

North Dakota Weed Control Association Newsletter



President's Report

Greetings everyone

A short message from the president. Just making sure everyone is getting registered and ready for our annual meeting January 6th thru the 8th 2026. Looks like a great line-up of speakers. A special thank you to all the sponsors and exhibitors this year. Hope to see and visit with everyone at the convention. See and learn what's new in technology and herbicides.

Always think safety

Jim Bahm

NDWCA President

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SECRETARY REPORT

Greetings from your association.

Area meetings are in the rear-view mirror, and the annual conference is just over the hill. It was nice to see many of you at the 5 area meetings. Some new faces, which is always encouraging. Attendance was up in all but 1 area. If any of you have ideas that we can improve the area meetings, let me or any board member know.

Inside the newsletter are the registration forms for the conference. If you attended the area meetings, you heard that we are adding a Wednesday morning breakfast this year. The hotel does not offer a continental breakfast, so a lot of you asked to add another breakfast, so the board obliged.

We are still shuffling speakers around and adding some as well. There is a tentative program at the back of the newsletter to give you an idea.

Dueling pianos will be the banquet entertainment, which will rank near the top in what we've had over the years.

Look forward to seeing all of you in January in Bismarck.

Merlin Leithold

NDWCA Executive Secretary



Western Invasive Weed Short Course

The NDWCA board of directors is taking applications for someone to attend the 14th Annual Western Invasive Weed Short Course, which will be held in Loveland, Colorado, April 20-23 at the Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch. The board will pay \$1250 for 1 voting member to attend. This does not cover the entire costs; it just helps defray some of the expenses. Registration is \$850. So, the NDWCA would cover the cost of the registration, and some towards mileage, meals and lodging. The \$850 covers registration, 3 lunches and 3 dinners and daily refreshment breaks.

You can go online to [http://www.mountainwestpest.com/Past Courses](http://www.mountainwestpest.com/Past%20Courses) for more information.

You can also contact Merlin for more information.

Member boards may send more than 1 applicant, but we will only pay \$1250 in total costs, whether how many attend.

Applications must be received by December 31st. Either by e mail or by USPS. Your application must include name, position held in your respective city or county, years at the position, and reason why you want to attend.

North Dakota Weed Control Association

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Email – ndwca@westriv.com

Scholarship Application

for

Western Invasive Weed Short Course

Loveland, Colorado

Send applications to the above e mail or postal address

Deadline to submit application is DECEMBER 31ST.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company or Employer: _____

Position or Title: _____

Years in Industry: _____ Years in Position: _____

Why do you want to attend and what do you wish to learn: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

2026 NDWCA

Conference

January 5th-8th

Bismarck Hotel

NDWCA 2026 41st Annual Conference Registration Form

This Year's Theme: "Facing Tomorrows Weeds Today"

Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center, 800 South 3rd Street, Bismarck, ND

January 5, 6, 7 & 8 2026

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: \$109.00 Single or 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 REGISTRATION AFTER

DECEMBER 15 \$240.00 AFTER DECEMBER 15 \$255.00 I AM A VOTING DELEGATE _____

Registration includes Coffee Breaks, Wednesday Breakfast, Noon Lunch & Banquet, Thursday Breakfast

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

Wednesday Breakfast 6:30 am to 7:45am \$29.00 _____

Wednesday Noon Lunch 12:00pm \$35.00 _____

Wednesday Banquet 6:00pm \$65.00 _____

Thursday Breakfast 6:30 am to 7:45am \$29.00 _____

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

2026 FULL MEMBERSHIP \$285 (VOTING MEMBER) New _____ Renewal _____

2026 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP \$185 (NON-VOTING MEMBER) New _____ Renewal _____

Grand Total Enclosed \$ _____

No refunds will be allowed for cancellations after December 26, 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 due to security reasons

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

NDWCA 2026 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 or 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 January 5th -8th, 2026, in conjunction with the NDDA Weed Forum on January 6th. Booth set up is either on Jan 5th, in the evening, or early morning on Jan 6th.

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 for 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 December 10, 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!

Roger Gunderson, 2026 Vendor Committee Chairman r34935487@gmail.com

Merlin Leithold, NDWCA Executive Secretary

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 January 5-8, 2026, at the Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center, Bismarck, ND in conjunction with the NDDA Weed Forum held January 6th.

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 December 10, 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 you pay 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, 2026 Vendor Committee Chairman



SPONSORSHIP OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The ND Weed Control Association, during its annual meeting and conference, which will be held January 5th – 8th 2026, 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 various 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 now be accepting card payments. Users add 3% fee to any contribution if paying by card, except American Express which is 5%. The 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 becoming a part of our annual conference.

2026 Annual Conference Banquet

Entertainment the Dueling Piano Show



**1 Piano
2 Much Fun!**TM

Lots of Singalong • Loads of Laughs
1Piano2MuchFun.com @1Piano2MuchFun



2026 Annual Conference
Luncheon Entertainment

The Open Cross Ranch
Family

We are the John and Quintana Linseth
family! We live on a ranch in North
Dakota and enjoy playing music!

Day	Time	Event	Room	Meal
Monday January 5th	5:00 PM	Board meeting	Governors Room	
Tuesday January 6th	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	
	3:00 PM	NDWCA annual meeting	Lambourn	Grab a treat and visit with the vendors
	5:00 PM	Beer & Tacos & Auction	Patterson	Beer & Tacos are free. There will be a cash bar as well.
	9:00 PM	Texas Holdem & Cornhole	Patterson	Try your luck and skills to earn extra cash in your pocket.

Wednesday January 7th	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	Ryan Kobilansky – ND Trust Lands Updates
	9:15-9:45 AM	General session	Lambourn	International Border – Plants and Seeds – Deb Niemi – US Custom & Border Protection
	9:45 -10:00 AM	General session	Lambourn	
	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 Open Cross Ranch Family - Sponsored by Grant County <u>& 777</u>
	12:45-2:15 PM	General session	Lambourn	TBA
	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	Nevin Price, Warne Chemical, Cancer Screening - NDSU Extension, Purple Loosetrife, Morton Co
	3:15-3:45 PM	General session/Breakout	Lambourn/Grand Pacific	Nevin Price, Warne Chemical, Cancer Screening - NDSU Extension, Purple Loosetrife, Morton Co
	3:45-4:15 PM	General session/Breakout	Lambourn/Grand Pacific	Nevin Price, Warne Chemical, Cancer Screening - NDSU Extension, Purple Loosetrife, Morton Co
	4:15 -4:45 PM	General session/Breakout	Lambourn/Grand Pacific	Nevin Price, Warne Chemical, Cancer Screening - NDSU Extension, Purple Loosetrife, Morton Co
	4:45-5:15 PM	General session	Lambourn	TBA
	6:00 PM	Social	Patterson	Sponsored by Corteva

Thursday January 8th	7:00 PM	Banquet	Patterson	Awards and Entertainment -Dueling Pianos Sponsored by Nutrien
	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	ANS & Aquatic Weed Issues - Ben Holen, ND Game & Fish Department
	9:00-10:00 AM	General session	Lambourn	Talia Humphries, NDSU Noxious Weed Specialist ??
	10:00-10:30 AM	Vendor Break	Courtyard	Grab a treat and visit with the vendors
	10:30-11:00 AM	General session	Lambourn	Leafy Spurge Chemical Trials - Dr. Kevin Sedivec, 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	

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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 _____

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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

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Board of Director Meetings : January 5th 2026 @ 5 pm CT
@ Bismarck Hotel @ Bismarck

2026 Annual Conference January 5-8 2026@ Bismarck Hotel
@ Bismarck