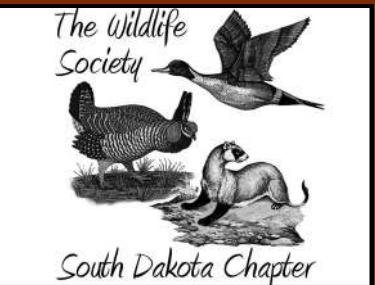


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## The Wildlife Society



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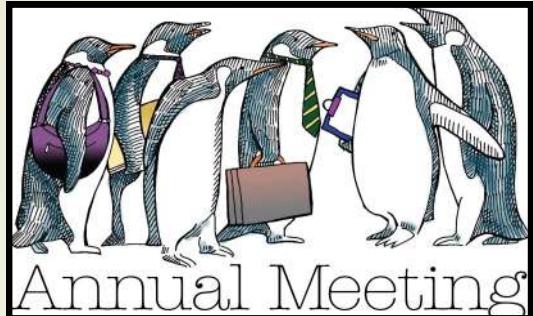
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# A Message From the President

## Nathan Baker

Although it seems as if we just held our 50<sup>th</sup> SDTWS Annual Meeting last February, we are quickly coming up on our 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. Earlier this fall, the SDTWS Executive Board was notified that it was South Dakota's turn to host the annual meeting of the Central Mountains and Plains Section. After discussing this amongst the SDTWS Executive Board and the CMPS Executive Board, we have decided that the best approach would be to host the CMPS meeting jointly with our SDTWS Annual Meeting at Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma, SD from February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The theme of this year's meeting is "PRECISION CONSERVATION: THE INTERFACE OF WILDLIFE, AGRICULTURE, AND PEOPLE". We felt that this theme is very applicable to all seven states in the CMPS. The SDTWS and CMPS Executive Boards are actively working together, and are planning a great meeting!



The call for abstract has been emailed out to our membership, and has also been sent to CMPS members, and will be included in their upcoming newsletter. If you would like to give a presentation at our annual meeting, or know of someone outside of SDTWS, please contact President-Elect Josh Stafford. Also, the awards committee and executive board are currently soliciting award nominations for one Wildlife Professional and one Citizens Award, to be presented at our annual meeting, in addition to one M.S. Student Award, and one Ph.D. Student Award. If you know of someone deserving of any of these awards, please consider nominating them.



This year's annual meeting will again consist of a silent and live auction, and as the Fundraising Committee remains vacant, I encourage everyone to consider seeking donations for the auctions to support SDTWS and our objectives. The board is also planning to stick with tradition and acquire a

firearm to be raffled off. Additionally, we will also have last year's photo contest winning photo printed on a canvas and auctioned off. We will also have another photo contest at this year's annual meeting, so get your photos ready!

One final item of business that will occur at our annual meeting is the election of a President-Elect, along with an Executive Board Member, and a Secretary/Treasurer. I encourage everyone to give these positions some thought, and if you have questions on the position duties and responsibilities, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any board members. Serving as a board member for the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society is very rewarding, and we (SDTWS) need you!

Happy Holidays!

Nathan Baker

President - South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society





# Joint Meeting



2017 SDTWS and CMPS

Joint Annual Meeting

Cedar Shore Resort

Oacoma, SD

February 27th - March 1st, 2017.

**"PRECISION CONSERVATION: THE INTERFACE OF WILDLIFE, AGRICULTURE, AND PEOPLE".**

As a reminder, if you have any specific topics or presentations that you or someone you know would like to give, please don't hesitate to pass those along to President-Elect, Josh Stafford [joshua.stafford@sdstate.edu](mailto:joshua.stafford@sdstate.edu)



# South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

## AWARD NOMINATIONS



To: Federal and State Natural Resource Management Agency Personnel, NGOs

From: Nathan Baker, Awards Committee, SD Chapter of The Wildlife Society

The Awards Committee is currently soliciting award nominations for the 2017 Wildlife Professional of the Year and the Citizen's Wildlife Awards. Each year SDTWS recognizes one wildlife professional and one state citizen for their outstanding contributions in the arena of wildlife resource management. If you would like to nominate an individual for either of these awards, please submit a letter of nomination to me no later than December 31, 2016.

Letters of nomination should include information on the nominee's personal, educational, and professional background; details regarding the individual's involvement in wildlife management projects and programs; and a description of other outstanding efforts worthy of recognition. *If you have questions regarding formulation of nomination letters, please feel free to contact me.*

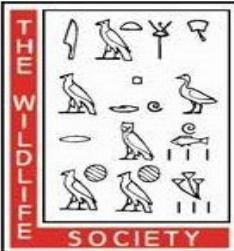
This is a great opportunity to recognize those who go the extra mile in their stewardship of South Dakota's wildlife resources. So please submit your nominations via, mail or **E-mail by December 31, 2016**. Thanks!

### SDTWS Awards Committee

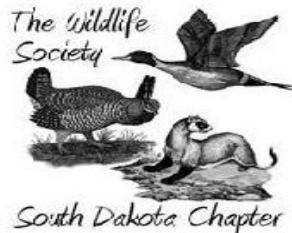
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## SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



### *Call for Abstracts*

*51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting*  
*Precision Conservation: The Interface of Wildlife,*  
*Agriculture, and People*

*To be held in conjunction with the 2017 Annual Meeting*  
*of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of TWS*



*February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017*

*Cedar Shore Resort - Oacoma, South Dakota*

*Abstracts Due: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016*

The South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society invites submission of contributed papers and posters concerning wildlife-related research and management. All wildlife-related topics will be considered, and we especially encourage talks related to this year's meeting theme.

Presentations will be 15 minutes in length with 5 minutes for questions. In addition, a limited number of posters will be selected for display.

We will also consider submissions for presentations on topics that are closely related to this year's meeting theme for presentation on Monday afternoon, 27 February 2017. These talks will be allowed additional time, approximately 25 minutes in length with 5 minutes for questions. Special consideration for additional time (up to 60 minutes) will be evaluated on an individual basis at the Author's request.

For both papers and posters, please provide an abstract that includes information on a project's background, objectives, methods, results, and interpretation in 300 words or less. Provide a title, author(s), and author affiliation. Indicate which author will be presenting and if the presenter is pursuing a M.S. or Ph.D. degree.

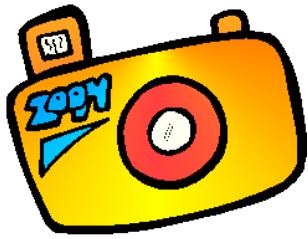
Submit abstracts in Microsoft Word as an email attachment to Joshua Stafford  
[joshua.stafford@sdstate.edu](mailto:joshua.stafford@sdstate.edu)

If you have any questions, please contact Joshua by email or phone at 605-688-5759



## 2017 PHOTO CONTEST

Keep those camera's handy this year. The Executive committee has once again decided to host a photo contest for the 2017 annual meeting. We need your photos....and they can be submitted anytime during the year.



**Entry fee:** \$5 per photo—no limit on number of entries

**Size:** 8x10 attached to 10x12 black cardboard / foam board mat

- Photos can be submitted prior to the meeting to any board member or can be brought to the annual meeting
- Winner will be chosen by popular vote at 2017 Annual Meeting & receive 50% of the entry fees.
- The winning photo will be displayed on the SDTWS website and will be made into a canvas to be auctioned off at 2018 annual meeting.

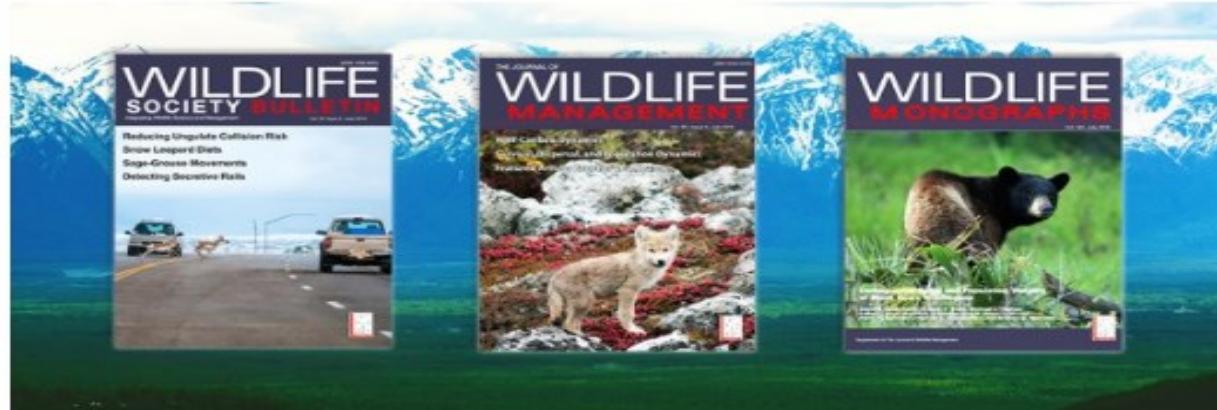


All current and new TWS members will soon have online access to the latest wildlife science published in *The Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Wildlife Monographs*, and the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*. [Click here to check it out](#)

## Announcing a major, new addition to TWS membership benefits

By Gary E. Potts, President The Wildlife Society

Posted on July 27, 2016



Today, I am pleased to announce that your TWS membership just became more valuable. As part of our effort to expand partnerships within the wildlife community, all current and new TWS members will soon have online access to the latest wildlife science published in our premier journals — *The Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Wildlife Monographs* and the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*. Previously, members had to pay an additional \$75 for online access to both journals, nearly the cost of a full TWS membership.

We recently notified current subscribers about this change, and now we are rolling out the news to all members.

This new benefit, which will start in January 2017, means that everything TWS publishes will be free to all members. It is yet another step toward our commitment to increasing member engagement in TWS and reconnecting wildlife science with management and conservation.

TWS's 2015-2019 strategic plan is built around five broad themes, namely the conservation and sustainability of wildlife, leadership in the conservation community, service to our members, integration and networking among the Society's organizational units, and sound business management for the Society. The new journal benefit promotes these themes.

I want to encourage you to spread this news to your colleagues who might not be TWS members, so that they, too, can benefit from all that TWS offers to those engaged in the sustainability of wildlife.

[The Journal of Wildlife Management](#)

[Wildlife Monographs](#)

[Wildlife Society Bulletin](#)

# Executive Board Meeting

## November 8th, 2016

### On the call:

President: Nathan Baker, Past President; John Kanta,

President elect: Josh Stafford, Secretary/Treasurer: Julie DeJong, Board member: Alex Solem, and CMPS Board Member: Shelly Deisch



### Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- Approval of minutes from last executive board meeting (8/11/16), Motion to approve: John Kanta, Second: Alex Solem, All in favor
- Approval of treasurers report, Motion to approve: John Kanta, Second: Alex Solem, All in favor

### Old Business

- **2017 Annual Meeting** - Theme : “PRECISION CONSERVATION: THE INTERFACE OF WILDLIFE, AGRICULTURE, AND PEOPLE”
- Keynote Speaker - Has anyone been contacted? Josh Stafford – still looking/contacting people. Need 1 keynote speaker for banquet, Monday afternoon opening speaker. Keynote maybe Bruce Knight, Chris Helzer, Barry Dunn
- Meeting Registration Fees—Same as 2016 Meeting
- Review Meeting Checklist—Assignments – referred to next meeting
- **CMPS Annual Meeting – 2017**, Slated to be held in South Dakota
  - 1) Host state has their own meeting (for most states, these occur in February or March) and also organizes the CMPS meeting in August.
  - 2) Host state moves their annual meeting to August and it's a joint meeting.
  - 3) CMPS meeting is moved to the host state's date and it's a joint meeting (with elections occurring in August). Issues with August in SD with the Rally. CMPS would give \$500 to SDTWS for the meeting.

Questions concerning:

Time needed on agenda for out-of-state attendees and CMPS?

Time enough for out-of-state attendees to plan ahead if we have a joint meeting in February?

Fund raising, registration \$\$ split?

Location? – Black Hills would be centrally located for CMPS

More information is needed before a decision is made

Nathan to contact CMPS-President, Andrea Orabona, to discuss options and answer questions

- Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2016. Letter to SD Representatives? Sent on 8/23/16
- Mount Rushmore Connector Trail. Comment Letter. Sent on 9/16/16
- Friends of the Big Sioux River. Conservation Groups Meeting. Julie DeJong Attended meeting on 8/30/16. Drafts of bills for mandatory riparian buffers, but ended up with no bill since it would be hard to pass.
- Upcoming SDTWS Newsletter (September/October). Meeting Theme. TWS New Member Benefits. Online Access to all of TWS's Journals. Sent out on 10/28/16

### **New Business**

- TWS Annual Conference Report to Board. TWS Chapter & Section Collaboration Meeting Information
- Stony Butte Assessment. NEPA (Comments)
- Candidates Needed
  - President-Elect
  - Board Member
  - Secretary/Treasurer
- December Newsletter.
  - SDTWS/CMPS Annual Meeting Information
  - Award Nominations
  - Call for Abstracts

Meeting Adjourned: 1:30 pm

Motion to adjourn - Alex Solem, Second – Julie DeJong, All in favor



thank you!

## Student Travel Grant 2016 TWS Conference Raleigh, NC



From left to right: Baily Gullikson, Katherine Moratz, Kassy Hendricks, and October Greenfield. SDSU NRM Graduate Students

But what this excursion and the entire Conference itself really reinforced to me was how important it is for wildlife professionals to travel beyond our areas of expertise.

The majority of conferences I had presented at prior to the Annual Wildlife Society conference had occurred within South Dakota. Although the comments and suggestions I received at these gatherings were always valuable, they didn't compare to the perspective one is given when presenting outside of the study area. This was my first national conference so I wasn't sure what to expect as I hung my poster up for the day amongst the hundreds of others. The variety of topics, habitats, and species covered at the TWS



Carolina Anole (*Anolis carolinensis*)

Annual conference is absolutely amazing and really reflects the diversity of challenges we face as Wildlife professionals in the United States and beyond. Throughout the day I had very enlightening conversations with folks who came by my poster. The questions and comments I received were very different than any I had encoun-



Ring-tailed lemur at Dukes Lemur Center Durham, NC



tered before. I was delighted to discuss how my grassland bird survey methodology might be utilized to better detect a warbler species in South Carolina. Or even to share the challenges that grassland birds face in the Great Plains to someone who was studying caribou in a boreal ecosystem. In reflecting upon my day I found that although the species and ecosystems studied by those I encountered were vastly different, the underlying themes and conservation challenges faced were remarkably alike. From my personal experience, the majority of attendees I encountered at the TWS annual conference appeared to be academic in nature. I had expected there to be more of an agency presence given the opportunities to share and compare challenges and successes. I think that it is easy to become set in our ways and work within our comfort zone and region of expertise. As I begin my career as a Ducks Unlimited Biologist I can now say that I recognize the value of attending a conference such as this in the future. We all need to work to expand our realm of work and knowledge, especially when we can get away from the Midwest for 80-degree weather a few days.

## **October Greenfield**

The Wildlife Society National Conference is an annual event that brings together students and biologists from across the country and allows them to discuss current research and topics in our field. A big topic at this year's event was Diversity. There was a lot of great discussion regarding inclusivity and equality within our field and how it can be improved. People from a variety of backgrounds came forward to share their experiences and how they dealt with any negativity. It is crucial to network with people who have grown up with and are taught different ideologies and strategies to understand different perspectives. TWS is a great event for opportunities like this.

One of the most impactful speakers at the conference was Dr. Mamie Parker. She spoke of all the hardships she had to overcome to get to where she is in her career today. She was a real pioneer for minorities in wildlife and fisheries. Her story was inspiring and even moved people to both laughter and tears at times. Her passion for conservation has only solidified my own passion and desire to work with wildlife.

The Wildlife Society is wonderful for networking, meeting new people, and reconnecting with former coworkers. There are people from every state, agency, and area of expertise imaginable. If you are someone looking to make connections in the wildlife field, this is the perfect event to attend. Not only are there hundreds of speakers to attend, there are poster sessions, photo contests, and fun social events. I would highly encourage any interested student to attend at least one national TWS conference during their academic career.



thank you!

## Student Travel Grant 2016 TWS Conference Raleigh, NC

### **Katherine Moratz**

I have had the privilege to attend and present research in poster sessions at a number of national TWS conferences while an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. While working on my Master's at South Dakota State University, I needed to present my work at a professional conference or meeting. I decided that the national TWS conference would be a great opportunity to give an oral presentation on my research and to improve my public speaking skills.

The Raleigh conference was great event in a friendly and diverse city. The conference center was ideally located in downtown Raleigh to allow attendees to explore the city and immerse themselves in North Carolina culture. I particularly enjoyed the opening night student-professional mixer in the Natural History Museum. It allowed attendees to not only meet others at the conference that may have similar interests, but also allowed for hands-on learning. I was very impressed with the number of different topics chosen for oral presentations. I loved that there was a session focusing on women and minorities in the profession. A number of my fellow graduate students also attended and felt it was a great addition to the conference.

I think that professionals benefit from the TWS conference and should try to attend when possible. The conference provides an excellent forum for viewing the latest, up-and-coming research, and I believe that is valuable to everyone in the wildlife profession. The conference also provides numerous networking opportunities for those who are looking to conduct collaborative research with other agencies or university faculty. For students, the conference is a good taste of what the profession is like, and can help students identify research or management areas they are interested in pursuing in the future.

## Public Lands Committee Report

Dennie Mann

### **Stony Butte Project Area**

#### **Scoping Notice Comments**

Dear Mr. Jons,

The South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (SDTWS) submits comments concerning the Stony Butte Project Area on Fort Pierre National Grassland north of Vivian, South Dakota. Our organization has an interest in this project and we provided comments on the project area assessment. To avoid duplication, we request that our assessment comments be used as the basis for our NEPA responses.

The Wildlife Society is an international non-profit scientific and educational association dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. The South Dakota Chapter achieves this mission in part by evaluating the principals involved in proposed public actions that affect wildlife and habitats. Our Chapter goals and objectives are more clearly outlined at: <http://wildlife.org/south-dakota-chapter/>

As stated in our assessment comments, the richness and ecological services of intact grassland ecosystems, such as FPNG, are more important as native grasslands are being converted for other land uses. We strongly support FPNG proposal to increase the dominance and diversity of native vegetation, while reducing the extent and expansion of invasive non-native grasses and weeds. We concur that this is a significant issue and are very aware of the challenges

involved with invading undesirable vegetation. While non-native grasses originally were used to hold soil in place after unsuccessful homesteading, a monoculture of these grasses contributes to a loss of diverse native vegetation and concomitant native habitat fragmentation. The primary vegetation management tools available to FPNG in this scoping proposal include livestock grazing, prescribed fire, haying, and mowing. Trials with native forb plantings are encouraged but at this time, will not significantly alter vegetation composition across vast acreages.

It appears this project is not a livestock allotment revision. Therefore, no significant changes will be made to existing livestock grazing systems and FPNG will continue to graze livestock with the directives provided in its Land and Resource Management Plan (Plan). To achieve the structure and seral stage shortfalls identified in the scoping notice, FPNG will need to list specific goals and 2 methods to track progress for these shortfalls. This is especially important since USFS grazing permits are generally for 10-year terms and this project may not see full implementation or success for 20 years (Scoping Notice page 5).

The purpose and need statements in the scoping notice identify deficiencies in current vegetation management, as related to meeting the FPNG Plan direction and guidance for vegetation composition, structure and other resources. Recommendations are made to increase the net number of tanks, taps and pipelines on FPNG, rather than relying on private wells for FPNG pipelines. The Plan's direction and guidance includes a no net gain in livestock water developments, yet the Stony Butte proposed action includes

several water developments. The obvious reason behind the LRMP direction and guidance is to reduce management practices that produce uniform composition and grassland structure and to encourage management that enhances rangeland heterogeneity.

Therefore, NEPA analysis should address how the proposed actions for the new water developments are justified given the Plan's no net gain. The analysis should also address how each new water development will alter vegetation composition and structure within the zone of the water development's zone of influence. Also, how will added water move vegetation and wildlife responses towards desired condition objectives listed in the LRMP? More specifically, the analysis should display how each new water development will reduce or eliminate the deficiency in current management for meeting low and high vegetation structure objectives within and between pastures in the grazing allotment where each new development is proposed.

We also request that NEPA evaluations provide a comparison of the new proposed water densities in the project area, include other water developments across FPNG since 2001, and compare today's density (including the proposed project) with the density that existed when the FPNG Plan revised in 2001. This would be considered either connected actions or cumulative effects analysis with a continued increase in water developments across FPNG.

We propose that NEPA analysis identify all factors that are preventing FPNG from having sufficient management flexibility for making needed adjustments in current grazing management under the existing FPNG range

allotment management plan. Our hope would be that this type of analysis could help identify a broader range of alternative actions to help counteract expansion of invasive plant communities.

Concerning Figure 3 and development of new roads and parking area: SDTWS supports the construction of new roads to fishing areas and the parking lot. Wet areas should be avoided and when not possible, seasonal access or gravel will allow for less soil disturbance, keep vehicles in the roadway and avoid driving in the grasslands for access.

Concerning Figure 4 and proposed actions for changes to infrastructure: we cannot find where the fence will be removed. What is the purpose of removing the fence and how will vegetation changes be monitored by creation of a larger pasture?

The South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society appreciates the opportunity to provide commentary and suggestions to this NEPA scoping effort. Please continue to send correspondence to our Chapter on this important proposed project.

Sincerely,

Dennie Mann

Public Land Chairman

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# Check it out...

- SDTWS website..

<http://wildlife.org/south-dakota-chapter/>



**SDTWS is on Facebook!**

Click [here](#) to join the group! Facebook is a great way to share information, post events, to stimulate discussions on environmental issues or other topics of interest.

Contact Chuck Pyle at [goosemansd@hotmail.com](mailto:goosemansd@hotmail.com) if you have events, pictures, or topics you would like posted to the site.

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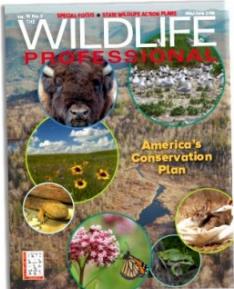
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# Reindeer Trivia



1. Reindeer are a subspecies of what animal?  
A. Antelope  
B. Caribou  
C. Elk  
D. Ox
2. What mountains in Canada are named after Santa's reindeer ?  
A. The Christmas Mountains  
B. Saint Nicholas Peak  
C. The Bishop's Mitre  
D. Whitehorn Mountains
3. "Rudolph the RedNosed Reindeer " was created in 1939 to promote what store?  
A. Sears, Roebuck and Co.  
B. J.C. Penney  
C. Macy's  
D. Montgomery Ward
4. Where did the popularly accepted names of Santa's reindeer come from?  
A. Robert May's "Rudolph the RedNosed Reindeer"  
B. Clement Clark Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas"  
C. L. Frank Baum's "The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus"  
D. Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"



5. In the 1964 television special "Rudolph the RedNosed Reindeer," which reindeer is the father of Rudolph?

- A. Comet
- B. Fireball
- C. Donner
- D. Dasher

6. Why do biologists say Santa's team is probably made up of female reindeer?

- A. Many of their names such as Vixen and Dancer are feminine.
- B. They still have antlers on Christmas Eve.
- C. They are light enough to fly.
- D. They are described in verse as eight tiny reindeer .

7. Which artist did not release a cover version of "Rudolph the RedNosed Reindeer?"

- A: Weird Al Yankovic
- B: The Jackson 5
- C: Lynyrd Skynyrd
- D: Destiny's Child

8. What is the name of the1989 film in which a girl finds a wounded reindeer?

- A: "Olive, the Other Reindeer"
- B: "Prancer"
- C: "Robbie the Reindeer"
- D: "Yes Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus"

9: Rudolph has been a marketing bonanza. What popular game doed not have a Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer version?

- A: Monopoly
- B: Operation
- C: Candy Land
- D: Memory Challenge

# SDTWS Executive Board 2015

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## **The South Dakota Chapter TWS Objectives are:**

- To develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and of the environment upon which wildlife and humans depend.
- To undertake an active role in preventing human-induced environmental degradation.
- To increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values.
- To seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.

**To aid in the achievement of these objectives,  
the South Dakota Chapter proposes to:**

- Provide opportunities for better liaison among individual members, their Section, and The Society.
- Evaluate and respond to the principles involved in proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife or its habitats.
- Recognize and commend outstanding professional achievements in maintenance, restoration and enhancement of habitats for wildlife.
- Focus the aims and objectives of The Society and the Central Mountains and Plains Section upon professional wildlife needs, problems, and events in local situations.
- Encourage communication between members and nonmembers to facilitate understanding and effectiveness of research and management of wildlife resources.

Evaluate the principles involved in proposed or enacted public or private actions that could affect wildlife and to make these evaluations known to the public and public officials.

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

### Application for Membership Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (indicate home or work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (for newsletter delivery) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:**

SDTWS's newsletter, *A Prairie Voice*, is all-electronic. Therefore, an e-mail address must be provided above in order to receive it (paper copies will be provided only to individuals who do not have a computer, internet access, or an email address).

Please Check One:  New Member\*  2015 Dues Renewal

\* If you did not pay your dues in 2014, you will be considered a new member as per the SDTWS Bylaws.

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Send the completed application/renewal form and a check for \$10.00 (regular), \$6.00 (student) to:

Julie DeJong  
304 North Cherry Street  
Lennox, SD 57039  
(605) 214-1779

Regular Dues: \$10.00

Student Dues: \$6.00

Life Membership dues are prorated by age as follows:

Age 20 to 35: 25 x annual dues (\$10 x 25 = \$250)

Age 36 to 45: 20 x annual dues (\$10 x 20 = \$200)

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# Reindeer Trivia Answers



1. B: Reindeer are a subspecies of caribou.

2. A: Eight of the 10 peaks in the Christmas Mountains in New Brunswick are named Mount Dasher, Mount Blitzen, Mount Prancer, Mount Vixen, Mount Comet, Mount Cupid Mount Donder and Mount Bumblebee.

3. D: "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was created by Robert L. May who designed the story as a giveaway.

4. B: Clement Clark Moore's poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" was the first to call Santa's reindeers Holiday coloring book for Montgomery Ward.

5. C: Donner was the father of Rudolph in the 1964 television special "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

6. B: While both male and female reindeer have antlers, biologists say males typically shed their antlers in November and females retain their antlers until spring.

7. A: Weird Al Yankovic has never released a version of "Rudolph." He did record the parody "The Night Santa Went Crazy," in which poor Rudolph ends up as reindeer sausages.

8. B: "Prancer" is the name of the film in which a girl nurses a wounded reindeer she believes is one of Santa's.

9. C: While you can build reindeer stalls on Santa's castle in Monopoly, pluck the sweet tooth out of the Abominable Snowman in Operation and match favorite characters in Memory Challenge; there are no reindeer in Candy Land's Kingdom of Sweets.