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President's Message



By Tony Arnhold

Hello Colorado Membership! This past week it hit me that my year as President of the Chapter is coming to an end. Where did the year go?

The past year has brought the Chapter some Great Programs, with a really impressive lineup for the November 15th. Check this one out on the Chapter website

http://www.swcs.org/en/colorado_chapter/ Remember the Website Address has changed so you may want to add the new one to your favorites if you haven't already.

The Chapter Board has started a Membership Contest which began in October and will end at the end of the year. More details are within the Newsletter and on the website. The chapter and SWCS as a whole are at a critical point with a loss in membership nationwide. "I challenge each and every one of you to go out and recruit at least one; just one new Member." By doing this you will win a prize but more importantly you will be increasing lifeblood of this organization MEMBERS. Because without you and all the other members of the Colorado Chapter SWCS; there would be no conferences or workshops like the ones that have been offered for the past several years. It takes Members to make a chapter work.

If you wish to become more active within the Chapter or nationally contact a Board Member and they will talk to you and work to get you on the road to helping out! There are several positions within the Chapter to be involved. Remember if everyone just recruited just ONE New Member you can make a Difference!

I have really enjoyed the opportunity to serve this Great Chapter this past year.

I will leave you all with a couple of my favorite sayings:

"Never say Never" and "Opportunities are only what you make of them"

Tony Arnhold

President

Colorado Chapter SWCS

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UPCOMING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION---NOVEMBER 4TH

The Chapter Nominations Committee has put together a great group of candidates for you to choose from this year. This is Great Group of individuals that are willing and able to put forth the **EFFORT** and **TIME** to serve your great Chapter.

DEADLINE TO VOTE: November 4TH, 2007

Please take a few moments to look through these Biographies in the file below and exercise your power to VOTE! Just double click on the pdf file below to open the biographies document.



Biographies2007
election.pdf

Thanks for Your Support!
Tony Arnhold
Colorado Chapter SWCS President

Colorado Chapter 2007 Annual Meeting

The 2007 Colorado Chapter SWCS Annual meeting is scheduled for November 15th, from 4 pm – 6 pm following the Viable Biofuels Systems workshop at the annual CACD meeting in Colorado Springs.



2007 CACD Workshop

Soil and Water Conservation For Viable Biofuels Systems

When: November 15, 2007 10:00 - 4:00

Where: Antlers Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado Chapter Annual Meeting to Follow

Go to http://www.swcs.org/en/colorado_chapter/ view the agenda and download a registration form.

If registration (\$40 for CACD or Colorado Chapter SWCS Members; \$50 other registrants) is received by November 8, 2007, lunch will be included!

SWCS/SRM JOINT SUMMER TOUR

Scenic Tarryall Creek in Park County was the site of an informative conservation tour in August hosted by rancher Lawler Wakem. Members of the Colorado Chapter- SWCS, the Colorado Section- SRM, the Colorado Riparian Association, Teller-Park Conservation District, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service met recently to view riparian improvements in Tarryall Creek.

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Group along Tarryall Creek

Mike Beardsley of the Tarryall Restoration Project described how improvements made to the streambed have reduced the sediment load downstream. Ben Berlinger, Natural Resources Conservation Service described the rotation grazing system that was designed for the ranch that limits grazing in any one pasture from 5 to 21 days. Narrow lanes shaped by electric fencing limits access by livestock to the streambed reducing overgrazing on the riverbank itself. Border collies, Belle and Gator assist Wakem when cattle are to move to different pastures to facilitate the prescribed grazing system.



Lawlor's dogs holding heifers back

At the noon barbecue, SWCS, Colorado chapter president Tony Arnhold thanked the various speakers by presenting them with Colorado Chapter caps and included a membership application, inviting them to consider membership in SWCS. Long time Colorado Chapter member, Ronald Bauer, was recognized and thanked for his continued active attendance at Chapter functions, even as a retiree. Ron was presented with a denim shirt with the Chapter logo.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Reminder that we have a new host for our website, our web address for the Colorado Chapter is http://www.swcs.org/en/colorado_chapter/. If you have suggestions or things you would like to post on our website, please contact our Webmaster, Kristi Gay at Kristi.gay@co.usda.gov or (719)765-4676.

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MEMBERSHIP

The Great Race Membership Drive"

What: Membership Drive

When: now thru November 30, 2007

Competitors will vie for fabulous prizes from the Colorado Chapter! Any current member who recruits one new member who actually joins by December 31, 2007 will receive a Colorado Chapter clothing item free! A new member is not a re-instated member.

Recruiters of at least one new member have their choice of a cap or mug with the chapter logo. If you've already have a cap, how about a \$20 discount on registration at the Biofuels Systems Workshop and Colorado Chapter annual meeting? Soil and Water Conservation for Viable Biofuels Systems will be held November 15, 2007 from 10:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in Colorado Springs.

Recruiters of 2 or more new members have their choice of a Colorado Chapter polo shirt or \$30 discount of registration for the Biofuels Systems Workshop.

Recruiters of 3 or more new members may choose from a Colorado Chapter fleece jacket or \$50 off registration to the biofuels Systems Workshop.

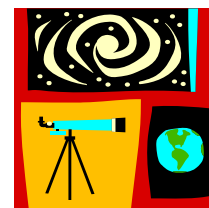
If you recruit more than 3 members...you can take your pick of clothing item combinations and attend the biofuels workshop for free! Sorry, we are out of denim shirts at this time.

All recruiters will be recognized on the chapter website and newsletter. All recruiter's names received by the annual meeting will be entered into a 'thank-you recruiter' giveaway! Make sure you put your name on the membership forms you hand out and/or make sure you contact membership chair, Kristi Gay, when you recruit someone. If they join, Kristi will credit you with the new membership when they join.

Don't forget online membership and renewal is now available at www.swcs.org/en/members/

REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIRS

The 2008 Science Fair will be upon on us before you know it and the Colorado SWCS Chapter needs judges for the Denver, Boulder, and State Fair Science Fairs scheduled for the spring of 2008. If you are interested in being a judge, please contact Sammie Molinaro chairperson for the Colorado SWCS Chapter Science Regional and State fairs at 303-343-8470. We always can use Judges in other areas of the state so please check the attached web site (<http://www.csef.colostate.edu/index.html>) for locations in your area. Every year the Colorado Chapter judges at regional and state science fairs and looks at the projects that are done by the participants related to soil and water conservation. Judging a science fair can be a fun, learning and enjoyable experience in working with the participants on their science fair projects. I will be in contact with the judges sometime in December or January with more information about this years Science fair times, locations and award information".



NEWS FROM ANKENY

2007 FARM BILL:



The conservation provisions of the US farm bill are vitally important to the members and mission of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS). We are working to bring science and professional judgment to bear to ensure the farm bill produces programs and policy that work for agricultural producers and deliver the benefits taxpayers expect.

We were heavily engaged in the legislative and implementation phases of the 2002 farm bill and are now working on the 2007 farm bill. We have and continue to take on this work through a series of workshops, analyses, assessments, testimony, speeches, and other activities designed to inform policy development and program implementation. The following reports are available for viewing on the SWCS website under **SPECIAL PROJECTS** and then **FARM BILL CONSERVATION**.

[An Assessment of Technical Assistance for Farm Bill Conservation Programs](#)

9-21-2007

This report produced by the Soil and Water Conservation Society and Environment Defense provides an assessment of USDA conservation technical assistance programs.

[Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\) Program Assessment](#)

3-26-2007

This report produced by the Soil and Water Conservation Society and Environmental Defense provides an assessment of EQIP.

[Conservation Security Program \(CSP\) Program Assessment](#)

3-15-2007

This report produced by the Soil and Water Conservation Society and Environmental Defense provides an assessment of CSP.

[Letter to the Senate on Farm Bill Funding](#)



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The Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is now accepting proposals for symposia sessions, oral presentations, and poster presentations for the 2008 annual conference in Tucson, Arizona. Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts that report the results of research and evaluation projects, and/or lessons learned from professional experience working with conservation and environmental management technologies, programs and policies.

The deadline for abstracts is December 3, 2007.

Program topics and area of emphasis

Our primary focus is on the science and art of natural resource conservation and environmental management on working land, but we welcome and encourage reports of knowledge gained from management of parks, wildlife refuges, and other land uses. Please consider submitting a proposal which addresses one or more of the general topic areas or the area of special emphasis outlined below. A list of illustrative examples of presentations and issue areas descriptions is available online.

General Topic Areas

- **Soil Resources and Management**
 - Soil Resource Assessment
 - Soil Resource Management and Conservation
- **Water Resources and Management**
- **Conservation in Urban Settings**
- **Adaptive Management of Conservation Efforts**
- **Conservation Education**
- **Conservation Tools and Technologies**
- **Conservation and Environmental Policy and Program Design**

Area of Special Emphasis for 2008

- **Hydrology, Climate Change, and the Bio-economy** We would like to explore these inter-related issues through a series of linked activities at the 2008 SWCS conference.

Please see the full [Call for Papers](#) on the SWCS website for additional details.

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UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS:

Oct 28 - Oct 31

Geological Society of America Annual Meeting

Location: Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO

Nov 01 - Nov 04

International Gathering 2007

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Nov 04 - Nov 08

ASA-CSSA-SSSA 2007 Annual Meetings

Location: New Orleans, Louisiana

Nov 12 - Nov 15

43rd AWRA Annual Water Resources Conference

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel Albuquerque, NM

Dec 09 - Dec 11

2007 International Irrigation Show

Location: San Diego Convention Center San Diego, California, USA

Dec 09 - Dec 12

Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference

Location: Madison, Wisconsin



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