



NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The mission of the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society is to provide a forum for discussion of ecological issues among natural resource professionals; to enable its membership to pursue conservation of natural resources; and to inform the public on ecologically wise uses of natural resources in support of a conservation ethic.

February 2003

I'm happy to report the 2003 annual Chapter conference was a huge success. I have memories of smiling faces, the renewal of friendships, the sharing of ideas and opinions, quality speakers, educational exhibits, the comradery of the members of the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, and pride in the past years accomplishments of the Chapter.

The social was a great success and due to the generosity of the attendees and perhaps with the help of libation, the Chapter's funding for this year was helped tremendously. Thanks to all who attended and to the committee for their efforts.

During the business, meeting a strong commitment to support the national Chapter's endowment campaign was discussed and approved as part of the 2003 budget. Once again, the ND Chapter elected to lead by example and was willing to put resources to a work to support a worthwhile cause. Later in the meeting, members of the Chapter arose to address the needs of our natural resources and for the first time, formed a committee to take a closer look at the commercialization of wildlife. The committee wasted no time in holding a meeting and getting to work.

Bill Pfeifer and the legislative committee updated the Chapter on issues at the State Capital. Several references were made to the value of the Chapter's lobbyist, the quality work of Bill, and the strides we have made as a Chapter to develop credibility and be recognized as a voice of sound science.

The awards banquet was well attended and I was especially pleased to see the strong attendance by the families of our award recipients. I can only imagine how special that February 12 must now be in the Meek's family as not only was son Will elected to the executive board in the afternoon, but dad Bob received the Professional Award that evening. Although Bob attempted to explain that the award was similar to receiving a Ferrari or a Holland and Holland shotgun, in the end, he summarized what we all already know and that is that the recognition of your peers and the support of your friends is more important than any physical item.

Leadership of the Chapter evolved as we reluctantly said goodbye to Darla Lenz, Greg Hiemenz, Jon Roaldson, and Randy Crooke and welcomed Randy Renner, Mark Sherfy, Kristine Askerooth, and Will Meeks. In a short executive board meeting held immediately following the close of the conference our new faces eagerly accepted their responsibilities and brought fresh energy and enthusiasm to the board.

At that meeting the executive board made a commitment to work with the Committee's to help them in any way possible. We currently have a committee without a chair and several with one or two members. If you are willing to help the Chapter by joining a committee please contact that committee's chair. If you are willing to serve the Chapter as the Red River Watershed Committee Chair please contact any of the board members or talk to Mike Ell.

Having a strong membership is the most powerful tool in the Chapter's toolbox. For those of you who were unable to attend this conference please keep your membership up to date. If you are already a member and know of someone who is not please encourage them to join. Scott Kahan reported that membership is easier than ever at our website and I would encourage you to visit not only for membership information, but for updates on all of our activities. Go to www.ndctws.org for a visit and while there join our email group for prompt updates and action alerts.

Mike Goos

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14 National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial - visit your local Refuge today!

APRIL

1 Executive Board Meeting - ND Game and Fish Dept. Office in Jamestown at 10:00 A.M.

21 Newsletter Deadline

North Dakota Chapter TWS - 2003

Executive Board Members

Mike Goos	Randy Renner
Tim Phalen	Glen Sargeant
Dave Azure	Mark Sherfy
Will Meeks	Kristine Askerooth

President Portfolio - Mike Goos

Secretary/Treasure: Mark Sherfy
Newsletter: Stacy Adolf-Whipp
CMPS Rep: Jerry Heiser
Natural Resources Trust Advisor: Scott Peterson
Resolutions and Public Statements: Mike Goos

Past-President Portfolio - Tim Phalen

Arrangements: Tim Phalen
Program: Tim Phalen
Audit: Tom Sklebar
Membership: Dave Azure
Nominations: Tim Phalen
ND Action Group: Jacquie Gerads

President-Elect Portfolio - Randy Renner

Bylaws: Paul Myerchin
Prairie Resources: Karen Smith & Darla Lenz
Legislative: Greg Link
Awards: Randy Renner
Prairie Chicken: Greg Link

Portfolio A - Dave Azure

Wetland Resources: Cami Dixon
Fishery Resources: Mike Olson
Historian: Chris Grondahl
Website: Scott Kahan
Wildlife Commercialization: Mike McEnroe

Portfolio B - Glen Sargeant

Western Lands: Bill Jensen
Teaming with Wildlife: Chuck Bosch
Education: Kristine Askerooth and Jack Lalor
Forest Resources: John Schulz
Invasive Species: Scott Kahan

Portfolio C - Will Meeks

Missouri River: Randy Renner
Red River Watershed: Vacant
Devils Lake Basin: Roger Hollevoet
Fund Raising: Brian Kietzman & Paul Halko
Small Grants: Darla Lenz

Portfolio D - Kristine Askerooth

Northern Great Plains Working Group: Kevin Willis
Endangered Species: Terri Thorn
Law Enforcement: Jackie Lundstrom
Wildlife Damage Management: John Paulson
Finance: Mike Goos

North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Executive Board Meeting Notes February 11, 2003

The executive board meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 9:15a.m. by Tim Phalen on Tuesday February 11, 2003 at the Seven Seas Inn in Mandan, ND. Those in attendance included Tim Phalen, Mike Goos, Darla Lenz, Jon Roaldson, Glen Sargeant, Dave Azure, Randy Crooke and Greg Hiemenz.

Note: MSC = "moved, seconded, carried" followed by those board members making and seconding the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

The board approved the minutes from the December meeting. MSC (Goos, Roaldson)

Correspondence sent and received: Correspondence was passed around the room.

New membership approval: The following new members were approved; James Maskey, Anthony Potthoff, Cal Thorson, Cindy Maier. MSC (Crooke, Sargeant)

4th Grade Education and Habitat Trunks: This issue had been addressed by the board via e-mail. \$2000 was donated on behalf of the Chapter towards a USFWS Challenge Cost Share Grant. The remaining \$2500 was covered by the Extension Service.

Small Grant Proposals: Darla put together letters to the applicants. A discussion was held on keeping records. A motion was made to create a Small Grant Committee in which Darla Lenz will chair under Portfolio C. MSC (Roaldson, Goos)

Scholarship Donation to the Farm Bureau: A Thank You letter was passed around to board members.

Elkhorn Ranch Proposed Expansion: A letter that had been drafted with our position was passed around. A discussion was held on the Governor's position. Our position will be discussed at the Annual Business Meeting.

TWS Endowment Campaign: The board has approved \$5000 to be donated upon 2003 budget approval. No board members had received any input thus far on the topic. It would be up to the membership to amend the budget if a different dollar amount were agreed upon.

Keep ND Clean Contest: A request had been made for \$250 to be budgeted for this project. It was missed at the budget meeting. A motion was made to approve the request. MSC (Sargeant, Roaldson)

NEW BUSINESS

Combine Youth Education and Education/Information Committees: This was discussed with the committee chairs. They agreed to it. The board felt this may allow for an improved budgeting process with more flexibility. The single committee will be under Portfolio B. MSC (Lenz, Roaldson)

Selecting Process for ND Award: This discussion was tabled to a future board meeting.

Legislative Social: Date and location were announced.

Legislative Review: Bill Bicknell gave a short update on the session. At this point all was going well. Bill and the board praised the work that Bill Pfeifer has done as our lobbyist. Bill's hard work over the years has been a primary reason for the Chapter's success. We thank Bill for his hard work and efforts.

Project Wild Account closed: Mike Ell closed out the Project Wild Account. The account had \$1338.05. It was suggested that these dollars be earmarked for education. The board held a discussion. A motion was made to line item the transfer of the \$1338.05 that had been in the Project Wild account to be used as Education funds in the Chapter's account. MSC (Sargeant, Roaldson)

SD Position Statement on CWD: The SD position statement was passed around. Glen Sargeant will

coordinate a discussion amongst Chapter members for future ND consideration.

Split Secretary/Treasurer Position: A brief discussion was held concerning the future of this position. It was tabled with the hopes of finding a volunteer that will fill the position.

Kathy McCallister, USFS was unable to meet with the board due to flight delays. Dave Pieper, Jim Wickel and Steve Williams met with the board to discuss Forest Service activities and answer questions.

TWS Request for Funding: The board had received a request to make a contribution in support of the 2003 10th Annual TWS Conference in Burlington, VT. A motion was made to support the conference with a donation of \$250 on behalf of the ND Chapter. MSC (Crooke, Lenz)

ND Wildlife Federation Request for Funding: A funding request was received for support in sending children to camp. The information will be forwarded to the Education Committee.

PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO - Mike Goos

Treasurer's Report - Greg Hiemenz provided the board with an updated treasurer's report as of January 31, 2003. The Total Chapter Assets were \$46,073.26, including \$11,618.36 in checking, \$7,562.50 in money market savings, \$20,023.50 in Certificates of Deposit, and the life membership mutual funds were at \$3,750.56 for the Putnam Account and \$3, 118.34 for the Oppenheimer Account.

Newsletter - Stacy Whipp
Deadline for newsletter material will be February 23, 2003

CMPS Representative - Jerry Heiser
No report available

Natural Resource Trust Advisor - Scott Peterson - Annual Report on page 7

Resolutions and Public Statements - Mike Goos
Nothing To Report

PAST-PRESIDENT PORTFOLIO - Tim Phalen

Arrangements - Tim Phalen - Nothing to report

Program - Tim Phalen - Nothing to report

Audit - Tom Sklebar - Nothing to report

Membership - Dave Azure - Year-End Report - In 2002, the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was represented by the following:

211	Regular Members
70	Life Members
16	Student Members
2	Benefactors
1	Patron Member
1	Life Patron Member
1	Honorary Member
302	Total Members

The Chapter also welcomed a new life member, Harold Wentland from Montana.

Membership in past years:
2001 - 323 Members
2000 - 302 Members
1999 - 335 Members

Nominations - Tim Phalen - Nothing to report

ND Action Group - Jacquie Gerads - Nothing to report

**PRESIDENT-ELECT PORTFOLIO -
Randy Renner**

Bylaws - Paul Myerchin - Year-End Report - see pages 23

Legislative - Greg Link - Nothing to report
Awards - Randy Renner - See page 12-14

Prairie Chicken - Greg Link - Nothing to report

Prairie Resources - Karen Smith & Darla Lenz - Nothing to Report

PORTFOLIO A - Dave Azure

Wetland Resources - Cami Dixon - The wetland resources committee is in the process of reviewing and commenting on the advance notice of proposed rule making in the Federal Register regarding the jurisdictional "definition" of wetlands that are subject to the Clean Water Act. See Annual Report on page 8

Fishery Resources - Mike Olson - Nothing to report

NDCTWS Website - Scott Kahan - See page 9

Historian - Chris Grondahl - Nothing to report

Wildlife Commercialization - Mike McEnroe - Nothing to report

PORTFOLIO B - Glen Sargeant

Western Lands - Bill Jensen - Nothing to report

Teaming with Wildlife - Chuck Bosch - Nothing to report

Education - Kristine Askerooth & Jack Lalor- See page 24-25

Forest Resources - John Schultz - Nothing to report

Invasive Species Committee - Scott Kahn - See page 6

PORTFOLIO C - Will Meeks

Red River Watershed - Vacant - Nothing to report

Missouri River - Randy Renner - Nothing to report
Devils Lake Basin - Roger Hollevoet - See page 10-11

Fundraising - Brian Kietzman & Paul Halko - See pages 16-23

Small Grant - Darla Lenz - Nothing to report

PORTFOLIO D - Kristine Askerooth

Northern Great Plains Working Group - Kevin Willis - Nothing to report

Endangered Species - Terri Thorn - See page 24

Law Enforcement - Jackie Lundstrom - Nothing to report

Wildlife Damage Management - John Paulson - Nothing to report

Finance - Mike Goos - See page 15

April 1, 2003 - Next Meeting of the Executive Board at Jamestown NDGFD - 10:00AM

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Oh No!!! We're down by about 20 members from our 2002 membership! Please make sure to check the upper right-hand corner of the mailing label. The year that your membership is paid through should be displayed. If you haven't paid for 2003, please do so soon, as this will be your FINAL newsletter otherwise. Occasionally, a mistake is made, so if you have paid for 2003 and it still shows 2002, please give me a call during the day at 647-2866 and we'll take care of it. Thanks.

**Dave Azure
Membership Committee Chair**

Invasive Species Committee Annual Report

Scott Kahan

The NDCTWS' executive board recently approved a proposal to create a new committee to address the critically important issues associated with invasive species in North Dakota. The newly formed, "Invasive Species Committee", is now looking for members to help shape the direction of this committee for 2003.

If you are looking to become more active in the Chapter, here's another opportunity.

Please contact committee chair, Scott Kahan at (701) 662-8611 ext. 323 (W) / (701) 655-3530 (H) or e-mail him at kahan@polarcomm.com if you are interested in becoming a charter member of this exciting new committee.

NATURAL RESOURCE TRUST COMMITTEE 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

Scott Peterson

The North Dakota Wetlands Trust (Trust) was established as part of the Garrison Diversion Unit Reformulation Act of 1986. The purpose of the Trust was to "preserve, enhance, restore and manage wetlands and associated wildlife habitat in the State of North Dakota". With the passage of the Dakota Water Resources Act (DWRA) of 2000 by Congress, the Trust, now known as the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust (NDNRT), has added to its mission the conservation of grasslands and riparian areas. The trust received \$12 million in funds from Bureau of Reclamation appropriations for Garrison Diversion and will receive \$1.2 million in state funds. The Trust will receive an additional 25 million federal dollars to fund its expanded mission. These funds are placed in a trust account and interest money from this account is used to do the work of the Trust.

A six member Board of Directors oversees the Trust. Three board members are appointed by the Governor, one by the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society, one by the National Wildlife Federation, and one by the National Audubon Society. The Board of Directors guides the Trust's strategic direction and makes decisions on Trust projects. In 2002, Governor Hoeven appointed two new board members to the Trust. Replacing Ray Horne and Alan Hausauer are Jack Olin of Dickinson and Bruce Adams of Minot.

The Trust generally meets three times a year, once in the spring, once in the summer and once in the fall. The fall meeting is usually held in Mid-December and it is during this meeting that the Board reviews and approves various grant proposals. The succeeding year's budget is also finalized at the fall meeting. Due to the relatively recent passage of the DWRA, and the resulting expanded Trust mission, a considerable amount of time was spent in 2002 reviewing and discussing the Trust's new Strategic Plan and how it applies to carrying out the expanded mission of the Trust. Much time was also spent at Board meetings discussing pertinent and timely issues. A summary of some of the projects worked on during the Calendar Year 2002 is as follows:

- *Worked with various NGO and governmental partners to explore land protection options along the Missouri River riparian corridor.
- *Worked on conservation provisions of the new farm bill.
- *Continued to work on updating the Trust's grant guidelines.
- *Discussed future WRP, EWP, and small watershed dam strategies and opportunities with NRCS and Trust staff.
- *Continued with the acquisition, development and eventual transfer of the Cook Slough property in Wells County to the ND Game and Fish Department.
- *Continued to actively promote the Trust's Conservation Ag (CA) program.
- *Prepared database of CA farms to be used on the CA web site.
- *Worked with BOR on state/federal grant agreement for DWRA.
- *Developed public information strategy for the Trust's Beginning Farmer Program.
- *Brought the Joliet Ferry WMA acquisition and development project in Walsh County to completion and participated in a dedication of the WMA.
- *Conducted review of position descriptions, salary ranges, and job accountability statements for Trust staff.
- *Actively promoted the Trust's mid-term easement program.
- *Worked on the agreement between BOR and the Trust.
- *Worked with Senator Conrad's office to request EPA to update pesticide labeling requirements to allow for environmentally friendly technologies.
- *Worked on CRP incentive payments for wetland restoration and native grass seeding.
- *Worked with USDA, ARS Mandan, to co-op CA with their research to develop a "Simple Tool for On-farm Assessment of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sustainability".
- *Worked on Trust's acquisition of wetland tract near Walhalla.
- *Worked on potential acquisition project of confluence Riparian Tract in McKenzie County (approximately 1000 acres).
- *Suggested revisions for the Devils Lake Management plan.
- *Helped coordinate seminar at NPWRC on carbon sequestration and related issues.

- *Preparation for Wetlands 2002 Symposium in Indianapolis.
- *Worked on CRP haying/grazing issues.
- *Active promotion of the Trust's Whole Farm and Ranch program.
- *Hosted the Water Education Foundation tour at Kenner Marsh.
- *Worked on the development of a Trust website.
- *Worked with Senator Conrad's office and Northern Great Plains Working Group to try and mitigate 2002 Farm Bill language that would jeopardize base acres on many private lands currently in short-term conservation programs.
- *Met with Legislators, landowners and agricultural group representatives on expected Legislative issues.

WETLAND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

Scott Peterson

In recent years, one of the primary responsibilities of the Wetland Resources Committee has been the participation in the Governor's Wetlands Working Group. This group's mission was to formulate a new wetlands policy to replace the No Net Loss of Wetlands Policy which was repealed in the ND Legislature. The Governor's Wetland Working Group became inactive upon the election of Governor Hoeven. The Wetland Resources Committee will continue to monitor this effort and will remain involved in any efforts at developing new wetland policies for North Dakota.

Another primary responsibility of the Wetland Resources Committee has been to monitor the efforts of the State Water Commission (SWC) to assume the administration of the Section 404 program. The Section 404 program relates to the Clean Water Act (CWA) and is currently being administered in the state of North Dakota by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Senate Bill 2285 was passed into law by the 2001 Legislature. Funding in the amount of \$800,000 was also provided for the next biennium for the purpose of administering the Section 404 program. However, before the state can actually assume the responsibility of administering the Section 404 program, several requirements must be met which were listed in detail in an earlier report.

More recently, the Wetland Resources Committee received a document from the SWC entitled Proposed Administrative Rules Governing the Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material. An earlier draft (1994) of this document was also reviewed and commented on by the Chapter. Some of the Chapter's earlier comments had been addressed in this latest document but we offered further comments on this latest draft of the Proposed Administrative Rules.

Specifically, our latest comments related to several aspects of the draft but included 1) Streamlining the permitting process and reducing administrative burden to the applicants and regulators continue to be stated reasons that the state is pursuing assumption of the Section 404 program and we have again stressed that the actual intended purpose of the CWA is the protection of the waters of the United States, including wetlands, 2) Planned staffing and funding levels for the SWC to administer the program have not been addressed to the satisfaction of the Chapter, 3) SWC plans for dealing with potential legal actions have not been adequately addressed, 4) SWC plans for dealing with the enforcement and compliance aspects of the program have not been adequately addressed, 5) Plans for dealing with potential conflicts between the State Engineer and USFWS on impacts to Threatened or Endangered Species has not been adequately addressed, and 6) The Chapter once again went on record supporting the COE's continued administration of the Section 404 provisions of the Clean Water Act.

As always, if anyone has specific questions or comments on either of these issues, they are welcome and encouraged to contact the Committee Chair.

WEB SITE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT SCOTT KAHAN

The web committee continues to work on making the Chapter's web page a useful resource for the membership.

The web site hosts useful information concerning the Chapter's Executive Board (e-mail addresses and phone numbers), awards information, various committee reports, and folks can download/print or view online the latest issue of the newsletter. Other documents (including the latest version of the conservation directory) can be downloaded/printed as well. This past year, the web site committee added the capacity for folks to renew their membership online with a credit card. Also new this past year is a more simplified URL address for the Chapter's web site (although the old address still works).

There are some areas that could be improved upon for next year:

* Committee pages could be further developed- Committee chairs are encouraged to submit information to post on the web site. Whether it be contact information for yourself and your committee members, or activities that your committee is involved in, this can be another way to get people interested in what you are doing.

* All active members need to sign up to the mailing list- The web site committee has continued to maintain a e-mail list of Chapter members. Currently, we have 160 valid e-mail addresses in our database. This mailing list is used by the Chapter to update it's members on issues of importance (legislative updates, action alerts, etc.). With the legislative session in full swing, it is very important that folks sign up to the mailing list if they want to receive these updates. This can be done by clicking on the "join the mailing list" link on the Chapter's web site.

The new address for the chapter's web site is: www.ndctws.org

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the Chapter's web page you contact Scott Kahan at (701) 662-8611 ext. 323 (W) / (701) 655-3530 (H) or e-mail him at kahan@polarcomm.com

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

DEVILS LAKE BASIN COMMITTEE

2002 ANNUAL REPORT

Issues and controversy continue to surround the flooding in and around Devils Lake. Locally, residents want to see an outlet constructed to relieve the high water levels contained in Devils Lake. Water levels are remaining consistently high with the lake currently at 1446.9 M.S.L. Little is being done to aggressively develop upper basin water storage or comprehensive watershed management and you can even hear thoughts about no longer wanting to do infrastructure protection as it is hurting chances for an outlet. Following is a summary of some of the planning activities regarding Devils Lake water management over the past year:

Many alternatives to Devils Lake flooding have been considered by the Corps of Engineers. They include a west bay outlet with 300 and 480 cfs flows, a Pelican Lake outlet with 300 and 480 cfs flows, outlets out of other parts of Devils Lake, upper basin management, expanded infrastructure measures, and combinations of some of the above.

The current alternative that is getting the most attention is the Pelican Lake outlet which would move water from the Devils Lake basin into the Sheyenne River before it flows into Devils Lake. This alternative may demand changes in flows in the Chain of Lakes area north of Devils Lake. The Corps is looking at seasonally closing Channel A and routing water from Dry Lake through Mike's Lake, Chain Lake, Lake Alice National Wildlife Refuge, and Lake Irvine to insure an adequate amount of water is available to move downstream into the Sheyenne. Consultants have completed a reconnaissance level study about moving 400 cfs through this planned diversion.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Ecological Services division completed a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report in June 2002. The report looked at a number of outlet alternatives and highlighted resource issues, analyzed potential impact or concerns, and provided recommendations.

The Corps of Engineers draft Devils Lake Integrated Planning Report/EIS has been submitted to Washington for review. This may result in a revised draft or final report sometime this winter of 2003.

The Devils Lake Joint Water Board is initiating a project to implement upper basin water utilization (irrigation). This is an alternative to upper basin storage. They plan to "waste" water by irrigating crops in the upper basin with high rates of water. They say this will prevent more water from entering Devils Lake than possibly any upper basin storage implementation.

The State of North Dakota is still considering their Devils Lake Outlet plan which will move 100 cfs from the west end of Devils Lake through the Peterson Coulee and on into the Sheyenne River. Construction of a pumping pad site was initiated last fall. The design will be capable of greater flows (300cfs) and will cost \$15-20 million.

North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society Announces Annual Awards Recipients

The North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society held its annual awards banquet in Mandan, North Dakota, on February 12, 2003. The Chapter is a statewide organization of over 300 wildlife professionals. Its mission is to provide a forum for discussion of ecological issues among natural resource professionals; and to provide scientifically sound information concerning the wise use of natural resources in support of a conservation ethic.

North Dakota Award

The prestigious North Dakota Award is presented annually to a wildlife professional that has made outstanding contributions over the course of their careers; this year it was awarded to Robert Meeks of Bismarck, ND. Robert served as the Chief Biologist for Ducks Unlimited's Great Plains Regional Office from 1984-1996. He oversaw the opening of that office and completed the first Ducks Unlimited project to occur in the United States at Lake Arena in Burleigh County. Under his leadership over 600 habitat projects impacting 150,000 acres in nine states were developed. Of these, over 200 were completed in North Dakota. Bob was recognized not only for his work with Ducks Unlimited, but for his work on the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture Management Board, his work with graduate students and their studies, his long time commitment to The Wildlife Society, and his knowledge of waterfowl and wetland management.

Habitat Award

The 2003 Habitat Award was presented to Brad Karel, a construction manager for Ducks Unlimited in Bismarck, ND. Brad has made a significant contribution to the development of wildlife habitat in North Dakota. As construction manager he ensures that work being completed to develop habitat is done only with the highest of standards. Under Brad's supervision over 400 wetland projects involving more than 22,000 acres have been completed in North Dakota.

Charles Pulver Memorial Law Enforcement Case of the Year Award

This award is presented annually in recognition of law enforcement and its benefits to wildlife management. Criteria used to select the award recipient are the significance of the case, the severity, of the infraction and the degree of investigation work required in order to get a conviction. This year, a cooperative undercover investigation into illegal guiding and outfitting in North Dakota was recognized. The investigation involved North Dakota Game and Fish Department Wardens Bob Timian(Dickinson), Bill

Schaller(Killdeer), and Doug Olson(Hazen), US Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent Rich Grosz(Bismarck), and an undercover team from Minnesota.

Special Recognition Awards

This year, two Special Recognition Awards were presented on behalf of the Chapter. These awards were presented to Chapter members who have made a significant contribution to the organization. Mike McEnroe and Bill Bicknell, both from Bismarck, were recognized for serving as co-chairs for the Arrangements Committee for the 9th Annual TWS Conference which was held in Bismarck this past September. The highly successful conference was attended by nearly 1500 wildlife biologists, students, and educators from across the United States and several foreign countries.

Past Presidents Award

The Past Presidents Award recognizes the hard work, time and effort that the President of the Chapter puts forth during the past year. This years award was presented to Tim Phalen of Wyndmere for his outstanding contributions while serving as president.

Student Awards

Five students were presented awards or scholarships for their outstanding academic achievement and research initiatives in the field of wildlife ecology. The 2003 Graduate Student of the Year Awards were presented to Shawn Hawks of North Dakota State University and Sara Milne of the University of North Dakota. The 2003 Undergraduate Student Scholarships were presented to Trevor Krabbenhoft from North Dakota State University, Sean Bertie of the University of North Dakota, and Riley Zavada from Minot State University-Bottineau.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

Brian Kietzman

The 2003 Fundraising Banquet and Auction was another huge success. Please take a look at the report on income and expenditures below for details. I wanted to take this time to thank everyone who donated items for our auction and fundraiser. Without your generosity, none of this would be possible. I've included two other reports which list the donations and the auction items. I think you will be impressed with the number and quality of donated items. This says a great deal about our Chapter members and their dedication to our mission.

We owe a huge thank you to our auctioneer, Mark Wald. He and his wife have helped us out with our auction in Mandan for many years. When I called Mark this winter, he didn't even hesitate. He said he looked forward to doing this and welcomed the opportunity to meet old friends. Having a good auctioneer that is willing to donate his time makes all the difference in the world. Having one that is willing to come back every other year is nothing short of incredible! Thanks, Mark.

I also want to thank my fellow committee members for all of their hard work in making this event successful. Members of the fundraising committee include Paul Halko, Jon Roaldson, Rodd Compson, Todd Frerichs, Ed Meendering, Jim Lange, Lynda Knutsen, Dan Duchscherer, Doug Staller, Jackie Jacobson and Scott McLeod. I also am indebted to Kent Luttschwager and Tom Pabian for all their help ensuring that we had adequate raffle ticket sales. Make sure and thank all these folks again for a job well done.

Finally, we still have NDCTWS hats available. If anyone would like to purchase one for \$12.00, please call me at (701)253-6483.

Thanks again to everyone who donated an item, purchased something from the auction, or participated in our various raffles and games. We had a great time putting this on and we hope you had a great time attending.

Winners of the big raffle items are as follows:

\$300 Gift Certificate from Cabela's-----Cindy Roth
\$150 Gift Certificate from Scheels All Sports-----Alicia Waters
Mike McEnroe Shorebird Carving-----Kyla Weisz
Case of Steel Shot Shells-----Ron Meester
2001 ND Habitat Print, Framed-----Lyle Schoonover

**NDCTWS
DONATED ITEMS**

#	Donated Item	Donated By
1.	Paulin Ice House Heater	Robert Vanden Berge
2.	Redhead Decoy	Hal Kantrud
3.	1983 Duck Stamp & Duck Sign	Walt and Tammy Fairbanks
4.	Hummingbird Wind Chime	Tim Phalen
5.	Sharp-tailed grouse Mount	Tim Zachmeier
6.	Canada Goose Decoys	Jim Lange
7.	Dog Training Certificate	Bill Bicknell
8.	Paddlefish Carvings (2)	Randy Miller
9.	Paddlefish Pictures (3)	Randy Miller
10.	Spearing Decoys (3)	Randy Miller
11.	Dozen Decoys and Bag	Bill Pfeiffer
12.	Dog Hygiene	Con Hillman, Ducks Unlimited
13.	Collectors D.U. knife set	Con Hillman, Ducks Unlimited
14.	Journals	Mike McEnroe
15.	Bird feeder and bag of sunflowers	Scott Peterson
16.	Box of shotgun shells and fishing reel	Al Roller
17.	Bag of wildflower seeds	Roger Rostvet
18.	Goose print and RMEF bottle	John Schulz
19.	\$50 Gift Certificate	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
20.	Homemade basket and creel	Paul Van Ningen
21.	Blue Goose gambrel	Todd King
22.	Ex.large duffel bag & G.W. Teal print	Mike Goos
23.	Autumn Mist print	Mike Grabow
24.	Frame and matting for G.W. Teal print	Jackie Jacobson
25.	Honey	Kent Luttschwager

26.	Sofa Server	D-1 Wildlife Staff NDGFD
27.	Homemade putter	Mike McKenna
28.	Homemade wing bone yelper	Gregg and Lynda Knutsen
29.	Dakota Lakes Gourmet Coating (21 lbs)	Darrold Walls
30.	Winter Pair-Ruffed Grouse Print	Chip and Betty Euliss
31.	Two Deer Stands	Arrowwood Refuge
32.	Woven Treasures Custom Made Basket	Susan and Mark Vaniman
33.	Two Plano Tackle Systems	N.D. Natural Resources Trust
34.	One night stay and meal for two (2)	Prairie Knights Casino and Resort
35.	Across The Wheatgrass Book and fishing supplies and Cover Lock items	Ted Upgren
36.	NDGFD Patches & 3 boxes of Journals	Bob Morgan
37.	Ice Spear	Tom Pabian
38.	Pheasants Forever pants, hats, shooting vest and shooting coat	Dan Hare, Pheasants Forever
39.	Leopard Throw	Rodd and Doreen Compson
40.	Three Duck Photos, Framed Owl Print, Monte Dolak Print, Framed Mule Deer(wolf) Print, Framed Siskin Print, Framed Ruddy Duck Print, Unframed Anderson "Lifting Fog" Print, Hat Rack, 5 caps, IAFWA Bag	Friends Of The Wildlife
41.	Bear Print	Jacque Gerads, Vermont Trappers Association
42.	Duck Pillow	J. Clark Salyer NWR
43.	Terry Redlin Plate and Frame	J. Clark Salyer NWR
44.	Wildlife Thermometer	J. Clark Salyer NWR
45.	Racks Calendar	Unknown
46.	Polar Tip Up	Kevin Kading

47.	2 Duck Calls, 2 Hats, 2 Mugs, Wings Over The Prairie, Following The Flight, 2 T-Shirts	Delta Waterfowl
48.	3 Hats and 1 Shirt	Devils Lake Complex
49.	Wood Duck Box	Stutsman County Wildlife Club
50.	Mottled Duck Book, 4 boxes of steel shot	Mike Johnson
51.	Wings Over The Prairie, bag of dog food	Phil Mastrangelo
52.	Bobwhite Quail Print	John Schulz
53.	Framing donation-Raffled Habitat Print	Wild Things Gallery and Frame Shop
54.	Kouba Print	Ray Parsons
55.	Bluewing Teal Decoy Shorebird Carving	Mike McEnroe
56.	Pintail Decoy	John Halko
57.	Gun case and hat	Cabela's
58.	Thermometer	Scheels All Sport
59.	Buffalo Duffle Bag	Glen and Felicia Sargeant
60.	Cranberry Cordial with Shotgun Shell Chocolate	Patsy Crooke
61.	2 Prominent N.D. Wildlifer Photo's	Bob Seabloom
62.	Ladder Tree Stand	Al Sapa
63.	Cutt Down Game Calls (2)	Doug Staller
64.	3 Wildlife Prints	Harold Duebbert
65.	Barn Wood Framing For 3 Wildlife Prints	Jack Lalor
66.	4 Predator Mugs	Graphic Communication
67.	Teamwork Print	Jeff Towner
68.	Homemade Duck Call	Ron Reynolds
69.	Hodgman Dog Vest	Greg Link
70.	Filet Board and knife	Valley City WMD

71.	T.R. Bear	Audubon NWR
72.	Bluebird Box	Chase Lake WMD
73.	Blue Goose Goodie Basket	Tewaukon NWR -Kristine Askerooth
74.	Utility Strap W/Cam Buckle (4)	Glenn's Welding
75.	Buck Knife (2)	APHIS PPQ
76.	Sheep Tag Raffle tickets	Darren Bruning
77.	Barbed Wire Buffalo	J. Duckwitz
78.	Wooden Blue Goose (2)	Dan Severson
79.	2 Tip ups	Mike Olsen
80.	3 Remington Knives	Jon Roaldson
81.	Blue Goose Paper Mobiles (3)	Jack Lalor - Tewaukon NWR
82.	Blue Goose Carvings/Wall Hangings	Dan Severson - Des Lacs NWR
83.	Set of Notecards/original artwork	Patsy Renz - Long Lake NWR
84.	Filet Board and Filet Knife	Valley City Wetland Management District (Kory Richardson and Lynda Knutsen)

**NDCTWS
AUCTION ITEMS**

#	Auction Item	Donated By
1.	Plano Tackle System	N.D. Natural Resources Trust
2.	Monte Dolak Print	Friends of the Wildlife
3.	Terry Redlin Plate and Frame	J. Clark Salyer NWR
4.	Winter Pair-Ruffed Grouse Print	Chip and Betty Euliss
5.	Pheasants Forever Jacket	Dan Hare-Pheasants Forever
6.	Siskin Print	Friends of the Wildlife
7.	Wooden Blue Goose	Dan Severson
8.	Paddlefish Pictures (3)	Randy Miller
9.	Mallard Duck Pillow	J. Clark Salyer NWR

10.	SOB Print	NDCTWS
11.	Redhead Decoy	Hal Kantrud
12.	Dakota Lakes Gourmet Fish Batter	Darrold Walls
13.	Teamwork Print	Jeff Towner
14.	Sharp-tailed grouse Mount	Tim Zachmeier
15.	Sweet Dreams Dog print	NDCTWS
16.	Mug Tree	NDCTWS
17.	Pure Fishing Bag, Fishing reel	Ted Upgren, Al Roller
18.	Spearing Decoys (3)	Randy Miller
19.	Ice Spear	Tom Pabian
20.	Mule Deer (wolf) print	Friends of the Wildlife
21.	Woven Treasures Custom Made Basket	Susan and Mark Vaniman
22.	Dozen Decoys and Bag	Bill Pfeiffer
23.	Cutt Down Game Calls (2)	Doug Staller
24.	Ward Mallard Print Barn Wood Framing	Harold Duebbert Jack Lalor
25.	Sofa Server	D-1 Wildlife Staff NDGFD
26.	Blue Goose Goodie Basket	Tewaukon NWR -Kristine Askerooth
27.	Leopard Throw Cranberry Cordial/Shotgun Shell Chocolate	Rodd and Doreen Compson Patsy Crooke
28.	Buffalo Duffle Bag	Glen and Felicia Sargeant
29.	Ladder Tree Stand	Al Sapa
30.	Whitetail Deer Print	NDCTWS
31.	Hummingbird Wind Chime	Tim Phalen
32.	Waterfowl Books	Delta Waterfowl
33.	Paddlefish Carvings (2)	Randy Miller
34.	Whitefront Print	NDCTWS
35.	Homemade putter	Mike McKenna

36.	Homemade creel	Paul Van Ningen
37.	Hodgman Dog Vest	Greg Link
38.	Canada Goose Decoys	Jim Lange
39.	Dog Hygiene	Con Hillman, Ducks Unlimited
40.	NDGFD Patches	Bob Morgan
41.	One night stay and meal for two (2)	Prairie Knights Casino and Resort
42.	Homemade wing bone yelper	Gregg and Lynda Knutsen
43.	Plano Tackle System	N.D. Natural Resources Trust
44.	Vest (Camouflage Hunting)	Ted Upgren
45.	Dog Training Certificate	Bill Bicknell
46.	1983 Duck Stamp Print	Walt and Tammy Fairbanks
47.	Dakota Lakes Gourmet Fish Batter	Darold Walls
48.	Wood Duck Box	Stutsman County Wildlife Club
49.	Gun case and hat	Cabela's
50.	Deer Stand	Arrowwood Refuge
51.	Hooded Merganser Print Barn Wood Framing	Harold Duebbert Jack Lalor
52.	Homemade Duck Call	Ron Reynolds
53.	Thermometer	Scheels All Sport
54.	Pheasants Forever Bibs	Pheasants Forever-Dan Hare
55.	Green-winged Teal Print Frame and matting	Mike Goos Jackie Jacobson
56.	Pheasants Forever Bag	Pheasants Forever-Dan Hare
57.	Pileated Woodpeckers Print Barn Wood Framing	Harold Duebbert Jack Lalor
58.	Pheasants Forever Vest	Pheasants Forever- Dan Hare
59.	Buck Knife (2)	APHIS PPQ
60.	Oregon Bighorn Sheep Raffle tickets	Darren Bruning

NDCTWS 2003 FUNDRAISER

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Big Raffle	\$3,108.00	City of Mandan permit	\$10.00
Waterfowl(table)	\$698.00	Raffle ticket printing	\$251.86
Pintail decoy (board)	\$490.00	Cabelas Gift Cert.	\$270.00
Bluewing teal(board)	\$365.00	Scheels Gift Cert.	\$150.00
DU Knife (board)	\$251.00	2 Cases steel shot	\$152.00
Knife raffle (cards)	\$108.00	Scheels - Bigfoots(J.R)	\$95.39
Refuge table	\$257.00	Paddlefish - R. Miller	\$116.00
Ice Fishing (game)	\$190.00	Auctioneer's gift (Ed)	\$25.00
Forb Table (game)	\$38.00	Matting w/ Lalor Frames	\$72.00
Guaranteed Raffle	\$360.00	ND Habitat Stamps	\$24.00
Road Ringer	\$257.00	Goose Bands	\$105.00
Silent Auction	\$87.00	Wild Things-Mugs(JR)	\$60.42
Live Auction	\$2,262.50	Cards (JR-Roaldson)	\$3.18
Hats	\$330.00	Ice Fishing(Jim L)	\$193.00
<hr/>		Wild Things-Decoy (JJ)	\$143.10
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,801.50	Rodd Compson	\$13.57
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,424.07	Hats	\$605.85
NET PROCEEDS	\$6,377.43	AFS-30% of \$446.00 Keg	\$133.80
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		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2424.07

BYLAWS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Paul H. Myerchin

The Bylaws Committee in 2002 did not have any projects because the Bylaws are in good order. However, the Bylaws Committee did receive word from The Wildlife Society on February 1, 2002 that the bylaw changes made at the annual business meeting in February 2001 were approved. Those bylaw changes became effective upon approval by TWS.

Pursuant to Article II (Meetings), Section I, Clause F, a copy of the Chapter's Bylaws is available for inspection during the annual meeting.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2003.

Endangered Species Activities –Annual Report 2002

Terri Thorn

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested and received \$507.50 from moneys that had been transferred from the ND Game and Fish Department. These moneys are to be used in the development and production of maps for the ND Endangered Species/Pesticide Management Program. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service used this money to purchase USGS Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQQs). These images were used to produce both digital and hard copy maps of restricted pesticide use areas around endangered species habitats.

Mr. Dan Albano of Pattersonville, NY requested information on threatened and endangered species in ND that complemented the USFWS's Endangered Species list. I provided him with a copy of the North Dakota Outdoors publication "Rare Ones" and contact information for the ND Heritage Program.

Annual Report of the Youth Education Committee

Jack Lalor

Since 1988 the ND Chapter of the Wildlife Society has been responsible for judging the Youth for Wildlife Contest.

In the early 90's our highest participation period, as many as 70 young people from North Dakota entered the contest. During the past 5 years we have struggled to reach double digits and participation has been limited to a few committed families in Stutsman County. A little glimmer of hope returned from Dickey County when three young people entered this years contest.

The contest is open to all North Dakota youth in grades K-12. Each plot entered in the contest is judged according to how well it meets the needs of wildlife as well as the contest evaluation criteria. Chapter members visit each plot, interview the participant and arrive at a final score. Winners are determined on a point basis. Usually, the entries have been broken down into several regional contests with these winners moving on to a state contest. Due to the reduced number of entries the past few years all the entries have lumped into one event. Top scorers in this years contest in order were:

Food Plot

Jill Alison Martin, Jamestown

Kelly Louise Morgan, Jamestown

Jason Gilles, Ashley

Habitat Plot

Chad Dawson, Jamestown

Jill Alison Martin, Jamestown

Kelly Louise Morgan, Jamestown

I would like to express my thanks to Paulette Scherr for continuing the successful effort in Stutsman County.

The top three participants in each contest received a Savings Bond courtesy of the United Sportsmen, Jamestown Chapter or the NDTWS Chapter if they were outside of Stutsman Co. All the participants receive a \$50 Savings bond courtesy of the Chapter that is presented at this meeting.

Education/Information Committee Report

Kristine Askerooth

The Education/Information (E/I) Committee was involved with four projects/programs this year.

Jr Duck Stamp Program :

The E/I Committee continues to be involved with the annual ND Jr Duck Stamp Contest. The Committee will provide \$200 for the 2001-2002 contest. The contest is open to all ND students K-12. This annual program attracts an average of 700 young artists from around the state. The contest was held on March 22, 2002 in Valley City and sponsored by the Barnes County Wildlife Federation. Rachel Dwyer from Bismarck won Best of Show honors. She went on to compete at the national contest. The awards banquet was held in Bismarck on April 20th in conjunction with the Lewis & Clark Wildlife Club banquet. This year the contest deadline is March 15, 2003 and the judging will be held on March 21, 2003 in Valley City. The awards banquet will be held in Bismarck on May 3rd in conjunction with the Lewis & Clark Wildlife Club banquet.

If you know of a young person who is interested in art and wildlife you can pick up an entry form at the Society Meeting or by giving me a call. (701-724-3598)

Coalition for Conservation and Environmental Education:

The Committee is also a member of the C2E2 (Coalition for Conservation and Environmental Education) Steering Committee. C2E2 is working on the following projects:

- 1) The North Dakota Envirothon. The winning team from North Dakota goes on to compete at the national competition. The state competition was in May 2002 in the Turtle Mountains.
- 2) Participates in the Environmental Education showcase at the North Dakota Educators Association Conference every year.

Chapter Scholarships:

The Committee collected the nominees for the 2003 Chapter scholarships from the three major North Dakota Universities and forwarded them on to the Executive Board.

Keep ND Clean Poster Contest:

The Committee is also partnering with the Fish & Wildlife Service, the ND Department of Instruction and the ND Department of Health in the Keep ND Clean Poster Contest. The Chapter committed \$250 to the project and \$750 was provided by the Fish & Wildlife Service. The Chapter and the Service sponsored the 6th grade for North Dakota and the theme was Habitat - Homes for Wildlife. Other grades in the state were sponsored by other agencies. All 6th grade classes will be invited to participate in the contest and the winning artwork was made into a billboard. Also some savings bonds are given away as prizes. In 2003, the chapter and the FWS will be sponsoring the 6th grade and the theme will be Refuges - Homes for Wildlife

The Education and Information Committee will be joining with the Youth Education Committee to form the Education and Outreach Committee. Jack Lalor and myself will co-chair this committee and will continue to include past projects. The Education and Outreach Committee will be broadening its purpose, objectives and activities. If anyone has any ideas or if someone would like to be on the committee please contact either myself or Jack Lalor.

The following chapter letter is provided for your information on the proposed park expansion. The letter was reviewed with the membership at the business meeting and represents the Chapter's current position. We are continuing to monitor the situation and will update our position and Chapter members as appropriate. Any ideas, questions, or concerns can be forwarded to Glenn Sargeant, Bill Jensen, or any of the Chapters board members.

13 December 2002

Andy Banta, Superintendent
Theodore Roosevelt National Park
P.O. Box 7
Medora, North Dakota 58645

Dear Mr. Banta:

Expansion of the Elkhorn Ranch Site will undoubtedly serve the long-term interests of North Dakotans by promoting conservation, public recreation, and tourism. For this reason, the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society supports the boundary expansion currently proposed by the National Park Service (NPS).

If the NPS acquires the Eberts Ranch, we recommend management as a National Preserve because National Park status would likely lead to the prohibition of hunting and grazing. We agree with the NPS recommendation that hunting and grazing continue for two reasons:

- 1) Roosevelt was an avid hunter and a rancher. Continued hunting and properly managed grazing are consistent with Roosevelt's legacy and are key to local support for the acquisition.
- 2) Continued hunting will prevent numbers of wild ungulates from increasing, as they have in many National Parks, to levels that will create conflicts between the NPS, area landowners, and the state of North Dakota.

Our support notwithstanding, National Preserve status presents a cause for concern. In the badlands environment of the proposed expansion area, roads, drill pads, derricks and other facilities associated with oil extraction have far-reaching impacts on wildlife and visitor experiences. In contrast with hunting and grazing, these impacts are not consistent with Roosevelt's legacy or with the cultural landscape of his time. Our support is thus conditional on the expectation that the NPS will aggressively seek to minimize adverse impacts of mineral extraction.

Sincerely,

Tim Phalen
President

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Students or other Chapter members are asked to notify Dave Azure, Membership Chairman, of any address changes. Please mail the change to ND Chapter Wildlife Society, PO Box 1442, Bismarck, ND 58502-1442. This is greatly appreciated and helps to keep our expenses down.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

OCCUPATION/TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

EMPLOYER _____

I am _____ am not _____ a current member of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

- Regular.....\$ 15.00 _____
Available to any person employed, trained or is a student in a natural resource field. Entitled to vote in Chapter elections.

- Patron, Sponsor or Benefactor \$ 10.00 _____
Available to any person or organization which is interested in supporting the Chapter as it is operated by membership. Non-voting status.

- Life Member..... \$200.00 _____

- Student.....\$ 8.00 _____

- Central Mtn. & Plains
Section TWS.....\$ 5.00 _____

TOTAL enclosed \$ _____

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