



# Nebraska Society News

SoilandWaterConservationSociety

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## Officers 2004-2005

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### **LINCOLN CHAPTER TO HOST ANNUAL STATE MEETING**

The Lincoln Chapter will serve as host for the Annual Meeting scheduled for September 9 & 10, 2005. Join us in Beatrice Nebraska for a Friday afternoon through noon Saturday meeting. See enclosed Agenda for more information.

As part of the 2005 Annual Meeting, we are planning to conduct a strategic planning session from 1 - 3 PM 9/9/05. The purpose of developing a strategic plan is to strengthen and guide our organization for the next 5 - 10 years. In order to "set the table" for this session, we are asking that you review the following information. The purpose of is to identify and prioritize key issues facing our Chapter. Your input will allow us to focus our resources and make the most efficient use of the time available at the planning session. Once we have reached a consensus on focus, we will begin the planning process. We will accomplish as much as time allows during the working session, however, the expectation is that subcommittees will be formed to continue working after the Annual meeting session concludes.

Please consider the following list of issues and any others that you wish to add to the list. Numerical prioritize the list with #1 being your highest priority and #2 being your second highest priority, etc..

- .. Declining Membership involvement/satisfaction
- .. Membership recruitment/increased diversity (increasing the number of non-NRCS members)
- .. Increasing Chapter funds primarily for scholarship support and I & E activities
- .. Modifying Chapter bylaws (e.g. annual meeting format, office terms, officer responsibilities, etc.)
- .. Increasing Section activities.
- .. Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward your above ranking of issues to James Harder at: [gobigred@ocinc.com](mailto:gobigred@ocinc.com)

Based on the information you provide, we will hold a facilitated session Friday September 9th to chart our Chapters future direction.

### **SWCS Scholarships - University of Nebraska - Lincoln Foundation**

The Nebraska Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society has a scholarship fund with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Foundation. The earnings on this fund will allow us to give two \$700 scholarships in December 2005. Encourage students to apply for these. Contributions to this fund also increase the dollars available for future scholarships.

### **SWCS Scholarship Winners - UNL Foundation**

The Nebraska Chapter and the Northeast Nebraska Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society have a scholarship fund at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Foundation. The interest on this investment fund enabled us to give two \$650 scholarships in December 2004.

The year 2004-2005 scholarship winners are Steve C. Cooley and Crystal A. Powers.

Steve is a UNL Junior majoring in Environmental Studies and Geography. He believes that the proper management of our natural resources is among the top issues that challenge us today. He states that he is "excited about the possibilities that lie in enhancing our relationship with our natural world in Nebraska and elsewhere."

Crystal is a UNL Senior majoring in Biological Systems Engineering. Her work experience includes working for several government agencies and private companies that deal with the use of our natural resources. Crystal states that she has "been involved with natural resource activities throughout my life, from having my dad help me with the Plant a Tree project as a first year 4-Her to emphasizing Environmental Engineering in my college major."

The Nebraska SWCS chapters are pleased to announce these two scholarship winners. Please congratulate them and encourage them as they pursue careers in the natural resources field.

## **NE Chapter SWCS 2005 Golf Tourney/Fund Raiser**

The Ninth Annual Nebraska Chapter SWCS Golf Tourney was held on August 19, 2005 at Pioneers Golf Club of Lincoln. Thirty nine golfers (18 members and 21 non-members), compared to 24 last year, participated. We were pleased to have Steve Oltmans, Northern Plains Region Director and SWCS Vice-President play with us. A team, best ball format was used. Winning teams were: 1<sup>st</sup> - Glenn Johnson, Paul Zillig, Gary Wells, Mike Dosskey; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ed Svendson, Ron Reece, Scott Argabright, Jim Fortner; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jim Culver, Tony Vrana, Jim Barr, Dan Ruth; 4<sup>th</sup> - Rich Torpin, Trevor Torpin, Junior Schmidt, Dana Snyder; 5<sup>th</sup> - David Langemeier, Roland Langemeier, Bill Ruzicka, Tom Keep; 6<sup>th</sup> - Bob Rathjen, Marvin Thompson, Carl McReynolds; 7<sup>th</sup> - Steve Oltmans, Terry Schumacher, Robert Hall, John Zaugg; 8<sup>th</sup> - Steve Nelson, Ron Peters, Craig Romary, Norm Kempf; 9<sup>th</sup> - Richard Langemeier, Glen Langemeier, Lyle Steffen, Mike Kucera; and 10<sup>th</sup> - Jim Harder, Dennis Schroeder, Tim Helman, Chuck Leinen.

The individual low score was won by Paul Zillig and the individual low number of putts was won by Mike Dosskey. Jim Carr operated a chipping contest with winners being Jim Harder, Tony Vrana, and Carl McReynolds. Players were from Lincoln, Scribner, Fremont, Seward, Schuyler, North Bend, Norfolk, York, and Omaha.

Flag prizes were given for all 18 holes. Everyone went home full of cookies and with more than one excellent prize thanks to the sponsors listed below.

Prizes were donated by T.O. Haas Tire, Bagel & Joe, Union Bank, Budweiser Distributor Double Eagle Beverage, LLC., Wal-Mart, State Farm, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Pioneers Golf Club, Lower Platte North NRD, Lower Platte South NRD, Papio-Missouri NRD, NARD, Nebraska Soybean Offices, Lincoln USDA Credit Union, Green's Plumbing, Diers Ford, Austad's Golf, Stock Seed Farms, Lyle Steffen, David Langemeier, Pinnacle Banks - Schuyler and Lincoln, Security First Bank, Nebraska Dept. of Agr. - Poultry Division and the SWCS National Office. Please thank them when you see them.

The golf event will be able to make a donation of about \$600 to the Nebraska Chapter - SWCS University of Nebraska Foundation Scholarship Fund. This represents a portion of the entry fees, mulligans from the golfers, and contributions by some of the sponsors listed above.

David Langemeier

## **UNL Scholarship Fund Donation**

The Nebraska Chapter of SWCS recently received a donation for the Chapter's UNL Scholarship Fund. The donation was made by Susan Harrison and her family of Kearney in memory of her father Gerald Murray, a former Soil Conservation Service employee. Generous donations such as this one are much appreciated and keep the Scholarship Fund growing.

## **NSWC Foundation Student Scholarship Winner**

The Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Foundation of the Nebraska Chapter and the Northeast Nebraska Chapter of SWCS offer a scholarship each year. The winner of the \$650 scholarship for the year 2004-2005 is Grant Jackson.

Grant is a UNL senior majoring in Diversified Agriculture. He grew up on a farm southwest of McCool Junction. Grant has held many leadership positions in 4-H and in High School and College and has had farming experience and several internships/part-time jobs with natural resource agencies. He states that "My attitude towards natural resources is that we need to do all that we can to conserve and take care of the natural resources we have."

The NSWC Foundation is pleased to announce Grant as our scholarship winner. Please congratulate him and encourage him as he pursues a career in the natural resources field.

## **Northeast SWCS Chapter Activity**

The Northeast Chapter assisted Ponca and Santee Sioux tribal members as well as Niobrara State Park staff in cleaning up the Medicine Wheel Cultural Garden in May. The garden was created several years ago to assist the traveling public in understanding and appreciating not only the significance of the Medicine Wheel, but plants of cultural importance to the tribes

## **International SWCS Meeting Attendance**

With the help of other agencies, NRCSers Anita Nein and Pat McGrane presented a poster paper on the S.A.R.E. Integrated Pest Management Project in Deuel County, Nebraska. 13,000 insects along with other practices such as intensive rotational grazing, mowing, spraying, and grass seeding have been put on the land through this grant to fight the Canada thistle.

Steve Nein was the Nebraska delegate to the International SWCS Conference in Rochester, N.Y.

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**NE SWCS Annual Meeting September 9 & 10, 2005**

Holiday Inn Express - Beatrice, Nebraska

STRATEGIC PLANNING - The Chapter of the Future

**Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you wish it to appear on name badge)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration** (pays for the meeting room & breaks)

Members/Non- Members \$ 25.00      x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Students \$ 10.00      x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Evening Banquet** (not included w/registration)

Members/Non- Members/Students \$ 20.00      x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday AM**

Foundation Breakfast \$ 5.00      x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday AM only**

Members/ Non-Members \$ 20.00      x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Students \$ 10.00      x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Paid** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How To Register:**

**CALL –IN: Marvin D. Brown @ 402-420-2490** (Leave Message)

**MAIL – IN:** registration form w/ payment to: **Dave Langemeier, 700 N 81<sup>st</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68505**

**Lodging Information:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel in Beatrice for Friday night. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel no later than **September 1, 2005** by calling 402-228-7000 direct. Be sure to indicate that you will be attending the **“Soil & Water Conservation Society Nebraska Annual Meeting”**.

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**Friday, September 9, 2005**

**1:00 p.m.** Welcome & Introductions  
**SWCS Strategic Planning Meeting Issues**  
\*Chapter activities  
\*Section activities (social, timing)  
\*Professional development  
\*Training (technical)  
\*Membership recruitment  
\*Outreach to non NRCS agencies, groups  
\*Partnership with other Societies  
\*Goals for 7-10 years ahead  
\*Other Issues

**3:00 p.m.**  
Homestead National Monument Tour

**5:30 p.m.**  
Networking/Social – Holiday Inn Express

**6:30 p.m.**  
SWCS Awards Banquet

**7:30 p.m.**  
Awards & Recognition

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**Saturday, September 10**

**8:00 a.m.**  
SWCS Foundation Breakfast Meeting

**9:00 a.m.**  
SWCS Chapter Annual Business Meeting

**12:00 p.m.**  
Wrap Up

Nebraska SWCS Chapter  
13550 W US HWY 34  
Malcolm, NE 68402

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**Ballot must be received by September 6, 2005**

BALLOT – Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Foundation  
Board of Director, 5-year term

\_\_\_\_\_ **Valerian Bohaty**, Lincoln, NE. Val was a member of the group that started the SWCS Foundation. He retired after 40 plus years with SCS/NRCS. Val currently operates his own consulting business to stake conservation practices for farmers.

\_\_\_\_\_ **S. Corey Brubaker**, Lincoln, NE. Corey has been a member of SWCS since 1983. He served 3 years as an officer in the Post Oak Chapter in Texas, including one year as President. He was elected to the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Chapter in 1999 and served as the representative for the Lincoln Section until 2002 and as the At-large representative from 2002 to present. Corey also served as President of the Nebraska Chapter from October 1999 to June 2000. He helped plan the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Chapter and also helped with planning the North Central Regional Workshop entitled “Excellence in Conservation Planning”.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write In Name)

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Return Ballot by mail or email to -  
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**All SWCS members are eligible to vote.**