



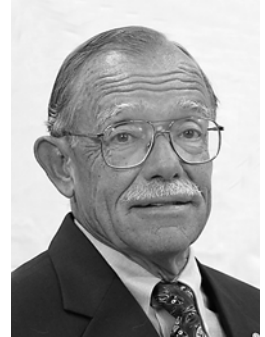
Frederic G Renner Award

The Frederic G. Renner Award is the most prestigious award bestowed by the Society. It was made possible by a generous contribution from Frederic G. Renner, a Charter and Life member, and SRM's second President (1949). The award is presented with the belief that such recognition will foster better use of rangeland resources and a broader understanding of the contributions that these resources make to the welfare of all people.

E Tom Bartlett

Tom Bartlett joined the American Society of Range Management in 1963. He is only 10 years away from being a Founding Member.

When one thinks of the Finance Committee of the Society for Range Management one immediately thinks of Tom Bartlett. For 11 years Tom served on the Finance Committee of the SRM, also serving as Chair. Many of those years were a time of considerable change in the Society. While the Board of Directors was selling one property, housing the staff in rented facilities and considering whether or not to purchase a new facility, the Finance Committee had to constantly try to keep the Society afloat financially. At the same time new thought was going into how the EVP position should be handled and by what sort of person. To this the Finance Committee had to act as advisors with the financial interests of the Society in mind. Through this Tom stayed the course as a solid advisor and, as people who know Tom, he did not mince his words about what he would suggest. The Society now finds itself with a new office facility, a full time EVP who shares his time between Washington, DC and Denver and with a sound Financial Plan in place. We would not be there without a sound Finance Committee, one that had Tom Bartlett at its core.



Tom also served three years on the Society Board of Directors.

We all think of Tom as the leader in the Range Economics world, and rightfully so. He has been the mentor of most of the present day range economists on University faculty as well as in land management organizations. No one can speak about Federal land grazing fees without thinking of Tom Bartlett. He has been at the heart, or in the leadership, of the many studies that have been done over the years on the topic.

While many regard Tom as an academic from the research side we forget that he was the Advisor for the Colorado State University Range Club for 27 years. He served on the Student Affairs Committee for 6 years leading the Student Display Contest.

When most folks would be entering the retirement years and finishing up tasks left undone Tom took on the leadership of the Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable. An effort initiated by the U.S. Forest Service this quickly took on a national level of involvement thanks to Tom's dogged determination to see the effort through. With monitoring and assessment "standardization" a high priority within the profession, new thinking in ecological classification of rangeland conditions and the need for data on the status of rangelands nationally this effort caught the attention of all in the range science field. It was one that committed people over a long period of time and which required an enormous amount of coordination between topic groups. Tom skillfully coordinated these subgroups through countless meetings held around the country.

Tom Bartlett, through SRM membership, sustained accomplishments, eminence and contributions to the Society is truly deserving of the Frederic G. Renner Award.

