



NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Meetings

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.

Your association has several jackets and vests and caps for sale. Order one for your entire board. We will have them for sale at the registration table at the convention. See Merlin at the registration table. We do not accept debit or credit cards.

Presidents Message

Greetings to all,

Here's hoping everyone is doing well. Winter is upon us again, not too much snow yet but getting cold. The calves have a good hair coat this year so I figure were in for a long one.

Just an update on what's happening with your association. The area meetings are over with. I wasn't able to make it to all of them, just mine. But I'm told the turn outs for the others were awful poor. Even ours wasn't too great. That's hard to hear since a lot of good information is brought to these meetings. And a lot of miles and work are put in by Merlin, Bill, and Chelsey. We will have to try harder to get attendance better at these meetings in the future. All of you that didn't attend you missed out on the free beer. Just kidding, but you are definitely missing out.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the annual conference next year in January. It should be a good one, if nothing else to watch me mess up the business part of the meeting. Many good speakers are lined up and the vendors will be there to help you with all your needs. The entertainment will also be worth coming for.

In closing, it's been enjoyable being your board chairman this year; the toughest part was coming up with this report whenever Merlin asked for it. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas. See you January.

Kevin

Kevin Schmidt
NDWCA 2017 President

Legislative Report

A possible legislative item is LAP funding. Do we need to increase LAP dollars to counties? I have heard from many of you that have said, yes we do. We need to know from you, how much do we need. Simply, either e mail me the figures, if you have already done so, thank you. How much cost share did you pay out the last two years to your producers? Would you have paid more to them if you would have had more allocation from NDDA? Once we have those figures compiled, we can take them to NDDA, and show the need. Then, with NDDA, we can decide what avenue to take to get more LAP funding. We are not looking at changing TAG.

Education Committee Update

With school in session notices are being given to the 5th and 6th 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.

Check with your local school to encourage them to do them. Have them sent to me by the end of the year, or when they go on Christmas break.

Last years winner was from Grant County, and the Grant County Weed Board furnished pizzas for them on the award presentation day.

Something to think about, to encourage more participation.

Make sure you attend the annual meeting on January 8, 9,10 and 11 - 2018 at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck, and vote for your favorite poster!!

Derrill Fick

Education Committee Chairman

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 application read to everyone. Hurry! Deadline is December 10th.

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 10th. 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.

Beer and Brat Social and Auction

Please bring an auction item for this event on Tuesday evening. Net proceeds go to the education committee. Then join us for a good time.

Executive Secretary Corner

As you probably have already seen, the convention is right around the corner. It was nice seeing some of you again at the area meetings. Hopefully the weather holds so you can make it to Bismarck in January. You probably have noticed that we have a wide variety of speakers, making it a jam packed conference. You will learn everything from pesticides, to new weeds, to monarch butterflies. Looking at our theme this year "**Neighbors helping Neighbors**", the speakers lined up reflect the theme. The entertainment for both the noon luncheon and the banquet some of you have heard before. We brought them both back due to feedback and popular demand! Don't forget to designate your voting delegate for the annual meeting. We not only elect a new 2nd vice president, but also have a couple of resolutions to discuss. After all the hard work at the annual business meeting, you can all let down your hair (so to speak) and drink some beer, eat some brats, and bid on your favorite auction item. Don't forget to bring an auction item and your CASH or CHECKBOOK.

See you all in January.

Merlin

NDWCA 2018 Annual Meeting Registration Form

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

January 8, 9,10 & 11 2018

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: \$81.90 Single; Double \$91.00 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 24th.

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 \$130.00 _____

REGISTRATION AFTER
DECEMBER 20 \$150.00 _____

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

FOR EXTRA (SPOUSE) MEALS

Spouses Luncheon Wednesday 11:00 am \$20.00 _____

Wednesday Noon Lunch 11:00pm \$21.00 _____

Wednesday Banquet 7:00pm \$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, 2017

Questions for NDWCA call 701-527-6544 or e-mail: 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 2018 NDWCA Annual Meeting

and NDDA Commissioners Weed Forum

Monday, January 8th

6:00pm -Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 9th.

9:00am- Registration Begins in Lobby

NDDA Commissioners Weed Forum

Starting time to be announced at a later date

3:30 pm -NDWCA Annual Business Meeting

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

9:00pm - Texas Holdem

Wednesday, January 10th

8:00am -Welcome

8:15am –Exhibitor Presentations

8:45am –Panel of State Agencies

9:45am - Exhibitors Break

10:15am - Andrew Thostenson, NDSU - pesticide update

11:00am– Women's Program & Lunch

11:00am– Noon Luncheon—Speaker—Roger Hille,

Breakout Sessions 1,2 & 3 Begin Cowboy poet

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

2:00 - 2:30p,m - Exhibitor Break

Breakout Preentors:

Dr. Kevin Sedivic, NDSU, Dr. Rod Lym, NDSU, Bill Gilles, Warne Chemical

3:45pm - Greg Link & Sandy Johnson, ND Game & Fish,

Monarch Butterflies and milkweed

4:15pm– Travis Carter –NEON - Impacts of climate change on
invasive species

4:45pm - Iowa Weed Control Efforts

6:00pm– Social (Sponsored by DOW)

7:00pm– Banquet/ Awards - Entertainment– Cottonwood

Local Bluegrass Band - Sponsored by CPS

Thursday, January 11th

6:30-7:45am Exhibitors Breakfast & exhibits open

8:00am - Panel of Federal Agencies

9:00am - Brian Jenks, NDSU - Palmer Amaranth

9:30am - Clair Keene. NDSU - Methods of weed control in organic farming

10:00am - Exhibitors Break

10:30am– Dr. Rod Lym, NDSU - History of Leafy Spurge in North Dakota

11:30 am - Closing Comments

Door Prizes (Must be present to win)

12:00 noon– Adjourn Annual Meeting

12:15 noon - Board of Directors Meeting

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