

## NDG&F March 30th Newsletter

### Hunting Guide and Outfitter Test Set

The next guide and outfitter written examination is May 16 at 1 p.m. at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department office in Bismarck. The test is given periodically to anyone interested in becoming a hunting guide or outfitter in the state.

In addition to passing a written exam, qualifications for becoming a guide include a background check for criminal and game and fish violations; certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and standard first aid; and employment by or contract with a licensed hunting outfitter.

Hunting outfitter eligibility requirements include the guide qualifications, as well as an individual must have held a hunting guide license for two years; and must have proof of liability insurance.

Interested individuals are required to preregister by calling the Game and Fish Department's enforcement office at 328-6604.

### NASP State Tournament Results

Nearly 550 archers registered to compete in the [North Dakota National Archery](#) in the Schools Program state tournament March 21-22 in Minot.

Winning back-to-back titles in the high school (grades 9-12) and middle school (grades 7-8) divisions were Hankinson and Wahpeton. Taking top honors in the elementary school (grades 4-6) division was Hankinson.

Overall male and female winners were Spencer Brockman of North Sargent and defending champion Lisa Buckhaus of Hankinson.

Winning teams and the top 10 individuals qualify for the national tournament, scheduled for May in Louisville, Ky. The Game and Fish Department and North Dakota Bowhunters Association contribute a total of \$3,000 in travel assistance to the first place team in each division, and \$1,000 to the overall male and female individual winners.

Qualifying for nationals in each division are:

**High school boys** – 1) Brockman; 2) James Nadeau, Dunseith; 3) Race Kath, Hankinson; 4) Kyle Andres, Medina; 5) Michael McKenna, North Sargent; 6) Mark McFarland, North Sargent; 7) Dalton Dockter, Medina; 8) Jonathan Goroski, Wahpeton; 9) Steve Dudas, North Sargent; 10) Brody Graff, Medina.

**High school girls** – 1) Buckhaus; 2) Deena Monson, Griggs County; 3) Theresia Thompson, Hankinson; 4) Kate Loewen, Hankinson; 5) Olivia Waswick, North Sargent; 6) Jada Stone, Hankinson; 7) Bridget Henderson, Edgeley; 8) Kailee Klein, Wahpeton; 9) Cassie Boelke, Wahpeton; 10) Danielle Schuler, Wilton.

**Middle school boys** – 1) Dawson McKeever, North Sargent; 2) Brady McKenna, North Sargent; 3) Jaden Payne, Glenburn; 4) Brayden Wehseler, North Sargent; 5) Will Peckham, Montpelier; 6) Tavon Stadler, Griggs County Central; 7) Brodie Crandall, North Sargent; 8) Ryan Kath, Hankinson; 9) Ty Wixo, Wahpeton; 10) Cole Homes, Pingree-Buchanan.

**Middle school girls** – 1) Jaidyn Sander, Hankinson; 2) Mary Goroski, Wahpeton; 3) Desi Parsons, Griggs County Central; 4) Kayley Ceroll, Wahpeton; 5) Alicia Biewer, Hankinson; 6) Melonie Lee, Barnes County

North; 7) Kayla Hiam, Hope-Page; 8) Olivia Prochnow, Hankinson; 9) Maddie Weigum, Twin Buttes; 10) Avery Trittin, Wahpeton.

**Elementary boys** – 1) Casey Everson, Barnes County North; 2) Braxtyn Hamann, North Sargent; 3) Aubrey Prochnow, Hankinson; 4) Bronson Haugen, Barnes County North; 5) Adam Nitschke, Edgeley; 6) Ruston Kath, Hankinson; 7) Avery McFarland, North Sargent; 8) Howie Neustel, North Sargent; 9) Dalton Madcke, Edgeley; 10) Ethan Millner, Hankinson.

**Elementary girls** – 1) Maddie Foertsch, Hankinson; 2) Sheridan McKeever, North Sargent; 3) Sadie Keller, Hankinson; 4) Lorelei McIver, Glenburn; 5) Jenna Larson, Griggs County Central; 6) Jaicee Birch, St. John's Academy; 7) Kirstan Loewen, Hankinson; 8) Tenley Evans, Hankinson; 9) Morgan Grabinger, Medina; 10) Trinity Brandenburg, Edgeley.

In addition, archers had the option of participating in a NASP 3-D Challenge, run simultaneously with the bulls-eye tournament. Nearly half the registrants participated in the event.

Top performers in the high school 3-D Challenge were Seth Jansen, Montpelier, and Buckhaus (top overall score); middle school winners were Brady Walth, North Sargent, Kath, and Ella Leidy, Wilton; and taking top honors in the elementary division were Jace Jochim, Wahpeton, and Allie Bopp, North Sargent.

### **Anglers Asked to Report Winterkill**

North Dakota Game and Fish Department fisheries biologists are asking anglers for help in documenting lakes that may have experienced winter fish mortality.

Fisheries management section leader Scott Gangl said some winterkill is expected every year, with the severity depending on winter weather. With this year's conditions, he doesn't anticipate major widespread fish kills.

"Statewide, water quality was good due to the relatively mild winter and lack of snow cover," Gangl said. "However, some local lakes may have had poor conditions which could lead to winterkill. Anglers can help by notifying us of any lakes where they encounter dead fish."

Biologists will begin sampling suspected winterkill lakes later this spring once fish spawning operations are completed to document the severity of any die-offs.

Anglers should report fish mortality in any North Dakota water by contacting the Game and Fish Department's main office in Bismarck, or the local Game and Fish district office.