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2012 Awards-In-Craft winner "Whitetail Following Scent Trail", by John Maxwell



# Hoosier Outdoor Writers

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**On the cover:** This dramatic shot was one of the winners in the HOW 2012 Awards-In-Craft Photo Contest: a whitetail deer following a scent trail in Indiana's Harrison County. The original photo was taken horizontally; we zoomed-in and cropped it for this issue's cover. Photo by John Maxwell.



# President's Message

by Josh Lantz

## *Writing For The Future*

Few of us need to be reminded how fast our world is spinning these days. View it through whatever colored glasses you like, but personal perspective won't stop change from happening. The past? Forget about it. It isn't coming back. Look back to learn, understand and appreciate. The future? Visualize it if you must, but its details can never be fully anticipated or predicted. Look forward to plan, but as long as you are planning for the future, you had better plan to be surprised when the future actually arrives.

In my opinion, we ask for trouble when we spend too much time or energy in the past or the future. Do so and we often miss the only place where true opportunity exists – the present. It's where we live, make decisions and realize all manner of our successes and failures – as individuals and as societal groups.

It's a little known fact that I used to work in the field of community development and planning. I was never interested in big cities and urban issues. I entered the field because I was interested in helping small towns manage their inevitable growth in responsible ways that resulted in increased quality of life while minimizing urban sprawl into the rural areas I treasured. Parts of the work were rewarding, but I found it wasn't my cup of tea. My greatest struggles centered on the long-term nature of the work. I was laying out plans, projects and programs that took years to implement. While I didn't like it, it certainly taught me a lot about the process of planning for the future. Most strategic planners try to plan for the future by thinking about the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats available or visible in the present.

So, what is the future of wildlife, our outdoor resources and our outdoor recreational activities? How can we as outdoor communicators continue to shape a future where these cherished resources and activities are still available in acceptable quality and quantity for future generations of outdoor enthusiasts? What do we need to do now, here in the present? The simple answer is write.

Your words carry weight. When you describe the majesty of the great outdoors you inspire people to place value upon it, whether they are active users of those resources or not. When you artfully and responsibly communicate an outdoor experience you instill appreciation. Keep it up.

Some of us will never be comfortable writing about the politics of the outdoors. That's okay, but I'd urge you to give it a try. It keeps our readers informed and our elected officials on their toes.

If more of us took the occasional plunge into politics, perhaps a procedural motion would not have killed the landmark Sportsmen's Act of 2012 as it was in the Senate late last month. If you aren't aware of the importance of this piece of proposed legislation, Google it. It is certainly worth a column or two. And you won't believe the reason for the bill's defeat. Research that one too; yet another column for sure. The failure of Congress to pass this legislation represents missed opportunities for wildlife, sportsmen and the economy.

The future is what each of us helps make of it. The next time the dreaded writer's block sets in and you search for inspiration think about the future of the outdoors. Then think about the present. Think about current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats as they apply to wildlife, our other outdoor resources and our ability to access those resources. Inspiration for you and your readers is sure to follow.

Thanks for all you do.

# The Hoosier Outdoor Writers

New Members, Past Presidents & Memorial Section

## Memorial to Deceased HOW Members

### Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

Jack Alkire – HOW President 1979  
Bill Beeman – Executive Director  
Ed Blann  
Charlie Brown  
Gary Carden  
Jim “Moose” Carden – HOW President 1982/83  
George Carey  
John Case  
Bill Church – HOW President 1972  
Jack “Big Jake” Cooper  
Mark Cottingham  
Jerry Criss  
Gary “Dox” Doxtater  
Dick Forbes  
Tom Glancy – HOW President 1977  
Dale Griffith  
Fred Heckman  
Jack Kerins  
Mike Lyle – HOW President 1981  
Ralph “Cork” McHargue – HOW President 1976  
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Bob Nesbit  
Hellen Ochs  
Jack Parry  
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**HOW extends a  
warm welcome  
to our growing  
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Louie Stout	1980
Mike Lyle	1981
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John Davis	1984
John Davis	1985
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Ray Harper	1987
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Phil Bloom	1995
Marty Jaranowski	1996
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# Annual HOW Conference



The Clifty Inn offers great southern Indiana hospitality. HOW members may stay for one night or the entire weekend if they like. Photo courtesy of Madison Visitor's Center.

## Make Plans Now To Attend The 2013 Annual Conference!

As announced in the July/August issue of The Blade, the 2013 HOW Conference will be held in Madison, IN at the Clifty Inn and Clifty Falls State Park. The conference will take place on the weekend of April 19-21, 2013, with the main meeting occurring on Saturday, April 20th.

Those dates are quickly approaching, so it's time for you to start making plans to attend! See page 6 for a copy of the conference registration form. We will have plenty of interesting seminars and speakers at the conference, as usual, and there will be activities which everyone can enjoy, too. And don't forget about the super-duper HOW Raffle! The raffle at the meeting in Merrillville was absolutely great, and we are hoping it will be even better in Madison!

For those who wish to arrive early for the conference, on Friday evening (April 19th) we will have a special barbecue sponsored by the Madison Visitor's Center and featuring a local BBQ master! All conference attendees and their spouses are invited. More information will follow as the date gets closer.

There will also be opportunities to visit Clifty Falls State Park throughout the conference weekend, where HOW members and spouses can do a little hiking, bird watching, nature photography or simply spend some quality time outdoors. The park's 1500 acres offers spectacular scenery, including four beautiful waterfalls and lots of rocky cliffs – all surrounded by dense forest. The waterfalls should be very impressive while we are there, too, especially if we get a normal amount of spring rain next year.

Feel free to explore the town of Madison, either before or after the main HOW meeting on Saturday. Besides the quaint downtown shopping district there are also numerous national landmarks and historic buildings that will grab your interest. Don't forget that the mighty Ohio River flows right past the town of Madison, so bring your fishing pole! You just might be lucky enough to catch one of the Ohio River's trophy-sized catfish! This promises to be another excellent conference, and you definitely won't want to miss it!

We have already reserved a block of discounted rooms at the Clifty Inn for HOW members interested in staying overnight or for the entire weekend, so go ahead and make your reservations now. Don't wait too long, either – our block of rooms will be released on March 1, 2013. The details are below, but our Group Code will be sent out via email. We are not publicizing the code online because non-HOW members might access it (that actually happened at the 2012 conference). If you prefer to stay at another hotel instead of the Clifty Inn, there are several choices nearby if you look online or in the phone book.

### FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS:

<https://cliftyinn.dnr.state.in.us> or 1-877-LODGES-1.

**Group/Promotional Code:** To be emailed.

Parkside Double Queen Rooms:

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P.O. Box 387  
Madison, IN 47250  
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# Hoosier Outdoor Writers Annual Conference Registration

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Clifty Inn near Madison, IN (Jefferson County) – April 19-21, 2013

This registration form is for the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 20th  
(8:00am – 4:30pm)

**Information to appear on name badge:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information:**

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a first-time HOW conference attendee? \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Registration Fee per person:

HOW Members (and spouses): \$25.00 each (\$25 X number attending) = \_\_\_\_\_

Non-HOW Members: \$30.00 each (\$30 X number attending) = \_\_\_\_\_

Conference fee includes continental breakfast and buffet lunch on April 20th.

**Please print this application and mail it along with your check for each person attending (make checks payable to “Hoosier Outdoor Writers”) to:**

**Tom Berg  
HOW Conference  
2142 Nondorf Street  
Dyer, IN 46311-1829**

Questions? Email all conference questions to Tom Berg: [thomas.berg@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.berg@comcast.net)

# HOW Awards-In-Craft Winner

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



## “DNR Black Operations” by Jack Spaulding



I guess as long as there have been governments, there have been conspiracy theories. Maybe, rightfully so. Even discounting our government’s integrity, there are times when someone comes up with a “totally confirmed” previously undisclosed government collusion so preposterous, it is downright funny. These wild rumors even go as far as our benign natural resource departments falling prey to the implicating rumor mill on a regular basis.

A couple weeks ago, a good friend of mine called me to inquire about a “hush-hush” DNR operation taking place in the Brown County State Park area. Why he would think I would be in the loop of state government’s dark secrecy, I have no idea. Maybe it is because I hang out in the outdoors, have the stock ethics of a hunting and fishing writer, and I look a little shifty.

Anyway, he had been told about a reintroduction project by his son-in-law, who heard from a friend, who knew a government secretary, who knows an informant inside the DNR, who confirmed the DNR was involved in a clandestine operation in southern Indiana. It seems the DNR was using black helicopters at night to stock more turkeys in the park in order to control the alarming increase of rattlesnakes.

Actually, the sum of the individual particulars of the story have a basis in truth, but whoever put the pieces together got it all wrong.

First, let’s get the black helicopter into proper focus. DEA agents, state police, and conservation officers do use government helicopters, and some of them are black. They don’t use the helicopters to stock turkeys (which we have plenty of), but to look for patches of illegally grown marijuana. When the agents and enforcement officers spot what may be a patch of illicit weed, they hover down as low as possible for safe flying and use binoculars to try identifying the plants as being of the illegal, Cheech and Chong variety. However, the DNR does not use helicopters to stock turkeys,

and the enforcement guys don’t fly looking for dope at night.

Now the part about the turkeys. Yes, the DNR has stocked turkeys across the state for years, but the program for transplanting turkeys into new habitat ended several years ago. I think the last two counties receiving wild turkey transplants were Rush and Shelby back in the late 1990’s. I remember the Rush County release very well, as the Fish & Wildlife guys released the turkeys about an eighth of a mile due south of my house. I might also mention they forgot to tell me until several weeks after the fact. My neighbor, Richard Mahan got to help. He said it was great.

Now the good part... what about the snakes?

Brown County, including the park area, contains some of the biggest timber rattlesnakes you can imagine, and the DNR and a couple of the universities are keeping track of them. The park has documented about 115 of the rare snakes, with some of the snakes reaching six feet in length. Chance encounters are rare, and no one has been bitten in the park in the past 30 years.

As for an interaction between the turkeys and the rattlesnakes, I doubt if rattlesnakes make up much of a wild turkey’s forage base. I imagine a wild turkey likes to bite something good that doesn’t bite back. Worms? Yes!! Poisonous snakes... probably not so much.

Even with education and our state government encouraging public awareness, the outdoor rumor mill continues to roll along. Variations I have heard of the black ops helicopter stocking stories also have our Indiana DNR introducing coyotes, red wolves, wild hogs and rattlesnakes.

Sometimes, I wonder if the stories get started by the guys hanging out in those Cheech and Chong gardens? Well, I have to go. I hear a helicopter over the woods out back. I’m going to get my binoculars and check it out!



# **The 2013 HOW Awards-In-Craft Contest**

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# The 2013 HOW Awards-In-Craft Contest

## HOW CRAFTS AWARD CONTEST RULES

The contest year shall be for material published or aired from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. All submissions, including photography, must have been printed, aired, published or electronically posted during the contest year.

The author, photographer or broadcaster must be an Active or Associate member of HOW.

The author, photographer or broadcaster must have been paid a standard rate for any work entered in the contest. Photos or articles published on a private Website or a not-for-hire Website will not be accepted. Photos/articles that are published, or radio/TV programs that are broadcast in trade for advertising or other non-monetary remuneration or for gratuitous fees (such as \$1) are not permitted.

At this time, blogs will not be accepted as an article. Photo essays (where the only writing is in the captions) will also not be accepted as an article. These types of entries will be disqualified.

This year we will continue the format that was started two years ago by allowing electronic submissions only. We no longer accept paper entries. This has resulted in much less work for entrants, contest coordinators and judges. It also conserves valuable natural resources, which is something of which we can all be proud. Entries must be submitted via email or filed on a CD/DVD and mailed. The only exception is the broadcast division, where tapes are also allowed. See the rules below for more details.

### **RULES FOR SUBMISSION**

- 1) Contest entries must be in an electronic form. Entries must be emailed (or postmarked if mailing a CD or DVD) no later than February 23, 2013. Entries emailed or postmarked after that date will be disqualified. Send all entries to the proper contest coordinator.
- 2) An official HOW contest entry form must accompany each entry. The entry form must also be sent electronically (after typing the entry details into the form).
- 3) Send no material that needs to be returned. No original material is required. As mentioned above, print contest entries and photo contest entries must be sent in an electronic form. In the broadcast contest, tapes, recordings and DVDs are welcome.
- 4) All submissions of print entries (either from traditional paper or electronic media) must consist of one electronic copy of each article with bylines removed. This file must be text only – do not scan tearsheets or newspaper/magazine pages. This electronic copy must be submitted as a Microsoft Word 97-2003 Document (.doc) or as a PDF file (.pdf). Entries not following these rules will be disqualified. As mentioned, print entry files must be emailed (or filed on a CD or DVD and mailed) by the deadline.
- 5) Entries into the broadcast category require only one tape or recording and may be sent by tape cassette, CD, VHS or DVD formats. Radio and television entries may carry the broadcast station's name and call letters if they are on "as aired" dubbed tapes. TV entries should be dubbed minus commercials if possible to facilitate judging.
- 6) Entries in the photography division must consist of one electronic (digital) copy of each photo. This electronic copy must be saved as a JPEG file (.jpg or .jpeg). Prints, slides and paper copies of photos will not be accepted. Please include a title for each photo entry. Digitally produced photos should not be substantially manipulated. Allowable photo enhancement is limited to standard shooting/darkroom techniques, such as color correction, contrast control and image cropping.
- 7) An individual article, photo or broadcast may only be entered in one category/division. Entering the same piece in multiple categories/divisions will result in the disqualification of duplicate entries.
- 8) There is a limit of two entries per category.

**For all Article entries, send submissions to the Writing Contest Coordinator:**

Eric Stallsmith, Email: [contest@hoosieroutdoorwriters.org](mailto:contest@hoosieroutdoorwriters.org)

US Mail: 2142 Nondorf Street, Dyer, IN 46311

**For all Photography entries, send submissions to the Photo Contest Coordinator:**

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US Mail: 12825 W 100 N, Kokomo, IN 46901

**For all Broadcast entries, send submissions to the Broadcast Contest Coordinator:**

Tom Berg, Email: [thomas.berg@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.berg@comcast.net)

US Mail: 2142 Nondorf Street, Dyer, IN 46311

**CONTEST DIVISIONS**

- 1) Writing articles published as 1,000 words or less (Magazine, Newspaper, E-zine).
- 2) Writing articles published as more than 1,000 words (Magazine, Newspaper, E-zine).
- 3) Photography
- 4) Broadcast (Radio-TV-Video)

**WRITING ARTICLE CATEGORIES**

- 1) Hunting/Trapping
- 2) Fishing
- 3) Conservation
- 4) General Outdoors (other than hunting, fishing, trapping)

**BROADCAST CATEGORIES**

- 9) Best Radio Broadcast
- 10) Best TV Broadcast
- 11) Best Video

**PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES**

- 5) Hunting/Trapping
- 6) Fishing
- 7) Outdoor Scenic
- 8) Outdoor Recreation (other than hunting, fishing, trapping)

**2013 HOW AWARDS-IN-CRAFT CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Category \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Where published/aired: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication/air date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entries and forms must be emailed or postmarked no later than February 23, 2013**



## Revenge of the Northerns

by Hal Shymkus



I do not proclaim to be a wordsmith, but it seems to me that lately many more words are being used with the prefix “RE” – which means to do over again. To name a few: recycle, rehab, rebate. This last Labor Day I purged my old fishing files, and it gave me a chance to *reflect* and *relive* over 50 years of enjoying the sport of fishing. One of my favorite fish was the northern pike.

It all started at Spreadeagle Lake on the border of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. A cabin at Nelson Brothers cost \$50 and a boat and motor \$20 per week. From there it was Badwater Lake on the Menominee, then to Way Dam Flowage, always in early October when the foliage was beautiful. It was so hot one year that we stopped fishing and played golf at the Pine Grove course in Iron Mountain, using borrowed clubs. I parred the back nine and shot one of my lowest rounds ever.

Not satisfied with the “hammer handle” pike we were catching, we journeyed to Lake Despair in Ontario, then to Big Vermillion Lake at Sioux Lookout. Next was Nester Falls, fishing Crow Lake and Lake of the Woods with the help of an Indian guide. Our very first fly-in was to Atikwa Lake. American Plan cost \$350 per person for five days with a guide. Then we went to Little Bear Lake out of Ear Falls.

We had culture shock with an adventure to the Ojibway Village at Fort Hope, Ontario in 1980. For six consecutive days we witnessed their culture, customs, beautiful country and fabulous fishing. On Lake Kenozhe and Machewaian we caught walleyes almost every cast. We became close friends with Edward, Alex and Archie O’Keese, our guides, cooks and interpreters. The facilities were rustically comfortable. Three log cabins for sleeping, a kitchen, an icehouse lean-to covered in moss and the traditional privy.

We were completely isolated; we learned their language, ran the rapids, had mink steal our fish and saw trappers canoeing with their fur catch. At the village we met Norman Moonias, a blind wood carver of amazing wildlife. Later we learned Alex died and Edward had a stroke. It was time to change our pilgrimage and become civilized.

We went to Hatchet Lake in Saskatchewan with all of its amenities. A bagpiper woke us in the morning and

then signaled Happy Hour later in the day. After three years there, it was on to Makoki Bataan, then Lac Seul out of Sioux Lookout. We had Abert, a one-legged French Canadian guide who was a stand-up comedian by trade. When asked if I could help with shore lunch, he replied “OK, but stay the hell out of my way!”

Our journeys continued with trips to Machewaian, Shabiskwin, and Sims (all in Ontario), then back to Kenozhe where things had become run-down through the years. Trappers were using wood from the cabins for fires; the fishing was off, too.

My quest for a trophy northern pike began to take root at Wollaston Lake in Saskatchewan. We not only caught big northerns (38”, 39”, 40”) in the three years we were there, but I scored with a 49½”, 31 pound northern. It was the thrill of a lifetime!

We continued seeking new honey holes. We caught nice grayling in Obre Lake (Northwest Territories), then to Sickle Lake in Manitoba for two years of northern action. Scott Lake in Saskatchewan proved to be excellent fishing for two years.

My brother and I were beginning to acquire the aches and pains inherent with the aging process. In spite of our mental willingness, our physical acumen knew best. We agreed to make one last trip and decided on Wollaston Lake (Minor Bay Camps). It proved to be a fitting climax to a half century of fishing.

We previously never fished at night, but with the sun still up, we motored to a shallow bay where we fished earlier that day with lots of action. We glided in and noticed the water bubbling, followed by noisy gurgles. We sat in awe at what was taking place: literally hundreds of pike of all sizes were surfacing, plainly agitated, excited and angry. We were sprayed by the splashing! Our boat was even jostled by their snouts bumping the sides!

The entire scene was intoxicating and scary. I’m glad I wasn’t in the water with them. We left the bay faster than we entered. Anyone I’ve ever mentioned this experience to scoffed, and thought maybe a martini or two was to blame. When I recall that incidence, I believe it was the pike’s way of saying “Your pilgrimage is over, now let us be.”

What a way to put a capper on a lifetime of fishing!



## **African Safari Makes For Lasting Memories**

by Kenny Bayless

Africa is every hunter's thought of paradise, even if the odds can turn on you and you become the hunted! The beauty of the mountaintops in the clouds and the lure of the African bush can touch your soul, for you fall in love with her like a beautiful woman, although she is deadly treacherous. Everything there will either stick or bite you.

A young man of 11 years old started on an adventure that most men only dream of: going on a safari into Africa, where some never return. This young hunter from America flew from Indianapolis to Chicago, then to London, England. It was 8 hours to England and then another 11 hours to Africa. After landing in Johannesburg, South Africa, the safari outfitter was waiting to greet him.

The guide, Cobus Van Vuren, had high expectations for this young man. He had to have nerve to face dangerous big game, be able to shoot a large-caliber rifle at a very long distance and make split-second decisions on when to shoot. He would have to place the shot in the perfect spot, too.

After sightseeing in London and flying for 20 hours, Cobus suggested he get a good night's sleep to shake off the jet lag. Besides, there was a 2½ hour bumpy drive to the hunting camp located on the crocodile river in the Limpopo region ahead of him.

The next morning brought good weather for hunting in the African bush. It was overcast with a promise of rain, and the temperature held at about 80 degrees which is cold for that region. After all, it was starting into their winter season and everything was green and in full bloom. Yes, the animals all lay up when it is hot, but in cool temps they move and feed even more.

Before an outfitter lets you journey off into the bush you must prove you can shoot accurately; after all, that one shot may save your life. Cobus set up a shooting range of 100 yards to test this young man's skills along with his father's, also. A 30-30 caliber rifle was chosen, which is a handful for such a young man. What Cobus did not know was the young man had practiced with his dad before leaving home, becoming an excellent marksman. A 308 caliber was given to dad to use and it would kick like a mule.

After many shots were taken by both, Cobus said with a big smile, "There is no doubt your son can shoot much better than you!"

The big day was finally there and as they headed out, Cobus said he had been scouting for some nice warthogs since they were on top of the list. They traveled in a four-wheel drive truck with seats set up in the back or bed of the truck to be able to look for game while driving through the grassy plains or the thick bush. One of Cobus' bushmen or trackers was along to help recover any game that was shot.

The decision was made to set up a blind at a watering hole where several warthogs had been visiting. Cobus and the tracker built the hunting blind with every detail in mind like direction of the wind and the distance the warthogs may come into the watering hole. When we arrived at the watering hole, some warthogs went running off so we knew the right place had been chosen.

Cobus, dad, and son got set up in the blind and checked their guns. They were loaded and the safety was on, and they also set up their shooting sticks. Shooting sticks help you hold your rifle very still and they are helpful for keeping the gun at the right height.

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It takes a lot of patience for a young man to sit in a hunting blind for hours. After sitting for two hours, dad couldn't take it anymore and decided to take a little cat nap. Well, you guessed it; he was awakened by Cobus' firm hand on his shoulder and the young man setting the rifle on the shooting sticks. A very nice warthog was 55 yards away and was being very cautious.



When the hammer dropped, the warthog did not know what hit him. He dropped in his tracks, not taking a step. Something more than harvesting an animal happened at that moment, for the dad's heart burst with joy and his soul could not hold back the tears of pride. You see, it was the young man's first day, first animal ever taken, and with the first shot! That moment will be relived thousands of times in the future, especially while sitting around a campfire.

Cobus glowed with pride for his young client. There were many handshakes and pats on the back. That night, sitting around the campfire, many stories were spun. But none topped that day's hunt. Jerrilynn, the young hunter's mother, was glowing with pride as bright as the campfire.

The next morning was clear and promised to be a warm day, so they needed to start the hunt early. Today an impala was next on the list. Cobus had done his homework again, and they went to an area about five miles away where he had seen a very large trophy impala. The wind direction was checked and this time they did not build a blind, but sat on the ground behind some trees.

After sitting for a long time, Cobus said he was going after the truck and to sit still until he returns. About 30 minutes after he left, a very nice impala was spotted coming out of the bush along with another behind him of about the same size. While waiting for the animals to get closer, much to their surprise a record-book sized impala stepped out and caught up with the other two. Dad was as nervous as a mouse in a lion's den since the young man would have to take a 100-yard shot.

The gun was resting on the shooting sticks and the young man pulled the hammer back and waited for that perfect shot. He was cool and calm; dad was going into convulsions.

The hammer dropped and once again the animal did not know what hit him. He didn't take another step. Father and son were hugging each other as Cobus came driving up. The tracker in the back of the truck was yelling something in the African lingo that meant huge or very big impala. Cobus walked up shaking his head. As he was shaking hands he said he personally has never taken an impala that big – it was a major trophy.



While writing these words, we are at the south tip of Greenland at 36,000 feet going 600 miles an hour. There are still 2,219 miles to go to Chicago. My young man is sitting next to me with his head on his mother's shoulder, asleep. I hope he is dreaming of the hunt we just finished. With just a glance at him my heart warms with pride, for he is my son, Seth Bayless.

*Editor's note: Kenny Bayless from Terre Haute, Indiana joined HOW as an Associate Member in January, 2012. He loves hunting and writes a column called "The Redneck Quaker". Photos courtesy of Kenny Bayless.*

# HOW Member News



A successful day on Schoonveld's Newton County trapline. Photo by Mike Schoonveld.

## Schoonveld Enjoys Opening Day of Coyote Trapping Season

HOW Board member Mike Schoonveld has been a serious coyote trapper for many years, and he catches lots of the predatory song dogs each season. The photo at left shows the results of his first day on the trapline for the current 2012-2013 season (October 16th).

“The bulk of my trapping this year will be done in late October and on through the fall after I get back from a South Dakota pheasant hunt,” said Mike. “But even if it’s just for a few days, you can’t pass up opening day. So on October 15th, opening day for fox and coyote trapping in Indiana, I set a dozen traps in a half dozen locations close to home. Bingo! My fishing shed is now officially the trapper’s shack.”

## Garbers Writes About Fishing, Camping, Hunting and Hiking For New Outdoors Website

Alan Garbers has recently started writing for a new outdoor website ([www.fishcamphunthike.com](http://www.fishcamphunthike.com)). “As you can see by the name,” he said, “the site covers a great deal of topics and is growing.” The site also has an Industry News section for company news, so email your press releases to Alan at [alanjamesgarbers@yahoo.com](mailto:alanjamesgarbers@yahoo.com).

“I am finding the whole experience very exciting. My goal is to write one article per week, so with so much writing I should really hone my skills. Plus, with fifty-two articles per year, I have a greater ability to use subject matter for which I previously didn’t have an outlet.”

Alan is also learning to deal with blog posting software, which in his words, can be “frustrating!” “The what-you-see-is-what-you-get software seems to have a mind of its own and it takes a great deal of experimentation to get the look I want. File names and blog titles with non-letter characters can really send the software into a tizzy! Then I have to start working backwards to find out what is causing the problem.”

Another aspect is promoting the website on social media to drive more customers there and raise ad sales revenue. “The website staff knows about key-wording and how to get search engines to give the website higher search priority. The problem is getting me to understand all of that plus write an article! I am getting the hang of it so maybe old dogs can learn new tricks!”

## Phil Hawkins Appreciates Early Fishing Tackle

HOW members may remember the 1909 fishing and hunting license of Phil Hawkins' grandfather Roland Van Hawkins that was featured in the July/August issue of The Blade. Here are photos of some of Roland's vintage fishing rods and fishing lures from nearly 100 years ago.

"The rods are Heddon and Imperial and most of the plugs are marked Dowagiac Heddon," said Hawkins. "The reels are both before level wind was available and are marked Talbot."



"My Grandfather probably fished for smallmouth bass in Sugar Creek, but when I was a young boy he was so busy with his laundry business and then his bakery that we never fished together – ever. I remember when he gave me all of the fishing tackle, but that was at a very early age."

"I learned to cast plugs for bass with one of the non-level wind reels – a Talbot – but not at first. Early on it was live bait for pumpkinseeds, chubs, bullheads and the like in Franklin's city limit creeks, Youngs Creek and Hurricane Creek."

## Keaton and Schoonveld Create Pheasant Memories in South Dakota

Bill Keaton and Mike Schoonveld made a recent trip to Conde, South Dakota to hunt pheasants in the fabled fields of the Mount Rushmore state.

"Bill and I had our 3-bird limits in about 5 minutes on the first day," commented Schoonveld. "We were at the right spot at the right time. Then we had to walk and drive pheasants for the rest of the group for the rest of the day! There weren't as many pheasants as we expected, but our group bagged 24 birds on opening day, so it was far from dismal."

"Though the pheasants weren't as numerous as in previous years, we hunted hard, with good dogs and bagged limits each day."

We wish we had that kind of pheasant hunting back here in Indiana!



Mike Schoonveld (left) and Bill Keaton (right) with their opening day pheasant limits shot in the fields of SD.

## Garbers Hunts and Fishes Canada

Second time's the charm! Alan Garbers had a successful bear hunt in Ontario back in September. Last year his hunt ended without a bear to show for it but he learned many things about selecting the right outfitter. "Yes, it is possible to go bear hunting in Ontario over bait and NOT get a bear," he said. "You have to ask the right questions and know exactly what you're getting for your hard-earned money."

This year was a different story. He traveled to picturesque White Pine Lodge ([www.whitepinelodge.com](http://www.whitepinelodge.com)) near Sioux Narrows on Canada's Lake of the Woods. "Jim and Judy really catered to our needs and made our hunt a priority," said Garbers. Actually, the hunt was almost over before it started. "I shot my bear within thirty minutes of being dropped off at the stand! It might have been disappointing for it to be over so soon if the fishing wasn't so great! The very next day I caught a 36" northern pike! It was a childhood dream fulfilled!" Both of his other companions also tagged out by mid-week, so from then on it was fishing from dawn until dusk. "My friend, Rob Mudd, caught a huge 39" northern pike as we fished a rock reef in front of the lodge."



Alan's bear is already being made into a rug by Nancy of the world famous 'Rugs By Nancy' ([www.rugsbynancy.com](http://www.rugsbynancy.com)) in Sheridan, MI. She did an excellent job on Dianna's bear last year, so Alan chose her to preserve his trophy, too.



"If anyone is looking for a great place for their next hunting or fishing trip, I can definitely recommend White Pine Lodge," Alan said.

"Oh, by the way: Ontario black bear tastes great, too!"



## Butler Joins Callis as Director of Outdoor Markets

Brandon Butler has joined the team at Callis & Associates as Director of Outdoor Markets. In this role, Butler is focusing on business development and account management.

Callis & Associates is an interactive marketing communications agency located in Sedalia, Missouri. Over the past 25 years, Callis has served the marketing needs of numerous leading outdoor industry brands. Current industry clients include: Sierra Bullets, Starline Brass and Buffer Technologies.

“Brandon brings a unique mix of outdoor industry marketing, sales and communications skills to our team. It’s rare to find someone with such an impressive array of corporate experience who is also an active member of the media. The entire team at Callis is thrilled to have Brandon leading our outdoor industry initiatives,” said Cliff Callis, President.



Butler was previously the Marketing Manager at Battenfeld Technologies and the Public Affairs Specialist for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association and the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers. He is the current president of the Missouri Outdoor Communicators and a past-president of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers. He’s won numerous awards for communications excellence, including the Professional Outdoor Media Association’s prestigious Pinnacle Award for magazine writing.

To learn more about Callis & Associates, visit [www.ecallis.com](http://www.ecallis.com). You may contact Brandon Butler at [bbutler@ecallis.com](mailto:bbutler@ecallis.com), or call (660) 281-9804.



## Keaton Family Welcomes Newest Grandson

HOW Legal Counsel Bill Keaton and his wife Rita are happy to announce that their son Will and his wife Nicci have welcomed another son to their growing family.

Everett (Rhett) Michael Keaton was born September 27, 2012 at 7:01am. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 oz and measured 19 inches long. He joins his older brother William (Will) Bohannon Keaton who was born in May of 2011.

“Mom and baby are doing well,” said Rita. “Little Will already seems to know Everett is his little brother!”

Congratulations to parents Will and Nicci, and congrats to the proud Grandparents, too!



## Young Martino Bags Another Awesome Buck

“I thought I'd share a photo of the buck my son Nicholas got this weekend,” said HOW member Joe Martino. “I can't keep up with this kid! He passed up eight bucks Saturday before he shot this one!”

He knew what he wanted. He said, “Dad, I want a 120-inch buck, and I don't mind if I don't kill one this year. But I don't want to shoot a small one. Not when I know there are bigger ones here.”

“I think that's pretty mature for an 11 year-old,” said the older Martino. “I think the trailcam pictures we had of some very nice bucks gave him the confidence and patience to wait it out. Heck, I'm glad it worked out for him because that is as big or bigger than any of the bucks I saw during the whole archery season! I never laid eyes on any of the bigger ones from our trailcam pics.”

“Nicholas killed a great buck last year, too, and I was getting a little concerned that he might have been

setting his standards a little high, thinking it would always work out like that. But, all in all, I think he's got a pretty good grasp on the reality of hunting. I just think he exercises a lot of patience. My son is actually teaching me a thing or two about hunting!”

## Musk rats Keep Berg Busy On The Trapline

HOW Executive Director Tom Berg was kept very busy at the beginning of trapping season this year. He was one of several trappers who were granted trapping rights at Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area from November 15th to December 10th, and he spent every weekend there pursuing muskrats.

Musk rats are not difficult to catch, but there is a fair amount of work involved. Weather conditions can make muskrat trapping downright miserable at times, too, especially if early winter cold fronts move in.

Luckily, the early season weather was relatively warm and the muskrat population at Willow Slough was healthy, so Berg had a successful muskrat season. Now he is busy chasing raccoons and possums on his suburban land-based trapline!



A canoe laden with muskrats from the marsh means it was a successful day on the trapline. Photo by Tom Berg.

## Unusual Nature Photos From The Hoosier Outdoors Sponsored by Cocoon Eyewear

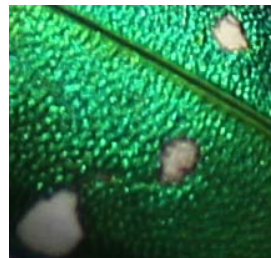
### The Six-Spotted Tiger Beetle Is A Ferocious Predator



Close-up



Original



The “What is it?” question from the last newsletter was just a little easier than the previous one. A total of eight (8) HOW members correctly identified it this time:

Mike Schoonveld, PJ Perea, Bill Keaton, Rich Creason, Phil Seng, Don Bickel, Ken McBroom, and John Maxwell all guessed the right answer. When we drew a name at random for the Sportsman Series knife from **W.R. Case**, Phil Seng was the winner. Congratulations to you, Phil!

As you can see in the photo at left, the mystery creature for this issue was a Six-Spotted Tiger Beetle (*Cicindela sexguttata*). Surprisingly, these beetles don't always have six spots. The beetle in this photo has eight spots, and they may have up to ten. Some individuals have no spots

at all. Their metallic green coloration is beautiful, but their large white mandibles make it clear they are fierce predators.

Six-Spotted Tiger Beetles live in the woods, and they watch for prey in open areas near trails. Some of their favorite foods include ants, spiders and caterpillars. They also appear in backyards and gardens, especially if trees are nearby. This individual was patrolling a backyard sidewalk where ants routinely crossed. Those ants had little chance of getting away, too, because adult tiger beetles are extremely fast. They are among the fastest runners in the insect world.

This time, our friends at **Cocoons Eyewear** have offered to provide a very nice prize for the HOW member that guesses the right answer to this issue's “What Is It?” question (see below). The prize will be a cool pair of Cocoon sunglasses. See the bottom of the page for more info.

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

Here's another Nature Photo mystery. The photograph shown to the right is a close-up of part of a fairly common creature that lives right here in Indiana. It probably does not live in your back yard (although it could), and it can be found in a good portion of the state. Have you ever seen it? Can you guess what it is?

This creature might be harder to identify than the last one, but we'll see. Do you know of any Hoosier creatures that look like this? This time you **must** identify the exact species. If you believe it's some kind of fish, for example, be specific and guess “Yellow Perch”. If you know what it is, send the answer via email to [thomas.berg@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.berg@comcast.net). If you're right, you'll be eligible for this issue's prize. If not, you will just have to wait for the next issue of The Blade to find out!



As mentioned above, **Cocoons Eyewear** will donate a pair of Cocoon sunglasses to the HOW member who guesses the right answer to this issue's “What Is It?” question. The winner may select any pair of sunglasses (any size and any lens tint) from the Cocoon website ([www.cocoonseyewear.com](http://www.cocoonseyewear.com)) as their prize. If multiple people guess the right answer, we'll draw one winner at random from the group of correct entries. Good luck! All photos on this page (except the sunglasses) by Tom Berg.





## THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US



HOW Member Gary D. "Dox" Doxtater – Age 76  
January 4, 1936 – December 6, 2012

Carmel, Indiana – Gary D. "Dox" Doxtater, 76, passed away on December 6, 2012 after a lengthy illness. He had been diagnosed earlier this year with congestive heart failure, and had been on oxygen around the clock.

Born in Antwerp, NY, Dox grew up in VanWert, OH, and graduated from high school in 1953. He served in the Marines for 3 years, and then attended Miami University in Oxford, OH. It was there that he earned BA/MA degrees in Fish & Wildlife Biology.

His career in natural resource conservation spanned over 50 years and included the co-founding of the first professional lake management company (Aquatic Control) in the Midwest. He also had a 10-year tenure with Amax Coal Company, and 22 years in various capacities with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. His DNR career culminated with his appointment as Director of the Division of Fish & Wildlife. Always interested in conservation, Dox was happy to be appointed to the Carmel Urban Forestry Committee, as well.

After retirement, he served in a volunteer capacity as Director of Development with the Indiana Wildlife Federation.

Dox enjoyed being a member of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers, and he was an Associate member for many years. He took great pleasure in attending the annual HOW conferences when they were held in Indianapolis, partly because he enjoyed talking and reminiscing with his friends and colleagues from the DNR.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy (Lewis) Doxtater; four children, Trudy L. Smith, Terri D. Doxtater, Tracie J. (Michael) Monson, Tony K. Doxtater; three grandsons; one great-granddaughter and a sister, Clarice A. (John) Brooks.



After cremation, a private family memorial service was held. Plans for a Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Gary's wishes are for memorial gifts to be made to the Indiana Wildlife Federation in lieu of flowers. Arrangements were entrusted to Leppert Mortuary, Smith Carmel Chapel.

Portions of this obituary were published in The Indianapolis Star on December 8, 2012.

## 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.



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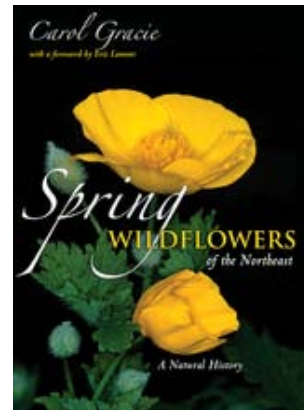
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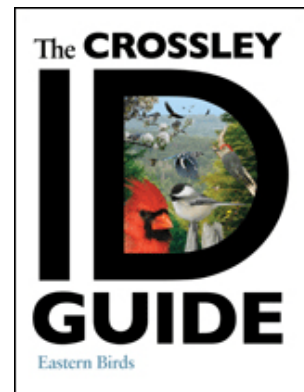
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## HOW Supporting Member News

### Shimano Brings Next Generation Technology To Its Iconic 'Calcutta' Casting Reel Series

**Irvine, CA:** *ICAST Show 2012 Introduction* – Called the “next generation” in round reels by anglers and tackle dealers involved in field-testing, Shimano introduces an entirely new design to its iconic Calcutta casting reel series. Now the ‘Calcutta D’ series, the reel line-up includes the CT-200D and left-hand retrieve 201D, the CT-300D/301D and CT-400D/401D – sizes for all types of fishing applications in both fresh and saltwater.



When introduced 1991, the Calcutta was the reel many said ‘Shimano has come of age’ in the tackle industry. It garnered all kinds of accolades for its classic, simplistic design, with features like a one-piece aluminum frame and Variable Brake System.

The next generation for Calcutta is about power, rigidity and durability. “We had the ability to improve its casting performance by incorporating our X-Ship technology, plus better in-the-hand comfort with our ‘S-Compact Body’ design,” said Ken Iida with Shimano’s product development team. “And for serious cranking to get baits down deep, and also when fighting a big fish, anglers will appreciate the better leverage with our X-Drag feature.”

With the new Calcutta D reels, anglers will quickly notice how the S-Compact body feature results in a reel that feels one size smaller in your hand, plus offers durability from a cold-forged aluminum frame for year-after-year fishing use. To increase cranking leverage, rigidity and torque, “with X-Ship, we’ve repositioned the reel handle closer to the body,” said Iida, “plus the drag adjustment knob is on the outside of the handle – providing easier access when needed.

All sizes of the Calcutta D reels are loaded with proven Shimano features, including Variable Brake System and E.I. surface treatment for corrosion resistance. The 200 size reels will retrieve 25-inches of line per crank and will handle 190 yards of 10-pound test mono or 130 yards of 50-pound PowerPro braid. Pulling in 30-inches of line per crank, the 300 size Calcutta D reels will have 180 yards of 14-pound test mono or 190 yards of 50-pound PowerPro. The 400 size reels retrieve 27-inches of line per crank, and have the spool capacity to hold 260 yards of 14-pound mono, or 170 yards of 65-pound PowerPro.

“For fishing success when pursuing bass, walleyes, northern pike, stripers, muskie, tarpon, bonefish, redfish, stripers – and list can go on and on,” Iida said, “we see the new Calcutta D reels leading us into a new ‘round era’ for anglers who look for quality, function, design and longevity.”



For more information on Shimano’s new Calcutta D baitcasting reels, see your local tackle dealer. Or visit the Shimano web site at <http://fish.shimano.com>.

#### Media contacts:

*John Mazurkiewicz at Catalyst Marketing: 574/289-1331, [jpmazurk@ameritech.net](mailto:jpmazurk@ameritech.net) or call Shimano’s product support team at 877/577-0600 (6am to 5pm Pacific ST).*

## HOW Supporting Member News

### Aquateko's Knot 2 Kinky Wire Leader Leads The Pack



**Ponte Vedra Beach, FL:** Aquateko, the makers of Knot 2 Kinky Nickel-Titanium leader wire, recently announced that their leader wire is now available in 6lb, 12lb and 18lb sizes. They have also introduced the new 1X7 strand Titanium leaders in four different sizes (6lb, 12lb, 18lb, 25lb).

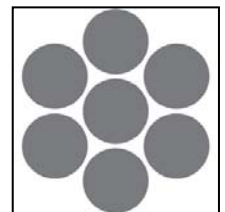
Knot 2 Kinky 7-Strand wire is a super-elastic alloy which can be stretched and bent at least ten times more than ordinary steel leaders without permanent deformation. The perfect formula of Nickel and Titanium alloys creates a super-elastic property which allows a fish to apply an enormous amount of pressure. The Knot 2 Kinky wire stretches and recovers while steel leaders snap under the same conditions.



The line is also programmed to stay straight because we anneal the wire through a complex annealing process. Knot 2 Kinky wire really does have programmed memory to stay straight. The laser straight memory is created by restraining the material in exactly the shape required (straight, of course) and heating to a temperature above 932°F (500°C) for a specific period of time. There simply is no other line that is straighter than Knot 2 Kinky wire.



We all know how frustrating it is to change kinked rigs. Valuable time can be wasted, especially in tournaments. What angler hasn't experienced frustration using steel leaders because of the constant kinks and bends which cause baits to swim improperly? It seems the steel leader is only good for one catch and then the wire is left with a ton of bends and kinks. No one wants to sit on a rocking boat trying to re-tie or change rigs when the fishing is hot! Now you can cast your bait back in the water and catch another! With Knot 2 Kinky wire your day starts and ends with the same leader.



For more information, HOW members may contact Keith Kessler ([sales@aquateko.com](mailto:sales@aquateko.com)) at Aquateko, 140 Deer Haven Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082. Phone is (904) 273-7200. Website is [www.aquateko.com](http://www.aquateko.com).

### W.R. Case Looks Forward To SHOT Show

**Bradford, PA:** Like many people in the outdoors industry, Communications Manager Fred Feightner from W.R. Case is looking forward to the upcoming SHOT Show in Las Vegas from January 15-18, 2013. As a matter of fact, he would like to meet any HOW members who are attending the show. So take a minute to stop at Booth #13905 and introduce yourself! Fred will be glad to show you around the Case booth and let you know what's new at W.R. Case!



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HT Enterprises - [www.icefish.com](http://www.icefish.com)  
Human Energy Concealment Systems - [www.hecsllc.com](http://www.hecsllc.com)  
Hunt's Photo & Video - [www.huntsphotoandvideo.com](http://www.huntsphotoandvideo.com)  
Hunter's Specialties - [www.hunterspec.com](http://www.hunterspec.com)  
Indiana Conservation Officer Magazine - [www.icoo.com](http://www.icoo.com)  
Johnson Outdoors, Inc. - [www.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://www.johnsonoutdoors.com)  
Koppers Fishing & Tackle - [www.livetargetlures.com](http://www.livetargetlures.com)  
Kruger Optical - [www.krugeroptical.com](http://www.krugeroptical.com)  
Kwikee Kwiver Co. - [www.kwikeekwiver.com](http://www.kwikeekwiver.com)  
L&S Bait Co. - [www.mirrolure.com](http://www.mirrolure.com)  
LaCrosse Footwear - [www.lacrossefootwear.com](http://www.lacrossefootwear.com)  
Lamiglas, Inc. - [www.lamiglas.com](http://www.lamiglas.com)  
Leupold - [www.leupold.com](http://www.leupold.com)  
Lightfield Ammunition - [www.lightfieldslugs.com](http://www.lightfieldslugs.com)  
Lodge Manufacturing - [www.lodgemfg.com](http://www.lodgemfg.com)  
Mathews - [www.mathewsinc.com](http://www.mathewsinc.com)  
Mossy Oak - [www.mossyoak.com](http://www.mossyoak.com)  
Muzzy Products Corp. - [www.muzzy.com](http://www.muzzy.com)  
MyTopo - [www.mytopo.com](http://www.mytopo.com)  
National Shooting Sports Foundation - [www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org)  
Nikon Sport Optics - [www.nikonssportoptics.com](http://www.nikonssportoptics.com)  
Normark Corporation - [www.rapala.com](http://www.rapala.com)  
O.F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc. - [www.mossberg.com](http://www.mossberg.com)  
Off Shore Tackle Co. - [www.offshoretackle.com](http://www.offshoretackle.com)  
Okuma Fishing Tackle - [www.okumafishingteam.com](http://www.okumafishingteam.com)  
Ono's Trading Co. - [www.onostradingcompany.com](http://www.onostradingcompany.com)  
Otis Technology - [www.otistec.com](http://www.otistec.com)  
Outdoor Promotions - [www.crappieusa.com](http://www.crappieusa.com)  
Plano Molding Company - [www.planomolding.com](http://www.planomolding.com)  
Poor Boy's Baits/Lurecraft - [www.lurecraft.com](http://www.lurecraft.com)  
Pradco Fishing - [www.lurenet.com](http://www.lurenet.com)  
Predator Innovations - [www.hanganbuddy.com](http://www.hanganbuddy.com)  
Primos Hunting Calls - [www.primos.com](http://www.primos.com)  
Princeton University Press - [www.press.princeton.edu](http://www.press.princeton.edu)  
Pure Fishing - [www.purefishing.com](http://www.purefishing.com)  
Quaker Boy, Inc. - [www.quakerboygamecalls.com](http://www.quakerboygamecalls.com)  
Reef Runner Lures - [www.reefrunner.com](http://www.reefrunner.com)  
Renfro Productions - [www.renfroproductions.com](http://www.renfroproductions.com)  
Rocky Brands - [www.rockyboots.com](http://www.rockyboots.com)  
Savage Arms - [www.savagearms.com](http://www.savagearms.com)  
SHE Outdoor Apparel - [www.shesafari.com](http://www.shesafari.com)  
Shimano American Corp. - [www.shimano.com](http://www.shimano.com)  
Slammer Hunting Innovations - [www.slammerhi.com](http://www.slammerhi.com)  
Snag Proof Manufacturing - [www.snagproof.com](http://www.snagproof.com)  
Solar Bat Sunglasses - [www.solarbat.com](http://www.solarbat.com)  
South Shore CVA - [www.southshorcva.com](http://www.southshorcva.com)  
Sportsman Channel - [www.thesportsmanchannel.com](http://www.thesportsmanchannel.com)  
Sportsman's Connection - [www.sportsmansconnection.com](http://www.sportsmansconnection.com)  
Star Brite Distributing - [www.starbrite.com](http://www.starbrite.com)  
Sturm, Ruger & Co. - [www.ruger.com](http://www.ruger.com)  
ThermaCELL - [www.thermacell.com](http://www.thermacell.com)  
Thundermist Lure Co. - [www.thundermistlures.com](http://www.thundermistlures.com)  
Toyota Motor Sales - [www.toyotanewsroom.com](http://www.toyotanewsroom.com)  
TTI-Blakemore Fishing - [www.ttiblakemore.com](http://www.ttiblakemore.com)  
Uncle Josh Bait Co. - [www.unclejosh.com](http://www.unclejosh.com)  
Vexilar, Inc. - [www.vexilar.com](http://www.vexilar.com)  
Victory Archery - [www.victoryarchery.com](http://www.victoryarchery.com)  
W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery - [www.wrcase.com](http://www.wrcase.com)  
WaveSpin Reels - [www.wavespinreel.com](http://www.wavespinreel.com)  
Winchester Ammunition - [www.winchester.com](http://www.winchester.com)  
Wrangler Rugged Wear - [www.wrangleruggedwear.com](http://www.wrangleruggedwear.com)  
Yakima Bait Co. - [www.yakimabait.com](http://www.yakimabait.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	_____ 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 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, 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

<b>SHOT Show 2013:</b> ( <a href="http://shotshow.org">http://shotshow.org</a> ) Las Vegas, NV	January 15-18, 2013
<b>Cincinnati Travel, Sports &amp; Boat Show:</b> ( <a href="http://www.hartproductions.com">www.hartproductions.com</a> ) Cincinnati, OH	January 18-20 & 23-27, 2013
<b>Indianapolis Boat, Sport &amp; Travel Show:</b> ( <a href="http://www.renfroproductions.com">www.renfroproductions.com</a> ) Indianapolis, IN	February 15-24, 2013
<b>POMA 2013 Annual Conference:</b> ( <a href="http://www.professionalooutdoormedia.org">www.professionalooutdoormedia.org</a> ) Columbia, SC	March 6-9, 2013
<b>HOW 2013 Annual Conference:</b> ( <a href="http://www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org">www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org</a> ) Clifty Inn, Clifty Falls State Park Madison, IN	April 19-21, 2013
<b>NRA 2013 Annual Meeting:</b> ( <a href="http://www.nra.org">www.nra.org</a> ) Houston, TX	May 3-5, 2013
<b>AGLOW 2013 Cast &amp; Blast:</b> ( <a href="http://www.aglowinfo.org">www.aglowinfo.org</a> ) Deadwood, SD	May 7-9, 2013
<b>ICAST Show 2013:</b> ( <a href="http://www.ICASTfishing.org">www.ICASTfishing.org</a> ) Las Vegas, NV	July 10-12, 2013
<b>OWAA 2013 Annual Conference:</b> ( <a href="http://www.owaa.org">www.owaa.org</a> ) Lake Placid, NY	September 14-16, 2013
<b>AGLOW 2013 Annual Conference:</b> ( <a href="http://www.aglowinfo.org">www.aglowinfo.org</a> ) Fond du Lac, WI	September 23-26, 2013

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