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President's Report

Greetings everyone

I feel honored to have served as President of the North Dakota Weed Control Association this past year. It has been a privilege to work with motivated and informed directors.

February 3-6, 2025 is the annual conference at the Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center. The committee has put together an excellent slate of speakers and entertainment.

The conference will open with Doug Goehring and his staff informing us about what the Department of Agriculture is doing to aid in the control of weeds.

Thanks to the vendors and sponsors for their continued support for the association and the annual conference.

There will be an auction, which is a fund raiser for the education committee. This is always enjoyed by all!

The banquet is always a special time to enjoy good food. It also gives us an opportunity to visit and get acquainted with other weed warriors. The banquet will be followed by great entertainment.

I'd like to encourage fellow board members, weed officers, and any other individuals interested in controlling weeds to join us at this conference. There will be a wealth of information to help us in our mission.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Greetings from your association. It was nice seeing many of you this fall at the area meetings throughout the state. In some areas, attendance was great, and in some, not so great. But for those who attended, good and important information was shared for all in attendance.

This coming year, our annual conference is February 3rd – 6th, in Bismarck at the Bismarck Hotel, same place as last year, just a month later than normal. Our theme for this year's conference is "Another Year in the Trenches". We will have very interesting topics and speakers. You will find elsewhere in this newsletter the agenda. It may vary a little by then, but not a whole lot.

At the area meetings, I talked about lowering some registration prices for all of you. What I didn't take in account, is that the meals increased by \$10/person in some instances. BUT, I am pleased to say that I still managed to reduce the overall registration by a little. You will find the registration form in the newsletter as well.

Entertainment this year is outstanding. Not only do we have the Blue Stems returning for the Wednesday luncheon, but our banquet entertainment will be like going to a show in Branson, Nashville, or Las Vegas. The cost of the meal alone is worth what a ticket for this type of show is worth. We have Patsy Cline as the opening act. Yes the opening act. She will be opening for the one and only, the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis himself. Now, that is entertainment. The entertainment is brought to you by Nutrien Solutions.

I hope to see all of you in February, in Bismarck!

With the holiday season fast approaching, my wife Lorele and I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a great start to the New Year, 2025.

Merlin Leithold

NDWCA Executive Secretary



NDSU UPDATE

Smith to Lead the NDSU Extension Pesticide Program



Hi, my name is Madeleine Smith and I have spent the last 15 years working in Agricultural Research and Extension. Originally hailing from Nottinghamshire in the UK, I completed my BSc. in Plant Science, Masters in Plant Breeding and Biotechnology and a PhD in Plant and Environmental Science specializing in Plant Pathology in the UK; before heading stateside to work at Texas AgriLife at Texas A & M at Amarillo. In Texas, I spent three years working with viral diseases in sugar beets. While in Texas I was exposed to Extension and realized what a great system this was for helping translate important research information to Farmers and Ranchers in a practical way to help them be efficient and productive. When the opportunity came to work at the University of Minnesota as an Extension Specialist in Small Grains and Canola Pathology, I was thrilled to take up the opportunity. I spent seven years at the University of Minnesota working on the management of diseases such as Fusarium Head blight including evaluating fungicide treatments and biological control methods. My passion for Extension and working with the farming and ranching community led me to make the transition to working

with NDSU as an Extension Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent for Pembina County for almost 5 years. Here I enjoyed close working relationships with the farmers and ranchers in my county as well as helping administer the private pesticide applicator recertification training to our applicators. I learned how critical the pesticide applicator training and certification program is to those who are involved in this type of work for learning about safety and regulatory issues and so I am delighted to be taking up the reins as the new Extension Pesticide Specialist and building on the program that Andrew Thostenson has developed and run so effectively for nearly 30 years. I look forward to working with all of you to fulfill your training needs and keep the program evolving as we respond to the changing times ahead.



Noxious Weeds Update from North Dakota Department of Agriculture

Please note that the Notice of Grant Awards for the Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG) is set to expire on December 31, 2024; however please let us know by **December 15th** if you need an extension as the funds are available until the end of the biennium, June 30, 2025.

A reminder that **all Landowner Assistance Program (LAP) funds expire on December 31, 2024**. Please submit all receipts for expenditures by January 31st. Once all vouchers have been processed, we will determine the available amount for reallocation for the remainder of the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

This is a reminder that if you applied, signed, and received the Mapping and Technology Grant, you are required to send NDDA data for THREE years. We haven't received most of the data necessary at this point; it is due on or before March 1st each year for the next three years.

We also would encourage all counties to send in any mapping data possible as we'd like to collect and collate it into a state-sized map showing infected areas; this helps show the need for our continued state funding.

If you are having any datalogger or mapping issues, contact Jim Hansen. You can email him at jimhansen@nd.gov or give him a call at (701) 328-1661.

Please note if the equipment was purchased under this grant and you are unhappy and are looking for a change, please contact us before making any sale or disposal of the equipment.

Samantha McGrath

Phone: (701) 328-2250

Email: srmcgrath@nd.gov

If you are looking for funds to purchase bio-control agents, now would also be a good time to put in a request.

Any questions or ideas around biocontrol feel free to reach out to

John at 701-226-8804.

jmortenson@nd.gov



2025 Annual Conference February 3rd -6th 2025 @ Bismarck Hotel

Board of Director Meetings : February 3rd, 2025 @ 5:00 pm CT@

Bismarck Hotel @Bismarck

Hope to see everybody in
February for another
successful Annual
Conference

2025 NDWCA

Conference

February 3rd-6th

Bismarck Hotel

NDWCA 2025 Annual Meeting Registration Form

Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center, 800 South 3rd Street, Bismarck, ND
(Formerly Ramkota Hotel)

February 3, 4, 5 & 6 2025

PLEASE COPY THIS FORM AND COMPLETE FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING!

This form does not register your hotel room. For room reservations call the hotel @701-660-8063 Group: NDWCA: Room Rates: \$99:00 Single; \$110:00 Double. A block of rooms has been reserved. Please mention ND Weed Control Block when 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: _____

NAME OF COUNTY/CITY OR ORGANIZATION I AM REPRESENTING _____

REGISTRATION BEFORE JANUARY 10 \$185.00 _____ REGISTRATION AFTER JANUARY 10 \$200.00 _____ I AM A VOTING DELEGATE _____

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

FOR EXTRA MEALS (For spouse only. All others must pay full registration)

Wednesday Noon Lunch 12:00pm \$30.00 _____

Wednesday Banquet 6:00pm \$55.00 _____

Thursday Breakfast 6:30 am to 7:45am \$22.00 _____

Total Registration Fee \$ _____

We do accept credit cards. Payments by credit card, please add 3% to all prices, except when using American Express, please add 5% to all prices.

THIS FORM MAY BE USED TO BECOME A NDWCA MEMBER

EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE CONVENTION

2025 FULL MEMBERSHIP \$285 (VOTING MEMBER) New _____ Renewal _____

2025 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP \$185 (NON-VOTING MEMBER) New _____ Renewal _____

Grand Total Enclosed \$ _____

No refunds will be allowed for cancellations after January 25, 2025

Questions for NDWCA call 701-527-6544 or e-mail: ndwca@westriv.com

Credit card transactions may be done over the phone or in person.

We will not accept card payments by mail or e mail

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

ND Weed Control Association 6135 Hwy 49 Elgin, ND 58533 (701)527-6544(cell)
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Weed Warrior Award

Name of Applicant - _____

County/City/Industry/Government _____

Years actively involved in the weed control industry _____
(Must be currently involved to be eligible)

Name of person/organization nominating above applicant _____

Summary of applicant's involvement in weed control _____

Deadline to submit the application is January 1st.

Mail application to ND Weed Control Association, 6135 Hwy 49, Elgin, ND 58533
Or e mail it to ndwca@westriv.com

ND Weed Control Association
6135 Hwy 49
Elgin, ND 58533
(701)527-6544(cell)

Lifetime Achievement Award

Name of Applicant - _____

County/City/Industry/Government _____

Years actively involved in the weed control industry _____

(Must be currently retired from weed control to be eligible)

(Must have served on the NDWCA board of directors to be eligible for this award)

Name of person/organization nominating above applicant _____

Summary of applicant's involvement in weed control _____

Deadline to submit application is January 1st.

Mail application to ND Weed Control Association, 6135 Hwy 49, Elgin, ND 58533
Or e mail it to ndwca@westriv.com

Conference Updates

From the Conference Committee:

Wednesday Evening Banquet

A proper dress cost will be strictly enforced.

NO caps or hats will be allowed in the banquet room at any time.

This includes the social, meal, and entertainment.

The board would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Silent Auction/Auction

On Tuesday evening, we will again be having a beer and taco and auction evening. A good time to relax and have some fun. We are again asking for auction items for the auction and silent auction. Afterwards, we will again be having a Texas Holdem Tournament and a Cornhole Tournament.

Silent Auction

We are changing up the silent auction this year. If you bring an item, and would like it for the silent auction, please bring your item to the registration table Tuesday morning. We will have an extra table for the silent auction. The silent auction will be running throughout the day on Tuesday. You can bid on an item all day. The silent auction will end immediately before the regular auction begins and we will announce the lucky bidders at that time.

To bid on silent auction items, you will put your name, a phone number if you cannot stay for the evening, and your bid amount. If you have the winning bid, and cannot attend in the evening, you will be required to pick up your item on Wednesday morning and pay for it.



SPONSORSHIP OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The ND Weed Control Association, during its annual meeting and conference, which will be held February 3rd -6th, 2025 at the Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center in Bismarck, ND. We have several coffee and refreshment breaks, which offer endless coffee, pop and bottled water throughout. During these breaks, the majority of the members browse through our many booths set up by our sponsors. These breaks are quite expensive so we now have different levels that individuals, businesses, organizations or weed boards can contribute to.

The ND Weed Control Association's board of directors would like to see more businesses involved with our annual meeting, a way that you can is by being a sponsor. We would like to thank you in advance for your sponsorship.

We will be now be accepting card payments. Users add 3% fee to any contribution if paying by card, except American Express which is 5%. Prices below are for cash/check. Your name will be listed in our conference booklet under the Level of which amount you are contributing to.

***Bronze Level-** \$100-\$500 in cash contributions.

***Silver Level-**\$501-\$800 in cash contributions.

***Gold Level-**\$801-\$1,100 in cash contributions.

***Platinum Level-**\$1,101-\$1,500 in cash contributions.

***Diamond Level -**\$1,501- and above in cash contributions.

All level sponsors will be recognized, to show our appreciation, during our banquet on Thursday evening, each level will be recognized separately. Break Sponsor's will have a break named on your behalf in the conference booklet and will also be mentioned before the break by that session's moderator. Your name and logo will be on a sign at the entrance of the break room.

Full Break Sponsor-which is \$565.

Half Break Sponsor-which is \$285

Booth Sponsors, those advertising in our conference booklet, social and entertainment sponsors and membership dues will have those contributions included in the various levels listed above.

Annual Membership Due:

Full Membership Voting- \$285.00

Associate Membership Non-Voting-\$185.00

You may send your information along with a check, made out to the ND Weed Control Association to NDWCA, 6135 Hwy 49 Elgin, ND 58533. We will send you a receipt, if requested.

Thank you for considering on becoming a part of our annual conference.

Cliff Ferebee

NDWCA 2024 President

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NDWCA 2025 Registration Form

Please make checks payable to:
North Dakota Weed Control Association
6135 Hwy 49
Elgin, ND 58533

Telephone (701)527-6544 (cell) or e mail ndwca@westriv.com

I (we) wish to reserve exhibit space at the ND Weed Control Association Annual Meeting to be held at the Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center, Bismarck, ND February 3-6, 2025, in conjunction with the NDDA Weed Forum on February 4th. Booth set up is either on Feb 3rd, in the evening, or early morning on Feb.4th

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

E-mail: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

BOOTH SIZE: SINGLE Table 8 X 10 ___ \$490.00 Electricity (yes or no) _____

SIGNED: _____

With each booth space, you get one full registration to the annual meeting. Become a member. Join the NDWCA today! Annual associate dues are \$185/annually, Full membership dues with voting rights \$285/annually.

Please return this completed form and payment no later than January 05, 2025.

Sponsorship of Breaks. Advertised in the conference booklet, and logo on display by the break room door. Full Break Sponsor \$ 565.00 – Half Break Sponsor - \$285.00

We now accept credit cards. Please add a 3% card users' fee to the above charges if paying by card. For American Express cards please add a 5% fee. If paying by card, contact Merlin Leithold.

WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, BUT WOULD LIKE TO OFFER OUR SUPPORT WITH \$_____.

Thank You for your support!

Merlin Leithold, NDWCA Executive Secretary ndwca@westriv.com

Roger Gunderson, 2025 Vendor Committee Chairman gunde1978@midco.net

PROGRAM BOOKLET

The North Dakota Weed Control Association prints a program booklet for the Annual Meeting and Conference. Each year companies are solicited to include an informational ad in the booklet for our weed control members' future reference. The Annual Meeting will be held on February 3-6, 2025 at the Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center, Bismarck, ND in conjunction with the NDDA Weed Forum held February 4th.

ADVERTISING AGREEMENT

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

() One Page 5 1/2" by 8 1/2" \$120.00

() One Half Page 5 1/2" by 4 1/2" \$ 85.00

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Must be paid in full by January 5, 2025.**

We now accept credit cards. Please add a 3% card users' fee to the above charges if paying by card. If using American Express please add 5%. If paying by card, contact Merlin Leithold.

Please send your advertising proof or copy by January 05, 2025

Mail to: e mail – ndwca@westriv.com

Or by mail: North Dakota Weed Control Association
6135 Hwy 49
Elgin, ND 58533

Thank You!

Merlin Leithold, NDWCA Executive Secretary

Roger Gunderson, 2025 Vendor Committee Chairman

Day	Time	Event	Room	Meal
Monday February 3rd	5:00 PM	Board meeting	Governors Room	
Tuesday February 4th	8:00 AM -5:00 PM	Vendor Show	Courtyard	
	8:00 AM	Registration Begins	Hallway by Patterson	
	9:30 AM	NDDA Weed Forum	Lambourn	
	12:00 PM	Lunch	Patterson	Sponsored by ND Department of Agriculture
	1:00 PM	NDDA Forum cont.	Lambourn	
	2:45 PM	Vendor Break	Courtyard	Grab a treat and visit with the vendors
	3:00 PM	NDWCA annual meeting	Lambourn	
	5:00 PM	Beer & Tacos & Auction	Patterson	Beer & Tacos are free. There will be a cash bar as well. Try your luck and skills to earn extra cash in your pocket.
	9:00 PM	Texas Holdem & Cornhole	Patterson	
Wednesday February 5th	8:00 AM	Registration Continues	Hallway by Patterson	
	8:00 AM -5:30 PM	Vendor Show	Courtyard	
	8:00-8:15 AM	General session	Lambourn	Welcome
	8:15-8:45 AM	General session	Lambourn	Vendor Presentations
	8:45-9:15AM	General session	Lambourn	Ventenata Identification & Control
	9:15-9:45 AM	General session	Lambourn	UTV/ATV Safety - Patrick Engelhart - CEG Safety Specialist, ND Association of Counties
	9:45 -10:00 AM	General session	Courtyard	Introducing Dr. Talia Humphries, NDSU Noxious Weed & Invasive Weeds Department
	10:00-10:30 AM	Vendor break	Courtyard	Grab a treat and visit with the vendors
	10:30-11:30 AM	General session	Lambourn	Mock Pesticide Inspection - NDDA & NDWCA
	11:30 -12:45PM	Luncheon	Patterson	Music by The Blue Stems Sponsored by Grant County & ???
	12:45-2:15 PM	General session	Lambourn	South Sakakwea Narcotics Task Force - Det. Bradley Nielson & Carissa Schumaier
	2:15 - 2:45PM	Vendor Break	Courtyard	Grab a treat and visit with the vendors
	2:45 -3:15 PM	General session/Breakout	Lambourn/Grand Pacific	Chemical Mixing Stations & Purple Loosestrife Control & Data Loggers/Agterra, SpraySync
	3:15-3:45 PM	General session/Breakout	Lambourn/Grand Pacific	Chemical Mixing Stations & Purple Loosestrife Control & Data Loggers/Agterra, SpraySync
	3:45-4:15 PM	General session/Breakout	Lambourn/Grand Pacific	Chemical Mixing Stations & Purple Loosestrife Control & Data Loggers/Agterra, SpraySync
	4:15 -4:45 PM	General session/Breakout	Lambourn/Grand Pacific	Chemical Mixing Stations & Purple Loosestrife Control & Data Loggers/Agterra, SpraySync
4:45-5:15 PM	General session	Lambourn	Aqua Pack - Nutrien Solutions	
6:00 PM	Social	Patterson	Sponsored by Corteva	
7:00 PM	Banquet	Patterson	Awards and Entertainment -Patsy Cline & Elvis - Sponsored by Nutrien	
Thursday February 6th	6:30 AM-12:30 PM	Vendor Show	Courtyard	
	6:30 - 7:45 AM	Vendor Breakfast	Patterson	
	8:00-9:00 AM	General session	Lambourn	Yellowstone Salt Cedar Project - Mike Otto, Corteva
	9:00-10:00 AM	General session	Lambourn	Palmer Amaranth Control in ND - Dr. Joe Ickley, NDSU
	10:00-10:30 AM	Vendor Break	Courtyard	Grab a treat and visit with the vendors
	10:30-11:00AM	General session	Lambourn	Leafy Spurge Chemical Trials - Dr. Kevin Sedivic, NDSU
10:30-11:00 AM	General session	Lambourn	EPA Updates - Dr. Madeleine Smith, Pesticide Specialist, NDSU Extension	
11:00-12:00 AM	General session	Lambourn	ND Range Judging Team - Rick Schmidt, Advisor	
12:00 PM	General session	Lambourn	Wrap up and adjourn conference	
12:45 PM	Board meeting	Governor's Room		

