

Spring 2009 E-Raven: A newsletter of the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society

2008 Annual Meeting of the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Awards

The winner of the **David B. Marshall Award** was presented to Warren Aney for a lifetime dedicated to protection, enhancement and enjoyment of Oregon's wildlife and habitats. Warren worked for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for over 30 years in research and management. Since retiring he has been an advocate for funding non-game and habitat programs and is a tireless watchdog for TWS for government affairs. He testifies on behalf of the Chapter in many public forums.



This year's TWS **Outstanding Service Award** was presented to Michael Pope, in recognition of the time and effort coordinating the 2008 Annual Conference, the Beaver Workshop and a Wind and Wildlife Workshop last November. These efforts have put the Oregon Chapter on sound financial footing. In addition, Dr. Pope has provided strong leadership to the Oregon Conservation Strategy and established and enhanced many partnerships throughout the state. His work with BPA mitigation and the Conservation Strategy have resulted in permanent protection of over 2,000 acres of rare habitats in the Willamette Valley.

The winners of the society's **Private Landowner Stewardship Award** were Sheridan-area residents Jim and Sandy LeTourneux. Jim and Sandy own and manage Tripletree Farm LLC, a family-owned 432-acre tree farm located in rural western Yamhill County. The LeTourneux family is dedicated to careful stewardship of their woodland property, with a strong commitment to creating and maintaining wildlife habitat. Tripletree Farm is an actively managed tree farm and provides an excellent example of how wildlife habitats can be maintained and enhanced while still meeting a landowner's economic goals. In addition to working with local agencies to design and fund wildlife projects, Jim and Sandy plan and complete projects on their own time and using their own resources. They are a willing host for tours and other educational events, and they share what they have learned with others.



The **Conservation Award** went to the Oregon Hunters Association, for enhancing habitat for all wildlife, supporting wildlife law enforcement and maintaining Oregon's hunting heritage. Oregon Hunters Association's current focus is ensuring sound and scientific management of all huntable wildlife. Fred Craig, ORTWS member and President of Oregon Hunters Association, accepted the award on behalf of OHA.

Katie Moriarty of Oregon State University is the winner both of the **Les Eberhardt Award and the Dimick Award**. The Les Eberhardt Award is presented for best student presentation of the general session. The Dimick Award is given for the best overall presentation of the general session. Katie's presentation was entitled, "Wolverine Confirmation in California after Nearly a Century." Eric Forsman is Katie's major advisor.

2009 ORTWS Scholarship Winners by Jennifer Weikel

Each year, ORTWS awards up to four scholarships to full-time student in a wildlife or other relevant degree program within the state of Oregon. The ORTWS Scholarships are intended to foster students who have demonstrated potential for making a future professional contribution in wildlife sciences or management through research, management, education or outreach. The Kathy Johnson Outreach scholarship is awarded to a nontraditional undergraduate or post-baccalaureate student and is intended to foster diversity within the Society.

The 2009 award winners are:

Advanced Graduate Student Scholarship: Tracey Johnson, PhD Candidate in Fisheries in Wildlife at Oregon State University. As part of Tracey's PhD program, she is investigating the effects of livestock stocking rates on grassland birds and predator communities in northeastern Oregon grasslands.

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Scholarship: Nathan Alexander, sophomore in Fisheries and Wildlife at OSU.

Kathy Johnson Outreach Scholarship: Keeley Lopez, junior in Fisheries and Wildlife at OSU.

We did not receive any applicants for the Outstanding New Graduate Student Scholarship for 2009.

A Big Thanks to Those Who Supported Audio Visual Efforts at the Annual Conference by Wendy Wentz

The Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society would like to thank Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc., the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Department of Transportation, PacifiCorp, and Creative Resource Strategies for loaning audio-visual equipment to the Chapter during the annual meeting, held February 10-13, 2009. We would also like to thank the student volunteers from Oregon State University who donated their time and expertise to the effort. These generous donations of equipment and time not only made the meeting a success by supporting the fantastic array of talks presented, they also saved the Chapter a significant amount of funds. Thank you - we appreciate your support.

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