



Canada Thistle (*Cirsium Arvense*)

SDWeedandPest.com
Mary Tarter, President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Greetings from my Desk
By President Mary Tarter*

Wow! What a summer! Hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, forest fires, drought and the weeds kept growing. I hope you all had a good, safe spraying season.

In our corner, we finally got some much needed rain the past few weeks. The grass and weeds are starting to green up again. I haven't put my sprayer away, yet, as the Canada thistle has started to poke its head up again in preparation for fall.

The SD Weed and Pest Board weed tour was held September 13 and 14 in District 2. I was not able to attend and have not heard any particulars about it,

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming fall District meetings (detailed on page 2 of this newsletter).

Registration for all meetings is at 8:30 AM local time, with meetings beginning at 9:00 AM.

You may attend any District Meeting, not just the one in your district. Remember in order to qualify for the full 50/50 grant, the county weed supervisor and one other person needs to attend.

Get your grant applications filled out as they will be due soon.

The annual Weed and Pest Conference will be held in Rapid City. It will be held at the Ramkota again, so get your reservations in early. The dates are Feb. 14, 15, and 16, 2018 (see page 2 for details). We will have another Weed Watcher out before the end of the year with reminders and agenda.

Larry will be sending out the dues notices for the SD Weed and Pest Boards membership before the end of the year, so if you have dollars left over from this fiscal year, it can be used for the dues. If you don't have money left over, you will still have time to get your membership okayed by your weed board and commissioners in time for Conference.

We will be having the gun raffle again with tickets for 2 guns. Remember this is for the scholarship fund. ∞

SHOTGUN RAFFLE

Don't Miss this 2 Shotgun Raffle! Only 145 \$20 chances to be sold. Proceeds will support the Scholarship/Education Fund.



Remington Model 870 Wingmaster 23/4 & 3", 26" barrel with choke tubes.



Remington Model 870 Express 23/4 & 3", 26" barrel.

ENTRY DETAILS

Drawing to be held at Annual Conference Feb 14, 2018. First name drawn will have choice of gun.

Must be 18 to enter.

Entrants need not be present to win.

Mail check for \$20/ticket to:
WPA – 316 East Broadway, Pierre, SD 57501

Tickets also available at District Meetings.

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Pennington Conservation District help farmers and ranchers face the problems of wind and water erosion, noxious weeds, and shortage of water for livestock and irrigation.

South Dakota Weed & Pest 2017 District Meetings

Registration for all meetings is at 8:30 am local time, with meetings beginning at 9:00 am.

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PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATIONS – THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR.



DISTRICT MEETING 1

Monday, October 30, 2017
Stratford Theater, Stratford, SD

DISTRICT MEETING 2

Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Slumberland Building,
812 N. Rowley St., Mitchell, SD

DISTRICT MEETING 3

Thursday, November 2, 2017
Izaak Walton Club House,
1200 Izaak Walton Road, Pierre, SD

DISTRICT MEETING 4

Wednesday, November 1, 2017
4-H Building at Fairgrounds,
601 E. Centre St., Rapid City, SD

DISTRICT MEETING DRAFT AGENDA

8:30 - 9:00 - Registration

9:00 - 9:30 - County, Agency, and Industry reports

10:00 - Good and Bad dealing with Agencies and NGOs

10:30 - Break

11:00 - Weeds to Watch For

12:00 - SDSU

12:00 -1:15 - Lunch and Business meeting

Minutes; Weed & Pest Commission Report; Supervisors Avocation Report; State Association Report; Old Business; New Business; Elections; Chairman; Vice Chairman; Commission Nominees District 4; Commission Nominees at Large -need one name from each District; Meeting site 2017

1:15 - 1:45 - Grants and Other Funding Q & A

1:45 - 2:00 - Possible New State Noxious

2:00 - 2:45 - SDSU

2:45 - 3:00 - Enforcements legal notices what constitutes good faith effort

3:00 - 3:15 - Break

3:15 - 3:30 - Bio-control Nothing new but what is being worked on

3:30 - 4 :00 - Fiscal, Annual, and Inspection Reports

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

February 14 - 16, 2018
Rapid City, SD

The Annual conference of the Association of SD County Weed and Pest Boards will be held in Rapid City on February 14 - 16, 2018. Details are pending at this point, but mark your calendars and plan on attending. Check our website at sdweedandpest.com in the next few months for more details and online registration.

NOXIOUS OR OBNOXIOUS?

Many readers of this newsletters are in some form of agricultural production and are very familiar with statewide and local noxious weeds and pests. But many new readers deal with the other group of weeds - the obnoxious variety that show up in our lawns and gardens.

Beginning with this issue of the Weed Watcher newsletter, we will have a section that will deal with the obnoxious group of weeds and how to control them.

To address this area, we enlisted the help of Tom Hedrick, an Association Board member who is familiar with this particular area.

HERE ARE TOM'S TURF TIPS FOR THIS ISSUE:

As we move into fall, now is a good time to evaluate your weed control in turf this past season.



Most of the crabgrass that escaped has now set seed for next year. Plan your 2018 pre-emergent treatments with Dimension, Barricade, or Pendulum.



Now is a good time to treat dandelions and other small-seeded broadleaf weeds in turf. Vessel or other 3-way products will do a good job.



"Obnoxious" weeds are the variety that show up in our lawns and gardens, such as field bindweed.

For perennial weeds like Wild Violet, field bindweed, clovers, and knotweed, delay post emerge applications until first frost, or shortly after. That is not too late to use translocated products containing Triclopyr (T Zone) as weeds move energy supplies below ground for overwintering. ∞

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Wheat Growers is a grain and agronomy cooperative serving 5,100 member owners from 40 locations in the heart of North and South Dakota.

HURON 5TH GRADE STUDENTS EXPERIENCE AGRICULTURE

Our Association, along with 19 other organizations and businesses ranging from the Department Agriculture to Walmart, sponsored an agriculture experience for Huron's Washington 4-5 Center. Three busloads of students visited and spent an hour at each of 3 sites: an area dairy farm (Lazy J Dairy), a sheep operation (Jungemann Sheep Farm), and a South Dakota Wheat Growers grain terminal near Wolsey.

The story was covered by the Huron Daily Plainsman, in which they wrote that many of the children had never seen a farm. This brief encounter should give the children at least a basic understanding that milk doesn't come from a carton, clothes start from somewhere other than on a hanger in a store, and bread starts in the field and not a plastic bag. The operators also talked about the importance of taking care of the land. ∞



WINNERS... WE HAVE WINNERS!

Each year, the Association of SD County Weed and Pest Boards sponsor prize drawings at various events. In August we had a booth at Dakota Fest in Mitchell and our drawing box was at the Brown County Fair and South Dakota State Fair. You will find weed and pest experts from counties, the SD Dept. of Agriculture, and SDSU Extension Services at those booths. Drawing winners at these event were:

Dakota Fest:

C. Ford from Sioux Falls won a 10" Tablet

Brown County Fair:

Diane Huettl from Ipswich won a 15 gallon weed sprayer

South Dakota State Fair:

Randy Bohn from DeSmet won an Amazon Echo Dot

COUNTY REPORTS DUE

The Annual inspection reports are due in Pierre by November.

The Fiscal and Annual activity reports are due in by January.



You too can register to win at future events in Watertown, Sioux Falls, and Rapid City.

MESSAGE FROM A PRIZEWINNER

Thank you so very much for the 'Echo Dot'. A product we have read and heard a lot about but probably wouldn't have purchased. So, something we are grateful to receive and anxious to use.

My wife and I truly love visiting the SD State Fair and the MN State Fair. A must stop for us is always the extension booth for weed and bug information.

This year I attended Amanda Bachmann's presentation on bugs in the Horticulture building. She handled the large group, mostly children, very well. Attempting to pacify the many children's questions and also attend to us adults in attendance.

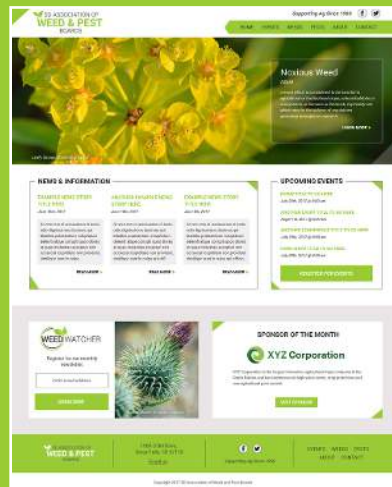
We stopped by the booth later to ask some questions of her and consequently signed up for the Echo Dot while there.

So again, thank you for such a cherished gift.

Randy and LaVonne Bohn



Check our website at sdweedandpest.com over the coming months for a new look and additional functionality.



A NOTE ABOUT SPONSORS

You will notice that supporting sponsors are displayed in this newsletter. These organizations are aligned with this Association in a multifaceted support of agriculture and good land management in South Dakota.

Their sponsorships support our education efforts of agriculture producers, the public, K-12 activities, and scholarships.

If you have an opportunity, thank them for their support when you talk to one of their members.