

# New Hampshire Wildlife

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION

*The Mission of the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation is the preservation and protection of hunting, fishing, and trapping; and the conservation of and access to fish and wildlife habitats and resources.*



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**Fall 2015**

## NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION 2015 MEETING DATES

All meetings are held at the Conservation Center, 54 Portsmouth St, Concord, NH, beginning promptly at 7 p.m.

**January 16, 2016** – Annual Meeting, NH Fish & Game Headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**February 22, 2016** – Board Meeting

**March 28, 2016** – Board and Delegates Meeting

**April 25, 2016** – Board Meeting

**May 23, 2016** – Board and Delegates Meeting

**June 27, 2016** – Board Meeting

**July and August** – no meeting

**September 26, 2016** – Board and Delegates Meeting

**October 24, 2016** – Board Meeting

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**December 19, 2016** – Christmas Social for Board and Delegates 6:30 p.m.

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We truly welcome your comments, suggestions, and articles, and letters to the Editor. To be considered for our quarterly publication, please submit to [ed@nhwf.org](mailto:ed@nhwf.org) or contact Janice Boynton Exec. Director at 603-224-5953.

**Submission deadlines:** 1/15, 4/15, 7/15, 10/15.

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

## 2015 Annual Appeal

We just mailed our Annual Appeal to all our members and outdoor sportspersons. If you have not received it already, it will be arriving soon.

I hope you will think about all that the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation does each year to protect your rights to hunt, fish and trap and keep lands open on which to pursue these sports. We fight for you at the Legislature and are on your side when the New Hampshire Fish and Game comes under attack. For over 80 years we have been fighting to make sure New Hampshire remains a great place to live. We also represent your interests in conservation and are looking for conservation projects.

This past year, in addition to co-sponsoring the Becoming An Outdoors Woman Program with New Hampshire Fish & Game Department and the Wild Game Culinary Adventure, which helps support Barry Conservation Camp, with NH Fish & Game Department and Belknap County Sportsmen's Association, NHWF has:

- Given 4 scholarships to youth to attend the summer Shooting Sports Program at Barry Camp.
- Awarded a scholarship to a graduating senior who is pursuing a career in wildlife management and conservation related studies.
- Purchased and potted a collection of wildlife habitat enhancing tree and shrub seedlings for use in future conservation plantings, some of which have been distributed to affiliated clubs for their use.

Being the voice of the sportsperson is what we do and we can't do it without your help. I am asking that you contribute what you can to our Annual Fund so that we can continue to fight for your rights at the State Legislature and represent your interests in conservation and help educate people on the importance of these issues.

I hope you all have a successful hunting season and catch that last big fish on one of these warm days. Please send me pictures and your stories and you may very well see them in a future newsletter.

My best wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season and I hope to meet many of you at our 34th Annual Conservation Banquet on Saturday, April 9, 2016.

Janice C. Boynton

## UPCOMING NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION EVENTS

**December 9-18, 2015** – New Hampshire Wildlife Federation Days at the Lakes Region Casino, Route 106, Belmont, NH. We are participating in the Charity Games of Chance for the third year. A percentage of the proceeds for each day's gambling receipts are donated to us. We encourage everyone to go to the Casino during those days knowing that part of your spending will go to NHWF

**January 9 & 10, 2016** – Rockingham Expo, Salem, NH

**January 16, 2016** – NHWF Annual Meeting

**Saturday, April 9, 2016** – 34th Annual Conservation Banquet, Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH

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## AFFILIATE CLUB EVENTS

### New Hampshire Chapter Safari Club International

NHSCI will be holding their 2016 fundraiser banquet at the Grappone Center, Concord, NH on March 19, 2016. For more information and to purchase tickets, check their website, nhsci.org.

### Merrimack River Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited

**December 8, 2015 Holiday Social Fun Raffles and great food, plus a 3 Yankee fly swap!** The December meeting will be a great way for members to meet and chat with each other, We will be having our annual Christmas buffet and also this year we will have a short presentation from Stone River Outfitters on ideas for Christmas gifts for the fly fisher in your family. Members and family are welcome.

**January 12, 2016 Fishing the Black and White Rivers of Vermont** - Merrimack River Valley Chapter member Kenny Lambert will give our January Presentation on fishing the Black and White Rivers in Vermont. Kenny has been a member of the chapter for the past 17 years and a lifelong resident of New Hampshire and also guides in the North East Kingdom of Vermont for Lake Trout and Salmon. In this presentation Kenny will be going over locations, fly patterns and the best times to fish and what to expect for fish and fish size. The Black River is listed under the Vermont's Fish and Games "Trophy" fish stocking program were approximately 2000 2 year old Rainbow and Brown Trout are stocked.

Nonresident license fees are \$50.00 for a full year, \$30.00 for 7 days, and \$22.00 for 3 days and \$20.00 for a 1 day license.

### Elkins Fish & Game Club

**Saturday, January 16, 2016 (ice conditions permitting) FISHING DOWN UNDER Benefit Ice Fishing Event** – held at Kezar Lake in Sutton, NH

All profits will be used to give financial support to a local area family.

Registration: Get your registration form off of our web site or come to our Welcome Table on the day of the event. Registration will take place in the First Free Will Baptist Church hall on Rte. 114 in Sutton, across from Kezar Lake.

Fees: \$12 for adults (16 and up), \$8 for Veterans, free for children under 16.

Times: Registration starts at 6:00 AM, fish measuring ends at 3:00 PM, prizes awarded at 3:30 PM.

Prizes: Cash and/or merchandise will be awarded to the 1st Place finisher for longest Trout, longest Perch, longest Pickerel, and longest "other" (no Bass).

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Or send us an email: [elkinsfishandgame@gmail.com](mailto:elkinsfishandgame@gmail.com)

### Kinnicum Fish & Game Club

The Wobble Trap will be running Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning in January. Costs and other details will be on the Kinnicum website by December.

**Please support the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation by purchasing a NH Fish & Game 2016 calendar from us!! They sell for \$9.95 each and can be obtained by calling the office at 603-224-5953 or emailing [ed@nhwf.org](mailto:ed@nhwf.org).**



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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The 2015/2016 session is just starting up for the year. The Bills held over for study or work committees are just being reviewed and voted on from last session. The two House Bills left over that the Wildlife Federation was monitoring was HB 505 Extending the Deer Baiting Seasons for People with Disabilities was voted Inexpedient to Legislate (Defeated) by the Fish and Committee On October 14, 2015. The committee felt there was more work needed to address the definition of a disability. On this same day the Fish and Game Committee voted to pass HB 500 removing the prohibition on hunting with the use of silencers on firearms. Both Bills still have to be voted on by the entire House Legislative Body at a session yet to be scheduled.

Any of the new legislation is listed now only as Legislative Service Request (LSR), and are only listed by title at this point. The text outlining the actual intent of each Bill has not yet gone to print. All we have to review are the titles of these Bills. We will keep everyone updated as these LSR's are crafted into House and Senate Bills complete with text language.

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## 2015 Barry Camp Wild Game Culinary Adventure

Registration opened in July for the 2015 Wild Game The 3rd Barry Camp Wild Game Culinary Adventure, co-sponsored by NH Fish & Game, Belknap County Sportsmen and the NH Wildlife Federation was held the weekend of September 25-27. 36 adults traveled north to the camp, which is located at the Berlin Fish Hatchery, stayed in the same cabins the children use and spent the weekend dressing, cutting, cooking and eating a variety of game.

Comments in the evaluations spoke to the impact of the weekend: "These instructors know their stuff and are so happy to share their knowledge. A great experience." "Sessions were timed very well." "Very friendly, made us all feel at home."

Friday evening started with a welcoming selection of bear and venison chili, beaver stew, smoked salmon and more, followed by a session to get some guidelines on knife sharpening. Participants then moved into making venison/moose sausage for the next morning. All weekend the food preparation, serving and clean-up was completed by participants with the guidance of volunteer instructors.

The NH Wildlife Federation sponsored a raffle during the weekend, and through the generosity of the participants and instructors, raised nearly \$1,400 in funds toward the operations and improvement of Barry Conservation Camp.

At a time when many children's camps close for the lack of funding, the Belknap County Sportsmen decided this was not to be the case at Barry Camp. With the enthusiastic support of many other sporting clubs and individuals, the camp was renovated and reopened. The sporting community also started The Barry Camp Fund, managed by the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire, for the continuation of this outstanding camp where children can learn outdoor skills. Including registration fees over the past three years, this event, also started by members of the Belknap County Sportsmen's Association, has added nearly \$20,000 to this fund.

A final comment by a participant sums up the weekend quite well: "Everyone was so friendly and helpful. I learned so much this weekend and to top it off, made a couple new friends. I don't have any kids yet, but when we do, they will for sure be coming to Barry Camp."

■ Sharon Guaraldi aka 'Grammy Moose'

*Photographs courtesy of Jane Vachon, NH Fish & Game Department*





## Culinary Corner

With any success and input from our readers, this will become a regular part of the publication. Most of us who enjoy hunting and fishing also enjoy eating game and have a few favorite recipes or tricks to share.

It has become noted that game is some of the best, most healthy meat available. As with all meat, preparation is key to taste. Critical at the start is remove all of the fat – especially with bear meat. Unlike pork or beef, where we have come to like the taste of the fat, game needs to have it all removed before proceeding with your recipe.

An elderly friend whose men were avid hunters (before women were encouraged to be in the field) once told me to marinate any game in pure cranberry juice if I wanted to minimize the wild taste. I noticed that when making Beaver Stew at the Barry Culinary Adventure a request for cranberries was out and when they were not available a can of cranberry sauce was used. The stew was outstanding and no one knew exactly what was in it.

Another easy marinade which I use frequently for venison or chicken is Italian dressing. The least expensive you can find works just wonderfully. It adds a bit of flavor and seems to tenderize. As with most marinades, the longer it sits, the better it seems to taste. I like to leave mine at least several hours.

Finally, I would like to share my family's favorite (and easiest) way to cook bear. Chinese Sweet Sauce (or Duck Sauce)! I save the excess sauce that comes with Chinese take-out (refrigerated it keeps for a long time) and put that with a piece of bear meat into a slow cooker for several hours. It comes out sweet and much like pulled pork. Just remember to remove all the fat and cook it thoroughly.

If you have a favorite recipe, send it along to me (sharon@guaraldi.com) or (128 Stark Hill, Canaan, NH 03741) for sharing.

Until next time, Good Luck in the field and happy cooking.

Sharon Guaraldi aka Grammy Moose

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Jim Morse

# Southwest Region Report

By Jack Zeller

Read Jack's deer camp blog at: [longridgedeercamp.blogspot.com](http://longridgedeercamp.blogspot.com)



It is the latter part of October that I am writing this, and I am delighted to have fifteen turkeys cruising my back yard as I sit in my office! Relative to the big birds, although we lost some this past winter, May was a perfect month for hatching, and it appears the birds are quite plentiful. The fifteen on my back lawn have been all over the farm this summer, and I have seen them in every field, under every apple tree and in the woods as well. We also have a hen with just two little guys, who hatched sometime early August! They are now the size of partridge and will do fine. The latest report from NHF&G is that some 4000 plus birds have been taken this year, on par with the averages. The Southwest part of the state always figures very high in these numbers, as we have the most abundant flocks.

The Southwest region had a banner bear season also with 78 bears taken. This seemed to me a shockingly high number to be allowed taken, but I must say, they are still showing up on game cameras long after the end of the season. The bulk of course were baited, a few with hounds and a good number by still hunters. The smart survivors will go into hibernation fat, and strong. I have never seen a more massive fall food dump than this year. In August we had wild apple tree branches snapping under the weight of apples. The ground is literally covered with them. The deer were on them for a while but now seem to be drifting to the outstanding acorn crop. We have both White and Red oaks on the farm, and while hunting, all I hear is the drops from them.

The bears are also eating nuts here, and scarfing apples, but even they cannot keep up. I rake up wheelbarrows full for the sheep, and in hours the ground is again covered. Pretty much all the birds and mammals here eat them, but bears vacuum them. We'll see if they get cleaned up, but I am doubting it.

As for bow season here in the Southwest, there has been about a 10% drop in harvest numbers so far. I attribute this to the fact that there is so much forage out there that the deer do not have to move to eat. I started hunting in October



(I don't care to hunt in 75 degree weather) and have not had a single deer come near me yet. The only bucks I am seeing are four, five and six pointers. Not a single eight or ten, even on camera! Which means nothing, because we know they are out there. It is our quest. There are scorable 180, 190, and 200 points here in New Hampshire. But it is rare to see one let alone get a shot even with firearms. I so wish I could show you all a picture of a recovered set of sheds last winter. I was shocked (and sworn to secrecy) and very excited. This set has been sold to a gentleman from Montana no less! So do not believe that you cannot get great trophies in New Hampshire. It isn't Illinois, but it's just as much fun! Muzzle loading season is just around the corner so get to the range. And if you do hunt with bow and firearm, remember that you have ninety days to hunt! H1 and H2 are teeming with games of all kinds. Good luck, and hope to see you in the woods...

*Jack Zeller is an avid hunter, a Benefactor member of NRA, a part time trapper, member of GONH, and a career police officer. Jack posts a deer camp blog at [Longridgedeercamp.blogspot.com](http://Longridgedeercamp.blogspot.com) He hosts yearly deer camps in the Connecticut River Valley, and can be reached at [jackzeller@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jackzeller@myfairpoint.net) Comments and questions are welcomed!*



## NH Senator Jean Shaheen Gets a Casting Lesson

A great afternoon was shared with Senator Jeanne Shaheen, a few casting pointers and casting practice. Senator Shaheen has always been a big supporter of environmental and conservation programs. During her tenure as governor she worked with then Senator Gregg to protect 171,000 acres in northern New Hampshire that comprises the Connecticut Lakes area and the trophy sections of the Connecticut River. This parcel abuts the 148,000 acres of the White Mountain National Forest. As governor she worked to establish the Shore Land Protection Act which helps preserve much of NH's 17,000 miles of rivers and streams and over 1000 lakes and ponds.



Front Row Left to Right- Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Ron Sowa, President Merrimack River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Back Row Left to Right - Burr Tupper, Treasure Merrimack River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and President, North Eastern Council of International Federation of Fly Fisher, Eric Orff, New Hampshire Outreach Consultant for National Wildlife Federation.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION AFFILIATED CLUBS

Below is a list of the sporting clubs who are currently affiliated with NHWF. We are currently conducting our affiliate renewals for 2016 and encourage those of you who belong to clubs which are not currently affiliated to consider joining us. The Executive Director's message on Page 3 of our Summer 2015 newsletter summarizes the reasons for becoming affiliated with us. You may contact our Membership Chair Ron Sowa at [reelnhfishing@aol.com](mailto:reelnhfishing@aol.com) or our office at 603-224-5953, email [ed@nhwf.org](mailto:ed@nhwf.org).

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Pointer Fish & Game Club, Manchester, NH  
Raymond Sportsman's Club, Raymond, NH  
Sullivan County Fish & Game Club, Claremont, NH  
Watanic Bowmen, Merrimack, NH

## NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The New Hampshire Wildlife Federation continues to have an academic scholarship program in place. Funding for these modest grants is supported by earmarked membership money and donations that can be made at any time. It is primarily designed to assist graduating high school seniors who have expressed an interest in pursuing an education and a career in the area of wildlife conservation and management including related biological and environmental studies at an accredited institution of higher learning. Applicants must support the conservation of our natural resources and the preservation of the hunting, fishing, trapping and shooting sports traditions. **Preference will be given to NHWF and affiliated club family members.** Depending upon available financial resources and the number of qualified applicants received, the number and value of awards given each year may vary. (\$1,000 or less).

Students must complete the application form (available from the NHWF office, 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, NH 03301) and submit it by February 1. The Scholarship Committee will then review and evaluate the candidates and make their recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval at the February meeting. Individual award winners will be notified by April first. If possible, the check will be presented at the annual banquet and fund raiser later in April.



# HISTORY OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION

In the 1930's, Jay Norwood Darling, the force behind the Federal Wildlife Restoration Program, was touring the country urging sportsmen and women to unite in order to protect local habitats and the future of outdoor sports. A small group of foresighted New Hampshire sportsmen heeded this call and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation (NHWF) was born, founded in 1933 as the Federated Sportsmen's Club of New Hampshire.

Shortly thereafter, a national movement of all the state groups that started under Darling met in Washington DC and in 1963 became affiliated with the new National Wildlife Federation (NWF). NHWF remained affiliated with the NWF until 2005, when policy differences led to the NHWF disaffiliating from the NWF. The name of the organization was changed to the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation sometime in the early 1970's. NHWF was organized as a 501(c)4 non-profit organization at that time, but became a 501(c)3 in 2001.

The mission of the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation has been revised several times over the years. The current mission reads:

*"To be the leading advocate for the promotion and protection of hunting, fishing and trapping as well as the conservation of, and access to, fish and wildlife habitats...."*

NHWF is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of 15 Directors, 4 Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary), and the Immediate Past President.

Affiliated clubs and organizations are entitled to two voting delegates and two alternates. It is these delegates and the Board of Directors who set policies for NHWF. The Board of Directors has fiduciary responsibilities and the obligation to carry out established policy. The Board of Directors is responsible for the hiring and supervision of the executive director.

Prior to 1980, NHWF was strictly a volunteer organization with varying numbers of active members and often times limited effectiveness in adequately representing the many concerns of New Hampshire's sportsmen and women in many circumstances.

Beginning in 1980, under the new direction and leadership of Bob Carlson, President of the N.H. Trapper's Association, the Federation began a major transformation.

At that time the New Hampshire Trappers were under constant threats from well funded and highly motivated anti-trapping organizations who undertook numerous anti-trapping legislative efforts year after year. During this same time period, The President of Manchester Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Tom Decoster, was leading the opposition in a public struggle with New Hampshire Hydro Associates who announced on April 8, 1980 that

they were planning to build a new 28 foot dam across the Merrimack River at Moore's Falls, 10 miles downstream of Manchester, N.H. despite the fact that a major federal and state Atlantic Salmon and anadromous (Sea run) fish restoration project was just getting started. Additional Hydro projects were also being proposed in subsequent years. At Bob's suggestion, Tom immediately joined in Bob's massive Federation revitalization efforts.

Shortly thereafter Bob Carlson succeeded Sam Demeritt as President of the Federation. Subsequently Bob and Tom Decoster, provided thousands of hours of volunteer leadership and vision necessary to recruit many other new leaders from sporting clubs around the state. These many additional dedicated leaders rose to the challenge.

The countless hours of highly dedicated planning, effort, and execution by the revitalized Board and new Federation Officers transformed a previously small group of concerned sportsmen into a politically effective statewide powerhouse. One dynamic outcome of this effort was the attainment of approximately 8,000 new dues paying members.

Another transforming result spearheaded by Bob Carlson was the creation of the Federation's own newspaper beginning in March 1981. (A copy of which was delivered to every elected member of the House and Senate as well as to the Governor's office and Executive Counsel members).

Bob Carlson also spearheaded the risky first \$10,000 banquet prize in order to raise funding for operating overhead expenses created by the new bi-monthly newsletter and to hire paid staff to help with the staggering workload resulting from all of the combined new activities. Long time active member Joe Ezyk saved the first such banquet from failure by selling almost half of the 100 tickets all by himself. The Banquet continues to this day and an annual award is given in Joe's name every year in recognition of the true spirit and achievement embodied in conservation activist efforts.

Additional accomplishments since those years has been writing the legislation that established the moose management program and moose hunt, creating public access legislation that has been the only success in providing public access to the state's water, insisting that game and fishing seasons be set by the professional managers at the Fish and Game Department, not by the whims of the Legislature, allowing sporting clubs a voice in the selection of Fish and Game Commissioners, and keeping fish and game funds secure in the department and not siphoned to the general fund of the state. NHWF was also a key player in the establishment of the Non-Game and Endangered Wildlife division at Fish and Game and helped provide the initial funding for that program. NHWF

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has played an important role in establishing the new Land and Community Heritage Commission.

Other programs NHWF helped establish include Operation Game Thief (now under the Fish and Game Department) and Becoming An Outdoors Woman. NHWF co-sponsored the North Country Legislative Tour for six years, established the Hides for Habitat Program (no longer running). Please contact the New Hampshire Trappers Association), and helped distribute 3,500 National Wildlife Week kits to every third, fourth and fifth grade classroom in the state. NHWF publishes a quarterly newspaper, New Hampshire Wildlife, and maintains a web presence.

NHWF works closely with the NH Fish and Game Department and helps sponsor many programs such as Project Wild, Becoming An Outdoors Woman and Wild Game Culinary Adventure. As an independent organization, NHWF is often in a position to be vocal and act as an advocate for department issues when the department, as a state government department, cannot speak out.

New Hampshire Wildlife Trust was established as a 501(c)3 organization when the NHWF was still a 501(c)4. The Trust is the educational arm of the Federation, where our special grant-funded projects have been financially accounted for in the past, as well as other programs. The Trust does not have any employees or members. The NHWF Executive Committee serves as the Board of Trustees of the NH Wildlife Trust.

(Editor's note: The history of NHWF has been revised and updated with the assistance of Tom Decoster who was on the Board of Directors and later Vice President and President during the time NHWF underwent its major transformation in the early 1980's. It is still a work in progress and we welcome any further input from current or former members.)

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## Becoming an Outdoors Woman Fall Program Held at Squam Lake-September 11-13, 2015

This year's Becoming An Outdoors Woman (BOW) Fall event was again held at Rockywold-Deephaven Camps on Squam Lake and was once again a terrific success. The new Director, Kim Proulx, took over to fill the spot formerly held by Tina Davenport. The good news is that Tina will continue to serve on the BOW Committee and was instrumental in assisting Kim in running this and other Beyond BOW events held this year. Kim has been doing a great job at the helm; not an easy task to take on.



The program received 185 applications for 130 slots. Ladies, if you're interested in this event held annually in September, it is recommended that you check out the web site at [nhbow.com](http://nhbow.com) and get on the BOW e-mail list, as programs fill quickly. Additionally, the BOW Scholarship Committee awarded 17 scholarships this year. Those who wish to apply for a scholarship are also invited to check the web site and sign up for e-mails announcing programs and deadlines.

We enjoy welcoming new attendees so watch for upcoming programs and come out for some quality education and comradery that can't be beat.







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