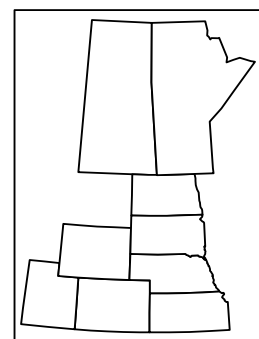


# Central Mountains and Plains Section Newsletter



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## President's Message

One of my key areas of interest is to find ways to answer the question I have often heard; "Why should I be a member of The Wildlife Society?" This question seems to have become more common asked in recent years due to the advent of competing professional organizations.

You have all heard this question and some of you have probably done as I have and turned it around on the asker in the form of "Ask not what your Society can do for you, but what you can do for your Society." While it is tempting, that reply just doesn't work for most folks. Biologists, like other people today, want to know "what is in it for me." We all hate to think that pragmatism like this enters in to our thoughts; it is nonetheless reality.

I don't claim to understand why every Wildlife Biologist is not a member of the Wildlife Society. I know why I am a member and that is where my expert advice ends. I could tell you that I belong to TWS because of a responsibility to my profession. I could point to the importance of professional community. I could tout our professional publications and standards for conduct. I could even make a fine argument for the camaraderie of it all, but I would be preaching to the choir. The fact still remains that TWS is somehow not relevant to many rank-and-file Wildlife Biologists.

I've heard folks blame their non-member condition on money, lack of a political agenda, too much focus on game species, too little focus on management, too much influence from academia, too few member benefits, and the like. The Society has been working for years to try to answer many of these charges, but without much success in terms of surging membership. Soon we will be seeing new changes aimed at adding members; I sincerely hope they work. Yet I think there is something deeper ailing our noble profession.

Who is the average Wildlife Biologist? What are their needs? What factors lead them into the profession? What engages them in their work? These are all questions we need to consider when we think of the future of TWS. I became a Wildlife Biologist through the influences of nature and people. My father was an avid outdoorsman and I became one. My brother preceded me into the profession and I joined him. I encountered many influential outdoor experiences and mentors along the way; they shaped me. I expect that many of you can track your paths in similar fashion. Can understanding the commonalities in these influences help us in bolstering and better engaging our membership? Do the same factors that lead folks to become biologists help to keep them energized and engaged?

I want CMPS to become relevant—perhaps even essential in some small way—to the Wildlife Biologists in our region. To do this, I need your help. First, give some thoughtful considerations to the above questions about who and why folks become and remain Wildlife Biologists. From there, think about what they need to do their job and live in the context of being a Wildlife Biologist. Then get me your thoughts on things we can do to help. You might want to even ask some of your friends who are not members what it would take to interest them. Please send your ideas to me at [sriley@ngpc.state.ne.us](mailto:sriley@ngpc.state.ne.us).

—Steve Riley, CMPS President

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## Travel Grants Available

CMPS currently has funds available for individual students or student chapters. An application for these funds is available at:  
[www.cmpswildlife.org/travelgrant.pdf](http://www.cmpswildlife.org/travelgrant.pdf)

## Mission Statement of The Wildlife Society

The Wildlife Society exists to enhance the ability of wildlife professionals to conserve diversity, sustain productivity, and ensure the responsible use of wildlife resources for the benefit of society.

## The Section Rep's Report

### "Ryder's Ramblings"

What a spring it's been in this part of the world! We've been getting cool, wet weather and the country appears to be recovering from 5 years of severe drought. Greater sage-grouse populations are rebounding at an incredible rate in central Wyoming, with lek counts up over 150% from last year. It's amazing what a little moisture and decent habitat conditions can do for wildlife.

The search for a new Executive Director continues to progress. Council has developed a position description and we are currently advertising for applicants. We plan to interview candidates in late-July/early-August in an attempt to hire a new person in time for our Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin in September. Sadly, Acting Executive Director Tom Franklin, has decided to resign effective later this summer. We will miss his expertise in the policy arena and his advice and friendship in all things related to wildlife.

There are a number of policy-related Council Subcommittees busily working on Technical Reviews. A draft of the Baiting and Artificial Feeding of Game Wildlife Species Technical Review is currently being edited by committee members. Other Committees dealing with Lead in the Environment, Impacts of Wind Farms to Wildlife and Wildlife Habitats, and Practical Ways to Improve Implementation of the Endangered Species Act are in various stages of development.

We are finalizing plans to make major changes in TWS publications. Ultimately, we hope

to have the Journal of Wildlife Management published electronically. We also are developing a new, all-member magazine publication, which will essentially combine materials from The Wildlifer and Wildlife Society Bulletin. Our ultimate goal is to place all peer-reviewed articles in the Journal and publish it more frequently each year, while moving all peer-edited articles and Society news into a multicolor magazine, which will be sent to members as a part of their membership dues. Council is very excited about these changes and we'll do our best to keep membership updated as things progress. Watch this space and The Wildlifer for late-breaking news.

Lastly, please take the time to vote for your Section Representative to TWS Council when your ballot comes in the mail. This position is a crucial contact point between CMPS Officers and TWS Council and the Executive Director. It only takes a second to mark your ballot and send it back, but the benefits of this action are enormous.

Thanks for reading and please stay active in TWS. The resource needs dedicated professionals now more than ever. Consider talking to a non-member colleague and try convincing them to join. Remember, The Society is only as good as its membership.  
—Tom Ryder

### Upcoming CMPS Elections

In 2005, we in the Central Mountains and Plains Sections will be electing a new President-elect and two new Executive Board Members. As voting members we are very fortunate to have six high quality candidates to

choose from. The President-elect will serve the section for four years beginning at the end of our annual business meeting this year in Medora, North Dakota.

Executive Board Members serve two-year terms beginning at the same time. As you can see, your vote and whom you elect will have a significant impact on the future direction of the section. Please take the time to read the information about each candidate, consider whom you think might best serve the needs of the section and then cast your ballot. Candidate biographies and a ballot are included in this newsletter.

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Visit the new CMPS website at:

[www.cmpswildlife.org](http://www.cmpswildlife.org)

## Workshop Announcements

### NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS WORKSHOP

Addressing State-of-the-Art Methods of Capturing and Banding or Marking of Birds and the Capture and/or Removal of Strayed or Nuisance Mammals from Residential Areas or Buildings

**August 17, 18, and 19, 2005**  
**Brookings Inn and Convention Center, Brookings, SD 57006**

1. Presentations and/or demonstrations of current or new methods used to capture, mark or band waterfowl, doves, turkeys, grouse and other upland game, shorebirds and a select species of songbirds.
2. Presentations on best practices for the capture and/or removal of strayed big game and/or nuisance mammals from residential areas or buildings ranging from moose to raccoons to bats.

Sponsors:

USGS – SD Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit

SDSU – Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department

SD Game, Fish and Parks Department

For more information or consideration for an Oral or Poster Presentation, or a display table or booth, contact one of the following ASAP:

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## INFORMATION-THEORETIC METHODS

**A 2-Day Short Course, August 3-4, 2005**

**Offered by David R. Anderson**

General analysis methods based on Kullback-Leibler information will be introduced in this 2-day short course. The material focuses on science hypotheses, models, and model selection methods such as AIC, AICc, and QAICc. After introducing important background material, methods are introduced to allow formal statistical inference to be based on more than a single model (multimodel inference). The material is not deeply mathematical; instead the emphasis is on science concepts and philosophy and several examples are provided.

The short course is based on the recent book, Burnham, K. P., and D. R. Anderson. 2002. *Model selection and multimodel inference: a practical information-theoretic approach*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Springer-Verlag, New York, NY. 488pp. The short course will be held in Fort Collins, Colorado. Additional details are registration information are provided at

<http://aicanderson3.home.comcast.net>

## Chapter Reports

### Nebraska

The Nebraska Chapter TWS meeting will be held October 21 and 22, 2005 in Grand Island. October 21 will be seminar presentations with an evening social, banquet, and auction. October 22 will be a student/professional workshop. Program details are still being worked out, contact a chapter officer or the chapter website for further details.

### South Dakota

About 115 SD Chapter members attended the 2005 annual meeting. The opening session covered Media, Politics, & Wildlife Management. Invited speakers for this session were

Chuck Clayton, National President of the Isaac Walton League, Chuck Schlueter with South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks, and Jan Nicolay, former South Dakota Legislator.

Submitted presentations included using the media with controlled burns, roadside pheasant nesting, grouse nesting success and chick survival, Black Hills mountain lions, post-molt Canada goose movements, tonsillary biopsies for Chronic Wasting Disease in Wind Cave National Park, several separate presentations regarding white-tailed deer mortality, survival, and movement, forage in cervids, attitudes of hunters and fishers towards laws and law enforcement, and bald eagle nest survey results.

A social and auction was held the first evening of the meeting. The auction and associated raffles raised about \$4,000 for the Chapter. Items for the fundraising efforts were donated by members as well as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Cabelas, UAP Timberland, Feathers 4 Friends, Jay Peterson Picture Framing, and From Charlie's Craft Room. Auctioneers for the event, who also donating their time, were Maynard Jensen, Garret Houska, and Eddie Houska.

Approximately 75 Chapter members attended the half-day business meeting. Committee Reports were presented by all standing, special, and ad-hoc Committee Chairs. Summaries of these reports will be available on the Chapter's website very soon:

(<http://www.sdwildlife.org/>)

Elections were held, and the Chapter Officers for the 2005-06 year are: Will Morlock - President  
 Bridgette Flanders-Wanner - President-elect  
 Steve Griffin - Past President  
 Art Smith - Secretary/Treasurer  
 Laura Hubers - Executive Board  
 KC Jensen - Executive Board  
 Also at the business meeting, Alyssa Keisow presented an invited slide

show to initiate a wind energy / wind turbine discussion. After some group discussion, direction was provided to the Executive Board to develop an ad-hoc committee to investigate wind energy / wind turbine issues, possibly to develop a position statement. CMPS Board Member Art Smith presented the idea of a fee change proposal that would affect CMPS as well as Chapter members. The overall response to the proposal was positive, although it was realized that any changes to the Chapter's fee structure would be brought forward at next year's business meeting. Finally at the business meeting, 29 new members were approved for membership into the Chapter.

An awards banquet was held on the evening of the 8th. This year, many awards were given, including a master's student catch-up award for 2004. The student recipient of that award was Christopher Swanson. Student awards for 2005 were Meagan Hall (MS award) and Krysten Schuler (PhD award). Masters awards are presented annually to a graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in the study of wildlife ecology and management; Phd awards are presented bi-annually. The Citizen's Award is presented each year to a South Dakota resident who has made a significant contribution to wildlife in the state. This year's recipient was Mike Williams. The Wildlife Professional Award, presented annually to a wildlife professional who has, over the course of their career, made an outstanding contribution to wildlife management in South Dakota, was presented this year to Kurt Foreman. In addition to the regular awards, special recognition awards were presented to Greg Pavelka, newsletter editor for the past 6 years, and Charlie Bessken the Chapter's webmaster.

Next year's meeting will again be held at Cedar Shore Resort, Oacoma, on March 6-8, 2006.

### Colorado State Student Chapter

Earlier this semester the student chapter at Colorado State University hosted a techniques workshop at the MacGregor Ranch in Estes Park with the help of several local wildlife professionals. In addition to the crowd of CSU wildlife students in attendance, a handful of students from the University of Nebraska were also able to engage in the experience. The workshop was such a success that we have already begun planning another for next spring. Our hope is that this will become an annual event for CSU-TWS.

As soon as fall semester commences, the state and student chapters will be co-hosting the "Telluride Mountain Film Festival on Tour" on CSU campus. This will be a pilot fundraiser, as we have never done anything like this before. Potentially, both chapters stand to benefit significantly—if nothing else, it will be a wonderful night of environmentally conscious films.

CSU-TWS has gone through a significant changing of the guard this past semester. This has led to the loss of some institutional knowledge and forced the 'green' board to punt in some cases. The previous activities at MacGregor Ranch have suffered as a result. They have been put on hiatus so we can circle the wagons before resuming business as usual in the fall. I am confident that the recent hard times the board endured, while learning the ropes, has made us a stronger, more focused unit. We are ready, willing and able to tackle whatever we may be dealt next semester.

### Colorado State/Univ. of Wyoming

In March 2005 the faculty advisors of the Student Chapter of TWS (SCTWS) at the University of Wyoming (M. Ben-David) and Colorado State University (G. White) led a combined field course entitled "Western Ecosystems: structure, function, services, and threats". This course was offered in conjunction with the 40<sup>th</sup> Western Region

Conclave of SCTWS, which was hosted by Humboldt State University in Arcata, CA. Thirteen students from UW and 7 from CSU participated in the field course and Conclave.

Events participated in by students included a pelagic field trip through rough seas, a Wildlife Quiz Bowl, art competition, and a trip to Redwood National Park. The return trip included stops at a spotted owl research station, wetland restoration sites, a gold-rush campground, and several wildlife refuges.

The trip provided an opportunity for students to visit and explore ecosystems that were new to many, observe wildlife they had not seen before, learn about issues of wildlife management in different locations in the Western US, and expand their knowledge of ecosystem ecology and wildlife management.

### Wyoming

At the chapter's annual meeting Governor Freudenthal was awarded the Citizen of the Year Award for his work changing the way the Governor's complimentary licenses were issued. Over the past two years this change has resulted in over \$730,000 benefiting wildlife, hunters, and citizens of Wyoming. The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Fred Lindzey, assistant leader of the Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Wyoming. Dr. Lindzey retired this fall from the Unit in Laramie after 20 years of service. The Professional of the Year Award went to Richard Guenzel. Guenzel is currently the Larmie District Wildlife Biologist for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. In addition to being a key player in pronghorn management for the state Guenzel was responsible in 1990 for developing a state management plan for exotic and native game farm animals.

## Meet the Candidates

### PRESIDENT-ELECT (vote for one)

#### **TOM SWAN – KANSAS**

##### **Education**

B.S. Wildlife, Kansas State University  
M.S. Zoology, Western Illinois University

##### **Work History**

Currently Tom is the Regional Fish and Wildlife Supervisor Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDW&P). He has also served as a District Wildlife Biologist and Furbearer Biologist KDW&P and has over 30 years experience managing wildlife and people.

##### **TWS History**

CMPS – Member sporadically from 1976 – 1991 and consistently since 1991. Served as Executive Board Member (1996-1998), Vice President (1998-2000), Nominations Committee (1999), Co-Chair Nominations Committee (2000).

Kansas State University Student Chapter – Was a member 1968-1970.

Kansas Chapter – A member since 1974. Served as Board Member, Secretary Treasurer, and President (1991-1993).

TWS – Member since 1969.

##### **Vision**

I have spent most of my wildlife career working with programs to develop, enhance and improve habitat in a highly agricultural state. This has included some wetland work and a great amount of upland work, particularly tall grass and associated communities. My view on CMPS “The reason I have found CMPS to be relevant is that the states and provinces of the Section have many similarities but also a host of differences in ecological and human dimensions. I always find that I learn many things at the annual meeting from CMPS members who have encountered challenges similar to those I’ve experienced in Kansas. It is no secret that the Section needs to

stimulate younger wildlife professionals to, not only belong to CMPS, but to begin participating and interacting. This may require a new way of presenting Section opportunities or perhaps providing new educational activities associated with the annual meeting. I think our current president is beginning that process and I would pledge to continue meeting that challenge.”

##### **Personal**

I am married with three grown children and am passionate about upland bird hunting (Brittany and Lab) and my family.

#### **GARY WHITE - COLORADO**

##### **Education**

I was born in 1948 (the year of Aldo Leopold’s death), growing up on a farm in central Iowa, and graduated with a BS (1970) from the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Iowa State University, an MS (1972) in Wildlife Biology from the University of Maine at Orono, and a Ph.D. (1976) in Zoology from the Ohio State University. I spent 1976-7 as a post-doctoral researcher with the Utah Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at Utah State University.

##### **Work History**

From 1977-84, my position was a scientist in the Environmental Science Group at Los Alamos National Laboratory, and in 1984, I moved to the Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology at Colorado State University where I am currently a Professor with half-time support from the Colorado Division of Wildlife. Much of my current work with CDOW involves developing monitoring strategies for prairie dogs and swift fox, and monitoring and modeling of deer, elk, and antelope populations.

##### **TWS History**

TWS – I joined TWS in 1969 as an undergraduate at Iowa State and became a Certified Wildlife Biologist 1978. I have served TWS in several capacities: Certification Committee (1980-1983), Ad hoc Committee on

Toxic Shot (1983), Chairman, Ad hoc Committee on Computer Software Exchange (1984-1988), Chairman, TWS Certification Committee (1992), Associate Editor, Journal of Wildlife Management (1993-1995), Member, TWS Publications Committee (1997-1998), Member, TWS Grizzly Bear Technical Manuscript Review Committee (2000), Member, TWS Publications Committee (2000-2001), Member, TWS Special Committee on Electronic Publishing (2000-2001), Associate Editor, Wildlife Society Bulletin (2002-Present).

Colorado State University Student Chapter – Served as Faculty Adviser (2001-2004).

New Mexico State Chapter – Served as Secretary-Treasurer (1981), Vice President (1982), and President (1983)

Colorado State Chapter – Served as Chairman of the Certification Committee (1989-1997) and Chairman of the Nominations Committee (1990).

CMPS – I have served as Executive Board Member (2001-2004) and Co-Chair CMPS Section Representative Nominations Committee.

##### **Vision**

My proudest achievement is receiving The Wildlife Society’s 51<sup>st</sup> Aldo Leopold Memorial Award and Medal. Other TWS honors include being nominated a TWS Fellow (2003) and receiving the Colorado Chapter’s Douglas L. Gilbert Award (1988).

Unlike several of the other TWS Sections, i.e., SE, NE, and Western, CMPS has never been an active organization hosting an annual scientific meeting. Likely the reason for this inactivity is the travel distances involved, and the generally strong state chapters in the section. I don’t foresee major changes. Rather, I view the continuing role of CMPS to provide a forum (summer meeting) for professionals to interact with others from around the section, broadening their views and providing a chance to compare notes with other states and provinces. These summer

meetings are best attended when hosted by a state chapter. CMPS has been supportive of student travel to the annual TWS national meeting, and I want to see this activity continue. The most important administrative function of CMPS is to provide the slate of candidates to elect our TWS Council representative every 3 years.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**MEMBER AT LARGE**  
**(vote for 2)**

**NICHOLE FREY - UTAH**

**Education**

PhD in Wildlife Biology, Jack H. Berryman Institute. 2001 – 2004.  
Master's Degree in Wildlife Biology, Jack H. Berryman Institute, Utah State University, Forest, Range, and Wildlife Science, Logan, UT.  
Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Resources and Management, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV. December 1996.

**Work History**

Currently an Assistant Wildlife Education Specialist with the Utah State University Extension. Also currently a Contract Consultant to Bio-West Inc. and a Doctoral Research Assistant at the Jack H. Berryman Institute. Duties of these positions include human-wildlife conflict studies and assist and teaching a principles of natural resource management class. Duties also include creating and monitoring shorebird habitat and assessing effects of predator removal on pheasant recruitment and small mammal populations.

Previous positions included those as a rare species biologist, home teacher, intern, consultant, and field technician.

**TWS History**

CMPS - Attended the last meeting in Logan, Utah. Have since tried to keep abreast of happenings of this section via the website.

Student Chapter - Belonged to the student chapter of TWS in

Morgantown, WV from 1993-1996. Received the Associate Wildlife Certificate in Spring 1997.

Utah State Chapter – Member from 2000-2005. Presented at 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 meetings.

National TWS - Member of national TWS from 1996-2005. Attended NAD presented at annual meetings in 2003 and 2004.

**Vision**

My vision for the future of CMPS? Well, that will have to be a broad vision, giving the size and diversity of our section. My attraction to the wildlife society was its position as a forum for all wildlife professionals to exchange ideas on strategies and results of management practices, positive or negative. There are so many other organizations out there that are almost completely research “brickwork” oriented, what some might describe as research for the sake of research, which is great and still highly needed. But I would like to see TWS, and the CMPS of this organization, remain a center where scientists and managers discuss and report on how they used these “bricks” in management practices, and if they worked, and how they worked.

Speaking from personal experience, the CMPS of the TWS is not widely known in Utah. Maybe it's just because I worked nocturnal hours for the first 3.5 years I was in Utah, and it wasn't until I joined the diurnal world again that I heard about it. In any case, I would like to see the presence of the CMPS increase throughout its region. The states within the CMPS have management issues that in many cases are shared throughout this region. Additionally, the constituents are similar, coming from areas that are wide-open and predominantly rural. While issues such as Sage-grouse and CWD will require individual solutions in areas across the region, and the opinions of researchers and managers may differ, the desire is the same – the greatest good for the ecosystem and the community. With an increase in our sharing of information, a wealth of

ideas is bound to be a result, and with this will come a greater facilitation of solutions and cooperation to reach those solutions is probable.

**Personal**

I am married and enjoy outdoor recreation including hiking, biking, travel, and photography.

**VICKI HERREN – WYOMING**

**Education**

B.S. Fish and Wildlife Management, Montana State University (1991)

M.S. Zoology and Physiology, University of Wyoming (1994)

**Work History**

As a Research Associate for the Coop Unit, I worked on a mitigation plan for pronghorn from natural gas development in crucial winter range until 1997. After working the summer of 1997 as a Range Technician at the Kemmerer BLM office, I took a Wildlife Biologist position there until 2000 when I transferred to the Rock Springs BLM office. In 2001 I transferred to the Wyoming State Office of BLM as a Fire Ecologist.

**TWS History**

CMPS – Member since 1992. Newsletter Editor (1998 – 2000).

Wyoming Chapter – Member since 1992. Secretary (2000), President-elect, President, Past-president (2003-2005)

TWS – Attended National Meetings in 1999 and 2004.

**TANYS UHMANN-MANITOBA**

**Education**

I received her undergraduate degree in Environmental Science specializing in Ecology from the University of Manitoba in 1994 and my Masters of Natural Resources Management, also from the University of Manitoba, in 2001

**Work History**

I have been employed as the Habitat Stewardship Coordinator for The Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation (MHHC) for the last four and a half years where my role has been to oversee the office

administration of MHHC's Conservation Easement Program.

**TWS History**

CMPS – Executive Board Member at Large since 2003.

Student Chapter – Student Representative for the Manitoba Chapter Executive Board 1994-1997.

Manitoba Chapter - Secretary Treasurer from 1997-2002.

National TWS - I would like to see more Canadian wildlife professionals become involved with The Wildlife Society.

**NANCY WARREN-COLORADO**

**Education**

I have a BS in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University and a MS in Wildlife Resources from the University of Idaho.

**Work History**

I am the Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species Program Leader for the Rocky Mountain Region of the U.S. Forest Service, which administers national forests and grasslands in Wyoming, Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas. I have worked there since December of 2000. My previous experience with the Forest Service includes various wildlife management assignments in Montana, Washington, Oregon, and California at the District, Forest, and Regional Office levels.

**TWS History**

I am a certified wildlife biologist, and have been a member of The Wildlife Society since 1974. I served as President of the Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society, 1994-1996, and as Secretary-Treasurer of the Shasta-Cascade Chapter, 1980-1981.

**Vision**

I was born and raised in Colorado, and have enjoyed returning to this area and engaging in the unique issues and interesting challenges facing wildlife managers in the diverse urban and rural communities and mountain and prairie ecosystems of the region. The Wildlife Society plays an important role in the policy arena as well as promoting interaction and the exchange of ideas among wildlife professionals. Now that I seem to have survived my two kids' teenage years, I have some time and energy that I could devote to serving as a Member-at-Large of the Central Mountains and Plains Chapter.

**Central Mountain and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society  
2005 Election Ballot**

**President (Vote for One)**

- Tom Swan
- Gary White

**Board Member at Large (Vote for Two)**

- Nichole Frey
- Vicki Herren
- Tanys Uhmman
- Nancy Warren

Ballots may be mailed to Bob Lanka, 528 S Adams, Laramie, WY, 82070 or emailed to [bob.lanka@wgf.state.wy.us](mailto:bob.lanka@wgf.state.wy.us). All mail and email votes must be received by August 5, 2005. Ballots will also be taken at the CMPS business meeting in North Dakota on August 10, 2005. Votes will be tallied and winners announced at the business meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to vote and determining the leadership of your chapter!!

## 2005 CMPS Annual Meeting set for 8/10-8/12 in North Dakota Badlands

The 2005 CMPS Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 10-12, 2005 in Medora, ND.

Medora is about 35 miles west of Dickinson on I-94, about 30 miles from the Montana border, in the heart on the North Dakota Badlands and the Little Missouri National Grasslands.

Following is a tentative agenda; some items are open to change.

### CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY **ANNUAL MEETING, MEDORA, NORTH DAKOTA** AUGUST 10-12, 2005

#### DRAFT AGENDA

#### Wednesday, August 10

10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Registration, Medora Community Center

12:00 noon Lunch on your own.

1:00 pm Business Meeting, Roosevelt Room, Medora Community Center

3:00 pm Break

4:00 pm ***Bully the Play*** at the Schafer Auditorium in the Medora Community Center. Optional for members, cost is \$6.51 for adults. Obtain tickets from Medora Foundation (1-800-633-6721).

5:00 pm Adjourn business meeting.

5:30 pm to ?? Social (ND Chapter sponsored keg with cash bar), Bar-B-Que (featuring Mesquite Smoked Beef Brisket, Smoked Ribs & Chicken), and fundraiser auction on the Schafer Patio at the Harold Schafer Heritage Center.



#### Thursday, August 11

8:00 am Meet in parking lot at Medora Community Center for field trip. (Details later)

6:00 pm **Pitchfork Fondue** (Optional) at Tjaden Terrace. Cost is \$16.28 - \$20.00 plus tax, or Buffet for \$11.40 plus tax. If you elect not to attend the Pitchfork Fondue, supper will still be on your own.

8:30 pm **Medora Musical** (Optional). Adult tickets are \$26.98 & \$23.26 plus tax.

#### Friday, August 12

8:00 am Registration for latecomers.

8:00 am Technical session, Western Lands- Past, Present and Future. (People, Minerals, Wildlife, Habitat) at Schafer Auditorium in the Medora Community Center.

10:00 am Break

12:00 noon Lunch on your own.

1:00 pm Technical Session, Open.

4:00 pm Conclude meeting.

**Notes:** Bully the Play, Medora Musical, and Pitchfork Fondue are all optional items or activities thus it is up to each individual to make their own arrangements and obtain tickets. Everything, room included, can be made through one phone call to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation at 1-800-633-6721. A block of 50 rooms has been reserved through the Foundation. Rates are \$79.50 for a single and \$93.00/double at the Badlands Motel and Rough Riders Hotel. Rates at the Bunkhouse are \$59.00 for a single and \$66.00 for a double. Campgrounds are available. Other options are AmericInn Motel (1-800-634-3444) in Medora or motels in Belfield (20 miles), Beach (26 miles), or Dickinson (34 miles).

We are estimating that registration will be approximately \$50.00 per individual for the meeting, which will include meeting rooms, coffee breaks, field trip (with lunch) and the Wednesday evening social, Bar-B-Que and Auction.

Medora has a web site at: [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com)

Reservations and information on all activities can be obtained at this web site.

## Central Mountains and Plains State and Student Chapter Contacts

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