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Upcoming Meetings

March BOD Meeting - March 20th, Ramada Inn, Bismarck - 9:00 am.

Annual Meeting and Commissioner Forum
January 8-11, 2018 Ramada Inn, Bismarck

****NEWSLETTER****

In order to cut costs with rising printing costs and higher postage prices, we asked for your email addresses to send you the newsletter via email. For those who have not yet signed up, we are asking you to send an email to ndwca@westriv.com and you will be put on the list. We want to continue the paper edition to those without e mail, for this year. It's a year by year decision.

Also, as weed boards get new members, please let us know, so we can update our list. We find where former members continue to receive the newsletter, and new members do not. Unless we are notified, we have no idea the comings and goings of board members.

Presidents Message

Greetings,

Well with the warmer weather lately since the convention in January we are starting to see some bare ground again around here. I hope everyone survived the wonderful winter we've been given so far. Providing no spring storms, I just might. For me calves are starting to hit the ground so spring has officially arrived.

As your new president I don't have much to report so far. The legislature has been pretty quiet. Merlin hasn't called on me to help testify for anything. It looks like the funding for LAP has gone through. With the tighter budget that was a concern. The resolutions approved at the convention have been submitted to Commissioner Goering, I haven't heard where they stand of late. I've been in contact with David Hirsch. Dave and I were concerned about the non-inspected fire wood brought into the state for the pipeline protesters. I know it doesn't have anything to do with weeds but we all love the trees we have. Dave has done a great job contacting the Corp of engineers to dispose of it correctly. I can't imagine the weeds that will take over that area this spring and summer.

As far as board business we have a meeting scheduled for March 20th. So if you have any concerns contact myself or Merlin if you want us to bring them to the board.

In closing your hard work is always appreciated, get your equipment prepared and kick some weed butt.

Kevin Schmidt

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Area Meetings for 2017 Scheduled

- October 23rd—Minot
- October 24th—Devils Lake
- October 25th—Valley City
- October 26th—Mandan
- October 27th—Amidon

Education Committee Report

by Derrill Fick, committee chair

The Education Committee met February 16th in Carrington to discuss projects to act on for 2017. We talked about continuing to have a booth at the Earth Day festival coming up in Bismarck on April 20th. We did some finalizations on the Sprayer Schools coming up this spring. The 2017 Sprayer Schools have been set for: May 23rd at the Carrington Research Center

May 24th in Minot at the North Central Research Center

May 25th in Dickinson at the Stark County Weed Control Office

Each school will have registration starting at 8 am local time.

At these schools' we will have from the ND Dept. of Agriculture Plant Industries division updates on noxious weeds, the Pesticide and Fertilizer Division will have their Agriculture Program Inspectors give updates and hands on examples of how to use the proper personal protective equipment and what is needed during a use inspection. There will also be a Right-of-Way recertification training administered by the Pesticide Training Program of NDSU. We will have a weed ID section put on by the NDSU Research Centers and sprayer equipment calibration session provided by Bill Walker of Crop Production Services. A complete agenda will be sent out on the list serve so plan n attending these schools.

Another topic we discussed was the design and purchase of the banners talked about at the annual meeting in January. We decided to purchase 5 banners per area with the ND state listed noxious weeds on them. These banners can be set up and taken down quicker and easier than the current display boards we use. The purchase of these banners are in conjunction with a grant through the ND Dept. of Agriculture. Information for the purchase of additional banners on a per county basis will be sent out later. Our final topic was the discussion on the presentation of a plaque and tee-shirts to the poster contest winner Anna Hauge and her 6th grade class from the Roosevelt Elementary School in Carson, ND. This presentation will take place the first part of April at the Roosevelt School.

Industry Report *(Taken from the 2017 Annual Business Meeting Minutes)*

Bill Walker, CPS Timberland, NDWCA Industry Director

Not a lot of changes. Bayer: Prices have seen a 5 to 7% increase for some of their products such as Perspective and Method. Other products like Escort will remain stable. Method is a liquid. It is Perspective without the SU chemistry, which makes it much safer on grasses. But as a reminder, it does have the haying and grazing label restriction, for one year.

Dow has retained the government program for 2017. Their prices will remain stable this coming season. Dow has their Coline based products, Graslan L has been effective. It is a premix of Tordon/Coline (a new type of 2-4D). Has less odor then regular 2-4D. Freelexx is Dow's new 2-4D. It is their Coline based product. You can get a label for it on their website, but it is not for sale at this time.

BASF should remain the same for 2017.

Monsanto: Glyphosate will have a slight increase. Other chemicals like 2-4D and others should be in good supply, and stable pricing.

Government Report *(Taken from the 2017 Annual Business Meeting Minutes)*

Dave Hirsch, USDA APHIS, PPQ, NDWCA Government Director

Federal budget cuts: The biocontrol side in my department did not receive any cuts, so that is good news. My agency should be very stable for 2017.

Biocontrol: Houndstongue bio agents are not available again, and unfortunately, won't be for this season.

Working on two older projects: Field bindweed biocontrol. Got some from Colorado, put them in Dickey County, and they looked good early. Hopefully they overwinter, and get established. We would be able to distribute some then. Purple loosestrife biocontrol: Got some from the SD Dept. of Corrections, and put them north of Mandan in Morton County.

Helped with 3 Leafy Spurge field days this summer, and will do so again this coming summer. Would

like to see more held in other locations in the state.

ND Department of Ag. Report

The concept of early detection and rapid response (EDRR) plays an important role between prevention and long-term, asset-based protection. Prevention of invasive weeds into a new area is ideal; however, not always feasible. Long-term, asset-based protection of weeds such as leafy spurge and Canada thistle can be labor intensive and expensive. EDRR promotes scouting for new invasive weeds to allow landowners and land managers the opportunity to control prior to invasive weeds becoming established or widespread. These EDRR efforts can reduce the overall required labor and cost of control. Action challenge: As a weed board, address how the concept of EDRR fits into the local weed control program. Take some time to think about weed board priorities regarding noxious and invasive weeds that are widespread versus ones that are only present in limited areas of the local jurisdiction. (Continued on bottom of page 3)

WEED OF THE MARCH NEWSLETTER



Scientific name: *Hypericum perforatum* L. ([ITIS](#))

Common names: St. Johnswort, St. John's wort, common St.

Although *St. Johnswort* is grown commercially in some regions of south east Europe, it is listed as a noxious weed in more than twenty countries and has introduced populations in South and North America, India, New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa. In pastures, St John's wort acts as both a toxic and invasive weed. It replaces native plant communities and forage vegetation to the extent of making productive land nonviable or becoming an invasive species in natural habitats and ecosystems. Ingestion by livestock such as horses, sheep, and cattle can cause photosensitization, central nervous system depression, spontaneous abortion or death. Effective herbicides for control of *Hypericum* include 2,4-D, picloram, and glyphosate. In western North America three beetles *Chrysolina quadrigemina*, *Chrysolina hyperici* and *Agrilus hyperici* have been introduced as biocontrol agents.

For those of you receiving the newsletter in paper, please go on the association website at www.ndweeds.homestead.com to view the weed in color.

Dept. of Ag. Continued

The ND Department of Agriculture (NDDA) is looking for weed board input regarding invasive weeds that are not on the state or local noxious weed list. The NDDA is creating an unofficial watch list of invasive weeds that landowners and land managers can utilize for EDRR efforts; examples include Palmer amaranth, houndstongue, and yellow star thistle. Please submit ideas for invasive weeds that should be included on this list by emailing Chelsey Penuel at cpenuel@nd.gov. or calling her at (701)226-4321

Your association has jackets and vests and caps for sale. Order one for your entire board. See the website for pricing and size information, then send you order form and payment to Merlin and he will get your ordered processed for you.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S CORNER

It was nice seeing you this past January in Bismarck at our annual conference. What cold weather we had for the event. It was nice to see such a large crowd brave the weather conditions and come. Funny how many of us see each other only once a year, but we look forward to it. This year we had some of the speakers in three breakout rooms running concurrently. We will try it again in 2018. These allow for better communication between the speaker and you, the attendee.

This is the time of year that many county weed boards start meeting again for the season, set cost share programs, etc. Soon the flowers (weeds) will begin to grow, giving us hope or despair on how our work from last year turned out. I hope that all of you had success. Till next time, be careful out there.

Obituary for Wayne John Colberg

Wayne John Colberg, 95, of Paragould passed away Wednesday at Belle Meade Nursing Center. He was born in McIntosh County, ND and lived in Paragould for the last two years. He retired as State Entomologist for the North Dakota Department of Agriculture and was a World War II Veteran of the United States Army. He was preceded in death by his parents George and Hattie Dement Colberg. **(Wayne was the 1st president and executive secretary of the NDWCA)**

Survivors include his wife Jeanne Eells Colberg of the home; sons, Stephen Colberg of Palm Beach Gardens, ... FL, and Dr. John (Eileen) Colberg of New Haven, CT; daughters, Michele (Keith) Legrid of Paragould and Dr. Patricia (Norbert) Colberg of Moscow, ID; grandchildren, Patrick Colberg, Mark Colberg, David (Amy) Colberg, Declan Colberg, Siena Swoboda-Colberg, Skye Swoboda-Colberg, John (Karen) Legrid and Ann (Clay) Reynolds; great grandsons, George Colberg, Alexander Colberg and Severin Legrid.

Rosary will begin at 5:00 Sunday at the funeral home with visitation to follow from 5:30-7:00 pm. Funeral services will be Monday at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Stephen Mallanga officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Lasting memorials are asked to consider St. Mary's Catholic Church.

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