

# **“Legends of the Outdoors National Hall of Fame”**

## **Induction Banquet 2009**

By Tommy Garner

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This morning, Garry Mason, Founder and Executive Director of the “Legends of the Outdoors National Hall of Fame” announced that the 2009 “Legends of the Outdoors National Hall of Fame” Induction Banquet is scheduled for August 22, 2009 at the Sheraton Music City in Nashville, Tennessee. This is a change from the past as the banquet is scheduled for a Saturday afternoon where it has always been held on a Friday evening. The Meet and Greet will be at 3:00 p.m. and the meal seating will begin at 4:00 p.m.

The “First Lady of Hunting,” Brenda Valentine will be the Guest Speaker for this year's event. Ms. Valentine was the first lady inducted into the Legends of the Outdoors National Hall of Fame and is a great ambassador for outdoor sports, helping other ladies and children get more involved with hunting and outdoor recreation.

The guest of honor will be “Mr. B.A.S.S.” himself, Ray Scott. Mr. Scott is a 2003 Legends inductee, and has attended and participated in several of the Legends events in the past. **The list of inductees for 2009 includes: Mr. Rob Keck, Ms. Emily Shaffer, Mr. Jim Crumley, Mr. Eddie Salter, Mr. Terry Redlin, Mr. Toxey Haas, and Mr. Herb Parsons, posthumously.** In addition, The National Wild Turkey Federation will be honored with a presentation of a special award in this year's banquet.

One of this year's guest speakers will again be Dana Bowman, one of the greatest motivational speakers in America. Bowman is a double amputee who has parachuted thousands of times from an airplane since losing both legs in a tragic parachuting demonstration where his jumping partner was killed. He is the only double amputee who has re-enlisted in the Army after losing both legs.

Mason emphasizes the fact that the “Legends of the Outdoors National Hall of Fame” Induction Banquet is open to the public, giving individuals the opportunity to meet many present and former inductees of the “Legends of the Outdoors National Hall of Fame,” a host of outdoor and country music celebrities during the Meet and Greet portion of the event as well as witnessing some of these outdoor icons being honored by their peers.

For more information, go to the Legends website at **[www.legendsoftheoutdoors.com](http://www.legendsoftheoutdoors.com)**, or contact Garry Mason, Founder, at 731-539-0171 (office) or 731-693-7770 (cell).

# Mission Statement

## “Legends of the Outdoors” National Hall of Fame

The “Legends of the Outdoors” National Hall of Fame has been established to recognize those outdoor sportsmen and sportswomen who, through countless hours of hard work and devotion to the outdoors, in both hunting and fishing, have played an integral part in setting the standards and guidelines for the rest of the outdoor world to follow.

Selection process for the “Legends of the Outdoors” National Hall of Fame inductees:

Names of potential inductees are submitted to “The Legends of the Outdoors” by both outdoor writers and previously inducted members. From here, a list of potential inductees is submitted to a select group of outdoor writers and sportsmen. They are asked to choose up to 8 from the list and return the ballot with those names to “The Legends Committee.” The committee then takes the ballots and compiles a list for research, of the seven or eight names that received the most votes from this select group of outdoor writers. Each potential inductee is sent a letter stating that they have been nominated to be a “Legends of the Outdoors” Hall of Fame Member.

If chosen, they will be invited to attend this year’s banquet to accept their award. If, for some reason, they cannot attend, their name remains on the list each year until they can attend. Once a potential inductee becomes chosen by “The Legend’s Committee,” he or she will become a future inductee. His or her name cannot be removed from this list, and each year will be sent a letter of nomination until they are able to attend and thus be inducted.

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# ***Legends of the Outdoors” National Hall of Fame Members***

## 2002 Legends of the Outdoors Inductees

Earl Bentz	Eli Haydel
Jimmy Holt	Harold Knight
David Hale	Roland Martin
Charlie Brewer Sr.-posthumously	Bill Dance

## 2003 Legends of the Outdoors Inductees

Brenda Valentine	Soc Clay
Wade Bourne	Johnny Morris
Ray Scott	BillyWestmoreland-posthumously
Mike McLemore	

## 2004 Legends of the Outdoors Inductees

Harold Ensley-posthumously	Don Butler-posthumously
Buck Gardner	Penny Berryman
Bob Cobb	Tim Grounds
Shaw Grigsby	

## 2005 Legends of the Outdoors Inductees

Paul Elias	Kim Ward
Kathy Magers	Marilyn Bentz
Butch Richenback	Les Kouba-Posthumously

## 2006 Legends of the Outdoors Inductees

Ralph J McDonald	Forrest Wood
Pat Peacock	Ralph Kohler
Hank Parker	Jack Wingate
Stan Sloan-posthumously	

## 2007 Legends of the Outdoors Inductees

Steve McCadams	Tommy Akin
Marion McCollum	Pamela Martin-Wells
Alex Rutledge	Larry Nixon
Larry Weishuhn	

## 2008 Legends of the Outdoors Inductees

Chris Houston	Jimmy Houston
Jerry Martin	Tom Knapp
Jack Oliver	Wally Marshall
Preston Pittman	George Cochran



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