



# North Dakota Chapter THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



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.

Summer 2008

# Dakota Prairie Legacy Endowment

Note: Every Summer issue of the NDCTWS Newsletter will focus on the Dakota Prairie Legacy...also commonly referred to as "DPL"

## DAKOTA PRAIRIE LEGACY UPDATE

The Chapter would like to recognize the following individuals who have contributed or pledged to contribute at the gold or silver level to the Dakota Prairie Legacy (Endowment) of the NDCTWS:

**Mike Goos**

**Jim Gritman**

**Al Sapa**

**Keith Harmon**

**Terry Allbee**

**Randy Kreil**

**Curtis Bradbury**

**Sally Benjamin**

**Mike Rabenberg**

**Roger Collins**

**Mike Grabow**

**Paul Myerchin**

**Jerry Kobriger**

**Dave Nilson**

**Bill Bicknell**

**Dave Azure**

**Fred Giese**

**Jack Lalor**

**Lee Albright**

**Glen Sargent**

**Greg Hiemenz**

**Con Hillman**

**Mike McEnroe**

**Bob Meeks**

**Karen Kreil**

**Bob Seabloom**

**Paulette Scherr**

**Dan Svedarsky**

**Mark Sherfy**

### A Gift for the Future Something to Consider:

Life insurance is an easy and excellent means to use for planned giving or estate planning. You merely have to designate the Chapter or another organization as a beneficiary on an amendment to an existing life insurance policy. For example, if you had a \$ 50,000 life insurance policy, you could designate the Chapter as a \$ 5,000 or a 10 percent beneficiary. Such a designation does not change the cost or value of your insurance and is easy to do. Please contact Con Hillman or Mike McEnroe if you have questions regarding planned giving to the Chapter.

Would you rather receive an electronic version of the NDCTWS newsletter? If so, send an email to [ndcotws@yahoo.com](mailto:ndcotws@yahoo.com) stating that you would like to receive the NDCTWS E-newsletter.

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## Help Restore this Wetland



## Donate to the DPL!

# *A Message From the President*

On my way to the May Board meeting at Sullys Hill National Game Preserve, I tuned the truck radio to Prairie Public Radio so I could catch up on the current news, which turned out to include several stories that were relevant to natural resource management in North Dakota. None of them were the sort of issues that have traditionally been the wildlife profession's focus, and none of them directly addressed the issue's link to natural resources. The prairie's changing agricultural landscape and the emergence of energy as an important commodity could have substantial natural resource consequences, and there is no shortage of current hot topics in these areas. News topics that day included stories about a proposed pipeline to carry Bakken shale natural gas from North Dakota to Chicago, new technology under development to produce beef from tissue culture rather than the open range, the President's veto of the Farm Bill, production of ethanol from cellulosic sources, and the controversy over whether commodity prices or fuel prices are driving up food costs. The economic side of these and other current land management issues is generally emphasized in the media, and there's no doubt that economics will be a key factor in how these issues ultimately play out. Few of us received training in economics as part of our professional development, yet we are increasingly challenged to understand the economic forces that drive important policy decisions. In this and other ways, our profession continues to evolve and we are called upon to stay on our toes and adapt. We must meet these challenges not only as individuals, but also as professional organization. Discussions at our May Board meeting dealt with our approach to new and emerging issues for North Dakota's natural resources. Over the past few years, we've seen numerous changes to the structure and alignment of Chapter committees so that we can better address current issues. We've formed committees focused on subject areas (Tribal Wildlife, Alternative Energy, Garrison Diversion, Wildlife Commercialization), and others to foster professional development of our members (Legacy Trust Initiative, Professional Women in Natural Resources). The future may be uncertain, but our membership's commitment and passion for understanding and responding to contemporary challenges remains strong.



I'd like to call your attention to a couple of current Chapter issues. Kathy Baer notified the Board that she will be stepping down as Secretary/Treasurer at the 2009 Annual Meeting. The Board is grateful for Kathy's service to the Chapter in this challenging position, and is looking at ways to meet the growing financial responsibilities of this volunteer position. We have begun a thorough review of the Chapter's Bylaws, including a re-evaluation of the Secretary/Treasurer position. The Board's goal is to present updated Bylaws to the membership for review this fall and approval at the 2009 Annual Meeting. It's not too early to be thinking about ideas or suggestions for the Bylaws or nominations for our officer and Board positions.

The Central Mountains and Plains Section will be holding its annual meeting jointly with the new Canadian Section during August 14-17 at Gimli, Manitoba. The meeting's theme is "Crossroads in Wildlife: New Great Plains Initiatives and Canadian Directions", and it includes a plenary session on Climate Change, a field tour of the Interlake Region, and a banquet program on the degradation and recovery of Lake Winnipeg. Please attend if you have the opportunity!

Finally, we are beginning to lay the groundwork for celebration of our Chapter's history with our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013. We have formed a committee to lead this effort, and we are looking for Chapter members to participate. Please contact Al Sapa or myself if you are interested.

There is plenty of room for more member involvement in the wide diversity of current Chapter activities. Please take advantage of these opportunities!

Mark Sherfy

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

9:00 AM

Lonetree Wildlife Management Area,  
Harvey

# CHAPTER NEWS

New Newsletter Schedule: the NDCTWS newsletter will now be distributed only 4 times per year. Below are some of the major items which will be included in each newsletter.

Spring: distributed in March/April, annual meeting reports and summary

Summer: distributed in June/July, DPL update

Fall: distributed in Sept./October, call for papers, awards, nominations, etc.

Winter: distributed in December, annual meeting draft agenda

## Error in the Spring Newsletter:

Under "Hot Topics," a few words were inadvertently missing from the end of the title of a Public Statement the Chapter is working on. It should have read:

Initiated Measure Prohibiting Shooting of Big Game Animals *Within a Fenced Enclosure*.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The Executive has established a planning committee to begin making plans for the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Chapter in 2013. Al Sapa has agreed to act as Chair. If you have ideas on what the Chapter can and should do for this milestone, please send your comments to Al at ([asap@bis.midco.net](mailto:asap@bis.midco.net)).



## A NEW COMMITTEE — PROFESSIONAL WOMEN IN NATURAL RESOURCES

The Executive Board has approved a new committee for the Chapter. Cami Dixon and Kristine Askerooth are co-chairs of "Professional Women in Natural Resources." Informally, various Chapter members have organized a networking lunch for women at the annual meeting for the past several years. The new committee will help expand the activities of this group and formalize its existence. The committee will provide a credible and logical platform to encourage the continuation of these activities and continue to encourage participation of women in the overall Chapter. This committee and its activities will be open to anyone who is interested and desires to participate.



# North Dakota Chapter TWS 2008—Executive Board Members and Committees

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<b>Inactive Committees</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Contracts</b>
Fishery Resources, Mike Olson	USDA Tech Comm., Karen Kreil	Lobbyist, Mike McEnroe
Forest Resources, Tom Claeys	Garrison Master Plan, Al Sapa	Webmaster, A.J. Klein
Prairie Chicken, Greg Link	CMPS Rep., Stan Kohn	
	NRT, Scott Peterson	

# North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Executive Board Meeting Minutes May 20, 2008

The Executive Board Meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 9:04 AM at Sully's Hill NWR in Devils Lake, ND. Those in attendance included Al Sapa, Stacy Whipp, Mark Sherfy, Curtis Bradbury, Sandra Johnson, Kent Luttschwager, Mike Rabenberg and Kathy Baer. Also in attendance was Mike McEnroe.

Notes: MSC = "Moved, seconded, and carried" followed by names of board members making and seconding the motion. NTR = "Nothing to Report" from the committee chair.

## Old Business

**A. Correspondence Received:** postcard from 3rd place winner of Jr. Duck Stamp contest; letters from both Senators regarding our comments on the Missouri River Management; from National Grassland Managers Meeting in Fargo this Summer, will forward to Jill Shaffer; from TWS regarding the Wildlife Professional soliciting articles to include in the magazine; request from TWS to sponsor the National Conference. SENT: Sympathy card sent to the Mark Wald family, Mark was out auctioneer for many years at the Annual Meeting; to each of the Senators and Congressman, Governor and Chapter presidents in the Missouri River Basin regarding the Missouri River Public Statement; Thank you's to annual meeting sponsors; to EmPower ND Commission comments for comprehensive Energy Plan for ND; to Senators and Congressman regarding our support for SodSaver; to Senators invite to Refuge CARE Coalition meeting; Senators and Congressman supporting WRDA Independent Review.

### B. DPL/Finance Committee:

- 1. DPL Recognition:** Terry Allbee presented potential plaque designs for both the Gold and Silver member recognition: Costs are \$19-\$28, within budget. Gold and Silver members will be contacted to determine if they wish to receive a plaque. Plaques will be presented at the 2009 annual meeting.
- 2. CFC:** Until Chapter has a permanent address and staff working 15 hours/week, we are not eligible.
- 3. DPL Fundraising:** Mike and Con have sent out 30 additional letters since last meeting. Responses are slower than some of the earlier contacts. Mike and Con will continue with this effort with personal one-on-one contacts.
- 4. Life Membership Administrative Rule:** The draft for notification procedure has been prepared and Committee hopes for approval at the next Board meeting. Mike will attend the Board meeting to answer any questions.
- 5. Draft Investment Plan:** No comments received. Board is working on with draft plan until the Feb 2009 meeting.

**6. Investment Advisor:** Goos will set up a meeting with Peggy for our annual review and investigate if there is a better performing fund than the Putnam fund that contains approximately half the Life Membership Funds.

**7. Jesse Lots:** Randy Renner had DU staff look into; value estimates were made; Board will wait for a formal recommendation from the Committee regarding the lots; Board should go back to Eric Fritzel and see if he has any ideas on how/what we could do to sell the lots, see if he has a landowner/buyer in mind. Item will be back on the agenda for the next meeting. Committee will send their recommendation to the Board in a couple of weeks. Board will have to officially accept or reject the offer according to the finance committee recommendation at the next meeting (in September).

**8. Brush Lake land Donation:** Before the land offer could be considered, it was withdrawn and given to a family member. Chapter needs to identify the market for the small lots being offered; these offers can be very timely and expensive. Chapter needs to have a land acquisition checklist/policy; someone will talk w/ Dave Campbell and/or Dale Bennett for a list of things to remember/things to look out for. Chapter could be a pass through to get land to FWS/TNC/G&F/etc. Two issues to consider with land donations: those that we can make money on and those we can act as a conservation facilitator.

**C. Chapter Brochure:** Carol Aaron and Al Sapa put together a draft of the Chapter brochure. Board members are to look at and review. Get comments back to Al and they will present final draft at next meeting. \$1000 was budgeted, but that was for reproducing the old brochure so costs may be more for a new brochure. We have the opportunity to totally change the brochure if we want to. Need to add the North American Model to the objectives. Al will get a firm price for the next meeting. We received a request for the "North Dakota Prairie Wetlands" brochure from the Dakota Science Center Executive Director for use at water festivals. The brochure was very nice, but we only have a few left and do not have access to making more. Al will check and see if there are any others are to hand out or if the Education Committee has any recommendation of another brochure that could be given out to the 4th graders.

**D. Travel Policy:** Draft policy was handed out to Board. Move that we table the development of the travel reimbursement policy indefinitely (MSC Sapa, Bradbury).

**E. Electronic letterhead:** Sandy developed an electronic letterhead and Mark used to mail out a letter as a PDF. Board would like the two letterheads to be as identical as possible. Board recommended developing an "official" business card for Board members and Lobbyist. Sandy will distribute the electronic letterhead to the Board members for their use. Hard copy letterhead will be sent to the new board members.

## New Business

**A. Update from Bethesda:** Laura Beis sent update on oil and gas development and wind energy. No concrete movement on Conflict of interest issues w/non-profits.

**B. Refuge CARE coalition:** letter sent to Congressional representatives expressing interest in discussing CARE and situation of ND wildlife Refuges. No response from any of the offices has been received at this point.

**C. Chapter's physical address:** Need for a physical address for several reports. We will ask if we can use the Trust's physical address for our physical address. (Permission from the Trust was given after the meeting to use their address as the Chapter's physical address).

**D. Farm Bill reauthorization:** Headed to president for presumptive VETO and back to Congress for override vote. Letter was sent out regarding SodSaver legislation. Board recommended the Chapter goes on record requesting the Gov to opt in to the Sod-Saver legislation. Need to get our letter out a.s.a.p. Sandy will contact NGP Work Group for guidance.

**E. 50th Anniversary committee:** Move to form a 50th Anniversary Committee (MSC Sapa, Johnson). Sapa volunteered to "act" as Chairman of the new committee. Sapa will ask the Chapter historian to begin gathering quotes, etc from charter members. Committee will be added to the Past President's Portfolio. Ask committee to provide a purpose statement.

**F. Professional Women committee:** Cami Dixon proposed the formation of the Committee. Move to form a Professional Women in Natural Resources Committee with Cami and Kristine as co-chairs under portfolio D (MSC Sapa, Johnson). Ask the committee to form a purpose statement. Ask that they coordinate activities with other committees.

## President's Portfolio (Mark Sherfy)

**Secretary/Treasurer (Kathy Baer)** — Sklebar completed audit shortly after the annual meeting. Gate City has been contacted regarding electronic banking; can't do, maybe in the future. Need physical address for State report, wait to see if we can use NRT address. Liability insurance is up for renewal. *Move for \$60,000 of liability coverage (MSC Sapa, Luttschwager).*

Board requested that a notes column be kept on the budget so that we can refer to for what that line item was to be spent on. Taxes were completed and filed on time. Baer recommends using Karol Reidman in the future; Karol had recommendations on additional form filing for this year's lobbyist activity/contract. There are some funds remaining in the Duck Symposium account. The account is held in the Chapter's name and we need to press them to do something

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with the money so that it does not count as one of our assets. Baer stated that she would like resign at the end of this year and requested the Board begin looking for new sec/treas.

TWS requested the Chapter again be a sponsor of the annual meeting. *Move that the Chapter fund the request for \$250 to the parent society. (MSC Luttschwager, Bradbury)*

Newsletter (Sandra Johnson) — Electronic newsletter was sent to approximately 103 members (almost to 50% of membership), more have since signed up. A.J. is looking into Yahoo groups and sending out the newsletter that way. Cost savings may not be as significant as first thought; Board will do a cost comparison at the end of the year. Summer Newsletter deadline May 30th. DPL newsletter, so need highlights from the Finance Committee.

CMPS Representative (Stan Kohn) — Upcoming meeting in Manitoba in August 14-17. Rabenberg and others submitted plover paper. Haven't received notice that paper has been accepted or not.

Natural Resources Trust Advisor (Scott Peterson) — NTR

Resolutions & Public Statements (Mark Sherfy) — Sapa put together list of resolutions and public statements. Some may no longer be applicable. No sunset clause within bylaws, unless the motion specifically stated that it would be in effect for one year. No file of all statements in one place. List may not be complete. Need to amend the title of the high fence shooting statement.

Finance Committee (Mike Goos) — previously reported.

#### **Past President's Portfolio (Al Sapa)**

Arrangements (Al Sapa) — Committee has secured the Seven Seas for the 2009 meeting, Feb 11, 12, 13. Committee will begin securing site for Minot 2010 now so that we don't run into date problems like we did last year. Jamestown is still option for 2010. Al will secure Minot for 2010, but Mark will see if NPWRC is still interested in hosting 2010 in Jamestown.

Program (Marsha Sovada) — Al will check to see if Marsha will serve as committee chair again. Suggested themes are alternative energy; Missouri river; Energy extraction and its consequences; Energy expansion in ND; Impacts on wildlife due to energy extraction. Need to locate a keynote or kick off presenter. Ideas are welcome for keynote speakers at awards banquet.

Audit (Tom Sklebar) — Sklebar conducted annual audit. Bylaws calls for chairman and two additional members. Need to recruit members for committee.

Membership (Mike Szymanski) — New members for approval: Vernon Bleich (E.S.C.A.P.E.), Katherine Mehl(UND), Brian Farrell (Student), Justin Fisher (Student), Jennifer Kross (DU), Jessica Monzelowsky (Student), Aaron Pearse (NPWRC). *Move to approve the list (MSC Sapa, Whipp)*. Request that Szymanski add more information regarding new members before we approve. We need to consider adding the sponsor line again. Numerous members have not renewed. Most are students who have moved on, others are members who did not come to the annual meeting and renew; a letter will be sent out asking them to renew and will add the DPL brochure as well. Need to check the Parent website to make sure the fees are correct.

Nominations (Al Sapa) — One person has expressed interest in running for the board. Sapa is going to start recruiting now. Bylaws state that the past 3 past presidents are supposed to be on the committee. Newsletter recruitment notice will be posted.

Fundraising (Chuck Bosch) — Search hasn't started yet, but will be looking for a new auctioneer with the passing of Mark Wald. Request was made to have a lot of smaller dollar amount boards at auction. We don't want the auction to become an "elitist" auction. The Board will consider setting a goal for the fundraiser. Committee is considering having a summer rummage sale for a fundraiser during the summer.

#### **President Elect Portfolio (Kent Luttschwager)**

Bylaws (Paul Myerchin) — Kent will get a hold of Paul and get work started on a bylaws review. Need to do word-smithing, add DPL, change elections to how we are actually conducting, etc. Changes need to be ready to go over at Fall meeting.

Legislative (Randy Renner) — Interim Natural Resource committee is discussing the Red River flood control act. Jill and Mike will be invited to the next energy interim committee meeting; trying to coordinate so that the Alternative Energy Committee members can be at the meeting. Trego has been contacted and okayed using the Trusts office for the next lobby session. Session generally runs through Jan-April. Board may want to budget money in off years for interim committee meetings. Need to continue to coordinate Lobbyist effort w/other conservation groups to present a unified voice that will not bore legislators. Mike should anticipate being re-hired.

Awards (Kent Luttschwager) — Begin recruiting for awards in fall newsletter. Sapa will assist w/plaques. Awards needed by December meeting. Keep ears open for nominees.

Small Grants (Kent Luttschwager) — Follow up with awardees for reports. Ruth Lewis has submitted draft report on her survey. Lewis will be encouraged to present paper as a presentation or poster at the annual meeting.

Law Enforcement (Jackie Lundstrom, Tim Phalen) — NTR

NDCTWS Website (A.J. Klein) — Recent web updates: added Spring newsletter; modified Board and contact pages to reflect changes in Board; added content to Awards page; added "Prairie Day" information to Events page.

A.J. has created a test version of a message board system and feels it will be a beneficial tool to use for distribution of newsletters, legislative alerts, threaded messages, etc. He has contacted Ruxi Guira, TWS web contact, and notified her to activate the "working" web space for the ND Chapter via TWS. This activation should allow him to begin building the Chapter web site within TWS's web development system using their pre-designed template.

With Sandy taking the lead on the electronic newsletter distribution, the mailing list that she now maintains makes his old list outdated and obsolete. He will continue to have a hand in the implementation of the new message board via Yahoo through to completion; his primary goal in doing so is to hopefully pass off the duties of "primary e-mail contact" to someone else. With the "mass e-mail" function no longer routed through the web site, he would prefer to field only e-mails that concern the web site and its content and have a member handle e-mails that pertain to the Chapter membership.

Tom Sklebar offered the suggestion of posting Position Statements on the web site. After browsing some of the other TWS sub-unit web sites, several of them include position papers and he thinks that is something the Chapter should consider posting on the web site as well. He would be willing to field such documents in Microsoft Word or PDF format for posting on the web site.

#### **Portfolio A (Mike Rabenberg)**

Wetland Resources (Curtis Bradbury) — Submitted report, sending e-mail. Tile drainage is becoming more of an issue in the eastern part of the state.

Many maps are not certified of wetland delineation, tile companies and landowners are getting into trouble for draining from non certified maps. Pressure being placed on Washington to make changes and recognize old maps that used off site maps that are very inaccurate. May need to contact FSA and encourage them to notify landowners that maps being sent to them are not certified maps and they can be held liable for management decisions made based on these non-certified maps.

Towner County just had a Root Shoot and Ground Hoot. Planted a bunch of grass and forb plugs w/ students. Planted on the Thomas WRP. Published in March issue of Water Resources magazine.

Historian (Jeremy Duckwitz) — NTR

Wildlife Commercialization (Mike McEnroe) — High fence hunting initiative has 6,000 signatures in the safe; need 12, 844 signatures to go to ballot. Deadline is August 1. If the signatures are received, they are not prepared to proceed. TWS, Wildlife Man-

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agement Institute and Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies are meeting in Bismarck in June. McEnroe is trying to introduce ethics into the North American Model.

Alternative Energy (Paul Myerchin) — No report from Paul, but know that the group has been very active. Jill Shaffer presented request for more money for the alt energy committee, but Board would like more information on what the additional money would be used for. Rabenberg will contact Paul or Jill to see if they can present more information at the next board meeting.

ND Action Group (Casey Anderson) — Casey's e-mail address in the newsletter needs an "n" at the end of his name. Submitted written report (see page 8). Casey looking for disbanding the committee or finding a new committee chair; may move to inactive committee list. Rabenberg will contact Casey and Karen Kreil and make recommendation on future committee status at the next Board meeting

#### Portfolio B (Stacy Whipp)

Western Lands (Bill Jensen) — NTR

State Wildlife Grants (vacant) — Ruth Lewis and Bruce Krefl are both willing to chair the committee. Program is on the edge of going away and committee is needed. *Move that Bruce Krefl appointed to state Wildlife Grants Chair (MSC Whipp, Johnson).*

Education & Outreach (Kristine Askerooth) — Jr Duck Stamp Banquet was held on May 3rd in Bismarck at the Ramkota Hotel. Over 150 people attended with 33 out of 36 award winners able to attend and accept their awards. One Bismarck TV camera crew came and did a segment. Ross Keys, Outreach Specialist for Congressman Earl Pomeroy showed up in support of the program. Next year Congressman Pomeroy wants to attend and hand out awards. The artwork will now go on tour around the state. An exhibit schedule is attached. Ashley Berg, 17 year old student from Valley City won North Dakota's Best of Show honors.

ND Keep Clean Posters were awarded: 1st place, Jaden Knutson, Dickinson; 2nd place, Jenna Duttenefer, Bismarck; 3rd place, Bleau Hoge, Bismarck. The Chapter helped sponsor the First Earth Day Event in Bismarck on April 22. Kristine will provide updates on the event when she gets them from the committee.

Invasive Species (Dave Dewald) — NTR

Tribal Wildlife (Dave Azure, Jeremy Guinn) — NTR

#### Portfolio C (Curtis Bradbury)

Missouri River (Al Sapa) — there continues to be positive signs that modernizing management of the Missouri River to meet the contemporary needs of

the Basin is gaining momentum in the public's eye as well as the political arena.

The committee has been active in the past quarter on a number of fronts. After the Annual meeting the Chapter's Missouri River resolution in support of amending the Act was sent to the Governor and congressional delegation. We spoke with Tony Dean on his radio show about the need for change. Tony also wrote about it and it was picked up on the Fargo Forum. We were successful in getting two articles in the North Dakota Water Magazine both the April and May issues addressed the need for an updated management scheme. With the Retirement of Bob Valeu as State Director for Senator Dorgan, the Committee provided a briefing and follow-up materials to the Senators new State Director, Pam Gulleason. We are also coordinating with staff from Congressman Pomeroy and Senator Conrad.

There have been a number of resolutions in support of amending the Act. These include Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska Chapter of the AFS, and Kansas and South Dakota Chapters of TWS. The Missouri River Association of States and Tribes (MoRAST) has taken a position that it is time to address the need for modernization of the Act and have asked Congress to authorize the appropriate studies. Governor's Rounds of South Dakota and Sebelius of Kansas are actively lobbying Congress to change the Act. The committee has regularly coordinated information and ideas with the State's delegation, basin AFS and TWS Chapters and interested parties.

Finally, Senators Baucus and Tester of Montana, Thune and Johnson of South Dakota and Conrad from North Dakota have written Senator Dorgan, who chairs the Senate Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to authorize and appropriate funds to study the problems and contemporary needs of Missouri River Basin.

The Committee is continuing to look for support within the basin for amending the Act, and will begin to focus on the process and structure that needs to be addressed in a basin study.

Devils Lake Basin (Roger Hollevoet) — NTR

Garrison Diversion (Bill Bicknell) — NTR

Prairie Resources (Jill Shaffer) — Prairie Day 2008 will be held at Chase Lake NWR on June 21. The day will start with the option of either an early-morning bird walk with Jill Shaffer or a wildflower walk with Alexis Duxbury and members of the North Dakota Gracing Coalition. Landowners and ranchers Gene Goven, Steve Fettig, and Jeff Printz with the North Dakota Grazing Coalition will present an on-the-ground talk on "Managing for Healthy, Sustainable Grasslands." Natoma Buskness will give a short, entertaining presentation on the 100-year history of Chase Lake NWR during the free picnic lunch. Prairie Day 2008 is sponsored by Audu-

bon Dakota, Chase Lake Foundation, ND Chapter of The Wildlife Society, ND Game and Fish Department, ND Grazing Coalition and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The pre-registration form and directions to the event are available on the NDCTWS web site.

Red River Watershed (Jack Lalor) — Some movement to look into some upper basin storage on the MN side, nothing in ND side. Richland County is looking into restoration of some small creeks that were channelized. Movement started 10-15 years ago, started moving from there and may be doing more.

#### Portfolio D (Sandy Johnson)

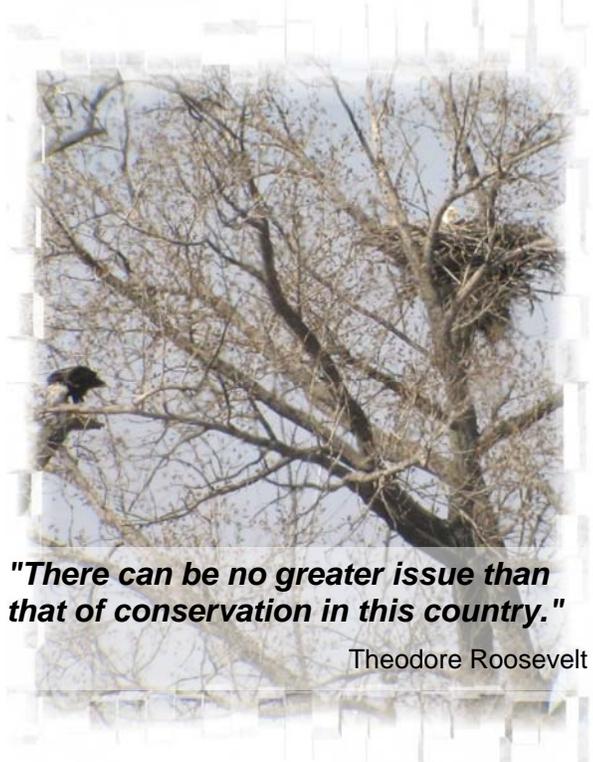
Northern Great Plains Working Group (Kevin Willis) — NTR

Endangered Species (Sandy Johnson) — *Moved to make Eric Rosenquist and Pat Isakson are going to take over as co-chairmen. (MSC Johnson, Sapa)* Working on ND Endangered Species Protection Plan for Pesticides. Plan is vague and lacks specifics. Troublesome spot is that it puts all authority with the Department of Ag. Chapter may need to express the need for consultation with FWS. Kevin Johnson may be good contact on FWS side of it.

Wildlife Damage Management (Phil Mastrangelo) — NTR

Legacy Trust Initiative (Bill Bicknell) — NTR

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM. (MSC Baer, Rabenberg).* The next Executive Board meeting will be at Lonetree WMA on September 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.



**"There can be no greater issue than that of conservation in this country."**

Theodore Roosevelt

# 2008 Annual Report of the ND Action Group and NAWCA Grants

## Submitted by Casey Anderson

The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) has been an extremely successful tool for prairie and wetland restoration, enhancement, and protection in North Dakota. Initially enacted by Congress in 1989 to fund the goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP), NAWCA provides grants for wetland-associated habitat restoration and protection on a one-to-one matching basis with state and private entities and other non-Federal sources. Nationally, annual NAWCA appropriations have ranged between 35 and 50 million dollars since 2001. North Dakota has taken great advantage of NAWCA since its inception. NAWCA grants in North Dakota have enhanced and/or protected over 894,000 acres using grant funds and non-federal match funds totaling \$65,750,370.

This tremendous success is attributable in large part to the coordination and cooperation of many partners formed together as the North Dakota Action Group (NDAG). Members of the NDAG are in constant contact regarding project development and implementation, grant scheduling and prioritization, NAWCA and Joint Venture planning and issues, and other activities necessary to coordinate the application of such a large program. The NDAG attempts to meet together as a group once a year or as needed to provide members, new and old, additional background and updates on the great variety of NAWCA activities being accomplished across North Dakota. The last such meeting was held in Bismarck on April 16-17, 2008. Major accomplishments and items of interest associated with the NDAG and NAWCA grants in 2007 were extensive, and a brief summary, by project, is as follows:

**Chase Lake Prairie Project:** Encompassing more or less the southern half of the Missouri Coteau region of North Dakota, the Chase Lake Project, considered the flagship project of ND NAWCA grants, has received 7 Grants totaling \$3.9million to restore, enhance, and protect prairie and wetland habitat. A key component of Chase Lake NAWCA grants has been the acquisition of USFWS grassland easements, and since 2000. Since its inception in 1989, around 1,700 wetland basins have been restored or created covering over 2,045 restored wetland acres; 68,631 acres of beneficial grazing systems, 6,203 acres in fee-title acquisitions, and over 106,000 acres of native prairie grasslands and wetlands have been acquired through perpetual easements. The Chase Lake Prairie Project plans to submit Grant VIII in July of 2008.

**Northern Coteau Project:** Covering the northern half of the Missouri Coteau region of North Dakota, the Northern Coteau Project has currently received its fifth NAWCA grant and awaiting approval of its sixth. It too has a major role in securing USFWS grassland easements. The five Northern Coteau NAWCA grants totally \$3.4 million have affected 124,051 acres of habitat. Northern Coteau has also been highly successful in restoration of habitat, and since 2000 NCP NAWCA grants have been responsible for restoration of >3,200-acres of grassland and over 1,536 acres of prairie pothole wetlands and 6,776 acres of restored uplands associated with wetlands.

**Drift Prairie Project:** As the name implies, the Drift Prairie Wetland Enhancement Project area encompasses the southern 2/3 of the Drift Prairie physiographic region in eastern North Dakota. The Drift Prairie Project has received 5 grants totaling \$2.9 million. The goals for DPP IV have been fully met with completion of final grassland easement in the summer of 2006.

**Devils Lake Basin Drift Prairie Project:** With 3 NAWCA grants under its belt, the Devils Lake Drift Prairie Project will have restored, enhanced, and protected around 84,000 acres with \$3.04 million in NAWCA funds. Project proponents have worked successfully to prove that crop production agriculture and wildlife habitat enhancement can coexist in this contentious area of the state.

**ND Drift Prairie Project 1:** With the realization that things could work smoother the Drift Prairie and Devils Lake Drift Prairie NAWCA regions have joined forces and applied for a \$1 million grant for the eastern drift prairie. This grant hopes to effect 3,952 acres in fee acquisitions, easements, and wetland restorations.

**Mouse River Watershed Project:** The Mouse River Project, covering the north-central area of North Dakota also known as the Souris Lake Plain, has completed 5 NAWCA grants with the sixth grant currently waiting approval. This area contains the largest relatively unfragmented tract (about 1 million acres) of Northern Mixed-grass Prairie in North Dakota, and the protection, restoration and enhancement of native prairie and associated wetland habitat is the primary goal. With completion of the Mouse River 5 NAWCA grant, project proponents have restored, enhanced, and protected over 135,000 acres with over \$4 million in NAWCA/non-federal match funds. The submission of a Mouse River VI grant was completed on March 2, 2007. Mouse River VI grant proposes to affect over 10,000 acres of grassland and wetland habitat with just over \$770,000.

**Missouri Coteau Habitat Conservation Project:** Encompassing 6.4 million acres within 15 counties in the Missouri Coteau region of North Dakota, the Missouri Coteau Project seeks to secure perpetual USFWS grassland easements as its primary goal. Targeting the "best of the best" prairie wetland habitat in the United States, the Missouri Coteau Project is the primary vehicle for Ducks Unlimited's *Grasslands for Tomorrow* Program, and Project proponents work in close coordination with participants of the Chase Lake and Northern Coteau Projects. Ducks Unlimited has completed its fifth Missouri Coteau NAWCA grant. The MCHCP NAWCA grants have combined over \$4.2 million in NAWCA funds with over \$9.3 million in matching funds to protect over 136,700-acres of prairie wetland habitat. MCHCP NAWCA Grant VI has been submitted and is awaiting approval.

**North Dakota Great Plains Project:** The ND Great Plains Project area includes the counties of North Dakota lying south and west of the Missouri River. The Project keys on establishing new wetlands that provide important habitat for waterfowl and shorebirds while at the same time helping farmers and ranchers stay in the business of grassland agriculture by providing additional water sources for livestock. The ND Great Plains Project has received 5 grants and has restored and established over 300 wetlands totaling 2,200 acres with \$606,000 in combined NAWCA and matching funds.

Most of the NAWCA regions are seeing good interest in programs with the biggest problem being that it is getting harder to find non-federal match dollars for the grants. Also some issues are arising with the appraisal process for easements and actual land prices skyrocketing.

Once again the hot topic of the Action group meeting included discussion on taking an active role in energy topics. We as wildlife professionals need to lead rather than follow and the renewable energy rage in North Dakota (and the Nation) is starting to make followers of us all. Also a note of interest to some is that Walmart has donated \$1 million (\$500,000 to ND and \$500,000 to SD) for grassland easements in the prairie pothole region through the Nation Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), these funds are not available as of yet.

Keep up the good work NDAG!

# Dakota Prairie Legacy Endowment

## Quarterly Reporting Update January 1, 2008 — March 31, 2008

- Total Assets — \$24,608.51      Principal — \$23,967.78
- Return — +\$640.73
- Total Contributors — 47
- Contributions for the reporting period — \$ 6,950.00
- Contributors for the reporting period — 24
  - 23 individuals (21-founders club) (\$6,925.00)
  - 1 memorial (\$25.00)
- Withdrawals for the period - \$0.00
- Withdrawals total - \$0.00

## Jr Duck Stamp

Jr Duck Stamp Banquet was held on May 3rd in Bismarck at the Ramkota Hotel. Over 150 people attended with 33 out of 36 award winners able to attend and accept their awards. One Bismarck tv camera crew came and did a segment. Ross Keys, Outreach Specialist for Congressman Earl Pomeroy showed up in support of the program. Next year Congressman Pomeroy wants to attend and hand out awards. The artwork will now go on tour around the state. An exhibit schedule is attached. Ashley Berg, 17 year old student from Valley City won North Dakota's Best of Show honors.

### 2008 Jr Duck Stamp Exhibit Schedule

#### May 19<sup>th</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup>

Valley City Wetland  
Management District Office  
Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm  
Contact: Stacy Hoehn 701-845-3466  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners and Valley City Honorable Mention Winners

#### June 7<sup>th</sup>

Blue Goose Days  
10:00am-5:00pm  
Chahinkapa Zoo, Wahpeton  
Contact: Stacy Hoehn 701-845-3466  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners

#### June 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>

Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge  
Lost in Birding Festival  
Contact: Connie Mueller 701-848-2722  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners

#### June 27<sup>nd</sup>-July 7<sup>th</sup>

Columbia Mall, Grand Forks  
Contact: Jim Alfonso 701-662-8611 ext 327 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners and Honorable Mention Winners

#### July 18<sup>th</sup>-July 26<sup>th</sup>

Dakota Square Shopping Mall, Minot  
Contact: Darla Leslie 701-468-5467  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners and Honorable Mention Winners

#### August 15<sup>th</sup>-August 25<sup>th</sup>

Gateway Mall, Bismarck  
Contact: Billie Yantzer 701-355-8511  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Honorable Mention Winner

#### August 31<sup>st</sup>

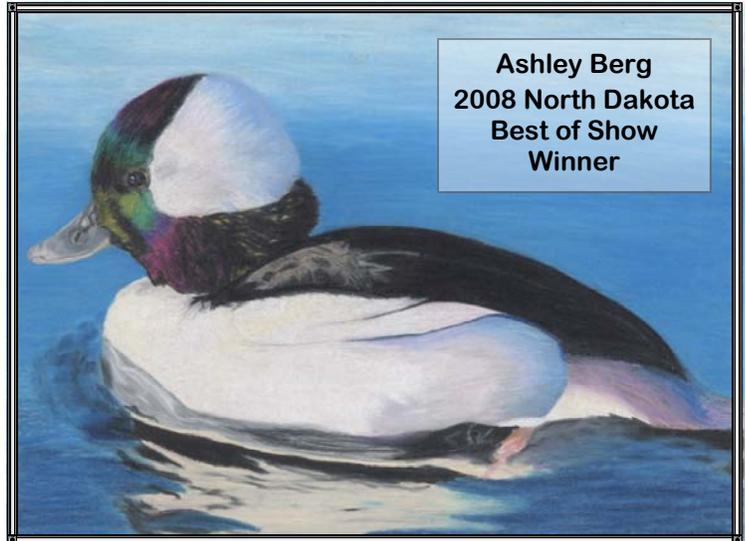
Greenwings Day  
Audubon National Wildlife Refuge, Coleharbor  
Contact: Jackie Jacobson 701-442-5474

#### September 15<sup>th</sup> - September 29<sup>th</sup>

Scheels All sports Store, Fargo  
Contact: Kristine Askerooth 701-724-3598

#### October 4<sup>th</sup>-October 14<sup>th</sup>

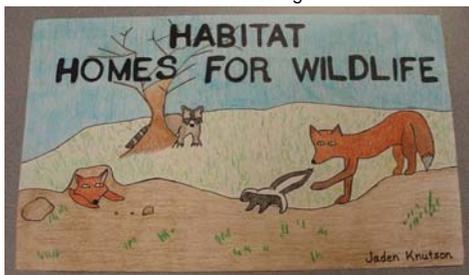
Go Wild at the Mall-October 6<sup>th</sup>  
West Acres Mall, Fargo  
Contact: Stacy Hoehn 701-845-3466



To see the Best of Show winners from all 50 states go to:  
[www.fws.gov/duckstamps](http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps)

## Keep ND Clean Poster Contest

1st Place: Jaden Knutson  
Jefferson Elementary School  
Dickinson, ND  
Teacher: Mrs. Rising



2nd Place: Jenna Duttonhefer  
Dorothy Moses Elementary School  
Bismarck  
Teacher: Evelyn Spangler



3rd Place: Bleau Hoge  
Rita Murphy Elementary  
Bismarck  
Teacher: Clarissa Sailer Wald



# From the Wild Kitchen of...

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**SQUASHETTI (or what to do with summer squash)**

ND Chapter of  
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From the Wild Kitchen of...  
Al Sapa

1lb venison Italian fry sausage  
1lb summer squash (zucchini, long-neck, crookneck, paddies (cut into bite-size pieces, mix for color)  
Mushrooms – 4oz can or fresh  
Medium onion  
Garlic cloves (to taste)  
26 oz jar of spaghetti sauce (I like tomato and basil)

Brown sausage in small pieces, drain, and set aside  
In wok, add canola oil and brown onion and garlic, add squash and mushrooms and sauté until crisp-tender (don't overcook).  
In a large pan combine sausage, squash, and spaghetti sauce. Heat to serve.

**GRANOLA BARS**

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From the Wild Kitchen of...  
Jacquie Ermer

1 C honey  
1 C peanut butter  
3 ½ C old-fashioned rolled oats  
½ C raisins  
½ C grated carrots  
½ C coconut flakes

Cook the honey and peanut butter on low heat in saucepan until they melt. Mix oats, raisin, carrots and coconut in bowl, add melted honey and peanut butter mixture and stir well.  
Place mixture in 9"x9" greased baking pan. Press firmly to bottom of pan.  
Bake for 25 minutes at 350 degrees. While bars are warm, press with back of spoon to flatten, then score into bars with knife. Cool completely, cut and serve.  
Optional substitutions or additions: dried cherries or cranberries, walnuts, sunflower seeds

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Charles William (1877-1962)

Log of the Sun A Chronicle of Nature's Year, 1906

