



**South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society
2012 Annual Meeting Program
Cedar Shore Resort & Convention Center
Oacoma, South Dakota
Feb 27 - Feb 29, 2012**



Monday, February 27

11:00 am -1:00 pm - Registration and Free Lunch (lunch sponsored by the Truax Company)

1:00 pm -1:05 pm - Welcome and Introductions

1:05 pm – 4:25 pm - Special Session: “*Conservation in Action*”

Session 1 – Conservation in Action (Ben Bigalke, Moderator)

1:00 – 1:05 Opening Remarks

1:05 – 1:35 **TBD (Pheasants Forever)** – Accomplishments and vision for the future

1:35 – 2:05 **Mike Kintigh (SD GFP)** – South Dakota Youth Hunting Adventures - an effort in young hunter recruitment / retention

2:05 – 2:35 **Kevin Luebke (NRCS)** – Sage Grouse Initiative

2:35 – 2:55 **Jim Faulstich (SD Grassland Coalition)** – Accomplishments and vision for the future

2:55 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 3:45 **Noel Matson (USFWS)** – Grassland/Wetland Easement Program

3:45 – 4:05 **Rick Warhurst (Ducks Unlimited)** – Accomplishments and vision for the future

4:05 – 4:25 **Pat Anderson (Northern Prairies Land Trust)** – Accomplishments and vision for the future

4:30 – 6:00 Student Mixer

6:00 pm Social and Fund Raiser Auction

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 am-8:30 am – Committee Meeting

8:30 am-12:00 pm - SDTWS Business Meeting

12:00 pm-1:00 pm - Lunch

Session 2 – Contributed papers (Natasha Gruber, Moderator)

1:00 – 1:20 **Mark Rumble (USFS)** – Effects of large-scale disturbance on wildlife.

1:20 – 1:40 **Susan Rupp (SDSU)** – Students to Empowered Professionals (STEP) mentoring program: A case study.

1:40 – 2:00 **Mike Kintigh (SD GFP)** – Decoy sting operations to deter poaching.

2:00 – 2:20 **Chad Lehman (SD GFP) and Mark Rumble (USFWS)** – A case study of nest survival and varying levels of nest monitoring using the time-dependent variable precipitation.

2:20 – 2:40 **Pete Bauman (TNC)** – TBD

2:40 – 3:00 **Break**

3:00 – 3:20 **Adam Janke and Robert J. Gates (Ohio State University)** – Scale-dependent influences of habitat use on non-breeding season survival of northern bobwhites.

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6:00 pm – Social

7:00 pm - Awards Banquet

Guest Speaker: Carl Madsen –

Wednesday, February 29

Session 3 - Contributed papers (Nathan Baker, Moderator)

8:00 – 8:20 **Alex Solem (SDSU)** - Developing sustainable harvest strategies for cellulosic based ethanol: harvest effects on game-bird production

8:20 – 8:40 **Ben Carroll and Susan Rupp (SDSU)** – An analysis of small mammal populations across experimental biofuels plots in the northern Great Plains.

8:40 – 9:00 **Cody Warner and Dr. Charles Dieter (SDSU)** – Evaluation of methyl anthranilate as a Canada goose grazing deterrent.

9:00-9:20 **Mandy Orth (SDSU)** - Distribution and lek locations of greater prairie-chickens and sharp-tailed grouse outside of their traditional range in South Dakota.

9:20 – 9:40 **Jason Thiele (SDSU), Kristel Bakker (USD), and Charles Dieter (SDSU)** – Burrowing owl distribution and multi-scale habitat selection in western South Dakota.

9:40 – 10:00 **Josh White (SDSU)** – Association of ring-necked pheasants and Conservation Reserve Program grasslands during brood-rearing season in SD.

10:00 – 10:20 **Break**

10:20 – 10:40 **Brian Pauly (SDSU)** – Nesting and brood-rearing ecology of ring-necked pheasants in a winter wheat dominated landscape of SD.

10:40 – 11:00 **Natasha Gruber (Utah State University)** – Greater sage-grouse translocations in Utah.

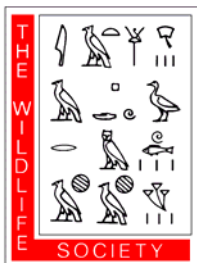
11:00 – 11:20 **Kyle Montieth (SDSU)** – TBD

11:20 – 11:50

11:50 – Noon Announcements and meeting adjournment

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Founded in 1936 as The Society of Wildlife Specialists, The Wildlife Society (TWS) has evolved into an international nonprofit organization of professional wildlife ecologists and managers. Members number over 9,000 from 40 different countries and include administrators, biologists, conservation officers, educators, managers and researchers. The objectives of TWS are to:

1. Promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and the environments upon which wildlife and humans depend;
2. Undertake an active role in preventing human-induced environmental degradation;
3. Increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values; and
4. To seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.

The South Dakota Chapter of TWS (SDTWS) was initiated on February 19, 1966 with 56 charter members. SDTWS is affiliated with the Central Mountains and Plains Section, one of 7 subdivisions of TWS.

Chapter Meetings and Activities

The full membership of SDTWS meets annually in the spring to exchange scientific information through presented papers, debate current issues in wildlife management and land use, and conduct chapter business. The chapter's Executive Board of Directors, consisting of President, Past-President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and two standing board members meet at least 4 times each year to discuss issues that do not require full chapter approval. The chapter also communicates with its membership through a newsletter, *The Prairie Voice*, published within 30 days of Executive Board meetings. The newsletter includes board meeting minutes, committee activity reports, a summary of chapter correspondence, updates on professional conferences, and profiles of chapter members.

