

Haskell Noyes Award Past Recipients

1930 - Ernest Swift	1975 - Philip Zieman
1931 - Barney Devine	1976 - William Hiebing
1932 - Arthur Baie	1977 - Ronald Kubisiak
1933 - Albert Dunham	1978 - Howard DeBriyn
1934 - Peter Diedrich	1979 - James Amundson
1935 - Louis Oshesky	1980 - Earl D. Piper
1936 - A. J. Robinson	1981 - Bruce R. Buenning
1937 - W. P. Elliott	1982 - George W. Phillips
1938 - Harry M. Hosford	1983 - Dennis Jameson
1939 - I. C. Rheume	1984 - Harold Schmude
1940 - T. Fred Minor	1985 - John Glennon
1941 - John D. Worden	1986 - Joe Davidowski
1942 - Richard A. Nixon	1987 - David Arendt
1943 - W. H. Field	1988 - Dennis Kirschbaum
1944 - Chauncey A. Weitz	1989 - William Schwengel
1945 - D. W. Waggoner	1990 - Gerald Carow
1946 - Robert B. Markle	1991 - Richard T. Wallin
1947 - Royce Dallman	1992 - John W. Buss
1948 - John A. Helsing Jr.	1993 - David D. Goldsworthy
1949 - Werner L. Radke	1994 - Russell H. Wilson
1950 - Arthur C. Chase	1995 - Byron J. Goetsch
1951 - Francis A. Stiglbauer	1996 - Donald Mezei
1952 - Arthur N. Knudtson	1997 - Michael A. Smith
1953 - John F. Adamski	1998 - Michael J. Bartz
1954 - Frank L. Adamske	1999 - Thomas J. Jodarski
1955 - Harvey W. Mau	2000 - Michael S. Cross
1956 - Carl T. Miersch	2001 - David A. Zebro
1957 - Edward A. Manthei	2002 - Roy A. Kubisiak
1958 - Albert G. Koppenhaver	2003 - Judi A. Nigbor
1959 - Ruthven J. Lake	2004 - David K. Algrem
1960 - Norman L. Hick	2005 - Kyle J. Drake
1961 - Warren M. Holge	2006 - Michael D. Stahl
1962 - William Laesch	2007 - Scott A. Bowe
1963 - Robert J. Ward	2008 - David J. Walz
1964 - Charles A. Schlumpf	2009 - Jeremy S. Peery
1965 - Ernest L. Meress	2010 - Theodore J. Dremel
1966 - Ortis K. Johnson	2011 - William P. Miller
1967 - Robert F. Winnie	2012 - Russell T. Fell
1968 - Owen A. Anderson	2013 - Robert D. Stroess
1969 - Glen H. Poppo	2014 - Jesse Ashton
1970 - Benjamin A. Little	2015 - Barry Fetting
1971 - Robert F. Kuhrasch	2016 - Michael Hirschboeck
1972 - John S. Plenke	2017 - Edward McCann
1973 - Albert J. Kwallek	2018 - Dale Hochhausen
1974 - James Flanigan	2019 - Jon Scharbarth

2020 Haskell Noyes Wisconsin Conservation Warden Efficiency Award

Presented to

Michael J. Disher

*December 4th, 2021
At 3:30 PM*



“Faithful Able Service”

Michael is deeply honored and privileged to receive the prestigious Haskell Noyes Efficiency Award. The continual support from the Haskell Noyes family is greatly appreciated.

~ Welcome and introduction

- **Chris Shea**
Lieutenant – Lake Winnebago Team

~ Speakers

- **Ben Treml**
Captain – North East Region
- **Casey Krueger**
Chief Warden
- **Tom Sturdivant**
Retired Warden
- **Ed McCann**
Lieutenant - 2017 Award Recipient
- **Ryan Propson**
Lieutenant
- **Blake Noyes**
Presentation of the Haskell Noyes award
- **Michael J. Disher**
Acceptance of the Haskell Noyes award

History of the Haskell Noyes Award



Haskell Noyes

Haskell Noyes (1886-1948) was a successful and prominent member of the Milwaukee business community, and its attendant civic circles, for most of his adult life. He was an officer in World War I, and then plunged deeply into conservation matters of all kinds upon returning from the war front. He helped organize the Milwaukee chapter of the Izaak Walton League that advocated fish limits and deer seasons in the early 1920's. "Noyes' interest in the outdoors was stirred by boyhood vacations along the Brule River, where he fished for trout and tramped the forests," noted the Wisconsin Conservation Bulletin in February 1949, shortly after Mr. Noyes had died.

Haskell Noyes was involved in efforts to remove political influence from the management of Wisconsin's natural resources. In 1925 and 1926, Noyes was in the forefront of a group which formulated a legislative program to remove the control of conservation matters from partisan politics and modernize the administrative set-up in the state. It was at this time that Noyes and other conservation leaders in Wisconsin were pushing for a law centralizing Wisconsin's conservation activities under a director and six unpaid commissioners. The law was passed in 1926, creating the Wisconsin Conservation Commission, which later became the Natural Resources Board. Noyes served as the Chair of the Commission from 1931 to 1933. "This change marked the end of Wisconsin's comparatively feeble pioneer efforts in conservation and opened the modern era of conservation development," reported the Wisconsin Conservation Bulletin.

To encourage efficiency and to give credit for faithful and able service, Haskell Noyes initiated an award to be given to the state's outstanding field warden at a public gathering in the field warden's home community. The award includes a gold pocket watch inscribed "Wisconsin Conservation Warden Efficiency Award" and the words "Faithful Able Service." And thus, the award became known as simply "The Watch." Noyes personally presented the first watch to Ernie Swift in 1930, and he continued making the presentation each year until 1948. Since then, the tradition of honoring a conservation warden has been carried on by his descendants.

History shows that Noyes' interest and accomplishments in conservation continued after he left the Conservation Commission. He initiated the push for a voluntary sportsman's license to provide contributions to the conservation fund that was designed to fund the creation of public hunting areas, for which no money had previously been available. He was also active nationally and served on the advisory board for administration of the federal Migratory Bird Act. Noyes was memorialized for his work to secure land for the Kettle Moraine State Forest when the Wisconsin Conservation Commission dedicated the Haskell Noyes Memorial Woods in the Kettle Moraine State Forest as a State Natural Area in 1952.