

NDG&F April 22nd Newsletter

NASP State Tournament Results

More than 360 archers competed in the North Dakota National Archery in the Schools Program state tournament April 12-13 in Bismarck.

Jeff Long, NASP coordinator for the State Game and Fish Department, said the event continues to grow every year. "This year's turnout was outstanding, especially considering we were on the verge of a nasty storm that hit statewide," Long said, while noting the number of participants (362) was up 9 percent from last year.

The high school (grades 9-12) state championship team was from Griggs County Central, the middle school (grades 7-8) champs were from Hankinson and taking top honors in the elementary school (grades 4-6) division was Barnes County North.

Overall male and female winners were Spencer Brockman of North Sargent and Lauren Moser of Medina.

The top three place winners in each division were:

High school boys – Brockman; James Nadeau, Dunseith; and Alex Irlmeier, Medina.

High school girls – Lisa Buckhaus, Hankinson; Hunter Schroeder, Dunseith; and Ashley Brockman, North Sargent.

Middle school boys – Race Kath, Hankinson; Logan Kensok, Griggs County Central; and Eric Horner, St. Mary's.

Middle school girls – Moser; Kate Loewen, Hankinson; and Hannah Willson, Barnes County North.

Elementary boys – Dawson McKeever, North Sargent; Ryan Zastoupil, Killdeer; and Andrew Lehman, Hankinson.

Elementary girls – Desi Parsons, Griggs County Central; Hope Willson, Barnes County North; and Alicia Biewer, Hankinson.

Missouri River Safety Day

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Townsquare Media and Sykes are sponsoring the Missouri River SPLASH – a recreation and boating safety event for everyone who enjoys the Missouri River.

The event is Thursday, May 16 in Mandan from 3-6 p.m. at Moritz Sport and Marine. Displays, hands-on activities, demonstrations, regulations, registrations and prizes are included.

The event is free, and people of all ages are invited to attend. Individuals who bring a completed boating safety exam to the event are eligible to win a prize.

State law requires youngsters ages 12-15 who want to operate a boat or personal watercraft with at least a 10 horsepower motor to first pass the state's Boat North Dakota safety course. In addition, some major insurance companies give adult boat owners who pass the course a premium discount on boat insurance.

The Boat North Dakota safety course is free and available at the Game and Fish Department.

Earth Day Project

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is once again celebrating Earth Day by sponsoring clean-up days on public-owned or managed lands in April and May.

Each member of a school, Girl Scout, Boy Scout, 4-H club or youth organization who participates in cleaning up public lands through May will receive a specifically designed conservation patch.

Last winter the Game and Fish Department sponsored a contest for students ages 6-18 to design a North Dakota Earth Day Patch. Winners receiving a pair of 8x40 binoculars in the three age categories were Lindsay Dawson of Bismarck (6-9), Lauren Foley of Bismarck (10-13), and Megan Griffin of Bismarck (14-18). Dawson's design was chosen the contest winner, and will be used on this year's Earth Day patch.

Groups participating in the Earth Day project are encouraged to take the following precautions to ensure safety: keep young people away from highways, lakes and rivers; and only allow older participants to pick up broken glass.



Contest Winner by Lindsay Dawson

Interested participants are asked to contact Pat Lothspeich at 328-6332 to receive a reporting form for their project.