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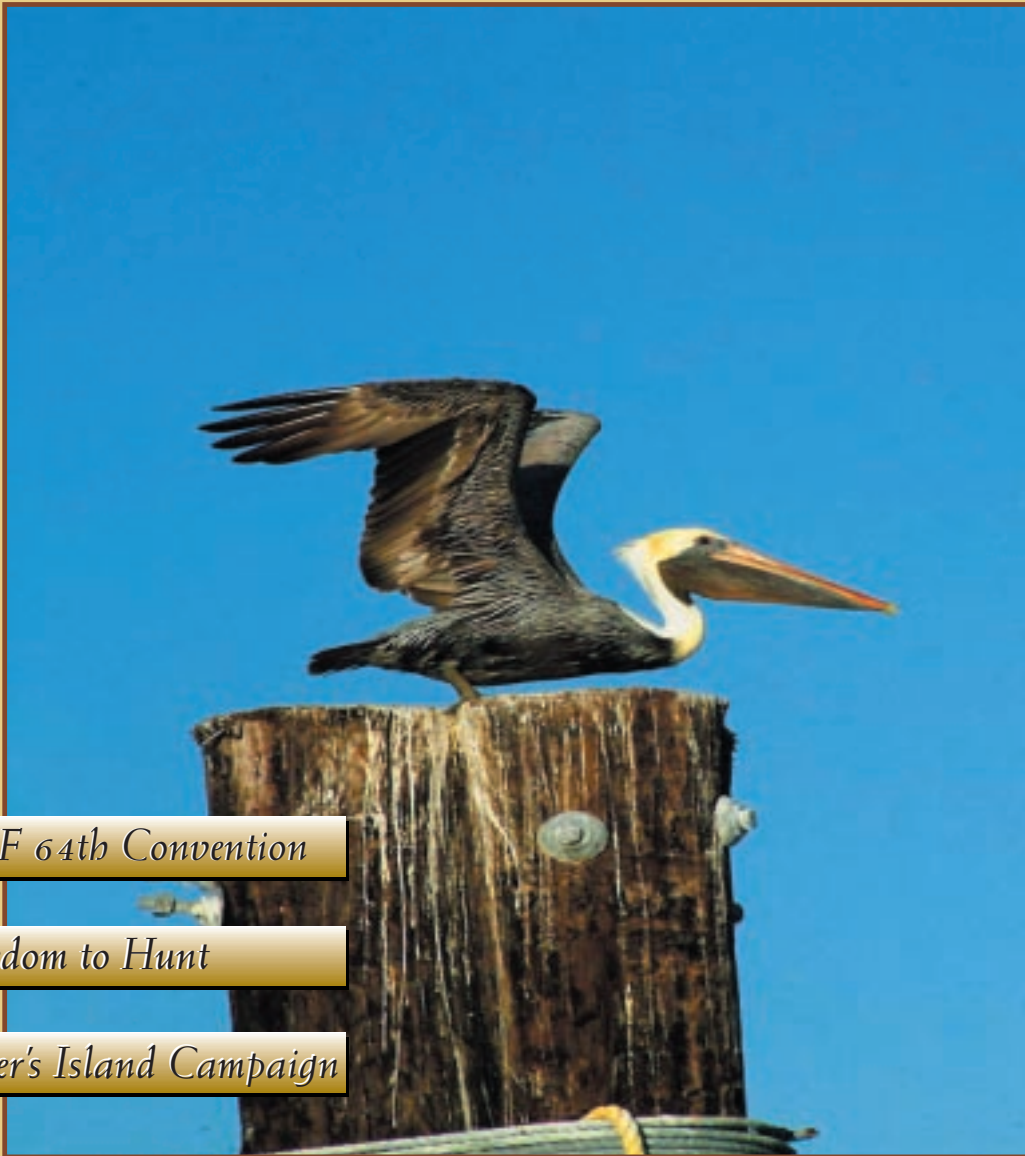
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**On the Cover** ... Once again a fixture on the Louisiana coast, the Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) welcomes all to the place where land meets sea. But not long ago this, our state bird, vanished from the mangrove lined barrier islands and beaches, the victim of overuse of persistent pesticides washed from crops in the Mississippi Valley and flushed down to the Gulf by the Big River. The toxins accumulated in the fish the pelican ate, and in turn, caused reproductive failure throughout the population. They were GONE! With the help of the State of Florida, and the good work of the Fur and Refuge Division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and many years of recovery, this important part of our wildlife heritage has been restored. Photo by Jon Barry



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Joe L.  
Herring*



The last quarter of 2002 was good for the LWF. Membership renewals were strong with many members upgrading to the sponsor level. We were joined by a new affiliate, the Pontchartrain Hunting Retriever Club,



*Vulcan Chemical's Senior ESH Specialist, Vance Gordon (L) and WISER Facilitator, Russ Bourgeois present Vulcan's Corporate Sponsor donation to LWF President Joe L. Herring.*

Inc. Welcome to the Club and its president,

Mark Medwick. There are varied interests in our organization, and this group will certainly broaden these interests. I am looking forward to working with our new affiliate. As I like to say, "Don't watch us grow, come grow with us."

The LWF received a corporate contribution last month from Vulcan Chemical in Geismar, Louisiana. Our executive director, Randy Lanctot and I were presented the gift by Vance Gordon, Senior Environmental Safety and Health Specialist, and Russ Bourgeois, WISER Facilitator. While we were there, we also visited Vulcan Chemical's award-winning wildlife area, located near the plant. A special thanks to Vulcan for its support of our organization. Vulcan also generously supports the activities of the East Ascension Sportsman's League, LWF's affiliate. Several of EASL's members are employed by Vulcan.

Committees of the Federation are functioning very well. The recently established Deer Management Committee was formed to review issues concerning Louisiana's deer herd, including health and hunting issues. Through the committee's initiative, LWF is engaged in a campaign to raise funds from deer hunters to support the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' efforts to monitor the deer herd for Chronic Wasting Disease.



*At the Jefferson Rod & Gun Club's December awards banquet, long time club leader, Clint Mouser (R) was presented with the Lucien Dupuy Award for outstanding service by banquet MC, Jerald Horst.*

Randy and I attended the Jefferson Rod and Gun Club's December awards banquet. Clinton Mouser, LWF District 2 Vice-President, received the club's Lucien Dupuy Award, the club's highest honor. Congratulations Clint, keep up the good work! Attending our clubs' functions, I learn of the many conservation activities each club has and I'm always impressed with how many good volunteer conservationists we have in our organization and state.

Other committees submitting reports

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*Randy  
Lanctot*



It's already mid-February, but it seems like yesterday was New Years. Know the feeling? It's a compressed time of year, a time for finishing up and getting ready. Here at the LWF we're putting the final touches on the plans for our annual meeting. The judges have just met to select the conservation award winners who will be honored at the convention awards banquet, and we're monitoring the prefiled bills that will be considered in the

upcoming legislative session - just a few so far that pertain to conservation, natural resources and the environment, but there will be a lot more coming in this election year.

In an effort to publish a magazine before the convention, we have shortened it to 16 pages for this edition. That doesn't leave much space for this column since it's the last copy to go in and we're already out out of space by about 8 pages. No room to report on my duck season, which turned out great for me because for the first time in 4 seasons there was enough water in the backwater pond I hunt to attract a few ducks. The action was slow in general, except for early bird wood ducks, but it's a lot better having a place to go with a chance to call in a few ducks

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# Elmer's Island Campaign

by Keith Saucier

In last summer's issue of this publication there was an article detailing the Louisiana Wildlife Federation's (LWF) efforts to reopen the area known as "Elmer's Island". Securing the conservation of Elmer's Island and reopening it for compatible public use is one of LWF's highest priorities for this year.



photo by Chris Dunn

Since the death of the Elmer Family member who managed the property, almost two years ago, Elmer's Island has been closed to the public and is being advertised "For Sale". The prospect of this unique area being purchased by developers and permanently lost to the public and the traditional uses of fishing, birding and camping is very real. Fortunately, the owner has expressed a desire to sell to the state or other entity that will conserve the area and manage it for those traditional uses, maintaining the primitive character that has been enjoyed by so many for generations. But no one will wait forever, and as long as Elmer's Island remains for sale, it remains in jeopardy. Our state government needs to move on this, NOW!

In addition to the resolution that was passed at the Louisiana Wildlife Federation's annual convention last year, LWF has sent to the Governor and other state agency officials, a number of ideas and proposals for how to acquire and manage Elmer's Island. Our first choice would be to keep the "island" primitive,

undeveloped, and its five miles of beaches open for surf-fishing, crabbing, camping and birding.

Unfortunately, the Governor and Legislature are not going to find the money to do this unless they hear from their constituents. To help facilitate this, LWF is beginning a campaign that will inform people, organizations, businesses, and local elected officials of what's at stake and encourage them to contact the

Governor and state legislators to make their feelings known.

We urgently need your help, too. The 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature will soon begin, and the state's capital outlay budget is now being prepared. Please take the time (this week) to write a short letter to the Governor at the address printed here, asking that the state make a small investment for one of the best places in Louisiana for families to enjoy the outdoors together. Make sure you let your state representative and senator know, too. If you don't know how to contact them, ask at your local library or go to the Legislature's web page on the Internet ([www.legis.state.la.us](http://www.legis.state.la.us)), scroll down to the question "Who are your state senators and representatives" and click on "find out"; type in your street address and zip code and click "search"; then click on the representative and senator to get their addresses. If you happen to know them, even better. Give them a call and ask them to help reopen Elmer's Island. Tell them this is urgent, something that

can't wait until the next governor, or the next year. By then, the opportunity may be lost. And once it's lost, we'll not likely get another chance. Please send your letter to:

The Honorable M.J. "Mike" Foster  
Governor of Louisiana  
P. O. Box 94004  
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If you have any questions or would like to help, please feel free to call the LWF office (225-344-6762); or call/email me personally at (225/647-6653; [krssaucier@cs.com](mailto:krssaucier@cs.com)).

**What/Where?** Elmer's Island is an undeveloped barrier beachfront and wetland area comprising several hundred acres directly across Caminada Pass from Grand Isle, Louisiana. It is a continuation of one of the few land accessible beaches in the State of Louisiana. Historically, it has been available for public camping, fishing and bird watching for a small fee charged by the owner and collected at the gatehouse on the entry road to the area. Elmer's Island is well known for the excellent fishing opportunities it has historically provided for many popular species such as speckled and white trout, flounder, redfish, channel mullet, black drum, croaker, Spanish mackerel and many other species that frequent the State's coastal beaches and passes. It also is (or was) a traditional family camping spot and a great place to observe wading, shore and seabirds as well as coastal marine life. It has become part of the natural resource-dependent culture of coastal Louisiana, cherished by visitors from throughout the state and many nonresident anglers. But now it's "closed" and at risk to an uncertain future.

**What Happened?** Because of liability concerns, Elmer's Island has been closed by the owner and put on the real estate market; advertised as 1,700 acres for an asking price of \$6 million.

**Why Take Action?** Elmer's Island is a key-stone feature in a larger vision of a State Seashore that represents a commitment to preserve and restore Louisiana's unique coast. The opportunity to acquire it for conservation and public enjoyment will not last forever. Some parcels may have already been sold, so there is urgency in securing the property if Elmer's Island is to be conserved and its outdoor legacy is to be preserved for the public's benefit.

**Who?** YOU

**When?** NOW

Write that letter! You can make a difference. Thanks.

# Freedom To Hunt, Fish and Trap

by E. R. "Smitty Smith, III

Personally, I believe freedom is a primal feeling we learn about when we learn about fear. In essence, freedom and fear are contraposed. With fear there can be no freedom and with freedom there is no fear. Since 9/11 many of us have realized that freedoms should not be taken lightly, and that certain factions, by the result of sheer numbers or brute force, can and are able to take away the freedoms of others. A few of the freedoms that hold great meaning in my life, are the freedoms to hunt, fish, and trap.

Since our beginnings, we have hunted, fished, and trapped. If any rights are inalienable, these are. Even so, there are groups that seek to infringe upon and take away these rights. Anti-hunting, anti-fishing, and anti-trapping predilection is growing and gaining momentum. Groups like PETA, Friends of Animals, etc. have used Hollywood personalities to make their stand credible. As for hunters, fisherman, and trappers, too few have spoken out for our cause. Piece by piece, the anti's will encroach upon our ways of life and before we know it, there will be little or no hunting, fishing, or trapping. This is not a chicken little syndrome. Think about all of the encroachments upon these activities in recent years. If you think I am overstating, ask any member of PETA if they would ban hunting, fishing, or trapping if given a chance. Put simply, others fears will destroy our freedom.

So, in an effort to curtail such senselessness, the Louisiana Wildlife Federation with the help of Senator Joe McPherson and his colleagues in the Louisiana Legislature, will support legislation to put a proposition before the people of Louisiana to amend the constitution of the State of Louisiana to protect, as a right, our freedom to hunt, fish, and trap. Now, at first glance, it appears this legislation should be a "greased pig" and see little or no opposition in this the "sportsman's paradise". However, history has proven this perception wrong.

In the 2001 Regular Session, Senator McPherson introduced just such legislation. The proposal was popular in the Senate and passed overwhelmingly with 29 senators signed on as co-authors. However, by the time the bill was heard in the House committee, controversy and confusion had eroded the anticipated support. It seems that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) was apprehensive about the legislation and

wanted to change the word "freedom" to "privilege". McPherson wouldn't go along with that but, in good faith, he offered another amendment to his original bill, based on language provided by the LDWF, that assuaged some of the agency's concerns. Problem was, part of the amendment that was adopted would have had the effect of expanding the constitutional authority of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (Commission) to "supervision of all hunting, and fishing activities, and the allocation of the wildlife of the state, including all aquatic life." Allocation of the state's fish and wildlife resources is within the Legislature's, not the Commission's authority. That was problem # 1. Problem # 2 was that the Commission has the authority to supervise and control hunting and fishing for "wild" fish and wildlife, not "farmed" game and fish species. As any perspicacious person would note, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) regulates the harvest of certain ranched game and cultured fish, and that agency was not about to have its authority diminished by such sleight of hand.

Consequently, after the bill passed the Senate with LDWF's language attached, a turf war began, in force. A war whose only casualty was our right to hunt, fish, and trap. Louisiana politics at its finest. Fear, once again overcoming our freedom.

When the House committee adopted an amendment at the request of Senator McPherson that put the bill back in its original posture, simply to propose an amendment to the Louisiana Constitution guaranteeing our citizens the freedom to fish, hunt and trap, it was opposed by the head of the LDWF. The head of LDAF had already worked the committee against the bill because of the LDWF language added in the Senate. Even though the House committee agreed to strip that language, the controversy had become more than the committee wanted to deal with.

Another group that expressed reservations with the proposed constitutional amendment was the Louisiana Landowners Association (LLA). They wanted to allow the freedom to hunt, fish, and trap only on state land and water bottoms. Here again, fear overcoming our freedom.

To address the fears of the LLA, it can be noted that Article 1, Section 4 of the Louisiana Constitution is explicit in its statement of the right of every person to acquire, own, control, use, protect, and enjoy private property. This

would include restricting access for various purposes including restricting access for hunting, fishing, or trapping. Further, private landowners also need the protection that this constitutional amendment affords to guarantee them the freedom to hunt, fish, and trap on their own lands. Another compelling consideration for landowners is that the anti-hunting/fishing/trapping movement will hurt private landowners the most because many of them have an economic stake in these activities which generate revenue (leases) and control predation (trapping) of the habitat on their land.

A constitutional amendment to protect the freedom to hunt, fish, and trap would not be unique to Louisiana. Several states already have protections in their constitutions. Those states include Alabama, California, Minnesota, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia. Texas, Wisconsin, and Indiana are attempting to join those ranks as we speak. Currently, groups like the IGFA, BASS, CCA, ASA, and others are working at the national level to protect our freedom to fish, by seeking passage of the Freedom to Fish Act in Congress. These types of legislation are gaining momentum and they can be successfully implemented. Hence, there should be no excuses for those of us fighting the good fight here in Louisiana.

The LWF is going to need all the help we can get in the upcoming session to pass this constitutional amendment resolution. We need to get past the petty turf wars. We need to bring together all the stakeholder groups and the legislators and work closely with them to gain passage of this resolution. The concerns of all groups can be met by keeping this simple. Our forefathers understood this, and so should we. They feared nothing, they understood freedom at it's purest. All we need is a simple piece of legislation that will put the question on the ballot to give us the freedom to do what we have done since the rudiments of our species showed up on Earth....hunt, fish, and trap. This time, no fear - just freedom. Could it be any simpler?

Note: Anyone wishing to help with this legislation is welcomed to contact the LWF and join our team to see this CA resolution passed. Once accomplished, the proposition will go to a vote by the people of Louisiana. At that point, a lot more work will also have to be done to see that this amendment passes on election day. ■

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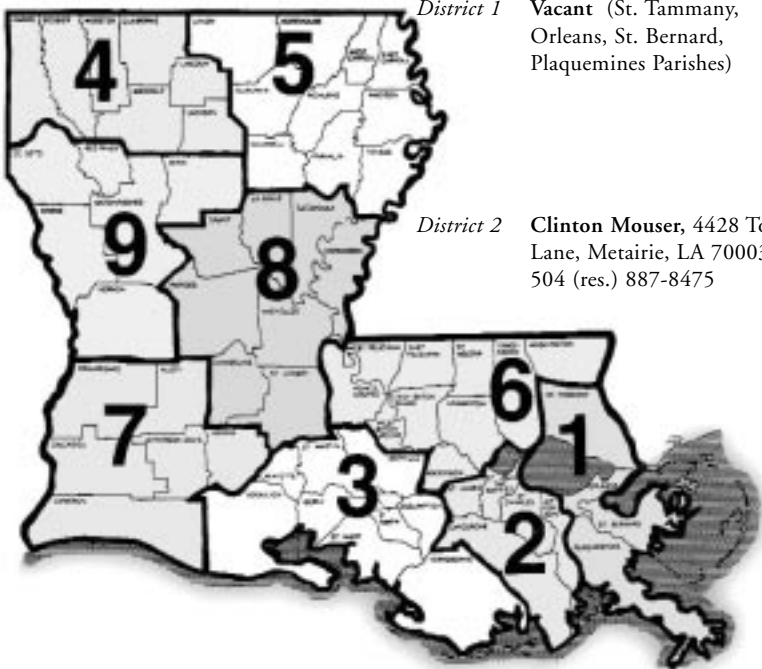
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# Candidates Announce For LWF Leadership Roles

The following persons have announced their intentions to seek election or reelection to the offices of leadership of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. The elections will take place at the Board of Directors Luncheon during LWF's 64th Annual Meeting, February 28, March 1 & 2 at the Holiday Inn Downtown/Riverfront in Shreveport. Each candidate will be formally interviewed by the nominations Committee on Friday evening of the convention. Any other LWF board member who is interested in running for one of these positions should attend this meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the luncheon. Candidates will be available to talk with other LWF members at the hospitality function on Friday evening after the opening board meeting.

## **Joe L. Herring - Candidate for LWF President**

Thanks for your vote and support last year in electing me as your President of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. I am now asking for your vote and support for a second term as President of your organization.



I have attended meetings of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission representing the Louisiana Wildlife Federation for the past year. I have also attended meetings of the Atchafalaya Basin Advisory Council and several of the sub-committees of this council, worked at Earth Day and other activities representing the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. My

attendance at state board meetings and executive committee meetings since my election to an office has been 100% over the past 11 years, with the exception of one specially called committee meeting. I have also attended several Federation club meetings and have met with parish groups attempting to establish new clubs.

I have been an active member of the LWF for 48 years attending all conventions in that span of years. I have held offices in 3 separate affiliates and the state organization. Over the years I have brought many new members into the Federation and believe, with some effort through existing clubs, we can establish a working club in each parish of our great state. This would certainly help the LWF and the citizens of our state on accomplishing many of our goals in conservation and management of the state's natural resources. There is strength in numbers. As I state to individuals and groups, don't sit back and watch the LWF grow, come and grow with us.

I have enjoyed my first year as President and consider working for the LWF a great honor and privilege. The people we work with are top of the line. Over the years I have chaired many committees of the Federation such as Education, National Wildlife Week, Forest Resources, Archery, National Hunting and Fishing Day and others.

We have excellent leaders and staff in the LWF and I will continue my support for them and working with them. We have a good organization but we can strive to make it better.

As a wildlife manager I intend to work closely with the national resources agencies of our state. This includes the Departments of Wildlife and Fisheries, National Resources, Environmental Quality and Agriculture and Forestry, along with parish and federal agencies. We have some very good programs operating in our state that should be expanded, while others should be reviewed for their value.

I am also a member of other state, regional, national and international organizations that at times can help our state on

conservation and management activities. Of all the organizations in our state working with legislators and other groups, the LWF is one of the most respected, if not the most. The LWF over the years has gained the honorable distinction of being a leader due to our present and past leadership.

The LWF is not a one goal organization. We represent the interests of all the people, all the natural resources and all phases of conservation and management of these resources. We advocate the game, fish, non-game, endangered species, forestry, environment, camping, hiking, and on behalf of everyone interested in our great out-of-doors.

With your advice, counsel, recommendations, help and support I will continue to maintain and increase the Federation's leadership in conservation.

## **E. R. "Smitty" Smith - Candidate for LWF 1st Vice President**

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Louisiana Wildlife Federation as vice president over the past year. I currently represent



LWF as a member of the Pesticide Advisory Commission, and as the alternate representative to the National Wildlife Federation and the Management Conference of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program. I am also a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Atchafalaya Basin Program. I serve on the

LWF Board of Directors as one of the two at-large directors representing contributing members from District 3.

It has been both a pleasure and an honor to serve the LWF. My goals are to continue pursuing the White Lake issue and to work on passage of a constitutional amendment to give Louisiana citizens the right to hunt, fish, and trap. I also hope to continue working with the NWF and our own LWF Deer Management Committee on the problem of chronic wasting disease.

This last year has seen many changes in my life, including the birth of my first child, Emma. This event, more than any other has motivated me to pursue my conservation efforts with even more fervor. I want to see that this state remains a sportsman's paradise for my little girl. As I have stated before, I never want to tell her about how good the hunting and fishing used to be. The way I see conservation is simple. You are either part of the solution or part of the problem. With your help, I hope we can all be part of the solution and enjoy Louisiana as the true sportsman's paradise for generations to come.

**Virginia R. Burkett, Ph. D. – Candidate for LWF 2nd Vice President**

Thank you for allowing me to serve as



your 2nd Vice President during the past year. I have enjoyed working with you all during this time, as well as during the past 20 years that I have participated in LWF activities. The past year has been an interesting period for the conservation community here in Louisiana and, as usual, the LWF has been well represented on a wide range of issues that concern our membership, from North Louisiana to South, from waste disposal to land acquisition.

My 25 years of work experience has been devoted to research and management

of fish and wildlife and their natural habitats. I have served as Director of the Louisiana Coastal Zone Management Program and Assistant Director of the Louisiana Geological Survey. I also served as Deputy Secretary and, subsequently, as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. I presently work for the U.S. Department of Interior, where I serve as Chief of the Forest Ecology Branch of the National Wetlands Research Center. I have served as a member of the Louisiana Forestry Commission, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. I received my doctorate in forestry from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches Texas in 1996.

I feel that the LWF is the most important, effective statewide conservation organization in Louisiana. It's leadership and structure – built on a solid coalition of sportsmen's groups and conservation-oriented affiliates – affords a unique and valuable forum for individuals and organizations to work together to insure the future of all of our state's renewable natural resources.

**Jay V. Huner - Candidate for LWF Secretary**

I am currently serving my 4th term as LWF District 7 Director at-large and completing my third term as a member of the Executive Committee. I also serve on the LWF Development Committee and am a life member of LWF. Assuming a leadership role in LWF requires serving in various capacities to acquire experience; I believe that a second term as LWF secretary will provide additional experience to make it possible for me to provide better service to LWF.

I consider LWF to be an important



NGO (non-government organization) Steward of the Environment to ensure perpetuation of Louisiana's wildlife resources for both consumptive and non-consumptive uses. Private lands are absolutely critical to continued health of wildlife and fisheries resources in Louisiana. I have spent many years interacting with private land owners and governmental agencies to ensure wise land management practices. I believe that serving as your Secretary will assist me in continuing this important work, especially where the issue of conflicts between wildlife and crops are concerned.

**Eugene J. Dautat, Jr. - Candidate for LWF Treasurer**

I currently am Treasurer of the LWF and would like to serve another term in this office. As there is no term limit for this position, the treasurer can remain on the LWF executive committee without having to



move up through the ranks to the office of president, or displace another executive committee member. I would like to be reelected to this position to remain a part of the executive committee thereby remaining actively involved in the business and operation of the LWF. Having held the other offices of the Federation including 3 terms as President, I feel certain that I can lend valuable input to our organization as well as offer assistance to the other elected officers and at-large executive committee members.

**Edgar F. Veillon - Candidate for LWF Representative to the National Wildlife Federation**

Because of my 44 years of continuous involvement in the affairs of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation (LWF), and my 21 previous terms in this capacity, I feel that I am



qualified and prepared to represent the LWF in an effective manner.

The following account of my activities in behalf of the Federation during 2002 is indicative of my interest, and effort, toward fulfilling the stated goals of the LWF: "to protect the State's natural resources, and your right to enjoy them".

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION:** While serving as the LWF's representative to the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), I attended NWF's Annual Meeting in Stone Mountain Georgia (March 7-10,



2002) and served on the Sustainable Communities Committee. I also attended a breakout session on "Greening of the Corps" and offered some comments from many years interacting with them.

**LOUISIANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION:** I attended all meetings of the LWF Executive Committee and Board of Directors, as well as several meetings of the Jefferson Rod and Gun Club, which is my home club. I served as chairman of LWF's Membership Development and Fundraising Committee which is responsible for membership recruitment. The committee continued to pursue the establishment of an endowment for the LWF. I personally generated \$2,300 in contributions from new sustaining and sponsor members, and recruited 2 new affiliate clubs to the LWF.

As chairman of the LWF's Environmental Quality Committee, I interacted with several allied organizations including: Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, Atchafalaya Basin Program, Alaska Wilderness League, Mississippi River

Basin Alliance, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, and Ducks Unlimited. As a result of this interaction, I was able to address several conservation issues including coastal land loss, dead zones, revitalization of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, implementation of the Atchafalaya Basin Master Plan, protecting the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge, the ecology of the Jean Lafitte Park, and waterfowl preservation through the proactive agenda of Ducks Unlimited.

The foregoing activities are indicative of my commitment to the Louisiana Wildlife Federation and its many-faceted program. Thanks for your support in the past, and be assured that I will continue to work for Louisiana and the LWF.

#### **Kathy R. Wascom – Candidate for LWF Executive Committee**

Thirteen years ago, I became an active member of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. I felt it (LWF) was an organization that had the ability, knowledge and political influence to really make a difference on environmental and conservation issues. I worked my way up through the ranks and served as LWF President for two years (1998/99) and have served as a past president and at-large member on the LWF Executive Committee since then. I have also



served as chairperson of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana during 2000/01. The Louisiana Wildlife Federation was one of the founding organizations of the Coalition. I have served on LWF's Conservation Education and Development Committees and have lobbied the Louisiana

Legislature. I have represented LWF on several external committees from Oil Field Waste to the Baton Rouge Earth Day Board and am currently serving on the Governor's Commission on DEQ Funding and Efficiency and on the steering committee of the National Wildlife Federation's Corps Reform Network.

There's always so much to be done in Louisiana – from coastal erosion to the very basics of environmental education. There are not many organizations in Louisiana that can sustain this enormous effort. LWF has, and will continue because of the tenacity of its members.

#### **Bobby G. Fulmer, M.D. – Candidate for LWF Executive Committee**

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the Louisiana Wildlife Federation for the past 7 years representing District 6 on the LWF Board of Directors. I have been a member of the LWF Executive Committee for the past 5 years and have been a member of the Development and Fundraising Committee since its inception (1999).



Much has been accomplished and much remains to be done and many decisions need to be made regarding the Federation's future - especially the financial needs.

My past positions in life as a family physician, landowner and a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Board of Regions Bank/New Roads has prepared me well for these challenges. (P. S. I have 4 children and 14 grandchildren; almost all are outdoors oriented. So you can see I have a personal interest in land, water, wildlife, hunting and fishing.)

# LWF Directors Elected

Directors of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation are either members of an affiliated club selected by that club to represent it on the LWF Board of Directors, or they are individual members elected by the other Federation members in their district to serve on the board. The elections for district-at-large directors are held every other year in each of the 9 LWF districts, districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 in odd-numbered years and 2, 4, 6, and 8 in even years. The following district at-large directors were recently elected/re-elected and began their 2-year term on the board in January.

## District 2

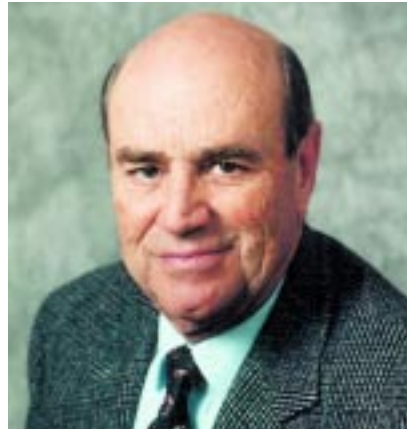
Mark Becker of Metairie was elected and Joseph T. "Tom" Butler of Thibodaux was



Mark Becker

reelected to represent LWF individual contributing members in District 2, which includes the parishes of St. James, St. John The Baptist, St. Charles, Jefferson and Lafourche. Mr. Becker is a property damage appraiser who has been involved with conservation in his community and active with the Jefferson Rod and Gun Club, currently serving as president, for many years. He helps to organize the parish's coastal restoration/Christmas tree recycling project each year. He is a JEDCO Commissioner, a

member of the Jefferson Parish Marine Fisheries Board and he co-chairs the Gulf of



Tom Butler

Mexico Security Committee relative to recreational fishing at the offshore oil rigs. His interests include coastal restoration/freshwater diversion, boating safety and hunter education, and removal of derelict vessels and underwater obstructions. Mr. Becker's hobbies include angling, hunting, camping and photography.

Tom Butler is the founder and director of the Center for Traditional Louisiana Boat Building. He is an avid saltwater marsh angler and enjoys hunting, boat building and gardening. He is on the board of directors of the Bayou Chapter of the CCA and is a member of the National Wildlife Federation, Restore Or Retreat, and the Lafourche Heritage Society. His conservation interests include wetland restoration and the maritime heritage of South Louisiana.

## District 4

Wayne Hammons of Choudrant was elected District 4 at-large director representing LWF members in Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Claiborne, Lincoln, Bienville, and Jackson Parishes. He is an operations and maintenance technician for an energy company and an avid hunter and angler. A leader in the Lincoln Parish Wildlife Federation for a number of years, Mr. Hammons hopes to provide some much needed representation for Northwest Louisiana on the LWF Board. The other at-large board seat from District 4 will remain vacant until the next election or until filled by appointment of the LWF

Board of Directors.

## District 6

Bobby G. Fulmer, M.D. of New Roads and Ivor L. van Heerden, Ph.D. of Livingston were reelected to the LWF Board representing individual contributing members from District 6 – West Feliciana, East Feliciana, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington, Livingston, Ascension, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, and Pointe Coupee Parishes. Dr. Fulmer is president and owner of the Upper Woods Hunting Club, a 3200-acre tract managed for habitat and wetlands conservation as well as for agricultural production. The area has been planted with over 300,000 hardwood seedlings, returning 780 acres of marginal farmland back to woodland. One hundred and forty acres of flooded ponds have been developed for waterfowl habitat on the property. His interests include hunting, fishing, cattle ranching, travel, collecting, habitat and land management, and "introducing 14 grandchildren to the proper understanding of land, water and wildlife."



Bobby G. Fulmer

He is currently serving on the LWF's Executive Committee and Fundraising and Development Committee and he has served on the LWF Board since 1995.

As Deputy Director of the LSU Hurricane Center, Dr. van Heerden conducts research relating to environmental (habitat) restoration and management and environmental impacts of major disasters. He has extensive experience developing wildlife habitat management and restoration plans in South Africa and the Caribbean. In Louisiana, Dr. van Heerden has designed

about one-third of the coastal restoration projects currently being built and has been an advocate of innovative techniques and the "Big Picture" approach to coastal restoration. He served as Assistant Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for Coastal Restoration and Management in 1994-95 and was the principal author of the state's policy for coastal restoration activities. In February of 1999 Dr. van Heerden founded the "Concerned Citizens of Livingston Parish" which was initially organized to oppose expansion of landfills and address ground water contamination issues in



Ivor van Heerden

Livingston Parish. He has also been an active participant in the state's conservation and recreation plan for the Atchafalaya Basin. His interests include boating and sailing, wildlife photography, fishing and hunting, but "mostly spending time with my two children in the outdoors."

#### District 8

Ken Dancak, Ph.D. of Pineville and Rena Pitts of Ferriday were reelected to represent LWF contributing members for the parishes in District 8. Parishes include: Grant, LaSalle, Catahoula, Concordia, Avoyelles, St. Landry, Evangeline and Rapides. Dr. Dancak is involved with the daily management of wildlife resources on all districts of the Kisatchie National Forest, including game, nongame and threatened and endangered species, and coordination of management efforts with other natural resource management agencies. He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He is secretary of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. He has been a District 8 at-large director of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation since 1999. His hobbies include

photography, woodworking, outdoor cooking and travel. He serves on the LWF's



Ken Dancak

Fundraising and Development Committee and Deer Management Committee.

Rena Pitts, a farmer, has placed conservation easements on 10,300 acres of hardwood bottomlands with Ducks Unlimited. She has installed water control structures to provide shallow water and moist soil areas for waterfowl and other wildlife on her property, enrolled 4,071 acres in the Wetlands Reserve Program, and has enrolled 4,000 acres in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) to improve herd quality and the size and antler development of the buck component. She is a Life Member of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation and Life Sponsor of Ducks Unlimited. She has held all offices, including president, of the Greater Louisiana



Rena Pitts

Federation of Women's Clubs and serves on the board of directors of the Riverland Medical Center.

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# Y'all Come! 64th LWF Convention Set for Shreveport

The Louisiana Wildlife Federation will be holding its 64th Annual Convention Feb. 28, March 1-2 in Shreveport. The venue will be the Holiday Inn Downtown/Riverfront. Conservation groups, sportsmen, environmentalists and natural resource management professionals from throughout Louisiana will be participating. They will debate and vote on a variety of conservation policy resolutions submitted to the convention by federation affiliate clubs and directors. Subjects range from deer hunting regulations to pollution control and land conservation, to fisheries management and conservation funding. The resolutions sessions are scheduled for Saturday morning and are open to the public as are all convention functions and sessions. A \$15 convention registration fee is requested (\$10 for preregistered guests). Ticket fees are also charged for those functions where food is served. Please contact the LWF office in Baton Rouge (225/344-6762) for registration information.

A highlight of the meeting will be the Saturday evening presentation of prestigious conservation achievement awards to 9 individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the conservation of Louisiana's natural resources during the previous year. The Louisiana Outdoor Writer's Association will also present its top conservation award at this event. The banquet ceremonies will be presided over by outdoor media personality Don Dubuc who will once again emcee the event.

Another exciting program on Saturday will be the General Session from 2-5 PM. Dr. Jim Ingold of LSU-S will present the "History of Ornithology in Louisiana" taking us from the pioneering days of Bartram and John James Audubon through Dr. George Lowery and present day efforts to know and understand the bird life of Louisiana. Shreveport native Paul Dickson will combine the centennial celebration of the National Wildlife Refuge System with his own successful work in establishing the Red River National Wildlife Refuge, Louisiana's newest, and talk about the future role of wildlife refuges in our society. And the Criminal Investigation Division of the US Environmental Protection Agency will

review its work in Louisiana to bring polluters to justice.

The convention starts Friday, Feb. 28 with business meetings in the afternoon, capped with an evening fish fry and auction at 7 PM. The auction is a lot of fun and participants can pick up some nice bargains on outdoor gear, wildlife art and hunting and fishing trips. The best part of this event, though, is the fellowship – meeting and catching up with sportsmen and conservationists from around the state. Tickets are \$15 at the door, but only \$5 if preregistered for the convention.

There will be numerous educational exhibits set up in the Holiday Inn lobby and meeting room foyer to give delegates and guests plenty of things to spark their interest when not participating in the convention meetings and events. And for those choosing to forego the business meetings and participate in the Spouses Tour, there will be a cruise on the Red River followed by a visit to the SciPort Science Center and the IMAX film "Lewis and Clark- the Great Journey West"; then lunch in the Red River District.

"It has been 13 years since the Louisiana Wildlife Federation has held its convention in Northwest Louisiana — too long," said Joe. L. Herring, LWF President. "We have many loyal members from that beautiful part of the state and I want to extend a special invitation to all of them to come and join us. We'd also like to see more of our individual contributing members come to convention and participate. It's not just for affiliate clubs and directors," Herring continued. "Our convention program is interesting, educational, easy to participate in, and conducted in an orderly, business-like fashion that results in a productive and fulfilling meeting for those that attend. And most importantly, it is invigorating and maintains the vitality of the LWF to be a leader in conservation in Louisiana. I hope to see you there."

The convention room rate at the Holiday Inn Downtown is \$65. Please call 318/222-7717 to make reservations. Contact the LWF office at 225/344-6762 or [singerlwf@aol.com](mailto:singerlwf@aol.com) for convention preregistration and program information.

## Outdoor Corner with Lyle Johnson

### Bass Fishing in the Atchafalaya Basin

Nearly 20 years ago, change was in the wind for bass management in Louisiana. The impetus was to grow larger bass in state waters, so the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries dropped its resistance to introducing the Florida strain of largemouth bass and began to stock them in small numbers. Later, a bass task force was assembled to explore ways to accommodate the growing demand for larger bass and put the opportunity to catch a trophy fish within reach of every angler in the state. The task force was made up of biologists from LSU and Wildlife & Fisheries along with bass club representatives and sporting organizations all over the state. The concept of designating a number of "Trophy" and "Quality" lakes with special slot and creel limits emerged from that task force and has been implemented with varying degrees of success. It certainly raised the bar for what is now considered a "trophy" bass in Louisiana. Although concerns were addressed with "perceived" diminishing numbers of bass in the Atchafalaya Basin (Spillway), no special slots or creel restrictions were recommended by the task force for the Spillway, other than the reduction in creel limit statewide from 15 to 10 black bass daily.

Along came Hurricane Andrew with its massive fish kill in the Spillway and the bass question was raised once again. Another committee was formed to address the situation. Restocking was considered, even to the point of adding Florida strain largemouths into the mix. Local anglers from Ascension Parish began to bring fish to the Spillway from the Blind and Amite River areas. Talk in the committee ranged from letting the Spillway be restocked naturally from the yearly influx of fish from the Mississippi through the Atchafalaya River, to bringing a size limit into the picture again.

To make a long story short, a 14" minimum size limit was put in effect in the Spillway area for an experimental, two-year trial. Louisiana black bass first spawn between 12" and 14", and the thinking was that protecting that size class from harvest would help the Spillway bass population recover faster. That's how we ended up with

a 14" minimum length restriction on harvesting bass in the Spillway. After two years the committee reconvened to discuss whether the 14" restriction had accomplished its mission or not. Most biologists believed they needed one or two more years to complete the study, but the consensus was that the program had succeeded and the numbers of bass were on the rise.

Following the lead of the science, the East Ascension Sportsman's League was the only organization that voted to remove the size restriction. Bowing to the pressure of bass club organizations and a tepid attempt by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation to establish a slot limit, the committee voted to keep the size limit indefinitely. Here we are 10 years later and just what has happened? The bass tournament organizations are still wondering where the big bass in the Spillway have gone and the "just for fun" bass fisherman is shaking his head wondering, "Why can't I keep any of the 75 bass I caught today?"

Well, the waters are being stirred again and its time to revisit this subject again. This may be way off the mark, but it seems only to be common sense that if you remove only the gene pool of the largest fish, over time only smaller fish are laying the eggs or doing the fertilization. I don't keep up with every bass tournament fished in the Atchafalaya Basin, but a trend seems to have developed. The average weight of a bass in a winning stringer is about 2 to 2 1/2 lb. It also seems that when tournament fishermen are allowed to fish either side of the levee and the marsh, most of the winning stringers come from the marsh where there is no size limit.

Now, I don't want to sound selfish, but the attempts to make the Spillway a tournament fishing "heaven" has ruined the joy of bass fishing for a lot of "fun fishermen." My dad passed away a little over a year ago and the memories coursing through my mind right now are of a 12' home made, wooden bateau with a 7hp Evinrude outboard loaded with a few Johnson spin cast reels with H&H spinnerbaits tied on for a great days fun in the outdoors. I also have memories of fishing bass tournaments with that same dad and I still love the competition, but there must be some middle ground somewhere.

So until next time, have fun in the outdoors, be safe and may God bless you!!!

## Rock Wren Sighted at ULL Experimental Farm

by Jay Huner

During the New Iberia Christmas Bird Count, Mike Musumeche, an avid birder and professional ornithologist, was visiting the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Experimental Farm and noticed an unusual

agricultural lands for wildlife. Recent additions to the list, all reasonably uncommon in the area, have included Yellow Rail, Groove-billed Ani, Willow Flycatcher, and Brown Creeper in addition to the Rock Wren. The state's avifauna includes approximately 450 species. Thus, approximately 60% of the



Rock wren. Photo by Gayle and Jeanell Strickland

wren. Mike recognized the bird to be a Rock Wren and was excited because this was only the fourth report of this western species in the State of Louisiana.

Most avid birders maintain a "life list" of the birds that they have encountered. In the USA, it is common to maintain a North American life list and many birders maintain state lists as well. The Rock Wren is native to the southwestern USA and is reasonably common there but the species is rarely found west of central Texas. Well over 50 birders visited the ULL Experimental Farm to view the Rock Wren including several nonresident birders - Arkansas, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wyoming - who were in the area and modified their itineraries to come to the Farm to view the wren.

Although the Rock Wren left the site by mid-January 2003, those interested in seeing what it looks like can view a dramatic image of the bird at the Louisiana Ornithological Society's web site - [www.losbird.org](http://www.losbird.org).

Readers may be interested to learn that the Rock Wren became bird number 258 for the UL Lafayette Experimental Farm's bird list. This list was initiated in 1988 as part of a project to document the habitat value of

birds reported in the state have been documented there. During the December 22, 2003 New Iberia Christmas Bird Count, 82 bird species were recorded on the ULL unit or within 3 miles of it, while a total of 125 species were recorded during the entire CBC survey.

The ULL unit covers about 600 acres including a wooded wetland woodlot, riparian forest, pasture land, cane fields, and crawfish ponds. This ecological "footprint" is common to the rural landscape in western St. Martin Parish where the ULL unit is located. As a result, one can expect to find a similar diversity of birds throughout the area. Unlike "private lands", the ULL Experimental Farm is open to public visitation and birders are welcome to come to enjoy the avifauna of the area. A description of birding opportunities may be found in the archives of the Louisiana Ornithological Society's web page under past issues of the LOS Newsletter. - Jay V. Huner, Director, UL Lafayette Crawfish Research Center, 1031 W. J. Bernard Road, St. Martinville, LA 70582 - [jhuner@louisiana.edu](mailto:jhuner@louisiana.edu)

are the Elmer's Island Committee and Freedom to Hunt, Fish & Trap and White Lake Committees chaired by past president Keith Saucier and 1st Vice President Smitty Smith, respectively. Keith and Smitty have reports in this issue of the magazine. Please read them and lend your support to these efforts.

We are looking forward to a very successful LWF convention in Shreveport on February 28, March 1 & 2. Presently, the LWF does not have a club in Shreveport, but we have received very good support from our contributing members in that area. I can remember when Caddo Parish had a sportsmen's club with about 1,800 members, and was one of the most active affiliates in the LWF. Northwest Louisiana deserves to have a local conservation organization that can work with LWF on the many issues that effect the outdoors in that wonderful part of our state. There would be plenty to do working to keep the air, water and soil clean and healthy and conserving fish and wildlife resources.

Yours in conservation,  
Joe L. Herring  
President

Executive Director: Continued from page 3

than waiting for rain. Remember, we were in the grips of a major drought for the better part of 3 years until last summer.

As for birds at the backyard feeder - goldfinches and house finches a-plenty at my place in Baton Rouge. And a few weeks ago there were 2 fat white-winged doves teetering on the edge of the feeder pecking out a meal - the first appearance of these southwestern birds in my yard. I think I also had a bay breasted warbler, and this morning, a field sparrow among all the finches. Our wildlife makes us rich, indeed.



TIBBY SEZ

Ole Tibby



Me Cher Amis le Chasseur et la Pecher:

Well, the holidays are long gone and the hunting season remains open for only a few species. I hope you all had wonderful holidays



The youngest of Tibby's 13 grandchildren Trent Thibodeaux walking "Chevy", the yellow lab pup his girlfriend Kaylie gave him for Christmas. Pa Pa Tibby already has Chevy under training.

with your families and a productive hunting season and caught plenty of fish.

We had 35 people at my home on Christmas Eve. Most were family, but some were friends of family members, too, like grandsons with there girlfriends. One grandson, Trent, received a yellow Labrador retriever pup from his girlfriend for Christmas. That created excitement and interest in the house. Wife, Erna, kept the puppy in her lap. "Chevy" is the name of the 3 month old pup.

Trent killed 2 deer this year-his first, but

his dad, Ronnie scratched. So Ronnie did the cooking. They ate all the venison at their camp, so we got no deer sausage this year.

Trent attends school in the mornings and goes to work in the afternoons so he doesn't have enough time to exercise Chevy. I go to pick Chevy up to take my 40-minute walk each day. He has learned to sit, come and heel pretty good. Trent says that Pa Pa Tibby thinks Chevy belongs to him. I really do enjoy taking Chevy with me as I have owned seven retrievers and trained them myself. Old Beachcomber, Bob Scearce and Mike Cook, the legendary outdoor writers for the Baton Rouge newspaper, both now deceased, used to compliment me on the training when they accompanied me on hunts, not so long ago, in the ricefields of Southwest Louisiana.

I made only one fishing trip last year that I wrote about last time, and no hunting trips. I will try to do more this year. A young man like me does not feel like going all the time, and I don't want to be a burden to anyone. Much to my regret, also, Ole Tibby does not drive anymore. That really confines me to home. I have to watch my Ps and Qs to keep Erna happy with me so she can chauffeur for me. So far, we are doing all right.

There are so many changes today in this world, I get the feeling we're living in a different world. Some of my old friends feel that way, too. The trouble we are having in the Middle East disturbs me some. I was in North Africa one year during WW II and being a French-English translator, I learned some Arabic and Jewish language too. You can see that those walks with Chevy really help make this Ole Ecriteur think he is young again.

One of the other things I do to keep busy is make duck calls. I also make duck call lapel pins, gavels, pencil and tooth pick holders and such on my lathe. But since that's in the boat shed, sometimes it's just too cold to get out there and do it. Today as I was walking Chevy, seven schoolgirls got off the bus near their homes. They ran over to me asking, "Mister, is that your dog?" I told them that he belongs to my grandson. They began to ask questions about duck hunting as they often see me in the neighborhood and know that I call ducks. I asked them if they wanted me to call them a duck. They said yes, so I said "you are a duck." They laughed so loud that I could hear them when I was almost home.

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## CLUB NEWS

### State Turkey Calling Contest Set

Just in time for the beginning of turkey season, the Louisiana State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is hosting its State Championship turkey-calling, gobbling and owl hooting contest. The contest will be held March 1, 2003 in Shreveport, LA at the Holiday Inn Downtown where the Louisiana Wildlife Federation is holding its 64th Annual Convention. Registration for the contest begins at 11 AM and the competition will start at 1 PM.

The event will feature calling contests for various ages and skill levels. The highlight of the show will be the Louisiana State Championship, which will determine the best turkey caller in the state. The winner will be eligible to represent Louisiana in the 2004 National Turkey Calling Championship. There will be an "open" division for competitors from out of state, and competitions for women and youngsters under 17. For more information about the contest contact Chad Bowen (318/872-1477) or Michael Lodridge (318/899-7503).

### Save Our Lake Golf Classic

The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation is holding the 7th Annual Save Our Lake Golf Classic on February 24, 2003 at the Chateau Golf and Country Club. Donation per player is \$125 and includes a round of golf, lunch, beverages, awards party and LPBF membership. Sponsorships are available at the Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels and for each hole. Registration is 10:30 AM with tee time at 11:30. Funds raised from the Classic will support the work of the LPBF in improving the quality of Lake Pontchartrain and its environs. For more information call Sheila Ehren (504/836-2205).

### Louisiana Safari Club Banquet and Fundraiser

The Louisiana Chapter of Safari Club International has set its annual fundraising banquet for March 29, 2003 at the Wyndham Hotel in Metairie. This gala event will feature numerous outfitted hunts and outdoor gear, good food and great fellowship, all to raise dollars for conservation and education. For tickets, or to donate an item for the auction, contact Jimmy Fowler at 985/882-7843. One of the events at the banquet will be the drawing

for the winners of the Chapter's "5-gun raffle". Guns featured are a Browning Gold semi-auto shotgun, a Thompson Center Classic .22 cal. rifle with scope, a Benelli Nova pump shotgun, a Remington 710 .270 cal. rifle with scope, and a Thompson Encore 209x50 Mag Muzzle Loader. Tickets are \$5 for 1, \$25 for 6 and \$50 for 13. Each ticket buys a chance to win each gun. Contact Jimmy Fowler for tickets.

### EASL Is Online

The East Ascension Sportsman's League is now online! Visit the club's website at <http://www.easlonline.org/>. It's still under construction but most sections should be complete by the end of February. At [easlonline.org](http://www.easlonline.org) you will learn about one of the finest conservation and outdoor sports organizations in the state. The site will have information and photos from EASL activities, projects and events. Winners of the club's monthly and yearly contests will be posted and there will be a sportsman's calendar of events. There will also be links to other conservation and outdoor sports websites. Bookmark EASL's website for easy reference.

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I really enjoy watching the local TV program "Louisiana Treasure" with Joe Macaluso and Gary Rispono. They hunt the Gueydan area where I hunted for many years. I talked with LWF executive director Randy Lanctot the other day and he told me killed only 3 ducks on his best day last season, but that all the mornings were good just being out there. He is like I am, killing is not all of it. It's rewarding just being afield, seeing wild things, exercising your legs and your duck calling.

I'm proud of all you parents who take your kids hunting and fishing, bird watching and other activities to enjoy the outdoors. And, of course, encouraging them in athletic activities is good, too. Through them they learn a decent way of life and won't be involved in unwanted activities. I still believe in the statement, "Take your kids hunting and fishing and you won't have to go hunting for them."

Lashe pass mes amis.  
(Do not give up, my friends.) - Tibby

## AFFILIATE CLUBS

### DISTRICT 1

Little Tchefuncte River Association  
Pontchartrain Hunting Retriever Club

### DISTRICT 2

Clio Sportsman's League  
Jefferson Rod and Gun Club  
Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation

### DISTRICT 3

Acadiana Bay Association  
Iberia Rod and Gun Club  
Plaquemine Sportsman's League

### DISTRICT 4

Claiborne Parish Hunting and Fishing Club

### DISTRICT 5

### DISTRICT 6

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