



## LPRCA Monthly Report for August 2008

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### Programs / Projects / Activities

- **LPRCA Quarterly Meeting** –The next quarterly LPRCA meeting will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 starting at 9 am (earlier time) at the NE Dept of Natural Resources office in downtown Lincoln. This will be my last LPRCA quarterly meeting as Coordinator. Featured agenda items include: Presentation by COE on the Cumulative Impact Study (CIS), an update on the WQ Monitoring Network by the USGS, and highlights of this year's successful golf tourney.
- **LPRCA WQ Open Golf Tournament** – Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Quarry Oaks Golf Course near South Bend \* Presentation/Demo at 10 am & Tee-off at 12:30 pm. We had an extremely successful tournament this year with over 146 golfers on 37 teams! The theme of the 7 on-course demos this year was "LPRCA members." Specific topics in these demos included GPS cameras, critters of the Lower Platte, mammals, water quality, NDEQ responsibilities, nongame species, biological opinion, and terns and plovers. The preliminary presentation before the event was given by Jerry Kenny, President of Headwaters Corp on the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (PRRIP) for the presentation. We also took in over \$4,000 in donations and sponsorships. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED AND SUPPORTED US! A few photos from the event:



- **Lower Platte River Summit** –Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Camp Calvin Crest near Fremont. Don't miss out on this great event. We have now confirmed our two featured speakers: Mike Grunwald – award-winning author, reporter with the *Washington Post*, and correspondent with *Time Magazine*, and Frank Austenfeld, Executive Director of the Watershed Institute and Watershed Land Trust. We have also scheduled two tours in the morning prior to the summit program: (1) Tour of Pahaku – the sacred Pawnee site, (2) a science walking tour of the Calvin Crest property to include forestry issues, water quality sampling, recreational trails, and geology. We are still working on the featured presenters, concurrent sessions, and panel discussions. The summit will be held from noon to 8 pm. We plan to have two meals similar to last time – one at noon and one in the evening. Cost is \$40/person including all materials and meals and we have a maximum capacity of 125 people. Registration info will be available soon and can be accessed via our website at [www.lowerplatte.org](http://www.lowerplatte.org). Unfortunately, I will no longer be with the LPRCA, so the new coordinator will have a baptism by fire right off the bat, but this person should have a great introduction to the LPRCA and important issues.
- **WQ Monitoring Network**: I recently met with the USGS and several LPRCA members to get a status update on this program. Currently, we have operating gages at Louisville, Salt Creek near Ashland, Elkhorn River near Waterloo, and, in conjunction with the LPNNRD NDEQ programs, several on Shell Creek. The project webpage will be updated shortly and can be accessed at: <http://ne.water.usgs.gov/lowerplatte/>. The USGS is still planning to submit a grant for additional gages on Shell Creek later this year.