



## NDHEA Quarterly Newsletter

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### Information Sought in Illegal Taking of White-tailed Deer in Emmons County

North Dakota Game and Fish Department district game warden Erik Schmidt is searching for answers in the illegal shooting of four white-tailed deer in Emmons County during opening weekend of pheasant hunting season.

Schmidt said two mature bucks, one a 4x4 and the other a 5x5, were found in a bean field 1.5 miles east of Strasburg. A doe and fawn were found in a stubble field 5 miles southwest of Linton. It is believed all four were shot late evening Oct. 11, or early morning Oct. 12.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Report All Poachers telephone number at 800-472-2121, or contact Schmidt at 701-220-7160. RAP is offering a \$1,000 reward.

The RAP line offers rewards for information that leads to conviction of fish and wildlife law violators. Reporting parties can remain anonymous.

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(Include NDHEA in e-mail subject line) To find a hunter education course nearest to

you go to:

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## Game Warden Exam Set for July 17

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has scheduled an examination to select candidates for the position of district game warden. The test is at 10 a.m., July 17, at the department's main office in Bismarck.

Applicants must register to take the exam no later than July 13, by submitting an [online application](#) through the North Dakota State Job Openings website.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and have a bachelor's degree. Other requirements are a current North Dakota peace officer license, or eligibility for a license, and a valid driver's license. Candidates must have excellent interpersonal skills in communications and writing, and must not have a record of any felony convictions.

Game wardens enforce game and fish laws and related regulations in an assigned district and other locations as determined by the department. Wardens normally work alone under varied conditions, at all hours of the day, night and weekends. In addition to law enforcement duties, wardens assist in the areas of public relations, education programs, and hunter and boat safety education.

Selection procedures following the test may include an evaluation of the application, a structured oral interview, background and reference checks, and psychological and medical examinations.

The salary for beginning game wardens through training is \$3,500 per month. Upon successful completion of training, the salary is \$4,016 - \$6,693 per month. Wardens also receive the state benefits package, including travel allowance. Uniforms and other equipment are provided.

## Sage Grouse Counts Remain Low

Results from North Dakota's spring sage grouse survey indicate the number of strutting males observed remains well below management objectives. Therefore, the sage grouse hunting season will remain closed in 2015.

Aaron Robinson, North Dakota Game and Fish Department upland game bird biologist, said biologists counted a record low 30 males on six active strutting grounds. Last year, 31 males were counted on the same leks in the southwest.

Sage grouse are a long-lived species with low reproductive output, which makes population recovery slow. Currently, Robinson said, natural reproduction cannot keep up with natural mortality, and the densities of active leks may be limiting hens from finding males to breed.

"It might be that our last chance to increase the genetic diversity of our population is if another state is willing to provide some birds for a translocation, but the success of such a project is not guaranteed either," Robinson said.

However, Robinson said the potential for a successful nesting season is good this year due to abundant residual grass cover brought about by last summer's rainfall. "The outlook for a favorable hatch this year looks optimistic for the limited number of birds we have in the state," he added.

Sage grouse management in North Dakota follows a specific plan developed by a diverse group of participants. With the threats facing the species and the decline in population, Game and Fish Department biologists do not foresee a hunting season in the near future.

Sage grouse are North Dakota's largest native upland game bird. They are found in extreme southwestern North Dakota, primarily in Bowman and Slope counties.

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**GET YOUR HUNTING GEAR OUT AND FAMILY ROUNDED UP  
FOR DICKINSON'S NEWEST RACES... WHETHER YOU RUN OR  
WALK...JUST COME FOR THE FUN!**

**AUGUST 29: KIDS RACE AND 5K (5K PRIZE FOR BEST HUNTING RELATED COSTUME)  
AUGUST 30: HALF AND HALF MARATHON RELAY**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN AT: [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) . CHECKOUT OUR WEBSITE AT:  
[www.dalefkilweinmemorialrun.com](http://www.dalefkilweinmemorialrun.com) and keep up with the event on our Facebook page!

\*Money raised is going toward a building to hold Hunter Education classes in. You can find  
more information on our website!

## Members and Family

### Zap Shoot

At the Zap Sportsman's Club

Zap, ND (about 7 miles west of Beulah on Hwy 200)

Shooting from 1-5

Steak supper after 5

August 1, 2015

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will host thousands of visitors to its [Conservation and Outdoors Skills Park](#) July 17-25 at the State Fair in Minot. Visitors will be treated to an array of activities, exhibits and useful information as the park will be open from 1-7 p.m. daily. Pathways to Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Archery are major attractions where each outdoor activity is taught to interested kids and adults. Of course, the opportunity to catch a fish brings excitement to the littlest angler.

Outreach biologist Greg Gullickson said the Conservation and Outdoors Skills Park is a really good stop for the entire family to learn about the outdoors, and to participate in activities that might just turn a youngster and others on to hunting and fishing in North Dakota.

“In addition to some great hands-on outdoor learning opportunities, we offer a live fish display, furbearer exhibit and native prairie plantings,” Gullickson said, while also mentioning numerous shade trees and picnic tables provide visitors a chance to rest and enjoy the surroundings.

Two information centers staffed by Game and Fish Department personnel bookend the Conservation and Outdoors Skills Park, which is located on the north end of the grounds near the All Seasons Arena.

“The park is a popular destination,” Gullickson said. “Stop in and check it out. And the price is right ... admittance is free.”

## Newsletter Items

If you have an interesting article, or some fun facts, or a great story worth sharing with fellow NDHEA members, submit it to Ross Reimche at [rreimche@gmail.com](mailto:rreimche@gmail.com)

Include who, what, where, when, and why!

Pictures of your mentored hunt or family shoot are needed for the next newsletter.

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