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VISION STATEMENT:

A proactive, informed group of ND volunteers who dedicate themselves to promoting quality education, who are recognized as leaders in enriching our hunting heritage with respect to safety, integrity and conservation.



Jim Carter, NDHEA member and former Game and Fish Hunter Education Coordinator was honored by being given the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) "Hall of Fame" Award. This award is presented to any individual, who is active, retired or deceased who exhibits(ed) outstanding traits that have helped to improve the Hunter Education movement or the IHEA in a manner that exceeds the general effort. Jim was on several committees of IHEA and the award also honored him for the number of years he served in those capacities and his work with Hunter Education. The IHEA is the premier non-government organization that researches safety in hunting and develops educational materials for instructors to use. Presenting the award on behalf of the IHEA is Jon Hanson, current ND Game & Fish Hunter Ed Coordinator.



2008 Raffle winner of the Devils Lake Fishing Trip Mike Schwartz (right) with his guest Randy Hegg. They wanted to say thanks for a great time.



Dist. 1 Instructor and NDHEA Past-President Mark Walsh was finally able to teach his first Grandchild, Alexis Vader-center who successfully passed her hunter ed course last month. To the left is Torrie Vader (also a hunter ed Instructor), Mark's daughter and Mother to Alexis. What a proud day they all had. Alexis has already told Grandpa that she wants to become an Instructor when she turns 18. :)



Pictured on left is John Hunt of Minot, the 2008 Raffle winner of the Weatherby Vanguard .270 rifle.

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Novembers Update from the President-Terry Fasteen

Its time for a change, that's all I remember hearing on the radio for the longest time. I guess I think it's kind of true. With the fall comes the change to hunting from golf or boat fishing, change in the temperature, change in hours of sunlight and this weekend change to daylight savings time. I watch the geese fly in larger flocks, the leaves change colors and the Bald Eagles and smaller Raptors migrate through our new home area.

I look forward to the fall, especially the deer hunting season. I hunt on the North Dakota Prairie and the Minnesota Forests. There is a big change in scenery and hunting techniques to experience each fall. From the deer camps in the woods of Minnesota to the motels in Belfield or from my brother's home in Lincoln ND. I talk about deer hunting all year, waiting for the change in seasons waiting to see what the land will yield this year.

Now a days I find it tough to get out to hunt let alone find the time to take others with me. When I do, I sometimes don't realize how much knowledge I was fortunate to be brought up around and how little opportunity exists for many of those we teach. It may be more prevalent in the metropolitan area, but it happens in the rural areas also.

If we can make it a goal to give just one day a month to help others in the coming year, it will give wings to the goal we the members of the NDHEA agreed to under take at last year's annual meeting. We have the legal issues covered, the forms to use and are completing outlines to follow when setting up an event. It's a mammoth concept that is being pushed in quite a few states and can change the life style of many a person if they only have the opportunity.

I agree it is time for a change, for us to bend once more to give one more time to bring a smile and memory for that first time hunter to share with their friends and family around the holiday tables.

Thanks for all that you have done for the Association this year and for the years past. I appreciate it and look forward to sharing new stories and venison jerky at this year's annual gathering in Bismarck.

Please Note:

The annual ND Game & Fish Workshop is scheduled on January 24-25, 2009 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. By now, you should have all received your pre-registration forms from the ND G&F. The annual NDHEA Membership meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 25th at 8:30 am. Check motel signs for meeting room location. President Fasteen will see that the agenda will be posted on the website prior to the meeting so check back often at: www.ndhea.org. Once posted, please print the agenda and bring a copy with you. We hope to see you all there and please encourage other instructors to become members of the NDHEA. Thanks again.

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From your Newsletter Editor-Neva Walsh

I would like to say thank you to all of you for a great 5 years. This will be my final edition of the NDHEA newsletter. The Board is working on locating someone to take over the job of newsletter editor. Medical reasons prevent me from continuing on with my job. Thanks to you all for your positive comments about the work I have done. It has been very enjoyable and challenging at the same time.

Caps for Safety

NDHEA is still selling the caps that have been our main stay fund raiser for these many years. It will probably not make as much for us as the cookbooks some years ago but it has been around the longest. I still have mesh and cloth back caps available. I will need to order more mesh caps soon as there are only a couple dozen in inventory.

This fund raiser supports the association's activities and organizational expenses. Every cap order is very much appreciated. In general, civic organizations and wildlife clubs have made special donations to provide caps to the students. The very reasonable donation of \$5.00 per cap is a bargain compared to what you would pay to buy a company cap with their advertising logo on it!

Please make asking for donations and cap distribution a priority for your class! I can generally ship caps the day after you place a request.

Rod O'Clair
Cap Chairman

ENCOURAGING TOMORROW'S HUNTERS

NDHEA's mentored hunt program and range shooting events programs have officially begun even though it has been done quietly. NDHEA partnered with the Missouri Valley Shooting Sports organization on both a range event and bird hunting event. NDHEA also partnered with Stutsman County Wildlife Federation Club on a range and pheasant hunt. Recruiting is difficult and the maximum number of student slots available on the hunts was not met at either hunting event. This occurred despite substantial amounts spent on advertising and news releases.

At least one long time member (Gary Lindeman) is going to take some young hunters deer hunting. Several others have lined up the land and are willing to take hunters out but the hunters are not available. Recruitment to hunting is going to be tougher than many of us imagined. I believe we naively thought finding the location and supplying the coach would bring non-hunters running. That was a gross error. It is going to take much advertising and partnering and success exposure to hope to recruit new hunters.

Many of you offered to mentor and supply hunting locations. Now we know we are also going to have to ask you to recruit and sell hunting as a worthy undertaking. Don't be afraid to share ideas with the board of directors, officers or committee chairpersons on how to accomplish this worth goal of recruitment. It is going to take some outside the box thinking and action.

Rodney O'Clair Mentored Hunt chairman

MVSSA MEMO TO OUR SUPPORTERS & BENEFACTORS

June 2008

THIS YEAR (2008) MARKS THE 15th.YEAR (MISSOURI VALLEY SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION) HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH BRINGING HUNTER EDUCATION AND FIREARMS SAFETY TO THE YOUTH OF OUR AREA.

We are a 501C3 non-profit charity and we exist on donations and grants from many groups and individuals. The MVSSA supplies the guns, ammo, hearing and eye protection and other items that our volunteer members and instructors use to provide an introduction to the SHOOTING SPORTS.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Introduce young people and their family to the fun and rewards of the various shooting sports. All events provide instructions in firearm safety, gun handling, and techniques and principals of accurate shooting. A recent development has been the necessity to explain and show the correct firing line safety measures to be used at the local ranges and how to safely shoot Clay Pigeons.

PROJECTS: for 2008

A. August 6, 2008, MVSSA Shooting Sports Camp for ND Wildlife Federation Youth Camp, at Triangle Y-Camp, West of Garrison, ND. We will have 50+ teenagers and show them how to shoot .22 rifle and pistol, clay pigeons, archery, and black powder.

B: August 9, 2008, At the NRA-FAMILY SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP, MVSSA members and other instructors assist all family members with activities such as shooting with shotguns, archery, muzzle loading, small bore rifle and pistol (.22), large bore rifle (.223) and pistol (.38sp), and instruction on hunting safety, firearms cleaning and firearm safety. We also have demonstrations of trapping, retrieving and other shooting events.
We had 142 shooters last year.

C: September 20, 2008, MVSSA/NRA FIRST TIME PHEASANT and CHUKAR HUNT. This hunt is only for persons who would be making their first trip afield with the intent to personally harvest game. The hunt is limited to a maximum of 24 participants, and they must have a Hunter Education Certificate. In 2007, 23 new hunters harvested 14 Pheasants, 23 Chukars and 1 Grouse. The FIRST TIME PHEASANT HUNT is conducted on an open range, at a private ranch, in order to replicate actual upland game hunting scenarios.

WHAT ARE WE OFFERING:

Someone to show good shooting practices using experienced shooters and instructors and in a controlled environment. Also, most hunter safety graduates do not have the chance to experience live firing in the field.

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MVSSA2008, promo memo

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S NEWS

Dist. 2-Clint Baxter

We've completed a couple classes here this last quarter in Region 2, but not too much else out there to mention.

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Dist. 10-Lynda Miller

All classes are over for now. Mentoring activities are starting to take shape. Congratulations are in order for all of those who have started with this program. I personally would like to see these dates put on the website, so that those who want to help around the state could do that. Times/dates in advance would be very helpful... Hey, some of us would help wherever we could. Especially, with the Shoot Days. That can be of some challenge without help.

Then a very big congratulations goes out to the Elgin group. There was a very nice story of the instructors in the ND OUTDOORS magazine. A job well done. I'm not going to say too much regarding MVSSA events here, as the exit reports should be published in this newsletter.

Happy Hunting everyone, and be safe out there.

Lynda Miller #10 Dist. Rep.

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Dist. 12-Clayton Thompson

Hello all,

My how the Indian summer has come! Terrific weather, giving no excuses to stay inside and watch the political rhetoric. The colors are great, the birds are crowing, the geese will come hopefully before Thanksgiving!

Please instructors, if you have pictures of classes or youth, new people in hunting/shooting sports, please e-mail to me at bowshack@aol.com so I can get them forwarded to Neva for our newsletter/website/annual meeting. Any good hunting encounters would be good also.

If any one has mentored a new hunter/s in the area, **PLEASE SEND ME INFO & PICS!!!!!!**

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PHEASANT AND SHRIMP ETOUFFEE

This recipe appeared in the Winter 2004 Delta Waterfowl magazine. It was submitted by Tom and Patsy Dufour from Baton Rouge, LA. I have made it many times and all my friends love it. Just like stews and soups, it actually tastes better a day or two later, but it is good anytime. If you have never made a 'roux' before, I have to emphasize the 'take your time' part. If you burn it, throw it out and start over!

Start by preparing a brown roux by heating 2 tablespoons of oil and stirring in 2 tablespoons of flour. This should be done over low heat, stirring constantly until the mixture turns brown. Take your time-don't rush the process by increasing the heat. When the roux is nicely browned, stir in: 2 cups of onion, chopped. 1/2 cup of bell peppers (red, green or yellow), chopped.

In a saucepan, bring to a boil:

1 cup chicken stock

Add the roux, onion and peppers to the stock. In another skillet, sauté in butter:

1 1/2 cups of bite-sized pieces of shrimp,

1 1/2 cups of bite-sized pieces of game bird,

2 teaspoons of paprika, 1 teaspoon of basil, 1/2 teaspoon of thyme, 1/2 teaspoon of cayenne pepper, 1 teaspoon of salt, 1/2 teaspoon of black pepper.

Sauté the meat for three minutes, stirring to combine the seasonings. Add the meat to the stock-roux mixture and cook over very low heat for 20 minutes.

This dish is wonderful over a bed of white rice.

Al Klatt, District 8 Director

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Attached are a couple photographs from Sunday's (mid-October's) pheasant hunt from the Jamestown area. There were many limits of birds shot and I only heard of one youngster that did not get a bird. He told me he had fun shooting though.

The lunch line was also pretty popular. Burgers and brats for all. Many parents/guardians went to the fields to help mentor. There were a fair number of dogs although a couple more would have been welcome. I think there were 20+ kids. I did not get an accurate count and after shooting a limit, some left before prizes and lunch. I know I missed a few post hunt evaluations too.

The range day was not as successful. The range was busy with other shooters but they allowed us plenty of room. I got only four evaluations and forgot to take the camera. There will be targets and ammunition for another year left over.

Folks from the Stutsman County Wildlife Club helped at both events and did the advertising. They requested an NDHEA grant and NDHEA will also use some of our tag raffle or NDGF grant for parts of the expenses.

Rodney O'Clair-Mentored Hunt Chairman



L-R Stacy Whipp (Dog handler), Colin Kleese and Ryan Albers (youth hunters), Keith Albers, parent and mentor.



Youth hunters and Mentors enjoy grilled burgers and bratwurst, beans and potato salad after a successful and invigorating hunt. This was part of the mentored hunt in the Jamestown area in October.

The following photos are from the Jamestown area mentor hunt in October. Thanks to Rod O'Clair for the photo's.



Tom Sklebar, Dog handler and Mentor, Unknown student, and Ziggy with student's pheasant limit taken while attending the mentored hunt near Jamestown in October.



17 of the 20 youth hunters stayed for door prizes and a group photo after the lunch and pheasant hunt. A few birds were processed to demonstrate a simple field dressing or the breasting of birds to leave wings on for identification for legal transportation.

Stutsman County Wildlife Federation Club provided dog handlers and mentors for the pheasant hunting event. The land owner was given a special thermos NDHEA purchased for them as a thank you. The kids were witness to the showing of appreciation for allowing them to hunt on the private land. All hunters and parents or mentors were given an NDHEA orange hat for safety and a dozen orange vests were given to those with little orange during the hunts. The event started with registration and signing of a liability waiver by parent or guardian and a safety presentation by NDHEA Instructor Rodney O'Clair. Emphasis was placed on unloading guns when not in the field, safe pointing of the muzzle, zones of fire, walking in abreast while hunting and no shooting at low birds or birds on the ground to protect the dogs. At least a few of the parents have called expressing their pleasure with the program and opportunity and to volunteer assistance on future hunts.

**NDHEA Quarterly Board Meeting
25 October 2008
North Dakota Game and Fish Headquarters
Bismarck, ND**

1:05 PM Meeting called to order by President Fasteen

Agenda Approval – Added Leave of Duty request from Lee Bratlie, add Buffalo Valley Archers project. (MSC=Motion, Second, Carried)

Motion made to approve agenda. MSC: Schweigert, Miller

Roll Call: Present

Clint Baxter, Lori Schweigert, Scott Fasteen, Al Klatt, Terry Fasteen, Ron Swenson, Mark Walsh, Dale Kilwein, Larry Kaul, Dale Patrick, Terry Fasteen, Clayton Thompson, Curt Walen, Lynda Miller, Rod O'Clair,

Absent: Ernie Trudeau, Leland Bratlie, Lynn Lawler

Guests and committee members present: Neva Walsh, Don Meyer, Chuck Vasechek

Secretaries Report: Motion to approve minutes as presented in the newsletter. Lori recalled discussion on the Buffalo Valley Archers shoot. No one else recalled the topic or discussion. MSC: O'Clair, Swenson

Treasurers Report: Mr. Trudeau conveyed via email all vouchers had been paid and the annual tax report had been completed. Clint had assisted with this work. No report given at the meeting.

Motion made to have NDHEA procure flowers or something appropriate to express concern over Ernie's health. O'Clair authorized to move on it. MSC: Patrick, Schweigert

Unfinished business:

- A. Discussion on raffle prizes and delivery ensued. Terry Fasteen needs the transfer forms returned to him from those who won guns. There was some feedback from major prize winners regarding pleasure with it. Discussion and decisions should be made regarding ticket sales to minors and the time line and frame for the raffle to run.
- B. Patrick has written a raffle report and gotten it to the permit issuer (Bismarck Police Department) and Paul Schadwald, NDGF. The secretary has a copy of the report.
- C. The Association's tax filings have been made with the bookkeeping issue found as crisscross of deposits and books recording. No word has been received on the final 501(c)(3) designation.
- D. Terry brought an offer from Brooke Christman to design and maintain the NDHEA website. There was also contact with a person Lynda had gotten an offer from earlier. (Nelson may be his name) It was moved for Terry to choose a website manger and limit development and maintenance time to 8 hours/mo. Terry will make the decision based on additional interview and rates. MSC: Patrick, Klatt
- E. Don Meyer and Lori have redesigned a table top sign with logo, mission statement and several bullets of things NDHEA does. Discussion was held on the bulleted item contents. There was also discussion on getting several of the self supporting signs, another banner and a table curtain banner. Terry will get some quotes on the project.
- F. Lori reported about a dozen participants had a great time at the Zap fun shoot. Dick Cheatly bettered the other gunners and will have his name enshrined on the champions' plaque. The next Zap shoot will be the first Saturday of August, 2009 and ideas to expand participation are encouraged.
- G. Lynda reported a crowd near to 140 participated in the MVSS shoot and gun handling event. Nineteen participants hunted pheasant in the first time bird hunt. Terry Steinwand took part in the event and Patrick declared the events successful. It was suggested better use of the website and communication between members and event hosts will improve drawing more help to the events and even better student participation.
- H. The NDHEA Grant Policy was discussed and a motion moved to adopt the policy as published in the newsletter and on the website. MSC: Patrick, Kaul

NDHEA Guidance Policy was discussed and it was moved to adopt the policy as Published in the July minutes. MSC: Schweigert, Patrick. Board members should put a copy of these adopted policies in their District binders.

- I. Discussion was held on the Wildlife Federation Camp at the Triangle Y campground. Patrick expressed concerns regarding food handling, meal quality, restroom conditions and student safety. He felt NDHEA should relay concerns prior to sponsoring scholarships to future camps. Patrick will carry these to the NDWF board and keep NDHEA informed.
- J. Scholarships to BOW were paid and feedback from NDGF coordinator has not been received.
- K. District Directors were asked to submit realistic, simple budgets. The budget should include costs for board meetings, the annual meeting and course materials and supplies.
- L. Nancy Webster made an offer to do the newsletter however it was at considerable cost. Patrick will discuss newsletter editing with Stephanie Thompson to see if she would be interested as her NDGF position is part time. Neva would like all submissions for the newsletter ASAP with a Nov. 5 deadline.

New Business

- A. O'Clair reported on a mentored range shoot and a mentored pheasant hunt. Assistance and partnership was generated from Stutsman County Wildlife Federation Club. The range shoot student participation had a great weather day but poor participation from students.
The pheasant hunt had about 20 participants and evaluations from both events was garnered from participants and mentors. O'Clair will draft a chairman's planning guide and make it available to members. He will also suggest some evaluation form changes to the NDGF.
- B. Radio ads have been purchased for airtime on WDAY and KFYZ. The ads proclaim the safety aspects needed to be practiced by hunters and gun handlers. Jon Mitzel did the voice over for the KFYZ ads and Terry will submit a voucher to pay him \$100.00 for his work.
- C. Lynda Miller proposed a memorial of some kind in the name of Dean Hildebrand. Discussion on an appropriate scholarship was discussed. Patrick will research an education scholarship possibility to be given to a school or if NDHEA should maintain its own endowment to provide a scholarship to an appropriate event in Dean's name. Family permissions will be sought at the appropriate time.
- D. The Request for Participation solicitation letter failed to have a location for the committee to approve or deny an authorized request. If this is added the form can be used to guide budgets and provide signature approval. Several lines will be added to cover this.
- E. There were no additions or changes suggested to the mentored hunt or shooting event policies.
- F. The membership is asked to devise concepts to raise mentored hunt exposure, awareness and participation. Additional advertising is one idea. Also better use of the announcement brochures with wider distribution is needed.
- G. Action will begin for the 2009 antelope tag raffle. Age requirements will be on the ticket. It was moved that Terry should start securing raffle prizes. It was suggested to look at some of the promotions offered through IHEA, a Kitchen Aide Mixmaster, a Sears gift card and other prizes as well as the guns. MSC: Patrick, Miller
- H. Discussion was held on the annual banquet and Lori will again volunteer host duties for the hospitality room on Friday and Saturday evening. She will approach Bill and Sharon to assist her as will Scott Fasteen and Dale Patrick. While hotel policy disallows food to be brought in, specialty items like venison or duck products are ok. If you would like to bring a treat, please let Lori know by sending her an email or calling her. See the NDHEA webpage for her email address.
- I. Nominations for various NDHEA awards were solicited.
- J. Lee Bratlie provided a letter to President Fasteen requesting a leave of absence until August of 2009. Terry proclaimed the District 4 seat vacant and appointed Don Meyer to complete the term until the next regular election (Annual meeting 2010). Don accepted the appointment and was also named chairman of the Shooting events committee.
- K. Lori asked the board to authorize an annual reoccurring grant to the Buffalo Valley Archers in the amount of \$300. While she put the item in her district budget, it was requested she have the organization complete a financial grant request.

The following committees reported:

Audit/Finance – NTR

Caps – spreadsheet report provided showing 2008 sales at 669 caps.

Grievance - NTR

Historian – NTR

Legislative – NTR

Membership – A spreadsheet report provided to the showing regular memberships at 148, Life Members at 6 and Family membership at 12.

Newsletter/Website – See previous discussion in the business meeting.

Raffle committee – See above in minutes.

The District Directors passed on giving reports due to the hour of the day.

Adjourned at 4:15 pm. MSC: Kilwein, Schweigert

/s Rodney O'Clair, Secretary

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Photo's below are from the MVSS Pheasant Hunt and Shooting Camp. Photo's courtesy of Jack Kavaney. Thanks Jack.





I Heard Your Voice

I got a call one day from a friend of mine right after our December Iowa Shotgun Deer Season. I was moved by what he told me. He said, "I heard your voice in my head today" as he described the choices he made during a deer drive and why he did not shoot. So, I wrote the following poem.

I Heard Your Voice

By Rod Slings

I heard your voice in my head today,
I raised my gun to take a shot at the prey.

The words you have said rang clear in my head,
when to shoot and when to not.
The words were, "when in doubt don't take the shot."

A deer ran between me and my hunting
companion today,
I let it go because I knew; it was NOT going to be OK.
I pulled up and then let the gun back down and
pointed it away,
Now we can now both share the hunt another
day.

I heard your voice in my head today,
The judgment call was mine and only mine
to make.

To take the shot or let this buck run away,
I heard your voice very clear in my head today.

I saw the buck coming in the corner of my eye,
Then the sight of blaze orange also entered
my eye.

That voice in my head may have saved this
friend, this companion, this guy,
I then lowered my gun with a nervous sigh.

The hunt is important to me and my friends,
A safer shot I was later able to make.
The buck was harvested safely then,
With a much better story, I can now share
in the end.

I tell you this story because of that voice in my
head,
No buck, no matter how big, the voice in my
head really said,
It's not worth one of your hunting buddies,
ending up dead.