

BOD Meetings
Seven Seas Inn, Mandan, ND
June 25 @ 12 Noon
September 25 @ 9am
January 7, 2013 @ 7pm

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ND WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The period since the annual meeting has been interesting to say the least. Shortly after the annual meeting the NDWCA was named in a lawsuit filed by "Empower The Taxpayer". That lawsuit was dismissed on April 12th and the plaintiffs have since filed an appeal with the North Dakota Supreme Court. If you have any questions about the lawsuit please contact me directly.

A nice winter followed by a very warm March has brought a seemingly early spring and will likely mean an early start to the spraying season. If you do any spray applications to water for cattail or other aquatic plant control or maybe work with a local city or town for mosquito larvae control, **remember that you must file an NPDES permit application** with the North Dakota Health Department.

WANTED: HISTORY OF NDWCA AND WEED BOARDS

The Education Committee is in need of any history about the ND Weed Control Association that anybody might have. If you have any history of the Association from the inception till now it would be very greatly appreciated. We are looking for board members, policies, legislative issues, workings with the Ag Dept, etc.

We are also looking for any history of the weed boards across the state for board members that have been in their positions for more than 15 years. **If you have any information on the Association or your weed board**, you can contact me by: e-mail wcweeds@srt.com or at PO Box 5005, Minot, ND 58701 or phone 701-852-1970. Thank you,

Derrill Fick

Education Committee Chairman

The Education committee has once again set up sprayer schools at several locations around the state. This is an excellent opportunity to provide basic training to new sprayers and a good update for experienced crews. The education committee works hard to provide these opportunities and I urge you to take advantage of their work by attending. Look for the complete schedule elsewhere in this newsletter.

Perspective herbicide from Dupont continues to look promising, but has not yet received a Range and Pasture Label. So, while you may want to try some, do not apply it where there is a possibility that haying or grazing may occur after application.

Remember to publicize your intentions of spraying ROW to notify producers that there may be haying or grazing restrictions.

Hope you have a great spray season!

Dan Folske

2012 NDWCA President

HAVE YOU CHANGED?

Do you have new members on your weed board ?

If you do not inform the secretary, she does not know to change the mailing addresses for the newsletters. This means that you should inform her of the retiring board members, too.

Please phone 701-570-3545 or e-mail the information to schroeder.becky@yahoo.com

Each weed board member or those that have paid up memberships are eligible to receive the newsletters. One can receive it by e-mail or by USPS mail.

Also, Rachel Seifert-Spilde would like you to update this information to her as she previously requested. Your choice of contact: phone her @701-328-2983 or e-mail rseifert@nd.gov.

THREE SPRAYER SCHOOLS SCHEDULED FOR MAY

By Derrill Fick, Education Committee Chairman

The Education Committee will be putting on three sprayer schools this year. Times and locations are as follows:

May 21st at the Burleigh County

**Joan Hetzel Memorial- 4-H Building
3715 East Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck,
ND**

**Contact: Gary Hartman, phone: 222-6763
office or 220-3857 cell**

May 22nd at the Carrington Research Center **Highway 281 north of Carrington, ND**

**Contact: Derrill Fick, phone: 852-1970 office
or 720-2436 cell, e-mail: wcweeds@srt.com**

May 23rd at the Ward County Weed Control **Office, 900 13th St. SE, Minot, ND**

**Contact: Derrill Fick, phone: 852-1970 office
or 720-2436 cell; e-mail: wcweeds@srt.com**

More details and information will be available later this month on the list serve. These sprayer schools are attended with a mixture of weed control officers, weed board members and summer seasonal help along with many different agency personnel that do weed control for their district.

We will present updates on the current pesticide weed laws and regulations along with weed ID and updates on current and new weeds that are being found across the state.

We will have a demonstration on how to calibrate a sprayer and application methods as each individual person is a little different, so it is very important that each person knows how to and why a sprayer is calibrated.

There will be a demonstration on the correct way to handle a 4-wheeler. This is very important for safety reasons. With more weed boards and agencies using 4-wheelers we need to know the correct way to handle a 4-wheeler so we do not get injured or worse. There will also be updates on any new chemicals coming out this year.

Since a majority of our Weed Officers are part time/ seasonal employees we need to keep them as well informed as we can. Attending a sprayer

school or other educational activity put on by the ND Weed Control Association or ND Department of Agriculture is one of your best ways to keep updated on current activities.

If you do not attend any of these educational activities, then you will be missing out and possibly confused when it comes to the correct laws and regulation for controlling noxious weeds and knowing the correct chemical for weed control or possibly the correct way to calibrate a sprayer. So, keep this in mind when the NDWCA and the NDDA announces an activity. These activities are for your benefit so take advantage as much as you can.

NDDA AWARDED USFS GRANT

The NDDA has recently been awarded a \$55,000 USFS grant for noxious and invasive weed control in flood damaged areas. We are looking for county weed boards and non-federal entities to contract (50/50 match) for work on non-federal flood damaged land.

Funding can be used for education, weed prevention, survey, monitoring, mapping and treatment of noxious and invasive weeds in flood damaged areas with or adjacent to 10% woody cover.

The following counties will be given top priority: Ward, McHenry, Bottineau, McLean, Mercer, Oliver and Burleigh.

The NDDA is also continuing work related to the 2009-2011 USFS grants. We are looking for partners that need or would like assistance with yellow and Dalmatian toad flax control and assistance with distribution, redistribution and monitoring of biological control agents on non-federal land. If you are interested in receiving biological control agents or would like help hosting a field day, please contact Lane Kozel at 701-328-2250.

WEED SEED FREE FORAGE TRAINING AND RECERTIFICATION

WSFF training and inspection recertification will be held **Thursday, May 24th, from 10:00am-2:00pm CDST at the Mandan ARS Station**. The agenda and directions to the site will be sent out on the NDDA list serve.

Rachel Seifert-Spilde, Noxious Weeds Specialist

BE READY: KNOW THE DIFFERENCES IN KNAPWEED

#8 DIFFUSE KNAPWEED (*Centaurea diffusa* Lam.)

GROWTH HABIT: Annual or biennial, bushy, up to 2 ft. tall. **Rosette formed first year, flowering stalk elongates second year.**

LEAVES: **Greyish-green**, alternate, basal leaves whorled, **upper leaves much reduced. Covered with fine hair.**

STEM: **Hairy**, erect, **single main stem** from a rootstock, branched near or above the base.

FLOWER: Solitary, usually white, sometimes pink, rose or lavender; **seedhead bracts end as sharp, rigid spines.**

ROOTS: Elongated taproot.

SEEDS: Oblong, dark brown or grey with **longitudinal lines.**

OTHER: May seriously reduce productive potential of infested rangelands.

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#7 SPOTTED KNAPWEED (*Centaurea maculosa* Lam.)

GROWTH HABIT: Biennial or short lived perennial, up to 3 ft. tall. **Rosette formed first year, flowering stalk elongates second year.**

LEAVES: Long and divided below, **short and narrow above. Covered with fine hair.**

STEM: Erect with slender wiry branches. **Covered with fine hair.**

FLOWER: Seed heads mostly on branch tips, solitary, to 1" diameter. **Pink to purple, rarely white. Seed head bracts are black tipped**, with 5 to 7 pairs of short feathery appendages.

ROOTS: Taproot not well developed.

SEEDS: Brownish, 1/8" long, notched on one side of base, short tuft of bristles at tip end.

OTHER: Very aggressive, can infest large areas quickly, offers very little big game or livestock forage value.

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#4 RUSSIAN KNAPWEED (*Centaurea repens* L.)

GROWTH HABIT: Perennial herb, up to 3 ft. tall, erect, may be in dense clumps. Greyish color.

LEAVES: Alternate, simple, of **several types: Upper leaves** – small, narrow, unbroken edge; **Stem leaves** – intermediate in size, slight toothed margins; **Basal leaves** – deeply notched.

STEMS: Numerous branches, each ending with a single flower.

FLOWER: Single, **terminal, lavender, thistle like, scaly seed head.**

ROOTS: **Dark brown to black and heavily scaled.**

SEEDS: Flattened, ivory colored, **retained in cup-shaped seed heads.**

OTHER: Leaves and stems covered with short stiff hairs giving **plant an appearance of knap.** Spreads by seeds and creeping rootstocks.

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CONVENTION TIDBITS

39 counties, two cities and 14 agencies attended

The auction netted **\$3,498** and thanks to a couple of board members, who rounded it out, **\$3,500** was deposited into the Education Funds. This was all made possible by those who came, bought, organized and brought items to sell. **THANK YOU!**

There were no nominations for the Career Awards this year. There were no awards given out as we had no retiring board members. Our executive officers will now complete their full terms for 2012.

There were no newlyweds, anniversaries, new babies or birthdays that we were told about. **But, we are approaching NDWCA's 30th Anniversary so get that history information to Derrill Fick and get ready for a BIG celebration!!**

The 2012 Planning Committee responsible for providing us with an enlightening convention . consisted of Stan Wolf, Ron Manson, Derrill Fick, Rachel Seifert-Spilde and Becky Schroeder. **Thanks to ALL of you who helped during the convention!**

AG GROUPS MEET WITH AG COMMISSIONER AND AG COUNSELOR

by Stan Wolf

Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring coordinated a listening session with Larry Elworth, Ag Counselor to the Deputy Administrator of the EPA, and various ag commodity groups and concerns, which was held on April 11th at the Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capital Building. Stan Wolf and Gary Hartman attended the meeting representing the NDWCA and Burleigh County Weed Board.

Goehring opened the meeting highlighting some of the current issues that the NDDA is working on in collaboration with the EPA and brought the group up to date on those issues.

Elworth then introduced himself and his background as an orchard farmer. He stated that his role in the EPA is to keep the EPA Administrator informed on all things related to agriculture and to teach the various regulators how the proposed rules

affect farming operations. He seemed genuine in his concern regarding the issues brought forward and knowledgeable on what the status was of each issue.

Various issues of concern were brought forward by the ag commodity groups including the SPCC issue (fuel spill containment around farm fuel storage), the recent study on honey bee death due to pesticide, farm dust and air quality issue, and the application process for energy intensive operations like ethanol and sugarbeet plants. Two farm groups talked about the fuel storage containment issue and requested that farmers be allowed to self-certify their facilities.

Elworth touched on the NPDES issue relating that the EPA always felt that the pesticide application was not under the Clean Water Act, but had to abide by the Sixth Circuit Court ruling.