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NDWCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings and best wishes again to all of you weed warriors! Along with being president of the NDWCA, I am chairman of the Walsh County Weed Control Board and farm with a son raising wheat, corn, sugar beets, edible beans, and sunflowers. We live near Hoople on a farm homesteaded by my great- great grandfather and great- grandfather in 1881. The farm that Sue and I reside on has had six generations of Fagerholts living on it.

A huge thank you goes to Shauna Berg, NDWCA Education Committee Chair, who along with Derrill Fick, Stan Wolf, John Arlene, and Dan Folske organized the NDWCA's Second Bi-Annual Weed Symposium. This was held at the Washburn 4-H Camp on August 11-13. The classes were very educational

On August 18, NDWCA Executive Secretary Becky Schroeder, organized a conference call composed of the annual meeting planning committee. This was their first meeting and worked out well while saving time, expense, and mileage. Perhaps this method of communication can be used for other meetings in the future.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for meeting please contact Becky or any member on the committee. ANY suggestions or ideas are welcome. REMEMBER, if you do not have any suggestions, ideas, or input concerning the annual meeting, you have no right to complain.

The fall area meetings were held in October. Hopefully, you were able to attend the meeting in your area. Your input is needed to keep the

NDWCA strong and effective.

Wishing you sunny and calm days in your fall weed control efforts.

Bruce Fagerholt
2009 NDWCA President

COMPUTER CHECK-UP

Is your computer's performance bugging you? Now is your chance to fix those irritating problems! If your computer is running slow or experiencing other problems, please make arrangements to have your computer checked.

Our NRG service contract is soon to expire and we will not be refunded for any unused monies. If possible, call and make arrangements to have your computer checked by NRG Tech Services. Please call 1-888-303-0094 or e-mail support@nrgtechservice.com to generate a work order before December 31st.

Laptops may be brought to the convention, but you are encouraged to try and take care of any issues before if possible. Thank you.

WEED OFFICER AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Early Career Award is given to any weed control officer or weed board member serving ten years or less. The Senior Career Award is awarded to someone having over ten years of service. Nominees should be sent to Becky Schroeder by **December 15th**, along with a paragraph or two describing why they are deserving of these awards.

NOTES FROM SHAUNA

Hello fellow Weed Warriors! This past August the NDWCA's Education Committee held its second Northern Plain Weed Management Symposium in Washburn. Thank you to the counties that supported the NDWCA by attending. For those of you, who weren't able to attend, let me tell you what you missed.

Just to give you an idea of the wealth of knowledge that was presented to us, the speakers we had were from all over the state, as well as from South Dakota, Montana and even Canada. Attendees included people from County Weed Boards, US Fish & Wildlife, ND Forestry, ND Parks & Recreation, ND Department of Ag, chemical & supply companies, ND extension and Soil Conservation.

To begin our training Bob Christman, the Deputy Agriculture Commissioner, welcomed everyone. He discussed Doug Goering's commitment to weed control efforts in the state.

We then had Michelle Ammeter out of Canada. She was very interesting and opened our eyes to the difficulties they have with spraying north of the border. Canada has double the chemical expense on top of overhead and countless permits are needed to even begin to spray in an area.

The Ag Department then updated everyone on the new weed laws that went into effect as of August 1st as well as the updates with the weed seed free forage program that is now in place.

Day two began with US Fish & Wildlife talking about their early detection rapid response program they have among their lands. Up next was Wayne Markegard from RC&D; he discussed their efforts with funding weed control projects across the state.

We then had Brad Brummond from Walsh county talk to us about organic farming and weed control. This was VERY educational to everyone and Brad was inundated with attendees at the break continuing on with questions and answers for specific agencies and their concerns.

Next, we had everyone talk about weed control issues in their county, company, agency, etc. This was interesting and opened eyes to each agency on why maybe some things happen the way they do with other agencies.

Tony Caesar from USDA/ARS in Sidney, Montana, talked about his studies with weed control using insects and pathogens together.

That afternoon there was a live weed ID training, a GPS training, equipment display from local dealers in Bismarck. We ended the day with a spray calibration and spray safety training from Bill Walker with CPS out of Spearfish, SD.

Our last day began with Vince Thomas from Montana talking about different mapping options with marking weeds.

Chemical representatives then talked to us about new chemicals coming out, as well as the tried and true chemicals that have always worked on specific weeds, as well as any generics that have come out and their effectiveness.

We then heard from ND state pesticide and what they are watching for and willing to do to help people with pesticides.

Whew! My head is still whirling. You learn a lot from the training, but it's the breaks and evenings of talking with these people on a one
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on one basis where you learn even more. Red tape disappears and weed partnerships are formed. Brainstorming and solution finding become a huge part of the discussions during the breaks, meals and evenings.

I learned A LOT at this training and I look forward to bringing this new knowledge back to our county and making a difference with new weed control tactics.

I'd like to thank all of our presenters for sharing their knowledge. I'd also like to thank Education Committee members Derrill Fick, Stan Wolf, Dan Folske, John Arlien, Chuck Weiser and Blake Schaan for their help during the symposium. A special thank you goes out to Ron Manson for being such an important part of the symposium with pulling people and agencies together and getting everyone on the same page.

I'd also like to send out a special thank you to Odin Heim (retired McKenzie County Weed Officer) and Cassie Setter (Cass County Weed Control) for helping Derrill and I set up camp for the training.

Thank you, Bill Walker, for all of your support and help with NDWCA trainings. You always go above and beyond the call of duty and it is SO appreciated.

Thank you to our sponsors: RC&D, NDWCA, ND Dept. of Ag, CPS, DOW, Red's Fixit, and Van Diest Supply.

And last, but not least, thank you to our amazing cook, Radie Clayton, and her assistant, Tom Horn, for not only preparing all of our amazing meals and snacks, but for being our entertainment for an evening.

It has been an honor to be the Education Committee Chairperson for the NDWCA this year. I hope I have fulfilled my duties. If not, someone please fire me, I'm exhausted!!! Hahahaha!! Have a great fall everyone and I will see you in January at the annual meeting.

Shauna Berg (*soon to be Schneider*)
Cavalier County Weed Officer
NDWCA Education Committee Chairperson

OCTOBER ISSUE???

No, this is not "Trick or Treat"! Your September newsletter has turned into an October newsletter. It was approved by your board of directors to print the newsletters following the board meetings to enable your newsletter to relay more current news.

However, I am sure your board was expecting this to be delivered sooner, rather than later in October and for that I do apologize. The flu bug hit hard prior to the area meetings and I didn't get things done in the timely manner intended.

You can expect the November issue mid-month, as usual. That issue will contain your Convention Registration and information.

CONVENTION UPDATES

Your 2010 Annual Meeting Planning Committee consists of Roger Wickstrom, chairman; Diane Allmendinger, Rachel Seifert-Spilde, Richard Schmidt and Becky Schroeder.

Something new is the Legislative Panel. We are trying to have a legislator from each of our areas represented. We ask that you try and come up with some questions beforehand, sending them to the committee. If time allows, questions from the floor will be entertained.

Should you have a speaker topic or suggestion, please contact a committee member.

NORTH DAKOTA ANNUAL WEED BOARD MEETING AND CONVENTION

Seven Seas Inn at Mandan, ND

Wednesday, January 13th, @ 8am through noon Thursday, January 14th, 2010

NDDA Weed Forum Day is Tuesday, January 12th @ 9am

The NDWCA Social and Auction is Tuesday, January 12th @ 5pm

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS @ Seven Seas Inn, Mandan
Monday, January 11th @ 7pm**