



## October 2002 Newsletter

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### President's Message

It has been a very busy and short summer for myself and many of you. The unusually dry summer as well as the passage of the farm bill has kept many of us occupied.

I became president at our annual meeting in June a short three months ago. Those members who attend had a very good experience and gained considerable knowledge, about the Republican River, as it was the focus of the meeting, June 13-15 in McCook. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Randy Gunn, Claudia Stevenson and all of the others that helped with the outstanding meeting.

We are looking forward to another great meeting in Ainsworth on June 12-14, 2003. Mark your calendars. Jim Mathine will be heading up the state meeting committee. Jim has a few assistants lined up but could use a few more. If you are able to help Jim, give him a call.

I would also like to thank Jim Harder for his dedication and leadership this past year as president of the Nebraska SWCS Chapter.

The national SWCS has been extremely active and has taken a leadership role in passage and promotion of the Farm Bill. They have worked along side our conservation partners such as US Department of Agriculture, National Association of Conservation Districts as well as Wildlife Organizations, Universities, Farm Organizations, and many others to promote conservation on private lands. The farm bill resulted in a huge increase in conservation funding and should prove to be one very successful in conserving our natural resources.

The Nebraska Chapters of the Soil and Water Conservation Society is also doing their part to explain and promote the farm bill. They will be hosting a workshop entitled "Excellence in Conservation Planning," at the Lied Center in Nebraska City on November 5-7, 2002. Two of our members John Beckwith and Craig Derickson as well as their many helpers have set up an excellent agenda. I would encourage everyone to take advantage of the excellent program.

**WALLY VALASEK**

### 6th Annual NE Chapter Golf Tourney

The sixth Annual Nebraska Chapter SWCS Golf Tourney was held on August 23, 2002 at Highlands Golf Course in Lincoln. Twenty nine golfers (13 members and 16 non-members) participated. A four-person team, best ball tee-shot format was used. Winning teams were: 1st - Larry Brown, Steve Nelson, Kevin Ertz and Jim Thomas; 2nd - Gus Dornbusch, Earl Lockridge, Tony Vrana and Don Vrana; and 3rd - Jim Carr, Bob Rathjen, Tony Litty, Scott Argabright, and Wayne Manthei. The best putting team was Roland Langemeier, Jerry Langemeier, Richard Langemeier, Glen Langemeier. The lowest individual scores were entered by Kevin Ertz and Lyle Steffen. The best putters were Lyle Steffen and Tony Vrana. Other golfers participating were David Langemeier, Roger Kaltenberger, Ron Maaske, Dana Snyder, James Harder, Steve Huber, Lyle Steffen, Joe Calder, Jim Culver, Norm Kempf, Oscar Wesser and Tom Keep.

Flag prizes were given for all 18 holes plus special prizes for various events. Everyone went home with more than one excellent prize thanks to the sponsors listed below.

Prizes were donated by T.O. Haas Tire, Budweiser D & D Distributors, Wal-Mart, NARD, State Farm, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Highlands Golf Course, Lower Platte North NRD, Lower Platte South NRD, Papio-Missouri NRD, Diers Ford, Austad's Golf, Nebraska Soybean Offices, Scheels All Sports and the SWCS National Office.

A contribution of about \$250 is being made to the Nebraska Chapter SWCS University of Nebraska Foundation Scholarship Fund. This represents a portion of the entry fees and a direct contribution by the Lower Platte South NRD.

David Langemeier welcomes comments on the timing, location and format for the year 2003 Seventh Annual golf event (email [dlangeme@inetnebr.com](mailto:dlangeme@inetnebr.com)).

**Visit our website for Farmbill Meeting dates across Nebraska!**



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### UN-L FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The University of Nebraska Foundation - Nebraska SWCS endowment fund was established in 1973 to provide a mechanism for providing scholarships to college students interested in the natural resources field. This fall of 2002 we will be offering two \$750 scholarships. Encourage college students you know to apply for these University of Nebraska scholarships. Please contact Paul Smith or David Langemeier if you have any questions.

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### LAPEL PINS

A Nebraska Chapter SWCS has a good supply of Nebraska SWCS lapel pins. The pins sell for \$5.00 each. They make good gifts and at the same time serve as a fund raiser for the Chapter. The pins are available from David Langemeier.

## LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

Mark November 5-7 on your calendars! The Nebraska Chapters of the Soil and Water Conservation Society are hosting a regional workshop, "Excellence in Conservation Planning," at the Lied Conference Center, Arbor Day Farms, Nebraska City.

The conference offers opportunity to meet, learn and discuss key issues currently impacting conservation planners. The three-day agenda was developed to address major areas of concern, namely greater scientific understanding; professional and organizational certification; and new tools and technology.

U.S. Representative Tom Osborne from Nebraska has been invited to be the opening-day keynote speaker. A panel session entitled "Challenges to Conservation Planners" will follow the keynote address. Representatives from private and public conservation organizations will make up the panel. Each panel member will give a presentation on a specific challenge such as Partnerships, Private Industry's Expectations, Tribes, etc., after which questions and debate will be opened to the audience.

The second day is devoted entirely to 18 different concurrent breakout sessions. This gives every attendee an opportunity to pick and chose from a complete compliment of topics that range from Pesticide Issues to Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning to Technical Provider Services (formerly Third Party Vendor Initiative) and many, many more. CEU will be offered for many of the sessions.

The final half-day is designed for professional development and will include presentations on professional development, certification and leadership.

In addition to the formal program, evenings will offer opportunity to socialize, with an ice breaker/reception on Tuesday and a guided tour late Wednesday afternoon of "Arbor Day Farm" the National Historic Landmark and former estate of J. Sterling Morton, former Secretary of Agriculture and founder of Arbor Day.

A variety of registration options are being offered, enabling everybody to attend the conference on the days that best work for them. Registration costs range from a high of \$170, for a full three-day registration for non-SWCS members, to \$65 for members who only attend the one-day of concurrent breakout sessions. Full registration includes meals and breaks and reduced lodging rates are available. Oct. 21, 2002 is the cut off date for registration. Costs will increase for registrations submitted after that date.

For additional information, agenda and registration, visit our website (<http://incolor.inetnebr.com/dougg/swcs>) or call John Beckwith at 402-437-4090 or Craig Derickson, 402-437-4068.

## Membership dues to increase

SWCS membership dues will be increasing effective November 1, 2002. During its meeting on July 12, 2002, the Board of Directors acted to raise membership dues in order to accomplish three objectives: 1) to sustain our current level of effort through 2005, 2) accelerate efforts for program development and efforts to retain and recruit members, and 3) set dues at levels comparable to other natural resource profession societies.

The new annual dues will be:

Conservationist- \$75

Leader- \$125

President's Club-\$188

Nonprofit Partner- \$94

Also, the House of Delegates voted to raise chapter dues by \$1-the chapter dues increase is included in the dues rates listed above.

Current dues are about equivalent to dues in 1998-about 12 percent lower, in real terms, than they were in 1989. To see the background information that the Board of Directors used in making their decision, go to the Society's website at [www.swcs.org/t\\_what\\_02duesincrease](http://www.swcs.org/t_what_02duesincrease).

If you have questions or concerns about the raise in membership dues, please email [swcs@swcs.org](mailto:swcs@swcs.org).

## Call for papers, posters, special sessions, and workshops

Soil and Water Conservation Society 2003 annual conference. You are invited to submit proposals for oral and poster presentations or to organize special concurrent sessions or workshops at the Soil and Water Conservation Society's (SWCS) annual meeting July 26-30, 2003, at the Spokane Convention Center, in Spokane, Washington. Submissions are being taken via the SWCS website at [www.swcs.org/](http://www.swcs.org/).

The conference, "The Columbia, Conserving a Legacy of Life" will focus on four key topics of concern for professionals working to conservation natural resources locally and globally:

- Integrated Watershed and Basin Management
- Water Supplies for Ecology and Economy
- Grassland Health for Sustainable Production and

Biological Diversity

- Air Quality for Public Health and Economic Vitality

SWCS conferences bring researchers, practitioners and policy makers at all levels of government and a broad cross section of other interest groups together to explore current opportunities in natural resource management and planning.

The website will have deadline information, options for submitting, instructions, and additional information on the program topics and sub-topics. Please go to [www.swcs.org/](http://www.swcs.org/) for additional information. For questions about the call for papers, email [memberservices@swcs.org](mailto:memberservices@swcs.org).

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*Time to Vote! Time to Vote! Time to Vote! Time to Vote!*

Inside this newsletter are the appropriate ballot(s) for you to vote on.

Please vote and return the enclosed ballot(s) to Paul Zillig.

*Note below:*

Everyone should vote, cut off and return the ballot below to Paul Smith.

*Annual Meeting photos inside and on website.*



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*Cut, Vote and Mail This Ballot Today!*

*BALLOT FOR NEBRASKA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION FOUNDATION.*

Board of Director, 5 year term

Vote for one:

James L. Lafleur \_\_\_\_\_

Krista S. Reed \_\_\_\_\_

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(write in)

*Cut & Send Ballot To:*

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Return ballot by October 15, 2002.