and wildlife resources by increasing public support and involvement in bringing violators to justice.

A poacher is a thief who illegally steals wildlife that belongs to each Indiana citizen. Poachers rob licensed, ethical hunters and anglers from recreational opportunities they bought through license fees.

Citizens can help stop poachers in two ways. If you see, hear or learn about a poacher or any other fish and wildlife violation:

- Call 1-800-TIP-IDNR
- Submit a TIP online at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/7608.htm>.

If your TIP leads to an arrest, you may receive as much as a \$500 reward, and you can remain anonymous. More information is available at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/2745.htm>

Don't wait until the end of the year – write your TIP article and get it published today!

Indiana Department of Natural Resources
402 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Indiana Citizens are Key to Stopping Poaching

Indiana Conservation Officers encourage citizens to partner with the Turn In a Poacher, Inc. (TIP) program and help put an end to poaching.

TIP is a nonprofit conservation organization that protects fish and wildlife resources by increasing public support and involvement in bringing violators to justice.

A poacher is a thief who illegally steals wildlife that belongs to each Indiana citizen. Indiana DNR manages wildlife for everyone, and every person can help TIP support DNR efforts by reporting potential violations at 1-800-TIP-IDNR (800-847-4367) or at tip.IN.gov. Doing so will help conserve wildlife for future generations.

Call TIP if you see, hear, or learn about poaching or another violation regarding fish and wildlife. If your “TIP” leads to an arrest, you may

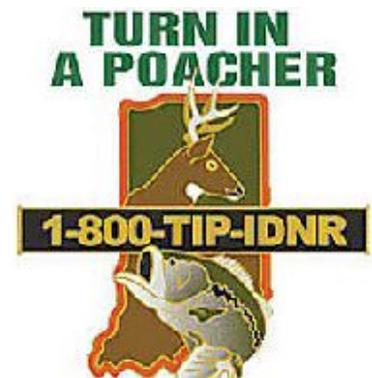
receive as much as a \$500 reward, and you can remain anonymous.

Since 2017 TIP has received 1,788 tips and paid thousands of dollars in rewards for tips that have led to the arrest of a suspect.

“Concerned citizens are the main reason why Indiana TIP has been successful in fighting against poaching and bringing justice to those who violate fish and wildlife laws,” said Joe Cales, TIP citizen’s advisory board president. “Poaching affects us all.”

To view more DNR news releases, please visit www.dnr.IN.gov.

Media contact: Capt. Jet Quillen, DNR Law Enforcement, phone: 317-903-1671, email: jquillen@dnr.IN.gov.



POACHERS GIVE ALL HUNTERS & ANGLERS A BAD NAME.



Help us stop these criminals.

If you witness poaching or know someone who is stealing Hoosiers' wildlife, call the Turn In a Poacher (TIP) hotline: 1-800-TIP-IDNR.

- You do not have to provide your name or contact information.
- Rewards of \$500 are available if your information leads to the arrest of someone who has taken fish and/or wildlife illegally. TIP also provides rewards for pollution cases that lead to the death of fish or wildlife.
- TIP is monitored 24 hours a day—you may call any time.

TIP.IN.GOV



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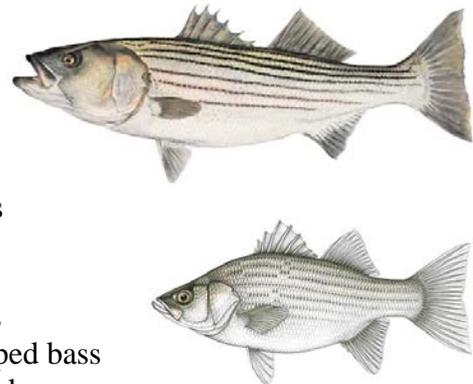
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Striped and Hybrid Striped Bass Stocked in Indiana Lakes

The Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife recently completed annual striped bass and hybrid striped bass stockings. More than 30,000 striped bass were added to two of southern Indiana's largest public lakes, Brookville and Cecil M. Harden. In addition, more than 247,000 hybrid striped bass were added to 10 public lakes throughout the state.

The breakdown of lake stockings of striped and hybrid striped bass follows, with the respective counties listed in parentheses:

- Worster Lake (St. Joseph) – 3,270 hybrids
- Cedar Lake (Lake) – 7,810 hybrids
- Lake Shafer (White) – 12,910 hybrids
- Nyona Lake (Fulton) – 1,040 hybrids
- Lake Freeman (Carroll and White) – 15,470 hybrids
- Clare Lake (Huntington) – 420 hybrids
- Shadyside Park Lake (Madison) – 1,575 hybrids
- Cecil M. Harden Lake (Parke) – 15,233 striped bass
- Brookville Lake (Union and Franklin) – 15,274 striped bass
- Monroe Lake (Monroe and Brown) – 140,575 hybrids
- Hardy Lake (Scott) – 10,000 hybrids
- Patoka Lake (Dubois, Crawford, and Orange) – 54,000 hybrids



Hybrid striped bass production at East Fork Fish Hatchery exceeded the annual request for 2022. Surplus fish were stocked in Monroe, Hardy, Shadyside, and Patoka lakes. Fish were stocked as fingerlings, averaged 1.5 inches in length, and should reach a catchable size of 14 inches in 2024.

Indiana anglers can look forward to continued quality striped and hybrid striped bass fishing opportunities in the coming years. Learn more about fishing these species in Indiana here at www.dnr.IN.gov/fish-and-wildlife/fishing/striped-and-hybrid-striped-bass-fishing.

To view more DNR news releases, please see www.dnr.IN.gov.

Media contact: Seth Bogue, District Fisheries Biologist, DNR Fish & Wildlife, phone: 765-342-5527, email: D4fish@dnr.IN.gov.

Trapper Education Course



History and Benefits of Trapping • Trapper Ethics and Responsibility
Choosing and Preparing Equipment • Types of Furbearers • Making Sets



Trapper Education classes are offered by knowledgeable and dedicated volunteer instructors and Indiana Conservation Officers. The Classroom Course must include a minimum of 6 hours of instruction. Most classes offered are 1 to 3 sessions. In order to be certified, students must attend the entire class including all sessions.

Next Course Offered

LOCATION

Raccoon State Recreation Area

INSTRUCTOR

Stu Grell

CLASS SESSIONS

Session 1: 11/5/2022, 9AM-4PM

Session 2: 11/6/2022, 9AM-4PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

Contact Name: Stu Grell

Phone Number: (765)363-2207

Email: oneturkeyhunter@yahoo.com

Class Sponsored by: Indiana State Trappers Association

For more information and online registration, visit:
register-ed.com/programs/Indiana



Interesting Bird Sightings in the Great Outdoors



We have been asking HOW members to submit photos and reports about interesting or unusual birds that they have seen during their outdoor adventures. The sightings do not have to take place in Indiana; anywhere in the world is fair game. All photos on these pages were submitted by those reporting.

We hope this page will not only interest bird enthusiasts, but all HOW members who enjoy spending time in the great outdoors (i.e. everybody). You may just learn something new, too!

Report from Bill Keaton:

On their last trip to Florida (prior to Hurricane Ian!), HOW legal advisor Bill Keaton and his wife Rita saw some interesting birds while fishing that are not normally found in Indiana.

“The common gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*) is prolific in central Florida,” said Bill. “They are a medium-sized bird which feeds and hunts in muddy margins and often walks on vegetation like lily pads while searching for insects, small crustaceans and minnows. Common gallinules are mostly charcoal-gray birds with a white stripe down their sides and white outer tail feathers. Adults have a bright red shield on their forehead and a red bill tipped in yellow. They have very long toes which helps support them on marshy vegetation.” The one shown at right was searching for food along the edge of Lake Dora in central Florida.



“We also saw many American white ibis (*Eudocimus albus*),” he continued. “White ibises gather in groups in shallow wetlands and estuaries in the southeastern United States. With each step, their bright red legs move through the water and their curved red bill probes the muddy surface below. In some areas they now forage in urban parks and lawns, so don't be surprised if you find one outside of a wetland, especially in southern Florida.” The ibis shown at left was photographed by Keaton with a large group along Lake Dora. “They were in an open public area probing the lawn, and they were very unconcerned that people were nearby.”



HOW members are encouraged to send their interesting bird photos to bird enthusiast and newsletter editor Tom Berg via email (thomas.berg@comcast.net) for use in future editions of the “Interesting Bird Sightings” page.

Don't worry, it does not need to be a rare bird. Your fellow HOW members would love to see your bird pictures.

The 2022 Bayou Bill Conservation Award

by Tom Berg

Every year, the Hoosier Outdoor Writers presents a conservation award to a deserving individual or group in memory of the legendary Crothersville, Indiana, outdoor writer Bayou Bill Scifres. Scifres was one of the founding members of HOW in 1969, and he was the president of HOW six times – more than anyone else in HOW history. His outdoors column was published in *The Indianapolis Star* newspaper for 50 years, and he was a great proponent of conservation in the Hoosier state. This award has been lovingly named the Bayou Bill Conservation Award.

We put the award on hold for the last couple of years due to Covid, but this year we re-instituted the honor. The 2022 Bayou Bill Conservation Award was recently presented to Dr. Rod Williams, professor of wildlife science at Purdue University, for his work with the *Help the Hellbenders* program. HOW board member Marilyn Culler presented the award on behalf of HOW in West Lafayette on Friday, October 21st.

The Hoosier Outdoor Writers group was introduced to Dr. Rod Williams in 2019 when he came to our annual conference and talked to us about hellbenders and the *Help the Hellbenders* program. HOW members were very interested in learning more about hellbender conservation and restoration, and also about his involvement with captive breeding and propagation efforts across the state. It was interesting to us to hear that Purdue University, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and other groups were working together on management plans to re-introduce and re-populate hellbenders throughout much of their historical range.



HOW board member Marilyn Culler presents the 2022 Bayou Bill Conservation Award to Dr. Rod Williams. Photo by Wendy A. Mayer.

“This is exactly the type of conservation story that HOW members like to hear and relate to our audiences,” said HOW Executive Director Tom Berg. “It also aligns very well with our strong belief in the conservation of Indiana’s natural resources, so choosing Dr. Williams and his team and the *Help the Hellbenders* program for this award was an easy task.”

According to Wendy Mayer, the communications coordinator for the Purdue Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Dr. Williams and his team have spent a significant amount of time on the hellbender project. “For much of the last 16 years,” commented Mayer, “Williams and his team have been researching eastern hellbenders, spearheading regional conservation efforts and advancing hellbender captive propagation, or the rearing of this ancient animal in captivity and their eventual return to the wild.”

“After five years of breeding efforts,” continued Mayer, “Williams’ partners at the Mesker Park Zoo in Evansville, Indiana, successfully bred eastern hellbenders naturally in captivity in October of 2020, signifying the culmination of a long and collaborative effort to breed the species and restore this endangered species to its native environment.”

“I am truly humbled to receive this award on behalf of all the partners involved with the Help the Hellbender conservation initiative,” Williams said. “We express our gratitude to HOW and all our media partners for helping us increase awareness about this unique species, its role in our environment, and conservation efforts undertaken by so many to preserve this living relic.”

HOW members may learn more about the eastern hellbender by visiting the Purdue University (College of Agriculture) website at: <https://ag.purdue.edu/department/extension/hellbender/index.html>

The Ruger Wranglers

by Bob Jennings

Not long ago, I paid a visit to my local gun shop. I saw and handled a Ruger Wrangler Birdshead revolver (it was in the silver cerakote finish). I was very impressed with this revolver. It handled well and had good weight, which is something I like in a handgun – even a 22 RF.

Ruger is a HOW Supporting Member, so I went online to Ruger Firearms and viewed the Wrangler's spec sheets and the color finishes. I selected the Models 02016 and 02003 in silver cerakote, and called Ruger to order both revolvers. The Ruger representative told me there would be a wait as these revolvers were not in stock at the time. I said I didn't mind a wait and my order was placed.



The Model 02016

In a little over four weeks, I received a call from my local FFL dealer that one of the revolvers had arrived and I went to get it. I filled out the required paperwork and returned home with the Wrangler. I unboxed the pistol and looked it over. This was the Birdshead model. It comes in a Ruger cardboard

box, wrapped in a clear vinyl bag and padded well. The instruction manual, other papers and external locking device were in a closed section in the box.

I read the instruction manual to familiarize myself with removing the cylinder, loading, de-cock, etc. I am familiar with Ruger six-guns as I have a new Vaquero Birdshead in 45 Colt caliber, but I feel it necessary to read new instruction manuals to assure proper understanding of the firearm.

This revolver spec for weight is 28 ounces (actually 27.2 on a digital scale), has a 3.75 inch barrel and has black Birdshead synthetic grips. The cylinder, barrel, trigger, loading gate, hammer, base pin, base pin latch, trigger pivot pin, hammer pivot pin, ejector housing screw, ejector rod and transfer bar are steel. The cylinder frame, trigger & grip frame, ejector housing and ejector are aluminum; these are the parts I could see and check. One thing with this Birdshead model in takedown is that the base pin cannot be removed completely due to the short barrel length as it stops at the ejector.



I also ordered the Wrangler Triple K Slim Jim belt holster (item 57065) made for this Birdshead model directly

from Ruger. This holster will fit on the left front side of the hunter holster and belt rig I already have. Kind of like what Doc Holliday wore.



The Model 02003

A little over three more weeks and I received another call from my FFL dealer that my second Wrangler was in. I went to pick it up, did the paperwork, and got back home with the Wrangler. This one came with the same type box and packing materials as the Birdhead model.

The Wrangler model 02003 has the regular black checkered synthetic six-gun grip; barrel length is 4.62 inches and spec weight is 30 ounces (actual was 30.1 ounces on a digital scale). It has the same configuration

as the Birdhead except as listed in this paragraph and the base pin can be removed.

The conclusion of this evaluation for these two revolvers

The appearance, grips, barrel, ejector housing, cylinder frame, trigger & grip frame, loading gate, cylinder, hammer & trigger, connecting screws and pivots fit perfectly. From a quality assurance standpoint, the quality control in manufacturing with tolerances kept to a minimum assure the precision mating of all these parts in assembly. The high quality from Ruger definitely stands out in these two revolvers.



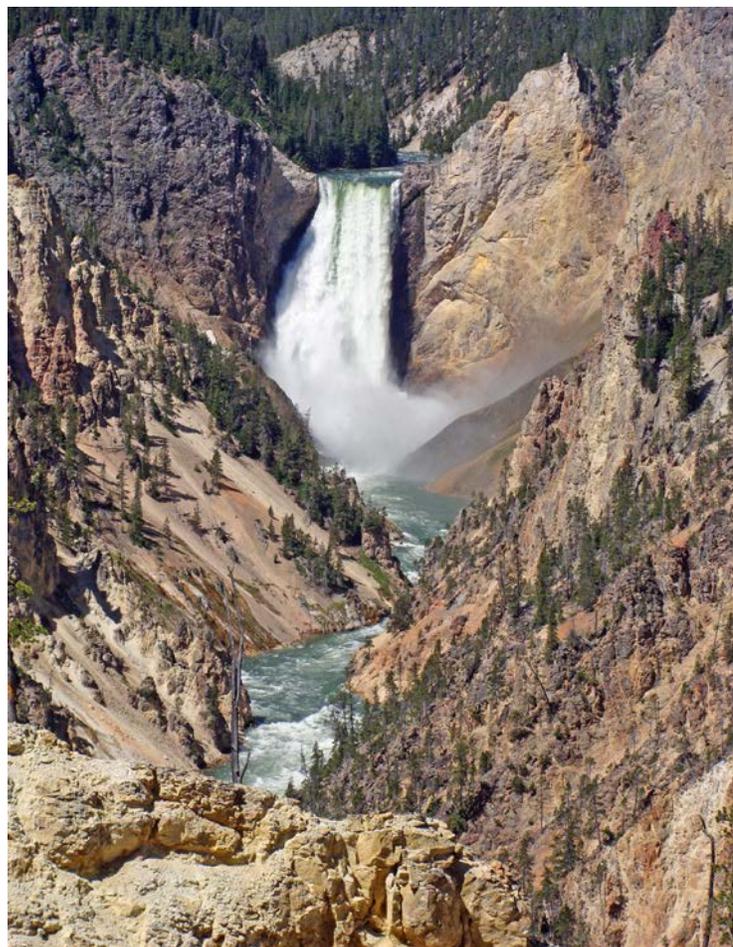
The Wonders of Yellowstone National Park

Story and photos by Tom Berg

Yellowstone. Have you ever been to Yellowstone National Park? If not, it's time for you to pack your bags and start heading west. Yellowstone NP is one of the real gems in the National Park Service, and that's saying a lot since there are so many beautiful and breathtaking parks in our great country. It is also our oldest national park, dating all the way back to 1872. The park covers more than two million acres, so there is plenty of room for visitors to explore.

Where to start? Of course, hot springs and geysers are some of the big draws of Yellowstone NP, and the most famous geyser is Old Faithful. The name says it all, since this geyser erupts on a pretty regular schedule every 90 minutes or so. Each eruption sends enough steam and water skyward that there is lots of time to take photos before the show ends and you have to wait another 90 minutes. Besides Old Faithful, there are plenty of other hot springs and colorful pools to view, too. The famed Morning Glory Pool (shown at right) is quite beautiful with its different shades of orange, yellow, green and turquoise.

The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River is also something that should not be missed. The Yellowstone River has been carving this canyon for eons, and the scenery is absolutely magnificent. The Yellowstone River's



waterfalls are simply amazing, and there are many walking trails along the edge of the canyon that allow excellent viewing. The Upper Falls are impressive with a height of 109 feet, but the Lower Falls of the river are even more incredible. The height of the waterfall at the Lower Falls is a spectacular 308 feet!

The Yellowstone River's water flows at a staggering rate through the valley, roaring through rocky chasms and around huge boulders. The maximum flow rate has been measured at nearly 8,000 cubic feet of water per second. In certain places the river reaches depths of more than 40 feet, too, but it is much shallower along most of its meandering path.

All of that water makes many people think about fishing, and for good reason. Enthusiastic anglers in the family will find plenty of places to wet a line inside Yellowstone. Besides the Yellowstone River, there are many different streams that can be found throughout the park. Also, Yellowstone Lake is well-known for fishing. Rainbow trout, Yellowstone cutthroat trout, brook trout and lake trout are some of the more common catches. There are mountain whitefish and arctic grayling present, as well. Some





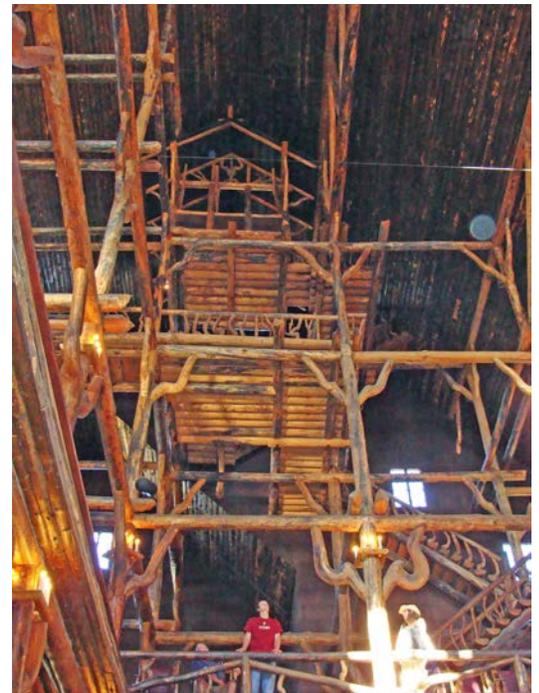
of these species are native and some are not. Native species must typically be released right away, while non-natives must be kept (in certain areas). There are many special fishing regulations for different areas of the park, so do your research before arriving.

For family members interested in seeing wildlife, the Lamar Valley is hard to beat. Huge herds of bison roam the valley, and they often stop traffic as they slowly meander across the road. Grizzly bears can also be seen from the road at times, and herds of elk are also common. Deer, foxes and coyotes also make regular appearances. Of course, the best times to see the most wildlife is

early and late in the day. On our trip through Yellowstone, we always spent all day sightseeing and then drove back to the hotel in the dark. On one of those nights, we spotted a wolf in the middle of the road right in front of us! It was a little spooky since no one else was around for miles, but we felt safe inside the car. The wolf saw us and was gone in a flash, but it was still exciting to see it.

Old Faithful Inn is a stopping point for thousands of visitors each year, and it is a famous landmark which is worth seeing, for sure. It was built in 1903-1904 and is thought to be the largest log structure in the world. Although the inn rents rooms to park visitors, it is usually booked in advance for 12-18 months, especially during the summer tourist season. But visitors to the park can still go inside and explore the inn even if they are not staying there. There are even free tours of the building offered every day.

Mammoth Hot Springs is another great place to see while visiting Yellowstone. This unique area can be found in the northwest corner of Yellowstone National Park. It is home to many distinctive thermal features, such as Minerva Terrace, Palette Spring, New Blue Spring and many others. Devil's Thumb is a sight to see, too. We thought it was very interesting to see all of the mineral terraces that seemed to flow downhill in varied steps, and in many places the terraces seemed to swallow-up entire stands of timber that are now nothing but bare tree trunks and branches.



There are so many things to see in and around Yellowstone National Park that a week-long vacation is certainly not enough time to do everything. Understandably, many people just visit as many of the famous landmarks as they have time for before leaving the park. That just means they will need to make a return trip in the future! Hopefully that trip will be sooner than later.



THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

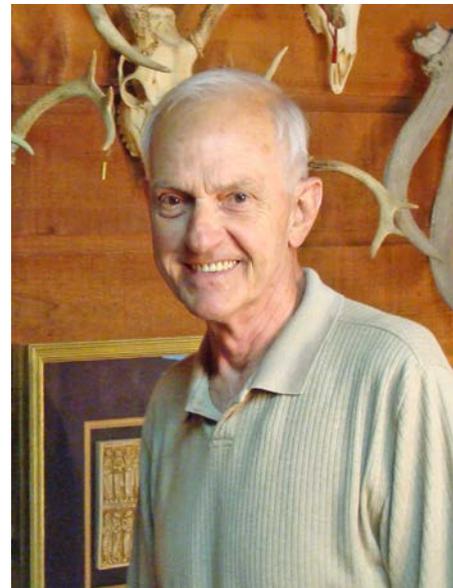


Philip Leohn Hawkins – Age 88 – Longtime HOW Member
September 14, 1931 – October 21, 2019

Philip Leohn Hawkins, 88 of Franklin, Indiana, passed away on Monday, October 21, 2019. We at the Hoosier Outdoor Writers just heard about his passing, so even though he has been gone for three years we thought it would be a fitting tribute to Phil to print his obituary and a few photos.

Phil Hawkins was born on September 14, 1931 in Franklin to Leohn Leslie and Pearl (Walk) Hawkins. He married Charlene (Boyd) Hawkins on May 20, 1952. She survives him, along with daughters, Deanna Jacquay and Dawn (Gary) McDonald; son, John Philip (Lori) Hawkins; daughter-in-law, Connie Hawkins; sister, Harriett Beeler; grandchildren, Amy (Matt) King, Chris (Riley) Hawkins, Angie (Matt) Greene, Erin Wheeldon, Jackson Hawkins and great-grandchildren, Hannah, Liam, Amelia, Greyson, Madelyn, Kenzie, Olivia, Emi. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, David Hawkins.

Phil was a graduate of Franklin High School and attended Franklin College. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served overseas in the Korean War. After the war he was a medical supply salesman and he also owned an Archery Shop in the 1960's called *Hawkeye Archery*, where he sold archery equipment and taught archery.



He was a member of (and official measurer for) Boone and Crocket, Pope and Young, Longhunters Society and Hoosier Bucks. He measured deer heads at the Indiana State Fair for over 40 years. His lifelong passion was hunting. Other hobbies included wood carving, painting, fishing, trapping, writing for the local newspaper and writing for many hunting magazines. Phil had a kind heart and was soft spoken. He was a humble man and was quick help anyone.

Phil Hawkins was one of the original members of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers in 1969, and was a member for decades. He continued his membership until his death, and as mentioned we only just heard about his passing. He corresponded regularly with HOW Executive Director Tom Berg for several years and donated many copies of old HOW newsletters and membership directories to HOW's library to save for posterity.



Phil was a great person and was a wealth of outdoors knowledge. He is missed by many.



Photos: **Above**, Phil at his home visiting with Tom Berg in 2013. **Far Left**, Phil with fall trapline fur in 1950. **Left**, Phil (at left in photo) and friend with bears taken with recurve bows, 1965.

HOW Member News

McCormick Works on New TV Show About Hunting Africa

Our fellow HOW member and past president, Troy McCormick, has been working on filming and editing a new television show this year called *Symons African Safaris*. The show features hunters on safari in the Limpopo Province of South Africa, with Troy, and friend Steve Chafin, as the hunters in Season 1.

The show is currently airing on The Hunt Channel, available via Roku, Amazon Fire TV, AppleTV, Android and IOS Mobil, and their web site. The new show is utilizing a shorter format than usual. Due to the short attention spans of viewers these days watching videos on TicToc and YouTube, the Hunt Channel asked Troy to cut show episodes down to 10-minutes in length as a test. Rather than show 25 minutes of a deer hunter in a tree, and then watch him shoot a deer in the last five minutes of the show, the new format offers an action-packed, information-filled, ten minutes of storytelling. You can watch six different shows in a one hour sitting.



Tune in to the Hunt Channel every Friday night at 7:10pm to watch Troy's new show *Symons African Safaris* or visit the website <https://huntchannel.tv/shows/> and click on the show logo for Video-On-Demand previously aired episodes.

We think you'll like it!



Great Lakes Rivers Join Old (and New) Friends

Earlier this summer, HOW past presidents John Maxwell and Ranger Bob Sawtelle loaded up a pickup camper and journeyed to southwestern Michigan to try wolverine-state small-stream drift-boat fishing.



Kalamazoo River fish are jumping and the drift boats are ready. Photos by (and courtesy of) John Maxwell.

This trip was at the behest of old fishing friend Clark McCreedy and new fishing friend Grant Snider, both now living in Michigan.

For two days, the fishing foursome drifted down the surprisingly uncrowded Kalamazoo River, fly fishing with streamers. They met several new fearsome friends (aka northern pike) as well as plenty of old acquaintances (frisky smallmouth).

During the third day, yellow-billed cuckoos and woodpeckers flitted from shadows to sunlight, as the casting quartet tried roll-casting dry flies and

streamers along the narrow, winding and heavily-timbered Pere Marquette River. This is where they met another new buddy: a beautifully spotted brown trout.

Toward the end of the float, Maxwell commented “A nice brown trout slurped in a yellow Zoo Cougar streamer as I lazily drifted the fly past a half-submerged log on an outside bend. The fish ripped line from my reel on an upstream run, and it was like an illustration from Field and Stream magazine, as the handsome fish leapt high from the water, suspended in mid-air, shaking spray onto the other boat, before zipping back downstream for another cart-wheeling jump.”



Above: John Maxwell displays his stunning Pere Marquette brown trout. **Left:** Ranger Bob battles a spirited and contentious Kalamazoo River northern pike.



After a short bull-dog battle, with the flying fish using leverage from the downstream current, fellow fisherman Grant Snider nimbly netted the sturdy, speckled salmonid, which was released back into the river after everyone and the fish caught their breath. What a trip!

Schoonveld Gets Crabs in Oregon

by Mike Schoonveld

Many years ago I'd been traveling since zero-dark-thirty in the early morning from Indiana and found myself in San Francisco at sundown. I had a window seat on a tour bus. After a big meal in China Town, the bus lurched to a stop waking me from a long-day stupor. Outside the window, about six feet away, was a street vendor with huge pile of freshly cooked Dungeness crabs he was peddling to passers-by.

I looked over to my wife and said, "I don't know where we are, but we are coming back tomorrow and buy some of those crabs!" I learned this was the Fisherman's Wharf part of the tour and, indeed, the next afternoon we were there and each of us was gobbling down one of those oversized ocean spiders.

Fast-forward a couple of decades and I was at my desk, monitoring the morning news and checking my email. A slow news day, the network inserted a filler piece about an environmental success in a bay at Newport, Oregon.



"Where-n-ell is Newport, Oregon," I asked Google. At the top of the list was the Newport Chamber of Commerce website, and with a couple of clicks I was viewing the C of C's start page which showed a photo of the city limits sign which read, "Welcome to Newport – Dungeness Crab Capital of the World."

"There's an easy sell as a fishing destination," I thought.

Left: HOW past president Mike Schoonveld lifts two large Dungeness crabs that he caught on the Oregon coast. **Below:** Schoonveld holds a lingcod that he caught. Photos courtesy of Mike Schoonveld.

I checked the various fishing options in this central Oregon seacoast town which includes salmon, halibut, lingcod, tuna and many others. I also learned on each trip, whether on large party-boats or small-boat charters, a small string of crab traps could be deployed at the beginning of the trip before heading out to fish for the target fish. On the way back, the crab-pots would be lifted from the bottom, the female crabs tossed back, the males measured to see if they were large enough to be keepers and then they'd quickly be iced down for the ride back to the docks.

Mission accomplished! We caught plenty of crabs, limits of lingcod, rockfish and several other species. Some were legal to keep, some were out of season, others evidently inedible. It was an adventure to remember in a very unique area of the western United States.



Marilyn Culler Appointed to Indiana State Police Board



HOW board member Marilyn Culler was recently appointed to the Indiana State Police (ISP) Board by Governor Holcomb. Since there are only five appointments on this board from Indiana's 92 counties, Culler's appointment is quite an honor.



Marilyn Culler poses with Putnam County Sheriff Scott Stockton after she accepted her appointment to the Indiana State Police Board. Photo by Jared Jernagan.

"It's kinda cool," beamed Culler. "My police work goes all the way back to my work with Indiana Conservation Officers in the early 1980's." That's when she began working with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, assisting with important evidence photography. Then in 1985, she visited the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) and accepted a job there as their photographer. She spent seven years at the ILEA before moving on to DePauw School of Music and becoming the university photographer.

She has been no stranger to law enforcement in recent years, either. In 2015, Putnam County Sheriff Scott Stockton recruited Culler to serve on the Putnam County Sheriff's Merit Board. She had worked with Sheriff Stockton periodically over the years during her time at the ILEA and at DePauw, so he knew her well. Stockton is the one who recommended Culler for the new position on the ISP board, too.

Culler had to give up the position on the Putnam County board when she accepted this appointment, but she has not looked back. "Over the years, police work and media have sort of woven themselves together in my life," she said. "So for this opportunity, I was surprised and honored and humbled."

Marilyn Culler is scheduled to serve on the ISP board until September 30, 2026.

Congratulations, Marilyn!

HOW Members Win Awards at AGLOW Conference

The Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers (AGLOW) 2022 Awards in Craft ceremony was held recently at Chateau on the Lake Resort in Branson, Missouri during the annual AGLOW conference, which ran from September 18-22, 2022. The presentation took place on September 22 and was well-attended by the membership. AGLOW's best of the best in the outdoor communications industry were recognized for their outstanding work, and some of our very own HOW members were among those honored. Congrats to the winners! The names and the contest details are below.

Also, AGLOW's highest honor, the Golden Glow award, was presented to our HOW past president Josh Lantz. Golden Glow Award nominees are selected and voted upon by the Past Presidents of AGLOW. Recipients must be deemed an ultimate professional, skilled in their craft with proven service to the organization. Congrats Josh!

AGLOW Awards in Craft Winners:

Best of Magazine – Fishing

2nd Place – Mike Schoonveld

Crankbait Tweaks for Fun and Fish

Best of Magazine – Boat, Travel & Camping

3rd Place – Tom Berg

Canoeing Safety on Big Waters

Best of Photography - Fishing

Honorable Mention – Tom Berg

First Mate's Lick of Approval

Best of Photography - Outdoor Scenic

1st Place – Tom Berg

Loon Family Dinnertime

3rd Place – Trent Marsh

The Cradle of Trout Fishing

Best of Magazine – Hunting

2nd Place – Jason Houser

Keep Your Taxidermist Happy

Best of Magazine – Open

3rd Place – Trent Marsh

Straight to the Aimpoint

Best of Photography - Hunting

2nd Place – Trent Marsh

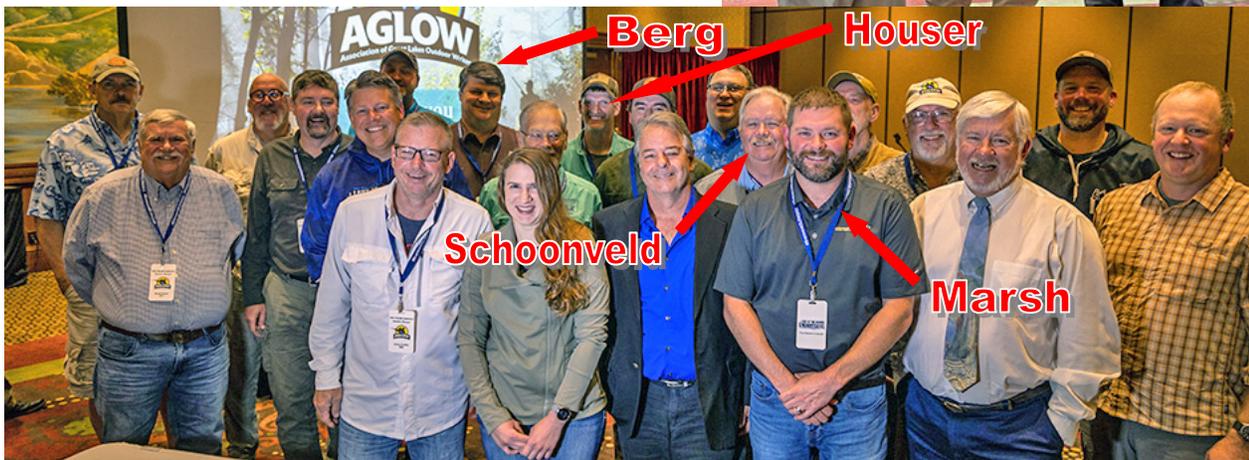
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AGLOW Golden Glow Winner:

Golden Glow Excellence in Craft Award

Josh Lantz

Right: Mike Schoonveld (L) and Mark Smith (R) present the AGLOW Golden Glow Award to Josh Lantz (center).



“Team Stout” Scores Wins in Recent MFL Tourneys

HOW past president Louie Stout and his fishing partner Chuck Powell have been doing very well this year while fishing their local Michiana Fishing League (MFL) events. For example, at the beginning of September the duo won first place in the MFL Open at 822-acre Klinger Lake (located between White Pigeon and Sturgis, Michigan). They weighed-in 11.32 pounds of bass, including the big bass of the event, a 2.95-pound largemouth.

They caught most of their fish in 23 feet of water on grubs fished on 3/8-ounce jigheads. “My partner, Chuck, saw some bass firing on minnows in deep water,” said Stout. “In fact, he caught one, and as I put it in the livewell, he hooked another before I could even make a cast. This went on for seven straight casts without me being able to make a cast. We culled three later and I was finally able to contribute. The Michiana Fishing League is a small group and we decided to fish the event because we like the lake.”

Stout and Powell have won three tournaments this year and been in the money in four others. “Obviously this is the best year we’ve had,” noted Stout, “and it’s probably because I’m finally enjoying my semi-retirement and not spending as much time locked behind a keyboard. I’m spending more time on the water and I’m more focused. Chuck works a lot of hours so I do all of the scouting.”

“Chuck, who is like a brother, and I have been fishing partners for several years and his kids call my wife and I Grandma and Grandpa. We’re a good team. He’s an excellent drop-shooter and I am pretty good with a jig on deep structure.”

“Maybe the past 30-some years of working with Bassmaster pros and writing about their tactics is finally paying off in my semi-retired fishing trips,” laughed Stout. “It pays to be lucky – which we have been – but we also try to put ourselves in a position to be lucky.”

It looks like it is working, gentlemen. Keep up the good work!



Louie Stout (left) and fishing partner Chuck Powell display some of the largemouth bass that helped them win the recent tournament on Klinger Lake. Photo courtesy of Louie Stout.

Membership Changes and Member Contact Info

The following name represents our newest HOW member. Please make a note of his contact info:

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If your email address, phone number or other contact info changes, please notify HOW Executive Director Tom Berg at thomas.berg@comcast.net or by mail at 2142 Nondorf Street, Dyer, IN 46311.

The HOW Trading Post

This section of the newsletter is set aside for HOW members to list items (especially outdoor gear) that they would like to sell. Limit one listing (or group listing) per member, per issue. Please contact the seller for more info – not the newsletter editor!

For Sale: Winchester Select Platinum Sporting 12 Gauge Shotgun

Winchester Select Platinum Sporting 12 gauge O/U shotgun, 28 inch barrels with the 5 original choke tubes. It comes with the original Winchester Red Case and all paperwork. It is in original excellent condition. Bought new in 2008 and shot skeet one time only (at a HOW Fun Shoot!). \$1,500 OBO. Contact Bob Jennings at 812-798-0783 or via email: Jenningsr500@gmail.com.



Unusual Nature Photos from the Hoosier Outdoors Sponsored by Pure Fishing

Fireflies (or Lightning Bugs) Really Light Up the Night



Close-up
→
Original
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The “What is it?” photo from the last issue was a little harder than usual, since

it was correctly identified by only six (6) HOW members. Mike Lunsford, Troy McCormick, Jack Spaulding, Bill Keaton, Brandon Butler and Mike Schoonveld were all able to identify it. When we drew a name at random for the **Hi Mountain Seasonings** sausage kits, Jack Spaulding was the lucky winner. Congratulations, Jack! Our friends

at **Hi Mountain Seasonings** will send the prize directly to you.

As can be seen in the photo (above), the mystery creature for this issue was a Firefly (*family Lampyridae*). We did not require an exact species, since there are more than 2,000 species of firefly on Earth! Most species can fly, but a few are flightless. Most of them also produce a luminous flash or light within their abdomen. The light produced by them is called bioluminescence, and it’s the result of a complex chemical reaction.

Most kids around the Midwest grew up chasing fireflies in their yards during the summertime. They were fun to watch and even more fun to catch. These insects are also called lightning bugs, and both names are appropriate since these creatures have the ability to light up with their amazing internal light source. You may see different flash patterns in your yard at night because there may actually be multiple different species of firefly living nearby. Who knew?

For this issue, our friends at **Pure Fishing** have donated a very nice prize for the HOW member who guesses the right answer to this issue’s “What Is It?” question. This time the prize will be a special Abu Garcia spinning rod/reel combo. See below for more info on the prize and this issue’s nature question.



Berg Poses Another Nature Photo “What Is It?” Question

Tom Berg has posed another Nature Photo mystery. This one might be easier than others. The photo shown at right is part of a close-up of a creature that can be found throughout the state of Indiana, although you are not too likely to see it in your own back yard. Does it look familiar? Have you ever seen this color pattern before? All nature photos on this page were taken by Tom Berg.



This creature may be easy for some people to identify, and harder for others. But we’ll see. Do you know of any creatures that look like this? As usual, you will have to identify the exact species. If you think it’s a species of snake, for example, go ahead and guess “Black Rat Snake” (of course, it’s not a snake). If you think you know the answer, send an email to me at thomas.berg@comcast.net. If you’re right, you will be entered in this issue’s prize drawing!



As mentioned, **Pure Fishing** (www.purefishing.com) has donated an excellent Abu Garcia Veritas spinning combo for the HOW member who guesses the right answer to this issue’s “What Is It?” nature question. The MSRP on this cool rod/reel combo is nearly \$300, so it is a great prize. If multiple people guess correctly, we’ll draw a winner at random from the correct entries.

HOW Supporting Member News

These pages are devoted to the loyal supporting members of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers. Brief descriptions of new products, award-winning products and press releases are listed here. HOW members interested in reading more can visit the supporting member websites or call or email the media contact for more information.

ProCase™ Touch Provides Smartphone Protection For Outdoorsmen

Ontario, CA – The ProCase Touch universal smartphone case is the perfect tool for hunters, anglers, boaters, hikers, cyclists – just about everyone who enjoys the great outdoors. After all, phones don't bounce to the middle of the boat, they bounce out. The ProCase™ Touch for fishing, secures smartphones to almost anything so it cannot be dropped, drowned, or damaged. Our retractable fishing phone case includes a lockable retractable tether to confidently maximize usability and keep your phone out of the water.



The design allows for full-functionality of a smartphone with the responsive touch screen, including apps and forward and reverse facing cameras, all while being securely tethered. Perfect for all boaters, but especially good for kayakers!

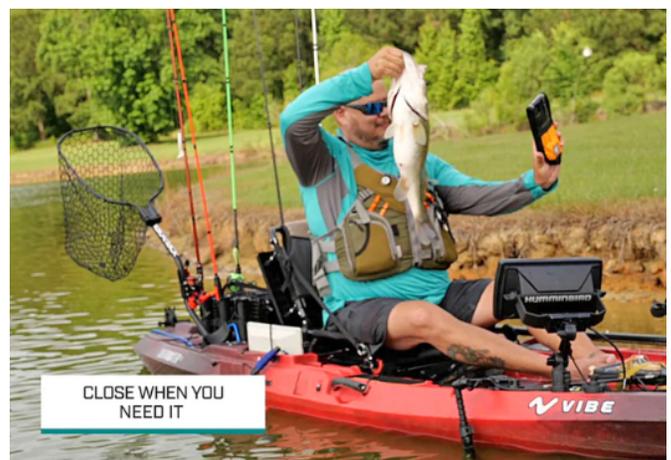
Optimized for anglers, the ProCase™ Touch with Picture Portal allows you to take photos and videos with an unobstructed view for your rear facing camera. Unlike floating waterproof solutions, capture those moments without worry of water droplets, humidity build-up, or scratches ruining your shot.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Fits almost any smartphone and its case.
- UV Resistant clear vinyl material helps extend the life of your ProCase™ Touch.
- Enjoy crystal clear photos and videos with unobstructed use of forward and reverse facing cameras.
- Sound perforations and other openings allow clear sound for making phone calls or playing music.
- Patented locking ball joint locks the smartphone in place and prevents bouncing when not in use.
- Integrated 4' retractable tether keeps the cord tight. Resists snagging while allowing full range of motion.
- Openings allow for access to home buttons, front and rear facing fingerprint readers.
- Protected by a 1-Year Limited Warranty and Lifetime Service Policy.
- Actual Dimensions: 9" L X 4" W X 2" H.

To find out more about the ProCase Touch, please visit www.boomerangtool.com.

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HOW Supporting Member News

SPYPOINT FLEX Cellular Trail Cameras Now Available

Victoriaville, Quebec, Canada: The most anticipated cellular trail camera of the year is now available and poised to help SPYPOINT customers have their best season ever. Anticipation has been high among retailers and customers since the FLEX was announced at the ATA show in Louisville in January. By addressing common pain points identified by cellular trail camera users from all brands, adding in premium features, and doing so while maintaining the affordability that has been a hallmark for SPYPOINT, the FLEX is ready to become the next in a long line of industry-leading cellular trail cameras.

“There are so many features our customers are excited about with the FLEX, it’s tough to say what is driving the early interest, but the unique dual-sim configuration that allows it to connect to whichever cellular network provides the best, most reliable signal is certainly a major development that our customers were happy to see,” said Alexandre McElhaw General Manager at SPYPOINT.

“The optimized antenna is really what makes the FLEX go. The 33-megapixel photos and 1080p videos are great, but it’s how reliable the connectivity and transmissions are, that’s what really makes it stand out,” he added.

Those videos will also be available to be transmitted to the SPYPOINT app and will appear in the gallery as an animated preview, after which users can request the full-length HD version which will be sent to the app and replace the preview. Every SPYPOINT customer that activates their first new FLEX will receive five free FULL-HD Video Requests in their account. This will give users the chance to test out the new feature and see how the process works. Additionally, the free photo transmission plan that has set SPYPOINT apart for so many years is still available with the arrival of the FLEX.

The new and unique dual-sim configuration of the FLEX includes two pre-installed and pre-activated SIM cards. This allows the FLEX to connect to the best cellular network available, without the user having to select a specific carrier model. The camera automatically selects the best, most reliable network, and if over time the best network changes, the FLEX will automatically make that change as well. The user never has to do any manual process to ensure the best network is being used. The dual-sim setup works with the optimized antenna to make the most of any available signal, and users will certainly notice the enhancement to network connectivity.

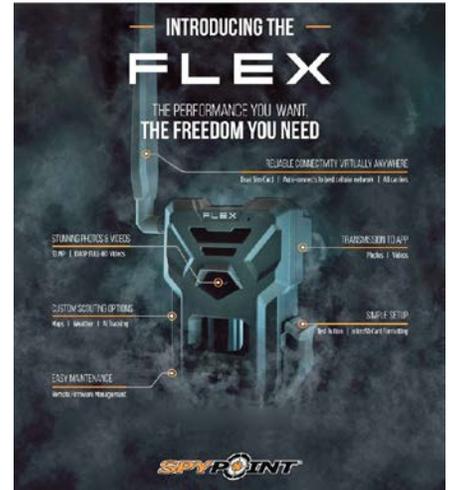
Setup is easier than ever thanks to the improved user interface in the new SPYPOINT FLEX. With the push of a button users can format the microSD card right in the camera. Ensuring the camera is taking the photos users want and sending them to the app is simple as well, with the new test button. Users can leave the woods knowing their camera is working as it should. Keeping the FLEX working at the peak of its powers is simpler than ever as well with remote firmware updates available directly in the SPYPOINT app.

The SPYPOINT app and the FLEX are optimized to work together. The FLEX is GPS-enabled, maximizing the performance and function of the customizable in-app maps. SPYPOINT has always led the way in advanced scouting tools and features that pair with the cameras to make the combination of camera and app the most powerful scouting tool available. More developments are already underway to take that legacy of innovation into the future.

The SPYPOINT FLEX is available in stores across North America and online. To find the location closest to you, visit www.spypoint.com/retailers. To learn more about all the new SPYPOINT FLEX can do, visit www.spypoint.com/flex.

Trigger Speed:	Responsive – up to 0.3 seconds	Flash Range:	100’
Video:	1080p with sound	Detection Range:	100’
Modes:	Photo, Video, Time-Lapse, Time-Lapse+	Photo Resolution:	33MP
Network:	Multi-Carrier LTE auto-connectivity		

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HOW Supporting Member News

Hi Mountain Seasonings Celebrates National Sausage Month with Its New Summer Sausage Variety Kit

Riverton, WY (Sept. 6, 2022) – Did you know that October has been designated as National Sausage Month? To help celebrate, Hi Mountain Seasonings has introduced its Summer Sausage Variety Kit. The kit will make 15 lbs. each of three of the most popular flavors: Cracked Pepper & Garlic, Hunter's Blend, and Jalapeno sausage, for a total of 45 lbs. of mouth-watering yumminess.

The Hi Mountain Seasonings' Cracked Pepper & Garlic Summer Sausage Kit uniquely incorporates a special blend of salt, spices, dehydrated garlic, and soybean oil that's been refined to be allergen free, and a cure of salt, sugar, a touch of sodium nitrite, and caramel color that gives your meat a zesty flavor perfect for grilling on a brisk fall afternoon.

Hunter's Blend Summer Sausage has the same great flavor as the Hi Mountain Seasonings' popular Hunter's Blend Jerky and Snackin' Stick Kits and is one of our most popular blends. It mixes a special blend of herbs and spices that are uniquely blended to deliver that perfect rich sausage flavor that everyone craves. It's perfect for tailgating or an everyday snack.

Hi Mountain Seasonings' Jalapeño Summer Sausage is not like the other summer sausages; it is a spicy sausage that contains jalapeño peppers to add a pinch of spiciness to make it more flavorful. It has just enough heat to wake you up, yet it remains mild enough for just about everyone to enjoy. If you like spices and are looking for the perfect spicy, full flavor sausage this is the one for you. It is guaranteed to get your attention and that of all your guests!

Hi Mountain Seasonings' summer sausages can be prepared on the grill, in a dehydrator or in the convenience of your oven. Any way you choose, they come out moist and flavorful beyond your expectations. And the nice part about summer sausage is that there are several ways to serve it: You can serve it just sliced, on a Charcuterie board, heated up on the grill for sandwiches or fried on the stove with a little oil. However you choose to serve it up, Hi Mountain Seasonings Summer Sausages will be a delicacy for all who indulge. An added bonus is that summer sausage is gluten-free and it fits in with the popular keto diet. So if you are trying to diet, be sure to start making some Hi Mountain Seasonings summer sausage and enjoy all you want!

Today, you can take summer sausage to the next level by making your own with the Hi Mountain Seasonings Summer Sausage Variety Kit. These mouth-watering sausages can be made both from wild game meat and commercial meats, and are perfect for special fall activities like tailgating, the baseball playoffs, in-home football parties, a backyard barbecue, hunting camps – or whenever the mood strikes you! MSRP for the Hi Mountain Seasonings Summer Sausage Variety Kit is \$39.99. It's available for shipping now at the Hi Mountain Seasonings website, www.himtnjerky.com.

Hi Mountain's entire line of products, cooking tips, instructional videos and recipes are also available at www.himtnjerky.com. Hi Mountain products also can be found at high-end sporting-goods stores, farm-and-ranch stores and many local grocery stores.

Located in the heart of Wyoming, Hi Mountain Seasonings was founded in 1991. It is the premier manufacturer of kits for homemade jerky and sausage. Hi Mountain Seasonings has successfully captured distinct, traditional Western flavors in its jerky cure & seasonings, Western-style seasonings, bacon cures and other products that make up the unique line of gourmet Western seasonings. For additional information, write: Hi Mountain Seasonings, 1000 College View Drive, Riverton, WY 82501; call toll-free 1-800-829-2285; or visit the company website at www.himtnjerky.com.

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HOW Supporting Member News

Code Blue® Releases New Scent Products: Screamin' Heat™ Stick & Rope-A-Dope™

Code Blue® is proud to release two new long-lasting attractant products focused on improving active scrapes and providing prolonged scent in any weather condition.

The already popular **Rack Rub™** pre-orbital gel is now available in the new **Rope-A-Dope™** bundle, which includes a tough, weather-resistant rope. The combo helps to improve any scrape or licking branch site all season long. Feeling HOT, HOT, HOT?! Meet the mess-free **Screamin' Heat™ Stick**. Designed for use when does are in heat, the enhanced estrous formula is a breeze to apply in the field. The proof is in the process with Code Blue, with each stick produced using our elite From One Deer to One Bottle® system.

Screamin' Heat™ Stick

Developed through extensive scientific research and collected with meticulous accuracy, Screamin' Heat is pure estrous specially enhanced with all-natural female secretions, making it ULTRA hot. Now in stick form, the scent is easier and more convenient to use than ever and can withstand even the harshest of temperatures.

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- Remove cap and rub scent on brush, tree limbs, or bark to create a scent trail to and around your stand location
- Screw-on cap locks in freshness
- Use mid to late season



Rope-A-Dope™

Put that trophy buck down for the count! Bucks will deposit scent from their glands on low-hanging limbs by vigorously licking and rubbing to mark their territory with an unmistakable aroma. The Rope-A-Dope combo helps amplify the action! Rack Rub is the ultimate forehead gland and preorbital scent for stimulating rub activity. The special gel formulation is durable and provides smooth, even coverage on the included rope to help bring bucks into view.

- Weather-resistant cotton synthetic blend rope – 3 ft. x 1 in.
- 2 oz. bottle of Rack Rub gel
- Attach rope to a licking branch over an existing or mock scrape using included zip tie, then generously brush Rack Rub onto the rope
- Use all season

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.codebluescents.com/codeblue-new-for-2022>

Media Contact:

HOW members should contact:

Hannah Kinderknecht at Pradco Outdoor Brands for more information. She can be reached via email at: hkinderknecht@pradcooutdoorbrands.com.



HOW Supporting Member News

Outdoor Sportsman Group Networks Announce Exclusive Partnership with Michael Waddell and “Bone Collector”

Denver, CO - Hamilton, GA (August 25, 2022) – Outdoor Sportsman Group, in partnership with Michael Waddell and his brand *Bone Collector*, announce an extended, exclusive partnership in the outdoor entertainment industry. The announcement was made today by President and CEO of Outdoor Sportsman Group Matt Hutchings.

Michael Waddell and *Bone Collector* have a long history with Outdoor Sportsman Group and continue to be an industry-leading content provider for audiences across the country. Known for their entertaining personalities, *Bone Collector* hosts Waddell, Nick Mundt and Travis “T-Bone” Turner documents the culture of hunting – whether bugling elk in Colorado, chasing big whitetails in Kansas or giant Nebraska mule deer. The camaraderie, laughs and passion for the outdoors brings together family and friends and makes for a great show. *Bone Collector* is a true depiction of the hunting lifestyle and highlights the brotherhood and sisterhood of hunting while also providing a world-class production.

“We’re excited to have Michael and the *Bone Collector* team as an exclusive partner with our media businesses as we continue to lead the future of outdoor entertainment across all current and future platforms,” Hutchings said.

“My passion for the outdoors and belief in the people that make up the culture are worth celebrating,” Waddell said. “Having the chance to share this and distribute the best of the outdoors on national TV and many other places is a must! I’m excited that now, and in the future, Outdoor Sportsman Group gives us that opportunity.”

“We continue to invest and build on what is the best content available in outdoor entertainment,” Outdoor Sportsman Group Head of Programming Tim Cremin said. “Michael is the perfect partner for us on all our platforms moving forward into the future.”

The partnership is an exclusive, multi-year arrangement between the two entities and involves not only Michael and the *Bone Collector* series of shows, but development of new and upcoming talent in the outdoor industry.

***Bone Collector* airs Sundays at 9:30 p.m. ET on Outdoor Channel.**

About Outdoor Sportsman Group: Outdoor Sportsman Group is comprised of the world’s foremost media and entertainment brands for outdoor adventure enthusiasts. It includes three leading multichannel networks: Outdoor Channel, Sportsman Channel and World Fishing Network, as well as Sportsman Channel (Canada) and MOTV, the world’s leading subscription-based video-on-demand outdoor television content platform. The Group also consists of numerous established publishing assets: 15 outdoor magazines including *Guns & Ammo*, *Game & Fish*, *Petersen’s HUNTING*, *In-Fisherman* and 20 top websites, including OutdoorChannelPlus.com. Additionally, Outdoor Sportsman Group includes television production operations, Winnercomm. For more information, visit www.outdoorsg.com. #MyOutdoorTV.

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HOW's Supporting Member Websites

Al's Goldfish Company - www.alsgoldfish.com
Alps Brands - www.alpsbrands.com
Aquateko International - www.aquateko.com
Arctic Ice - www.arctic-ice.com
Artrip Float Company - www.artripfloatcompany.com
B'n'M Pole Company - www.bnmpoles.com
Black River Tools - www.blackrivertools.com
Blackbird Products - www.blackbirdproducts.com
BoatUS - www.boatus.com
BOLT Locks - www.boltlock.com
Boomerang Tool Company - www.boomerangtool.com
BPI Outdoors - www.BPIguns.com
Bucket Grip - www.bucketgrip.com
Buff USA - www.buffusa.com
Caldwell - www.caldwellshooting.com
Celox Medical - www.stopbleedingkits.org
Church Tackle Company - www.churchtackle.com
Cocoons Eyewear - www.cocoonseyewear.com
Code Blue Scents - www.codebluescents.com
Daisy Outdoor Products - www.daisy.com
Danco Sports - www.dancopliers.com
Dardevle by Eppinger - www.dardevle.com
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Egret Baits - www.egretbaits.com
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Finn Tackle Company - www.finnspoons.com
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Glacier Glove - www.glacierglove.com
Hawke Sport Optics - www.hawkeoptics.com
Henry Repeating Arms Co. - www.henryUSA.com
HHA Sports - www.HHAsports.com
Hi Mountain Seasonings - www.himtnjerky.com
Hofmann's Lures - www.hofmannslures.com
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Indiana Destination Development Corporation - www.visitindiana.com
Lawrence County Tourism - limestonecountry.com
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Mack's Lure - www.mackslure.com
Mathews Archery - www.mathewsinc.com
MEC Outdoors - www.mecoutdoors.com
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Moultrie Trail Cameras - www.moultriefeeders.com
National Shooting Sports Foundation - www.nssf.org
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Norsemen Outdoors - www.norsemenoutdoors.com
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O.F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc. - www.mossberg.com
Old Salt Angling - www.oldsaltangling.com
Otis Technology - www.otistec.com
Outdoor Sportsman Group - www.outdoorsg.com
PahaQue Wilderness - www.pahaque.com
Plano Synergy - www.planomolding.com
Pro-Cure Bait Scents - www.pro-cure.com
Pure Fishing - www.purefishing.com
Quaker Boy Game Calls - www.quakerboygamecalls.com
Rapala VMC - www.rapala.com
Renfro Productions - www.renfroproductions.com
Roeslein Alternative Energy - www.roeslein.com
Seaguar Fishing Lines - www.seaguar.com
Shooter's Choice - www.shooters-choice.com
Sierra Bullets - www.sierrabullets.com
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Spypoint Trail Cameras - www.spypoint.com
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Summit Treestands - www.summitstands.com
Swab-Its - www.swab-its.com
Sweet Owen CVB - www.sweetowencvb.org
Tales End Tackle - www.talesendtackle.com
Target Communications Outdoor Books - www.targetcommbooks.com
Tick Terminator - www.thetickterminator.com
Toyota Motor Sales - www.toyotaneewsroom.com
Traditions Media - www.traditionsmedia.com
TTI-Blakemore Fishing - www.ttblakemore.com
Van Vuuren African Safaris - www.vvasafaris.com
Vexilar, Inc. - www.vexilar.com
White Flyer Targets - www.whiteflyer.com
Whitetails Unlimited - www.whitetailsunlimited.com
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W.R. Case - www.wrcase.com

HOW members are encouraged to check these websites for general info and answers to product and service questions.

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	_____ Radio	_____ Artist
_____ Books	_____ Photography	_____ Lectures	
_____ Television	_____ Teaching	_____ Trade Journals	
_____ Blog/Online Work	_____ 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: _____

Sponsor: _____

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 media 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 ensure 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 conference.

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, internet/online, 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; 20 online



articles, blogs, vlogs or podcasts 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; nature lovers; sportsmen; outdoorsmen; public employees in outdoor fields; educators teaching related subjects; fishing guides and tournament anglers, 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, service providers, 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 fishing, hunting, boating, hiking, nature, ecology, or in preserving the environment in general.

Calendar of Events

AGLOW 2022 Annual Conference:

(www.aglowinfo.org)

Chateau on the Lake Resort
Branson, MO

September 19-22, 2022

Indianapolis Fall Boat & RV Show:

(www.IndySportShow.com)

Indianapolis, IN

September 23-25, 2022

Fur Takers Chapter 7B Fall Rendezvous:

(www.hoosiertrappersupply.com)

Held at Hoosier Trapper Supply
Greenwood, IN

September 24, 2022

Ford Cincinnati Boat, Sport & Travel Show:

(www.CincySportShow.com)

Cincinnati, OH

January 20-22 & 25-29, 2023

Cincinnati Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo:

(www.CincySportShow.com)

Indianapolis, IN

January 27-29, 2023

Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show:

(www.IndySportShow.com)

Indianapolis, IN

February 17-19 & 22-26, 2023

Indiana Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo:

(www.IndySportShow.com)

Indianapolis, IN

February 23-26, 2023

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