



From the President

We're well into the fall hunting season as you read this newsletter. I hope that everyone is enjoying a safe and successful season with family and friends in the great outdoors of North Dakota. It was a challenging and frustrating spring and summer for those affected by flooding and frequent downpours. In spite of those challenges, we recognize the efforts of a growing number of instructors that have conducted family shooting sport events and mentored hunts.

You are encouraged to share news of your events, effective classroom ideas and methods—anything you would like—in this newsletter. Just send your written contributions and/or captioned photos to Terry Fasteen.

There's still plenty of time to take the online instructor training course before the winter

and spring classes. Training is available at IHEA and the cost is reimbursed by the North Dakota Game & Fish Department. I will be taking the course and look forward to the fresh perspective it gives toward conducting a successful hunter education class.

I'm also looking forward to another informative and productive annual meeting in Bismarck in February. Your NDHEA board and committees continue to provide dedicated and responsible leadership. They are working on a number of issues and are committed to seeing this organization grow as an effective resource for sharing ideas, communicating what's important to our members and providing funding for association-sponsored programs.

Have a safe fall and winter and always be a straight

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A Sad Experience Heightens the Need for Hunting Ethics

By Terry Fasteen, NDHEA Lifetime Member

Ethics—we teach, discuss and practice them. During our classes, we express the need to consider the “right” thing to do in respect of land-owners, game, habitat and other hunters. As hunter and instructors we try and lead by example and with passion so that the general public also realizes we are considerate of their feelings. But, is the message getting through? Are we practicing what we teach?

I am fortunate to be able to hunt in North Dakota and in Minnesota and frequently observe hunters in both states. This past opener I was very disappointed in a group of individuals using the area my family has hunted since the mid 1940's. We have used some of the same stands for over 40 years and understand that it is public land with access for everyone. However, these particular hunters parked their vehicles in the forest trails blocking access not only for our group but also for anyone else who would have hunted the area. They set a tent on the edge of the road and put up a table, chairs and a cooler. They did not use the camp. It was a ruse to make

others think hunters were in the area and to possibly drive off other groups.

These persons drove in on ATV's to access the woods to hunt, which during certain time frames, is a violation of law. They also hollered at another hunter in the area. The hunter happened to be older and had set up to hunt one of the clear cuts in the forest as he had done for the past 30 years. He shared with me that he was afraid of them and what they might do. Rather than questioning these persons he packed up and left.

This had me questioning, “Is this how we continue to grow our ranks?” This is the behavior that gives hunting a bad taste in many people's mouth. It made me mad at first, but the longer I thought about it made me sad. That day young hunters witnessed this behavior and my conversation with the older hunter.

The area where these persons camped included vehicles from Fargo, Minneapolis and Detroit Lakes.

It's a sad that a few can ruin it for so many,



Caps for Safety

By Rod O'Clair

I am pleased that some of the hunter education instructors are seeing the safety value in seeking donations and/or are selling the blaze orange NDHEA caps in their classes.

These caps become badges of honor to your graduates and are a good fund raiser for the association. They won't make money like the raffle Dale Patrick ran this year, but they are still a steadfast part of our organization.

Caps are on hand and for \$10.00 each in lots of 23 or less, or for \$8.00 each in orders of 24 or more or if you can arrange delivery without mailing, they are worthy of your class and your students safety. Please look into providing them to your students, through individual sales or through purchase by a donation for a charitable organization, sportsmen's club, etc.

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.

Mentored Youth Pheasant Hunt

By Staff, NDHEA

Members and mentors started gathering at Central Sales, Inc. at 9:00 a. m. on October 23rd to begin distributing pheasant cocks to the chosen hunting area. 13 people placed about 200 birds between 10:30 a.m. and noon. A section of property was available for the hunt. Part of the land was PLOTS and the signs on the PLOTS had a slip of paper taped over it letting the public know that youth would be hunting the area between noon and 5:00 p. m. and asked to honor the area for that use.

By 11:45 a.m., adults, mentors, dogs and hunters began to gather. When everyone had mentors to review what they were to do to ensure safety for everyone and that they would take charge of the group in the field. The group would be led by the dog handler, followed by mentors. Parents/guardians were encouraged to go a field but to listen to the leaders and mentors. If a hunter shot a limit, the hunter's gun would be cleared and continue with the hunting party. The hunters were led by eight dogs and their handlers. There was also a mentor for every one or two hunters. Depending on experience or friendships, hunters were assigned to a dog handler.

Safety instructions were given to the hunters in a short presentation. Guns cleared until the dog handlers instructed them to load up, shoot at only flying birds in their safe shooting

zone, no backward shots, no shooting at a bird close to a dog, do not retrieve a downed bird until instructed or let the dog retrieve.

As hunters returned to the gathering point after the hunt, evaluations were completed by the student and dog handlers/mentors. Everyone enjoyed drinks and pizza. A post hunt review was done to point out any safety issues, any unsportsmanlike conduct and to share first bird experience or any other exciting hunting stories. Pictures were also taken.

Door prizes of hunting vests or gift certificates were given to the hunters. The gathering location was cleaned and policed.



2011 NDHEA Raffle Winners:

Bill Titus Golden Boy 22 Mag
Lincoln, ND 58504

Kenny Weinand Golden Boy 22 Mag
Watford City, ND 58854

Ralph Skogland Golden Boy 17 HMR
Watford City, ND 58854

Randy Sagvold Golden Boy 17 HMR
Fort Ransom, ND 58033

Brent Herbal Golden Boy 22 LR
Bismarck, ND 58503

Joel Iverson Golden Boy 22 LR
Valley City, ND 58072

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Bismarck, ND 58503

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Kathryn, ND 58049

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New Salem, ND 58563

Royce Nelson Golden Boy 22 LR
Bismarck, ND 58501

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and
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rent Newsletters!

Fall Arrest Systems

By Terry Fasteen, NDHEA

Many hunters enjoy the advantages that a tree stand can provide when hunting, but you should always use the best safety equipment and safety techniques when using them. Using a Fall Arrest System to secure and support your body and use the three point rule of contact when climbing or descending is the safest technique.

You should only use a Fall Arrest System approved by the Treestand Manufacturer Association (TMA). The Fall Arrest System safety harness that encircles the torso, legs, and shoulders lets the hunter hang in an upright position. There is also a vest type model that some users might find more comfortable and easy to use. Both systems will prevent accidents if properly used.

Users of Fall Arrest Systems can take an online course by the TMA to help learn how to use it correctly. As a user you should always read the manufacturers guidelines explaining the use of their product. Each manufacturer's product is slightly different, so you need to make sure of how to use the model you have chosen to use.

Many manufactures also include DVD's to watch which will also help to explain how to use the system. While no one expects to have an accident, you should be prepared in case one does occur. You need to have a plan to escape from the Fall Arrest System in the event a fall happens. This is important because hanging from the safety harness for a long time could be fatal. You should carry emergency signal devices such as a whistle, flashlight, cell phone, or signal flare to call for help if needed. You should have a knife to cut yourself free as a last resort and consider a spare line to lower yourself if

stranded. One of the most important safety items is to tell others where you intend to hunt and when you plan to return. That way if you don't show up they know where and when to start looking for you. Plan your hunt and hunt your plan.

QUICK TIPS

Some quick safety tips for consideration of what the Fall Restraint System should contain how to use it successfully and how to maintain it.

1. Better system includes a full body harness, lineman's belt and a tree tethering system.
2. You need to make sure the Fall Arrest System components fit you properly
3. Wear the Fall Arrest System from the time you leave the ground, the entire time you are in your stand and until you return to the ground
4. Follow the manufactures instructions when fastening the systems tree tether to the tree.
5. Check your Fall Arrest System before using and replace it if it shows signs of wear.
6. The Tree Stand Manufacturers Association (TMA) recommends replacing your FAS every 5 years at a minimum. The material can become weak and the user might not

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

District Representative's News

DISTRICT #3

By Darwin Bucholz

Well this has been an interesting hunting season so far. With all the water in the north central part of the state, you would think we would have had a ton of ducks. Not so! Even the non-resident hunters were disappointed. Some of the water dried up, but we just didn't have many ducks. I hope some decide to migrate through before deer hunting. We did have honkers, but they was tough also.

The late planting season left crops out for most of the early season. You had to find an early harvested pea field and there weren't many of them. There are some upland game left in the country and I haven't tried the ruffed grouse in the Turtle Mountains yet.

Even though I'm kind of complaining about all this, some quality time was spent in the field again. Now its time to get ready for deer hunting. Boy, time sure flies.

DISTRICT #10

By Lynda Miller

Now that the hunting season is upon us, that's all we think about! The National Hunting Holiday will engulf us and everything else gets side tracked.

During our quarterly meeting we discussed the current and upcoming events that have taken place or will be taking place. There was the contention that the FLOOD had taken precedence over most family or mentored shooting events. Those that did take place had an enjoyable experience for our students that were able to make it. Seemed as though the numbers were down in our classes as well. Lots of no shows and then calls later as to when classes would be given. We still don't have a handle on this problem. We will try to change that in the coming year.

For those of members that have lost their homes and are still displaced, please offer a helping hand! We still want to know where Dave Cox has moved to, as well as, Joe Heiser. It doesn't matter what kind disaster we experience, there is help out there.

Hoping everybody that hunts, have a safe season. Thanks to everybody for their dedicated work with the shooting events.

Recently, I was approached by a father of one of our students. He was so appreciative of our classes as well as those live fire experiences. His son is now 28 years old and still reflects back when he was a young students and how much he learned from the class. Boy, that dates us !!!

DISTRICT #12

By Clayton Thompson

Now is the time to be OUTDOORS! Take vacation, call in sick, hide the "to do" list, shut OFF the TV, but get outdoors! Follow that stirring in your soul and put a bow, shotgun, rifle in your hands and grab your youngster and/or is a friend of your kid and take them for memories to last a life time. And you thought hunting was getting "normal", kind of lame. Well let me ask you to relive that same experience through a youngster's eyes and point of view and you'll quickly realize how GOOD we have it to hunt where and how we chose to in this country.

On October 22nd, I got to see just that with a magnificent hunt by Jamestown, N.D. spearheaded terrifically by Rod O'Clair and Keith Domke with all bases covered with very adept adult help and some terrific dogs! The students were very careful, and listened and followed safety

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instructions very well and were very serious while having terrific fun. The landowner was very gracious to let us on some tremendous land with great cover.

Please look at setting up an event like this to introduce students to the shooting sports. I know you'll get allot of satisfaction out of it .I sure did.

Remember to Always, Wear/connect a full body safety harness while ascending/descending a tree.

Please send me hunting pics and stories so I can pass these on to Terry.

Hunt safe, smart, and tell people where you are hunting.

My First Hunt

By Lisa Jackson, Newsletter Editor

I've always appreciated the North Dakota outdoors. Spending time with my husband and friends walking the prairie, looking for pheasants, deer and other game has always been a great retreat. However, I've never been the hunter.

My husband, an avid hunter, has asked me for years to complete my hunter's education. I finally mustered up the courage to do it. Let's face it, I had a fear of failing the test and about shooting something. Both of which, I conquered this year.

My husband has been my mentor. He took the time and the patience to help me learn how to shoot a bow. He provided me with hunting spot which he spent weeks scouting and bating for the chance at a buck.

The Saturday of opening bow weekend, we got into the blind at about 5:00 p.m. Then we watched. After only about two hours, we heard footsteps from right behind the blind. Without hesitation the buck pictured walked up to our corn pile and stopped, head up, looking right at us. I kept my eyes lowered under the brim of my cap, waiting for the opportune moment to

raise my bow, draw and breathlessly release its arrow. After less than a minute his head dipped and I seized the moment. It was a clean, lung shot. We tracked it for about 200 yards along the edge of a sunflower field.

It was a great experience listening to the wind, being with my spouse and trying something new. Harvesting this deer was just a bonus, but I'm already excited for next season!



Quarterly Board Meeting

Minutes for the Meeting of Board of Directors

North Dakota Game and Fish Department

October 22, 2011

President Curt Walen called the meeting to order at 1:05pm at the North Dakota Game and Fish building.

Agenda Approval: The published agenda was reviewed and approved without additions. Motion to approve MSC: Schweigert, Kroh. (MSC = Moved, Second, Carried).

Roll Call:

Officers and District Reps present included: Curt Walen, Jean Oster, Clint Baxter, Mike Kroh, Lori Schweigert, Don Meyer, Dale Patrick, Keith Domke, Chad Symington, Dale Kilwein, Lynda Miller, Jerry Rekow, Clayton Thompson, Terry Fasteen

Absent: Chuck Vasicek, Lee Bratlie. Rod O'Clair, Darwin Bucholz Terry Kassian and Jon Hansen.

Secretary's Report was tabled to the next meeting since Terry K was not present. Motion to approve. MSC: Patrick, Miller.

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 Curt Walen: It is good to see everyone and that everyone has survived the summer. The President's Award is to be presented at the annual meeting. If anyone has any suggestions please send or fax a letter of recommendation to the president at least 1 week prior to the annual meeting. Also the Board Award is open. Please give some thought for suggestions. Reminder to all district reps. to get and maintain a list of equipment for your district. There have been instructors traveling to help out areas that are short. Thank you to those instructors for helping out. Everyone is encouraged to take the online instructor's test.

Game and Fish Report: There will be a combined agenda for the annual conference, which will be held on February 11 at the Ramkota Inn. There will be workshop dates coming out in the newsletter, with the cities being Fargo, Minot, Grand Forks, and Dickinson. The number for certified instructors is down this year. We have only had 24 and the goal is 50. There has been an increase in the home study class. There will be new instructor training this winter and there will be a new pellet gun range at the State Fair.

Unfinished business:

Raffle- Not all of the tickets were returned. The partial books were sold the day of the drawing. The income for the raffle this year was \$12,345. Lynda Miller did an audit and said that Dale Patrick did a good job with the raffle.

Hildebrand Scholarship- The money will be presented to George Zink of Devil's Lake (to join in with the scholarship already in Dean's name) in the name of the North Dakota Hunter's Education Association.

New Business:

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2012 Raffle- Dale Patrick will run it again for the next year. The number of tickets and prizes will be decided by the raffle committee. This year there will be some raffle boards of 100 squares for door prizes at the annual meeting. Motion to approve. MSC:Rekow, Patrick.

Coming Events-

Mini-Conferences-the schedule will be coming out shortly

NDWF will be in New Salem. We also received a thank you for the donation given for the camp.

Committee Reports:

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

Grievance Report by Don Meyer- Nothing to report.

Historian Report by Terry Fasteen-Nothing to report.

Website/Newsletter Report by Terry Fasteen- handout given

Education Report- There will be a class for new instructors in addition to the online class. It looks like it may be a 1 day class.

Constitution/By-laws-Being updated, but need help from committee chairs to get policies and procedures. Reminder that there need to be at least 3 people on a committee.

Membership –There will be a one full year (from annual meeting) membership given to new instructors. Motion to approve. MSC:Patrick, Domke

Fun Shoots-Coon Hunt in Fort Ransom, Missouri Valley north of Bismarck, shoots in Bowden, Carrington, Kulm/Ashley area, Devil's Lake, Jamestown, and Zap.

Hospitality-\$200 be given annually for use of Hospitality. Motion to approve. MSC: Patrick, Kroh.

District reports: District reps provided information on area classes. Classes for all districts are finishing up. It was suggested to all instructors that if you have cancellations/no shows to send that list to Steph in the Hunter Education office.

Motion to adjourn. MSC: Kroh, Meyer. 3:40PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Oster, Vice President

NDHEA Committee Reports:

Terry Fasteen

October 22, 2011

Website Committee: (Terry & Clint) continue to load weekly ND G & F updates to the website and other pertinent information or event updates as they are presented to me. Materials are removed from the site every two months or so by my request or as previously discussed with Noel Ison the website manager.

Newsletter Committee: no updated newsletter last quarter as there was no quarterly meeting, three articles were all that were submitted could not find time to write enough articles to create a newsletter. Due to the impacts of flooding and farming, it appeared that persons were unable to find time to contribute information.

The Association should decide whether or not to continue the newsletter on a quarterly basis with information within the Association or to use articles derived from an outside resources.

Radio Safety Campaign:

This is the third year for the radio safety campaign that has been presented for the past two weeks and will continue through November into the first week of December. Currently there are 17 safety tips that are being aired and hope to put two more together specifically for deer hunting.

We have been working with Jeff Cramer of Destiny Advertising of Fargo to obtain the times and manage the development and scheduling of the advertising. The spots are again being aired in four (4) Radio markets Fargo, Bismarck, Dickinson and Williston.

For eight weeks of air time the cost and stations are:

Fargo Market: \$1,482.36 –WDAY AM

Bismarck Market: \$1,600 –KFYR AM & KQDY FM

Dickinson Market: \$1,320 –KZRX-FM 7 KCAD FM

Williston Market: \$1,596 –KEYZ AM 7 KYYZ FM

Total: \$5,998.36

The 2010 contracts total money spent was \$5,797.16.

The funds for this effort come specifically from a portion of the money generated by the ticket sales from the gun raffle held on a yearly basis.

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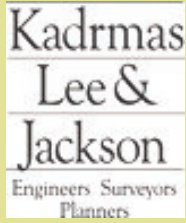
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North Dakota Game & Fish

www.gf.nd.gov

North Dakota Shooting Sports Association

http://ndssa.org

Mule Deer Foundation

www.muledeer.org

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