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2005 NDHEA WORKSHOP PHOTOS



Photo above: Newly elected NDHEA President, Rodney O'Clair.



Photo below: Marty Liesener, of Ray-Dist. 1, Winner of Membership Muzzleloader.



Photo above left: Dave Cox-NDHEA Treasurer, accepting NDHEA 2004 President's Award from President Joe Heiser.

Photo top center: Lynda Miller-District 10, Winner of NDHEA 2004 Board Award

Photo top right: Sharon & Wallace Titus, NDHEA Membership Chairmen

Bottom Photo: 2005 NDHEA Board Members & Guests



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Dear Partners in Hunter Education:

Every President wants to make some changes in how an organization is run and after all, that is one of the reasons why some spend millions of dollars for a job that pays little to nothing, it is just to leave their mark.

I must confess that I am no different. I felt bad for Joe Heiser the last couple years when war interrupted his opportunity, so I would like to pick up where he and former President "Grampy" Babcock left off. I have asked all members of the Board of Directors to bring ideas to the next meeting about our mission and the NDHEA vision statement. We should have these at the top of each Newsletter. It should be a reminder of why this organization was formed and what it was that it was supposed to accomplish. I want every idea written down and recorded in the minutes so future NDHEA officers can look back at them and start something new as I am not naïve enough to believe we would, or would want to, accomplish all of them in one or two years.

I have already received some responses and one suggestion stands out so I would like it implemented ASAP. This is to create liaisons to those groups which NDHEA awards grants. I bet that, like me, the most of you would like to know what we got for our donation. The liaison would prepare a short article of accomplishment for the newsletter complete with names of young persons exposed to hunting if appropriate.

Those persons you have elected to represent your districts have been excellent in attending board meetings and for some, like Mark and Lee, that is a lot of donated driving time. I am going to volunteer that many of the directors would like some company now and again for the long trip and let me assure you, any member is welcome at a board meeting. I imagine Neva will have the board meeting calendar announced somewhere in this newsletter. Just a warning though, some directors may be riding their Harleys to the meeting so take a comfy pillow with you.

Check out our e-mail addresses and phone numbers and please use them to air gripes, give accolades or just to share ideas with your leadership.

Sincerely,

Rodney O'Clair, 2005 NDHEA President

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Notes from your Newsletter Editor

I would like to take this time to thank you all for the wonderful comments and support made on my behalf regarding the past year's newsletter. I invite any comments at any time and if anyone would like to see something added in the newsletters, please feel free to e-mail or call me at any time. Just another note, the upcoming NDHEA Board Meetings are scheduled for April 16, July 16 and October 15, all at 1 pm at the back door of the ND Game & Fish Office in Bismarck. Any NDHEA member is welcome to attend any of these meetings. Dates for the 2006 Annual Workshop at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck is scheduled for February 4-5, 2006 so mark your calendars for those dates.

Neva Walsh E-mail: mnwalsh@wil.midco.net or call: 701-572-4891

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DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S NEWS

District 1-Mark Walsh

I got a late start, but here I go on the 5th Annual "Responsible Hunter's Cap" campaign in the Williston area. Every student in the class receives a cap and gunlock when they successfully complete the course.

I would like to "CONGRATULATE" all of the Instructors that received awards at the 20th annual workshop in Bismarck. "GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!!" . Many thanks to Jim Carter and his staff and the ND Game & Fish Dept. for another excellent workshop/conference.

Just a little reminder of the upcoming "Mini Workshop" in Williston on Saturday, March 26 at the Airport International Inn. Registration begins at 12:30 pm with the workshop beginning at 1 pm and ending about 5 pm with a complimentary social/buffet to follow. The topic of this workshop is Wildlife Management & Archery Evolution presented by Glen & Felicia Sargeant. This should be a very interesting workshop. Just a note that guests are welcome and there will be door prizes and certification credit given. Please take the time to attend.

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District 2-Mike Kroh

Spring fever is driving me mad. Hopefully we will get drawn for turkey this year. For the first time ever in five years, no tags. If you didn't get to the convention this year, you lost out, "big time". The speaker was incredibly intelligent and extremely interesting to listen to. The food was spectacular and the conversations were for the most part, "were bring your own chest waders required".

One conversation with other members was about the Genesis bows. This bow I believe could be a very powerful teaching aide. You could hand it to one adult and he/she could shoot it, then pass it to a youth, and he/she could shoot it with no adjustment to the bow. The price is approximately \$99.

I was told as a District Rep. I could do what I need to or felt would help District 2 Instructors. What I am asking you for is your input. What do you think about the bow? Will it be used? Will you use it? Will it sit in my basement collecting dust? The money in District 2 belongs to all District members. Let us work together to choose the best way. The resources could be beneficial to all of District 2. We would receive an education rate on the bows. Take a look for yourself at www.mathewsinc.com <http://bbrothersc.zoovy.com/product/gem> . Please contact me at mikeandjoy@srt.com .

Joy and I attended the Zap shoot. We had a great time and we got to share a first time pheasant hunt with several young hunters. When the association web page is back up there will be pictures and some videos of the hunt, or if you would like to see them, we could e-mail them to whomever would like them. Please contact mikeandjoy@srt.com .

For Sale to Association Members and friends of:

1-Female German Shorthair 10 month old puppy, A.K.C. registered nation champion bloodline. \$200.

Our basement flooded last summer with over \$10,000 in damages. Have no time to spend training her. She is a very loving puppy. Good with children. She has been spayed. The \$200 will cover the vet bills. The puppies originally were sold for \$400 each at birth. Please tell all of your friends and help her find a new loving home. Please call (701) 839-5476, (701) 852-5184 or you can e-mail mikeandjoy@srt.com . Thanks.

District 4-Leland Bratlie

I hope everyone made it to the conference held in Bismarck recently. Jim and the rest of the Game & Fish Dept. certainly went overboard again this year to show us a good time. Make sure to thank them for their support of hunter education and all they do for us. The presentation by Dr. Geist was very educational to say the least. I'm sure he got everyone's attention when he told how to grow extraordinary antlered bucks. There may have been a few self proclaimed "wildlife experts" in attendance that doubted him, but I believe his credentials are beyond reproach.

Our new president, Rod O'Clair has set out some aggressive and maybe controversial objectives for the coming year. He has asked us to bring items to the April board meeting on how we can attract new members. Anyone from District 4 with any ideas on this should contact me with them before the meeting. A couple ideas I have had is that we need to get our website functional, and maybe expand on that with a "trade a trip" link, or something like that for members. We might have something in our backyard that someone else would be interested in trading for something in their backyards. The diversity of this state, east to west, and north to south, could make for some interesting trades I believe. At any rate, I look forward to working with Rod in the coming year to make this a better organization than it already is.

One last thing, I have several hundred gun locks that I received from Jim Carter that make nice handouts for a class. If anyone in District 4 would like some, please contact me so we can arrange for pickup or drop off. Hunt hard, shoot safe and don't forget to take a kid with!

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District 5-Lori Schweigert

What a great way to start out the year. The annual conference was very informative and Dr. Geist was an excellent speaker. He gave us lots to learn and think about. One thing he said that I find intriguing was that there are no songs, poems, stories or plays written about hunting. Maybe this is something we can ask our students to do and if some submit something-pick the best and give them a "door prize" for it. You may want to turn it in to your local newspaper to be published, or even send it to the ND Outdoors!

I believe classes will be gearing up soon, if they haven't already started. If there is anything you need, such as equipment, door prizes, help, etc. let me know and I'll work on it.

Last year I started on those quotes from "Understanding the Midwest". Here's another one. "If that cell phone rings while a bunch of mallards are making their final approach, we will shoot it. You might hope you don't have it up to your ear at that time".

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NDHEA President's Award-2004 Winner Dave Cox (as written by Lori Schweigert)

Dave has been our treasurer for more than 8 years and historian over 3 years. Other involvements have been fund raising, getting our NDHEA sign made up and donated, worked on getting equipment stickers & cookbooks, had District and Board tags made. There have been numerous other items he has been involved with also.

District 6-Terry Fasteen

Another good meeting this past week with just a tremendous turnout. Thanks to Dean, Jim and all the staff and helpers it took to make this an enjoyable weekend. Even the weather was good for a change. The biggest problem that I encountered was everyone at work bragging about the fishing.

Hope you all gained a little pick me up from our presenter this year. Dr. Geist has a lot more background and credentials than anyone I have had the pleasure of meeting. I was a little concerned about his political correctness until he had a chance to converse about the questions that were raised. I did take several things with me but the one that will stick the longest was his comment about being proud to be a hunter and not being afraid to show it in the proper fashion.

I know I have been trying to be politically correct with my explanation of why I hunt and that I harvest animals rather than kill them. All in an attempt not to offend the non-hunting population. Not that there is anything wrong with using discretion, but how much do we need to hide our passion when the opposition does not. Our group will continue to teach the correct way to present ourselves because it is correct, but I will express my enjoyment in the hunt with more expression when pressed as to why I do it.

This year at our Sunday meeting I had a member visit with me about how we as members and directors of a group present ourselves in public. His comment was that we should remember that how we act in public is how someone else may perceive the quality of the organization. While we may joke around to lighten up a situation, slang or out door expressions may not always go over the right way in a group type setting.

This will be my last message as the District Representative from District #6 as you all gladly put me on the tracks to the Secretary's position. I thank you for the chance to assist the organization in the next level. I ask that you please send me all the questions and suggestions that you can to help make improvements or your wishes known. Without input from the members, positive changes cannot be initiated. Without assistance from all of us members, changes are hard to accomplish.

We always teach not to shoot at the water or a hard surface; in fact it's one of the Ten Commandments. As it is discussed in the IHEA publication, some times we as hunters have to make the shot anyway. Usually it's when we water fowlers cripple a bird that needs a killing shot to end the chase. You need to be sure that when you shoot, there is no one in the way and that your shot will not ricochet into something that will cause damage. Caution is the key, and over eagerness is what throws caution to the wind. Be careful and it can be done, I have done it and probably will have to do it again before I quite the chase.

Have a great spring, chase some of the great white geese on the eastern side of the state and try some spring northern fishing at the ice out. All will add to the memory and lead to some more tall tails around the family gatherings.

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NDHEA Board Award-2004 Winner Lynda Miller-District 10 (as written by Rod O'Clair)

Lynda Miller, the 2004 NDHEA Board Award recipient is a long time Hunter Educator and has taught in two states. She has been a District Representative on the NDHEA Board for many years and is one of the lead organizers in a youth fall pheasant hunt. Lynda is active in the Missouri Valley Shooting Sports organization and a lead organizer in a live fire field day they hold each fall. Lynda and her husband also put together a live fire field day for their and other hunter education classes each year. Lynda was part of a two person team that got the paperwork done which made the NDHEA a not for profit 501(c)3 tax permit.

District 8-Al Klatt

The 2005 State meeting was very enjoyable. The guest speaker, Valerius Geist, was one of the best speakers that I have had the privilege to listen to. I just wish that we could have had more time with him because everything he had to say and every question he answered was very enlightening. Quality speaker!

I would just like to remind all District 8 Instructors to keep Jim Carter informed about upcoming classes and to use the web site when it gets up and running.

Side note: If your family isn't real keen on venison, grind some up, mix in 1/4 pound of pork and use any good recipe for Swedish meatballs. Very good!!

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District 10-Lynda Miller

The convention being over, some new faces added and surely missing those who have passed away. The void is realistic, as we are getting older and need new blood in our ranks. I was happy to see the increased involvement around the state. As we start classes and other events for the summer months, lets all pull together to help each other out. Classes go so much more smoothly when there is help and new prospects of teaching.

Elgin has had an increase of students. The guys may have their classes covered, but test night can be a bit trying. Other larger cities have the same problem but we all try to spend an evening helping out. If anybody wants help just ask, and we'll be there.

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District 12-Clayton Thompson

Hello District 12 Instructors! Hope you made it to the annual convention @ Bismarck, ND. It was once again a top notch event all the way around. The speaker, Mr. Geist, was very informative and really wanted to get across how nice we have it in the USA and Midwest as far as both hunting privileges and lands for public use. **PLEASE** contact your legislative Representatives and state your desires to hunt/fish/access lands as we have it today.

Wally Titus tells me we have numerous members that are up for renewal in District 12. Please do so and while you are at it, get your teaching crew to sign up also. NDHEA is a great organization, and we need more members to give a stronger message to our legislative reps.

If any of you need assistance in class, please call me. I will try to coordinate help to assist all in our District. Sounds like our April meeting will be very busy hammering out a lot of ideas, if you have concerns, please contact me: Clayton Thompson at (701) 282-2955 or (701) 238-7897 cell or e-mail me at: bowshack@aol.com .

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MINUTES FROM THE NDHEA BOARD MEETINGS AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12 & 13, 2005

NDHEA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2005
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 9:05 AM
BY PRESIDENT JOE HEISER

Present: No list submitted at time of publication
Absent: No list submitted at time of publication

Guests: No list submitted at time of publication

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by President Joe Heiser.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Minutes were read. Fasteen motioned to approve the minutes as read, O'Clair seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

NEWSLETTER DISCUSSION: O'Clair motioned to bring to the table the newsletter issue. Bratlie seconded. Neva informed the Board she had 13-1/2 hours in on the last newsletter. Neva explained the process she goes through when putting together the newsletter. Neva stated they now put it on a disc and send it off to have 140 copies made of the newsletter. Further discussion ensued and it was discussed the stipend was for work putting together the newsletter, not the costs associated with the letter. Matter will be brought up at the Annual Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cox gave treasurer's report. Hat sales are doing alright. Cookbooks have no expenses and some income is still trickling in. Motion to accept treasurer's report by Fasteen, and seconded by Klatt. Motion carried.

WEB SITE: Discussion on the web site found the site not loaded. It will be an easy to use program and will be registered to the NDHEA. It is closer to being up and running and should be running by the next meeting.

AUDIT: A call for the audit of the books and found everything in order.

NEW BUSINESS: A nomination for Secretary was called for and Terry Fasteen was chosen as a possible candidate from the Board to be brought before the Annual Meeting.

Some discussion on the legislative committee was held. There isn't much that pertains to Hunter Education.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: O'Clair motioned to adjourn, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Don Meyer.

NDHEA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2005
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT JOE HEISER AT 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Heiser at 9:00 am..

SECRETARIES REPORT: Minutes were read. Clayton Thompson motioned to approve minutes as read. Clyde Gross seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report called for and read by Dave Cox. Discussion followed and George Babcock motioned to accept the treasurer's report as read and Larry Kaul seconded. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Membership committee was given by Wally Titus. 119 members and 4 life members at present time.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Finance Committee report given by Mark Walsh. Walsh reported there were no discrepancies found in the books.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Legislative Committee report given by Terry Fasteen. Terry reported at present 55 bills are being discussed. Terry outlined several bills that may impact our association., but no bills at the present time are directly involved with the teaching of Hunter Education.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE: Grievance Committee report given by Joe Heiser. Heiser reports one small grievance was addressed.

HISTORIAN COMMITTEE: Historian Report given by Dave Cox. Cox wants pictures from activities of our association. The pictures should be digital pictures and they could be used on the web site as well.

CAP COMMITTEE: Cap chairperson was not available. Dave Cox gave cap report. In 2004, there were 19 orders for a total of \$2,080. There is presently 619 caps on hand. Mark Walsh sold \$725 and Rod O'Clair sold \$400 in caps. Cox said to call Ruth Hubbard for cap sales. Caps are \$5 a piece and are to be paid for before they are shipped.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Communications report was given by Dave Cox. Cox reported there are programs out there to assist the needy with wild game.

NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY: Secretary nominations were called for. Terry Fasteen was recommended by the Executive Board. Dennis Miller nominated Terry Fasteen for the Secretary position and George Babcock seconded. Terry was nominated. Congratulations Terry!!

BREAK-OUT FOR DISTRICT CAUCUS: A break out session was held with the odd number Districts electing representatives.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 9:55 A.M.: The following results were announced:

- District 1-same
- District 3-Lynn Lawler.
- District 5-same
- District 7-same
- District 9-not present
- District 11-same

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Newsletter was brought up and discussed. Several members stated the newsletter was the most important item our organization has to get information out to other members. There were comments about the color and how nicely the letter was put together. Other stipends were asked about. More discussion followed. Rod O'Clair motioned to raise newsletter stipend to \$400 and Dallas Stark seconded. Motion carried.
2. The membership shoot was discussed by Lori Schweigert. Lori stated she had great feedback on the shoot. They are planning for another shoot next August at Zap. Jim Carter said he would support the activity again. It was pointed out that camping is near and it is a great family activity.
3. Discussion on the Annual Meeting start time was held. The agenda will be displayed by the Game & Fish table in the sign-up area for all to see.

NDHEA BOARD AWARD: Dave Cox presented the Board Award. The award was presented to Lynda Miller for all of her help getting our association up and running with our taxes.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD: Joe Heiser presented the President's Award. The award was presented to Dave Cox for all the help he gives to the NDHEA. Congratulations to Dave and Lynda!!

Joe Heiser introduced Rod O'Clair as the next President of our organization.

Jim Carter addressed the association. Jim informed us 40 Instructors helped with the Pathways to Hunting in Minot last year. This is a great showing from our organization. Jim has 200 copies of the new power point disc and he will share these if you need them for your classes. Web enrollment is wanted by the public. With the web enrollment anyone can find a class near their location. A total of 15 internet home study courses were put on in the State in 2004. Jim states the new exam should be given when using the home study courses.

MEMBERSHIP PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED:

- Knight Muzzle Loader-Marty Liesener of Ray
 - Brief Case-Linda Weigum
- Congratulations to these people!!

DOOR PRIZES: The door prizes were drawn for at this time.

SILENT AUCTION WINNERS: Silent Auction winners were announced. The large frame print went to Dennis Miller, the small frame print went to Gary Leslie and the lure shadow box went to Bill Titus. Thanks to these people for their support!!

MOTION: George Babcock motioned to adjourn. Don Meyer seconded. Meeting adjourned. It was announced a short meeting for the District Representatives would be held.

Submitted by Don Meyer, Secretary NDHEA

An Exhausted Deer Hunter

An exhausted deer hunter out in the wilderness stumbled into a hunting camp. "Am I ever glad to see you!", said the deer hunter. "I've been lost for 3 days." "Don't get too excited," the other hunter replied. "I've been lost for 3 weeks."

NDHEA ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD
MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2005
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESI-
DENT ROD O'CLAIR AT 11 AM

Present: District:
#1-Mark Walsh
#1-Neva Walsh (Newsletter Editor)
#2-Mike Kroh
#3-Lynn Lawler
#4-Leland Bratlie
#5-Lori Schweigert
#6-Terry Fasteen (Secretary)
#6-Wally Titus (Membership Com)
#6-Sharon Titus (Membership Com)
#6-Bill Titus (Membership Com)
#7-Curt Walen
#8-Al Klatt
#10-Lynda Miller
#11-Larry Kaul
#12-Clayton Thompson
Rod O'Clair-President
Don Meyer-Vice President
Dave Cox-Treasurer
Joe Heiser-Past President
Jim Carter, NDG&F HE Director

Absent: #9-Not Present

CALL TO ORDER: President Rod O'Clair called the meeting to order.

SECRETARIES REPORT: None as it was read at the annual membership meeting earlier.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None as it was read at the annual membership meeting earlier.

President Rod asked the committee chairmen who were present if they wished to give up or change their committee position. No one volunteered to do so and no one was asked to change positions.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Cox handed out NDHEA labels to Districts to place on Association owned equipment purchased up to the year 2000. Dave stated that he would have the rest of the labels available at the next quarterly meeting.

Dave also handed out forms to those Districts that were changing representatives. The forms are to be

signed and returned to Dave to signify that all items have changed hands and are in good condition.

Dave also handed out the revised donation forms to be used from now on. Discussion was had if it was necessary to include the tax-exempt number. The Board decided it was not required. Jim Carter said that he would reproduce the donation forms and mail them out when he mails items from the ND Game and Fish Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meeting dates were discussed. The quarterly meetings will always be held at the Game and Fish building in Bismarck at 1:00 PM Central Time.
2. NDHEA Quarterly Meeting dates for 2005 are April 16th, July 16th, October 15th; Annual meeting only is February 4, 2006 at the Ramkota Inn.
3. State Fair-Last full week in July; anticipated to be July 22-July 30, 2005.
4. Annual hunters education seminar will be Saturday, February 4, 2006 at the Ramkota Inn in Bismarck.
5. President Rod asked all of the District Reps. To keep up on getting newsletters submitted and committees to do the same with reports. Rod mentioned that he had been approved by Zack Linderman earlier. Zack made the statement that he had associates that worked with web sites and thought he could enlist their assistance to get our site back online. Dave Cox was encouraged to contact Zack for assistance and Dave thought he would do that.
6. President Rod asked Dave if he would like assistance in setting up a new program that should assist in tracking the treasurer's books. Dave and Rod agreed to talk about it after the meeting ended.
7. Mike Kroh mentioned that he had an associate who did taxes in Minot and that he had offered to assist with association taxes for no cost. Dave will coordinate with Mike to see if it can be worked out.
8. Rod led a general discussion about the association safety deposit box and what records should be kept in them.
9. Discussed the donation of association funds. Who we had donated to in the past and who we should consider helping out. Association has been sending three kids to wildlife camp and sends \$500 for operating expenses yearly. Motion by Walsh, seconded by Meyer to send \$500 for operating

expense to Wildlife Federation and to fund three kids again. Motion voted on with unanimous acceptance.

11. Mark Walsh made a motion that the association pay for the member's room stay Friday night at State rate, the weekend of the annual meeting rather than having each representative pay and then submit voucher for reimbursement. Motion carried by Clayton Thompson. Discussion by members that it would be difficult to account for billing without the individual voucher of each person-others agreed- additional comments:

- Would require list of District. Reps. prior to the meeting
- All members might not attend even with reservations
- Would be difficult to track wrongful charges
- Can't track each District's charges without vouchers.

The vote was called and the motion failed.

GUEST COMMENTS: Gene Masse voiced his opinion on HB 2041, which dealt with hunting on reservations. His concerns were that there are no hunter's safety classes on the reservation. That the tribes would be able to sell licenses to persons without hunter's safety as they would not have to follow state licensing regulations. There is little regulation and very little enforcement of state regulations and the tribal regulations are different than the State regulation. He fears there will be no uniform enforcement of tribal or State laws. He wondered if the Association could take a stance on this issue and make a recommendation to the legislature. Rod stated that it was the Association policy not to take a stance for the whole Association. He did recommend that anyone could visit with lobbyists or legislators on their own behalf.

NEWSLETTER: Neva Walsh asked that everyone check his or her e-mail and regular address. She asked if it was necessary to print the district map every time for space reasons. She thanked everyone for their contributions and reminded everyone of the 10-day deadline to get reports in. Neva said the newsletter might be a little late next time because of her recovery from surgery. It was requested that committee members have their phone number listed behind their name.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS: Jim Carter talked about the home study course available at iaga.com. He talked about the newsletter he sends out and stated that he would like the new information for the executive board and District Reps. to correctly identify. He talked about potential items for the next years annual meeting and some of the "hot topics" going around such as Abuse/Violence/Harassment. He said there are CD's available that deal with different training scenarios that are being brought up.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 11:58 am by Mike Kroh, seconded by Lynn Lawler. Unanimous vote to adjourn and meeting was closed.

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Quail Pointing Mule

A car drives up to a farmer's house, a man gets out, knocks on the door, and the farmer opens it. "A friend told me you have a mule that points quail", said the stranger. "is it true"? "Sure is" said the farmer. "Would you like to see him work"? The stranger said, "Sure". Soon they were walking through a field, when the mule suddenly stopped and struck a beautiful point. The farmer walks ahead of the mule and scares up a covey of quail. This goes on a half dozen more times...the mule points...the farmer scares up the covey. Finally, the stranger says, "That's enough, I've got to have that mule". "He ain't for sale", said the farmer. "I'll give you \$50,000 for him", said the stranger. Well, the farmer couldn't refuse such a big offer, so he sold him. The next night, the farmer's phone rang...it was the stranger. "What the devil's wrong with this darn mule you sold me?, he screamed...all he's done all day is stand belly deep in my pond"!! "Well", said the farmer, "I guess I should'a told you.....he'd rather fish than hunt."

The Old Buck and Young Buck

There was this old buck and a young buck standing on top of a ridge overlooking a lush meadow. Grazing in the meadow below were about 20 unsuspecting doe. The young buck said to the old buck, "Why don't we run down to the meadow and mate with one of those doe". The old buck turns to the young buck and replied, "Why don't we walk down to the meadow and mate with them all". **Moral of the story, "With age comes wisdom".**

TEACHING TIPS BY INSTRUCTOR DOUGLAS CROSBY-Dist. 1
(as seen through the eyes of Dist. 1 Rep. Mark Walsh)

We started out in the classroom with the normal instruction, the do's and the don'ts and what is expected of each student. Then Doug went over the pink sheet of paper with the practical exam & A Chum Sport. First off was the proper handling of a firearm, controlling the muzzle, open the action, sight and feel to make sure it is unloaded and safe. You do this every time you handle a firearm, "right"? Then he showed them the five different firearm actions and how to operate the firearms. Following this he showed them the six different carrying positions and then on to the safety's of a firearm.

We then took the class outside because our classroom is too small to do this exercise indoors. We had all the students stand in a straight line (one in front of the other), or you can have them stand abreast with a little space between them (shoulder to shoulder). There were 40 students in the class and there were 4 Instructors present.

Then Doug walked up to the first student and handed him/her the firearm and all the fun started. After 4-5 students handled the first firearm, we started again with a new firearm of a different action but yet continued to pass down the first one to all the students. Each student had to handle every firearm and once at the other end, one of the Instructors took control of the firearms. That is one way to get every student in the class to handle all the firearms.

While still in a straight line, abreast you can show them "Zones of Fire". Just have them put their hands together and extend their arms straight out in front of them. Use that position as the starting/zero point and have them open each arm to about 45 degrees. That should show them their firing zone and how it overlaps on both sides of them with other hunters.

We hope our teaching method helps other districts. Good luck.

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ANNOUNCING INTERNET HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE ENROLLMENT

2005 will bring a much needed and improved method for the public to view current statewide course availability and enroll in a particular course. High public demand for internet based services coupled with customized software has enabled this method of accessing hunter education to be forged into reality. Hunter education must be responsive to its future students.

The system can be accessed via a hyperlink located on the Department internet home page (**Discovernd.com/gnf**) from any PC with internet hookup. The enrollment page will allow viewing of all currently available classes.

The importance of letting the Bismarck hunter education office know the dates and location a month or two ahead of your course becomes the key element in order to make this system work well for the public. Informing the hunter education office staff that a course will be offered tomorrow when ordering supplies will not serve the interested public at all.

Historically, only 50% of the annual courses are listed early on with the Bismarck hunter education office. The other 50% are listed within 10 days of the start date and some are listed the day before or after the course begins.

The public will be allowed to enter their name, age, telephone, etc. for only one course selection or be directed to a lead instructor's telephone number, if the instructor chooses, to pre-qualify the students with more information. Telephone sign-up will be desirable for home study courses and others where conveyance of specific information is advantageous.

Instructors with user name and password will be able to view and/or print their entire course roster, which will reflect maximum enrollment. The **Login ID** will be **!huntered** and the **password** will be **Enroll1**. Enrollees will only be able to add, view, delete or print their own information. The signup page will contain other hunter education requirements contained in the program.

While retail enrollment locations have been generous, useful and appreciated in the past, they will not be necessary with this internet based enrollment. This is a very welcome addition to the furtherance of firearm safety and the continuation of our hunting heritage.

(We are hoping for this to be activated by the end of March, 2005)