



# NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Meetings :

Area Meetings Oct 24 –28. See inside for times & places

The 2023 Annual Conference set for January 2-5

at Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center, Bismarck

**Your association has caps, a couple of jackets and vests, and padfolios, cups and a few other items for sale. Contact Merlin or Derrill for more information**

**\*\*NEWSLETTER\*\***

## Paper edition going away after 2022

As many of you know, we have been asking for e mails to send the newsletter out by e mail. We still have 126 receiving this by regular mail. If you receive it by paper, you are missing the updates with industry or board news, as we use our e mail list as a list serve, a way to notify members of issues affecting them as they happen. The annual conference in 2023 will be your last chance to sign up, or you will be without a newsletter come March, 2023.

**Also, as weed boards get new members throughout the year, 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. Thank you!!!**

## Presidents Message

Greetings to all!

Well it has been a summer to remember! This spring we came out of record drought from previous year and a winter with record cold and snowfall. Things turned around in a quick fashion and we see range lands recover with ample moisture. Also cam plenty of weeds and yes leafy spurge, absinth wormwood, Canada thistle. Well you get the picture! – a long busy summer for everyone!

This summer we as a State Weed Board held the Northern Plains Weed Symposium in August at the 4-H Camp. This was the first time since back in 2009 for the organization. The program was very educational and very hands on. We seen the future of a lot of weed spraying that will be approached with the use of drones. Josh Dipippo and Cory Palm gave an excellent presentation/demo for the group. We also had many speakers including the Montana dept of Ag, Chemical companies, equipment displays and demos and much more.

As we closed out the summer we started to see the lack of moisture once again in the state as the drought index being in the severe drought category. It's tough when we go from drought to record snowfalls, then back to drought and who knows what next. I know with the fall spraying in our county it became very difficult to get chemical uptake with plants shutting down.

This upcoming State Convention should prove to be an excellent opportunity for anyone in the weed control business. The State board has been working very hard to get all the details together. We will have the opportunity to Listen to Dr Jane Mangold from Montana State University speak, also we have many speaker wi the technology and mapping, and this year we are excited to have many new venders join us for a great convention. So mark your calendars for Jan 3-5<sup>th</sup> of 2023 at the Bismarck Convention Center Hotel

Jim Hennessy

2022 NDWCA President

## Executive Secretary's Corner

If you look under upcoming meetings, to the upper left, you will see that it says Bismarck Hotel, NOT Ramkota. New ownership, new name, same building.

Area meetings are coming up October 24-28. See inside for places and times. I have had the distinct pleasure to attend all five areas each year, except covid year of course. As a fellow weed officer, I have learned a lot from various counties. Please take the time and come to your area meeting, and bring along a county report, with a copy for me for the minutes. See you all there!! Merlin

## Area Fall Meetings Schedule Set

**October 24th - Barnes County Hwy Dept - Valley City - 9:00 AM CDT**  
**October 25th - Ramsey County Courthouse - Devils Lake - 9:00 AM CDT**  
**October 26th - Ward County Hwy Dept - Minot - 9:00 AM CDT**  
**October 27th - Morton County Hwy Dept - Mandan - 9:00 AM CDT**  
**October 28th - Slope County Courthouse - Amidon - 9:00 AM MDT**

All counties attending are required to give a report on years activities. Please have a copy to hand to the secretary for accuracy for the minutes.

Areas I, IV & V will be voting for directors and alternates, 2 year terms.

Nominations will be taken for 2nd vice president nominees. Areas eligible to be nominated from are I, III & IV

Any member any area can nominate anyone from these areas.

We will also have reports given by the NDDA, Industry and Government. PLEASE attend these meetings!! They are just as important as attending the annual conference. These meetings allow everyone to gain knowledge from fellow counties, on what works for them and what doesn't. **SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!**

## Industry Report

Submitted by – William “Bill” Walker, Industry Representative

Again, I'll start by saying there has not been much change from our last industry report, some products continue to be tight and short supply, pricing on some products have at least stabled off for now, we expect to see a new round of price increases this fall when manufacturers start to announce their programs for 2023, some have already said to expect increases.

**\*\*\*In 2022 we did see unprecedented price increases from 20% on the low to as much as 160% or more on the high, glyphosates and 2,4-D products did take the highest jumps, but many products were in the 20% to 40% ranges overall, while we hope to not see these again in 2023, we still will see some increases as rumored by the manufacturers.**

**\*\*\*CORTEVA** CORTEVA has announced that we will across the board price increases from 3% to 8% on all of their products. **Mike Otto** – is the new Territory Manager for CORTEVA in Western North Dakota, his phone number is – 1-210-517-7491, I do not have his email contacts yet, he will be covering the areas in North Dakota that Clair covered.

**\*\*\*Bayer** – As a reminder – has sold its specialty division to CINVIN (Investment firm in London) as previously reported, Their new name will be **Envu** – meaning “environment and vision”, this is to take effect sometime in October 2022

Glyphosate products, 2,4-D products and others are still in short supply and supply is not expected to catch up until sometime in 2023 now.

Surfactant costs have risen across the year as well, they have taken between 15% and up as much as 30% on some products, the oil base or petroleum-based products have taken the highest increases.

## Education Committee Report

Submitted by Derrill Fick, NDWCA Education Committee Chairman

We held a very successful three-day symposium at the 4H camp in Washburn, ND. We had speakers giving us updates on the use of chemicals and biological agents for the control of noxious weeds, we had live weed identification training on how to identify noxious and invasive weeds. Along with these trainings we were also given live demonstrations on the use of spraying drones and how they can be incorporated into our noxious weed control programs. We are working on developing trainings during the off season (winter) for weed board members, county commissioners and weed officers along with a new weed officer training manual for new weed officers. We will continue to hold our regular sprayer schools in the spring, and may also continue the multiday educational leadership training to be held in the late summer.

We are also having educational booths at many different other associations' annual meetings and Agriculture Shows across the state. This will give benefit to these attendees by informing them with educational and informational material about the identity of the noxious and invasive weeds that we are trying to control and why we are trying to control them.

We have started sending out to all the schools across the state the poster contest rules and information. This contest is open to all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students across the state who can create a poster about the trouble noxious and invasive weeds can cause. You can judge these posters at our annual meeting in January.

**NDWCA 2023 Annual Meeting Registration Form**

**Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center, 800 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bismarck, ND  
Ramkota Hotel)**

**(Formerly**

**January 2, 3, 4, & 5 2023**

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

This form does not register your hotel room. For room reservations call the hotel @701-258-7700 Group: NDWCA: Room Rates: \$86.40 Single; \$100.00 Double. A block of rooms has been reserved. Please mention that you are booking your room for the NDWCA Conference. Hurry before the closet ones to the meeting rooms are all gone!!

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

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

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

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

NAME OF COUNTY/CITY OR ORGANIZATION I AM REPRESENTING

\_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION BEFORE  
DECEMBER 14 \$175.00 \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION AFTER  
DECEMBER 14 \$195.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**FOR EXTRA (SPOUSE) MEALS**

Wednesday Noon Lunch 11:00pm \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Banquet 7:00pm \$48.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Breakfast 6:30 am to 7:45am \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

2022 FULL MEMBERSHIP **\$275** (VOTING MEMBER) New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

2022 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP **\$175** (NON-VOTING MEMBER) New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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

**No refunds will be allowed for cancellations after December 23, 2022**

**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.)*

## NDDA Report by Richard Weisz, NDDA Noxious Weed Specialist

**LAP and TAG Update:** LAP allocations for the new 2022-2023 fiscal year have been sent out. There are eligible counties who have not turned in their LAP NOGA's to accept their new 2022-2023 allocations. Please sign and send back to me when you are able if you have not done so. TAG funding remains the same at \$5,000/county and \$2,000/city over the biennium. Reallocation for TAG will not be taking place this biennium.

**USFS Funding:**

If anyone has proposals they would like to submit, please let me know.

**County Weed Board Visits:**

Still ongoing and we've visited about half the state counties so far. These visits will always be ongoing. They help me understand the dynamics between counties and how each other operate.

**Palmer Amaranth:**

Palmer amaranth has been found in three counties this year so far. Those counties are Hettinger, Kidder and Traill. Each situation had small infestations where palmer is no longer detected.

**Invasive and Troublesome Weed Guidebooks/Pocket guides:**

Both books and pocket guides are available for the Invasive and Troublesome Weeds in ND. If you would like more, please let myself know.

**Law Books:**

The North Dakota Noxious Weed Law & Regulations law book have been updated and are available. If you are interested and want some, please contact me.

**Weed Seed Free Forage (WSFF):**

If you have any questions about this program and would like to participate, please contact myself for more information. Inspections are taking place already this year and we're hoping for more inspections/acres compared to last year.

If you have any questions on noxious weeds/WSFF, please contact Richard Weisz at raweisz@nd.gov or 701-328-2250.

**Biological Control**

If you have any questions or need assistance with biological control, please contact John at (701) 328-4128 or jmortenson@nd.gov.

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