



NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS

August 2, 2005

To: NRD Managers
NARD Board of Directors
Conservation Partners

From: NARD Staff

Re: 2005 Annual Conference

Enclosed in this packet is the tentative agenda and registration for Nebraska's Natural Resources Annual Conference that will be held at the Kearney Holiday Inn & Convention Center, September 25-27, 2005.

The conference offers a variety of speakers and topics, which are sure to interest you. Take a moment to look at the tentative agenda and I'm sure you'll agree!

Some Conference Highlights include:

- Annual NRD Golf Tournament and Awards Dinner (additional information provided in this packet).
- An agenda that is packed with informative news on current issues, and educational training workshops, proven to be beneficial to everyone attending.
- Vendor Hall is expanding to Ballrooms I & II! Use this opportunity to meet with them and learn about top of the line services available to you and take part in the daily prize drawings.
- Join us in congratulating the different award winners from across the state.
- Silent Auction with proceeds going to the NARD Foundation.

As in the past, your NRD or agency is encouraged to submit a single registration form for all attendees. Attendees may choose the *Full Registration, Monday Only, Special Half Day Monday, or Tuesday Only*. If needed, attendees may purchase extra luncheon and banquet tickets for spouse's or guest.

Registration Information:

- Registration deadline is Friday, September 9, 2005.
- Late registrations and "walk-ins" will be \$175 per person.
- Cancellation Policies – Refunds must be in writing and will be accepted until Monday September 16, 2005. A \$25 processing fee will be charged for cancellations received between September 16th and 20th. No refunds for cancellations after September 20, 2005.
- Payment must accompany registration form to be accepted.
- **Mail registration and payment to NARD, 601 So. 12th St., Suite 201, Lincoln, NE 68508 prior to Sept 9th.**

Hotel Information:

A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved for conference attendees at the Kearney Holiday Inn & Convention Center. To make your room reservations, call 308/237-5971 or 1-800-248-4460 and be sure to mention you are with the NARD Conference to receive your special rate of \$62 (for 1-4 persons) per night plus applicable taxes. The block of rooms will be held until **August 29, 2005**.

If you have any questions, please call the NARD office at 402-471-7670 or toll free 1-877-777-6273.

**Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts
2005 Annual Conference
Kearney Holiday Inn & Convention Center
September 25-27, 2005 ~ Tentative Program**

Sunday, September 25th

12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Golf outing – Meadowlark Hills golf course, Kearney

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Pre-Registration (Pre-Function area)

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. President's Reception Suite 143

Monday, September 26th

7:30 a.m. Registration (Pre-Function area)

8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks by Gov Heineman (invited)

2006 Legislative Issues

10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

- Rules and Regulations for Basin Determination
- NRD/DEQ Water Quality Issues

12:00 p.m. Luncheon – Awards Program

- Tree Planter of the Year
- Outstanding Grassland Conservationist
- Community Conservationist
- Director of the Year

Speaker
Congressman Osborne (invited)

1:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

- Prescribed Burns
- Bookkeeping and Accounting update
- Farm Bill update

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. NRD Retirement Plan Changes

3:00 – 4:30 Business Session

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Vendor Reception

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Banquet

8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Silent Auction

Tuesday, September 27th

7:45 – 9:15 a.m. NRD Basin Meetings

9:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

- Natural Legacy Project
- NRD Conservation Tree Program – Part I, Sensor Data Report and Part II, Future Planned Production
- Integrated Management Plans, Part I and II. Stakeholders, Industrial, Water banking, and Public Water Supplies
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

12:00 p.m. Luncheon
Speaker – TBA

1:30 p.m. Business Session

NRCS Staff Session

3:00 p.m. NARD Board Meeting

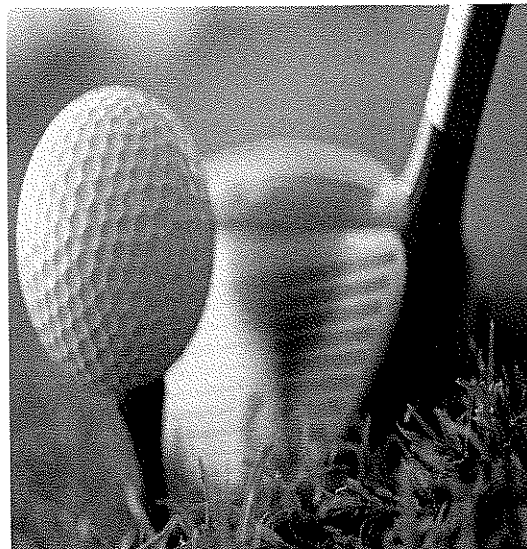
DNR Meeting

Annual NRD Golf Tournament and Awards Dinner

WHAT: Team "Best Ball" Scramble
WHERE: Meadowlark Hills, Kearney
WHEN: Sunday, September 25, 2005
TIME: 12:00 Noon

Please join us at one of the finest courses in central Nebraska. Meadowlark Hills overlooks the central platte river valley and is located on the west side of Kearney, north of Highway 30. September weather is always erratic, but once again we've ordered partly cloudy skies and 68 degrees, with a slight breeze out of the west.

We must furnish final numbers and guarantee ten (10) days in advance, so we will have to set a sign-up **deadline of Tuesday September 14, 2005.**



NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ **PHONE** _____

CITY _____ **ZIP** _____

Current Average Golf Score: 9 Holes _____ 18 holes _____

I like my Prime Rib (circle one) Rare Medium Rare Medium Well

My non-golfing spouse/guest will attend the dinner: Yes _____ No _____

They like their Prime Rib (circle one) Rare Medium Rare Medium Well

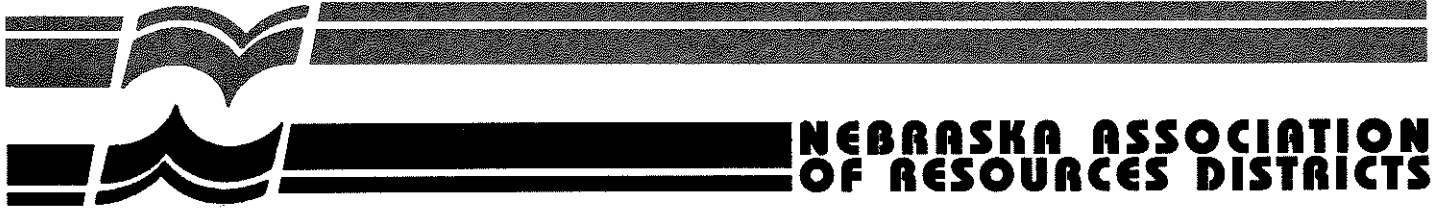
ENTRY FEE – \$51.00 \$ _____

Includes 18 hole green fee, cart, prizes, and dinner.
(Prices are low because NARD always gets several sponsors for the prizes and awards)

Non-Golfing spouse/guest dinner \$14.50 \$ _____

TOTAL: (Make check payable to Ron Bishop) \$ _____

Mail to :
Ron Bishop c/o Central Platte NRD, 215 North Kaufman Ave., Grand Island, NE 68803



DATE: August 2, 2005
TO: NRD Managers and I & E Staff
FROM: NARD Staff
SUBJECT: Silent Auction and Exhibit Booth for 2005 Annual Conference

As part of the Annual Conference, we will again be having an Exhibit Hall (bigger and better) for vendors to show their products and services to the conference attendees.

Your district is welcome to set up a display spotlighting your projects, programs, and accomplishments. Each booth will be 10' by 10' with an 8' covered skirted table, two chairs and signage if needed.

If your district is interested in renting a booth, please return the enclosed Trade Show form with \$65 payment to the NARD office by **September 2, 2005**. Displays must be set-up by 7:30 a.m. Monday, September 26th. You may dismantle your display anytime after 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 27th.

Prizes will be given away during the luncheons and banquet. If your district would like to donate a prize for this give-away, please include that information on the form as well.

Because of last year's successful auction, we are once again asking for your participation in the 2005 Silent Auction by donating an item valued greater than \$50. Proceeds of the auction will go to the NARD Foundation. Your contribution will help provide scholarships, internships, and support for high school students to continue their education in natural resources. **Mail the enclosed Auction form to the NARD office prior to September 9, 2005. Your auction item can be brought to the conference and checked in at the registration desk on Monday morning.**

Call with any questions you may have, 402-471-7670.

Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts
2005 Annual Conference
NRD's Exhibit Space
Request Form

NRD _____

Contact Person _____

Is signage needed? _____

Is electricity needed? _____

_____ One Trade Show Booth at the 2005 NARD Annual Conference.

Amount Enclosed \$65.00

_____ Our district would like to provide a give-away.

Please provide a brief description.

Mail to:

NARD
601 So. 12th Street, Suite 201
Lincoln, NE 68508

Deadline: September 2, 2005

SILENT AUCTION FORM

Monday September 26, 2005

Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts Annual Conference

As a fundraising effort, the NARD is holding a Silent Auction at the upcoming Annual Conference. Individuals and Districts are asked to donate items valued greater than \$50 for the event. Proceeds from the auction will go to the NARD Foundation. Your tax-deductible contribution will help provide scholarships, internships, and support for high school students to continue their education in natural resources. Bids will be taken all day Monday and the winners will be announced after the banquet.

Name or District: _____

Phone no. _____ E-mail _____

Item: _____

Title: _____

Description:

Donated by: _____

Underwriter (if any): _____

Estimated Value: _____

Estimate Needed for Tax Deduction

Examples from last year:

"Southeast Nebraska Golf Package" 36 Holes of Golf at 3 Nebraska Golf Courses. Table Creek in Nebraska City, Lakeview in Humboldt, and Tecumseh Country Club Donated by the Nemaha NRD Approximate Value \$40

"Husker Game Day Package" 2 tickets to Nebraska vs. Kansas Home Game Donated by Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers Approximate Value: \$100

*Return this form to NARD prior to September 9, 2005
Bring your item to the registration desk Monday morning of the conference*

Any questions, contact Justin Apel (402) 471-7673

