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President's Message...

Folks, my apologies for lack of a report in the last quarterly newsletter. I wrote it and then apparently forgot to send it to Terry. Many bad things can happen when assumptions are made and we become too lazy to follow up. I could have sent Terry another email and asked if he had it, but assumed it had been emailed. Similarly, I am convinced there could be fewer bad gun incidents if gun handlers would also stop making assumptions. Assuming the safety is on, assuming the gun is unloaded, assuming every one knows where everyone else is in the hunting party, assuming there is nothing over the hill and so forth.

Every person with a gun needs to check and double check the safe handling procedures for guns. Safety also applies to other equipment like safety harnesses, tree stands and ladders, bows and strings and using plenty of hunters orange.

It has taken several years, but the number of family shooting events and mentored hunts is increasing. This is no small task or amount of effort, but it is not difficult either. Pull aside one of the active organizers; Don Meyer, Keith Domke, Curt Walen, Rick Sukut or the others for a quick conversation and you too can put one together. I have

heard of mentored hunts our members are taking and NDHEA would like to know about them. If you have fretted over liability or if cost is an issue, this is where our insurance and cost reimbursement can ease the fears.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting in Bismarck. The draft agenda will be posted to the NDHEA.org website several weeks before the meeting.

Our committees have been very active in 2010 and should have some good reports for you at the annual meeting. There will also be elections for the odd numbered districts and office of Secretary.

IHEA now has an instructor training module available. There is apparently a \$25 fee to take the course. Go to www.IHEAtraining.com to investigate.

To sight in your rifle with only two shots, try this method demonstrated on you tube by the NSSF. Copy and past this link into your browser or search for two shot sight in on you tube. <http://www.youtube.com/user/TheNSSF#p/u/0/TiOpQY2ORo4>

Continue to have a safe fall and fun winter.

Rodney O'Clair, President

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.

Tis the Season...

Hopefully you are reading this having enjoyed a good deer season, a time for bringing family and friends back together. Due to a change in residency and my inability to get drawn for the ninth consecutive year, my brother and I did not hunt with rifle again. He gets to pursue the mule deer while I wait and wonder if year 10 will bring the tag I search desperately for each summer. Instead of multiplying preference points, I think they remove them, but enough whining.

I will pursue the bucks in northern MN west of Itasca Park, a nice place to hunt but a short view compared to the open Prairie. In our area we see scrapes, rubs, track and droppings, but a shortage of live deer. The woods are thick and tough to maneuver around quietly. Sitting in a stand or blind is a quiet hunt but kind of like ice fishing, a waiting game.

The type of hunt I experience now leads me to see that I am in the final stages of hunting progression. I enjoy

the aspect of the hunt, the preparation, the surroundings the other wildlife that I missed while hunting the Prairie. I see Trumpeter Swans, blue bills, red and grey squirrels, porky pins, coyotes and the signs that the Timber wolf and black bear are ever present.

Hunting bucks only makes you take your time be sure of the target, is it a buck a doe a spike? Do you really want to shoot a small one a drag it over and around all of those trees and hills to the road.

I am not that old yet, but have learned to enjoy more of the hunt than just bringing home the venison. Don't get me wrong, I will take a deer or two every year, but the time afield is perhaps just as important to the spirit.

Have a great hunt and try to share some of your harvest with some old less fortunate hunters or widows in your neighborhood.

Terry Fasteen

Youth Pheasant Hunt



Mike Kroh and Clint Baxter took out Josh Thompson and his father Tim on the youth pheasant hunt. We found plenty of birds and Josh was able to drop one. Buddy, Mike's GSP, pointed and retrieved the bird. Josh got plenty of shots and had a great day.

Orange, the Color of Safe Hunters

There is never a time to drop your guard when handling a gun and more so in the field when the gun is usually loaded. To protect yourself from the most common hunting incident – shooter swinging on game and shooting victim – arm your self with an NDHEA hunter orange cap.

You can do this for your students as well. Some will purchase the caps if they know they are available and you, as an instructor, should make students aware of this safety feature NDHEA provides when the subject is covered in your classes.

Caps are \$10.00 each in orders less than 2 dozen. \$8.00 each in orders of 24 or more.

Continue to support your Association—Thank you!

My address, phone and email are on the www.NDHEA.org website. Orders are shipped ASAP.

Rodney O'Clair, Caps Chairman

Upcoming Event

Annual Hunter Safety Banquet and Annual NDHEA Meeting to be held in Bismarck on **February 12th and 13th 2011.**

NDHEA will be looking for nominations for a new secretary so be thinking about what person would represent your concerns, or how about putting yourself up for nominations. We will also discuss how the multiple committees are staffed every year, newsletter and website persons. There are opportunities for all!

It's your Association give it a hand or take the first step yourself. See you at the Convention!

Pictures by Rick Suckut from this Year's Bowden Duck Fest



DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S NEWS

DISTRICT # 2

Earlier this season, I took the young guy, pictured on the right, out on a first goose hunt. It was a fun hunt for both of us. He got two Canadian Geese, the small one was about five lbs. the other 12.5 lbs. It was a cold, foggy, wet morning—the perfect time to hunt geese.

I had to call the geese back five times before they came into range. The field we were hunting was a mile long. He knocked the big one down and chased him to the far end of the field on foot before he caught him. I wished I had a video camera to record it.

Mike Kroh



DISTRICT #4

Hopefully this note finds everyone well and out in the outdoors before old man winter comes calling! Up here in the north country, the snows and blues are making an appearance once again. This is the time of year our students go afield with the knowledge that we as instructors have given them.

There will be another raffle for a fundraiser but there will be no antelope tag attached to it. There will be an assortment of firearms again in the raffle. The raffles have went very well and thanks to everyone who has purchased and/or sold the raffle tickets.

There have been family shooting events in several locations across the state this year. There was an event in Devils Lake in June and another one in Sept. The June event had few in attendance as it was the first weekend in the lake region that it did not rain. The Sept. event was better attended as approximately 25 showed up. There was a number of Scouts who showed up and they had a great time. Every one stated they would try to get to the Family Shooting Event next spring.

To put on an event is easy. All you have to do is advertise the event locally and through our web site. There are several forms to fill out and you are set. There have been individuals asking about these shoots so lets get out there and see if we can double the events we put on in 2010!

Lee and Rod were involved in the mentored hunts again this year. Contact either of them if you are interested in putting on a hunt for youth. There has been youth mentoring in the lake region for a number of years and the youth that have participated always get excited talking about their experiences.

Let's help the youth of our state experience our hunting heritage. I know this means a lot to many of us, and I firmly believe this is another way we can give back to the Sport that has given so much to us.

I hope everyone has a safe and successful hunting season. My hunting season is complete. I have had several students show me pictures of their game that they harvested. I know you all have felt their excitement as they show their harvest! You have touched the heart of a beginning hunter by teaching and mentoring and you are responsible for passing on our hunting heritage to these beginning hunters. Take Care and be safe!!

Don Meyer

DISTRICT #7

I've had a busy fall since I last wrote this article. We had our annual NDHEA shooting sports clinic in late August at the Pipestem Rifle Range near Jamestown, N.D. Youth from the area received instruction on archery, .22 rifle, .223 rifle, handguns, muzzleloader and shotgun.

Rick Suckut asked me to help out with the shooting event they have in

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Youth pheasant mentored hunt near Marion, N.D.

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conjunction with Bowdon's annual duck fest. Although he asked for my advice, I picked up several tips on how to better run our shoots.

We need to have shooting clinics in our district. If your event is pre-approved by NDHEA, they can cover the costs of food, beverage, ammunition, advertising and mileage for any instructor travel. If you are interested in putting on an event like this, contact me and I'll help you through the process. It can be a great way to incorporate live fire for your students or introduce someone new to the shooting sports and possibly hunting.



One happy group of hunters at the Stutsman County Wildlife Club Pheasant Shoot



The hunters and volunteers that make the Stutsman County Wildlife Club Pheasant Shoot possible



A token of appreciation presented to the landowner, Bob Wells

During the youth pheasant weekend, I took four kids from Jamestown pheasant hunting. Fellow hunter education instructor, Ralph Dunhauser, hosted the event and took us to several spots. We didn't bag any pheasants, but the kids did some shooting and really appreciated the opportunity. Again, NDHEA can help with costs on pre-approved mentored hunts such as this. Feel free to contact me for more information.

Recently, I finished helping with Stutsman County Wildlife Club's annual pheasant shoot. Two hundred pheasants are released on about a section of land for 20 youth hunters. Several partners help to make this event possible each year. The kids get pop, pizza and plenty of ammunition—as well as a nice hunting vest at the end of the day. Every kid leaves with a big smile on their face. You can suggest something similar at your next wildlife club meeting. Your event can start out small and grow as time goes on. NDHEA can put the word out and several instructors and their dogs are ready to help out and be a mentor.

I encourage everyone to help at one of the many NDHEA sponsored events in the state or start one of your own.

Keith Domke

DISTRICT #10

NDHEA has really moved forward with the amount of families and students that have had the opportunity to experience "live fire" along with safety training. Being a partner of Missouri Valley Shooting Sports Association has enhanced our numbers to over 250 new students trained.

Equipment usages and members that have been involved around the state are unreal. We all have the same vision

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for our organization and where we are going strong. Still, we do need more bodies to help and experience the training.

I learn something new every time I help at an event. There is so much talent out there, in every District around the state...don't give up! We'll hit it just right.

The after event action reports should help to make it all very clear what benefit this is to those attending these events.

I also serve as the NRA State Day Camp Coordinator for N.D. and I am willing to help when and where I can. Please keep up the good work.

Lynda Miller

DISTRICT #12

Hello fellow District 12 instructors! I hope this letter is finding you with spent shot shells in your shell bag and a heavy game bag of pheasant, grouse, or waterfowl. Thank goodness October was the exact opposite of our rainy Sept. which provided 24 plus days of great harvest weather and allowing much of our ground to dry down. Area farmers and ranchers are all smiles with full bins and four cuttings of great hay.

Getting much of the corn off will really help hunters efforts with deer also and it will make access to corn easier. Birds are out there. They just are spread out more, no big bunches yet.

A story was told to me of a coworkers grandson who went on his first pheasant hunt. The young hunter got his first pheasant after a few surprising flushes and was able to down two, which is not bad for a first timer. The mentor gave him his birds also and they cleaned them together and some terrific pictures were taken of the young man sporting a BIG smile with a nice line of pheasants. He told his grandpa he is definitely hooked!

I have also heard more females are taking the course which is a definite plus. Any questions or concerns please email me at Bowshack@aol.com

Clayton Thompson

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To See Past and Current Newsletters!**

Quarterly Board Meeting October 17, 2010

President Rod O'Clair called the meeting to order at 1:55pm at a classroom in Scheels.

Agenda Approval: The published agenda was reviewed and a motion to move the District 8 directorship to the top. Motion to approve MSC: Dale P., Thompson (MSC = Moved, Second, Carried).

Roll Call:
Officers and District Reps present included: Rod O'Clair, Curt Walen, Jean Oster, Clint Baxter, Mike Kroh, Darwin Bucholz, Don Meyer, Dale Patrick, Keith Domke, Chad Symington, Dale Kilwein, Lynda Miller, Jerry Rekow, Clayton Thompson.

Absent: Terry Fasteen, Ron Swenson, and Lori Schweigert.

Committee Members and Guests: Lee Bratlie.

Secretary's Report by Jean Oster: Minutes from April 17, 2010 Board Meeting were read. No additions or corrections were noted. Motion to approve. MSC: Patrick, Rekow.

Treasurer's Report By Clint Baxter: Treasurer Baxter discussed the report as distributed to the group. Motion to approve. MSC: Rekow, Kroh.

President's Report by Rod O'Clair: 1. Mentored hunts are going on and doing well. We need to expand them to the western part of the state. 2. Range shoots are going well. Thanks to the assistance of the Missouri Valley Shooting Sports.

Past President's Report and Legislative Report by Dale Patrick: 1. Shooting events are going well. Some of our equipment went to the Devils Lake shoot, camp at Garrison, and the Bowden shoot. Jamestown pheasant hunt is October 24 and they are meeting on Highway 281 at Central Sales from noon to one. They have a section of land and it will be enhanced with some additional pheasants. Make sure that if you have mentored hunt that you do evaluations and sent them to Lee Bratlie. Also make an after action report with how many instructors/students were there, how many animals were taken, etc. 2. There is no new legislation at this time.

Unfinished business:

Raffle- There was approximately 3,500 tickets sold this year. Rod O'Clair performed an audit on the books for the raffle. There was a discrepancy of verification of destruction of books if not sold, late sold tickets- money was returned, and all tickets recorded- there was no confirmation. These records must be saved for five years.

Hildebrand Scholarship- After talking with Mrs. Hildebrand and the people from the Devils Lake boat landing, it was discussed to give the UND Foundation the \$13,000 in CDs to hold until we reached \$25,000. We would have five years to raise the remainder \$12,000. Then there would be a scholarship given in the name of Dean Hildebrand for those who are from North Dakota and majoring in Fisheries & Wildlife. This will be sent to the general membership for a vote. The vote will be to decide whether the scholarship will be just in Dean's name, NDHEA's name, or the Dean Hildebrand Scholarship of NDHEA.

IHEA- Jean Oster went to the meeting in Estes Park, CO at the beginning of June. She said she learned some new techniques for teaching students and shared some of them at the meeting. She also suggested that more people attend the conference as it is open to all instructors.

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Mentorship- There have been a few hunts, but would like to see some more. It was proposed to not support the Outdoor Adventure Foundation. Motion to approve. MSC: Rekow, Bucholz.

Family Shooting Sports-It is going well.

New Business:

2011 Raffle- It was proposed to replace the antelope tag this year for straight gun raffle. If we get an antelope tag this year it will go to last year's winner. Motion to approve. MSC: Patrick, Bucholz.

It was also proposed to change the raffle to only 500 tickets at \$20 with 10 guns on the raffle. Motion to approve. MSC:Rekow, Kroh.

Hunt ND- It was proposed to not support Hunt ND at this time. Motion to approve. MSC: Patrick, Kroh.

Awards-Nominations for awards need to be sent to Rod.

Silent Auction-Will be asking Jon Hanson for permission to have silent auction at the banquet. Jean will take care of obtaining permission and getting silent auction items if approved.

Committee Reports:

Caps Report by Rod O'Clair- Those that children that show up to mentored hunts without any orange get a cap.

Membership Report by Charles Vasicek- 2010 has seen an increase in members. Keep encouraging membership.

Grievance Report by Terry Fasteen- Nothing to report.

Historian Report by Terry Fasteen-Nothing to report.

Website/Newsletter Report by Terry Fasteen- Nothing to report

Education Report- Nothing to report.

Constitution/By-laws-Being updated.

District reports: District reps provided information on area classes. District 3 is going slow as classes are done and there is a possible new instructor. Don Meyer, District 4, had 20-25 students show up for the second hunt. Lake Region Shooting Sports has planted pheasants for the youth. Keith Domke, District 7, had the Jamestown shoot. There were more instructors than students. Bowden had an archery shoot that went well and a pheasant hunt for October 24. Dale Kilwein, District 9, just finished two classes with 40 kids and 26 adults. The trailer is being moved around for advertising and recognition. Lynda Miller, District 10, says that classes are done and is thankful to the Boilermaker's Union for the use of their building for classes. Jerry Rekow, District 11, had a sporting clay shoot on August 15. The ammunition was paid for by the American Legion. There was one youth and eight adults. They had a great time. Clayton Thompson, District 12, had a small bow education class. The Cass County Wildlife Club in Casselton had a mentored duck hunt.

Motion to adjourn. MSC: Kroh, Meyer. 3:55PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Oster, Secretary

Treasurers Report – October, 2010

Income & Spending		
April 17 – October 16, 2010		
Income Received		
	Donations	\$3,106.00
	Fundraising	\$1,958.00
	Membership	\$570.00
	Miscellaneous	\$25.00
	Raffle Income	\$13,205.00
	Total Income	\$18,864.00
Expenses		
	Caps Expense	(\$1,365.53)
	Equipment	(\$1,419.44)
	Grants	(\$800.00)
	Insurance	(\$1,221.00)
	Mentored Hunt Program	(\$5,104.71)
	Miscellaneous	(\$400.00)
	Office Expense	(\$105.00)
	Postal	(\$125.37)
	Printing/Publishing	(\$450.00)
	Raffle	(\$1,311.87)
	Safety Campaign	(\$4,775.46)
	Travel	(\$1,442.80)
	Total Expenses	(\$18,521.18)

Account Balances	
As of October 11, 2010	
Money Market Account	
Interest Earned	\$11.59
Balance as of 10/16/2010	\$9,209.93
Checking Account	
Balance as of 10/16/2010	\$26,233.51
Raffle Money	\$12,342.36
Non Raffle Money	\$13,891.15
CD 02170941970	
Maturity Date – 11/15/2011	
Interest Rate – 1.15%	
Current Value	\$5,355.85
CD 02107946359	
Maturity Date – 6/8/2011	
Interest Rate – 1.65%	
Current Value	\$2,938.61
CD 04170958132	
Maturity Date – 8/8/2011	
Interest Rate – 1.4%	
Current Value	\$5,432.20

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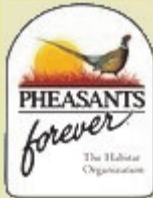
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International Hunter Education Association
www.ihea.com
North Dakota Game & Fish
www.gf.nd.gov
North Dakota Shooting Sports Association
<http://ndssa.org>
Mule Deer Foundation
www.muledeer.org
North Dakota Bowhunters Associations
www.ndbowhunters.org

Other Great Links

www.fishingbuddy.com
www.bannersforsale.com
www.edsbaitshop.com
www.scheels.com
www.baconsigns.com

2010 Legislation Watch

Websites to view bills and to read blogs
www.nodakoutdoors.com
www.gf.nd.gov
www.northlandoutdoors.com.

North Dakota Legislative Council:
www.legis.nd.gov/information/bills



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