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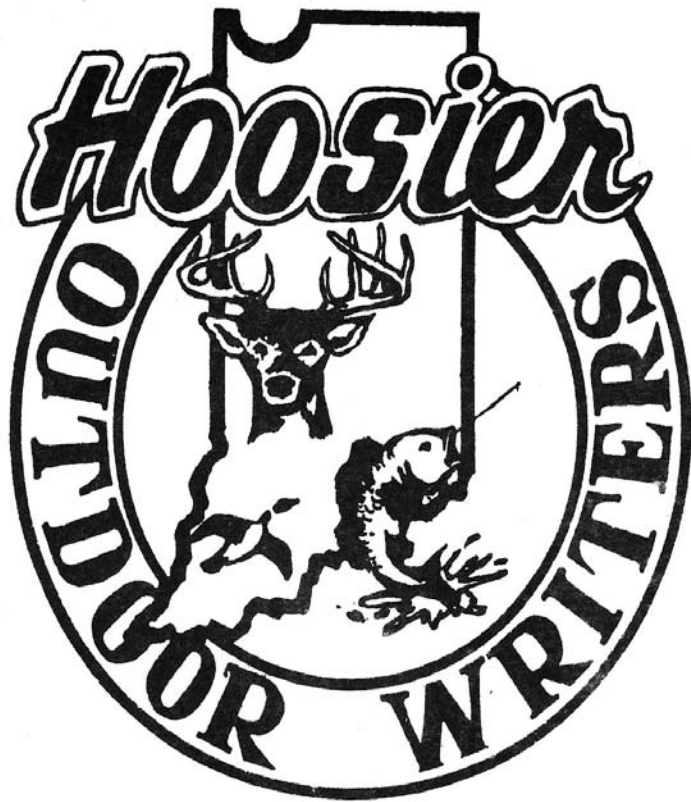
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"Sunset on the Lake", 2010 Awards-In-Craft winner by Tom Berg



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President's Message

by John Maxwell

Looking Forward: Hey HOW, let's develop a new website this year. Some HOW members have suggested that we build a site with individual pages for each member. These pages would give each member a web presence he or she could use to help market or show-off writing or photography, all under the umbrella of a professional outdoor-communications organization.

With a password, each member could self-edit his or her site and privacy settings, and post as much or as little information as wanted. Clips, photos, videos and links could be posted. Our supporting members would also get extra bang for their membership buck with an easier connection to HOW members. These HOW web directory pages could eventually lead to a slimmed-down printed HOW directory, saving HOW about \$500 per year in printing and mailing costs.

A Blade newsletter archive could also be included, and maybe a member's "Outdoor Photos" bulletin board. Let me know if you have any other ideas, as we'll soon be discussing this with our new HOW Website Committee.

Looking back: The 2010 HOW Annual Meeting was terrific. (See photos later in this issue of the Blade) The Friday Fun Shoot, planned by HOW member Captain Mike Schoonveld, was - well -- really fun. Kevin Presnell of Presnell Plantation north of Morgantown let us use his clay target course, and it was Play-Station cool. A shooter could call for a dozen or so different clay pigeons launched from different directions and speeds, as well as several rolling rabbit targets. HOW shooters played PIG and HORSE and Knockout. I don't remember who won most of the contests, but I do remember Schoonveld lost once.

On Friday evening, HOW members enjoyed a splendid Lake Monroe evening cruise. The Fourwinds Resort provided drinks, wicked-good chicken salad sandwiches and chocolate cupcakes with a molecular-chocolate weight equal to super-dense uranium. Boat safari guide Jeff Hammond even provided cruisers with a view of a soaring bald eagle, which flew over the boat with a snake in its talons to its nest and began feeding eagle chicks.

During Saturday's business meeting, the HOW board voted to join the Indiana Sportsmen's Roundtable, which should provide HOW sportsmen and women timely information on active hunting, fishing, trapping and other natural resource or outdoor recreation legislation in the Indiana House and Senate. ISR has long been a loud lobbying voice on behalf of Indiana's sportsmen and women and should provide members a reliable, reasoned and professional voice in resource conservation legislation.

Out-going President Bryan Poynter ran the board meeting smoothly. I learned a lot about patience, leadership and friendship by watching Bryan lead HOW during the last year. The HOW board also renewed the Executive Director contract for HOW's Most Valuable Player, Tom Berg. HOW members also elected a super slate of Directors, as well as a new Vice President, Brandon Butler. HOW member John Martino organized an energetic and balanced slate of candidates. Some of these younger members should help jump start and renew some of our older member's passion for HOW and the outdoors.

Hope to see you out and about in Indiana soon.

The Hoosier Outdoor Writers

New Members, Past Presidents & Memorial Section

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

(See page 20 for a list of new
HOW Supporting Members)

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
Gary Carden
Jim “Moose” Carden – President 1982/83
George Carey
John Case
Bill Church – President of HOW 1972
Jack “Big Jake” Cooper
Mark Cottingham
Jerry Criss
Dick Forbes
Tom Glancy – President of HOW 1977
Dale Griffith
Fred Heckman
Jack Kerins
Mike Lyle – President of HOW 1981
Ralph “Cork” McHargue – President 1976
Bob Nesbit
Jack Parry
Harry Renfro
“Bayou” Bill Scifres – President of HOW
George Seketa
Al Spiers
Robert “Doc” Stunkard
Butch Tackett
Joe West

Past Presidents of HOW

“Bayou” Bill Scifres	1969
“Bayou” Bill Scifres	1970
“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
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
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

The Pre-Conference HOW Fun Shoot

by Tom Berg

The HOW members that participated in the Friday afternoon Fun Shoot at the Presnell Plantation near Morgantown this year were not disappointed. The weather was perfect, the location was great and our hosts were fantastic. The camaraderie was first-rate, too, and everyone had a lot of fun! And the best part of all was that it wasn't snowing!!

Those members who have shown up for the HOW Fun Shoot in prior years have always had to deal with February weather: cold, sleet and snow. This was the first time in recent memory that no one was wearing a coat, and Dean Shadley was actually seen to be sweating as he took aim at his next shot. He was attempting to avoid being knocked out of a game of HORSE by his son Ben...but it didn't work.

The shooting facility was set up with a variety of sporting clays positions, including fade-away shots, incoming targets and speedy side-to-side shots. There were even clay targets that bounced along the ground like a rabbit (Gene Clifford's favorite).



The shooters played several games of HORSE, PIG and a couple of other games in an attempt to see who was the best overall shooter. Many of the games were pretty close, but Mike Schoonveld usually won out in the end. Next year may be different!



The Shooting Stand at the Presnell Plantation was very nice, offering plenty of shade and comfort for the shooters as they took their shots and waited for their next turn to shoot. Kevin Presnell, the President and Founder of Presnell Plantation also joined us and described his operation and the charity work that they do for different groups and organizations. It was quite interesting!

Mike Schoonveld organized a very pleasant outing again this year, so make sure you don't miss it next year!

HOW would like to thank Linda Powell and Remington Arms for supplying all of the ammunition for the shooters again this year. We would also like to thank Kevin Presnell and his staff for allowing us to visit and use his facility. It was very much appreciated. Thanks again!

The Presnell Plantation offers disabled veterans, the terminally ill, children and youth groups, and others the chance to enjoy outdoor experiences that they might not get otherwise. Check their website for more information (www.presnellplantation.com).

Weekend Format Very Successful At Annual HOW Conference!

WOW! If you didn't attend the 2010 HOW conference in Bloomington, IN, you really missed a great time!

This year's annual conference was a groundbreaking event. For the first time in decades, our annual gathering of writers, photographers, broadcasters and other media professionals took place over an entire weekend, rather than just one day. We also moved the meeting date from February to mid-May, so the weather was gorgeous. The Fourwinds Resort was an absolutely great location, too. What could be better?!



Alan Garbers and his wife Dianna relax at the front of the pontoon boat while Jeff Hammond drives.

The conference events actually started at 1:00pm on Friday afternoon, when several HOW members and friends met at the Presnell Plantation north of Lake Monroe for the annual HOW Fun Shoot. It was an enjoyable outing, as usual, and details can be found on the previous page. After the shooting was done and the smoke cleared, we drove to the Fourwinds Resort to check-in and get ready for the Friday evening Sunset Cruise.



Socializing on the upper deck of the pontoon boat (CW from left): P.J. Perea, Josh Lantz, John Maxwell, Cara Stallsmith, Eric Stallsmith. There was a total of 18 people on the cruise, and we weren't crowded!

HOW member and Fourwinds Resort General Manager Jeff Hammond organized an excellent sunset cruise around some of Lake Monroe's beautiful back bays and coves. The sky was clear as we all climbed aboard the resort's plush double-decker pontoon party barge, and Jeff had plenty of food prepared for anyone who was hungry. Thirsty boaters were in luck, too, as he also had coolers full of water, soft drinks and adult beverages.

The evening breeze was refreshingly cool as we tooted around the lake, and when the boat entered one cove a bald eagle flew overhead as it headed for its nest. In its talons was a good-sized snake, destined to become dinner! It was an awesome sight.

The annual meeting began at 8:30am on Saturday morning, and nearly 50 HOW members and guests assembled in the main meeting room. There was plenty of time for socializing after checking in at the registration table, as the first structured talks didn't begin until 9:30. At the registration table, conference attendees were provided with welcome bags complete with goodies from Acli-Mate Sports Drink, Crosman Corp., Hoosier Trapper Supply, Howard Communications, Ono's Trading Co. and Realtree. The Bloomington CVB also provided welcome bags.

The social hour included coffee and a continental breakfast, and while members talked and got ready for the day's events, the HOW Board of Directors and Executive Committee conducted their board meeting.

Outgoing President Bryan Poynter provided opening remarks at 9:30am, and briefed the meeting attendees about the day's schedule. Mike McAfee from the Monroe County CVB also welcomed those present and gave a short discussion on Bloomington and the surrounding attractions that attract large numbers of visitors to this area every year.



Sandy Clark-Kolaks discusses the finer points of Lake Monroe's fish populations in her seminar on the lake's fish tracking projects.

The first seminar speaker was assistant research biologist Sandy Clark-Kolaks from the Indiana DNR. She gave a very interesting presentation on nearby Lake Monroe's hybrid striped bass (wiper) and walleye fisheries. The information that was discovered in the DNR's fish radio-tracking program was amazing! She also discussed the finer points of the lake's healthy largemouth bass population.

The second speaker was John Goss from the Indiana Wildlife Federation. John updated the membership on many conservation and legislative issues that affect all sportsmen and women in Indiana. Dean Shadley had planned to speak to the membership about the Indiana Sportsmen's Roundtable (ISR), but due to prior commitments he made

his presentation to the HOW Board of Directors during the board meeting and the board agreed that HOW will join the ISR as an affiliate member.

The HOW Business Meeting was called to order at 11:15am by President Poynter, and HOW Nominating Chairman John Martino presented the proposed slate of new officers for the coming year. John Maxwell was elected President, Brandon



Butler was elected Vice-President and Bryan Poynter will become the Board Chairman. Our new

Board members include: Phil Seng, Jack Spaulding, Bob Jennings, James Keldsen and Bob Sawtelle. Thank you to our new volunteers. HOW Treasurer Tom Berg then gave a Treasurer's Report on our finances. See page 22 for details.



Keynote speaker Dr. Randall Eaton.

The Business Meeting was followed by an excellent lunch prepared by the Fourwinds kitchen staff. This year's luncheon was sponsored by the Bloomington CVB, and HOW would like to thank them for their hospitality. As members were finishing lunch and polishing off a little dessert, our keynote speaker Dr. Randall Eaton began his presentation titled, "What You Need To Know About Youth

Hunting”. He discussed his views on hunting as a rite of passage for boys in their journey to manhood, and he explained why it opens their hearts and profoundly connects them to nature. It was a moving and inspiring speech. After his keynote address, Dr. Eaton also conducted a seminar on how to get more kids involved in hunting and the outdoors.

Next on the agenda was the HOW Awards-In-Craft presentation. Bryan Poynter and Tom Berg announced and distributed the awards for the past year, and the best writing, photography and TV/video broadcasts were recognized. This year the contests were generously sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, and a big thank-you goes to them for their participation. Check the contest results in the next few pages to see who won.

One of the most eagerly-awaited seminars was conducted by Kim and Shawn Straley from Poor Boy’s Baits in LaGrange, IN. They brought a large sampling of products that they manufacture for the attendees to see and feel, and they also brought the equipment and supplies to demonstrate how they pour their lures by hand. The seminar generated a lot of interest, and samples were available to everyone who wanted them. HOW member PJ Perea from Aiken, SC secured a pair of huge plastic nightcrawlers for his two young sons to play with – they were definitely unique souvenirs!



PJ Perea smiles as he holds 2 giant plastic worms made by Kim Straley (Poor Boy’s Baits).

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The final presentation of the day was led by HOW Board member Eric Stallsmith. He makes a living working with the internet and social media, and his discussion concerning the useful aspects of Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, Linked-In and others was interesting and informative. Outdoor communicators can use these tools to increase their networking skills and make more money. This topic will certainly come up again at future conferences, so if you missed it this year don’t worry. You can still become computer-savvy some day soon!



Kim Straley from Poor Boy’s Baits demonstrates how their specialty soft plastic lures are poured by hand.

As usual, the final activity of the day was the annual HOW Raffle. Raffle chairman Tom Berg and his helpers outdid themselves again this year and once again secured a record number of raffle donors – a total of 68 companies in all! Some companies donated major products and others donated smaller items, but all were much-appreciated. Thanks go to Tom Berg, Rich Creason and Mike Schoonveld for their help in securing, storing and transporting the raffle items this year. It’s a really big job!

It took longer than usual to set up the raffle items early in the morning before the start of the meeting, mainly because there were so many things to remove from boxes and arrange on the tables. We used four full-sized tables to hold the merchandise, and it still wasn’t enough! Overflow items were piled on the floor on both sides!

As soon as the raffle tickets went on sale, a long line formed behind the ticket sales table. Long-time ticket hawk and professional number-caller Jack Spaulding was in rare form as he stripped tickets off the ticket rolls 100 at a time. It was amazing to watch! Berg and Poynter helped sell tickets for a short time to help Jack catch up, and a couple of other members assisted, too. In the end, a lot of tickets were sold! The raffle was a huge success again this year.



Master raffle ticket seller Jack Spaulding in action.

The fact that we had plenty of good items to raffle off made it downright easy to sell tickets. Some members bought more than 100 tickets in an effort to win the best prizes!

Here's a partial list of the items in this year's raffle: Fishing rods, reels, flyrods, lures, terminal tackle, targets, specialty sunglasses, binoculars, outdoor clothing (for both men and women), coolers, knives, hunting trips, a Benjamin .22 caliber air rifle complete with scope, a Remington shotgun, ammunition, a muzzleloader rifle, game calls, archery equipment, hunting gear, lights, gift certificates, books, cookware, gun care products, hiking boots, icefishing gear, shooting equipment, boot dryers, sleeping bags, tents, grills, software, maps and atlases – just to give you a representative sample of the items available!



For a complete list of the raffle donors, please see page 11.



The HOW Lake Monroe Fishing Excursion

The Sunday fishing outing was enjoyed by a few HOW members, and we hope that participation at future conferences will continue to grow. John Maxwell, Bob Sawtelle, Josh Lantz and Tom Berg vied for top fishing honors on Sunday morning, and the team of Lantz and Berg won. They caught largemouth bass, yellow bass and white crappie, although none of their fish were whoppers.

On Saturday evening, Josh Lantz, Tom Berg, John Maxwell, Bob Sawtelle and Shawn Straley did a little pre-fishing in the evening. Although Berg and Lantz each landed a keeper-sized bass, Shawn Straley caught the biggest fish: a largemouth bass that weighed about two pounds. Maxwell and Sawtelle had the honor of hooking the biggest fish – a wiper – but it was able to throw the hook. As usual, the big one always gets away!



Josh Lantz concentrates on his streamer fly as he fishes for hybrid striped bass near Lake Monroe's dam.

2011 HOW Conference Announcement!

NOTE: You can already mark your calendars for the 2011 HOW conference because we have just chosen the date. It will be May 13-15, 2011 (Friday-Sunday), with the main meeting taking place on Saturday, as usual. You may attend the Saturday meeting only, the entire weekend or any portion of the weekend. It's up to you!

The location has not yet been decided upon, but rest assured it will be a good one. So be sure to save the date!!

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The 2010 HOW Awards-In-Craft Contest

**The Hoosier Outdoor Writers
would like to thank**

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**for being the official sponsor of the
2010 Awards-In-Craft Contest**



The HOW 2010 Awards-In-Craft Contest

The results are in! The winners of the 2010 Awards-In-Craft contest were announced at this year's annual conference in Bloomington, and we had many excellent entries. As usual, the writing portion of the contest garnered the most interest, as HOW members submitted a total of 79 entries for consideration by the judges. The photography contest included 20 entries, and this year the awards were dominated by P.J. Perea and Tom Berg. Hopefully next year more shutterbugs will give P.J. and Tom a run for their money!

This year the Awards-In-Craft contest was sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, so the winners were awarded checks along with certificates to commemorate their achievements. We would like to thank Toyota for their generous sponsorship, and we hope this is the beginning of a long and beneficial relationship for both Toyota and HOW. Toyota is also a new Supporting Member of HOW, so please check out their website (www.toyotaneewsroom.com) to find out more about their products and recent news releases.

A special thank-you also 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. Dealing with a large number of submissions which are typically sent right before the deadline makes coordinating the entries/judges very interesting! The 2010 Awards-In-Craft coordinators were: Evie Kirkwood (Writing), John Martino (Photography) and Tom Berg (Broadcast).

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

WRITING (total of 79 entries)

Less Than 1000 Words

Hunting/Trapping

- 1st: Lisa Metheny, "Brotherly Love"
- 2nd: John Martino, "A Great Shot in Illinois
Ends Without a Shot"
- 3rd: Rich Creason, "Hunt For a Canadian Buck"

Fishing

- 1st: Brandon Butler, "Champion Bass Angler
Makes Time for Youngster"
- 2nd: Lisa Metheny, "Reel Angels"
- 3rd: Tom Berg, "Big Wood, Big Water Crappie
Holes in Indiana"
- Tie** 3rd: John Martino, "Columnist Gets Quick Trip
Down Memory Lane"

More Than 1000 Words

Hunting/Trapping

- 1st: Brandon Butler, "Bowhunter Magazine:
Point of Origin"
- 2nd: John Martino, "Nothing Beats Introducing a
Child to Hunting"
- 3rd: Brandon Butler, "Sweet Mountain Solitude"

Fishing

- 1st: Brandon Butler, "Beaver Island MI: Northern
Island Angling Paradise"
- 2nd: Brandon Butler, "River Mouth Fishing
Rewards"
- 3rd: Tom Berg, "Lake Michigan Summer
Smorgasbord"

(Continued on next page)

Less Than 1000 Words

Conservation

- 1st: Mike Schoonveld, "Silver Fins and Lemonade"
- 2nd: John Martino, "Found Baby Animals are Best Left in the Wild"
- 3rd: John Martino, "Canada Geese: Just Learn to Love 'em"

General Outdoors

- 1st: John Martino, "Hill is Right at Home on Wildcat Creek"
- 2nd: Brandon Butler, "It's Wrong to Judge Sporting Rifles by Appearance"
- 3rd: Lisa Metheny, "America's Golden Girl"

PHOTOGRAPHY (total of 20 entries)

Hunting/Trapping

- 1st: P.J. Perea, "Down Time"
- 2nd: Tom Berg, "On the Lookout for Doves"
- 3rd: P.J. Perea, "Wing and a Prayer"

Outdoor Scenic

- 1st: Tom Berg, "Sunburst Over Still Waters"
- 2nd: Tom Berg, "Sunset at the Lake"
- 3rd: P.J. Perea, "Free Fallin"

BROADCAST (total of 5 entries)

Best TV Broadcast

- 1st: Evie Kirkwood, "Spiders and Insects, Oh My!"
- 2nd: P.J. Perea, "Bluebird and Bat Houses"
- 3rd: P.J. Perea, "Hog Problem on the Mole Farm"

More Than 1000 Words

Conservation

- 1st: Brandon Butler, "Father Damian Schmeltz: A Life of Service"
- 2nd: Brandon Butler, "IHT is a HIT"
- 3rd: No entry

General Outdoors

- 1st: John Martino, "Columnist Falls for Wild Outdoor Adventure"
- 2nd: Brandon Butler, "Sweet Times at the Sugar Shack"
- 3rd: Ray McCune, "No Laundry in Deer Camp? Yo're Kiddin'!"

Fishing

- 1st: Tom Berg, "Mountain Stream Trout"
- 2nd: P.J. Perea, "Royal Wulff"
- 3rd: Tom Berg, "First Fish Thrills Physically Challenged Youth"

Outdoor Recreation

- 1st: P.J. Perea, "Pedal Pushin"
- 2nd: Tom Berg, "Bird Watchers Find Hawk"
- 3rd: Lisa Metheny, "Indiana Trails"

Best Video

- 1st: P.J. Perea, "NTWF Educational Box Call video"
- 2nd: P.J. Perea, "NWTF 2009 Convention video"
- 3rd: No entry

HOW Member News



John Maxwell and Bob Sawtelle Turn Into Grouper Groupies!

HOW President John Maxwell (left) and Board Member Bob Sawtelle recently made yet another trip to Florida in search of big fish.

They were very successful in catching some nice-sized groupers, and their secret weapon was a soft-plastic lure that they received at one of the seminars at the HOW conference. Shawn and Kim Straley from Poor Boy's Baits conducted the informative and popular seminar, and their hand-poured lures were a hot item on the water in Florida. John wrote them the following note:

"Shawn and Kim: Your Silly Rabbit jigs should have the following warning label: DON'T STAND BETWEEN THIS JIG AND A GROUPE! Bob Sawtelle and I really enjoyed your lure-making presentation at the May Hoosier Outdoor Writers Conference, and we used your Blue-Black Herring Silly Rabbit jigs to catch keeper-sized grouper from Boca Grande Pass in Florida. Thanks!"

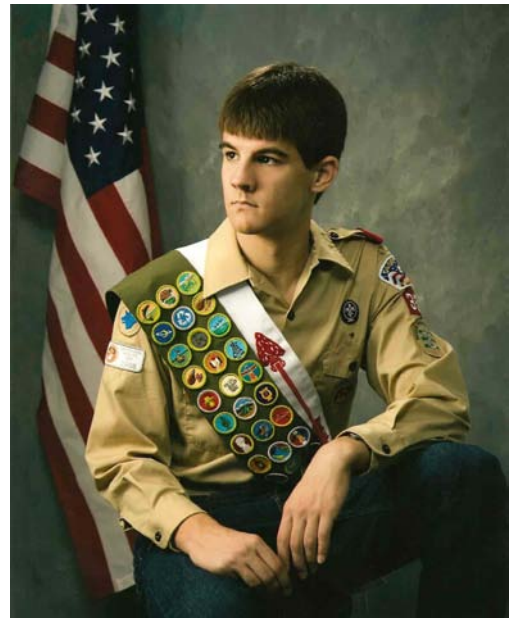


Executive Director's Son Becomes Eagle Scout

Mark Berg, son of HOW Executive Director Tom Berg, was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of America.

Mark spent nearly 7 years as a member of Boy Scout Troop 356 from Lowell, IN before earning the respected Eagle Scout rank, and held many leadership positions and other positions of responsibility in the troop. He also learned many valuable skills that have been helpful to him while pursuing his interests in the outdoors.

Besides the outdoor skills that all boy scouts learn, he earned many outdoors-oriented merit badges: Fishing, Flyfishing, Mammal Study, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, Fish and Wildlife Management, Archery, Swimming, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Camping, Nature, Environmental Science, Wilderness Survival and Forestry. He also earned the World Conservation Award.



Only about 2% of boy scouts ever attain the rank of Eagle Scout, so his achievement is one to be proud of. Mark has also been accepted as a member of the National Eagle Scout Association.



Big-Game Hunter Lisa Metheny Gets Hooked On Fishing

HOW member Lisa Metheny from Terre Haute recently returned home from a trip to Alabama where she fished in the Gulf of Mexico for a variety of saltwater fish species.

Although Lisa describes herself as a hunter, we can see that the fishing bug has bitten her. At left she holds a hefty amberjack, and to the right she displays a bragging-sized Gulf redfish.



Lisa is definitely a big-game hunter, and in fact, she is one of HOW's most serious hunters. But she may have just developed a bad case of Fishing Pox. Well, at least she was wearing a Benelli Firearms hat in some of the photos so that her hunting friends would still recognize her...

Look for a report from Lisa on page 17 for more details on her trip and the state of the Gulf and the local communities concerning the oil spill.



Berg Family Finds Solitude and Wildlife in Wisconsin

Tom Berg loaded the family into his van earlier this month and headed for NW Wisconsin for some serious fishing, wildlife viewing and a little rest and relaxation.

The vacation was a success on all counts, but the daily rain made things a bit damp. Even so, there was plenty of time between rain showers for fishing (son Mark is plying the nearshore waters at right) and bird watching. The photo above shows a great blue heron resting on a tree stump while a red fox watches from the edge of a shoreline pier.



There was plenty of other wildlife to see, too, including bald eagles, black bear, river otter, deer, ospreys, loons, pileated woodpeckers, orioles, pine squirrels, muskrats, turtles and warblers – just to name a few.

Come On Down

Photo and Text by Lisa Metheny

The water's fine, at least it was on May 25th about 20 miles off the coast of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, Alabama. This red snapper put up a good fight before I was finally able to haul him out of the water.

Mainstream media has unfortunately painted a picture that every inch of sand and every cup of water in the Gulf of Mexico is contaminated with oil. Although many waters and beaches have sadly been affected, the area I visited had no oily residue anywhere during my stay. The beaches are sugary white and the waters still shades of emerald green. The only visible trace of damage from the oil slick, still some 60 miles from the area, was the decline in tourism, due primarily to negative press coverage.

If you or your family are looking for great place to escape to this summer and maybe get in a little fishing, I would highly recommend the family-friendly Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, Alabama area. As of this date there are private charters still available such as Captain Troy Frady's, www.DistractioCharters.com, or if you are interested in staying a little closer to the shoreline try Captain Keith Powell's inshore tours at www.fishingorangebeach.com. These guys are terrific and know where the fish are biting. Maybe fishing from the pier is more your style. If so, be sure to cast your line from the Gulf of Mexico's longest pier. At over 1500 feet long, the fishing pier at Gulf Shores Park easily reaches out and puts you smack dab in the middle of the action.



Since I have returned from my trip the most common question I have been asked, besides “how was the fishing?” would be “what can we do to help this area?” There are plenty of ways to help this area and other locations along the Gulf that have felt the impact of the oil slick, but one of the best ways to help right now is simply with tourism dollars.

There are still plenty of great story ideas to come from this area. For more information visit the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach CVB at <http://www.gulfshores.com/> or drop a line to the media contact Kim Chapman at kchapman@GulfShores.com at the CVB for information on the area.

And in the meantime, as we wait and see what happens, there are some great deals to be had and the CVB, along with nearly every local business, posts daily updates on the situation and many are offering some great deals and revised cancellation policies.

Editor's note: Lisa Metheny submitted this report prior to any oil or tar balls washing up on the beaches of Gulf Shores or Orange Beach. In the time since her trip, the oil spill has impacted this area. For current conditions and up-to-date information, please check the websites listed above or contact the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach CVB.

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

HOW Past-President Thomas J. Glancy – Age 73

July 21, 1936 – June 11, 2010

Chesterton, Indiana – Thomas J. Glancy, 73, of Chesterton, passed away on Friday, June 11th at Porter Hospital Valparaiso Campus.

He was born on July 21, 1936 in Hammond, IN and was the son of Everett Glancy and Louella Daumer Glancy, both of whom preceded him in death. He was married June 14, 1958 in Porter, Indiana to Carol Krause, who survives in Chesterton. He is also survived by three daughters: Lora (John) Wilezynski of Vermont, Lisa Glancy of Chesterton and Lesley Penix of Chesterton. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Brendan (Nicole) Wilezynski, Donovan (Jen) Wilezynski, Justine Penix, Tiffany (Rocco) Vacanti and Dustin Krause and four great grandchildren: Wyatt, Rocco, Kaden and Dylan. He is also survived by a brother, Jack (Barbara) Glancy of Carbon; and a sister, Cherly (Dan) Howe of Chesterton.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Otis, IN with Pastor Thomas Sabel officiating. The burial followed at Chesterton Cemetery.

Tom was a financial planner employed with the Raymond James Brokerage Firm. He was a member of the Porter County Farm Bureau, PCART, a member of the Kiwanis, ROTC, NRA, a member of the Duneland Painter and Setter Club, Wisconsin Mink Club, a member of the Chesterton Art Center, and finally, he was a member of the local and state 4H where he judged painting, which was his biggest joy.

Tom was also a member of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers for nearly 40 years, and he served as the association's President in 1977. He also served on the Board of Directors for HOW. He was President and Publisher of Hoosier Publications, Inc., and was the founder of *Hoosier Outdoors* magazine. He was an active outdoor communicator, and had many credits, including radio, newspapers, magazines and photography. He was also the recipient of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources "Outdoor Writer/Broadcaster of the Year" award in 1979.

HOW member Gene Clifford from Valparaiso remembers Tom coming to the Porter County Conservation Club in 1980 to ask for outdoor related stories for his magazine. "That was my first stint at writing an outdoor story," he said. "I wrote about how two ice fishermen could buy the material and build ice fishing boxes for less than \$20 each. I furnished as-built pictures and drawings for the article." Although Tom was not active with HOW in his later years, he is still remembered by many of our long-time members and will be missed.

Memorial contributions in Tom's honor may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Otis, IN.

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 company contact for more information.

Lamiglas Offers High-Performance American-Made Rods

Woodland, WA: Offering anglers a renewed pride in owning and fishing American Made fishing rods, Lamiglas has introduced the all-new Excel bass series. The Excel series bridges the gap for anglers wanting to purchase American-made rods, but unable to accommodate past differences in pricing between imported and domestically manufactured products.

“It’s not that interest in American Made rods is renewed,” said John Posey, Lamiglas National Sales Manager, “Anglers have always wanted American rods, but substantial price differences between those made in China and Mexico and those produced in the US were simply too large for many anglers to justify. The Excel Series has been a goal for years, but recent increases in production and transportation costs within import markets have made them a no-brainer.” Check the Lamiglas website (www.lamiglas.com) for detailed rod specifications.

For info on other Lamiglas products, call John Posey at 360-225-9436 or email him at jposey@lamiglas.com.



(Supporting Member News continued on next page)

MyTopo Adds New Aerial Imagery for 30+ States

Billings, MT. MyTopo has added new aerial imagery for all of its products and services, including MyTopo large-format printed maps, the MyTopo MapPass, and MyTopo Terrain Navigator Pro. Here's a link showing a map with info on the updated imagery for MyTopo:

<http://www.mytopo.com/products/aerialupdates.cfm>



This update consists of 145,014 individual quarter-quadrangles, which covers about 63% of the continental U.S., or roughly 1.9 million square miles (1.2 billion acres).

Log in today to check to see if new updates are available for your area of interest.



For more information, please visit www.mytopo.com or contact Paige Darden at 877-587-9004, ext. 102. You may also send an email to paige@mytopo.com.

New Supporting Members and Contacts

The following companies have recently joined HOW as Supporting members (Sponsor: Tom Berg). Please make a note of them and support them in your work whenever possible:

Columbia Sportswear: Contact: Sue Melus, sue@melusoutdoors.com

Gerber Legendary Blades: Contact: Mike May, mike@backbonemedia.net

Hoppe's: Contact: Mike Capps, mcapps@howardcommunications.com

Johnson Outdoors: Contact: Kristin Jankowski, kristin.jankowski@johnsonoutdoors.com

Nautic Global Group (Godfrey Marine): Contact: Jeff Roth, jroth@nauticglobalgroup.com

Proline Fishing: Contact: Michael Ressen, michael@prolinefishing.com

Rocky Brands: Contact: Mike Alday, mike@aldaycommunications.com

Supporting members should forward any changes to contact information (preferably via email) to HOW Executive Director Tom Berg (email address: thomas.berg@comcast.net; mailing address: 2142 Nondorf St., Dyer, IN 46311; phone: 219-322-8328).

HOW's Supporting Member Websites

3M Scientific Anglers - www.scientificanglers.com
Acli-Mate Mountain Sports Drink - www.acli-mate.com
Alpen Optics - www.alpenoutdoor.com
ATK Ammunition - www.atk.com
B'n'M Pole Company - www.bnmpoles.com
Bass Pro Shops - www.basspro.com
Battenfeld Technology - www.battenfeldtechnologies.com
Bill Lewis Lures - www.Rat-L-Trap.com
Birchwood Casey - www.birchwoodcasey.com
Blackpowder Products, Inc. - www.bpiguns.com
Brunton - www.brunton.com
Buck Knives - www.buckknives.com
Bundy Ducks - www.bundyducks.com
Cabela's, Inc. - www.cabelas.com
Camp Chef - www.campchef.com
Clam Corporation - www.clamcorp.com
Coleman Company - www.coleman.com
Columbia Sportswear - www.columbia.com
Creative Outdoor Products - www.hunterdan.com
Crimson Trace - www.crimsontrace.com
Crosman Corporation - www.crosman.com
CTI Industries - www.zipvac.com
Danner Boots - www.danner.com
DeLorme, Inc. - www.delorme.com
Eagle Claw - www.eagleclaw.com
Environ-Metal, Inc. - www.hevishot.com
Flambeau Products Corp. - www.flambeauoutdoors.com
Flatrock Hunting Preserve - www.flatrockhunting.com
Flying Fisherman - www.flyingfisherman.com
Frabill - www.frabill.com
Freedom Group Companies - www.freedom-group.com
G.Loomis - www.gloomis.com
Gerber Legendary Blades - www.gerbergear.com
Godfrey Marine - www.nauticglobalgroup.com
Hart Productions - www.hartproductions.com
Hoosier Trapper Supply - www.hoosiertrappersupply.com
Hoppe's - www.hoppes.com
HT Enterprises - www.icefish.com
Hunt's Photo & Video - www.huntsphotoandvideo.com
Hunter's Specialties - www.hunterspec.com
Indiana Conservation Officer Magazine - www.icoo.com
Indiana Outdoor News - www.indianaoutdoornews.net
Johnson Outdoors, Inc. - www.johnsonoutdoors.com
Kwikee Kwitter Co. - www.kwikeekwiver.com
L&S Bait Co. - www.mirrolure.com
LaCrosse Footwear - www.lacrossefootwear.com
Lamiglas - www.lamiglas.com
Leupold - www.leupold.com
Lightfield Ammunition - www.lightfieldslugs.com
Lodge Manufacturing - www.lodgemfg.com
Mathews - www.mathewsinc.com
Midway USA - www.midwayusa.com
Mossy Oak - www.mossyoak.com
Muzzy Products Corp. - www.muzzy.com
MyTopo - www.mytopo.com
Off Shore Tackle Co. - www.offshoretackle.com
Ono's Trading Co. - www.onostradingcompany.com
Optronics, Inc. - www.optronicsinc.com
Orange County CVB - www.historicsouthernindiana.com
Otis Technology - www.otisgun.com
Outdoor Promotions - www.crappieusa.com
Plano Molding Company - www.planomolding.com
Poor Boy's Baits/Lurecraft - www.lurecraft.com
Pradco Fishing - www.lurenet.com
Primos Hunting Calls - www.primos.com
Proline Fishing, Inc. - www.prolinefishing.com
Pure Fishing - www.purefishing.com
Quaker Boy, Inc. - www.quakerboygamecalls.com
Ranger Boat Company - www.rangerboats.com
Reef Runner Lures - www.reefrunner.com
Renfro Productions - www.renfroproductions.com
Rocky Brands - www.rockyboots.com
Savage Arms - www.savagearms.com
Sebile Lures - www.sebileusa.com
SHE Outdoor Apparel - www.shesafari.com
Shimano American Corp. - www.shimano.com
Snosuit - www.snosuit.com
South Shore CVA - www.southshorecva.com
Star Brite - www.starbrite.com
Strikemaster Corporation - www.strikemaster.com
Taylor Brands - www.taylorbrandsllc.com
ThermaCELL - www.thermacell.com
Tri-Tronics, Inc. - www.tritronics.com
TTI-Blakemore Fishing - www.ttiblakemore.com
Vexilar, Inc. - www.vexilar.com
Vortex Optics - www.vortexoptics.com
W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery - www.wrcase.com
WaveSpin Reels - www.wavespinreel.com
West Marine - www.westmarine.com
White Flyer Targets - www.whiteflyer.com
Wildlife Research Center - www.wildlife.com

HOW members are encouraged to contact our supporting members' websites for general information and answers to product and service questions.

Treasurer's Report

Hoosier Outdoor Writers

January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009

Balance beginning January 1, 2009: \$10,594.09

Income:

Dues (Member renewals & new members)	\$2,450.00
Annual Meeting Fees (Members)	\$900.00
Annual Meeting Fees (Non-members)	\$125.00
Conference lunch Co-Sponsor (B'n'M Poles)	\$250.00
Conference lunch Co-Sponsor (Duke Energy)	\$200.00
HOW Raffle	\$1,652.00
Total Income:	\$5,577.00

Expenses:

Executive Director Stipend	\$2,500.00
2009 Annual Meeting (Conference Center Rental & Meals):	\$1,741.45
2009 Awards-in-Craft contest postage:	\$30.80
Conference Calls (Board of Directors):	\$152.47
Newsletter Editor (prior to hiring of E.D.):	\$125.00
Newsletter Copies (Manual Copies):	\$82.17
Memorial to Indiana Wildlife Federation (Scifres):	\$100.00
Dues Reimbursement:	\$10.00
Office Supplies:	\$64.08
Postage:	\$59.88
Total Expenses:	\$4,865.85

Balance ending December 31, 2009: \$11,305.24

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: _____

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 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 conference.

What We Stand For

These are what we strive to accomplish:

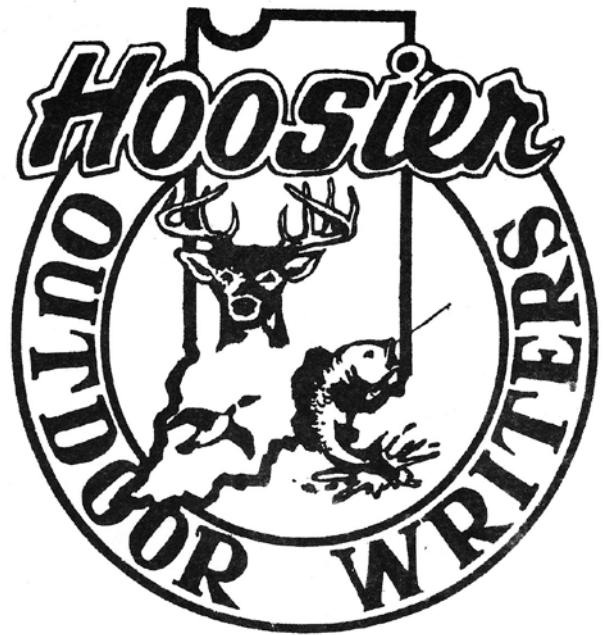
1. To give the profession of outdoor writing/reporting greater recognition and understanding, even higher standards and enlarged scope.
2. To encourage and enforce high standards of professional ethics.
3. To strive always for the truth, accuracy, clarity and completeness in the dissemination of outdoor 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, 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, 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 hunting, fishing, ecology, or in preserving the environment in general.

Calendar of Events

POMA 2010 Annual Conference:

(www.professionalooutdoormedia.org)

LaPorte, IN

August 11-14, 2010

AGLOW 2010 Annual Conference:

(www.aglow.info)

Ashland, WI

September 12-16, 2010

AGLOW 2011 Spring Cast & Blast Event:

(www.aglow.info)

Details and location to follow.

April 19-21, 2011

NRA 2011 Annual Meeting:

(www.nra.org)

Pittsburgh, PA

April 29-May 1, 2011

HOW 2011 Annual Conference:

Details and location to follow.

May 13-15, 2011

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