

*BOD Meetings
Seven Seas Inn, Mandan, ND
January 9, 2012 @ 7pm
NDWCA Convention/Meeting
January 10 – 12, 2012*

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ND WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a great fall for late season weed control! However, the forecast indicates that we will all have a taste of winter by the time you receive this newsletter.

Many of us had an opportunity to use Perspective®, the new herbicide from DuPont, on some acreage this season and were hoping to see an expanded label next season that would allow its use in pasture, rangeland and hay land; but, that now seems unlikely due to some issues with certain tree species. The applications I've seen look very good on a wide spectrum of weed species. I'm still hopeful of seeing a full pasture and rangeland label, but industry sources now indicate it will probably be the 2013 season instead of 2012.

More and more Yellow Toadflax acres are being reported around the state. Many thanks go to the Ag Department for Chelsea's help on Toadflax control this fall.

Thanks to Stan for keeping us up to date on the NPDES issues. The language in the North Dakota permit, which requires permitting on private or state land only if we will be spraying directly over or in water, is a big relief to many of us who were very concerned about the "near water" applications. See his update in this newsletter for more information.

Some of you many have seen the news article about the research in Montana, relating to the dispersal of weed seeds on motor vehicles. This is certainly not new information, but the research does quantify the problem and any education and publicity about the problem can't hurt.

With all of the oil activity in the western part of the state, we are sure to see new weeds and more widespread infestations of weeds already in the state.

Please take time to discuss the upcoming annual meeting with all of your board members and encourage them to attend. Don't forget your neighbors in adjoining counties. Some counties are always well represented and other counties seldom have a board member at the convention.

It's such a great place to share ideas, problems, and solutions with each other. By working together we can be much more effective.

The area meetings were pretty quiet this year with only a single resolution being brought forward. That resolution concerns Measure #2, which will be on the ballot next June. It is a Constitutional measure which would eliminate all property taxes in the state. Sounds like a great idea, but I have concerns about how it may affect local entities like fire districts and weed boards. I think we all need to learn more about the pros and cons so we can make well informed choices. With that idea in mind, Terry Traynor from the ND Association of Counties will be on our agenda in January to discuss the details and possible ramifications of the measure.

Mark your calendars and register early for the Early Bird Discount. I hope to see you in Mandan! ~Dan Folske, NDWCA President

AUCTION/SOCIAL SLATED

All county and city weed boards and other interested parties are asked to bring an auction item for the 11th Annual Social and Auction being held Tuesday evening January 10, 2012, (no charge) at the 2012 NDWCA Annual Meeting and Convention. Come join in the evening of fun! Proceeds will enhance our Education Fund.

**NDWCA 2012 Annual Meeting and Convention Registration Form
Seven Seas Inn, Mandan, ND**

January 10, 11 & 12, 2012

FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS CALL: 1-800-597-7327

Name: _____ County _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ZipCode: _____

Organization: _____ Phone: _____

I am the designated voting delegate: _____ check if it applies (must have paid full membership dues)

Spouses Name:(if attending) _____

(Circle Correct Registration)

Full Registration (Includes Luncheon, Banquet, Breakfast and Breaks) \$120.00

IF REGISTERED BY DECEMBER 31,2011, **DEDUCT \$20 FROM TOTAL**

Associate Registration (Includes Breaks Only) \$ 85.00

Additional Meal Charges (Circle Additional Meals Requested)

Luncheon \$ 10.00

Banquet \$ 25.00

Breakfast \$ 10.00

Spouses Brunch \$ 10.00

Sub Total \$ _____

Minus Early Bird Discount if registered by Dec.31, 2011 -- _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

No refunds will be allowed for cancellations after December 31, 2011

Questions for NDWCA call 701-570-3545 or e-mail: schroeder.becky@yahoo.com

Please send Registration Payment to:

NDWCA, 3196 119th Ave SE, Valley City, ND 58072

2012 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Monday Evening, January 9th

7:00pm NDWCA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 10th

Lobby

8:00am Convention Registration

**NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER'S 2012 WEED FORUM**
*An invitation and agenda will be sent to the
weed boards at a later date.*

5:00 pm NDWCA Social and Auction

Wednesday Morning, January 11th

8:00am Welcome by City of Mandan

2012 NDWCA Annual Meeting
Mr. Dan Folske, NDWCA President Presiding

Agendas available at meeting

SPOUSES BRUNCH

9:30am

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Door Prize

10:00am **EXHIBITORS BREAK**

10:30am **Resume Annual Meeting**

Introduction of Vendors by Ron Manson

12:00pm **Luncheon**
MC: Stan Wolf
Dan Dew, Area 3 Director
"Washington Trip"

1:00pm Vendors Presentation

1:30pm Ron Kessel, Helena Chemical
"Surfactants"

2:00pm **TBA**

2:30 pm **EPA NPDES Update**
Stan Wolf, 2nd V.P.

3:00pm **EXHIBITORS BREAK**

3:30pm **Agency/Weed Officers Panel**

5:30pm **CASH BAR/SOCIAL**

6:00pm **Banquet**
MC: Dan Folske, NDWCA President
Invocation: Jim McAllister
Awards & Door Prizes
Entertainment: Steve Stark

Thursday Morning, January 12th

6:45am **2011 Exhibitors Breakfast Buffet**
Visit with Exhibitors

8:00am Rod Lym
Katie Conklin

9:00am Measure #2
Terry Traynor, NDAOC
Assistant Director of Policy

10:00am **EXHIBITORS BREAK**

10:30am Bio-Control: Ron & Cindi Crayton
Integrated Weed Control

11:30am Closing Comments
Surveys and Door Prizes
(Winners must be present to win)

12 noon Adjourn Conference

12 noon Board of Directors Meeting

ORDER CALENDARS NOW

NDWCA Calendars will be available for sale at the convention for \$20@. Dan Dew, project chairman, requests that you **preorder calendars by January 1, 2012** to ensure availability. Please e-mail Dan at ndsef@srt.com or phone at **702-263-5033**. They will be great gifts for your weed board members and/or commissioners!

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR 2011 NDWCA AWARDS

County and city weed control boards are encouraged to nominate a weed control officer or board member for work that has made positive impacts in their jurisdiction.

Each year the NDWCA presents two awards. The first award is called the NDWCA Early Career Award. Weed control officers or board members that have worked at their jobs for 10 years or less are eligible for this award. The second award is called the NDWCA Senior Career Award. Weed Control Officers and board members that have worked at their jobs over 10 years are eligible for this award.

In order to nominate an individual, simply send a short narrative on why the individual is deserving of the award. The nomination should be sent to: NDWCA 3196 119th Ave SE, Valley City, ND 58072. Or, email the nomination for the award(s) to: schroeder.becky@yahoo.com.

Deadline for nominations is December 15th!

EPA NPDES PERMIT UPDATE

As of November 1, the EPA NPDES permit is now required for any pesticide application on or in water on all federal and tribal lands in North Dakota. This would include all wildlife refuges, grasslands, parks, and the like that are managed by federal agencies.

Unknown at this time is how this will affect our weed control programs on our county and township roads, public and private lands that are adjacent to these federal lands. The actual permit has just been released and it will take some study to determine what the recommendations will be for areas that are adjacent to federal lands.

We will be having a discussion/training session on the EPA's permit and the North Dakota Dept. of Health's permit at the annual conference in Mandan. Hopefully we will have this figured out and maybe the US Senate will pass effective legislation and the President will sign the legislation that will eliminate the need for the EPA NPDES permit. One can only hope and pray. See you at the conference.~ *Stan Wolf*