



# High Plains Wildlife Association

300 South Harrison Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

March 2019

The March general membership meeting of the HPWA will not be held on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Ikes clubhouse. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 PM. Sorry, we were unable to obtain a speaker for tonight for the general membership. Everyone is so busy.

We had an excellent turnout at the Game Feed last weekend. It could not have happened without all of your support and time commitment. There are too many people to thank individually, but special thanks goes out to Blake Barringer, Steve Jonas, and many others for their efforts in leading the food preparation, and to the local businesses who donated items for this year's event.

At the game feed, the gun raffle for the paid-up member present went to John Fuglsang who won a Ruger 10/22. We also had a free drawing for a youth Savage .243 rifle and congratulations to Adeline Abernathy who was the lucky young hunter.

Hats off to Chris Hesla who how has been doing a great job of keeping everyone informed on Legislative issues. There are a number of bills we as sportsmen and women were concerned about. Thanks to Chris and all of you for contacting legislators, testifying, or other ways concerning the various bills. Our club is the only one that has active lobbyist, Dave Nauman, taking action on our behalf. Many versions of the same issues appear every year. Chris' diligence in monitoring and informing everyone is priceless. To sign up visit the South Dakota Wildlife Federation web site @ <http://www.sdwfcamo.net/>. Click on the email address provided and under *sign up with us today for free*, state that you want to receive the legislative updates.

The GF&P will host public open houses to provide information and awareness on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in deer and elk herds within the state. CWD open house (7-9 pm) will be March 26, 2019 in Pierre at the Capitol Lake Visitors Center.

**Remember to renew your membership for 2019.** If you haven't renewed your membership yet, I encourage you to please do so. I know many people like to renew at the game feed and if you happened to be unable to attend this year perhaps you've forgotten to get renewed or maybe you've just been too busy. There is strength in numbers and our numbers have declined somewhat through the years. Remember that by being a member you are helping to support all of the good things we are involved with. If for some reason you decide not to renew this year, I hope that you will join us again in the future.

Over the next few months, we will be working on the Kids Poster Contest in April, Kids Fishing Day on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and the Youth Conservation Camp in June.

I mentioned at the game feed that if your child or grandchild's poster was there, that you could take it home. No posters were taken. I still have the posters from our kids, grades 1-6, from 2017 and 2018. If you want one of your kid's posters, let me know and I will try to get it to you. Otherwise, I will need to dispose of them.

Spring is "Just around the corner". I hope to see you in the outdoors!

Noel Chicoine, President  
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Application for Year 2019 - \$25.00

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I understand and agree that if I exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct or am convicted of a game violation, my continued membership with this association will be subject by a review board and upon their decision, I may be excluded from further affiliation with the High Plains Wildlife Association.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_