



# NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### Upcoming Meetings

Annual Meeting January 9—12, 2017  
(Bismarck)

BOD Meeting January 9, 6:00 pm (Bismarck)

### **ND Department of Agriculture Report**

Commissioner Weed Forum: Jan 9, 2017 - Free to the public – free noon meal . It is important that someone from each and every weed board in the state attend this day. (It is the law)

Annual Weed Survey: Due Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Please do not copy and paste from last year's report. Double check names and addresses on report, to make sure they are correct, as this is the directory, not only for the department, but for the association as well. LAP Funding - 1st Deadline - Dec. 31 (to use funds)

Jan. 6 (Have forms submitted) 2nd Deadline June 30 (to use funds) July 7th (Have forms submitted)

### **Presidents Report**

Hello fellow weed fighters! Well I hope everyone had a successful year controlling noxious weeds. I know I did, and hearing from some of the counties at the area meetings it sounded like they started slow but finished strong. Since I was able to attend all the NDWCA area meetings, I would like to thank all who attended. We had some fantastic turn-outs. It was great to get out and see new country and new faces. I even enjoyed Amidon! A ton of information came out during the meetings and a ton of discussion was had on those topics. A couple of the hot button issues were Palmer Amaranth, Method and Bees. Everyone felt strongly about these subjects and they will be brought to the floor at the annual meeting for discussion. I would also like to thank all host areas for the coffee and goodies. I would also like to thank Bill Walker (CPS) and Karissa Floerchinger (Dow) for buying some lunches along the way!

I hope everyone can make it to the NDWCA annual meeting this year at the Ramada in Bismarck ND. If you do bring your money for the auction, your dancing shoes for the entertainment and your logic for the discussions! I hope everyone has an amazing holiday season and I wish all safe passages and a hope voyage home! If anyone has any questions or comments for me please do not hesitate to contact me!

Thank you for all your hard work in controlling noxious weeds and ensuring North Dakota's prairies are beautiful for our friends, family and the generations yet to come!

Leon Pederson

2016 NDWCA President

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### **Department of Agriculture Cont.**

TAG Funding - June 30 (to use funds) July 7 (Have forms submitted)

Please contact Chelsey Penuel at (701) 226-4321 or [cpenuel@nd.gov](mailto:cpenuel@nd.gov) with any questions.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DATALOGGERS & COMPUTERS TO THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR HELP BY VINCE & JIM!!!**

## **Education Update**

With school in session notices are being given to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades around the state for them to be making posters for our poster contest that is held every year so hopefully we will have more judging to do at our annual meeting.

Make sure you attend the annual meeting on January 9, 10, 11 and 12 2017 at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck. **This is a different location than in previous years.**

We are working in conjunction with the ND Dept. of Agriculture to update the pictures used on our display boards from each area.

If you have any ideas for educational activities let us know.

Derrill Fick

## **Weed Warrior Award**

You can nominate somebody for this award. Someone who is outstanding in our industry, let them be recognized. Every weed board has that special someone. Requirements are that they have to be currently active in weed control, have to be either on the county/city board/weed officer, or come from government or industry. Forms can be found on our website, or contact the executive secretary for a form. They will then be recognized at the banquet with a plaque, and the award appli-

## **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Every year, your association recognizes someone who helped shape the weed association for what it is today. If you know someone, you can fill out an application for them, and maybe they will be selected. Requirements are that that individual must be retired from the weed industry, and that individual must have served on the association's board of directors, at some capacity. That individual can be from county, city, industry or government. Forms for this award are also on the website, and must be sent in by December 1. The individual selected will be recognized at the banquet, on Wednesday evening, during the conference. They will also have their name inscribed on an individual plate, and placed on our large display plaque. This award is our hall of fame award.

## **New Retail Items For Sale**

Your association will be selling new caps during the annual conference. They will cost \$12/each. Different colors, even for the ladies!

We will also be taking orders for jackets and vests. We will have some on display for you to see and try on as well.

There is also an order form and photos on our website, for you to view and download.

## **Beer and Brat Social and Auction**

Please bring an auction item for this event on Tuesday evening. Net proceeds go to the education committee.

## **Legislative Update**

With the legislature coming for their regular session, there will be issues that we will have to address. If anyone has an issue, concern, or hears of something, let me know, as I am again serving as your lobbyist. With oil revenues on the short side, funding is on the front burner. We get our money from the EARP fund. That has nothing to do with oil. BUT, that doesn't mean that the legislature won't be looking at that for a possible funding source for some projects. Should be an interesting session. I guess they all are. Merlin

## **Executive Secretary Corner**

Another year is coming to a close, which means another annual meeting to look forward to. We have a huge line of speakers so come prepared to take notes, a lot to learn again at this conference. As was mentioned at the area meetings, we are soliciting local businesses to help sponsor our breaks. As of the writing, they have been coming in fairly good, but please get out and get their support. A letter to give them can be found on our website. See you at the meeting January 10, 11 & 12, 2017. Board of directors meet evening of the 9th, @ 6. You are invited to come and listen or share. "Merry Christmas" Merlin

**NDWCA 2017 Annual Meeting Registration Form**

**Ramada Inn, 1400 E. Interchange Ave, Bismarck, ND**

**January 9, 10, 11 & 12 2017**

**PLEASE COPY THIS FORM AND COMPLETE FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING!**

This form does not register your hotel room. For room reservations call Ramada Inn @701-258-7000 Group: NDWCA: Room Rates: \$80.10 Single; Double \$90.00 A block of rooms has been reserved. Please mention that you are booking your room for the NDWCA Conference. Deadline for this rate is December 26<sup>th</sup>.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTENDING -SPOUSE/PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIPCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM VOTING DELEGATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COUNTY/CITY OR ORGANIZATION I AM REPRESENTING  
\_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION BEFORE  
DECEMBER 20 \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION AFTER  
DECEMBER 20 \$145.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes coffee breaks, Wednesday noon lunch & banquet, Thursday breakfast

**FOR EXTRA (SPOUSE) MEALS**

Spouses Luncheon Wednesday 10:30 am \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Noon Lunch 11:00pm \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Banquet 6:45pm \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Breakfast 6:30 am to 7:45am \$13.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***THIS FORM MAY BE USED TO BECOME A NDWCA MEMBER***

***EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE CONVENTION***

2017 FULL MEMBERSHIP **\$275** (VOTING MEMBER) New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

2017 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP **\$175** (NON-VOTING MEMBER) New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

***No refunds will be allowed for cancellations after December 31, 2016***

**Questions for NDWCA call 701-527-6544 or e-mail: [ndwca@westriv.com](mailto:ndwca@westriv.com)**

Please send Registration Payment to: **NDWCA 6135 Hwy 49, Elgin, ND 58533**

*(We are unable to accept credit cards at this time.)*

**Tentative Schedule for 2017 NDWCA Annual Meeting**

**and NDDA Commissioners Weed Forum**

**Monday, January 9th**

6:00pm -Board of Directors Meeting

**Tuesday, January 10th.**

8:00am- Registration Begins in Lobby

10:00am—3pm

NDDA Commissioners Weed Forum

3:30 pm -NDWCA Annual Business Meeting

5:30pm -Beer, Brat, Wine & Cheese Social and Auction

9:00pm - Texas Holdem

**Wednesday, January 11th**

8:00am -Welcome City of Bismarck

8:15am –Exhibitor Presentations

9:15am –Dr. Rod Lym, NDSU, Updates & Palmer Amaranth

10:00am - Exhibitors Break

10:20am– Kaput—Prairie Dog & Mole Control

10:30am– Women's Program & Lunch

11:00am– Noon Luncheon—Speaker—Blake Schaan,  
Lonetree Wildlife District

Breakout Sessions 1,2 & 3 Begin

12:30pm - 1:15pm, 1:30pm - 2:15pm, & 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Kevin Sedivic, NDSU, Karissa Floerchinger, DOW,  
Drone Mapping

2:15pm - Exhibitors Break

4:00pm - Bill Walker - ROW Aquatics

4:30pm- Andrew Thostenson, NDSU - Bee Labeling &  
WOTUS Update

6:00pm– Social (Sponsored by DOW)

6:45pm– Banquet/ Awards (Entertainment– Cottonwood)  
(Local Bluegrass Band)

**Thursday, January 12th**

6:30-7:45am Exhibitors Breakfast

8:00am - Dr. Adnan Akyaz, NDSU Climatologist

9:00am - David Hirsch USDA APHIS - Biocontrol 101

9:30am - Kent Luttschwager - ND Game & Fish  
Wildlife Management Areas Update

10:00am - Exhibitors Break

10:30am– Eric Dietrich, ND Parks & Rec. - ATV Safety

11:00am– open TBA

11:30 am - Closing Comments  
Door Prizes (Must be present to win)

12:00 noon– Adjourn Annual Meeting

12:00 noon - Board of Directors Meeting

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