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PLACES TO GO ... STORY MATERIAL TO GET ... SIGN UP TODAY!

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is offering POWA members and their families (yes, your family can go, too) an opportunity to learn more about the state's black bears -- terrific story material, photo ops and more. Joe Neville, Game Commission Liaison, says there are still openings left for the trip. Here's what is planned. If you have any questions, call Joe at 717-705-6635.

When: March 13-14, 2008 (Thursday to Friday).

Where: Sterling Inn, South Sterling, Pa. Web site www.thesterlinginn.com/home.html; phone 1-800-523-8200.

Thursday, March 13: The event starts with the group gathering at the Sterling Inn at 6 p.m. (cash bar available). A hosted dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., Game Commission Bear Biologist Mark Ternent will present a program on bear biology and management. This will be an informal evening, and questions and answers are welcome throughout the program.

Friday, March 14: Breakfast is at 8 a.m. At 9 a.m., the group departs for the den site.

Reservations: For the Sterling Inn can be made at: 1-800-523-8200. The cost of the program is approximately \$128.80 per person for single occupancy; \$110.40 per person for double occupancy.

RSVP: To the Pa. Game Commission at 717-787-6286, so they have a count.

Please note: You will be walking a considerable distance through possible snow cover and standing outside for perhaps a couple of hours. Please dress appropriately.



Photos by Bob Steiner

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Great salmon fishing action on the Niagara River! Photo by Dennis Scharadin

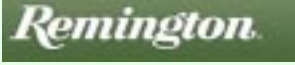
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PENNSYLVANIA -- POWA Spring Conference, Lehigh Valley, May 15-18. See pages 6-9. Registration form, page 7.

NEW YORK -- Niagara Spring Fishing Safari (Niagara River & Lake Ontario), May 20-22. See page 2.

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POWA Membership Raffle

Enter today! You still can buy chances to win in special the Remington/POWA April Fool's Day '08 Number Raffle. Prize is a Model 870 SPS Max Gobbler 12 gauge shotgun (23-inch barrel and Knoxx SpecOps Stock).

That's right! For the first time ever, POWA is offering members an easy way to win valuable prizes, donated by supporting member **Remington**, outside of the usual conference fund-raiser structure, to help POWA financially.

How do you enter? If you didn't enter on your renewal form or want to buy additional chances, you still can be a part of this exciting raffle. Each chance costs \$10. Send POWA a check in \$10 increments for the number of spaces you want on the raffle grid (of 100 spaces). Or contact Exec. Director Patty Burdge to give her your VISA or MasterCard number (814-328-2301; fax 814-328-2308; e-mail powa_ed@yahoo.com).

Then just sit back and wait for "April Fool's Day" ... no joke ; you could WIN! The winning number will be based on the Pennsylvania Daily Number drawing on April 1. **Jerry Bush**, who developed the raffle, will send entrants a copy of the grid (random placement), so you'll know your number(s).

POWA extends a special thanks to Remington for donating the raffle firearm.

Spring is just around the corner, and this year it brings surprises --

TWO SPECIAL PRESS TRIPS, ONLY AVAILABLE TO POWA MEMBERS!

It's hard to believe that in a few short months old man winter will be spewing his last chilling blasts and spring's increasing daylight, warming temperatures and renewing of life will be taking place.

As outdoor communicators, our interests will turn from whitetails, black bears and hard-water fishing to trout stockings, shad and steelhead runs, scouting for those first gobbles of the spring, Punxsutawney Phil's prognostication, and sneaking to your secret morel patch, among other things.

But, this spring, you will have two new opportunities to gather story material for numerous future works. Six active members will have the chance to head south to Caroline County, on Maryland's famed Eastern Shore, in April; and 10 active members will get to head north to take part in a Greater Niagara Spring Fishing Safari, in May.

Special thanks must go to **Connie Yingling**, Public Relations Coordinator of the **Maryland Office of Tourism Development**, and Bill Hilts Jr., of the Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation, for planning these adventures. -- **Dennis Scharadin**

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MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE OUTING, APRIL 16 - 18

Headquarters for the Maryland Eastern Shore trip will be Schrader's Bridgetown Manor, in Henderson, Maryland. The manor was built by a group of wealthy sportsmen to be their hunting lodge on the Eastern Shore, and it still retains some of its rustic charm.

Dates for the press trip are Wednesday, April 16, to Friday, April 18, 2008. The activities will begin with dinner on Wednesday evening. Activities during this three-day, two-night adventure will include sporting clays or 3-D archery at Schrader's Hunting in Henderson, freshwater kayak fishing and bird-watching at Tuckahoe State Park, and optional hang-gliding.

The trip includes overnight accommodations, meals (starting with dinner on the April 16 and ending with breakfast on the April 18), transportation between activity sites, and cost of admission fees for activities for six POWA active members. Registration will be open, until filled, until March 17.

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NIAGARA SPRING FISHING SAFARI, MAY 20-22

The Niagara Spring Fishing Safari will begin in the historic city of Lewiston, New York. Located along the Niagara River, the city is the jumping-off point for some of the best year-round fishing in the nation.

Dates for the Safari are Tuesday, May 20, to Thursday, May 22, 2008. Participants should arrive Tuesday, May 20, and will fish on Wednesday for Lake Ontario salmon and on Thursday on the lower Niagara River, for trout.

The trip includes all accommodations (double occupancy), most meals, free one-week fishing licenses, and will end Wednesday afternoon. Sign-up deadline is April 15.

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REGISTRATION AND ADDITIONAL TRIP CONTACTS

Sign-ups for both trips are on a first-come, first-served basis. All interested parties must be POWA active members.

To register, contact Dennis Scharadin, 531 Wynonah Drive, Auburn, PA 17922; e-mail, ringneck1@verizon.net; phone 570-739-2085.

Additional contacts for trip details:

Connie Yingling, Public Relations Coordinator for the Maryland Office of Tourism and Development; e-mail: cyingling@choosemaryland.org; 410-767-6329; cell 443-250-0708; Web site: www.visitmaryland.org.

Caroline County Tourism: <http://www.tourcaroline.com>.

Schrader's Bridgetown Manor: <http://schradershunting.com/index.aspx>.

Tuckahoe State Park: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/tuckahoe.html>.

Highland Aerosports Hang Gliding: <http://www.aerosports.net>.

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President's Message

by Ron Tussel



It is with great pleasure that I met the New Year and the challenges of handling the POWA presidency. Once holiday and family items were finished, it was time to get to work.

With e-mails and phone calls, and lots of help from **Linda Steiner**, I am pleased to have **Jennifer Bilott** in place as a ready, willing and able secretary to the board. Lots of other POWA members are now stepping to the plate and helping out with awards coordination and plenty of other things.

Chris Denmon has accepted an appointment to fill the vacant board position left available by **Bob Lollo**, who was gracious enough to take on the task of treasurer and was elected to the position for the 2007-08 POWA year.

We still have some holes to fill, however, positions such as the Nominating Committee, and I would ask that every member consider giving just a little more of themselves and help out the organization by taking on one more duty, or at least keep this in mind when talking with fellow POWA members.

We have just completed another one of those "phone conference" meetings, to help us cover some very important POWA business. We used to have these interim board meetings in places such as State College and, although I don't think I ever missed one, I can tell you that Executive Director Patty Burdge's contribution of these conference call meetings is a welcome change to having to drive seven hours in a given day, twice a year to handle POWA business.

These phone meetings are very well attended and work extremely well for all to get our job done, all while sitting in the comfort of our homes or offices. They permit us to get business accomplished and not have to deal with winter roads and other hazards. Very nice indeed!

I am looking forward to everything great in 2008 for POWA. Not the least of which will be our upcoming spring conference. **Chris Berg** and **Mark Demko**

have a tremendous lineup of interesting things planned for May in the Lehigh Valley. With such a super conference plan, I urge all of you to sign up early and plan to make this one of our most well-attended ever. You will not be disappointed, and we have some important issues coming up that we really need membership input on. Plan to be there!

With so many great things coming in 2008, I must take a minute to express my sadness at how 2007 came to a close for POWA, and especially for me. It was with much regret that I learned that two of my longtime friends and valued members of POWA had passed away.

On December 8, we lost **Stan Sowa**. Stan and I worked together in our 9-to-5 jobs in the business world, and we also worked together when he was still host of Pennsylvania Outdoor Life, a position he took pride in holding for 20 years.

I am glad for the time Stan and cameraman Doug Engle stayed at our house, while we spent the evening scouting for spring gobblers. The next day we hit the woods and, as luck would have it, the big gobbler came in right behind Stan, really close, and he never got the shot. We had a great time together and talked about this hunt and others often.

Thankfully I was able to spend some time with Stan at the OWAA conference in Roanoke last year, where we shared cocktails, TV stories and plenty of other tales. I grew up watching Stan every week. We in POWA will all miss his presence, but I feel a special loss of a good friend.

Then, on December 12, I learned of yet another POWA member's passing, and this time an old friend and neighbor, **Charley Zaimes**. When I was maybe 12 or 13 years old, I was lucky enough to participate in a dove hunt with Charley Zaimes, an outing that my father and I still remark about to this day.

We visited Charlie and his son, Dimitri, near Harrisburg, where they took us to a cut grain field that had so many doves it seemed unreal. We had a super, memorable hunt, and one I will never forget. Later Charley and Dimitri would move right next door, to Lackawaxen, where they opened the Two River Junction.

From this location, perched on the Lackawaxen River, Charley always had time for a couple of good hunting or fishing tales or a little political conversation. I am fortunate that my own kids had the chance to spend some time with "Mr. Charley," as they called him. My wife would stop from
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POWA 2008 Events Calendar

March 13-14: Pa. Game Commission bear trip. See p. 1.
April 1: Petition process starts for candidates wishing to run for POWA 2008-09 elections. Details in POWA constitution, Article V.

April 16 - 18: Maryland Eastern Shore Press Trip, see p. 2.
May 1: Deadline for POWA supporting members to pay their dues.

May 15 - 18, Spring Conference: Holiday Inn Conference Center, Lehigh Valley. Chairs - Chris Berg and Mark Demko. See pages 6-9 for more details and registration form. Excellence in Craft Awards will be presented at the Saturday banquet.

May 15: Deadline for petition candidates to mail election petitions to Nominating Committee Chair (to be named).

May 20 - 22: Niagara Spring Fishing Safari, see p. 2.

June 1-July 15: Time period for submitting entries in the POWA 2008 Photo Art of the Year Award. Details in April/May issue PowWow and on POWA Web site.

June 15: 2008-09 POWA election ballots mailed to all active members.

July 31: Deadline for active members to return election ballots.

July 31: Deadline to send entries in the Bass Pro Shops "Pass It On Award." Award will be presented at the fall conference banquet. More details to come.

August 1 - 31: Time period for POWA active and apprentice members to vote for the Photo Art of the Year Award entries, on POWA Web site. Details next issue.

August 1: Deadline for 2009 Youth Outdoor Education Fund grant requests to be mailed to Committee Chair Kermit Henning.

Fall 2008 Conference: Tentatively center state, with PGC Big Game Awards presentations. Local conference chair and assistants needed.

Spring 2009 Conference: Tentatively the "Oil Region" (Venango County) in celebration of Pennsylvania oil's 150th anniversary. Conference Chair, Marilyn Black.



POWA WEB SITE 101

"Have you visited us lately?"

The POWA Web site gets about 1,500 hits per month, and the average length per session is just under three minutes. Are you one of the many visitors taking advantage of all the information offered? If not, perhaps it's time you take a look or maybe a second look ... it won't take long, and it could pay off!

Just go to www.paoutdoorwriters.com and click on **Bob Steiner's** award-winning hunter-and-dog photo at the top of the right-hand column. You'll be asked to enter a User Name and Password. This information can be found in your POWA annual directory, which was mailed last summer.

The **Members Only Area** main page currently includes the following opportunities and information:

-- PowWow Editor – Do you think the "hat" of PowWow editorship might fit you? The current editor, Linda Steiner, is ready to pass on newsletter duties, effective with the 2008 Fall POWA Conference.

-- The latest issue of PowWow is available online.

-- Pa. Game Commission offers POWAers an opportunity to get the "bear facts" – The Pennsylvania Game Commission is offering POWA members and their families (yes, your family can go, too) a very special opportunity to learn more about the state's black bears – terrific story material, photo ops and more.

-- Remington Firearms Raffle – You could win not just one, but two Remington firearms in these raffle opportunities that were sent with your 2008 POWA membership renewal.

Other relative information is listed under the **"Message Board"** tab. Special news and money-making items are posted as they come in. You can also get a jump on the Market Listings from PowWow, as they are posted on the Web site even before the magazine is mailed out.

Hopefully everyone knows by now that complete issues of PowWow are available online under the **"PowWow"** tab. Current and archived issues are downloadable in Adobe Acrobat PDF format.

Under the **"Calendar of Events"** tab are listed POWA's 2008-2009 deadlines and conferences. In the past, this page has included a detailed listing of all pertinent outdoor writer events, so be on the lookout for more updates coming soon.

Do you plan on attending POWA's spring conference? You'll want to click on the **"Conferences"** tab for all the latest details, and a downloadable registration form is also available. You can also look back on past conferences, as many photos and contest results are archived.

Of course, you won't want to attend a conference without some POWA logo gear. Click on the **"Merchandise"** button and order shirts, hats, patches and more.

Currently under the **"Contests"** tab, members can view recent winners of the Bass Pro Shops Pass It On Award and the POWA Photo Art of the Year Award. Other contest information will be posted in this area of the Web site as it becomes available.

Under the **"Meetings"** link, you can download upcoming Meeting Agendas, as well as past Officers' Reports and Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors and the POWA General Membership. POWA meeting archive information can also be accessed from this area.

Do you know if you're listed in **POWA's Member Database**? Have you moved or changed phone numbers or e-mail addresses recently? Click the "Members Database" tab to double check your information. There are two searchable databases: Individual Members and Supporting Members. Searches can be performed based on specific criteria, such as Name, Company, City, State, Zip, etc. POWA's membership list is strictly protected and for use by members only. Misuse of the list and use by nonmembers carries a \$500 assessment. To keep listing up to date, please e-mail any changes or requests for the list to the executive director at powa_ed@yahoo.com.

On the public side of the POWA Web site, that is, from the main Home page, check to see if you're listed under the **"Member Web Sites"** tab. There are currently only five Individual Member Web Sites listed, and many of the Supporting Member Web Sites do not contain a Web site address. POWA members may want to

take advantage of this opportunity to make their links available to all the folks who visit the POWA Web site on a daily basis. To add your information, just send an e-mail to webmaster@paoutdoorwriters.com.

If you need to reach POWA officers, directors or committee members, be sure to check out the recently updated links to **"Officers and Board"** and **"POWA Committees."**

The **Organizational Manual** for POWA is also available for download from the Members Only Area. This manual is for the specific use and guidance of officers, directors and committee chairpersons of POWA. The most current version is available online and was last updated in August 2006.

Finally, if you get stuck while you're cranking out that outdoor article, or simply need a break, visit the **"Resource Links"** listed through the POWA Web site. Helpful Pennsylvania links include state information, Department of Health, Fish and Boat Commission and the Game Commission. For wordsmith help, there are links to quotes and sayings, Roget's Thesaurus and a number of online dictionaries. Download software updates from Norton and Adobe and get photography tips from Canon, Kodak and Nikon. If you'd like to share some of your resources with other members through the Resource Links area of the POWA Web site, please send an e-mail to me at webmaster@paoutdoorwriters.com.

The POWA Web site is a valuable membership benefit, and we want you to take full advantage of it. The site is updated and maintained jointly by your executive director, PowWow editor and the webmaster. Member input is welcome.

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Salmon like this King will be targeted on Lake Ontario during POWA's Niagara Spring Fishing Safari this May. Turn to page 2 for more details.

Photo by Dennis Scharadin

Market News

by Freddie McKnight

OUTDOOR CANADA is seeking attention-grabbing images that capture a love for hunting and fishing. The editor encourages submissions from new photographers and illustrators. Send dupes, color copies or tear sheets of your work. Photographers sending originals should send a portfolio of no more than 100 well-edited, labeled images. Outdoor Canada does not purchase images in advance, but will solicit images from your library when packaging stories. The magazine accepts submissions via e-mail. Photographic rates are \$500 (Canadian) for covers, and from \$400 for a double-page feature image called "Scene," down to \$75 for one-eighth page. For full photo and article submission guidelines, visit www.outdoorcanada.ca/contrib.shtml. Send submissions and queries to Robert Biron, art director, Outdoor Canada, 25 Sheppard Ave. W., Suite 100, North York, Ontario, M2N 6S7, outdoorcanada@robertbiron.com.

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FIELD & STREAM editors also welcome photo submissions. They prefer e-mailed digital lightboxes or Web sites where they can review your work. Slides are acceptable, but do not send more than 20. Field & Stream is not responsible for lost slides that are unsolicited. No phone calls. Send submissions to Amy Berkley, photography editor, Field & Stream, amy.berkley@bonniercorp.com.

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SPORTS AFIELD is devoted to portraying high-end sporting pursuits, especially North American and African big-game hunting. Articles focus on destination pieces and exciting, well-written hunting adventure stories. Editors are also interested in stories about rifles and calibers appropriate to the hunting they cover. Features should be no more than 2,500 words, but shorter items (300-400 words) are accepted for the Almanac section. Manuscripts must be on CD-ROM in Mac or PC format. Microsoft Word files are preferred (include hard copy and SASE). Accompany articles with high-quality color slides or a CD of high-resolution digital

images. The magazine purchases first North American rights for features and all rights to Almanac items.

Contact Diana Rupp, Editor-in-Chief, Sports Afield, 15621 Chemical Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92649, e-mail editorinchief@sportsafield.com. For full guidelines, visit the Web site www.sportsafield.com and click on "Contact Us."

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GRAY'S SPORTING JOURNAL expects vividly written prose—fact or fiction—that has high entertainment value for a sophisticated audience. Manuscript length varies, depending on the subject. Gray's will not accept "how-to" articles or previously published materials. The magazine is always on the lookout for good fly-fishing and upland bird hunting manuscripts, as well as stories about waterfowl, turkeys, small and big game, unusual quarry, foreign adventures and yarns (tall tales or true). One poem is published per issue (\$100; less than 1,000 words preferred). Pay rates: \$600-\$1,250 for features, based on quality, not length; \$50-\$300 for photographs; for Expeditions pieces, \$850 plus \$75 per picture. Gray's buys first-time modified North American serial rights. For complete guidelines, visit www.grayssporting-journal.com/contact/editorial.shtml. E-mail manuscripts to Russ Lumpkin (russ.lumpkin@morris.com); state "Gray's manuscript" in subject line.

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Ned Smith (left) and Don Lewis chat at a POWA meeting in Harrisburg, in the mid-1960s. Thanks to Don for providing this memory. Photo by Helen Lewis.

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time to time so the kids could visit. Charley always had a spotting scope set up, and he would relish the chance to show the kids one of the many eagles that usually sat overlooking the river. They returned the favor by making him pictures to hang in the shop. I was there when Charley was granted a Life membership in POWA, and I saw the appreciation on his face as the announcement was made. It was something he cherished, and it showed.

So while we look ahead at everything great in 2008 for POWA, and I pledge to do my best for the organization. It is with sadness that we closed 2007 losing two old friends, of mine, personally, and of POWA.

Make this year the year that you pledge to get more involved with this great organization and lend a hand. I could use the help and I welcome the opportunity to work with all of you. **-PW-**

A GREAT SPRING POWA CONFERENCE LINEUP KEEPS GETTING BETTER

*Report by Christian Berg and
Mark Demko, Conference Co-Chairs*

Organizers have added several exciting activities to an already impressive lineup for POWA's spring conference, which will be held May 15-18, in the scenic Lehigh Valley.

If you are looking to enjoy a wonderful weekend outdoors – and return home with a long list of saleable stories – this is an event you simply can't afford to miss!

Thursday, May 15 ...

Attendees arriving in the Allentown area on Thursday can jump-start their weekend. We'll begin with a pre-conference media tour of the Lehigh Gap Wildlife Refuge, courtesy of the Lehigh Gap Nature Center (www.lgnc.org) and courtesy of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (www.delawareandlehigh.org).

Situated adjacent to the Appalachian Trail and the Lehigh River, the 750-acre nature center has a unique and fascinating story about how a once barren stretch of the Blue Mountain – decimated by decades of industrial pollution – has been revitalized by a unique public-private partnership.

Come see the spectacular scenery for yourself and learn how this godforsaken moonscape has been transformed into a thriving grassland habitat that towers above the Lehigh and offers sanctuary to more than 150 bird species, including migrating raptors and neotropical songbirds.

Thursday evening will be an informal group dinner, at the Allentown Brew Works (www.thebrewworks.com), an acclaimed microbrewery in the heart of downtown Allentown. You'll be responsible for your own tab at the restaurant, but please note on the registration form whether you'll attend, so we can get a head count and can make reservations. After a delicious dinner, we'll return to the hotel for social time in the hospitality room. This will include a "meet your guide" session, where members can meet with their activity hosts for the following day.

Friday, May 16 ...

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (www.njfishandwildlife.com) has stepped up to offer a guided muskie fishing trip, on Friday. Up to six writers are invited to make the short drive to visit 122-acre Mountain Lake, near Belvidere, New Jersey, to match wits with the lake's healthy muskie population. A two-day, nonresident fishing license is just \$9, and New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife officials will include a presentation on the abundance of unique fishing opportunities in the region.

Other Friday activity options include:

-- Guided shad fishing on the Delaware River. Join members of the Delaware River Shad Fishermen's Association as they launch their boats and give you a hands-on lesson in catching the silvery shad, a migratory game fish that swims all the way from the Atlantic Ocean past the Delaware Water Gap

on its annual spawning runs. The Delaware's annual shad run attracts thousands of fishermen from up and down the East Coast and is the reason for Easton's annual Shad Festival and Forks of the Delaware Shad Fishing Tournament. If you've ever given shad fishing a try, you don't want to miss an opportunity to learn from these local experts.

-- Guided drift boat fly fishing on the Lehigh River. Up to four writers are invited to join licensed guides Dean Druckenmiller and Jake Markezin from Fly Fish Pennsylvania (www.flyfishpa.net) and see for themselves why the Lehigh has a growing reputation as one of the state's top trout waters. Dean and Jake are also very active with the Lehigh Coldwater Fishery Alliance, a non-profit group advocating better management of the burgeoning tailwater trout fishery below the Lehigh's Frances E. Walter Dam.

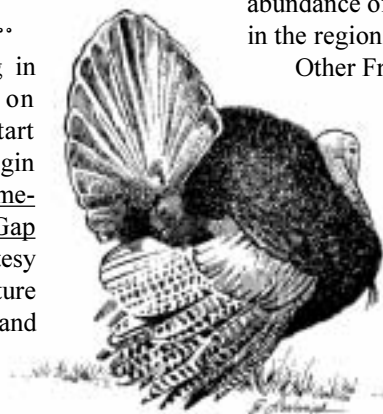
-- Self-guided fly fishing on the Little Lehigh Creek. Trout anglers who would rather fish on their own can try their hand at fooling the plentiful trout in the legendary Little Lehigh. A 1-mile section of fly-fishing, catch-and-release water is less than 10 minutes from the conference hotel. Rod Rohrbach, owner of the Little Lehigh Fly Shop (www.littlelehighflyshop.com), at

streamside, is more than willing to show POWA members around and offer expert local advice on how to fool these wary fish.

-- Guided smallmouth bass fishing on the Delaware River. Two POWA members are invited to join licensed guide Blaine Mengel of the Backwoods Angler (www.backwoodsangler.com) for an exciting smallmouth trip on the Delaware. Blaine has been a full-time river guide for many years, and he will do his best to put you on fish. Although the Susquehanna gets more press, the Delaware's smallmouth fishery is outstanding in its own right.

-- American kestrel banding. Join federally-licensed bird bander Paul Karner and experts from **Hawk Mountain Sanctuary** (www.hawkmountain.org) as they visit some of the several hundred kestrel nest boxes Karner maintains throughout northern Northampton County. Each spring, Karner personally bands thousands of juvenile and adult kestrels, as part of his tireless conservation work to support North America's small falcon. Officials from Hawk Mountain will add a national perspective to Karner's local initiative and explain how a steady loss of grassland habitat and natural nesting cavities has led to a steep decline in kestrel numbers. You don't want to miss these photo opportunities or the chance to band a few of these charismatic raptors!

-- Guided spring gobbler hunting. Local volunteers from the Pa. Game Commission (www.pgc.state.pa.us), **National Wild Turkey Federation** (www.nwtf.org) and Glenn Lindaman's **Buckwing Products** (www.buckwing.com) have jumped on board to take licensed turkey hunters to
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() Supporting Member, Company Name _____ () First POWA conference?

() Spouse Name _____ () Guest Name _____

REGISTRATION

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| | Cost x | # persons = | Total Fee |
| By May 1, \$30 each individual..... | \$30.00 x | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| After May 1, \$40 each individual (late fee)..... | \$40.00 x | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| Supporting Member Company or Organization Breakout Day Display Fee..... | \$45.00 | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| SUBTOTAL REGISTRATIONS | | _____ = | \$ _____ |

**ALL ATTENDEES PAY REGISTRATION FEES, including spouses/guests/breakout participants
(Exception - spouses/guests attending banquet only)**

MEALS*

FILL OUT NUMBER OF PERSONS, even if meal is sponsored — we need a count!

| | | | |
|--|----------|-------------|-----------|
| | | # persons = | Total Fee |
| Thursday dinner at Allentown Brew Works (<i>pay your own bill onsite; but we need a head count</i>)..... | | _____ = | N/A |
| Friday BBQ: | @ \$15** | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| Saturday Breakfast: | @ \$18** | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| Saturday Lunch: | @ \$10** | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| Saturday Banquet : | @ \$35** | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| SUBTOTAL MEAL FEES | | | \$ _____ |

* Children and guests (not spouses) must pay for sponsored meals: Fri. BBQ \$15; Sat. Breakfast Buffet \$18; Sat. Lunch \$10; Sat. Dinner Buffet \$35.

****NOTE: If currently unsponsored meals are subsequently sponsored, POWA will refund any fees you have paid.**

ACTIVITIES

\$20 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT REQUIRED FOR EACH ACTIVITY (descriptions in PowWow)

(Attend activity & your fee is returned; any activity costs will be deducted from refund)

| | | | |
|--|--|-----------|----------|
| | | # persons | (x \$20) |
| Thursday -- Pre-conference tour of Lehigh Gap Wildlife Refuge (no limit) | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| Friday -- Spouses Tour - See text description, page 9 (no limit)..... | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| Friday activities to depart a.m. - <u>Mark your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice</u> ; send 1 deposit fee | | | |
| ___ Guided drift boat fishing, Lehigh River (limit 4)..... | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| ___ Self-guided fly-fishing, Little Lehigh Creek (no limit) | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| ___ Guided shad fishing, Delaware River (limit 10) | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| ___ Guided smallmouth bass fishing, Delaware River (limit 2)..... | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| ___ Guided muskie fishing, New Jersey (limit 6) | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| ___ Guided spring gobbler hunting (limit 6) | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| ___ Guided black powder gobbler hunt (limit 1) | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| ___ American Kestrel banding (limit 10) | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| Friday afternoon activity -- Sporting clays shoot (no limit) | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| Saturday -- Spouses Tour - See text description, page 9 (no limit) | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| Sunday -- Post-conference tour of Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum (no limit) | | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| SUBTOTAL ACTIVITY DEPOSITS | | | \$ _____ |

GRAND TOTAL (registrations + meals + activity deposits) Enclose full amount/no partial payment = \$ _____

Make check (preferred) payable to POWA or send MasterCard/Visa # _____ exp. date _____

Send form & check/credit card info to: CHRISTIAN BERG, 1144 CATAWISSA RD., TAMAQUA, PA 18252; 570-668-0404.

POWA SPRING CONFERENCE 2008 HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Call to make your room reservations at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, Lehigh Valley, 610-391-1000 or 888-452-5664. When you call, tell them you're with POWA so you can obtain the special POWA rates. Make your reservations before the May 1 cut-off date to be sure you have a room at our group rate. POWA room rate is \$99.95/night, single/double, plus tax. Hotel address, Web site, map and driving directions are on page 9, or visit their Web site, www.hilehighvalley.com.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

**YOUR SPRING ADVENTURE
AWAITS IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY!**



**ENJOY THIS PHOTO PREVIEW,
THEN FILL OUT AND RETURN THE
REGISTRATION FORM (page 7)**



Photos, clockwise from top left:

- A through-hiker makes her way up Lehigh Gap, near Slatington, in this July 2007 photo. Lehigh Gap is considered one of the most difficult climbs on the Appalachian Trail south of New Hampshire. Photo, Rob Kandel/The Morning Call.

- Dean Druckenmiller, a licensed fishing guide and president of the Lehigh Coldwater Fishery Alliance, holds a healthy Lehigh River brown trout. Photo courtesy of Dean Druckenmiller.

- Blaine Mengel of Bethlehem, owner of The Backwoods Angler guide service, shows a 19-inch smallmouth bass caught during a fishing outing on the Martins Creek section of the Delaware River. Photo by Christian Berg.

- Tim Lubenesky, curator of arms at the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum, holds an 1810 Henry flintlock, while dressed in period costume at the museum. Photo, Rich Schultz/The Morning Call.

SPRING CONFERENCE CONT'D ...

some of their best local hunting grounds. Reserve a spot early to chase the legendary Lehigh Valley longbeards!

-- Black-powder gobbler hunt.

POWA's own **Dave Ehrig**, a nationally known muzzleloading authority, has agreed to guide one conference attendee on a traditional turkey hunt with black powder shotgun. Dave provides all the equipment and his "secret" hunting grounds. You just show up with a positive attitude and a hunting license.

2 Days of Spouses Tours ...

On Friday and Saturday, spouses/guests will get a whirlwind tour of the beautiful and historic Lehigh Valley. Planned activities include lunch and shopping on historic Main Street in Bethlehem (www.historicbethlehem.org), a tour and glassblowing demonstration at the Banana Factory (www.bananafactory.org) community arts center. Among Friday's outings is a trip to the Vynecrest Vineyards & Winery (www.vynecrest.com), in Breinigsville. At the winery, participants will visit the vineyards, have a cheese and wine sampling, and learn more about the Lehigh Valley Wine Trail. Included in the Vynecrest visit is a collector's glass. The wine tour cost (\$10) will be deducted from the deposit. Those going on the Friday spouses outing will also tour the Locktender's House and enjoy a mule-drawn canal boat ride at Hugh Moore Park, in Easton. The tour and boat ride are sponsored by the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor.

Sporting Clays Shoot & BBQ...

Friday's festivities conclude with a sporting clays shoot at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays (www.lvsclays.com), a unique shooting facility. Sited in a converted limestone quarry, shooters will enjoy a challenging, 100-target course that weaves in, around and through old quarry buildings and impoundments. Owner Bill Bachenberg has graciously agreed to provide complimentary rounds for all POWA members interested in shooting. Bring your own ammo to shoot; shells will also be available for purchase at the venue.

After the shoot, we'll stay at the Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays facility for our Friday night BBQ, and hopefully listen to a short presentation from Bachenberg, who sits on the National Rifle Association board of directors and could brief us on important

Second Amendment issues across Pennsylvania and the nation.

Saturday, May 17 ...

Friday's activities alone should be enough to make you eager for the conference, but we also have a great lineup of conference sessions on Saturday, including a roundtable discussion on shad restoration in the Lehigh River; a craft improvement session on using blogs; streaming video and other multimedia to boost your audience; and newsmaker sessions with key players in Pennsylvania's outdoor scene. Saturday also will feature the popular breakout session at a local rod and gun club, POWA's annual membership meeting and the awards banquet/raffle. Look for detailed descriptions of Saturday's program in the next issue.

Sunday, May 18 ...

Those interested in adding yet another story to their conference list can spend Sunday morning enjoying a post-conference excursion to the Jacobsburg Historical Society's (www.jacobsburg.org) acclaimed Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum.

Situated in the village of Boulton, a national historic site along the banks of Bushkill Creek in Northampton County, the museum is housed in an 18th-century log cabin once occupied by the Henrys, an important early-American gunmaking family that supplied muskets to soldiers in General George Washington's Continental Army, pistols used by Commodore Oliver Hazzard Perry during his decisive Lake Erie victory in the War of 1812, and rifles shouldered by Union sharpshooters during Civil War battles at Shiloh and Vicksburg. During more than a century of gunmaking operations at Boulton, the Henrys produced well over 100,000 firearms at the site.

This tour, which will run from 9 a.m. to noon, is truly a unique opportunity to learn about the heritage of Pennsylvania longrifles and the important role they played in our nation's history. The event will feature a museum tour, tours of the historic J.J. Henry House next door, and photo opportunities that include re-enactors firing historic black powder

longrifles and demonstrating authentic Colonial gunsmithing techniques in period dress. The event concludes with a sumptuous lunch, prepared in the original Henry family kitchen, to ensure POWA members begin the drive home with full stomachs.

So check out the conference registration form in this issue (page 7, clip out and mail or photocopy). Sign up today! Pay attention to activity sign-ups, as many of the opportunities are limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hotel Reservations & Info

Holiday Inn Conference Center
Lehigh Valley

7736 Adrienne Drive

Breinigsville, PA 18031

610-391-1000 / FAX 610-391-1664

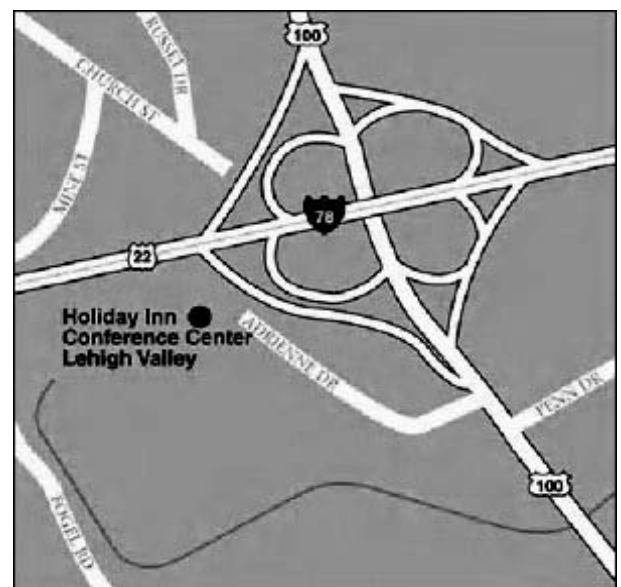
Toll Free Reservations: 888-452-5664

Web site: www.hilehighvalley.com

The special POWA room rate is \$99.95/night, double or single, plus tax. The hotel will hold our block of rooms until May 1, 2008, so be sure to register by then. Tell the clerk you're registering for the POWA conference, to get one of the block.

The Holiday Inn Conference Center, just 10 minutes (5 miles) outside of Allentown, is conveniently located off Interstate 78 and a couple of miles from the Lehigh Valley interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The nearest airport is the Lehigh Valley International Airport (12 miles away). The hotel has a free shuttle from the airport, from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., but advance notice is suggested. A map to the hotel is below, or visit their Web site for detailed driving directions from your location.

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MINUTES OF THE POWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 19, 2007

Hotel Carlisle, Carlisle, Pa.

Call to order: 8:15 p.m. by Chairman Englehart.

Roll call: Present – Board Pres. Russ Englehart, Pres. Linda Steiner, 1st VP Ron Tussel, 2nd VP Harry Guyer Jr, Executive Director Patty Burdge, Treasurer Bob Lollo, Parliamentarian John Swinton, Secretary JoAnne Zidock, Supporting Member Rep. Connie Yingling, Directors Jerry Hassinger, Christian Berg, Charlie Burchfield, Bob Ballantyne. Absent Frank Felbaum. Other attendees: Harvey Bauer, Steve Sorenson.

Noted that there is a provision in the POWA Organizational Manual regarding board members with several meeting absences.

Motion: The Executive Director to send a letter to Frank Felbaum informing him of the board's concern with his absences; and that the board would like a decision from him as to his plans to fulfill his term; or if the board should appoint someone to fill his position. Berg/Ballantyne: Approved.

Approval of the Minutes: Spring 2007 board meeting. **Motion:** Burchfield/Lollo. Approved.

Correspondence: Burdge. Routine.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Board Chairman's Report – Englehart. During the months between board meetings, chairman's focus has been receiving audit materials from those members who were chosen for review by POWA's in-place system (see Membership Audit report).

President's Report – Steiner. This has been an eventful year for POWA. We will soon have had our new executive director, Patty Burdge, working for us a full year. I have suggested that as a matter of course each year, at the Friday evening fall board meeting, the board do a review of the executive director's performance. This would be a two-way street and, since it would be in executive session, both could speak freely and frankly. How has the year been going for POWA and the executive director, as far as performance and expectations? What should be changed for the upcoming year to make POWA and the executive director's position more efficient and effective? I think this is a healthful thing for the organization to do with any executive director. That's why I've asked that this be inserted under "New Business" for the board's agenda. If it works well, it should be added to the Duties Manual.

As you know, Patty and I worked closely this year, both of us learning and both teaching. She brings some new techniques and ideas to POWA, and I think she is getting the hang of what needs to be done, when, throughout the POWA year. I wish her the best for Year #2, and, yes, I will still be around, as Board Chair, to offer assistance and advice, as wanted and needed.

In recapping this year, I had the unusual position of being both a president and a conference chair ... in the latter, I had a lot of help from Patti Jo Lambert, of Butler Tourism, as well as Patty Burdge and others before and during the conference. At the end of last year, we were way behind on POWA conference planning, with our former executive director moving on and not much proactive being done by the membership. I think we've turned a corner this year, with the VPs having a role in getting conferences up and running — identifying locales and possible chairs

(or local conference coordinators, whatever title makes you most likely to volunteer). The new 2nd VP should start working on 2010 after he assumes office.

As this year wraps up, POWA also has a new award, the Photo-Art of the Year Award. We pulled off getting this one established in record time. Special thanks to Bob Mitchell, chair of the ad hoc Awards Review Committee, and the POWA photographers who contributed to the award's criteria suggestions. Thanks again to Connie Yingling, supporting member liaison (and our newest Associate member), for helping to find an award sponsor, and to that sponsor, Vivid Publishing. POWA appreciates Karl Ings and Larry Seaman agreeing to sponsor the award and for offering the special "sweetener," the photo-on-canvas display print. I can't wait to see the winning photo (whatever it is, they were all great) as a big print.

And at year's end, we also have a new raffle to help raise some much-needed funds for POWA. Thanks to Jerry Bush for grabbing the idea and making it his own, as far as the details of the game. Jerry has been so enthusiastic in everything he has done for POWA, and he approached the board's asking him to raise additional funds with the same zeal. So be generous when you renew your POWA membership this year, and play either or both of our member renewal games. It's the surest way to avoid a dues increase, and you may win great Remington firearms. Thanks to Remington for helping us so readily when Jerry requested prizes for our newest fund-raiser. If you like the raffle and it is productive for POWA's finances, consider making this an ongoing fund-raiser for the association every year at member renewal time.

I'm passing on the President's gavel to a POWA member whom I have worked with in various capacities for quite a while and who has always been dedicated to the organization. After Ron Tussel moves on, we will be in the very capable hands of Harry Guyer, Jr., and, looking down the road at the 2nd VP (sorry, I can't officially announce him now), I know that POWA will still be doing well. Our incoming board is shaping up to be a good mix of "old" (figuratively) hands and new blood.

Thanks for the experience of being President. I'm humbled and I'm proud of POWA.

Exec. Director's Report – Burdge. Created, mailed, and collected election materials then delivered ballots to John Street for counting. 2007/08 Directories printed and distributed. Traveled to Lehigh Valley to meet with Christian Berg and Mark Demko - evaluated conference locations and facilities. Revised active / apprentice membership application to increase complete records. Revised membership renewals to increase accurate complete information. Requested hotel proposals from State College, Johnstown, and Altoona area for Fall 2008 Conference. Transferred "Board Notebooks" to computer discs. Researched investing options for "Emergency Funds" and Willard T Johns Scholarship Fund Trust. Transferred all funds from Northwest Banks to Savings & Trust (all accounts can be viewed online by treasurer).

Motion: To accept officers' report. Berg/Burchfield. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report – Lollo, Interim POWA Treasurer. Accounts as of August 31, 2007 (revised October 8, 2007) were published in the last issue of PowWow. Please see that issue for the full report. Briefly, for fiscal year 2006-07, POWA income was \$24,676 (budgeted \$32,490). Expenses were \$28,674 (budgeted \$32,490). POWA was \$ 3,998 in the red at the close of the fiscal year. General Fund, \$2,306; Emergency Fund, \$11,294; Outdoor Education Fund,

\$1,570; Will John Scholarship Fund; Will Johns Scholarship Trust Fund, \$50,138. Total assets, \$65,428.

REASONS FOR SHORTFALL IN BUDGET: The obvious ones are: Supporting Member funds fell way short of the number of Supporting Members times \$100. POWA over-budgeted on conference revenues. We were obligated to pay 13 stipends to the Executive Director out of this year's budget. The amount was \$767. We had a rollback check for \$100 with a 7 dollar fee for a total of \$107. Awards income vs. payments. POWA collected \$1,650 in awards revenue and spent \$3,625 in awards and materials. This represents a deficit of \$1,975 or 50% of the total deficit. POWA funded a storage area for Eileen for \$42.00.

Deficit compared to the checking account: Bank balance as of 9/1/2006 -- \$7,267. Bank balance as of 8/31/2007 -- \$2,306. Difference -- (\$4,961). Deficit from FY 2006-2007 -- \$3,998. Difference -- (963). Amount paid for Fall Conference out of FY 2006-2007 -- + \$839. Reconciliation to checkbook amount -- (\$ 124).

I am short by \$124 comparing the checkbook reduction. We have paid \$839 out of FY 2006-2007 for this conference. I reduced this amount out of overall deficit by \$839 to reach the amount of \$3,998. Since the checking balance of \$2,306 reflects the payment of \$839 for a different FY conference, I need to add it in to reach a true difference. This means I cannot account for \$124.00 of expenditures or otherwise the two amounts would balance. POWA received and deposited on June 5th a member contribution of \$150. This amount is not accounted for in the \$3,998 because there is no line item to reflect the revenue. Therefore I am \$26.00 to the plus side rather than \$124.00 in the hole. Therefore my true amount that I am off the bank comparison is \$26.00. This is difficult to explain, but take my word for it that the \$26.00 in unassigned income is correct. I will review this transaction at the Board meeting. I feel comfortable debating this issue with Charlie when the time comes.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report. Ballantyne/Burchfield. Approved.

Motion: Treasurer Lollo to contact the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to develop wording to change the POWA fiscal year from the current September 1 – August 31 to a calendar year, to benefit accounting procedures. This requires a Bylaws change. Guyer/Tussel. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards - Joe Gorden, Chair: Because of Joe Gorden's extended illness, Bob Myers graciously volunteered to coordinate judging for the Bass Pro Shops Pass it On Award. That work was concluded in early September. Voting by POWA members, which closed on Aug. 31, will determine the winner of the inaugural Photo Art of the Year Award. Presentation of both awards will be made at the fall conference in Carlisle. This will conclude the Awards Committee's work for 2007. Noted at the meeting that a sponsor is needed for the Best Published Black & White Art Award (core award). And information on a new award, proposed by the Ruffed Grouse Society, had been received, with prepayment of the award for 3 years.

Awards Review - Bob Mitchell, Chair: No Action. Note that committee was ad hoc and can be disbanded, as its task is complete. The committee was involved in preparation of criteria for the Photo Art of the Year Award.

Constitution & Bylaws -- Jim Fitser, Chair: No current major activity. The committee has been reorganized. Mark Passaro has asked to be relieved from the committee as he has not been able to attend the last few meetings and feels he is not up to date

enough on current business to be of further help to the committee. And so it was with deep regret that I had to accede to his wishes. Mark has helped to guide the organization for more than 50 years since its birth. His wisdom, knowledge, and guidance will indeed be sorely missed. His loyal service to POWA since its founding must be some kind of record for an individual to give so much for so many years. His insistence that anything the organization did be for the benefit and welfare of the members reflects the character of the man - doing for others. He certainly has done that and far more than anyone had reason to expect. We will miss Mark's continuing presence. After accepting Mark's resignation from the committee, as chairman I decided we needed to add two people to the committee to assure continuity. While the committee is not called on regularly to make major decisions and recommendations, when it is brought to the fore the work is extremely vital to POWA, as the Constitution and Bylaws are the very backbone of our organization. Committee members are Betty Lou Fegeley, Mike Watson and Christian Berg, members

Craft Improvement - Bob Frye, Chair: No report.

Duties Manual - Bob Mitchell, Chair: No action

Editorial Review - Sam Hossler, Chair: No action. Committee members: Regis Senko, Jack Paluh.

Ethics - John Swinton, Chair: We have been asked to conduct no business since the last reporting period, and we have no requests to make of the board. Committee members: Bob Ballantyne, Joe Gorden.

Finance and Budget: Bob Lollo: Budget to be voted on later in the meeting (see below).

Historical Archives: George Dolnack, Chair: No action. Committee chair has resigned; new chair needed.

Membership Audit: Russ Englehart, Chair: Of the 12 members chosen for audit, as of the date of this report (9/15/07), six have replied. One of the six has been rejected because, in the opinion of the chairman, submitted materials/articles (Book category) were not germane. Another individual indicated his inability to qualify at this time, and other, an apprentice member, was unable to qualify for active membership within the specified period, but that failure had been missed.

| Selected for audit | Results |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Len Lichvar | Did not respond |
| Steve Loder | Not qualifying (responded) |
| Branson Dunn | Apprentice - not qualifying |
| Don Feigert | Approved |
| Joe Byers | Approved |
| Jim Brett | Did not respond |
| Steve Owlett | Did not respond |
| Bruce Schneck | Approved |
| Regis Senko | Approved |
| Mark Anderson | Approved |
| Earl Mickel | Did not respond |
| Tom Zacoi | Materials not acceptable |

Membership Recruitment - Bob Steiner, Chair: No action since the spring meeting. Request that new committee chair be appointed for next year and committee renamed "Membership Development."

Membership Screening -- Dennis Scharadin, Chair: The following candidates' applications have been studied by the committee since the spring conference meeting and found to be complete and the candidates fully qualified for membership. Jeanette Robinson-Apprentice; Kirby Neubert-Apprentice; Thomas Brown- Apprentice; John Tertuliani- Active (book author); Brad Isles - upgraded from Apprentice to Active (newspaper); John Custead - Apprentice; Pat Krumenacker - Apprentice. Committee members: Dave Ehrig, Doyle Dietz.

Nominating - Don Feigert, Chair: No report.

Outdoor Education - Kermit Henning, Chair: No report.

Past Presidents Council - Jeff Mulhollem, Chair: Committee has not met and there has been no activity.

Scholarship - John Swinton, Chair: We have distributed the scholarship money in timely fashion. We would like to thank you publicly for getting that money to us under a tight time line, and we have no requests to make of the board. Committee members include Jeff Mulhollem, Joe Gorden.

Sport Shows - Harrisburg: Kermit Henning, Chair: No report.

Supporting Member Rep.: Connie Yingling, Chair: Note 5 to 7 supporting members will be at breakout. 10 supporting members are in attendance.

Supporting Member Screening - Harry Guyer, Chair: Approved for membership: Friends of the Allegheny Wilderness; Schuylkill Conservation District; Lehigh Valley Hunting and Fishing Extravaganza; Pa. Campground Owners Association; SHEWEE USA, LLC. Committee Members: Darl Black, John Kasun.

Technology/Website - Tracy Watt, Advisor: Keeping POWA Web site updated, mostly with info from Pres. Linda Steiner. Technical articles continue to be published in PowWow. Please send updates and info for the Web site! We need job listings, items for sale, upcoming events (not listed on Calendar of Events), articles for the Home Page, etc.

Ways and Means - Jerry Bush, Chair: As has been the case during the last few years, the donations from supporting members has tailed off a bit for the fall conference. Apparently it is something we must accept as a result of having two conferences every year.

The new "re-enlistment" raffles are organized and ready. Please see the rules, which are prepared separately. We have announced they will be published in future Pow-Wows. Linda Powell has graciously volunteered Remington to be our sponsor for these fund-raisers. They will donate a rifle and a shotgun to these events. Our hope is to generate \$2,000.00 of added income through these efforts.

As of this moment, I have spent \$36.00 for thank you cards and postage since the spring conference.

I've already sent the following message, but I will submit it again here:

Reluctantly I find it necessary to resign my post as Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, effective January 1, 2008, because of family obligations. This is not a decision reached easily or without regret, but it is the right decision at this time. I have concluded it just isn't possible for me to adequately perform these duties, as they should be executed.

I am sensitive to the requirements of the new "membership reenlistment raffles", scheduled to begin as 2008 memberships are granted. Therefore I will happily volunteer to run the first annual performance of these events as planned through April 1, 2008. I'd hope to work out any unforeseen bugs that might crop up as these contests progress, before handing off a potential nightmare to my successor. Of course, I realize that decision is up to the board and my successor.

I thank the supporting members who worked with me so graciously these past 4-years, donating items and suggesting tips our communicators could use. I made some great friends and I am convinced that no organization could ask for better supporting members.

I also thank all the active members who reassured me and rallied around me as they would a family

member while I fulfilled these duties.

Motion: To accept committee reports: Burchfield/Guyer. Approved.

CONFERENCES

Spring 2008 - Lehigh Valley, Chris Berg/Mark Demko, Co-chairs: May 15 - 18. Report published in last POWA as conference information, page 14. See elsewhere in this issue for additional details.

Fall 2008: No report; chair and location needed; Pres. Tussel and Exec. Dir. Burdge have been making inquiries. To be planned in conjunction with PGC Big Game Award presentation, probably center-state.

Spring 2009: Set for Oil City, with Marilyn Black, Chair. Details being developed.

Fall 2009: Open.

OLD BUSINESS

Conference Invitees Policy - By consensus, the board decided to leave this as a loose policy on who to invite and costs associated, on a case-by-case basis.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed 2007-08 Budget - Presented by Bob Lollo, POWA Treasurer. Revised 10/19/07.

| Income Accounts | Budget 07-08 |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Active Members (214) | \$12,840 |
| Supporting Members (135) | 12,740 |
| Merchandise Sales | 130 |
| Checking Interest | 35 |
| Conferences Net Income | 4,859 |
| Raffle (special) | 2,000 |
| Awards | 2,000 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$34,604 |

| Expense Accounts | Budget 07-08 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| PowWow (print/edit/mail) | \$10,000 |
| Postage, General | 1,000 |
| Exec. Director's Office | 2,100 |
| Exec. Director Stipend | 9,404 |
| Plaques, Supporting Mbrs. | 500 |
| Web Site | 1,100 |
| Liability Insurance | 550 |
| Bonding | 500 |
| Member Directory (print/mail) | 2,400 |
| Awards | 3,650 |
| Interim Board Meeting | 500 |
| Bank/Credit Card Fees | 700 |
| Miscellaneous | 200 |
| Professional Fees | 2,000 |
| Total Expenses | \$34,604 |

There is an increase for Patty in this budget of \$204.00 to compensate her for mailing the ballots instead of the Treasurer. I added 2 new Active members net and 3 new Supporting Members net of last fiscal year. We currently have 212 active and 132 supporting members. Note that PowWow and Membership Directory costs include mailing.

Motion: To approve the budget. Tussel/Berg. Approved.

New member applicants: John Custead - Apprentice; Pat Krumenacker - Apprentice. Supporting members - Pa. Campground Owners Association and SHEWEE, USA, LLC.

Motion: To approve new members, Ballantyne/Berg. Approved.

Kermit Henning - Life Member Nomination Letter: Please accept this e-mail as an official nomination of Kermit Henning for Life Member status. Kermit has been a POWA member since 1979 and has served the Association in many positions for many

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years, including as President, (1986/87).

Most notably, Kermit has administered the Association's Outdoor Education Program/Committee, for many years in exemplary fashion and also conducts the auction to benefit that program at the annual Eastern Outdoor Show. At that show he has on several occasions won the casting contest's top prize of \$1,000 in and has donated those winnings to the Outdoor Education fund. His many and continuing contributions to the success of POWA and the Association's positive image are immeasurable. The awarding of Life Membership status is, in this member's opinion, highly appropriate and very well deserved. Please place this nomination on the Board agenda for the Fall 2007 meeting and bring it to a vote by the general membership. Thank you! — Timothy C. Flanigan.

Noted that according to the Directives of the Board, Life Membership, Life Members must be at

least 65 years of age and that Life Membership rolls cannot exceed 5 percent of the membership.

Motion: That POWA make any adjustment to the policy for Life Membership regarding Kermit Henning. Burchfield/Berg. Approved.

Life Membership is voted on by the membership and the nomination will be presented at the General Membership Meeting tomorrow (Oct. 20).

Executive Director Annual Review: The board went into executive session and discussed performance/expectations with Exec. Director Patty Burdge, then returned to the regular order of business.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Press Trips: Dennis Scharadin is working on reinstating the POWA FAM tours and outings (in and out of state) that were in place some years ago. Connie Yingling will assist with this project. They will try to put something together for spring or summer '08.

Discussion on one or two conferences a year. Noted is that members vote by attendance. Attendance

was off at last several conferences. Fall 2007 conference attendance is just 55 people. The one-per-year formal conference would keep the same format as now. POWA's Constitution currently mandates the Annual Meeting must be in the second half of the year, yet the higher attended conference is spring. The Constitution provides a procedure to change the timing of the Annual Meeting (amendment). The Constitution could be reworded to not mandate a particular time of year for the annual meeting. This would free up conference planning. Constitution & Bylaws Committee will be asked to draw up appropriate wording. Discussion to be continued at the membership meeting tomorrow (Oct. 20) and members asked for their opinion/action.

Certificate of Appreciation Needed: Freddie McKnight filled in on the board several years ago and did not receive a certificate. Exec. Director Burdge will prepare one and send it, with the board's thanks.

Motion to Adjourn: Ballantyne/Guyer.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnne Zidock, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE POWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 20, 2007

Carlisle Fish & Game Association

Call to order: 2:33 p.m. by Pres. Linda Steiner.

Roll call: Pres. Linda Steiner; 1st VP Ron Tussel; 2nd VP Harry Guyer, Jr.; Executive Director, Patty Burdge; Parliamentarian John Swinton; Secretary JoAnne Zidock; Treasurer Bob Lollo; Supporting Member Rep. Connie Yingling; Directors: Jerry Hassinger, Christian Berg, Charlie Burchfield, Bob Ballantyne, Frank Felbaum, Absent.

Motion: To accept minutes of the spring 2007 membership meeting (published in PowWow and on POWA Web site). A. Zidock/Hassinger. Approved.

Correspondence - Burdge. Routine.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's, Board Chair's and Exec.

Director's Reports: As posted. Steiner thanked the membership.

Motion to accept officer's reports, Scharadin/Ferris, Approved

Treasurer's Report - Lollo: See board minutes and previous issue of PowWow.

Motion: To accept the treasurer's report, Bauer/Henning, Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Additions to the reports as noted in the board meeting minutes.

Editorial Review - Linda Steiner stated this is the last year she will do PowWow. She should have everything finished by the spring meeting for transfer to a new editor in the summer. Information on POWA accepting applications will go into PowWow.

Membership Audit: One correction, Steve Loder Did not respond. Tom Zacoi did respond but was not accepted. Five auditees were accepted.

Sports Show: Thank-you letters sent to the Reading and the Harrisburg Outdoor Shows for the booth space provided to POWA. We need people to man the booths.

Technology/Web Site Advisor: It would be good to have stories in PowWow on how members are using Tech info and the Web. Tracy Watt (POWA's webmaster) seems well qualified to do the web work. She is fast and interested in the work and our needs.

Ways & Means: Jerry Bush has resigned from the Ways & Means Committee, effective January 1,

2008. Chris Berg has helped with the letters and storing and delivering the items collected for the raffles. Chris stated he could not be the chairman, but he will do all the letters required. This committee needs 4 or 5 members to share the work. Patty Burdge can receive and store the items donated.

Motion: To accept committee reports, Clark/Putt, Approved.

CONFERENCES

Fall 2007 -- Thanks to Kermit Henning and Gerry Putt for the conference and the good weather.

Spring 2008 - Lehigh Valley - Chris Berg and Mark Demko (VP Ron Tussel) the Hotel, BBQ and Speakers in place.

Fall 2008 - OPEN (VP Ron Tussel) -- Center state, possibly in conjunction with PGC Big Game Awards. No action.

Spring 2009 - Oil City, Marilyn Black as conference chair (VP Harry Guyer). No action

Fall 2009 - OPEN (VP Harry Guyer). No action.

OLD BUSINESS

Ruffed Grouse Society Award: Referred to the Awards Committee to work out details and to bring back to the Board and Membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Approval of Board Actions:

The Board asked the Constitution & Bylaws committee to look into an amendment to change the POWA fiscal year to a calendar year. The bills will then be paid with the money in the same year the bills come in and the money comes in.

The Board also asked the Constitution & Bylaws committee to look into the requirement that POWA must have an annual meeting in the last half of the year. The change would be that POWA would just have an annual meeting. The reason for this is if, as has been asked, POWA wanted to have only one conference a year, we would be limited to having it in the last half of the year. This would free up POWA to have it other than just in the last half of the year.

Motion: To accept board actions of 10/19/07 meeting, Bauer/Ferris, Approved

Membership Approval of New Members: Jeanette Robinson, apprentice; Kirby Neubert, apprentice; Thomas R Brown, apprentice; John Tertuliani, active; Brad Isle upgrade from apprentice to active; Jonathan Custead, apprentice, and Pat Krumenacker, apprentice.

Motion: To accept new members, Zidock/Tussel. Approved.

Membership Approval of New Supporting

Members: Friends of the Allegheny Wilderness, Schuylkill Conservation District, Lehigh Valley Hunting and Fishing Extravaganza, and Pennsylvania Campground Association.

Motion: To accept new supporting members, Bauer/Sorenson. Approved

POWA 2007-08 Budget: Presented by Treas. Bob Lollo (see board minutes).

Motion: To accept the proposed 2007-08 POWA budget, Englehart/A. Zidock. Approved.

Number of POWA Conferences Per Year: Pres. Steiner asked the members to again consider going to one conference per year, considering low recent attendance by members and breakout participation, as well as workload associated for POWA and members' attendance costs (gas, lodging, etc.).

Motion: That POWA move in the direction of having one conference a year. Ballantyne/Ferris. Approved. One "nay" vote, so noted.

POWA Election Results: For 2007-8, President, Ron Tussel; 1st VP Harry Guyer, Jr.; Tom Tatum, 2nd VP. Treasurer, Bob Lollo. Board Chair, Linda Steiner. New board members, Harry Bauer and Steve Sorenson. Incumbent board members: Jerry Hassinger, Frank Felbaum, Christian Berg. Three board members leaving the board with this meeting: Russ Englehart, Bob Ballantyne and Charlie Burchfield.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Life Membership for Kermit Henning: Pres. Steiner asked Henning and Gerry Putt to leave the room, under the guise there would be some discussion about the conference. Alex Zidock presented Tim Flanigan's letter of nomination of Kermit Henning for Life Membership.

Motion: That Kermit Henning be accepted as a Life member of POWA. A. Zidock/Clark. Approved.

The "surprise" announcement will be made to Kermit at the banquet this evening.

POWA requirements are that a recipient of Life Membership must be 65 or older and there is a cap on the percent of members that can be Life members. The board gave approval to waive the requirements for Kermit Henning, at its meeting (see minutes).

Press Trips: Dennis Scharadin has been working on out-of-state press trips. He has talked to Bill Hilts, Jr., of Niagara (NY) Tourism, and Connie Yingling, of Maryland Tourism. Bill Hilts sent a letter stating he could work some programs out for spring and or summer 2008. Most programs would be mid-week. Connie also has spoken to people that would be

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MEMBER NEWS

POWA lost two good friends, fine members and talented outdoor communicators recently -- Stan Sowa and Charley Zaimes. They are remembered here by members who were particularly close to them. Thanks to Rich Walton and Bob Lollo for sharing their thoughts and recollections with us.

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STAN SOWA

A 28-year member of POWA and 23-year member of OWAA, and former television show co-host and outdoor columnist for



Photo by Rich Walton

northeastern Pennsylvania newspapers, Stan Sowa passed away December 8, 2007, following a battle with cancer. Stan's condition was diagnosed shortly after he attended the OWAA conference in Roanoke, Virginia.

A native of Nanticoke, Pa., and a graduate of its local high school, Stan received a bachelor's degree in general engineering from Penn State. A professional land surveyor, Stan worked in that field

until his retirement in 2005. A dedicated conservationist and outdoorsman, Stan co-hosted the Pennsylvania Outdoor Life show on WNEP-TV Channel 16 for 20 years. The show aired throughout northeastern and central Pennsylvania. He also wrote a weekly outdoor column for the Citizens' Voice newspaper in Wilkes-Barre. He served as a deputy wildlife officer and hunter training instructor for 28 years.

Over the years, Stan received many awards and citations for his achievements in the field of conservation and dedication to the outdoors, through voluntary work and his television show. Last fall, he was the recipient of the Sportsman of the Year Award from the Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter of Pheasants Forever. Last June, he was named Conservationist of the Year by the Luzerne County (Pa.) Conservation District. Stan also received the Wildlife Conservation Award from the Pennsylvania Game Commission and was recognized by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for his dedicated service to anglers and boaters of the Commonwealth.

Stan is survived by his wife, Dottie; son, Dr. Matthew Sowa; daughter, Melissa Sowa Legters; granddaughter, Naomi Legters; a brother; and two sisters.

Gifts in memory of Stan may be sent to the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 2040 Linglestown Rd., Suite 104, Harrisburg, PA 17110, or to St. Mary's Church, Nanticoke, PA.

-- Rich Walton

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CHARLEY ZAIMES

From the moment Charley and I met, we became close friends. If you were a friend, you were a friend for life. Charley was a gentleman and gave freely of what he had. He was never too busy to take the time to help solve your problem or just to spend time talking about whatever came to mind.

If you were a POWA member, Charley gave willingly of his time to take you hunting or fishing. Many times I visited Charley at Lackawaxen or Margate, when we went shad fishing on the Delaware or out on the bay for flounder. We even took down the rifle on occasion to hunt bear or deer. I cannot relate to you the number of POWA members who went shad fishing or cruised into the ocean for mackerel, shark or blues. We never paid for anything, even the fuel. Charley was that way. He gave a charter trip to POWA for the raffle in Harrisburg

every year that he owned the marina.

When Charley had the marina, the Doves were trying to video a successful shark trip. My visits were either after Clay and Adele had tried for a shark or before their next visit. Charley would comment on what a tough assignment shark fishing was for the Doves. He just could not land a shark for them. Then there were the shark tournaments where POWA members were invited to attend as judges. Every year it was like "Old Home Week," with Bruce Whitman, Kermit Henning, Doyle Dietz, Jim Lowe, Alex Zidock and Karen and me.

When Ned Smith started his career as an artist, Charley was PR Director at the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Charley wanted to help jump-start Ned's success, so he talked the director into letting Ned do a painting for the cover of one of liquor store price lists. Everyone knows what happened after that!

Charley's career began as a reporter assigned to cover President Roosevelt in Washington, D.C. Charley helped his wife, Margaret, establish herself as a freelance photographer, with assignments in the Washington area. He and Margaret later moved to New York, where he took on the roles of reporter and editor for a number of small newspapers. Before he bought Anglers' Roost in Margate, he and his brother owned a saltwater newspaper in north Jersey. When a new marina was established near Angler's Roost, he sold and bought an acre or so of land in Lackawaxen and erected a sporting goods store. His son Dimitri became a partner. Recently, the store burned and is being rebuilt by Dimitri.

Charley slowed down considerably over the last two or three years because of the onslaught of cancer and Alzheimer's. Dimitri began taking a more active role in managing the business, with Charley acting in a consulting role. Charley was able to drive to the store and visit for several hours each day with the many persons who dropped by for their regular visits. He never had problems with the spoken word.

Charley was 87 years old at the time of his death, outliving Margaret by 7 years. He is survived by sons Dimitri and Jon. There was no viewing or funeral, but there was a Celebration of his Life on January 12, 2008, at the Lackawaxen Fire Hall. If you wish to send a note, the address is in the POWA Membership Directory or you may call Dimitri at 570-685-2010.

-- Bob Lollo

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interested in this kind of a program. The board gave the OK to try to schedule some programs.

Comments on Conferences: Kermit Henning stated he is very adamant about having two conferences per year. As an alternative, if POWA does go to one conference a year, maybe we should have an activity get-together. Not a regular conference with programs, just a get together.

Membership Renewal Raffles: Jerry Bush has prepared Membership Renewal Raffles, one based on the Super Bowl and one on the Pa. Daily Number on April Fool's Day. If all spaces (100 in each raffle, @ \$10 each) are sold it, would mean \$2,000. 00 to POWA. So give generously. Information on getting raffle chances will be on the dues renewal forms. Remington has generously donated two firearms.

Certificate of Appreciation: POWA will award a Certificate of Appreciation to the Carlisle Fishing and Hunting Association for hosting POWA. Kermit will deliver the certificate to them.

Motion to Adjourn: Bauer/Ferris. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
JoAnne Zidock, Secretary*

CRAFT IMPROVEMENT CORNER



"GIRLIE" PICTURES

*Photography craft improvement
by Bob Steiner*

Recently -- 39 years ago -- my bride gave me a camera and 300 mm lens. I set out to be a wildlife and outdoor photographer.

I shot and filed and discarded thousands of rolls of slide film. I read and studied and tried to make my images more marketable. But I am thick-skulled and some things just didn't seem right to me. So I couldn't -- and to some degree I still can't -- make myself do them.

I like scenery photos without people and signs. I like "hero" hunting and fishing shots, with trees and rocks and woodpiles and split-rail and stone fences. I like to portray the pristine and wild. Not the civilized and regulated.

I'm a goof. I had it proved to me again just last night. I received a photo request from a favorite editor of mine. She wanted images of women and families enjoying our national parks and women hunting on public lands.

Three years ago, Linda and I spent two months touring western national parks. Several years earlier we had visited Great Smokey Mountains National Park. As I worked through my files from those trips, to locate photos that fit the editor's needs, I looked at scene after glorious scene that I had taken after patiently waiting for people, women and families to clear out of my frame, before shooting. I thought of the wildlife photos I had canned because some mother, grandmother, daughter and kids had blundered into the frame.

I looked at the request for public land hunting photos. My wife and I have hunted exclusively on public land for four decades. I could pay for this computer if I had a dollar for every time I said to Linda or to one of our female hunting buddies, "Step to the left, so I don't get that Game Lands sign in the picture."

My slide files contain 60,000 images, and I have nearly half that many digital images. Yet I struggled to fill this editor's requests.

If I were starting out today to build a

photo library of outdoor scenes for sale, I would include as many persons of every shape, size, age, sex and nationality that I could find in my "scenics." I would take "hero" sporting pictures with and without public land signs. I would try to take every photo to show a sense of specific place and then, just for me, take it again to look generic.

With more and more women becoming involved in the outdoor sports, I would encourage Linda to buy as many different style and color recreation outfits as her closets would hold. She would like that. This would allow for "faceless" pictures in many situations, without it obviously being the same "model" wearing the same outfit.

I would try to convince Linda to allow me eight or 10 girlfriends that could accompany me hunting and fishing, when

she could not find time to join me. I would promise to strictly adhere to "as many different shapes, sizes, ages and nationalities" during the selection process. If she frowned on that suggestion, I'd encourage her to invite her friends and my buddies to take along their wives who hunt, fish, hike, canoe, camp, bicycle, etc.

Just as outfitters employ models from agencies to man their booths at sport shows, I would hire female models to pose in "suggestive" positions -- those that suggest they have hunting and fishing know-how - - for photo shoots to build my library of outdoor images.

In the days of film, a photographer had to consider the cost of film, developing and storage for his photo files. You shot what you knew you had a market for and skipped the rest. Life is digital now and storage space is limitless. Take that image with and without the signs. Take it with and without the people. You never know what an editor is going to ask for next.

-PW-

Supporting Member News

by Supporting Member Representative
**CONNIE YINGLING, PR Coordinator,
Maryland Office of Tourism Development**



YOU ARE INVITED

The style of my column this month will be very different from previous submissions. No fancy analogies, no personal anecdotes, no "cutesy" stories as an eventual lead-in to the call to action. This one comes right to the point, right in the second paragraph.

You are invited to participate in the POWA annual spring conference being held May 16-18, 2008, in the Lehigh Valley. Details on the conference are found elsewhere in this issue, as is a registration form. As your supporting member liaison, I urge you to sign up as soon as possible.

Every public relations training seminar I've ever attended stresses that the main component to creating a successful public relations program is forming personal relationships with the appropriate media.

At a POWA conference, you get to meet one-on-one with some of the best outdoor writers, broadcasters and editors in the entire country. These men and women communicate via their newspaper columns, TV programs, magazine pages and Internet

blogs with your customers -- the people who buy your outdoor products, support your nonprofit agencies and travel to your destinations.

If you have not attended in the past, each POWA conference schedule has several hours allotted exclusively to us, the supporting members, to showcase our goods and services. We set up individual displays, some with an interactive component. When our attendance numbers allow, we do short, verbal presentations to the entire assembly prior to the active membership visiting each booth.

Meals, local excursions, hospitality rooms, seminars and the annual banquet are also several other venues during the conference in which to meet the media.

It does not get any simpler than this. Don't let this opportunity to get in front of local and national outdoor media pass you by. Register now, plan to exhibit, and reap the benefits of face to face conversations. I'm ready to RSVP -- how about you? -PW-

Executive Director's Report

by **Patty Burdge**



POWA Membership Totals as of 1/28/08:

Active 209
Apprentice 15
Honorary 2
Supporting 134



The months of November and December are two of the busiest months of the year, juggling holidays, family and, definitely, hunting. These months have also been busy for POWA happenings.

Since the October conference in Carlisle, 2008 membership renewals have been mailed for both active/apprentice and supporting memberships.

If you have not received your renewal, please contact me and I will get another out to you.

At this time, POWA has received 156 of 209 Active/Apprentice renewals. 2008 POWA membership cards have also been mailed to those who have completed the 2008 renewal process.

At this time, I would like to thank **Linda Steiner** and especially **Jerry Bush** for their help in providing renewal raffles to generate funds for our association.

Although it is too late to enter the 2008 Super Bowl Raffle, *you do have time to take advantage of the April Fool '08 Number Raffle.* Don't miss your opportunity to win **Remington's** Model 870 SPS Max Gobbler 12 gauge shotgun, 23-inch barrel and Knoxx SpecOps Stock. Chances are only \$10 and you can enter this raffle by contacting the POWA office.

In addition to the funds generated by the 2008 raffles, POWA has taken advantage of investing some funds into a CD at 2.95 percent. The Emergency funds are routinely kept in a savings account, so that the association may access the account

in times of need. Those funds have now been transferred to a "Bump-n-Jump" account that gives POWA the same access to funds, but a greater return than the .25% of a traditional savings account.

Again, I would like to remind those who try to contact me that I do juggle another job that keeps me away from the office during the day. Routinely though I am in the POWA office on Fridays, evenings and weekends.

The easiest way to contact me is through e-mail at powa_ed@yahoo.com. If you would like to leave a phone message, call 814-328-2301. For emergency or high-priority issues, please contact me via my cell phone at 814-590-6630. I will do everything I can to return calls and messages within five days of receiving them.

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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

John Tertuliani's e-mail is corrected to j.tertuliani@att.net.

Kirby Neubert's street address is corrected to 1324 Grandview Rd., Oil City, PA 16301. Use his new e-mail address, kirby@northcountrycreations.com. **-PW-**

THANKS to these active members who stepped forward to make POWA's 2008 Excellence in Craft awards program possible, by agreeing to coordinate the following awards. The POWA award coordinators are responsible for seeing that the award(s) they are in charge of are competently judged by non-POWAers, consistent with the description of the award and its purpose (the coordinators do not judge awards themselves).

THANKS to the supporting member sponsors of POWA's awards program.

THANKS to Tom Venesky, for agreeing to be the Awards Committee Chair. Tom will be overseeing the awards process and presenting the awards at the spring banquet. He will also be coordinating the judging of the four art awards -- Fine Art Fishing Award, sponsored by Daiwa; Wildlife Art Award, sponsored by the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art; Best Published Art Award - Color, sponsored by GATCO Sharpeners/Timberline Knives; and Best Published Black and White Art Award, which needs a supporting member sponsor. The art awards will be judged at the spring conference; take your entries there.

CORE AWARDS:

1. BEST NEWSPAPER COLUMN.
Coordinator: Tom Venesky. Sponsor: Winchester/Olin Corporation.
2. BEST NEWSPAPER FEATURE.
Coordinator: Tom Tatum. Sponsor: Spring Ridge Club.
3. BEST MAGAZINE OR REGIONAL NEWSPAPER COLUMN. Coordinator: Harry Guyer, Jr. Sponsor: Coleman Co.
4. BEST MAGAZINE OR REGIONAL NEWSPAPER FEATURE. Coordinator: Christian Berg. Sponsor: Pure Fishing.
5. BEST PUBLISHED PHOTOS — BLACK & WHITE; COLOR.
Coordinator: Gerry Putt. Sponsors: Color - Nikon Sport Optics; Black & White - Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

6. BEST RADIO/TV AWARD (alternates with BEST BOOK AWARD).
Coordinator: Bob Steiner. Sponsor: Walker's Game Ear.
7. BEST PUBLISHED B&W ART AWARD. Sponsor: VACANT.
8. BEST PUBLISHED COLOR ART AWARD. Sponsor: GATCO Sharpeners / Timberline Knives.

SPECIALTY AWARDS:

1. PENNSYLVANIA DEER AWARD.
Coordinator: Alan Probst. Pennsylvania Deer Association.
2. PENNSYLVANIA TRAPPERS AWARD. Coordinator: Bob Clark. Sponsor: Pa. Trappers Association.
3. SPORTSMEN WITH DISABILITIES

- AWARD. Coordinator: Ron Tussell. Sponsor: National Wild Turkey Fed.
4. THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP AWARD. Coordinator: Linda Steiner. Sponsor: Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.
5. TROUT & THE COLDWATER RESOURCE AWARD. Coordinator: Alan Probst. Sponsor: Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited.
6. WHITETAIL MANAGEMENT AWARD. Coordinator: Jennifer Bilott. Sponsor: Trupe's Quality Hunting and Wildlife Management.
7. WILD TURKEY AWARD. Coordinator: Melody Zullinger. Sponsor: Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.
8. EXPOSITIONS INC. YOUTH FISHING AWARD. Coordinator: Doyle Dietz. Sponsor: Expositions, Inc.
9. YOUTH & THE SHOOTING / HUNTING SPORTS AWARD. Coordinator: Ron Steffe. Sponsor: National Shooting Sports Foundation.
10. FINE ART FISHING AWARD. Sponsor: Daiwa.
11. WILDLIFE ART AWARD. Sponsor: Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art.

-PW-

Dave Ehrig called this gobbler to Chris Berg during a hunt in the Lehigh Valley last spring. Photo by Dave Ehrig.



This is Chris Berg ... but it could be you this spring!

Attendees of the spring 2008 conference will have an opportunity to pursue the Lehigh Valley's many longbeards, such as this gobbler taken last May by conference co-host **Christian Berg**. The photo is by **Dave Ehrig**. Please turn back to pages 6-9 for more on the spring conference. There you'll find details of Chris's and co-chair **Mark Demko's** plans for the conference. This issue, they spotlight activities offered on Thursday, Friday and Sunday, including spouses tours. Next issue, they will focus on Saturday's seminars and breakout, as well as the banquet. Please take a look at the preview photos; make your hotel reservations; and fill out (or photocopy) and send in the conference registration form.

-PW-

EDITOR POSITION OPEN



The current PowWow editor, **Linda Steiner**, is ready to pass on newsletter duties, effective with the 2008 fall POWA conference. The successful applicant should have a working knowledge of POWA; the outdoor communication field; be able to procure material for each issue; produce material as needed; and be able to provide the printer with a computer-generated layout. The ability to computer-edit text and photos; assemble the newsletter with a desktop publishing program compatible with the PowWow commercial printer; and input/output materials via e-mail is essential. The "job" is a paying one, but it is also a "labor of love." PowWow is published six times a year and averages 16 pages (this is a typical issue). For back issues, refer to the POWA Web site, where they are displayed. Steiner will assist in the transition.

If you are interested, send a letter so indicating (e-mail is acceptable) to POWA Executive Director Patty Burdge; information on pertinent experience you have (resume); and samples (if any) of similar publications you have produced. **Send letter of interest and resume/samples by April 1, 2008.** POWA plans to make its decision at the spring conference and may conduct interviews. Contact Linda Steiner (814-374-4759; linstein@galacticis.com) for more details on the position.

-PW-

Newsmaker News: A symposium on "The History of Big Spring Creek and Its Brook Trout Fishery" will be held Saturday, April 5, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Shippensburg University Foundation Conference Center. For information, call 301-663-3966.

-- Jim Gilford



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