



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



From

Wyoming State Society

What a year it has been for Wyoming State Society! Here's a quick recap of 2005:

On **January 19, 2005** Wyoming State Society hosted an **Inaugural Ball in honor of VicePresident Cheney**. Even larger than the ball we hosted in 2001, three thousand people joined us in celebrating Vice President Cheney's reelection at Constitution Hall. Several hundred people came into DC from back home for the event. Senator Alan Simpson was the ever perfect emcee. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, and the hard work of volunteers, WSS members and Wyoming residents were able to attend for free. We enjoyed gourmet catering, and the music of Robert Randolph. It was a night to remember!



In **March**, we celebrated the time honored DC tradition of the **Cherry Blossom** Festival by electing Reagan Bebout as Wyoming's Cherry Blossom Princess. Originally from Riverton, Reagan made a lovely princess! We enjoyed a cocktail party at the NRA honoring Reagan.



In **May** we teamed up with the Colorado State Society to attend **Gold Cup** in The Plains Virginia. We were bused to& from the event and spent the afternoon drinking and watching the horse races in our reserved tent. Not exactly the way we ride horses, but it was fun to see how the other half lives!



July means only one thing for Wyoming State Society – **C.O.W.P.I.E.** and this year was a huge success! Due to an amazing fund raising effort, Wyoming State Society members were able to attend without purchasing tickets. We had Wyoming beef burgers, gave away a few prizes, danced to Wil Gravatt band, and of course, each took our turn on the mechanical bull. Cindy Reed was crowned a stunning Queen, and Wil Ackerman her noble King.

In **August** we **donated \$25,000** in honor of Lynne Cheney to the Foundation for Laramie Wyoming. We also **donated \$7,500** to the University of Wyoming in honor of Senator Alan Simpson, Senator Malcolm Wallop, Senator Craig Thomas, and Vice President Cheney. This money will go toward a special section of Prexy's Pasture dedicated in honor of Senator Simpson.



On **October 2nd**, many of you came out to show off your skills (and drink some free beer) at the **Wyoming State Society Golf Tournament**. Longest Drive was awarded to Joe Milczweski in the men's category and Dani Wiblemo in the ladies. Closest to the pin winner was Allison McGuire. The best overall foursome: Jeff Bunning, Brad Bunning, Joe Milczewski, Dave Bush. Thanks to the players and congratulations to the winners!



On **November 14th** we voted to update our bylaws in order to have more efficient elections. Elections will be held on Wednesday, February 8th, 2006. We encourage everyone interested to run for an office (or sign up for COWPIE committee) and get more involved behind the scenes in WSS! Wyoming State Society is a completely volunteer run organization, and we would love to have your help! At that meeting we also discussed the frustrations over our website not being “up to date”. Making website changes has proven more difficult than anticipated, but we are working on it.

December 9th will offer paid members a rare holiday treat – **touring the Vice President's residence**. Tours of this kind are not offered to the public, and it will be quite an honor for member of WSS. Information was sent directly to dues paid members. Unfortunately, if you had not paid your 2005 dues prior to Nov. 1st, we could not include your name on the guest list. Paying your dues on time is essential to ensure you receive all info from WSS. Thank you to everyone who paid dues in 2005! We hope you can join us for this special event!

Our final event of the year will be our annual **holiday party** which will be held on Thursday, **December 15th** from 6:00 until 8:00 at the NRA on Capital Hill. Mark your calendars now for a festive evening and holiday toast with fellow Wyoming State Society members!

We are so glad that you were a part of our many successful events of this year, and hope that you will continue your membership into 2006! A membership form is located at the end of this newsletter, please take a moment to fill it out and submit your dues. Thank you!!

Happy Holidays from the Wyoming State Society Board of Directors!

Misty Walsh, President
Ryan Taylor, Vice President
Cindy Reed, Treasurer

Marissa Peden, Fundraising Chair
Bill Novotny, Special Events Chair
Alison McGuire, Secretary





Wyoming State Society Membership Form

Thank you for joining the Wyoming State Society for 2006. We rely on dues and donations to host events for our members, and really appreciate your support!

Wyoming State Society was established for those who have lived in Wyoming and now reside in the Washington DC area to get together and share our common roots. **Your Wyoming connection information is REQUIRED for membership.** Please include where you are from in Wyoming (and dates lived there) or how you are currently connected to Wyoming (i.e.: spouse from Wyo, working for Wyo delegation, etc.) when submitting membership dues. If you are not from Wyoming, or connected to our state through marriage or employment, we encourage you to join the state society from wherever you may be from. Every state has a society, and you can locate yours at: www.statesocieties.org.

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

* We contact our members primarily through email.
Please be sure to submit your email address and promptly update us with any changes.

WYOMING CONNECTION: _____

WSS Dues are \$15 per person/\$25 per couple and are due January 1st of each year.

Make Checks payable to Wyoming State Society and mail to:

P.O. Box 75857 Washington DC 20013

You will receive email confirmation once your dues and completed membership application are received. Thank you for support - we look forward to seeing you at the next event!

