

April 2016



# IWRC

## International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

Hello Friend!

Have you visited IWRC's membership Communication Forum yet? Take a moment and click on over to see what its all about.

If you find that you do not already have ability to post when logged into the IWRC website, please drop a quick note to our Membership Coordinator, Diana, at [dianah@theiwrc.org](mailto:dianah@theiwrc.org). It only needs to include a simple "forum access" in the email subject. We will make sure to get your status updated quickly so you can take part!

IWRC is really excited to add not one but six volunteers in April. Some are short term project volunteers and some we hope will stay part of the IWRC family for years to come. We have more Eugene area volunteers joining IWRC in May. I think its about time for some volunteer profiles to show up in the newsletter!

Speaking of volunteers. One of our newest found a problem on the website yesterday. When you use the box on the bottom right of the website to log in it throws you over to the forum. Diana is working on that mystery (its beyond my skills) but meanwhile you can always log in by going to [theiwrc.org/login](http://theiwrc.org/login)

Wishing you well,

Lets Talk!

Membership  
Forum

In my experience...

Kai

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## Board Tidbits!

IWRC President Sue Wylie shares some insights into her life with animals.

***Please share an early/childhood experience that was pivotal to your personal relationship to wildlife.***

I have always preferred being outdoors and loved nature. My parents brought me camping every weekend May to October starting at the age of two weeks until I was a teen. My most memorable moment



was when I was 8 years old seeing my dad jumping out of the car to capture an injured Canada goose that was running in one of the fields. He captured the bird, brought it to the car and plopped it on my mom's knee (she was less than amused). We then found a facility to care for the bird.

***What excites you so much that it keeps you awake the night before?***

Waiting for chimney swifts to be brought to Le Nichoir in July. I literally dream about it!

[Get the full scoop here](#)

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## Networking: Its all about sharing

By Lloyd Brown, CWR

As an IWRC instructor, I get to meet rehabbers in many different places with lots of interesting backgrounds. While teaching a class in Murray, Kentucky this Spring, I met



## IWRC Courses

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June 2016

- Trinidad & Tobago

Charlotte Simpson, Executive Director at Liberty Wildlife Center in Kentucky. Charlotte had worked for several years in the African nation of Zambia at an orphanage for elephants. Since I had recently traveled in Africa to visit rehab centers there I was immediately interested and upset that I had not known of her, and her work, earlier. That is exactly the type of place I would have wanted to visit.

This past week, Charlotte came down to South Florida and I was able to show her around to a few of the more interesting rescue operations in South Florida.



Charlotte Simpson speaking with the staff of Dolphin Plus

Whenever a rehabilitator comes to visit us, we always try to get them to spend a few hours in the Florida Keys learning about the rescue and rehabilitation of marine mammals like dolphins and whales. Charlotte had a chance to participate in a Dolphin Plus facility training on marine mammal physical exams and transportation; then she turned it around and spoke with the staff about her work in elephant rehabilitation.



June

- Trinidad & Tobago
- St Kitts (closed class)

July

- Brunei (closed class)

Fall 2016

- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Ohio
- Rhode Island
- Tennessee
- Washington

Dates and locations

TBA. More Fall classes will be announced this summer!

Registration opens in June.



Charlotte and Lloyd at The Turtle Hospital

After that, we traveled for down the islands to the City of Marathon where that good folks at [The Turtle Hospital](#) gave us a behind the scenes look into their operations. The rescue and rehabilitation of sea turtles is a very specialized field and few people outside of those who do the actual work get to see it. We finished the day up with a visit to [Marathon Wild Bird Rescue](#) and my friend Kelly Grinter who runs that organization.

## In Case You Missed It

**Host a Class**  
It's easier than you think!

**Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation**

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We are scheduling Fall courses now! If you are interested in bringing a class to your area, contact Julissa at [julissa@theiwrc.org](mailto:julissa@theiwrc.org)

## Notes

All IWRC Journals of Wildlife Rehabilitation are available to members at <http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation>

The most recent published journal is February's 36(1)



## Research Corner

As always, if you are working on a study and need participants, email me at [director@theiwrc.org](mailto:director@theiwrc.org) to be featured on our website and in our newsletter.

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The Spring (March) 2016 edition of **IWRC's Membership Directory** is available for download by current IWRC members. Log In to get your [PDF copy](#).

AND

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