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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
or
Pete's Ponderings

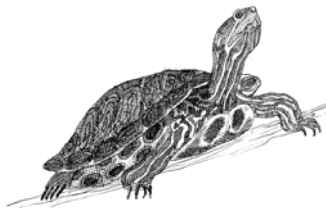
Here we are at the end of May, five months into the new year, and it seems just like yesterday that now Past-President Gary Marshall "passed the goat" to me at the Chapter's annual business meeting. At that time, I took the opportunity to highlight some ideas on where I hoped the Chapter would direct its energy during the coming year. In particular, I mentioned my desire to focus our efforts on recruiting new Chapter members and increasing the number of current members actively involved in Chapter activities.

The NCTWS dues are a modest \$5, less than the cost of a good hamburger. Yet there are many biologists living and working in North Carolina that are not yet members. Why? My guess is that they either haven't heard about NCTWS or perhaps they think they can't afford the money or time to become a member. We all need to actively reach out to these folks, tell them what our Chapter has to offer and invite them to join. And let's not forget about the students.

For those of us who are current members, let's make the effort to play an active role in the Chapter this year. As you will note when reading the names of the Committee Chairs in this issue, the same people are stepping up to the plate each year and they need our help. Therefore, as president, I am announcing a RFP (Request for People) to serve on the Chapter's various committees. In particular, the Membership Committee needs energetic people to work with Carl Betsill and Pat Farrell. The revised 2002-2003 Committee Goals are listed in this issue. Read them over and if any committee's activities pique your interest, give a call to the designated chair and volunteer your time. You will find it to be a rewarding experience.

Finally, I would like to end this column by taking the opportunity to thank Jon Heisterberg and Steve Hall for their years of service on the Executive Board. Thanks also to John Ann Shearer and Dave Woodward for their enthusiastic participation on the Board during the last year. Like others who have served before them, I am sure Jon, Steve, John Ann and Dave will continue to stay involved and be ready to lend a helping hand whenever and wherever needed. How about you?

Pete



CHAPTER VISION STATEMENT

- *To guide and promote the conservation and management of wildlife resources throughout North Carolina.*

CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

- *The North Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Society seeks to provide a forum for wildlife professionals and others to interact to improve wildlife conservation and management while fostering high*

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professional standards and ethics for its members. It will strive to be an acknowledged source of current scientific information and expertise, and act as a collective voice on matters relating to wildlife biology, management, education, and policy.

CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

1. To develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and the environments upon which wildlife and humans depend;
2. To undertake an active role in preventing human-induced environmental degradation;
3. To increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values;
4. To seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.

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Haywood Comm. College	Leonard Perkey		

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COWCH	Bob Hazell		
Wildlife Mgmt. on Military Lands	Bill Rogers	252-466-5870	rogers@cherrypoint.usmc.mil

2002-2003 CHAPTER COMMITTEE GOALS

Conservation Review: Matt Flint

- Review and provide input when necessary on wildlife-related legislation in NC
- Support conservation aspects of the 2002 Farm Bill
- Continue support of CARA and related legislation
- Draft policy statements on pertinent issues (exotic species, open space, endangered species, etc.)

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- Review and provide input on the Navy proposal to place an Outdoor Landing Field (OLF) in NC

Professional Development: Mark Jones

- Sponsor bird and plant identification workshops
- Continue to monitor members obtaining TWS certification and recognize these people at NCTWS meetings, on web page and in newsletter
- Encourage and assist members to complete TWS certification application and renewal
- Assure that all TWS meetings and workshops that qualify have CEU credits
- Provide personal invitations to student chapters to attend annual meetings
- Sponsor wildlife seminars with CEU credits each year for professional development of members

Program: Vacant – We would love to have you volunteer!

- Structure annual meeting to involve topics of professional interest to membership
- Provide short abstracts of annual meeting topics
- Include a poster session at annual meetings
- Make arrangement for agenda, lodging, meals, meeting space, etc. for annual meeting
- Consider field trips at the annual meeting
- Communicate with the Executive Board for approval/guidance
- Include Chair of Wildlife Mgt. On Military Lands Committee on the Program Committee to help ensure military biologist participation at annual meeting
- Include membership renewal option on registration form
- Consider outdoors recreational events for annual meetings
- Consider a photo contest at annual meetings
- Send thank you notes to presenters

Education and Information: Shelley Gray

- Coordinate Living with Wildlife seminar
- Improve traveling display
- Identify venues and develop mission statement for using the display to help raise awareness of NCTWS and issues
- Continue support of Barkalow Lecture series
- Support Fur Fish and Game Program via annual scholarship
- Support NCSU Wildlife Summer Camp and similar educational experience at Haywood Community College via annual scholarships
- Publicize upcoming NCTWS functions in Wildlife in NC magazine and the NCTWS newsletter

Wildlife Damage: Pete Bromley

- Wildlife damage control agent certification training
- Develop WDCA pamphlet for distribution across NC

Russian Exchange: Carl Betsill/Ann Hice

- Continue to provide board with overview of ongoing committee activities/visits
- Continue to promote the exchange of information and ideas between the chapter and Russian biologists
- Develop a plan for expansion of the exchange program utilizing new grant from Camp-Yount Foundation

Membership Committee: Carl Betsill

- Explore opportunities to increase member access to newsletter via TWS website and reduce hard copy mailings
- Maintain membership roster, updated email addresses, notification of late payments (in cooperation with Treasurer)
- Provide clarification and methods for promoting membership expansion
- Continue to provide free membership to students attending the annual meeting
- Coordinate presentations by NCTWS members at Haywood and NCSU student chapter meetings

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- Provide NCTWS information (mailing brochures, membership forms, etc.) to professors at NC colleges with wildlife/natural resource related programs like Duke, NCSU, UNC, Haywood, ECU, UNC-W, Western Carolina, ASU, Chowan College, etc.
- Develop a mailing list to help reach faculty advisors at colleges

Newsletter: Don Seriff

- Publish newsletter 3 times per year
- Pursue information submittals from membership
- Institute a "student corner" in the newsletter from both student chapters
- Ensure that newsletter info gets posted on NCTWS web page and that web address appears in the newsletter

Awards: Dave Dudek

- Continue existing award programs including the active student award program
- Nominate individuals or groups for other awards programs such as NCWF or NCWRC's Small Game Awards Program
- Seek corporate underwriting of student awards
- Review funding requests from members for special education/outreach projects

Wildlife Management on Military Lands: Bill Rodgers/Terry Myers

- Continue to recruit NCTWS participation from military biologists
- Coordinate with Professional Development Committee to hold a professional development seminar/workshop at Ft. Bragg
- Develop a mechanisms (web site postings, newsletter article, etc.) for wildlife professionals in NC to obtain info about military installations and their natural resource programs

Audit: Dave Dudek

- Audit the NCTWS financial records

NCTWS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

04-02-2002 - Southern Pines, NC - 11:10am: Meeting called to order by Pete Campbell

Board members present for this meeting: Pete Campbell, Gary Marshall, Joe Fuller, Pat Farrell. Also present: Mike Willaford from NCSU.

A brief discussion about the location of future board meeting sites for 2002 resulted in the need to find a meeting site in the western section of NC for July 9, 2002, and the possibility of meeting in the Raleigh area for the Sept. 17, 2002 meeting. Pete Campbell will look into a site for the Sept. 17 meeting (possibly at the USDA Wildlife Services office) and Mark Johns will check with the Forsyth County Ag. Center as a possibility for the July 9 meeting.

Minutes from Feb. 28, 2002 board meeting were presented and reviewed by Secretary Mark Johns. Motion was made by Joe Fuller to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Pat Farrell.

Treasurer report was given by Pat Farrell, outlining the expenditures and deposits since the annual meeting. Balance as of 3/26/02 in Checking is \$2,643.01. After review, a motion was made by Gary Marshall to accept the report, and this was seconded by Mark Johns. Pat Farrell also presented a copy of the annual tax report form for 2001 he had sent in that was requested by the TWS national office. Pat will be sending off a request for a \$100.00 reimbursement related to expenditures for start-up of the COWCH Program to the SE Chapter of TWS. Chris Moorman had made a request at the Feb. 28 annual meeting for a new order of brochures from TWS: 'A Wildlife Conservation Career for You' and after discussion the board recommended that Pat Farrell order 500 at an approximate cost of \$75.00 so members can distribute them as needed.

Old Business

It was noted that Chris Moorman has the rest of the supply of NCTWS brochures and it was suggested that he keep other board members supplied as needed.

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NC Chapter sponsorship of the 2002 National TWS conference had been requested and the board discussed the amount to donate. Based on the past, Gary Marshall recommended a donation of \$100.00 and Pete Campbell made a motion to indeed make this donation to the 2002 National TWS meeting, and this motion was seconded by Joe Fuller. Pat Farrell will handle sending out the check.

Pat Farrell will handle getting \$800.00 (as requested by Ann Hice) to support Ann Hice's travel related to Russian Exchange

A discussion related to developing a sub-committee to evaluate funding requests from the membership, and develop some type of criteria for evaluation before being presented to the board was held. It was decided to actually put this task under the Awards Committee. Pete Campbell will further discuss this issue with Dave Dudek, the Awards Committee Chair.

A discussion was held relating to creating a new standing committee (Resolution/Public Statement) that would explore how to present information to the board for consideration that has been reviewed by the Conservation Review Committee. This discussion will continue at future board meetings.

New Business

The idea of holding a joint annual meeting with Virginia TWS for late Feb.- early March 2003 in the coastal plain was discussed. This would be a North Carolina TWS annual meeting with Virginia invited to participate. Pete Campbell will continue to recruit a person to head up the Program Committee. A discussion was held related to a theme for the next annual meeting. Two ideas proposed included presentations related to ongoing projects by TWS members from Virginia and NC and presentations related to management of problem species like resident Canada Geese, Snow Geese, beaver, Mute Swan, etc. Pat Farrell requested board discussion on the continued \$100.00 difference in the NCTWS account balance unresolved from a previous audit, and suggestions on appropriate action. It was suggested that if he can't find the error, he document a \$100.00 shortage in checking with an audit correction letter for the files.

A draft list of tentative NCTWS committee chairs for 2002-2003 was developed by the board as follows:
 Awards: Dave Dudek / Newsletter: Don Seriff / Conservation Review: Matt Flint / Professional Development: Mark Jones
 Southeast Section Rep: Chris Moorman / Nominations and Elections: Mike Carraway / COWCH: Bob Hazel
 Membership: Carl Betsill / Wildlife Damage: Pete Bromley / Education and Outreach: Shelley Gray
 Russian Exchange: Carl Betsill/Ann Hice / Wild. Mgt. On Military Lands: Bill Rodgers/Terry Myers
 Program: VACANT / Audit: VACANT

These committee chairs will eventually be listed on the NCTWS web site and in future TWS newsletters. Pete Campbell will work on getting contact information on the committee chairs. Pat Farrell volunteered to recruit someone for the Audit Committee. The board reviewed the goals developed for the 2001-2002 committees of NCTWS to update these goals for the 2002-2003 board. The board will also request that committee chairs provide suggestions for updating these goals.

Draft NCTWS Committee Goals for 2002-03 were submitted. [Actual revised goals are presented in section above – Ed.]
 At 1:42pm Joe Fuller made a motion to adjourn and this was seconded by Mark Johns.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Johns - NCTWS Secretary

2002 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The 2002 NCTWS Annual Meeting was held February 27-28th in the Sandhills outside of Pinehurst at the Homewoods Suites at Olmstead Village. The theme of the meeting was "Celebrating North Carolina's Biodiversity. Seven speakers gave excellent presentations on topics covering moth and butterfly diversity, mussel diversity, reptile and amphibian populations in Carolina bays, environmental programs on Fort Bragg and Cherry Point Marine Air Station, the NCWRC's CURE program and the USFWS's coastal project advancing conservation linkages between public and private lands.

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During the afternoon of the first day, Alvin Braswell and Terry Sharpe led a field trip to two Carolina bays in Scotland County. The field trip was followed by a catered chicken BBQ dinner, social and auction held Wednesday night at the Field Trial Club House on the Sandhills Game Lands. As usual, Dave "Woody" Woodward served as auctioneer. The auction was a rousing success and has set a new record for the most money raised at an annual meeting. Thanks again to all those who had a hand in organizing the meeting, dinner and social.

Pete Campbell

GET INVOLVED!

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

There is a great need for help on the chapter's Membership Committee for the upcoming year. Carl Betsill and Pat Farrell have implemented an ambitious and expanded set of goals and they are going to need help in tackling them. The Membership Committee is vital to the growth, quality and success of our entire organization. Any help that you can give would be of great benefit to our organization. Please contact either Carl or Pat for more information.

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THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE NEEDS A CHAIRPERSON!

Do you want to help play a pivotal role in the Chapter? We are searching for a motivated professional to help set up the NCTWS Annual Meeting each year. The Program Chair takes the lead role in setting up all aspects of the meeting. They contact and schedule speakers and take care of all logistical details. You'll have a unique opportunity to help provide fellow members with important, relevant and interesting professional development information. If you are interested in serving as the chair of this committee, contact Pete Campbell for more information.

pete_campbell@fws.gov

NC PARTNERS IN FLIGHT

Please mark your calendars now so that you can attend the following NC Partners in Flight meetings:

NCPIF Conservation Committee	September 11, 2002	in Johnston County
NCPIF Education Committee	September 20, 2002	in Johnston County
NCPIF Steering Committee	October 22, 2002	near Falls Lake in Wake County

Contact Mark Johns with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission for more details: johnsme@mindspring.com

NCSU

The Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences Program will graduate 16 students on May 18 and another 3 students this summer. The outstanding GPA graduate is **Sandy Edmonston**, who coop'ed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and will join the National Wildlife Refuge System in Florida immediately after graduation. **Salinda Daley** has completed her MS in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences. Her thesis title is "Examining landowner attitudes and behavior towards private land wildlife management in North Carolina." **Pete Bromley** and **David Cobb** co-chaired her committee. **Randy Outward** completed his MS in Entomology. His thesis is "Effects of vegetated field borders on arthropods in cotton and soybean

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fields in eastern North Carolina." **Clyde Sorenson** chaired Outward's committee and **Phil Doerr** and **Pete Bromley** were committee members. Both Daley and Outward worked on the Wildlife-Agriculture Applied Research Team and both contributed critical information to help guide the NCWRC CURE program.

Pete Bromley

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Several bird data collection projects are underway this spring and breeding season in Mecklenburg County. Point counts are being conducted at 4 nature preserves. Highlights have included many species of migrating warblers and Kentucky Warbler and Prothonotary Warbler nests, found next to two points. The M.A.P.S. station at Cowan's Ford Wildlife Refuge is in its fourth year of operation. New species have included Canada Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler and Sharp-shinned Hawk - all believed to be late migrants. Grassland/shrubland nest success data collection continues at the McDowell Grassland Expansion site. Over 100 nests have already been documented on site this season. Over 200 nest boxes are installed as part of our county-wide nestbox program. Nest box monitoring efforts for this year have focussed on owl nests (in conjunction with two researchers), Brown-headed Nuthatch boxes and Prothonotary Warbler boxes. Data is also being collected on the nesting success of the last remaining colony of Yellow-crowned Night-herons in Charlotte, as well as the rapid expansion of Great Blue Heron nesting colonies throughout the area.

Take A Look: Check out the first of two research articles on Loggerhead Shrikes, by Jeff Esely, DNR Conservation Science Specialist. This article is titled "Habitat selection and reproductive success of Loggerhead Shrikes in northwest Missouri: A hierarchical approach." It can be found in the most recent issue of the Wilson Bulletin (Vol. 113 (3), 2001. Pp. 290-296). A second Shrike article is due out in the next issue.

Don Seriff

HAYWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The HCC Outdoor Club competed in the 2002 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave held 21- 23 March in western Kentucky. This year's host was Murray State University and the event was held at Lake Barkley State Resort Park. Twenty-one HCC Fish and Wildlife Management students participated including Travis Beard, Daniel Bell, Josh Brooks, Nathan Green, Jo Hammett, Melanie Handford, Rock Hilton, Matthew Holbrook, B.J. Keener, Nick McCracken, Jordan Miller, Richard Mosteller, Barry Oldham, Seth Palmer, Leonard Perkey, Robert Price, Dustyn Reece, Billy Rogers, Nick Shaver, Jake Taylor, and Shenan Thompson. Instructors Rick Lindsay, Dave Dudek and Shannon Rabby were also in attendance.

The Outdoor Club, as a Student Chapter of The Wildlife Chapter, competed against student chapters from 17 universities from across the southeast including University of Georgia, Arkansas State University, Arkansas Tech University, University of Tennessee Martin, University of Tennessee Knoxville, N.C. State University, Louisiana Tech University, University of Florida, Oklahoma State University, Arkansas Tech University, Tennessee Tech University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Frostberg State University, Mississippi State University, Louisiana State University, Eastern Kentucky University, and Auburn University. University teams included undergraduate and graduate students in fish and wildlife management curricula.

Competition categories included Individual Creative/Talent (essay, art, photography, game calling), Individual Field (obstacle course, archery, kayak, dendrology, orienteering, trap shoot), Team Field (wildlife population estimation, identification of wildlife sign-plants-trees-birds-frogs (including song)-skulls, animal taxonomy, etc.), The most heavily weighted competition each year is an Academic Quiz Bowl involving 4-student teams from each school in a double elimination tournament. Questions are drawn from a broad variety of subjects, such as, general biology, genetics, wildlife management, wildlife techniques, and all related fields.

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Our HCC Team earned **FIRST PLACE in the Academic Quiz Bowl**. The Quiz Bowl Team members were **Nick McCracken, Nick Shaver, Shenan Thompson, and Robert Price**. The team was recognized at the Awards Banquet and presented with individual plaques a signed/numbered/framed art print and the coveted Quiz Bowl Trophy (UT Knoxville took second in Quiz Bowl and first Overall with help from one of HCC's graduates, Jason Burke, who is now a first semester UT student). We also received **Second Place Overall** due to scores received in all competition categories. Additional awards received included **First Place Archery** with a perfect score by **Jordan Miller**, **Second Place Obstacle Course** by **Seth Palmer, Dustyn Reece, Josh Brooks, and Rock Hilton** (with less than one second time difference with the first place UT team), and **Third Place Photography** by **Melanie Handford**.

The conclave was truly an outstanding experience for our students. In addition to the competitive success, our students also gained hands-on experience through participating in various field trips (elk reintroduction, fresh water mussel industry, wildlife forensics, herpetology, paddlefish gill netting).

Finally the Outdoor Club would like to express sincere appreciation for support received from our college community. Thanks to all who donated toward the raffle for the hammer dulcimer; thanks also to Michael Ransburg who donated his time and skill to craft this beautiful instrument. Shannon Rabby, a Fish and Wildlife graduate and part-time HCC biology lab instructor also deserves to be recognized for his efforts in coaching our Quiz Bowl Team.

Haywood Community College has been bestowed the honor as the 2003 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave Host!!!

Dave Dudek



MEETINGS and WORKSHOPS

2002

October 2 –5 – Asheville, NC, Natural Areas Association National Conference. **The Power of Nature**. For more information visit: www.naturalarea.org

October 1-3 – Chapel Hill NC, **Eastern Native Grass Conference**. For information about the conference itself go to: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/ncbg/symposium.htm>

**The Wildlife Society
9th Annual Conference**

Hosted by the North Dakota Chapter
September 24-28, 2002
Bismarck, North Dakota

- ◆ **Network with Your Colleagues**
- ◆ **Keep Up-to-Date with Technical Information**
- ◆ **Featuring technical paper and poster sessions, workshops, symposia, working group meetings, student activities, exhibits, and social events.**



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NCTWS DUES RENEWAL

Check your mailing label for your membership expiration date.

If you have any questions concerning your membership dues,
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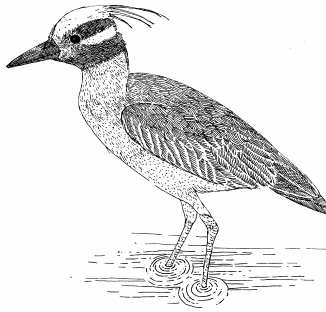
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Newsletter Submissions

If you have anything that you would like to submit for publication in the October 2002 newsletter (e.g., committee reports, personnel changes, workshops, meetings, special projects), please send them to me at either serifdw@co.mecklenburg.nc.us or at Conservation Science Office 9401 Plaza Road Extension Charlotte, NC 28215. The deadline for newsletter submissions is SEPTEMBER 11, 2002.

Photographs: We would like to include photographs in each newsletter. Due to printing constraints, all photos submitted should be in black and white format. Thanks.

Don Seriff



Don't forget to visit
Our chapter webpage at: <http://www.main.nc.us/nctws>

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