



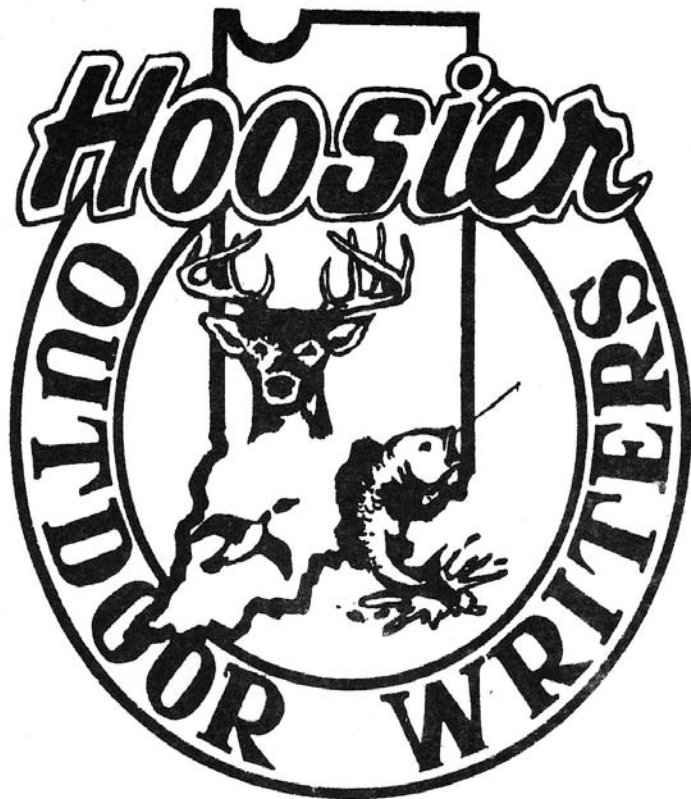
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"Fall Salmon Stream", photo by Tom Berg





# Hoosier Outdoor Writers

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# President's Message

by John Maxwell

## *The future: One writer at a time.*

This summer, I re-explored a friendly woodland trail I had walked many times as a young man, learning about plants and wildlife and seasons while beginning a career in natural resource journalism and education.

The hike was sort of weird, like I was watching myself from afar, and I felt lonely.

The trail was mostly the same, but during the passing 20-some years, many outdoor mentors have come and gone since I began a career with a young family and a young wife.

Young and looking ahead, I relied on several established writers and seasoned DNR biologists and naturalists to show me how to write, hunt, camp, fish, teach and care. They encouraged and helped and sometimes restrained me as a young-buck outdoor photographer and writer.

Venerated outdoor columnists John Martino from Kokomo and Bud Fields from Galveston often talk about guidance received as young writers from Jim "Moose" Carden.

Northern Indiana outdoor writers Mike Schoonveld and Louis Stout often credit Michigan City outdoor writer Al Spiers as their writing mentor.

"I would not be doing what I'm doing today, except for Al Spiers," says Stout. "He was a superb writer... took me under his wing, but it was brutal sometimes. My edited stories (covered in red ink) looked like someone had gutted a deer. He took me places, introduced me to people. He sent me to cover the Bassmaster Classic in 1978, and I'm still covering the tournaments today."

Stout also says Indianapolis Star outdoor writer Bayou Bill Scifres inspired him to write as a Star delivery boy. "As a kid, I read his stories and I thought, "That's what I want to do.""

Now at summer's end and looking back down the trail, we new-old guys and girls need to raise right our new tribe of outdoor communicators.

We are Moose and we are Bayou and we are our old DNR biologists and naturalists, passing along vital stories and lessons -- one young writer at a time.

Hope to see you down the trail soon.

# The Hoosier Outdoor Writers

New Members, Past Presidents & Memorial Section

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

Bud Fields (Active – Returning Member)  
Galveston, IN  
Sponsor: John Martino

## Memorial to Deceased HOW Members

**Those Who Have Gone Before Us:**

Jack Alkire – President of HOW 1979  
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George Carey  
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Bryan Poynter	2009

## Giddy On Up!

by “Ranger Bob” Sawtelle

“Giddy On Up”. What does that mean? It means get off the couch, turn off the TV and Facebook, put away the cell phone and do something. Do something different, exciting and challenging. At age 51, that’s what I did. I bought a horse and wagon from our friends in the beautiful southern Indiana Amish farming community of Washington County. The horse is a four year-old ½ Belgium and ½ Standard mare named Mary.

The question remained on how was I going to get the horse, tack and wagon home? I was going to “take the long way home”. I was going to drive them; a journey of 50 miles or so of county roads, 4 State Route crossings and one night of camping along the way.



My team of enthusiastic Amish instructors (father and sons) helped prepare me for my epic journey home. They collectively taught me how to drive a horse and wagon. The primary instruction method of my teachers: **learn by doing**. After a month of supervised harnessing and driving on the Amish farm and Washington County country lanes I was as ready as ready gets.

My youngest instructor Jacob, age 10, accompanied me on the first 30 miles and day’s driving towards home. Our youth do know and can teach. What a wonderful and valuable learning experience I had about horses and life. Jacob knew a lot about each. His youthful perspective on our journey was refreshing and delightful. This “old guy” learned much from his young friend.

My wife Missi met us at the end of our first day of travel and returned Jacob home to his family. I pitched camp in a secluded corner of a roadside farm and spent a quiet evening reliving the day’s journey. The horse and I rested peacefully through the night, both tired after a day of climbing steep hills and miles of traveling our beautiful rural landscape. The next day I completed the trip alone, confident and inspired after my previous day with young Jacob’s instruction and example.

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### **What we did prior to the trip to make it safer and easier:**

- Pre-scouted the route by vehicle, selecting the least traveled roadways.
- Traveled between 8:30am and noon, then 1:00pm to 3:30pm to avoid most of the morning and evening work traffic and school buses.
- Selected an old county church as our lunch spot and had cached water and feed for the horse.
- Added bicycle flags, reflective tape and a slow moving vehicle triangle to the rear of the wagon. The bicycle flags added a significant safety factor in our hill country.
- Had a horse well-trained to traffic and “things encountered along the road”.
- Had good county roadway maps and knowledge of alternative routes if needed.

### **What to be aware of:**

- At least in Washington and Harrison County, every farm seems to have at least three dogs that like to chase a horse and buggy. Make sure your horse is trained to expect and ignore them.
- What was a safe route yesterday may not be so today, so be prepared to make detours. County Highway Departments do not announce all future work with road signs or warnings. We detoured once from our planned route due to road construction.
- Most motor vehicle drivers are courteous and aware, some are not. Pay attention and be prepared for the worse encounter. Again, bicycle flags helped make our horse and wagon more visible to motor vehicle drivers.

### **What to expect to see at O’Bannon Woods State Park:**

- Horse Drawn Vehicles: Horse drawn vehicles are welcome on our park roadways but must have the required slow moving vehicle triangle mounted on the rear of the cart, buggy or wagon. We also highly suggest flashing tail lights and orange bicycle safety flags as added visibility and safety accessories.
- Ranger Bob and his wife Missi making the park patrol and campground rounds with our new horse and wagon. The wagon has two seats so expect an invitation to join us.

*Editor’s note: Bob Sawtelle is the Park Manager at O’Bannon Woods State Park near Corydon. He is a freelance writer and speaker and has been an Active HOW member since 2008. Photo courtesy of Bob Sawtelle.*

# **HOW Awards-In-Craft Winner**

## **(1st Place in the Writing – Hunting/Trapping category)**

### **“BROTHERLY LOVE”**

**by Lisa Metheny**

“Teach a kid to hunt and you won’t have to hunt for your kid” is a saying that has been around for many generations. I heard it from my father, and he heard it from his, and now, I was quietly whispering that thought as I positioned myself behind my camera snapping photos of a young hunter’s buck of a lifetime.

Teaching a kid to hunt doesn’t necessary fall on the parents or grandparents shoulders; in this case, it was a family affair and a whole lot of brotherly love came into play. And the results were simply a gift that will be cherished for generations to come.

My daughter Mikayla had already spent several weekends, long evenings after school, and an entire youth-only weekend sitting in the woods hoping for an opportunity to harvest a whitetail. As luck would have it, during her youth-only outing, a beautiful 8 point buck stood broadside, a mere 20 yards away, chomping on some acorns. Unfortunately at that time, Indiana law only allowed the harvest of does during youth-only weekends. Hard lessons such as these can help children understand ethical hunting and doing what is right, even when no one is watching and even when there is a nice buck at 20 yards. It appeared that her 2007 season was starting to follow the path of her 2006 season.

The 2006 deer season got off to a rocky start for Mikayla. Opening day of gun season came with plenty of anticipation as she hoped for another chance to take a whitetail. Despite the numerous trips afield she had taken with us over the years, she had yet to harvest her own deer. Blustery, swirling winds made hunting from a treestand difficult that morning, therefore, we opted to travel to another location and hunt from a ground blind. The new plans didn’t prepare us for what we discovered as we arrived at the new location. The ground blind we had set-up a few days prior had been stolen, so had a nearby hang-on stand. Sadly, our hunting plans for the day came to a screeching halt and now my daughter was experiencing the not-so-ethical side of hunting, as trespassers had boldly ventured onto our property and taken everything in sight.

A series of other unfortunate events, including a muzzleloader that would not fire at a nice six point buck standing 60 yards away, only added insult to injury during the early part of the 2006 season. After

weeks of trial and error my daughter was finally able to harvest her first whitetail, a large doe. It was a true trophy and memories of hearing her say how much she loved hunting will remain in my mind for a long time to come.

The 2007 season proved to be even more adventurous and exciting than the previous one. Preparation for the hunt begins long before a season starts and we had drilled that message into Mikayla’s head for many years. Luckily enough, with every excursion we could see her confidence grow. Setting kids up for success means making the commitment to do whatever is necessary to ensure that the young hunter is comfortable with the situation and their skills match what you are asking them to do. As a hunter education instructor, I enjoy watching a youngster’s confidence grow as they learn the skills necessary to hunt. But when it is your own child, I have to admit, the pride runs a little deeper. I was not fully aware of just how many life lessons my kids had learned until that one fateful day in November.

Gun season was upon us and my job as a writer and photographer took me away on various assignments during the first few weeks of the season. Thankfully, my husband and son stepped in and helped Mikayla in my absence. I openly admit that when it came to my daughter and her hunting, I wanted to be the one with her during those life altering moments in the field. It’s a mother daughter thing, a kind of passing the torch, if you will, from one woman hunter to the next generation of female hunters. Still, I would be out of town for many of those opportunities, so her big brother Travis stepped in and coached his little sister to a victory that will hang on the wall for years to come.

Travis is the type of son that every parent dreams of having. Instead of looking for trouble or mischief, he would rather be looking for the perfect tree to hang a stand from. He is a good kid that takes pleasure in teasing and tormenting his sisters on a daily basis. Sometimes it can drive you crazy, but one day in November we got to witness true brotherly love.

Despite his age, Travis is one of the best hunters I know and certainly one of the most dedicated to the sport, especially bowhunting. During the 2006 season, the two of us battled it out from different treestands as our friendly mother-son rivalry

continued for another deer hunting season. Travis won that year. However, we would both compare notes on the number of nice bucks we had seen and offer help to the other one. Travis headed into the 2007 season with a passion. He knew what was in the area. Endless hours of scouting, practicing with his bow, numerous new treestand set ups for every possible weather scenario, and hours studying the video camera earned him a spot on the "Posse" of the most popular hunting show Archer's Choice. Travis had grown into a special and talented young man.

During the pre-season he had watched several trophy bucks in the area and he strategically planned his attack and spent a record number of hours in trees, just waiting for the giant to appear. Finally, after nearly six weeks of hunting, a shooter buck stepped out of the thicket and slowly made his way closer to Travis' treestand. It was not the giant he had been chasing, but it certainly was a nice deer. It was decision time. "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," he recalled as the reality of harvesting this buck was becoming more obvious. Carefully, he flung an arrow that brought his hunting season to a close with the harvest of a nice Pope and Young buck. Now, it was his turn to put on his guide hat and help his sister in the field.

Gun season opened the following Saturday and he decided he would take his little sister out in hopes of helping her find some success. A doe would have been great, but a buck was the goal this season. Any buck would do, as it would be her first antlered buck. There were no big expectations from either of them. They were just two kids, hunting together, enjoying time in God's classroom, just the way hunting should be. Saturday morning arrived and the brother-sister duo headed to the woods.

The rays of the rising sun reflected off the frost covered vegetation. It was a cold, but beautiful and clear morning. It was a great day for two kids to be in the woods watching the earth wake up. After double checking his sister's Hunter Safety System harness and making sure she was snugly secured to the tree, he prepared the video camera and settled in for what he thought would be a long wait.

The rut was in full swing in Indiana and the Metheny children had no idea what their morning would soon

bring. Less than an hour after getting situated into their stands, Travis spotted a large mature doe working her way through the high weeds between the tree rows. "Get ready," he told his baby sister, as he quickly focused the video camera on the doe. Out of the corner of his eye he could see her raising the muzzleloader in preparation for the shot. As Travis scanned the field he saw antlers towering out of the tall thick weeds. "I knew instantly this was the buck I had been chasing all season, the buck my mom and I battled for the year before," said Travis.

"Don't shoot, don't shoot," he whispered.

Seconds later, the monarch stepped out of the safety of the grass, quietly following the doe. "I am on him, shoot," he said, just as she pulled the trigger. Through the smoke they could see and hear the impact to the large bodied deer. They held their breath as they watched the monster spin and head back into the weeds, only to drop less than thirty yards away.

The next few moments of video footage is priceless, a rare moment for a brother and sister as they celebrated a hunter's first buck and the buck of a lifetime all in one animal are forever captured on film. "When we saw the footage of this awesome brother sister hunt, we knew it had to be included on our show and DVD," said Vicki Cianciarullo, co-host of the Outdoor Channel's Archer's Choice and The Choice TV shows. "We are so proud of Travis & Mikayla. They are the perfect example of getting the family involved in the hunting lifestyle!"

The monster buck that our son had chased for two seasons was now down, thanks to the youngest hunter in the family. Mikayla shot her deer from the exact same treestand that Travis had shot his P&Y the Saturday before. Siblings taking a P&Y and near Boone and Crockett bucks on a mere 36 acre parcel of land was truly amazing. Teaching your kids how to hunt is important, but teaching them the ethics involved around conservation and the sport of hunting will undoubtedly help them build strong foundations of their own and will hopefully have them also saying "teach your kids to hunt, and you won't have to hunt for your kids" when they have a family someday.



# Coleman Cooking Challenge

## Features HOW Member

Story and photos by PJ Perea

*Editor's note: Several HOW members attended the recent AGLOW conference in Ashland, Wisconsin, and one of the more popular events was the annual Coleman Cooking Challenge. HOW member Mike Schoonveld battled Wisconsin's Jeff Davis for the crown this year. Here is PJ Perea's report:*



Chefs Jeff "Cheesehead" Davis and "Iron Mike" Schoonveld duelled over Coleman fryers, Paul Jr. Designs RoadTrip grills and compact stoves, resulting in the closest finish in the four-year history of the AGLOW Coleman Cooking Challenge. A mere 0.5 points separated the competitors after judges ate, drank and savored six-courses, representing each chef's interpretation of northern Wisconsin cuisine. Deep-fried cheese curds battled with bull salmon balls, smoked salmon salad clashed with beer cheese soup and buffalo sandwiches locked horns with bratwurst casserole. When the propane flames and smoke faded, Jeff Davis emerged victorious.

"Maybe it was the Packer's themed deco complete with 'special' napkin rings," Davis

stated. "Or maybe it was my gourmet Wisconsin grilled cheese."

Mike Schoonveld was very impressed with the Coleman FryWell InstaStart Portable Fryer. The smart-looking propane-powered red fryer created perfect crispy salmon balls. Both chefs also raved about the All-in-One Cooker that combined a slow cooker, grill and stove in a compact format, perfect for the outdoorsmen on the go.

Special thanks to the title sponsor, Coleman ([www.coleman.com](http://www.coleman.com)) and the Ashland Chamber of Commerce ([www.visitashland.com](http://www.visitashland.com)) for the support, celebrity judges and local contacts. Thanks also to local Ashland businesses, Sixth Street Market ([www.andyscheeseandsausage.com](http://www.andyscheeseandsausage.com)) for providing tasty custom bratwurst for the competition and Benoit Cheese Factory ([www.benoitchese.com](http://www.benoitchese.com)) for the local cheese.



# Canadian Moose Hunt Provides Memories To Last A Lifetime

by Gary Redmon

Three years in the making, with a good guide, planning, persistence, practice and timing, along with divine intervention – made for a successful Ontario moose hunt.

After two previous years in pursuit of the majestic moose in the Canadian bush with experienced guide Larry Ogden (known as the “Moose Whisperer”), I knew I had to get in shape and be well prepared. Larry’s clients include several TV hunting personalities. With Larry, one must be prepared to hike several miles each day, from daylight to dark, in the bush, swamps and marshes, the home range for the moose.



My training began early on, losing twenty pounds in preparation. I read every magazine article and viewed numerous moose hunting videos in order to prepare me mentally.

Choosing the peak time of the moose rut can be tricky with weather and temperature being a major factor. Outfitter Fern Duquette of Kashabowie Outposts in Atikokan, Ontario had advised me the peak rut period generally occurred around the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September on average. My two previous years were tough with many moose signs but no moose sighting at all. This year was still tough, with the challenge of high winds and moderate temperatures. Archery hunting for moose requires good rutting periods and conditions that result in responses to the guide’s call.

The first day, deep into the bush we found lots of tracks, rubs and other moose activity. Considering the prevailing wind direction, we set up over a potential area with lots of signs. Larry started a series of moose cow calls. Almost immediately we got a grunt, and a few minutes later the bull appeared alone. Well out of the bow range, my range finder reflected 96 yards. Larry continued to call, in high hopes of enticing the bull to come in, but the winds became stronger and the bull would have no part of it. He disappeared into the dense bush.

Disappointed, we continued to scout out miles of Canadian bush country. We located a highly traveled area for our evening set-up. Again, giving consideration of the wind direction, Larry positioned me up front with the wind in my face. He went approximately fifteen yards off to the right rear. Larry started his sequence of calls with no results. After approximately an hour and half the late evening set in and the winds calmed, allowing his calls to penetrate further into the bush. About an hour before sunset, we heard a loud crack and looked at one another, knowing it had to be a moose. In anticipation I knocked an arrow and the soft sound of footsteps on twigs continued, but no moose sighting.

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Checking with other hunters and guides revealed the same actions and results. The full rut was just not in and the bulls were not ready to fully commit by coming in close and remaining out of sight or bow range. Two more days of hunting resulted in the same scenarios. We continued our long hours of scouting, going back into the area of the first day encounter. We found four rut pits, a good sign of a rutting bull. We decided to make it the place to set up the next morning.

Rising again around 4 AM, we made the hour and half drive back into the chosen area. Before we reached the rut pit area we spotted a cow moose walking out of the tall birch, taking time to stop and look behind her. After a couple minutes the cow trotted up a hill into thick birch and spruce. We were crouched down low and suddenly a bull trotted out and headed up the hill towards the cow. Larry started with cow calls, hoping to pull the bull away from the cow. The bull gave a couple grunts but he wouldn't buy it. Larry reverted to a bull call and the bull started responding with louder grunts.

Crouched down in the open, Larry directed me to go in 10 yards forward and get ready while he went to the rear behind an embankment. Both Larry and the bull moose continued to exchange grunts. The bull started down to investigate what he thought was another bull in his area. Standing out in the open, I saw the bull making his way to investigate. Prior to him stepping into the open area I came to full draw with my bow, mentally prepared for a shot. I continued to tell myself to concentrate on the vitals. The bull came all the way down, standing beside a small spruce. Larry made a couple of low grunt calls with the bull taking a couple more steps out. The bull was facing me, not allowing for a good shot of the vital area. I continued to hold my draw and finally the bull made a couple side steps. Now only eight yards away, I had my shot. I released and saw the arrow fletching protruding as he ran approximately 50 yards and crashed.

I looked back at Larry he was running towards me with high fives, hugs and yells of joy. After three years we finally had a successful, humane hunt. Following a good blood trail we found the 50 inch wide 18 pointer, approximately 50 yards away.



Although reflecting back with all my practicing, preparation, planning and persistence I cannot rule out a divine intervention as a contributing factor. My father who was my hunting mentor passed away two years ago, and I carried his hunting knife for luck. On a black bear hunt with my nephew in Ontario a month earlier I harvested a 390 pound black bear. My nephew had been unsuccessful, and after I scored he asked if he could wear his grandpa's knife for luck. He harvested a nice 225 pounder that evening.

Call it divine intervention or just plain luck, but I will take it – along with the practice, patience, planning and persistence. It takes all of these for moose hunting.

*Editor's note: Gary Redmon is a freelance writer/photographer and former editor of IDHA News. He lives in Greenfield, IN and has been a HOW member since the mid-1980s. Photos courtesy of Gary Redmon.*



# HOW Member News



## Creason Searches For Buried Treasure

Rich Creason recently returned from a very productive 8-day metal detector hunt at Starve Hollow State Recreation Area west of Seymour, IN.

The photo at left shows Rich holding two of his prizes. The larger one is a one ounce silver coin, and the other is a 1/10 ounce gold coin worth about \$118 at today's prices. These particular coins weren't buried in the dirt – the event coordinators actually bury numbered tokens in designated hunt fields which are later found by metal detector-wielding

participants. The tokens are turned in for the actual prizes at the end of the dig.

If you are interested in getting started with metal detectors, give Rich a call or send him an email. He is more than happy to share his experience with you! His contact info is in the HOW Directory (online and in the print version).



The photo above shows a big group of metal detector enthusiasts in the middle of a hunt field digging for coins and other prizes.



## Lac Seul Walleyes Draw Dave Hoffman Back For More

HOW Director Dave Hoffman has been traveling to Canada for about thirty years to pursue big walleyes. After years with varying degrees of success at numerous locations he and his Minnesota fishing buddies found those hot lakes they were looking for, and he reports that they have been doing very well. One of those prime spots is Lac Seul's Golden Eagle Resort in Ear Falls, Ontario.

This year was no exception, as he and his fishing partners recently caught lots of walleyes in the 25-28 inch range at the Ontario fish factory. They caught plenty of fish for the frying pan, as well. Freshly caught walleye is pretty hard to beat at the dinner table!



The Canadian weather is unpredictable and Lac Seul is big water, and those walleyes can be finicky about jig color and size. But, with an expert guide like resort owner Scott Angove one can count on plenty of walleyes as well as trophy Northern pike. Dave and his crew are already planning next year's trip. *(Photos courtesy of John Heino).*

## Maxwell Finds The Striper Mother Lode

HOW President John Maxwell holds a Cecil M. Harden Reservoir striped bass hooked while photographing an Outdoor Indiana story on the Parke County lake.

Striped bass are becoming increasingly large at Harden Lake. On Aug. 29, Dave Pennington of Stilesville, Alan Pederson of Indianapolis, Pederson's two sons and Maxwell boated 13 striped bass that weighed about 20 pounds each.



The open-water bass anglers kept 10 fish and had to shift an adult to the port side of the boat to counter-ballast 200 pounds of fish in the starboard cooler!



## Schoonveld Braves the Waves In Michigan's Stormy Seas

Mike Schoonveld recently trailered his boat "Brother Nature" up the Lake Michigan shoreline in Michigan to the port of Ludington – a traditional salmon-fishing hotspot. Here's his report:

"It was really rough in Ludington. Monday morning saw 5-footers when we launched the boat, and by the time we quit, even my diehard fishing partner Doug Wheelock thought it was okay to bail. We bounced over 8-footers back to the boat launch. The kicker? We never left the harbor. Those waves were INSIDE the breakwalls. We caught an 8-pound northern pike (there's a Brother Nature first)."



"On Tuesday we trailered up to Traverse City where we could avoid the wind. Of course, we avoided the fish, as well, but we did get to angle. Caught one laker and had one bite in the salmon hole. On Wednesday we headed out in 3 to 5-footers at dawn, and although we missed the pre-dawn bite we managed to catch 4 nice kings."

"Early Thursday morning we braved the stormy seas and headed out in the dark. When it got light I told Wheelock it's a good thing we left in the dark because if I could have seen those waves, I'd have stayed home! They weren't close together, but I'd peg them at 4 to 6-footers, easily. Good early bite and steady pick the rest of the day. It was a good thing the last 2 fish were small kings or we'd have had trouble getting the cooler lid shut. Limited with 10 salmon."

"Friday we got out on our nicest day, good pre-dawn bite but not so fast after that. Ended up with 3 cohos and 5 kings. All in all, a good outing."

### Membership Reminders:

#### Conference

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2011 HOW conference. The dates 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!

#### Website

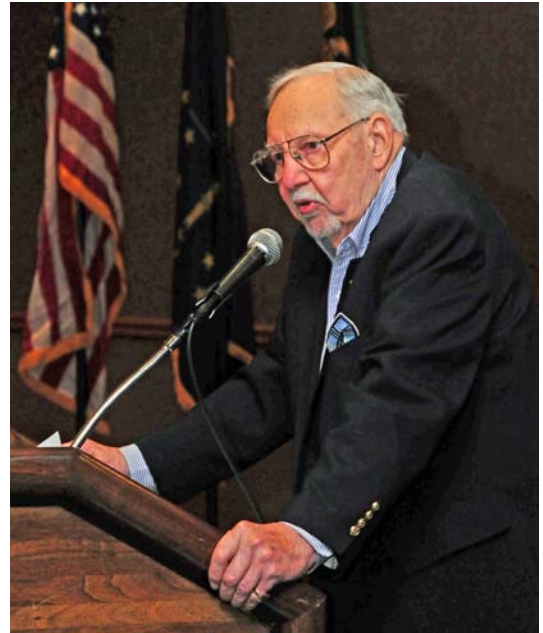
Remember to check out the new HOW website. The web address is: [www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org](http://www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org) (not case-sensitive).



## Dick Mercier elected to Indiana Conservation Hall of Fame

Dick Mercier, long-time HOW member and founder of the Indiana Sportsman's Roundtable, was recently elected to the Indiana Conservation Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony was held on Sept. 17 at Fort Harrison State Park, and Dick was one of the nine people honored during this year's event.

The members of the 2010 class of the Indiana Conservation Hall of Fame include: Glenn A. Black, Garrett Eppley, Irene Herlocker-Meyer, William Temple Hornaday, Alton A. Lindsey, Dick Mercier, Herb and Charlotte Read, and Jim Ridenour. "These people have dedicated their lives to the conservation of our natural and cultural resources and we are honored to recognize their accomplishments," said Bourke Patton, executive director of the Natural Resources Foundation.



Dick definitely deserves our praise. For those who did not have a chance to attend the awards banquet, we have printed a copy of his acceptance speech here for you read:

"Sometime around 20 years ago, I was asked to testify before an Indiana Senate Natural Resources committee on a hunting issue, so I swapped the birddog whistle around my neck for a necktie, got directions to the Statehouse and headed for 200 W. Washington Street."

"Having given my testimony it occurred to me that this might be a way that I could make a partial repayment for the lifetime of enjoyment that I had received by being able to hunt, fish and take part in many other outdoor recreational activities in Indiana."

"To this end, I volunteered and became involved with a group in incorporating the Indiana Sportsmen's Roundtable. Upon incorporation I was elected president of the Roundtable, a position I was to hold for the next 16 years. I guess that I had forgotten the old axiom that I had learned in the Air Corps 'Never ever volunteer for anything.'"

"During those 16 years I spent many days before legislative and Natural Resources Commission committees doing that which I could to help Hoosier sportsmen and women improve their lot."

"Among other things, we were able to get numerous

pieces of beneficial legislation enacted, the most notable being the 'Landowner Liability Bill', which opened 1000's of additional acres to sportsmen, and the 'Senior Citizen Fishing License' which over the next years will add millions of federal excise dollars to the DNR's coffers."

"We would never have been able to get these issues through the House and Senate without the help of many wonderful legislators. Obviously we would be here all night if I tried to thank each and every one, but there were a couple who are no longer with us, Senator Potch Wheeler and Representative Dick Mangus who were especially helpful to us in our efforts at the Statehouse."

"I am still somewhat in awe of this honor being bestowed upon me this evening, but I must thank the Foundation members and the nominating committee for their kind endorsement."

"My one regret is that my old friend, Bayou Bill Scifres, cannot be with us tonight. Without Bill's encouragement and ink, much of that which we did manage to accomplish would not have been possible. Thanks Bill!"

"And my thanks to all of you for coming tonight."

## HOW Members Attend Outdoor Writer Conferences

Many HOW members belong to more than one writer's organization. OWAA, AGLOW, POMA and SEOPA are just a few of the other Outdoor Writer groups with which HOW members are associated. Joining additional groups is a great way to meet more people in the industry!

From September 12-16, the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers (AGLOW) held its annual conference in Ashland, WI. HOW members who attended the AGLOW conference were: Brandon Butler, Rich Creason, Alan Garbers, Bill Keaton, Josh Lantz, PJ Perea, Mike Schoonveld and Brian Smith. For more information about the AGLOW conference, see details on pages 9 and 17 and then check their website at <http://aglowinfo.org>.



In August, the Professional Outdoor Media Association (POMA) held its annual conference in LaPorte, IN. HOW members in attendance were: Brandon Butler, Lisa Metheny and Brian Smith. Roughly 200 industry professionals, both media and corporate members, from around the country converged on northern Indiana. Attendees enjoyed a sunset dinner on the beach at Lake Michigan, a shooting day at Kingsbury, and a wonderful stay on the shores of Pine Lake. Brandon Butler and Jim Zumbo tied in a lobster eating contest at three apiece, but Butler swears he'd have taken the old man if they hadn't run out of material.



"POMA's roots run deep in the shooting sports," Butler said. "I encourage anyone who communicates stories about hunting and shooting to consider joining POMA. Personally, my membership has been priceless." To learn more about POMA, visit [www.professionalooutdoormedia.org](http://www.professionalooutdoormedia.org).



### Butler Arrows Trophy Montana Pronghorn

HOW Vice-President Brandon Butler took this Pope & Young class antelope on a recent hunt with Jerry McPherson, owner of Montana Decoy Company, and Tom Opre, host of Primal Adventures TV.

Brandon stalked to within 100 yards of the "speed goat" before popping up a Montana Decoy of a lesser buck. When the mature goat charged in to run the subordinate buck off, Butler gave him a onetime lesson in bullying. The shot was about 15 yards.

This was Brandon's first trip back to Montana since moving away in 2006. He was left wondering what he was thinking back then - nobody leaves Montana!

## **Keaton and Schoonveld Find More Fins, Less Feathers**

HOW director, Mike Schoonveld and Legal Advisor, Bill Keaton teamed up for a “Fins and Feathers” outing at the beginning of September. Cool weather at the end of August made the mourning doves a scarce commodity in the area so the outing was short on feathers – but the fins made up for it.

Despite a bit of drizzle, Mike and Bill launched at Portage Marina and headed for Lake Michigan to intercept a few spawning run salmon. The action was fast and furious, and in less than 2 hours the pair successfully boated 3 king salmon (each weighing in the low teens) as well as a total of 7 coho salmon up to 10 pounds. The legal limit in Indiana is 5 salmon per person.

Besides freelance writing, Schoonveld operates Brother Nature Fishing Adventures ([www.brother-nature.com](http://www.brother-nature.com)), from early March through the end of September, fishing for Lake Michigan salmon and trout. Since he trailers his boat rather than mooring it at a specific marina, Mike’s trips start from any one of several of Indiana’s marinas.

At right: Bill Keaton is all smiles as he holds two of the salmon that he caught on his recent trip to the northwest corner of the state.



## **HOW Members Honored In Recent AGLOW Awards-In-Craft Competition**

### **TV/Video – Best of Hunting**

PJ Perea, Second Place, “Montana Volunteers Hunt”

### **TV/Video – Best of Open**

PJ Perea, Second Place, “Turkey Calling”

### **Magazine – Best of Boating & Boating Safety**

PJ Perea, Third Place, “How to Build a PVC  
Canoe/Kayak Cart”

### **Magazine – Best of Open**

Brandon Butler, First Place, “Father Damian  
Schmelz - A Life of Service”

### **“Pete Czura” Best of Show Photography**

PJ Perea, Best of Show, “Moonlight & Marshmallow”

### **Photography – Best of Fishing**

Tom Berg, Second Place, “Mountain Stream Trout

### **Photography – Best of Hunting**

PJ Perea, First Place, “Eye on the Prize”

### **Photography – Best of Outdoor Recreation**

PJ Perea, First Place, “Moonlight & Marshmallow”

Tom Berg, Third Place, “Bird Watchers Find

Osprey Nest”

### **Photography – Best of Outdoor Scenic**

PJ Perea, Second Place, “Pounders Falls”

### **Photography – Best of Black & White**

PJ Perea, Second Place, “Burn Notice”

PJ Perea, Third Place, “Hang Tight”



## **John Goss Leaves Indiana Wildlife Federation, Takes On Asian Carp**



John Goss, HOW member and (until recently) Executive Director of the Indiana Wildlife Federation, has taken a position with the Great Lakes Commission to address the Asian carp invasion of the Great Lakes. As Asian Carp Director, Goss will coordinate a regional effort to prevent a full-blown Great Lakes invasion by the nuisance fish.

IWF has benefited greatly from Goss's leadership and work to put organization on the forefront of numerous environmental issues in Indiana. In 2008, IWF worked with state officials and a coalition of environmental and business groups to make Indiana the first state to fully adopt the Great Lakes Compact, an international agreement to limit the amount of water removed from the lakes.

With IWF's support, Duke Energy is building a coal gasification power plant ready for carbon capture and storage. Goss represented Indiana in development of the Midwest Governor's Association Energy Platform, a regional plan dedicated to exploring and expanding clean energy in the Midwest.

Goss also worked as a tireless advocate for sound fish and wildlife rules. In late 2009, Goss led revitalization of the Indiana Sportsmen's Roundtable, a grassroots advocacy group representing hunting and fishing organizations from around the state.

Hoosiers have also benefitted from Goss's involvement in major land acquisitions, such as the Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area, an 8000-acre wetlands restoration project in Greene County, and Putnamville/Atterbury land swap, which resulted in a net gain of about 800 acres for recreational use.

Goss's impressive track record with the Indiana Wildlife Federation suggests he is up for the carp challenge. "John has served as the Executive Director for IWF for four years and we will really miss his leadership," said Steve Cecil, President, IWF Board of Directors. "While we hate to see him leave, we truly appreciate all that he has accomplished for our organization, and we are proud that one of our own has been chosen to coordinate this very serious wildlife management issue."

The I.W.F. Executive Committee has begun the search process for the Executive Director position and will soon be taking recommendations and/or resumes. "We have been fortunate to have benefited from John's broad natural resources background, and it will be difficult to find a worthy replacement."

Since 1938, the Indiana Wildlife Federation has promoted the conservation, sound management, and sustainable use of Indiana's wildlife and wildlife habitat through education, advocacy, and action with the vision to create sustainable Indiana wildlife as a source of inspiration, education and recreation. For membership inquiries or for more info about the Executive Director position, please call 317-875-9453.



## Unusual Nature Photos From The Hoosier Outdoors

### Shovelnose Sturgeon Barbels Prove Very Hard to Identify!



Wow! The “What is it?” question from the last newsletter must have been pretty hard, because most HOW members were stumped. As a matter of fact, John Maxwell was the only HOW member to get the right answer.

The photo at the left shows two of the four barbels located beneath the snout of a shovelnose sturgeon caught in the Wabash River.



Shovelnose sturgeon are strange-looking creatures indeed, and the weird barbels and vacuum-cleaner mouth just add to their bizarre looks. Since that was such a hard

“What is it” question, the next one will be a little easier (I think). See below.

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

Here’s another Nature Photo mystery. The photo shown at right is a close-up of part of a common creature that lives right here in Indiana (probably right in your own back yard).

Do you know what it is? Take a guess! If you think you know, send the answer to me via email at [thomas.berg@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.berg@comcast.net) and I’ll let you know if you’re right. This photo should be a little easier to identify than the last one, but we’ll see! For everyone who doesn’t know, you’ll just have to wait until the next issue of The Blade to find out! Here’s a hint: This creature is a voracious predator.



# 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.



## ProLine Fishing Teams With Roland Martin For New Rod Series

**Elk River, MN:** ProLine Fishing, Inc. introduces the Roland Martin Signature Series fishing rods. The new product line, available in November of this year, features 11 models designed by 11-time B.A.S.S. angler of the year, Roland Martin. These Signature Series rods feature 100% graphite construction and specific models and actions tailored for various fishing methods and techniques that Martin displays as the host of the television show “Fishing with Roland Martin”.

Martin says the Signature Series is really for the “Lunchpail Fisherman”. One of the common themes in Roland’s years of

fishing is simply promoting the sport. He recognizes that the vast majority of anglers aren’t die-hards or professionals, they are everyday folks who enjoy picking up a rod and reel and just sitting down to catch fish. Most anglers don’t own a boat. They might be summertime weekenders, or they might take one fishing trip a year. Most have two or three fishing rods and a small tacklebox full of various worms, jigs, and crankbaits. This is the “Lunchpail Fisherman”; the angler who isn’t interested in spending several hundred dollars per year on equipment and tackle. They just want to enjoy the fun and relaxation of fishing without breaking the bank. Roland created the Signature Series specifically for this type of angler. He wanted to provide an affordable rod they can count on, where he could also pass along some of his expertise in its design to help them catch more fish. The Signature Series does just that.



ProLine Fishing, Inc. is a specialty manufacturer of fishing rods based in Elk River, MN. For further information visit their website at [www.prolinefishing.net](http://www.prolinefishing.net) or contact ProLine President Michael Ressen at 866-464-3746.



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## WaveSpin Reels Offer Patented No-Tangle Technology

**Port Richey, FL:** For a young, unique fishing reel manufacturer, WaveSpin continues to mount a following from avid anglers everywhere. In just three years, the WaveSpin spinning reel invented by Doug Hannon, “the



Bass Professor,” has won a long list of accolades, awards and contracts based on its innovative “BIRD NEST FREE GUARANTEE”. Its patented no-tangle, trouble-free design gives anglers more enjoyable fishing time without worrying about line twists and tangles.

All four model sizes of WaveSpin reels come with an exclusive two-year unlimited warranty. The reel, with its uniquely designed spool lip of smoothly rounded teeth – “waves” that eliminate tangles – also features a patented no-tool quick-strip split spool allowing anglers to slip off the entire amount of old line in one clump without tedious stripping. WaveSpin not only cures a bulk of the problems with spinning reels (tangles, bird nests and ineffective drags) it’s also the affordable answer to very expensive fishing gear.

Hannon’s WaveSpin is being marketed across the nation by XXX-Stream Tackle through a growing number of major sporting goods stores (such as Bass Pro Shops, Cabela’s, West Marine), and independent tackle stores. It may also be obtained through direct sales on its website: [www.wavespinreel.com](http://www.wavespinreel.com). For more info on WaveSpin reels, please contact Russ Riley at 989-967-8426 ([russ@wavespinreel.com](mailto:russ@wavespinreel.com)) or Pete Johnson at Johnson Communications 480-951-3654 ([JohnsonCom@aol.com](mailto:JohnsonCom@aol.com)).

## Hunt's Photo and Video Reviews Waterproof Cameras

**Melrose, MA:** Hunt's Photo and Video sells a wide variety of equipment and supplies for the photo and video enthusiast – and that definitely includes outdoor enthusiasts! Jonathan Lawton from Hunt’s recently sent this review of the Canon Powershot D10 waterproof camera:



“If you are looking for a compact digital camera that can perform in just about any environment, the Canon Powershot D10 might just be the perfect choice. The D10 is the first waterproof and shockproof camera ever offered by Canon. Its rugged exterior casing is fully weather-sealed making the D10 waterproof down to an impressive 33 feet, shockproof from a height of 4 feet, and freeze proof up to 14 degrees Fahrenheit.”

“Even though the D10 is specifically designed to be a tough, go-anywhere style camera, inside it still offers all the qualities people have come to expect from Canon’s Powershot lineup. The D10 features a 12.1 megapixel CCD sensor to accurately capture the detail and color of your surroundings. The 3x optical zoom (35mm-105mm) is Image Stabilized, allowing you to capture blur-free pictures even in low light conditions. The camera also has a remarkably bright 2.5 inch LCD screen. The D10’s control buttons are also rubberized to make it easier to operate in wet conditions and they give the camera a great tactile feel.”

“The D10 is a great option if you need a camera that can capture a perfect photo, in less than perfect conditions. The Canon D10 retails for \$329 and ships with a lithium-ion battery pack, wall-charger and other accessories.”

For questions on the Canon D10 or any other photo-related topic, please visit [www.wbhunt.com](http://www.wbhunt.com) or call 800-221-1830. For email: Jon Lawton at [jlawton@wbhunt.com](mailto:jlawton@wbhunt.com) or Gary Farber at [digitalguygary@wbhunt.com](mailto:digitalguygary@wbhunt.com).

## HOW Supporting Members Win Awards At ICAST Show

**Las Vegas, NV:** The 2010 ICAST show (International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades) earlier this summer showcased the products of some of the premier companies in the fishing tackle industry, and many of the top new product awards were won by HOW Supporting Members. Here is the list of winners from our corporate members:

### ***Best of Show***

[G. Loomis](#)  
NRX

### ***Freshwater Reel***

[Shimano American Corp.](#)  
Stella FE

### ***Apparel***

[Frabill, Inc.](#)  
FXE Stormsuit

### ***Saltwater Reel***

[Shimano American Corp.](#)  
Trinidad A

### ***Combo***

[Lamiglas](#) and Ardent  
Fishouflage Bass Combo

### ***Freshwater Rod***

[G. Loomis](#)  
NRX

### ***Kids' Tackle***

[Pure Fishing](#)  
Pflueger Spinning Combo – Apprentice

### ***Saltwater Rod***

[Shimano American Corp.](#)  
Terez

### ***Hard Lure***

[Shimano American Corp.](#)  
Waxwing Sub-Surface Swimming Jig

### ***Terminal Tackle***

[Sebile Innovative Fishing](#)  
Soft Weight System

### ***Marine***

[Johnson Outdoors, Inc.](#) - Minn Kota  
Talon-Shallow Water Anchor

Congratulations to all of the winners!

For more info on ICAST, check their website: [www.icastfishing.org](http://www.icastfishing.org).



Frabill FXE Stormsuit

## HOW's Supporting Member Websites

3M Scientific Anglers - [www.scientificanglers.com](http://www.scientificanglers.com)  
Acli-Mate Mountain Sports Drink - [www.acli-mate.com](http://www.acli-mate.com)  
Alpen Optics - [www.alpenoutdoor.com](http://www.alpenoutdoor.com)  
B'n'M Pole Company - [www.bnmpoles.com](http://www.bnmpoles.com)  
Bass Pro Shops - [www.basspro.com](http://www.basspro.com)  
Battenfeld Technologies - [www.battenfeldtechnologies.com](http://www.battenfeldtechnologies.com)  
Bill Lewis Lures - [www.Rat-L-Trap.com](http://www.Rat-L-Trap.com)  
Birchwood Casey - [www.birchwoodcasey.com](http://www.birchwoodcasey.com)  
Blackpowder Products, Inc. - [www.bpiguns.com](http://www.bpiguns.com)  
Brunton - [www.brunton.com](http://www.brunton.com)  
Buck Knives - [www.buckknives.com](http://www.buckknives.com)  
Bundy Ducks - [www.bundyducks.com](http://www.bundyducks.com)  
Cabela's, Inc. - [www.cabelas.com](http://www.cabelas.com)  
Camp Chef - [www.campchef.com](http://www.campchef.com)  
Clam Corporation - [www.clamcorp.com](http://www.clamcorp.com)  
Coleman Company - [www.coleman.com](http://www.coleman.com)  
Columbia Sportswear - [www.columbia.com](http://www.columbia.com)  
Creative Outdoor Products - [www.hunterdan.com](http://www.hunterdan.com)  
Crimson Trace - [www.crimsontrace.com](http://www.crimsontrace.com)  
Crosman Corporation - [www.crosman.com](http://www.crosman.com)  
CTI Industries - [www.zipvac.com](http://www.zipvac.com)  
Danner Boots - [www.danner.com](http://www.danner.com)  
DeLorme, Inc. - [www.delorme.com](http://www.delorme.com)  
Eagle Claw - [www.eagleclaw.com](http://www.eagleclaw.com)  
Environ-Metal, Inc. - [www.hevishot.com](http://www.hevishot.com)  
Federal Premium Ammunition - [www.federalpremium.com](http://www.federalpremium.com)  
Flambeau Products Corp. - [www.flambeauoutdoors.com](http://www.flambeauoutdoors.com)  
Flatrock Hunting Preserve - [www.flatrockhunting.com](http://www.flatrockhunting.com)  
Flying Fisherman - [www.flyingfisherman.com](http://www.flyingfisherman.com)  
Frabill - [www.frabill.com](http://www.frabill.com)  
Freedom Group Companies - [www.freedom-group.com](http://www.freedom-group.com)  
G.Loomis - [www.gloomis.com](http://www.gloomis.com)  
Gerber Legendary Blades - [www.gerbergear.com](http://www.gerbergear.com)  
Godfrey Marine - [www.nauticglobalgroup.com](http://www.nauticglobalgroup.com)  
Hart Productions - [www.hartproductions.com](http://www.hartproductions.com)  
Hoosier Trapper Supply - [www.hoosiertrappersupply.com](http://www.hoosiertrappersupply.com)  
Hoppe's - [www.hoppes.com](http://www.hoppes.com)  
HT Enterprises - [www.icefish.com](http://www.icefish.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)  
Indiana Outdoor News - [www.indianaoutdoornews.net](http://www.indianaoutdoornews.net)  
Johnson Outdoors, Inc. - [www.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://www.johnsonoutdoors.com)  
Kwikee Kwitter 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 - [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)  
Midway USA - [www.midwayusa.com](http://www.midwayusa.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)  
Off Shore Tackle Co. - [www.offshoretackle.com](http://www.offshoretackle.com)  
Ono's Trading Co. - [www.onostradingcompany.com](http://www.onostradingcompany.com)  
Optronics, Inc. - [www.optronicsinc.com](http://www.optronicsinc.com)  
Orange County CVB - [www.historicsouthernindiana.com](http://www.historicsouthernindiana.com)  
Otis Technology - [www.otisgun.com](http://www.otisgun.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)  
Primos Hunting Calls - [www.primos.com](http://www.primos.com)  
Proline Fishing, Inc. - [www.prolinefishing.com](http://www.prolinefishing.com)  
Pure Fishing - [www.purefishing.com](http://www.purefishing.com)  
Quaker Boy, Inc. - [www.quakerboygamecalls.com](http://www.quakerboygamecalls.com)  
Ranger Boat Company - [www.rangerboats.com](http://www.rangerboats.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)  
Sebile Lures - [www.sebileusa.com](http://www.sebileusa.com)  
SHE Outdoor Apparel - [www.shesafari.com](http://www.shesafari.com)  
Shimano American Corp. - [www.shimano.com](http://www.shimano.com)  
Snosuit - [www.snosuit.com](http://www.snosuit.com)  
South Shore CVA - [www.southshorecva.com](http://www.southshorecva.com)  
Star Brite - [www.starbrite.com](http://www.starbrite.com)  
Strikemaster Corporation - [www.strikemaster.com](http://www.strikemaster.com)  
Taylor Brands - [www.taylorbrandsllc.com](http://www.taylorbrandsllc.com)  
ThermaCELL - [www.thermacell.com](http://www.thermacell.com)  
Tri-Tronics, Inc. - [www.tritronics.com](http://www.tritronics.com)  
TTI-Blakemore Fishing - [www.ttiblakemore.com](http://www.ttiblakemore.com)  
Vexilar, Inc. - [www.vexilar.com](http://www.vexilar.com)  
Vortex Optics - [www.vortexoptics.com](http://www.vortexoptics.com)  
W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery - [www.wrcase.com](http://www.wrcase.com)  
WaveSpin Reels - [www.wavespinreel.com](http://www.wavespinreel.com)  
West Marine - [www.westmarine.com](http://www.westmarine.com)  
White Flyer Targets - [www.whiteflyer.com](http://www.whiteflyer.com)  
Wildlife Research Center - [www.wildlife.com](http://www.wildlife.com)

HOW members are encouraged to contact our supporting members' websites for general information 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 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:

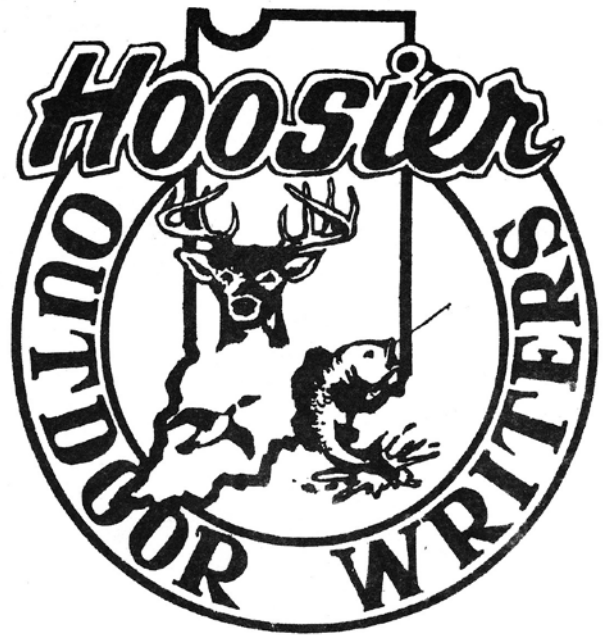
1. To give the profession of outdoor writing/reporting greater recognition and understanding, even higher standards and enlarged scope.
2. To encourage and enforce high standards of professional ethics.
3. To strive always for the truth, accuracy, clarity and completeness in the dissemination of outdoor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

- SEOPA 2010 Annual Fall Conference:** October 6-9, 2010  
([www.seopa.org](http://www.seopa.org))  
Huntsville, AL
- Cincinnati Travel, Sports & Boat Show:** January 14-16 & 19-23, 2011  
([www.hartproductions.com](http://www.hartproductions.com))  
Cincinnati, OH
- Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show:** February 18-27, 2011  
([www.renfroproductions.com](http://www.renfroproductions.com))  
Indianapolis, IN
- AGLOW 2011 Spring Cast & Blast Event:** April 19-21, 2011  
(<http://aglowinfo.org/>)  
Details and location to follow.
- NRA 2011 Annual Meeting:** April 29-May 1, 2011  
([www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org))  
Pittsburgh, PA
- HOW 2011 Annual Conference:** May 13-15, 2011  
([www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org](http://www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org))  
Details and location to follow.

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.