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18TH ANNUAL NEBRASKA CHAPTER SWCS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER – DAVE LANGEMEIER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Cam Loerch

On August 22, 2014, 52 golfers made up of family, conservation professionals and friends (13 SWCS members; 39 non-members) played in the 18th Annual NE Chapter SWCS golf event, held at the Highlands Golf Course in Lincoln. The event, the “Dave Langemeier Memorial Golf Tournament” was named to honor Dave Langemeier, for his committed efforts of hosting this event over the past 18 years and also for his enduring service to the Chapter as treasurer. A main purpose of the event is to raise funds for the Nebraska Chapter SWCS Student Scholarship program, as well as to promote our Chapter and fellowship. Our Chapter promotes natural resource education by giving up to five college student scholarships each year. We were able to have 13 teams compete in a 4-person team, modified best ball format tournament.

Results of Team placement is as follows:

- 1st – Rich Torpin, Tyler Specht, Josh Bowers, Ed Svendson
- 2nd – Kevin Ertz, Craig Aldridge, Ron Fleecs, Joe Calder
- 3rd – Gary Wells, Tom Keep, Lyle Steffen, Norm Kempf
- 4th – Roland Langemeier, Chris Langemeier, Scott Langemeier, Scott Kracl
- 5th – Dave Johnson, Gary Buttermore, Will Adler, Tom Malmstrom
- 6th – Doug Wagner, Don Preston, Steve Grube, Ryan Kroemer
- 7th – Cam Loerch, Craig Derickson, Jim Culver, Gus Dornbusch
- 8th – Byron Fischer, Ron Christensen, Steve Dickey, Bob Batterman
- 9th – Richard Reiman, Craig Romary, Dick Erhman, Mike Dosskey
- 10th – Dennis Schroeder, Robert Hall, Tim Helman, Tim Weltmer
- 11th – Tom Langemeier, Larry Langemeier, Al Bartek, Dana Snyder
- 12th – Bob Rathgen, Marvin Thompson, Jerry Knoche, Carl McReynolds
- 13th – Kieth Plummer, Arlis Plummer, Koren Plummer, Jim Carr



Winning team: Rich Torpin, Ed Svendson, Josh Bowers and Tyler Specht

Tom Keep had the low net individual score of 61, and Craig Aldridge had the low gross score of 72. For the women, Arlis Plummer had the low net score of 76. Marvin Thompson had the high gross score, was awarded “life is good” monogrammed golf balls. There were flag prizes on each of the 18 holes.

One of the on-course highlights (in addition to cookies) was on hole number 2. We borrowed one of Dave’s golf clubs, his “old reliable 5-wood”, and instructed each player to use it to tee off with in honor of Dave. Results may have varied, but there are a couple of individuals that found their swing with using the club.

Due to additional support and donations provided by the Langemeier family and others, we were able to offer raffle prizes and contests. A \$250 Long Putt contest sponsored by Bank of Bridger was held with no-one taking home the prize, the contest will roll over and be offered again next year. A grand prize raffle for a \$150 gift certificate to the Highlands GC Pro Shop donated by Beth O’Farrell was won by Bob Batterman. A raffle for 2 tickets to the Florida Atlantic/Huskers football game donated by Cameron Loerch was won by Kevin Ertz. SWCS membership for a new member donated by Lee Valley, Inc was won by Will Alder, and a prepaid 2015 SWCS dues for existing member donated by Ruziska Associates was won by Gus Dornbusch.



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Everyone went home full of cookies and with more than one prize thanks to the following contributors:

- *Sandy Langemeier*
- *Beth O'Farrell*
- *Bank of Bridger (Leon Langemeier)*
- *Stock Seed Farms (David Stock)*
- *Nebraska Association of Conservation Districts*
- *Lower Platte South NRD*
- *Nebraska NRCS*
- *Bead Addiction (Beth Marlin)*
- *Tom Langemeier*
- *Lee Valley, Inc*
- *Ruziska Associates*

A big thank you goes to Gary Wells whose organizational skills and creativity ensured a well-run "fun" event. Also, thanks to those who provided assistance on the day of the tournament including: Kris Reed, Craig Romary, Lyle Steffan, Tim Weltmer, Ed Svendsen and Arlis Plummer (for the cookies).

This year's golf event will be able to provide approximately \$2,400 to the Nebraska Chapter SWCS Student Scholarship program.



Chris Langemeier, Scott Kracl, Scott Langemeier and Roland Langemeier



Al Bartek, Tom Langemeier, Larry Langemeier and Dana Snyder



Tournament "commish" Gary Wells and score keeping assistant Lyle Steffan



Poster highlighting event and sponsors (provided by Gary Wells)

2014 NEBRASKA SWCS ANNUAL MEETING Darwin Hinrichs – Secretary

The 2014 Nebraska SWCS annual state meeting was held in Gothenburg, Nebraska June 12-14, 2014. The meeting theme was “Managing our Resources: Plants, Soil and Water” and included presentations on soil health, cover crops, invasive species, crop research and prescribed burning. Doug Garrison and Corey Brubaker provided a presentation on soil health/cover crops to begin the meeting. Corey went through the various possibilities for types of cover crops and included a handout and a review of an electronic jobsheet to be used for designing cover crop mixtures. Doug provided hands on soil health demonstrations of a slake test, infiltration test and rain impact simulation to compare differences in soil health in no-till and conventional tilled soils.

Following the opening presentations meeting attendants went on a cover crop tour north of Gothenburg. Justin Carlson, a local producer, gave a very interesting explanation of his operation explaining how and why he uses cover crops. He showed us his corn field planted into a rye cover crop.

Mike Drain from the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (CNPPID) concluded the Thursday program. His presentation was on the new J-2 project. CNPPID is in the planning phase of building two large holding ponds to better help in the regulation of the Johnson Power Station east of Johnson Lake. This will also allow better coordination of their water supply canals.

Mitch Coffin started Friday off with a presentation on noxious/invasive weeds in Nebraska. Mitch is the noxious weed program manager at the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Mitch showed pictures of invasive plants, new noxious weeds and future plants to be aware of. The last part of this program was to visit the Platte River channel south of Gothenburg to view the difference between using controls for just one year versus multiple years.

A tour on water utilization and crop research was provided by the staff at the Monsanto Learning Center south of Gothenburg. An excellent program was presented to explain the facility mission and followed with a tour of their research area. The center includes a building with a retractable cover on a small research plot area which was impressive. The retractable cover allows them to assure that no rainfall contributes to water availability to crops when completing water management research.

Doug Whisenhunt, Ecological Site Specialist working for the Soil Survey Regional Division 5, gave a presentation on prescribed burning for cedar tree control in the loess hills. He concluded his presentation with a tour through the loess hills south of Maxwell which included meeting with landowners and viewing burn locations.

Claudia Stevenson concluded the state meeting presentations with some information on the new International Wheat Research facility. This will be located on the east edge of Grant.

The meeting banquet and award presentation was held Friday evening. Congratulations to the following award winners:

NEBRASKA CHAPTER AWARDS:

- Merit Award - Bridgeport FFA Chapter
- Merit Award - Keith and Brian Berns
- Honor Award - Keith and Jordan Carlson
- Honor Award - Neal Neth
- Commendation Award - Traci Bates
- Commendation Award - Sarah Gray

INTERNATIONAL SWCS AWARDS:

- Merit Award – Nebraska Farmer – Don McCabe
- Merit Award - Ward Laboratories – Dr. Ray Ward
- Commendation Award – Doug Garrison



Anita Nein and Wally Vasek helping with the soil health demonstration.



Cover crop tour with local producer Justin Carlson.



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Mitch Coffin presenting on noxious/invasive weed control on the Platte River south of Gothenburg, NE.



Prescribed burn tour in the loess hills south of Maxwell, NE.



Antia Nein with International Merit Award recipient Ward Laboratories - Dr. Ray Ward and wife Jolene.



Antia Nein with International Commendation Award recipient Doug Garrison and wife Sheila.



Sarah Gray and Tim Schaaf with Nebraska Chapter Honor Award recipient Keith Carlson and wife Jodi accepting award for Keith and son Jordan Carlson.



Sarah Gray and Tim Schaaf with Nebraska Chapter Honor Award recipient Neil Neth and wife Karen.



Sarah Gray with Nebraska Chapter Merit Award recipients Brain Berns and wife Christi, Keith Berns and wife Audrey.



Sarah Gray with Nebraska Chapter Commendation Award recipient Traci Bates



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2014 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Paul D Smith – Scholarship Committee Chairman

“The Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation has announced their 2014 College Scholarship Program,” according to Krista Reed president. This is the 26th consecutive year for the program that offers scholarships for natural resources students. Three scholarships will be awarded featuring the Tina Carlson – Lorentzen Family Memorial Scholarship and the David Langemeier Memorial Scholarship.

The Foundation’s program is a part of the objectives of the Nebraska Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society. Students must apply for scholarships and majoring in soil & water conservation or related natural resources fields. Applications are reviewed and selections made by a committee made up of officers and SWCS members.

Applications are made available on campuses throughout the state. Officers of the Foundation or society members may also be contacted. Also available on website <http://www.nebraskawcs.org/>.

NRCS NEWS UPDATE

Craig Derickson

With the passing of the 2014 Farm Bill, NRCS field office personnel across the state are working hard to complete their program contracting. Getting a new Farm Bill in place gives producers and the agency some certainty for the next 5 years. Most of the programs in the former Farm Bill were carried forward into the new Farm Bill, but there a few new programs. The new Regional Conservation Partnership Program was met with lots of excitement and interest and more than 600 proposals for funding were received this year.

The Watershed Rehabilitation program was included in the Farm Bill for first time ever and funding was increased to \$250 million. Nebraska NRCS will be taking on 5 new dam rehabilitation construction projects and completing dam assessment studies on 60 additional sites across the state. The NRDs and other partners are very grateful for the funding and the opportunity to rehabilitate some of the aging dam infrastructure to expand the useful life and effectiveness of the dam structures.

Interest continues to grow in the area of soil health, cover crops and no till. Several workshops and field tours have

been conducted this year and there are many producers signed up to plant cover crops after harvest this fall. NRCS has some key talking points on the benefits of soil health including: 1. Healthy soil holds more water (by binding it to organic matter), and loses less water to runoff and evaporation; 2. Organic matter builds as tillage declines and plants and residue cover the soil. Organic matter holds 18-20 times its weight in water and recycles nutrients for plants to use; 3. One percent of organic matter in the top six inches of soil would hold approximately 27,000 gallons of water per acre!; 4. Most farmers can increase their soil organic matter in three to 10 years if they are motivated about adopting conservation practices to achieve this goal.

CONSTRUCTION EXPO AND FIELD DAY

Tim Weltmer - Treasurer

On July 31st 2014 a Construction Expo and Field Day was conducted in Lancaster County. The NRCS office in Lincoln had surveyed, designed with our Engineering Field Tools (Terrace Design Tool) and processed the information to the Land Improvement Contractors Association (LICA) event participants. The NRCS staff in Lincoln used survey grade GPS technology that allowed each independent machine, no matter the make, to upload the terrace and tile outlet cuts/fills into the contractor’s guidance instruments and build to NRCS standards and specifications. The expo was well represented by NRCS Field and State office employees. It was an opportunity to promote NRCS Farm Bill programs along with NRCS technology and to demonstrate the capabilities NRCS has to enhance contractor’s construction implementation of terraces and tile outlets. It is not often in this area that summer construction is available but this particular 38 acres had been planted to winter wheat which allowed for summer construction and this expo to take place during a less busy time of year.



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2015 FARMING EVOLUTION

Claudia Stevenson

Feb 12 & 13, 2015
Holyoke, Colorado

Gabe Brown and Ray Archuleta

Crops and Livestock will be the focus of the
2015 Farming Evolution

Thursday Focus
Soil Health, Local Experiences, Incorporate Livestock

Friday Focus
Livestock; Rangeland Health

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See them now - talk to them in February!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEOyC_tGH64
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWXCLVCJWTU&feature=player_embedded
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzrKJo01-kE>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fcqs8Ct-2uE>

SWCS RIFLE TEAM

Mike Lance

The SWCS .22 cal. rifle team has been practicing this summer in hopes of a fall/winter league to form at the Wisner, Nebraska Arcadian Marksman Club. Practices are held at the Mike Lance residence in rural Stanton County on a monthly basis with a meal provided after each practice. Team members of Patrick Cowsert, Rod Angerth, Scott Bohaty, Cory Schmidt, Dennis Smith, Mike Lance and other substitute team members spend up

to 2 hours on the range shooting a variety of targets at ranges from 40 to 100 meters. The next practice is scheduled for Thursday August 14th at 5:30 p.m.

AGRICULTURAL TOUR FOR GUESTS FROM INDIA

Edwin Harms – Panhandle Director

Bridgeport USDA received a request from a local doctor and his friends. Dr. Yadiki (from India) is a relatively new doctor at Morrill County Community Hospital in Bridgeport. He is not yet familiar with the area and wishes to know more about agriculture, resource conservation, etc. Dr. Yadiki had visitors who are also from eastern India. They requested a group tour of natural resources in the area, agriculture and resource conservation. Edwin Harms, who is a USDA volunteer, was contacted and honored their request with a short visit to the Bridgeport USDA office and then a trip to the field.

They went on a half-day tour of various sites in Morrill County. The visitors were particularly interested in area crops, pest management (saw a spray plane), irrigation by canal water as well as ground water, livestock feeding, area wildlife, views and vistas, soil and water conservation practices and general farming information.

Dr. Yadiki and friends appreciated the educational tour and commented how although a few farming aspects are like those in India, most are very different.



Shown in the photo are Edwin Harms (volunteer), Dr. Bhanu Yadiki, his friend Rogu with his wife and child who are visiting from India.



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SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY 69th INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE JULY 27 - 30, 2014 - LOMBARD, ILLINOIS Tom Mountford

The 69th SWCS international conference, “Making Waves in Conservation: Our Life on Land and Its Impact on Water”, examined conservation roots of the past and where the focus should be in the future. Conference sessions, presentations and tours were excellent and below is a summary of those attended.

On Sunday, I participated in the House of Delegates meeting as Nebraska’s representative. Last year, the focus was on downsizing the SWCS Board of Directors and reorganizing its regions. A major topic this year was the need to increase active memberships, particularly looking at ways to enlist more college students in natural resource fields. Memberships have dropped from 14,000 (during SWCS’s heyday) to 3,400 today. This is in part blamed on the fact that numerous other interests compete with potential member’s time and attention. Nebraska maintains the largest chapter in the northwest region with about 100 members.

Highlights of the meeting included the following presentations / tours:

Richard Cruse, Professor, Department of Agronomy, Iowa State University, spoke of soil and water challenges to provide enough food, fiber and fuel to a growing world population that is estimated to grow 78 million per year to reach a projected 9 billion by 2050. Over the next 30 – 40 years, 3 billion more people are also expected to enter the middle class, which will increase the demand for meat products by 73%. To meet this demand (in beef terms), it will take one million *more* animals per day (four ounce portion/person/day) then are presently available.

He also spoke about feeding more people on less cropland. From 1982 – 2007, 41 million agricultural acres have been lost to urbanization and it is estimated another 7% will be gone by 2030. About 40% of the world’s food now comes from 18% of the world’s cropland. To meet growing food demands, irrigation will be increasingly relied upon, but this is greatly stressing available fresh water supplies. As examples, three-fifths of India’s and four-fifths of China’s grain crops are now irrigated. Agriculture uses about 70% of the world’s fresh water to produce food.

Professor Cruse concluded by examining challenges we
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face versus agricultural realities. He said major policy elements are not well aligned with soil conservation and water quality issues. Government policies are most generally in conflict with conservation and soil sciences are considered weak. There has been a loss of cultural based soil and water management skills. While improved technology has helped, this alone cannot make up for the loss of management skills.

Kent Frike, University of Nebraska, discussed invasive species problems in the Niobrara River Basin. Eastern Red Cedar is an invasive that is contributing to millions of dollars of loss in grass and rangeland production. Programs to cut, burn, spray, and manage brush are being used from various entities to address this problem. The loss in biomass has resulted in less animal species that can be supported on the land.

Wayne Honeycutt, USDA-NRCS, said that as extreme weather conditions become more common, we will need to increase resiliency in our food production. With the increase in average temperatures, new pressures from pests and diseases will increase as well. With regard to the pollution challenges in the Great Lakes area, he said there needs to be a 45% reduction of phosphorus and a 30% reduction in nitrogen. Conservation systems need to increase pollution control and a soil health campaign is needed worldwide.

Jason Weller, NRCS Chief, said that everything NRCS does relates to “how do people live on the land”. NRCS’s focus is working with private landowners, which represents 70% of total land ownership in the U.S.. He discussed the world’s growing population, which is 7 billion now and expected to grow to 10 billion by the middle of this century. To keep up with world food demands over next 40 years, we will need to produce the same amount of food that was produced over the past 500 years. During the last 30 years, he said we have lost 43 million acres to development. Of these acres, 14 million acres were prime farmland.

Jason also spoke about the challenges in the Chesapeake Bay, where 83,000 farms (30% of the Bay’s total area) provide \$10 billion in economic outputs. About 88% of Bay farms have some level of conservation measures in place that provides 62% more in erosion protection. This saves 15 million tons of soil per year. Lessons learned are: 1) Conservation works! 2) Targeting works! 3) Sweep of practices are needed! 4) There is a lot more work to do! EPA is partnering with NRCS by providing \$46 million for conservation programs in the Great Lakes area.

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There are also concentrated efforts in the Mississippi River Basin, where 90% of America's exports originate, where 18 million people are dependent on drinking water, and where 60% of bird populations rely upon for survival. In a joint effort, thirteen states identified 55 focus points for improvement. In a 4-year period, 600 partnering organizations have worked with NRCS to target \$350 million for improving 800,000 acres of cropland & pasture. NRCS has 175 targeted Water Quality Initiative watershed areas nationwide (there are presently two in Nebraska). Oklahoma is a prime example how targeting conservation practices in priority areas is effective, as 46 impaired streams have been delisted from various impairments designations.

Eileen McLellan, Environmental Defense Fund, discussed the importance of addressing water quality issues on a watershed basis. Fortunately, Nebraska realized the value of addressing soil and water issues on a watershed basis decades ago, which resulted in Natural Resource Districts beginning operations on July 1, 1972.

Mark Tomer, USDA, said how soil and crop cover data is being used in "broad-based" watershed planning and gave some successful watershed examples. Keys for successful planning & soil health are: 1) Uniqueness; 2) Independence; 3) Mix of BMP practices; and 4) Soil protection to build organic matter.

There were several good tours offered and I accompanied a group that visited the 385 acre Chicago Botanic Garden. Each year, over one-million people visit to view 26 individual gardens and 4 natural areas. After touring the grounds, we listened to **Bob Kirschner, Garden curator**, discuss plant species and shoreline restoration efforts on the Garden's 60 acres of lakes. The Garden has bioengineered and replanted about 5 miles of degraded shoreline using almost a half-million native plants. This work has stabilized shorelines, increased flood protection, improved water quality and provided habitat for numerous species of wildlife.

2014 INTERNATIONAL SWCS AWARDS

Doug Garrison

Nebraska was well represented during the 69th SWCS International Awards Luncheon held July 29, 2014 in Lombard, Illinois. Nebraska received recognition in the Merit Award and Commendation Award categories. The Merit Award is given in recognition of an outstanding

activity, product, or service by a group, business firm, corporation, or organization that promotes the conservation of soil, water and related natural resources. The Commendation Award gives international recognition to society members for service to their chapter.

2014 International SWCS Merit Award recognition from Nebraska:

- Cargill Corn Milling – Blair, Nebraska, Facility. In 2013 the site was growing quickly increasing water demand. It became clear that the projects needed to be accomplished without increasing the total water draw from the Missouri River. Cargill along with partners developed a strategy to create water best management practices to deliver significant water reduction needs. By implementing a number of projects the water conservation program reduced peak usage by 754,000 gallons of fresh water per day and the average annual usage by more than 500,000 gallons per day at the site.
- Nebraska Farmer publication represented by Don McCabe. This leading farm publication has been delivered to Nebraska farmers and ranchers since October 1859. The monthly magazine's mission is to provide readers meaningful, dependable and unbiased information on agricultural policy, new technology, production practices, and conservation/natural resource issues and practices. Don was very appreciative of the nomination: "Nebraska Farmer and I want to thank the Nebraska NE SWCS Chapter and the Awards Committee for the nomination and recognition of this prestigious Award."
- Ward Laboratories – Kearney Nebraska, Dr. Ray Ward. Ward Labs is an agriculture testing laboratory dedicated to serving farmers and ranchers throughout the country. They focus on providing accurate and reliable data to improve the quality and conservation of natural resources. Ward Labs has collaborated with research scientists at the USDA ARS to create new lab testing methods designed to help identify soil quality indicators that can help monitor a soil's health. Ray recently expressed: "Thank you Nebraska SWCS for nominating Ward laboratories. It is very much appreciated. Jolene

and I enjoyed the conference very much. We will continue to encourage farmers to practice soil and water conservation.”

2014 International SWCS Commendation recognition from Nebraska:

- Doug Garrison is active in the Nebraska Chapter of SWCS. He has served as president, newsletter editor, list serve manager and website coordinator. Doug’s service has provided excellent communication to the chapter’s membership which is critical in maintaining an engaged chapter. Doug provided: “Thank you Nebraska SWCS for the opportunities during my career to network with other conservationist across the state. The places we have been over the years during Annual NE SWCS Meetings have been fantastic for observing soil and water conservation application and ideas. It is the relationships with others that will truly be lasting. Thank you for the nomination and recognition of this award.”



2014 international SWCS award winners Dr. Ray Ward, Don McCabe and Doug Garrison.

CORPORATE SWCS MEMBERSHIP

Craig Romary

Do you belong to a business or organization? Check out the benefits of corporate SWCS membership at bit.ly/SWCSCorp, including international exposure and identity at SWCS events, in publications and with social media.

SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN SOIL JUDGING TEAM

The University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) soil judging team participates in regional and national contests held annually in all parts of the US. Soil judging provides an opportunity for students to study soils through direct experience in the field. Students learn to describe soil properties, identify different kinds of soils and associated landscape features and interpret soil information for agriculture and other land uses.

As an activity within the American Society of Agronomy/Soil Science Society of America (ASA/SSSA), soil judging in the United States is divided into seven regions. Collegiate soil judging originated in the southeastern United States in 1956 and began in the Midwest in 1958. Today, students from over 40 universities are involved with collegiate soil judging through the ASA/SSSA.

Students from UNL have been participating in collegiate soil judging for over 50 years. Former coaches of the UNL team were Jim Drew, Dave Lewis and Bill Zanner. Currently the team is coached by Mark Kuzila. The last three years the UNL team has traveled to two contests per year, one regional and one national. The contests are a week long and the cost of transportation, lodging and food can be high depending on the number of students that attend. Participation on the team is not limited and last year 12 students participated.

In order to solidify financial support for UNL soil judging in the future, Mark Kuzila has proposed that a UNL Soil Judging Fund be established in the University of Nebraska (UN) Foundation. His goal is to have the fund in place in three years when it is time for him to hand over the coaching reigns to someone else. The fund will not be used while Mark is the coach.

The details in general are that in order for an account to be able to accrue interest it must contain at least \$25,000. UN Foundation funds containing over \$25,000 currently gain interest at about 4% per year and that interest can be used annually to support the team. It is simple, the more money that is donated to the fund, the more interest gained and the more support for the team. If you are interested in donating to a UNL Soil Judging Fund, or know of a potential donor, contact Mark Kuzila at (402) 472-7537 or mkuzila@unl.edu.



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WEB SITE UPDATE

Craig Romary

The annual business meeting minutes for the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation and Nebraska Chapter SWCS are now posted at <http://www.nebraskaswcs.org/>. Take a look to see what your chapter has been doing!

NEIGHBORING SWCS ACTIVITIES

Take a few minutes to explore neighboring SWCS chapter activities.

MONTANA: [HTTP://WWW.MTSWCS.ORG/](http://www.mtswcs.org/)

WYOMING:
[HTTP://WYSWCS.HOME.BRESNAN.NET/](http://wyswcs.home.bresnan.net/)

COLORADO:
[HTTP://WWW.SWCS.ORG/EN/COLORADO_CHAPTE
R/](http://www.swcs.org/en/colorado_chapter/)

NORTH DAKOTA: [HTTP://WWW.NDSWCS.ORG/](http://www.ndswcs.org/)

SOUTH DAKOTA: [HTTP://WWW.SDSWCS.ORG/](http://www.sdswcs.org/)

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WEBMASTER WANTED

Are you a Webmaster or interested in getting experience as a Webmaster? The Nebraska Chapter of SWCS is seeking a new Webmaster to take over for Doug Garrison who has dedicated many years of service as the SWCS Webmaster. Please consider volunteering! Please contact Doug Garrison at doug.garrison@ne.usda.gov or Sarah Gray at sarah.gray@ne.usda.gov with any questions.



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