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Don Carey Photo

POWA Excellence in Craft Award winners presented at the Spring Conference banquet on May 14 were: front, from left – Tom Tatum, Alex Zidock, Charlie Burchfield, Linda Steiner, Bob Steiner and Wade Robertson; Back – Tyler Frantz, Gerald Putt, Marshall Nych, Ben Moyer, Bob Frye, Tim Flanigan and Mark Nale. Not pictured are Michael Huff and Joe McDonald.

Sayre conference a resounding success

By Nick Sisley
Conference Co-Chair

Those in attendance at the POWA Spring Conference in Sayre, PA from May 13-15 pretty much agreed that this was a most successful event. Betty Dietz led the weekend off by bagging a turkey – this happening despite a driving rain Friday morning. All the other turkey hunters and the fishermen got very wet.

Fortunately, the weather improved for the rest of the weekend, and we all enjoyed Friday's banquet graciously sponsored by Supporting Member, the National Rifle Association, at our headquarters, the Best Western Grand Victorian Inn. Deb Twigg, executive director of the Susquehanna River Archeology Center in Waverley, NY then gave a talk titled the "1916 Susquehanna River Expedition" – which covered the ransacking of Native American relics along the river.

Saturday morning workshops were highly praised with Randy Lawrence talking about writing in general but magazine writing in particular. Not only is Randy the recipient of numerous writing awards, he has been teaching writing as a college professor for decades – and his presentation showed that experience. Robin Sharpless of Supporting Member Redding Reloading followed with a most

Members collect Craft Awards during Conference

The Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association presented the annual Excellence in Craft Awards during its Spring Conference banquet at the Best Western Grand Victorian Inn in Sayre, PA on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Awards Chair Brad Isles distributed first-place awards to 15 individuals across 27 categories.

There were nearly 300 total entries by almost 40 members.

Winners are:

POWA CORE AWARDS

1. Best Newspaper Column (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Bob & Linda Steiner) – "Thoughts on the 'Cecil Effect'" by Tom Tatum, published in *The Daily*

Local News on Aug. 12, 2015.

First runner-up – "'Unified' PGC board appears intent on fewer opportunities" by Doyle Dietz, published in *The (Pottsville) Republican-Herald* on March 15, 2015.

2. Best Newspaper Feature (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Pennsylvania Hunters Sharing the Harvest) – "Rise of the Coyotes" by Bob Frye, published in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* on March 1, 2015.

First runner-up – "An October 'lullaby' lays big buck to rest" by Tyler Frantz, published in the *Lebanon Daily News* on Oct. 25, 2015.

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Craft Improvement

Sensitivity to your surroundings wins readers

Editor's note: To help celebrate POWA's 65th anniversary, select Craft Improvement pieces that still hold up today are being re-published from previous newsletters. This Craft Improvement article by Ernie Aharrahan ran in the April/May 1998 issue of PowWow.

By Ernie Aharrahan

Most, if not all, of us really hunt and fish as an excuse to be outdoors, to commune with nature. Yet when we write, it appears we pass swiftly by all of the aesthetics, just to record the hunting or fishing account. Do we assume that our readers are not also interested in nature and the outdoors as well as hook-and-bullet stories? Can't we combine the two in narratives to let our readers know we do "stop and smell the flowers?"

When we select the perfect spot to hunt deer, a sense of the ambience of the place does affect our judgment. The sight and sound of a mountain brook is also a part of our commitment to fish for wild brook trout there. Isn't the vibrancy of color in those fish as important to us as the skirmish they contribute? Don't we stop repeatedly to regard the stream and the fish, enjoying the beauty of the moment?

We invariably return from a hunting or a fishing trip rejuvenated in body and soul. Is that apparent in the story we draft pertaining to our adventure?

We involve all our senses to maximize

our experiences in the outdoors. Our senses of smell, sight, hearing and touch are never so vital as when we commune with nature. Even the sense of taste is equally advantageous.

I recall a day of fishing in the Beartooth Mountains in Wyoming. The highlight of the day was not the number of small, wild brook trout I caught while fly-fishing. The real high point was the intensity of a thunderstorm that sent me scurrying for cover. I took shelter under a small spruce tree, whose drooping branches shed the rain. I was hoping the larger trees would get the lightning strike, if there was one. And there was also the rainbow after the storm, whose vibrant colors exhilarated my senses.

Surely it will enhance our story if we include these sensations in our writing. I do not believe we turn many readers off with such augmentation. I assure you. We will gain a broader audience if we communicate our emotions.

I have had various readers tell me that they virtually feel they are with me when I have written in this manner. I must admit that I often fall victim to the desire to recount the facts without embellishment. But my readers feel the descriptions of my sensations are more essential than the tale of my ventures.

Let us learn to be sensitive to our surroundings and express those perceptions in our copy. We will be better writers for it.

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President's Message

by Ralph Martone

As I prepare for the year ahead, I cannot help but be more than a little awestruck and humbled by the idea of holding the position of POWA president.

Reading through the list of past presidents makes me weak in the knees and, to be honest, a little queasy. As a kid toting my father's heavy Ithaca side-by-side through the local fields, names like Dr. Roger Latham, L. James Bashline and Don Lewis were the rock stars of my world. They were the masters of the sport I loved. Their words shaped and changed me into the person I am today. And now, I would have the honor of holding a position they once held.

As an amateur writer but dedicated turkey hunter, Tom Fegely asked me to write a couple paragraphs on the use of slate calls for his book on turkey hunting. Men have built bridges crossing mighty rivers and skyscrapers touching the sky with less time and effort than I put into those two or three paragraphs. When the book was published I bought copies for every friend and relative whether they hunted wild turkey or not. Each copy contained a bookmark on "my" page.

Every writer remembers the first time someone was willing to pay for something they wrote. For me, it was Lou Hoffman. My article on flintlock hunting appeared in *Pennsylvania Sportsman* the same month *Pennsylvania Game News* bought one of my submissions. I was now a professional, two-times over. Let the money and accolades flow!

Even today, I find myself amazed at the people I now count as friends and colleagues. As a young man I read the name Nick Sisley on the by-lines of so many articles about shotguns and shooting that over time his name became synonymous with the sport. In the early '80s, after hearing Nick speak at a local sportsmen's event, I gathered my courage, introduced myself and asked him a question. While I no longer remember the question, I will not forget the answer. "Son, the perfect shot-

gun is the one you own and can shoot whenever you have the chance." Again, awestruck and queasy are the best description I can give for that encounter and every encounter I have with Nick to this day.

As a young hunter, trapper and fisherman, I often dreamt of traveling to Canada, Alaska and western states in search the stuff from which youthful dreams are made. Now that I have been to all those places and more, I realize that having the opportunity to meet my childhood heroes from the POWA directory's list of past presidents is more than a level of success – it is the ultimate dream come true.

To colleagues like Bob Clark, Terry Brady, Bob Mitchell, Ben Moyer, Linda Steiner and many more, when I seem at a loss for words or confused, I'm not distracted, but a little awestruck and maybe even a little queasy. You will have to excuse me; I'm living the dream.

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With the Spring Conference in Sayre fresh in our collective memories I feel it is important to acknowledge the exceptional work done by the conference chair, Nick Sisley, and co-chair, Paula Piatt. Nick, as usual, did his exemplary job putting together another successful conference. As the local contact for the conference, Paula went above and beyond to provide an event that will set a standard for the future.

I felt fortunate to spend time with Paula in the early morning hours waiting for turkey hunters and guides to assemble before sallying forth after distant gobblers. Despite an uncooperative, if not rude, lack of cooperation from the weather, all hunters



gave it their best efforts even if the gobblers didn't do their part to die a dignified death by shotgun as planned.

Running into Paula several more times each day, it quickly became evident she was going to guarantee every detail was correct not only by meticulous planning but by sheer force of will. Either way it worked and worked perfectly. She deserves a great big collective THANK YOU!

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As many of you are aware I have been known to pursue wild turkey each May and this year was no exception. While my record as a turkey slayer may have acquired a light sheen of tarnish this year, it was not for lack of effort on my part. I will, as humbly as possible, place all the blame on the eastern wild turkey, alias Meleagris gallopavo, which I have come to believe is Latin for "source of pure evil."

This year the turkeys refused to play by the rules and were obstinate enough to follow my plans just long enough to get my hopes up and not a single minute longer. Throughout the season, the local gobblers took great pleasure in throwing chaos into my schedule, my sleep and my diet and all that occurred when things were going well. I don't even want to think about the effect turkey hunting had on me when things weren't going my way and the birds were winning.

Executive Director's Report

by Dennis Scharadin,
Executive Director

The membership renewal, Active, Associate, and Life, has been completed and the current membership totals 165. It includes 153 Active, eight Life, two Associate, and two Honorary members.

The renewal for the Supporting membership is currently taking place. Renewal notices were sent to 88 Supporting members. Currently, we have 90 Supporting members.

Since our last Board meeting, we have taken in one new Supporting member and five new Active members. Another Active member applicant's application is with the Member Screening committee. Hopefully, we can continue this trend and keep in mind, as of the last Board conference meeting, our new mantra is "Bring in two, and it's good for you – a free membership."

The Great American Outdoor Show booth and auction was also a success. Sunday afternoon's auction featured more than 100 items which were auctioned by volunteer auctioneer, Clyde DeHart Jr. The net total made at the auction was \$5865.34. This was our sole auction.

Grants totaling \$7,025 were sent to 13 organizations sponsoring youth outdoor programs. If you write a column on the POWA grant program be sure to clearly state that all applicants must send in their request by Aug. 1, 2017 to Kermit Henning

to be considered.

Unfortunately, no Will Johns Scholarships will be awarded this year. The reason: No one from Penn State main campus or the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown, applied for them.

Our Sayre conference program had the best attendance in recent years. The hotel, meals and program were all outstanding. Co-chairs Nick Sisley and Paula Piatt really outdid themselves.

Each attendee received a 65th anniversary coffee mug at the banquet. For those who did not receive them, there are 65th anniversary mugs available on a first come first served basis. The cost is one for \$10 and three for \$20 plus shipping. Sixth-fifth anniversary Case pocket knives are also available for purchase. The knives are numbered 1 to 100. Favorite numbers may be available. Numbers one to 10 were raffled during the conference awards banquet. The price is \$35, plus shipping, per knife. See the photo below to see what the mug and



knife look like.

A site for the 2017 Spring Conference has already been chosen. It is the Holiday Inn Harrisburg Hershey at Grantville. The dates for the conference are May 18-21, 2017 and Tyler Frantz, Jeff Wolesslagle and John Allen are already working on the program.

A new Life member was voted in by the membership at the conference member meeting. Congratulations to Nick Sisley, a former president, 1975-76, and Meritorious Service Award recipient, 1986.

On a sadder note, POWA lost two long time members this year. Harry Boyer was a member from 1983 till last year. He was

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POWA 65th Anniversary Merchandise



'Celebrating 65 Years – 1950-2015' on back!

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plus shipping



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a noted turkey caller and a popular seminar speaker. He was also a victim of being shot by a rifle hunter during a fall season. Our second loss was Don Heckman. Heckman was an officer in the PA Chapter of the NWTf for many years. He had also been an honorary member of POWA for many years. Heckman had been reelected by the Board as an honorary member at the Sayre conference. See page 7 for more.

NEW SUPPORTING MEMBER

Kahr Firearms Group

104 Kahr Avenue
Greeley, PA 18425
Contact: Frank Harris
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Specialty: Maker of fine handguns and rifles.
Sponsor: Alex Zidock

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In an effort to better showcase POWA's supporting members, select product reviews will be published in future PowWow newsletters.

If you are a POWA member who is interested in highlighting one of the organization's valued supporters, please submit your article to powwow@paoutdoorwriters.com.

Every effort will be made to run articles in their entirety, but they may be edited for space considerations.

POWA Budget

By John Allen, POWA Treasurer

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Budget 15-16</u>	<u>Proposed 16-17</u>
Active Members' Dues	9,000	8,600
Supporting Members' Dues	8,000	7,500
Merchandise Sales	100	2,000
Awards Income	2,000	2,500
Raffle	-	-
General Contribution	-	-
Conferences (Net)	3,000	3,500
Miscellaneous	-	-
REVENUES	\$22,100	\$24,100
Member Awards	3,200	4,000
Executive Dir. Stipend	9,000	10,000
Plaque Expenses	600	700
Pow Wow (Print/Edit)	4,500	4,500
Website Expenses	100	100
Membership Directory	1,800	1,900
Postage, General	800	800
Office Expenses	750	725
Marketing	500	500
Insurance	525	525
Professional Fees	100	100
Credit Card Fees	150	175
Interim Board Meeting	-	-
Travel	-	-
Miscellaneous	75	75
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,100	\$24,100
Net Increase/(Deficit)	-	-

Treasurer's Report

By John Allen, POWA Treasurer / Expenditures as of April 30, 2016

<u>Income Accounts</u>	<u>Budget 15-16</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Active Members' Dues	9,000	8,650	96
Supporting Members' Dues	8,000	4,600	58
Merchandise Sales	100	12	12
Craft Award Income	2,000	2,510	126
General Contribution	-	115	-
Spring Conference Income (Net)	3,000	1,611	54
TOTAL INCOME	\$22,100	\$7,498	79%
<u>Expense Accounts</u>	<u>Budget 15-16</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Executive Dir. Stipend	9,000	6,000	67
Pow Wow (Print/Edit)	4,500	2,422	54
Member Awards	3,200	-	-
Membership Directory	1,800	270	15
Plaque Expenses	600	1,729	288
Office Expenses	750	392	58
Postage, General	800	306	62
Insurance	525	-	-
Marketing	500	-	-
Merchandise Expense	-	2,589	-
Credit Card Fees	150	93	62
Professional Fees	100	-	-
Website Expenses	100	-	-
Miscellaneous	75	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,100	\$13,989	63%
Net Income	0	\$3,509	

Cash Accounts as of April 30, 2016: General Fund, \$32,040; Youth Education Fund, \$8,030; Scholarship Fund, \$56,126; Jacquelin Knight CD, \$14,369; Emergency Fund, \$9,183; Northwest CD, \$20,000. Total Cash Accounts: \$139,748.

Market News

by Freddie McKnight



Eastern Fly Fishing magazine is a destination-specific publication to be viewed as an inspiring, collectible reference of Eastern and Midwest angling destinations. The staff at Eastern Fly Fishing takes pride in our editorial content. Our writing is refreshing; our photography, captivating. Eastern Fly Fishing is issued on a quarterly schedule. The area of coverage for Eastern Fly Fishing includes the entire eastern half of the continent, from the midwest to the northeast to the deep south, including the Caribbean and the eastern half of Canada. Eastern Fly Fishing has set high standards for all images used in our magazine. To receive consideration for Eastern Fly Fishing, articles must be accompanied by stunning, diverse, professional-level photography. We buy text/photo packages, so writers who team up with photographers to produce stories must determine for themselves how to share payment. Requirements:

- Provide practical traveling and angling information to specific destinations, including personal anecdotes.
- Include pertinent angling history and a thorough description of the fishery.
- Description of angling techniques, tackle, and flies, and local perspectives.
- Articles should be thorough and specific so as to sufficiently inform and give the angler confidence to effectively fish the presented water
- Conservation issues and future considerations should be addressed
- Feature article submissions require excellent and varied photography (see photography requirements below)
- Feature article submissions require a detailed map of the area for our artist to reference and on this map, the author must mark all significant features mentioned in the article and which should be included on the artist's map that will appear in the magazine.
- Feature article submissions require two "featured flies" and these should be local patterns popular for the fishery. Include the dressings (materials list) with the article document and send two

examples of each of the flies for us to photograph. (Please no common flies.)

- Feature article length ranges from 2,000 to 4,000 words and specific word-count range will be made upon assignment.

Send all queries/manuscripts/images to: John Shewey, Editor-in-Chief, Eastern Fly Fishing, P.O. Box 12275, Salem, OR 97309. Email is shewey@matchthehatch.com

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legally required. Because of our emphasis on the "Traditional" in our title, it is best to avoid the following subjects in the text: trail cameras, ORVs, cell phones, "scores" and long discussions of "trophies." We publish six times per year. Material purchased will normally appear in six months to one year, although the interval between acceptance and publication may be slightly longer. Plan to submit seasonal work at least six months prior to the appropriate issue. Feature articles and photographic support for same, assigned columns, and other hard copy material should be submitted directly to: Don Thomas, 1898 Timberline Rd., PO Box 939 Lewistown, MT 59457. Queries and other correspondence related to editorial content should be directed to Co-Editor Don Thomas by email: thomasdon@me.com

Material in **Sport Fishing** should provide useful information about saltwater fishing which is new/fresh/different; specific/in-depth and accurate. Concepts behind all queries should meet these criteria. Please don't submit an idea that has been written about extensively by us and/or similar publications. We strive for a mix of genres including fishing how-to, where-to, gear and its use, science and conservation – but are particularly enthusiastic about solid how-to features. Remember that our readers are seldom beginners; they're seeking to advance their knowledge, not rehash basic saltwater fishing. We cannot use material related to pier/jetty/surf fishing; a boat must be involved if an idea is to work for Sport Fishing. Please submit an email to editor@sportfishingmag.com. We will pass queries to the appropriate editor. Laundry-list, written queries are a welcome initial step and should be sent in the spring. Normally we will contact prospective authors during the summer, once the following year's editorial content is tentatively scheduled.

Bucktailoutdoors is always looking to introduce its readers to new PA authors. Articles should be informative and entertaining showcasing Pennsylvania outdoors. General subject matter may include hunting, fishing, hiking, ecotourism etc. Submissions should be around 1,000 words with a supporting photo or two. Compensation is \$40 per published piece. Contact: steve@bucktailoutdoors.com.

In Memoriam

Harry Reese Boyer

Longtime POWA member Harry Boyer, 77, passed away on Wednesday, March 16, at his home in Miller Township, Perry County, PA.

Born in 1938 in Duncannon, Harry was an avid sportsman, best known as a “world class” turkey calling champion, winning the 1973 US Open Turkey Calling Championship. Harry was always ready to talk

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Donald Heckman

It is with heavy heart that we recently said “Goodbye” to good friend, fellow turkey hunter and POWA Honorary member, Donald Heckman.

When Don passed away on May 18, the world of turkeys and turkey hunting changed forever. Don Heckman was a voice for not just the wild turkey, but the turkey hunter and hunters in general.

A founding member of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Don Heckman was literally the singular source for information on the history, current status and future of wild turkey management in Pennsylvania.

Time and time again I heard stories from well-known and highly respected turkey hunters of how Don Heckman changed their idea of turkey hunting. Many, including myself, now follow the “Heckman Rules of Turkey Hunting” including only shooting a gobbler that is strutting and gobbling and never shooting a jake.

Don never asked someone to follow his rules, but led by example and before you knew it you were a devoted follower of the Heckman Rules.

Somewhere, a mature gobbler, the sun igniting his iridescent feathers and reflecting off a large tail fanned in a nearly perfect circle, struts and gobbles toward a waiting hunter.

If we look very carefully we can see Don. Peeking from the corner of his facemask we see a wide smile and that ever-present gleam in his eye.

Happy hunting, my friend.

– Ralph Martone

turkey; he most always had a turkey call in his pocket and was more than eager to pull it out and give a demonstration. He also manufactured a variety of all types of game calls.

Harry wrote a wildlife column, “An Inside Look at the Great Outdoors,” in the Perry County Times for many years and wrote for many outdoor magazines as well. Harry joined POWA in 1983, was also a member of the NWTf, Perry County

Archers, Hunter’s Valley Sportsmen’s Association and was a former conservation officer.

Harry is survived by a companion, Carole Robinson, two sons, Harry Reese Boyer II, Newport, and Jeffrey Boyer, Duncannon, and two daughters, Merry Myers and husband Randy of Mifflintown and Cyndi Boyer of Maryland.

– Kermit Henning

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Doyle Dietz Photo

Don Barrett of Barrett's Bowhunting, Elmira, put Doyle and Betty Dietz on some birds and Betty, above, celebrated her birthday three days early Friday, May 13, by being the only attendee at the Spring Conference to take a gobbler – her third overall, but the first she called in herself, using a FearNot Game Calls Flipper.

Below, Jeff Woleslagle scored a nice bass while fishing at the Sayre Sportsman's Club pond during Saturday's breakout.



Brad Isles Photo



Don Carey Photo



Don Carey Photo



Don Carey Photo

At top, Nick Sisley keeps a watchful eye on the skeet range during Saturday's breakout session at the Sayre Sportsman's Club.

Above, Spring Gearhart from the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission hands out information on the agency during breakout.

At left, Mike Gogal of Gogal Publishing Co. shows off his fishing phone app to Tim Flanigan.

Sayre

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informative workshop on – you guessed it – reloading. Robin also supplied a DVD that members could take home to show at local sportsman’s clubs, etc. Executive Director John Arway of Supporting Member the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission presented the current state of affairs with his agency – with a follow-up from member Eric Levis. Our final headliner was Bob Frye, winner of numerous POWA awards, with a seminar concentrating on newspaper writing and bonus suggestions of how to get your editor’s attention on story lines. Saturday evening, Bob followed up by winning additional Craft Improvement awards. Our breaks were sponsored by Supporting Member Hunters Sharing the Harvest – a program that is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2016 – and has provided literally tons of venison and other game for needy folks.

After the morning seminars it was off to Sayre Sportsman’s Club for lunch provided by Supporting Member Elite Shotguns. Breakout followed with members joining Supporting Members as the latter showed us their wares – with writer notepads being scribbled upon vigorously and photo flashes in abundance. There was also a mini-media day as members got to shoot shotguns from Elite Shotguns on the club’s skeet field.

The organization’s Membership Meeting followed – right at the Sportsman’s Club, followed up immediately by the Board Meeting. Then it was back to the hotel for everyone to dress up in their finest. We were treated to appetizers thanks to the Bradford County Tourist Promotion Agency. Our Saturday banquet was again hosted by Supporting Member the National Shooting Sports Foundation, which was followed by the Craft Improvement Award ceremony. Winners are listed in this issue of *PowWow*. Thanks to Ways and Means Chair, Ralph Scherder, we had a zillion door prizes to give away via raffles and drawings.

Several requests were made for a Hospitality Room – which we did not have in Sayre – but we are working on securing one for the 2017 Spring Conference, which will be held May 18-21, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey at Grantville. Such an area gives members the opportunity to meet folks they have not seen face to face previously, as well as renew old acquaintances.



Don Carey Photo

Incoming president Ralph Martone, right, recognizes immediate past president Don Knaus for his service to POWA during Saturday night’s award banquet at the Best Western Grand Victorian Inn, Sayre.



Don Carey Photo



Brad Isles Photo

Above, Alex Zidock watches Nick Sisley demonstrate the inner workings of a fine shotgun at breakout.

At left, Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission Executive Director John Arway talks during a Saturday morning craft improvement seminar.

Awards

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3. Best Magazine or Regional Newspaper Column (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Gogal Publishing Co.) – “Sweet Sixteen and Duct Tape” by Marshall Nych, published in *Pennsylvania Outdoor Journal*, April 2015.

First runner-up – “Success Syndrome’ complicates conservation” by Ben Moyer, published in *Pennsylvania Outdoor News* on Sept. 11, 2015.

4. Best Magazine or Regional Newspaper Feature (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Blackpowder Products Inc.) – “Lasting Decision” by Tim Flanigan, published in *Pennsylvania Game News*, July 2015.

First runner-up – “The Town Under Lake Wallenpaupack” by Alex Zidock, published in *Pennsylvania Angler & Boater*, November/December 2015.

5. Best Published Newspaper Photo, Color or Black & White (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by POWA Past Presidents) – “Rockies have ‘Wow’ factor” by Bob Steiner, published in *The (Oil City) Derrick/The (Franklin) News-Herald* on Sept. 11, 2015.

First runner-up – “Trout Rules Getting Look” by Mark Nale, published in the *Centre Daily Times* on Dec. 13, 2015.

6. Best Published Magazine Photo, Color or Black & White (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by POWA EIC Entries) – “Raccoon Reflection” by Joe McDonald, published in *Nature Photographer*, Fall/Spring 2015/2016.

First runner-up – “Black Bear and Cub” by Tim Flanigan, published in the 2015 Pennsylvania Game Commission wildlife calendar.

7. Best Radio/TV Program Award (alternates with Best Book Award) (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by POWA EIC Entries) – “Top Shot Shooter Chris Cheng” by Charlie Burchfield, Gateway Outdoors broadcast on Nov. 2, 2015.

First runner-up – “Jacobsburg Rendezvous” by Alex Zidock, Out in the Open broadcast on Dec. 10, 2015.

8. *Best Published Art Award, Color or Black & White (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by GATCO Sharpener/Timberline Knives) – “Real Game Savers

– Chessie” by Gerald Putt, *Pennsylvania Game News* cover, November 2015.

POWA SPECIALTY AWARDS

1. NRA Best of the Best Award (\$1,000 and plaque, sponsored by the National Rifle Association) – “Top Shot Shooter Chris Cheng” by Charlie Burchfield, Gateway Outdoors broadcast on Nov. 2, 2015.

2. POWA Pass it on Award (\$300 and plaque, sponsored by PowWow) – “Palmyra Middle School students get an outdoors education” by Tyler Frantz, published in the *Lebanon Daily News* on June 7, 2015.

First runner-up – “Fingerling release” by Ben Moyer, published in *The Herald-Standard* on May 10, 2015.

3. Wildlife Conservation Partnership Award (\$250 and plaque, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Game Commission) – “Voyage of Discovery” by Bob Frye, published in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* on Aug. 16, 2015.

First runner-up – “It’s a near-record year for bird species count” by Tyler Frantz, published in the *Lebanon Daily News* on Jan. 25, 2015.

4. Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Raptor Conservation and Eco-Tourism Award (\$200 and a plaque, sponsored by Hawk Mountain Sanctuary) – “A Trip to Hawk Mountain” by Wade Robertson, published in *The Olean Times Herald* on Sept. 20, 2015.

First runner-up – “Where Was Irma?” by Mark Nale, published in the *Centre Daily Times* on July 26, 2015.

5. The Pennsylvania Elk Resource Award (\$200 and plaque, sponsored by the Keystone Elk Country Alliance) – “Elk on the Alleghenies” by Ben Moyer, published in *Pittsburgh Quarterly*, Summer 2015.

First runner-up – “Interest in elk continues to grow in state” by Bob Frye, published in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* on Oct. 25, 2015.

6. Best Action Hunting, Trapping or Fishing Photograph (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by POWA EIC entries) – “Banner day of bear hunting near creek” by Tyler Frantz, published in the *Lebanon Daily News* on Dec. 6, 2015.

First runner-up – “Spark, Smoke, Boom” by Ben Moyer, published in *The Herald-*



Don Carey Photo

Charlie Burchfield talks about his radio program “Top Shot Shooter Chris Cheng” that won the NRA’s Best of the Best Award during Saturday night’s banquet at the Best Western Grand Victorian Inn, Sayre.

Standard on Jan. 4, 2015.

7. Best Conference-Related Material Award (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by POWA EIC entries) – “BYOB whitewater adventure on Somerset County’s Stoneycreek River” by Mark Nale, published in *The Daily Herald* on June 23, 2015.

First runner-up – “Bike-fishing the Youghiougheny tells a river’s story” by Tyler Frantz, published in the *Lebanon Daily News* on May 24, 2015.

8. Best Published Pennsylvania Fishing Or Boating Related Newspaper Photo, Color Or Black & White (Framed Ned Smith “Sting of the Hook” art print with brass plate acknowledging the winning entry, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission) – “Trout Rules Getting Look” by Mark Nale, published in the *Centre Daily Times* on Dec. 13, 2015.

First runner-up – “BYOB Whitewater adventure on Somerset County’s Stoneycreek River” by Mark Nale, published in *The Daily Herald* on June 23, 2015.

9. Handloading Promotion Award for Broadcast Media (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Redding Reloading) – “Reloading 101” by Alex Zidock, Out in the Open, broadcast on April 2, 2015.

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First runner-up – “Tips and Techniques for Handloading” by Charlie Burchfield, Gateway Outdoors, broadcast on Nov. 9, 2015.

10. Handloading Promotion Award for Electronic Media (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Redding Reloading) – ‘Best Bullet for Predator Hunting? (Part 3: Hollow Point Bullets), by Michael Huff, published at www.coyotelight.com.

11. Handloading Promotion Award for Print Media (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Redding Reloading) – “Winchester ’53: a special gift that will live on in family” by Charlie Burchfield, published in *The Courier-Express* on Oct. 4, 2015.

First runner-up – “Robertson: Favorite hand loads” by Wade Robertson, published in *The Bradford Era* on Jan. 8, 2015.

12. Outdoor Blog Entry Award (\$150 and a plaque, sponsored by POWA EIC entries) – “A New Brother” by Marshall Nych, published at www.bucktailoutdoors.com in May, 2015.

First runner-up – “Ben Moyer sets off into the Youghiougheny Gorge in search of native trout” by Ben Moyer, published at www.NatureConservancy.org.

13. Pennsylvania Trappers Award

(\$150 and plaque, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Trappers Association) – “Modern-day mountain man” by Ben Moyer, published in *The Herald-Standard* on Feb. 15, 2015.

First runner-up – “Lessons learned on a bobcat trapline” by Ralph Scherder, published in *American Trapper*, September-October 2015.

14. Trout and the Coldwater Resource Award (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited) – “Class A Fray” by Ben Moyer, published in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* on Jan. 18, 2015.

First runner-up – “Trout telemetry study begins on the Little Juniata River” by Mark Nale, published in *The Daily Herald* on April 28, 2015.

15. White-Tailed Deer Award (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by POWA EIC entries) – “First Friday Gooner” by Linda Steiner, published in *Pennsylvania Game News*, December 2015.

First runner-up – “One final adventure” by Bob Frye, published in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* on Dec. 27, 2015.

16. Wildlife Art Award (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art) – “Vantage Point” by

Gerald Putt.

17. Young Trees Habitat Award (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by the Allegheny Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society) – “State Game Lands benefit from controlled fires” by Tyler Frantz, published in the *Lebanon Daily News* on June 14, 2015.

First runner-up – “Improving food and cover for wildlife” by Charlie Burchfield, published in *The Courier-Express* on Jan. 18, 2015.

18. Youth Fishing Award (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Expositions, Inc.) – “Mining Memories” by Marshall Nych, published in *Coal People Magazine*, December 2015.

First runner-up – “Some Angling Angst Possible on Trout Season’s Opening Day” by Tom Tatum, published in *The Daily Local News* on March 31, 2015.

19. Youth and the Hunting/Shooting Sports Award (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by the National Shooting Sports Foundation) – “Going Home Early” by Marshall Nych, published in *Pennsylvania Game News*, April 2015.

First runner-up – “Hunting, Heritage, and Heart” by Joe Byers, published in *Whitetails Unlimited Magazine*, Summer 2015.

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, May 13, 2016

Best Western Grand Victorian Inn
Sayre, PA

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 p.m. by Board Chair Mark Nale.

Present: President Don Knaus; 1st VP Ralph Martone; 2nd VP Brad Isles; Executive Director Dennis Scharadin; Directors Ben Moyer, Mark Demko, Doyle Dietz, Paula Piatt and Jessica Welshans; Secretary Mary Hosmer; and Supporting Member Representative Connie Yingling. Absent but excused were Director Bud Cole and Treasurer John Allen.

**Motion* to accept minutes of the March 16, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. Moyer/Martone. Approved.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

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Blue Ridge Shooters...



Betty Dietz Photo

Placing first through third in the Juniors Match at the Blue Ridge Rifles Muzzleloader Club’s 40th anniversary Rendezvous and Shoot sponsored by POWA were, from left, Billy Mills, Kira Kissler and Brian Callaghan, whose prize was accepted by Kaitlyn Mack. Thanks to sponsorship and support by the Schuylkill County Sportsmen’s Association there is no charge for any youth activity at the Memorial Day and Labor Day events and participation continues to grow with participation from the two local Youth Hunter Education Challenge teams.

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Chairman's Report: No Report.

Executive Director's Report: The 2016 membership renewal, Active, Associate, and Life, has been completed and the current membership totals 155. We had three members drop their membership due to retirement and eight not reply to the renewal notices. 2016 renewal notices were sent to the membership twice and an email reminder was sent those that had not renewed prior to the cutoff date, February 29.

We had seven new members pass through screening. Five became Active members. One Associate fulfilled his requirements for Active membership. One candidate applied for Associate membership.

The renewal for the Supporting membership is currently taking place. Renewal notices were sent to 87 Supporting members. So far, only 52 have renewed but those who haven't renewed are being contacted. Currently, we have 89 Supporting members.

Since our last May meeting, we've had three new Supporting members. One has become a new Supporting member since the last *PowWow*. Hopefully, we can continue this trend and keep in mind, as of the last Board conference meeting, our new mantra is "Bring in two, and it's good for you – a free membership." Membership brochures, both Supporting and Active are available by contacting me. Applications can be found on the website: www.paoutdoorwriters.com.

The auction at the Great American Outdoor Show garnered a net total of \$5,865.34. Thanks have to go to former member Doug Leiby, Charlie Burchfield, Dave Ehrig, Bill Ferris, Don Knaus, Ken Maurer, Mark Nale, B.J. Small, Jeff Wolesslagle, John Allen, Wayne Brensinger, Betty and Doyle Dietz, Jim Fitser, Tyler Frantz, Mike Gogal, Harry Guyer, John and Steven Stoy, and volunteer auctioneer Clyde De Hart, Jr., for making it a success. The proceeds will be distributed as grants amongst organizations who are holding outdoor programs for youth.

A site has been visited and a contract signed for our 2017 conference. The site is the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey at Grantville. The dates are May 18-21, 2017.

New Supporting member: Kahr Firearms Group, 104 Kahr Avenue, Greeley, PA 18425; Contact: Frank Harris at frankharris@kahr.com, 845-652-8535. Sponsored by Alex Zidock.

New Active member: Glenn Helgeland, 10459 N. Wauwatosa, Mequon, WI 53097; Contact: glenn.helgeland@gmail.com, 262-242-3530. Sponsored by Dennis Scharadin.

New Associate member: Ryan Richard Nych, 535 North Stonebase Road, Mercer, PA 16137; Contact: ryannychwrites@gmail.com, 724-977-3420. Sponsored by Ben Moyer.

President's Report: Reflections... As a long time teacher and coach, I used to reflect on each passing school year and each past athletic season. I would ask myself how I might have taught a given concept better. I also felt good about

classroom successes – that light in kids' eyes as they "got it." I mulled over sporting events and, no matter how successful my teams had been, I wondered how I might have made them better. I'd smile at the gangly kid who finally "got it" and won a race. And so, as my one-year tenure as the president of POWA nears a close, I reflect on the past year and POWA activities. As I face the end of my tenure as POWA president, I'm a little like that mid-May high school senior. I can't wait for "graduation" but at the same time, I'll miss all the flurry and activity. We kept the ship afloat and made some progress here and there. Our membership is up in most areas. We continued to work on the Board Directives – changing, adding, deleting and streamlining them in order to keep up with the technological explosion. All of this is good for the association.

I worried about following Mark Nale as POWA president. Mark was often ahead of the pack, pulling us along as we faced various administrative hurdles. His shepherding of the review, revision and improvement of the POWA Constitution and By-Laws was exceptional. His quiet and efficient handling of several tough personnel issues spoke to his proficiency with "people skills." So thanks Mark, for leaving the office in such good shape.

I was glad to have Dennis Scharadin as executive director. He brought 40 years' worth of POWA membership and experience to the fore. And this is his second stint as the executive director of our association. He knows the POWA membership, he knows the rules and he knows how things get done. He is a stickler for following proper procedure which is just what the maverick in me needed. Thanks Dennis for your help, your encouragement and your occasional yank on the reins.

So many people help run this organization. Many of those are behind the scenes and, if I try to list all, I will surely inadvertently miss someone. Just know that POWA has an accomplished professional CPA in treasurer, John Allen. We've had three super secretaries in a row and our current secretary, Mary Hosmer is top notch. Past secretary Mary Linkevich has been a Godsend when it comes to conference-call Board meetings. *PowWow* editor Brad Isles amazes me. Nick Sisley has made hosting a POWA conference a cinch for the last few years. Our remarkable Board members don't get the praise they deserve. Paula Piatt designed our recruiting brochure for both active members and supporting members and they have proven to help with our membership. And, though we seem to be a group of old-timers, I am pleased to welcome some new faces to leadership and service positions. We continue to work on an effective Facebook page. All of this is good for the association.

It has been an honor to head up POWA as president. I was privileged to have been asked to serve. I want to thank all of you who tendered reassurance, help and support this year. It was appreciated more than I can say. Let's make it a goal to improve POWA by recruiting more members. Remember, "Recruit two; it's good for you." Next year's dues are ZERO. I look forward

to this year's conference 2016 in Sayre, PA. Nick Sisley and Paula Piatt have worked diligently to make it a success. Nick and Paula did it all and just kept me informed. See you there. It should be noted that Nick says that next year's conference in Grantville will be his last to work as coordinator. That is a MAJOR loss. We all owe Nick a hearty thank you.

At our awards banquet, I will turn the gavel over to Ralph Martone. Ralph has been busy this past year as the president of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. That honor and duty fulfilled, he stands ready to serve POWA as eagerly as he piloted NWTFF. And I hope he has as many eager volunteers step up to help as he had at NWTFF. I ask the POWA membership to lend a hand to Ralph when needed and offer the same support that was offered to me. Thanks again.

**Motion to accept Officers' Reports.* Dietz/Isles. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: As published on page 5 in this issue of *PowWow*.

**Motion to accept Treasurer's Report.* Isles/Demko. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: The number of Excellence in Craft award categories increased for the fourth straight year. Members were offered 27 total award categories – eight core awards and 19 specialty awards, which represents an increase from eight and 17 last year. Total number of entries was consistent with last year's numbers. Winners will be announced at the Spring 2016 conference. We lost BassPro as the Pass it On Award sponsor, though the award entry fees will be able to absorb the setback. The major new award this year is the NRA Best of the Best Award.

Awards Review: No report.

Constitution & Bylaws: No report.

Craft Improvement: Chair Moyer said that re-running previous Craft Improvement articles in *PowWow* has worked well for 2016.

Duties Manual: Don Knaus completed this and handed out copies to Board members. Send comments to Dennis Scharadin. The conference registration fee is set at \$20 on the Board Directives. Supporting member dues are \$100.

Editorial Review: Jessica Welshans replaces Mary Hosmer as the Board liaison.

Ethics: No report.

Finance and Budget: As posted.

Financial Auditing: No report.

Historical Archives: Mark Demko replaces Mary Linkevich for 2017.

Membership Audit: No report.

Membership Development: No report.

Member Screening: No report.

Nominating: No report.

Outdoor Education: Thirteen organizations will receive grants this year. The Board discussed reaching out to the NRA for outdoor education needs at the Great American Outdoor Show to jumpstart fundraising.

Outdoor Press Outings: Mark Demko said

the trip to Chautauqua Lake in October is full. The committee is exploring a 2017 spring bear hunt in Ontario. The Outdoor Press Outings are for Active members.

Past President's Council: Chair Rich Faler contacted the past presidents to donate money for the Excellence in Craft award sponsored by the group.

Publicity: No report.

Scholarship: Dennis Scharadin stressed we need to find a way to get scholarship applicants, perhaps by increasing the amount of the scholarship. Can we ask members once again who is willing to receive an e-mail version of *PowWow* and put the savings to increasing the value of the scholarship? Or increase the publicity of the scholarship. We need to go through the financial aid offices of the two universities. Ralph Martone agreed to follow up with Penn State University and contact John Swinton for his input. The Board also brought up looking at another outdoor show to support the scholarship, but no answer was identified.

Sports Shows: Chair Kermit Henning was unable to attend the Great American Outdoor Show due to illness. The auction at the Great American Outdoor Show garnered a net total of \$5,865.34. Thanks have to go to former member Doug Leiby, Charlie Burchfield, Dave Ehrig, Bill Ferris, Jim Fitser, Tyler Frantz, Mike Gogal, Don Knaus, Ken Maurer, Mark Nale, B.J. Small, Jeff Wolesslagle, John Allen, Wayne Brensinger, Betty and Doyle Dietz, Harry Guyer, John and Steven Stoy, and volunteer auctioneer Clyde De Hart, Jr., for making it a success. The proceeds will be distributed as grants amongst organizations who are holding outdoor programs for youth.

Supporting Member Rep.: No report.

Supporting Member Screening: Chair Knaus said Keystone Trails Association was screened and approved.

Supporting Member Recruitment: No report.

Technology/Website: Website updates continue occur based on submissions and relevant press releases provided by members, supporting members and the executive director, though they have been few and far between recently. Recent photos will be accepted by members who would like to contribute. Members who have a website should check to make sure they are listed on the site. Activity on POWA's social media channels continued to grow. We are over 400 "likes" on Facebook. Utilizing Facebook and Twitter as resources to connect with prospective members and followers, and publicize activities/events of our active and supporting members, is important.

Ways & Means: Chair Ralph Scherder said he contacted Supporting members to solicit donations for the 2016 POWA conference banquet.

**Motion* to accept Committee Reports. Piatt/Dietz. Approved.

CONFERENCES

Spring Conference 2017: Dates for the next conference are May 18-21, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey at Grantville. Room rates

are approximately \$105.

OLD BUSINESS

Past Presidents Award: The award is covered by past presidents' donations.

POWA 65th Anniversary Knives and Mugs: The items are in stock and at the conference.

**Motion* to sell the extra mugs at \$10/each or \$20 for three. Piatt/Moyer. Approved.

**Motion* to sell knives (aside from numbers 1-10) at \$35/each. Dietz/Martone. Approved.

**Motion* to sell knives from numbers 1-10 via strip raffle ticket, with the added chance to win turkey shotgun donated by Ralph Martone. Moyer/Dietz. Approved.

Duties Manual: Don Knaus distributed copies to all Board members and asked them to read and return edits to Dennis Scharadin.

NEW BUSINESS

Conference Sites for 2018 and 2019: After discussion about potential locations in various parts of the state there was no consensus.

**Motion* to table the 2018 and 2019 conference sites to the next Board meeting. Isles/Piatt. Approved.

Electronic Ballots for Elections: To reduce the cost of postage and increase member involvement, the Board discussed the possibility of holding elections by electronic survey. Isles agreed to explore the process and report to the board at its next meeting.

Board Directives: Don Knaus distributed copies to all Board members and asked them to read and return edits to Dennis Scharadin.

NW Savings Bank Money Market Account: Dennis Scharadin discussed options to reinvest the funds in the organization's NW Savings Bank money market account.

**Motion* to allow John Allen and Dennis Scharadin to make the best decision to reinvest the \$20,000 money market funds and move them into a fund similar to the Santander variable fund. Isles/Moyer. Approved.

POWA Non-Profit Tax-Exempt Status: Ralph Martone agreed to look into the possibility of the organization receiving this status.

Review of Honorary Members: It is required that the Board review and approve Honorary members on an annual basis.

**Motion* that Betty Lou Fegely, Don Heckman and Robert Miller be re-affirmed as Honorary members. Dietz/Demko. Approved.

Promoting New Members: Dennis Scharadin urged the Board to continue to look for new members. We recruit Supporting members, but then they become combined with another organization and then we lose them. Paula Piatt wondered if there could be such a thing as an Associate Supporting member. Discussion ensued, but this idea did not generate any motion.

**Motion* to adjourn. Knaus, 10:54 p.m.

– Submitted by
Mary Hosmer, secretary

Meeting Minutes

Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Sayre Sportsman's Club

Sayre, PA

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by President Ralph Martone.

Present: 1st VP Brad Isles, 2nd VP Tyler Frantz, Executive Director Dennis Scharadin; Directors Ben Moyer, Mark Demko, Doyle Dietz, Paula Piatt; Treasurer John Allen; Secretary Mary Hosmer; and Supporting Member Representative Connie Yingling. Absent but excused were Directors Steve Sorensen and Jessica Welshans.

NEW BUSINESS

President's Introduction: New President Ralph Martone started the meeting by stating he has gone from uncertainty to excitement. He wants to keep the ball rolling in the good direction it's going. He feels we need to look at restructuring the committees. This may involve a change in the bylaws, so we will shoot for doing something by next spring.

Board Meetings: It's undetermined as to how many meetings the Board will have in a year.

Supporting Member Benefits: Tyler Frantz feels we need to do more for Supporting members and suggested having POWA present a Showcase Award about a Supporting member to the POWA member that writes the winning article. That award would come from the best Excellence in Craft article about a Supporting member.

Other suggestions include:

- When writers submit their awards entry, they could just as easily submit four copies versus three copies and one copy could always go to the Supporting member.
- Put Supporting members in each *PowWow*.
- Offer up a Supporting Member spotlight.
- We need to give value-added to the Supporting members.
- Can we hand out a sheet at the GAOS that lists the supporting members?
- Can we have POWA member signs for the Supporting members that have booths at the GAOS?
- Tweet Supporting members' names during the GAOS.
- What about a Youth Essay Contest?
- Can we partner with *PA Outdoor News* on the essay contest?

Spring Conference 2017: Doyle Dietz wondered if we can get Linda Powell of turkey hunting fame to come to the POWA conference next year?

**Motion* to adjourn at 4:20 by Brad Isles.

– Submitted by
Mary Hosmer, secretary

Member News

Members garner POMA award honors

A trio of POWA members were recognized with Pinnacle Awards during the Professional Outdoor Media Association's 2016 Annual Business Conference in Kalispell, Mont. on Saturday, June 18.

The Pinnacle Awards honor journalists for remarkable achievement in the traditional outdoor sports focused on communications, including writing, photography/illustration/art, broadcasting as well as content focused in wildlife conservation. Kevin Tate, vice president of media production at Mossy Oak, announced the winners.

In the Newspaper/Web category Wade Robertson received the Pinnacle Award for his article, "Outdoor Writer Robertson Recalls First Pheasant Hunt," published in the *Bradford Era*.

In the magazine category Tim Flanigan was recognized for Outstanding Achievement for "Lasting Decision" published in the *PA Game News*.

Tim also received a second Outstanding Achievement Award in the Photography/Art category for his photo published in the *Ruffed Grouse Society Magazine* titled "Grouse Strut."

Charlie Burchfield was recognized for Outstanding Achievement in the newspaper category for his Gateway Outdoors column



Contributed Photo

POWA members Charlie Burchfield, left, Wade Roberson, right, and Tim Flanigan, not pictured, received Professional Outdoor Media Association Pinnacle Awards during the organization's conference in June.

titled "Winchester 53: a special gift that will live on in family."

Charlie also received a second Outstanding Achievement in the Broadcast category for his Gateway Outdoors Radio program titled "Trigger Finger Deer Management."

PSSA Top Shot



Doyle Dietz Photo

Gerry Putt, right, is presented with the championship plaque by Jeff Graupp of the Pennsylvania State Shotgun Association after winning the Media Invitational Trap Shoot at this year's Pennsylvania State Championship Shoot at Valley Gun and Country Club, Elysburg.

SPONSOR 2 NEW POWA MEMBERS IN 1 YEAR ... AND YOUR NEXT YEAR'S DUES ARE FREE!

Help your professional outdoor media organization to grow; help someone else to benefit from membership in POWA; and help yourself to a free year of membership... on us. This special membership offer applies to all POWA membership types – active, associate, supporting and student. You may sponsor two in one membership category or mix categories.

Where to get applications? POWA individual and supporting member applications can be printed from the POWA Web site, www.paoutdoorwriters.com. Information on the value and benefits of membership is on the website. For more information, contact the Executive Director.

Supporting Member News

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



From all accounts, the POWA 2016 annual conference in Sayre was a huge success from start to finish. Conference co-chair Nick Sisley and local coordinator Paula Piatt set up many newsmaker trips for Friday.

The trips included guided turkey hunts, trout fishing on local creeks, and a tour of the Sayre Historical Society Museum for spouses and others interested in learning more about this town situated

at the confluence of two rivers. Wendy Plowman, a Master Gardner, shared pictures and information on “Gardens of London” during the afternoon.

In lieu of our traditional Friday night BBQ, we were treated by the National Rifle Association to a wonderful sit-down dinner at the Best Western Grand Victorian. (Full disclosure – I did get seconds!)

We also were treated to a speaker from the Susquehanna River Archeological Center who gave a fascinating look at the maneuvering and intrigue associated with artifact gathering.

Saturday, May 16 was breakout day for POWA members and was held at the nearby Sayre Sportsman’s Club. This portion of the conference allows supporting members to set up a table and give POWA active members hands-on access to their products and services as well as the opportunity to provide giveaways.

While nearly a dozen supporting members exhibited inside, active members were testing out their skills on the sporting clays course. Sponsors for this portion of our day were supporting members Elite Shotguns and Caesar Guerini.

The Awards Banquet Saturday evening was sponsored by supporting member National Shooting Sports Foundation and was a celebration of POWA’s 65th anniversary. Specially engraved and numbered knives were sold and the first 1-10 were auctioned off to raise funds for POWA. Thank you to all who bid high and bid often!

New POWA President Ralph Martone sent a note to the Board and said, “I certainly can’t say enough about the success of the Sayre conference. I hope you agree the planning and organization was exemplary.” Special thanks to Nick and Paula for their tireless efforts in planning and hosting us.



Randy Ferguson mans the table for POWA Supporting Member Ernst Seeds during Saturday afternoon’s breakout session at Sayre Sportsman’s Club. (Brad Isles Photo)

Lancaster firm helps Hunters Sharing the Harvest celebrate 25th

A recent generous donation by Lancaster private equity firm Blackford Ventures helped mark the 25th anniversary of Hunters Sharing the Harvest, a charity that coordinates the processing and distribution of donated wild game to food banks across Pennsylvania.

In a private check presentation on May 23, Blackford Ventures, LLC Chairman Richard Welkowitz handed a \$10,000 check to John Plowman, executive director of the charity.

“We were thrilled to help Hunters Sharing the Harvest celebrate its milestone anniversary last week,” said Welkowitz. “This small but mighty organization has coordinated the donation of more than one million pounds of healthy venison to hungry families, including 9,000 pounds to Lancaster residents last year alone! Truly, Blackford is honored to play a small part in this success.”

In Lancaster, the donated meat is given to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, which distributes it through its 27-county network of over 800 partner food pantries and soup kitchens. An average-sized deer will provide enough highly-nutritious,

low-cholesterol meat for 200 meals.

“Without the generosity of donors like Richard Welkowitz and Blackford Ventures, Hunters Sharing the Harvest would just be a great idea shared by Pennsylvania sportsmen,” said Plowman. “Instead, we are able to help pay participating butchers and coordinate meat deliveries to 4,000 local food assistance provider organizations around Pennsylvania.”

Prior to taking the helm at Blackford, CEO Mike Brubaker served two terms in the Pennsylvania State Senate, including four years as chair of the Agriculture Committee, where he was the founding member of the Pennsylvania Legislative Hunger Caucus. He currently serves as chair of Hunger-Free Lancaster County, an innovative coalition of business, faith-based, non-profit and public sector organizations to ensure sustainable access to three healthy meals a day for all Lancaster residents by 2018. For more information about Blackford Ventures, LLC, visit www.blackfordventures.com.

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Rockin' out on rockfish...



Reports of an excellent season on the Chesapeake Bay by Joyce Baki of Calvert County, Md., tourism were supported when POWA members, from left, Doyle Dietz, Bruce Schneck, Tom Tatum and Harry Guyer all caught their two-fish limit of rockfish with Capt. Dave "Bam" Mogel aboard the Mary Lou Too out of Chesapeake Beach, Md. Taking lunker honors was Dietz with a 34-inch rock. Dietz also boated a 27-inch fish and the ninth, or "boat," fish of 24 inches. (Contributed photo)



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