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Nebraska Section Society for Range Management Newsletter



Message from the President

Lance Schutte

Springtime appears to have sprung on us, at least in South Central Nebraska. There is nothing better than watching baby calves playing, seeing the daily transformation of pastures as they begin to wake up from a long winter slumber, freshening up pastures with prescribed fire, and the continuous lengthening of days for the next several months.

We are off to a great start on grass growth, at least in South Central Nebraska, especially since we ended the 2019 growing season with a full soil profile and have gotten some rain in the past few weeks. I hope that everyone has had good luck with lambing and

calving season. I know that the western third of the state saw some snow events, and I hope that they didn't cause too many headaches for the livestock producers in the area.

I hope that everyone that was able to attend the 2020 Annual Meeting and Conference in Denver had a good trip. I would like to take a moment to congratulate Nadine Bishop for being awarded the 2020 Fellow Award, and to Dr. Tony Perlinski on being the recipient of the 2020 Outstanding Young Range Professional Award. On behalf of the NE SRM, I would like to say that we are all very proud of the accomplishments that you both have

made and of your contributions to the NE SRM and the range profession!

A delegation of Kenyan officials met with several of our Nebraska section members including Dr. Walt Schacht, Dr. Jim O'Rourke, Ron Bolze, and Shelly Kelly. The delegation toured rangelands of western Nebraska after attending the SRM Annual Meeting. One of the many highlights of the tour was visiting the Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory where they learned about current research projects on grazing management, prescribed fire, and dormant season grazing.

Historian's Report

Jeff Nichols

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN THE NEBRASKA SECTION.....

Five Years Ago (2015)

The Nebraska Section officers were: Bob Broweleit, President; Jon Soper, Past President; Karla Jenkins, President Elect; Angie Petersen, Secretary-Treasurer; Shelia Luoma, Newsletter Editor; Jeff Nichols and Anthony Perlinski were Council members.

The Nebraska Section SRM current President and Membership Chair, Lance Schutte started his new position as the Range and Forage Production Manager at

the US Meat Animal Research Center near Clay Center, NE.

The Nebraska Section lost one of it's long time dedicated members. Sid Salzman passed away February 21, 2015. He Was a charter member of the American Society for Range Management at the national level and served as the Nebraska Section President in 1954 and again in 1989. Sid was active in the NE Section since its inception in 1952 through the year of his passing in 2015. That is 63 years of dedicated service! He received the NE Section Rangeman's Award in 1978 and the Fellow Award from SRM in 1997, as well as the NE Section

Special Award of Merit in 2008. He ranched and dedicated his life to his family and the community of Ainsworth, NE.

The 68th annual meeting was held in Sacramento, CA, Jan. 31st - Feb. 6th. The UNL Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME) team won first place. Jeanna Jenkins represented UNL as the Secretary of the National Student Conclave. Drayden Belamy was the High School Youth Forum representative for the NE Section.

Ten Years Ago (2010)

The Nebraska Section officers

Bishop Receives Fellow Award from the Society for Range Management

Nadine Bishop, of Imperial, Nebraska, received a Fellow Award at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 73rd Annual Meeting, Technical Training and Trade Show in Denver, Colorado, February 16-20, 2020. The Fellow Award recognizes SRM members for their exceptional service and contributions to the Society and its programs in advancing the science and art of range-related resource management. Nadine Bishop is recognized throughout Nebraska, and beyond, as an expert in the Range Management field. She is a technically sound professional, who has a strong work ethic, and is a leader and aggressive promoter of range management and the Society for Range Management.



Nadine Bishop



SRM 2020 Fellow Award recipient Nadine Bishop with (2019) SRM President Dr. Clayton Marlow

Nadine combines over 38 years of experience with a genuine enthusiasm to continue advancing conservation on rangeland. Since 2012, Nadine has served as the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) State Rangeland Management Specialist for Nebraska. She is a highly respected advisor to

landowners and managers in conservation and has mentored many

conservationists during her career. Nadine fosters many productive partner relationships across the state to implement improved range management. She maintains relationships with a wide variety of industry, academic, and non-profit organizations. In the Nebraska Section of SRM, Nadine has been President, Awards Chair, Annual Meeting Chair, Range

Youth Camp Director, I & E Chair, Environment Chair, and a Range Judging Committee member. Her work with Range Camp influenced hundreds of High School students, and her assistance with Range Judging has touched thousands. Nadine was awarded the 1991 Nebraska Range Service Award and received the 2017 National NRCS Range Specialist Award. Her SRM involvement at the international Parent Society level includes volunteering to judge the Rangeland Cup competition, and frequently judging and supporting the Society's High School Youth Forum.

Her selfless efforts in Nebraska and for the Parent Society, educating and supporting youth and adults, has been critical to the ongoing health of rangelands and the Society. Nadine Bishop's unrelenting drive as a range leader has laid a strong foundation for further advancement of rangeland management. For her untiring energy, enthusiasm and many accomplishments, Nadine Bishop is most deserving of this 2020 Society for Range Management Fellow Award.

Postcards from Denver

Range Management Club

Each year during second semester, the Range Management Club attends the International Meeting of the Society for Range Management. The aim of attending is to give students an experience at networking with professionals, an opportunity to attend seminars and stay current on rangeland issues and research, and the chance to improve their knowledge of rangeland ecology and management by participating in various competitions. The 2020 annual meeting was February 16-20 in Denver, Colorado where the club competed in the Plant Identification Contest, Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME), Rangeland Cup, and Extemporaneous Speaking



Nicole Strand, Asha Scheideler, Nick Sanders, and Kaitlyn Dozler with (2019) SRM President Dr. Clayton Marlow

Contest. Club members attending the meeting were Asha Scheideler, Nick Sanders, Kaitlyn Dozler, Nicole Strand, Patrick, and Grant. Nebraska placed third out of 13 teams in the Rangeland Cup (poster competition), Dozler placed fifth out of 30+ individuals in the

Walt Schacht

Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, and Strand placed sixth out of 200+ individuals in URME. The Club also toured the Rocking Mountain National Park area where they learned about the different landscapes and array of plants that grow in the area. Club co-advisors are Cheryl Dunn of the Agronomy and Horticulture Department and Jessica Windh of the Agricultural Economics Department.



Perlinski Receives Outstanding Young Range Professional Award

Dr. Anthony T. Perlinski of Chadron, NE, received an Outstanding Young Range Professional Award at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 73rd Annual Meeting, Technical Training, and Trade Show in Denver, Colorado, February 16- 20, 2020.



Anthony Perlinski

The Outstanding Young Range Professional Award recognizes SRM members who exhibit superior performance and leadership potential in any rangerelated area. As an Associate Professor and program lead at Chadron State College (CSC), Dr. Anthony "Tony" Perlinski educates and mentors students for their future careers as range managers, researchers, and conservationists. His responsibilities include teaching courses in the Rangeland Management Program,

the Essential (General) Studies courses at CSC and acting as the point of contact between administration and faculty within the rangeland management program. He joined the CSC program in 2013 as an assistant professor while finishing his dissertation at the University of Wyoming. Prior to joining the CSC faculty, he was a Graduate Research Assistant in the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management at the University of Wyoming for 5 years where he conducted research on the measurement and modeling of rangeland ecohydrology. From 2005- 2008, he was a Graduate Research Assistant, School of Natural Resource Sciences, North Dakota State University and conducted research on biological control of weeds, grazing systems, and reclamation of the northern mixed-grass prairie.

Dr. Perlinski has shown leadership in the Society for Range Management as Advisory Council Chair, and through student activities as CSC Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME) and Plant ID Coach. In the Nebraska Section his commitment includes Section President, Awards Committee Chair, Annual Meeting Planning, Range Camp Presenter,

and Nebraska Short Course Coordinator/Instructor. As an educator Dr. Perlinski carries a heavy load of range ecology courses where he engages students in real world rangeland issues in hydrology, prescribed fire, watershed management, and invasive species ecology.



SRM 2020 Outstanding Young Range Professional Award recipient James R. Jackson with (2019) SRM President Dr. Clayton Marlow.

Dr. Perlinski is passionate about SRM and educating students with an active learning approach, and he will continue his leadership in SRM and the range management for years to come. For his accomplishments and dedication to range, the Society for Range Management is proud to recognize Dr. Anthony T. Perlinski with a 2020 Outstanding Young Range Professional Award.

Collegiate Range and Ag Clubs



2019-2020 UNL Range Club Officers

President: Asha Scheideler

Vice President: Nick Sanders

Primary Programmer: Ryley Johnson

Recruiter: Nicole Strand



2019-2020 CSU Ag Club Officers

President: Lindsey VanderMay

Vice President: Brooke Moore

Secretary/Treasurer: Myles Mendell

Nebraska Range Judging Locations

Kristin Dickinson

NEBRASKA RANGE JUDGING CONTEST LOCATIONS

2020 NE Range Judging Schedule

	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4
2019 Host NRD DATE	Dawes UNWNRD 9/16/2020	Lincoln TPNRD 9/22/2020	Red Willow MRNRD 9/22/2020	Dawson CPNRD 9/15/2020
CONTACT for contest info	Tricia Goes Upper Niobrara White NRD 308-432-6190 ssutherland@spnrd.org	Bill Carhart Twin Platte NRD 308-535-8080 bcarhart@tpnrd.org	Colleen Stone Middle Republican NRD 308-367-4281 cstone@mrnrd.org	Marcia Lee Central Platte NRD 308-385-6282 lee@cpnrd.org
State Committee	Pat Welch NRCS 308-254-4507 x. 3 pat.welch@usda.gov	Jerry Volesky/Jess Milby UNL 308-696-6720 jess.milby@unl.edu/jerry.volesky@unl.edu	Nadine Bishop NRCS 308-882-4263 x. 3 nadine.bishop@usda.gov	Jeff Nichols/Kristy King NRCS 308-534-2360 x. 3 jeffrey.nichols@usda.gov

	AREA 5	AREA 6	STATE	OLD WEST REGIONAL
2018 Host NRD DATE	Stanton LENRD 9/23/2020	Thayer LBNRD 9/23/2020	Cherry MNNRD 9/29-30/20	North Dakota
CONTACT for contest info	Julie Wragge Lower Elkhorn NRD 402-371-7313 jwragge@lenrd.org	Heidi McClintock Little Blue NRD 402-364-2145 hmclintock@littlebluenrd.org	Tim Storm Middle Niobrara NRD 402-376-3241 tstorm@mnnrd.org	
State Committee	Miles Anderson NRCS 402-371-5350 x. 3 miles.a.anderson@usda.gov	Nick Simonson NRCS 308-268-3055 nick.simonson@usda.gov	Casey Lancaster/Travis Connot NRCS 402-376-1712 x. 3 casey.lancaster@usda.gov	

2020 Nebraska Youth Range Camp Cancelled

Sara Wahl and Shelly Kelly

The Nebraska Section SRM Council and Nebraska Youth Range Camp Directors have come to a very difficult decision concerning the 2020 Nebraska Youth Range Camp. The safety of our campers and volunteers is our top priority. Therefore, we have made the tough decision to cancel the 2020 Nebraska Youth Range Camp, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ic. This decision does not come lightly. We know how much this impacts our campers, volunteers, and the Nebraska Section SRM, but safety is our top priority. We have been monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and have concluded it is our responsibility to follow current CDC guidelines.

Therefore, we are disappointed to announce there will be no 2020 camp. However, we know we can make 2021 even bigger and better! We look forward to seeing all of our campers and volunteers in 2021!

-Sara Wahl and Shelly Kelly
NE Youth Range Camp Co-Directors

Seeking Ranch Sponsors

Sara Wahl and Shelly Kelly

Seeking Ranch Sponsor – 2021 Nebraska Youth Range Camp

The Nebraska Youth Range camp is seeking new ranch sponsors for the 57th annual camp and we need your help! Due to the generosity of our twenty ranch sponsors from last year we

are able to cut our registrations cost in half for 2019. This would not be possible without the continued support of our ranch sponsors. We need the Nebraska Section members help! Would you or someone you know be interested in sponsoring the 57th Nebraska Youth Range Camp? We have three different levels of sponsorship available. If you know someone who is interested in serving as a

ranch sponsor please contact Shelly Kelly at shelly@sandhillstaskforce.com or Sara Wahl at sara.wahl@usda.gov.



Historians Report...continued

Jeff Nichols

were: Doug Whisenhunt, President; Mary Reece, Past President; Michael Croxen, President Elect; Leslie Stewart-Phelps, Secretary/Treasurer; Jamie Hornickel, Newsletter Editor; Curtis Talbot and Nick Simonson were Council Members.

The 63rd annual International meeting of the Society for Range Management (SRM) was held in Denver, CO, February 7th -11th.

Dr. Jim O'Rourke, Professor Emeritus from Chadron State College (CSC) was presented the Fredric R. Renner Award. The Renner Award is the most prestigious award presented by SRM. Chuck Butterfield, also a former Instructor at CSC, was presented the SRM Undergraduate Teaching Award for his exemplary and dedicated teaching.

CSC junior, Kody Schwager of Bartlett, NE was elected Secretary of the Student Conclave. Jim and Becky Carr of the Carr Ranch and Bruce Troester of the Troester Ranch represented Nebraska in the "Excellence in Range Management Poster Competition" at the meetings. David Kennedy of Sutherland and Courtney Doremus of Polk represented the NE Section at the High School Youth Forum.

Membership in the NE Section was 116 members.



Can you spy the chilly springtime mouse nestled in corn residue? Photo by Ed Hebbert



Springtime sunset in east-central Nebraska

Photo by Laura Rubeck

Twenty Years Ago (2000)

The Nebraska Section officers were: Bob Masters, President; Lora O'Rourke, President Elect; Terry Enfield, Past President, Bob Spentall, Secretary/Treasurer; Sherry Connot, Newsletter Editor; Walt Schacht and Teri Edeal were Council members.

The International meeting of SRM was held at Boise, Idaho February 12-17. Over 50 Nebraskans attended the Section dinner. Sarah Foland of Alliance and Stacey Bess of Mills represented Nebraska as the High School Youth Forum delegates at the meetings. The UNL range plant identification team was made up of Ingrid Jordan of Omaha, Anna Bodie of Burchard and Jenny Fleer of Hoskins. These students as well as Lisa Baumert of Leigh, Kristin Nollette of Nenzel and Rob Ferguson of Springview all participated in the Undergraduate Range Management Exam. David Russell took first place in the undergraduate extemporaneous speaking contest for Chadron State. Marji Patz of Gillette, WY also participated in the speaking contest on behalf of Chadron State.

Thirty Years Ago (1990)

The Nebraska Section Officers were: Jack Maddux, President; Cort Dewing, President

Elect; Sid Salzman, Past President; Daryl Cisney, Secretary-Treasurer; Mary Raymer (Reece), Newsletter Editor; Catherine Mills and Sheila Valasek (Luoma) were Council members.

The Nebraska Section was celebrating their win in the membership sweepstakes. The membership analysis from Denver reported that the Nebraska Section had a 27 percent increase in membership over the previous year. Ron Hendricks and Sid Salzman were leaders in the membership drive.

The 43rd annual international meeting was held in Reno, NV on February 11 through 16th, 1990. There were four delegates to the High School Youth Forum who represented the Nebraska Section. The delegates were Shannon Anthony of Valentine Cassey Peisley and Kristi Child of Gordon and Michi Wendell of Grant.

Forty-Five Years Ago (1975)

The Nebraska Section Officers were: Elmer Schrag, President; Peter Jensen, President Elect; Gary Greder, Past President; Dennis Gerdes, Secretary/Treasurer, Larry Peterson, Newsletter Editor; Dean Higgans, Historian; Reed Hamilton and Kenneth Noonan were Council Members.

Notes of Gratitude

Dear Nebraska SRM,

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to attend the High School Youth Forum (HSYF) this year held in conjunction with the International SRM Meeting in Denver, CO. I got to learn many things about the Colorado rangelands on our ecological tour and know understand how difficult it is to manage lands in that environment. I also found out many things while listening to other student and professional presentations. One learning event I especially enjoyed was talking to professionals at the Nebraska Section Dinner, it opened my eyes for new career paths I could take. My talk at the HSYF was about the encroachment of Eastern redcedar trees in the Nebraska Sandhills and prescribed burning. The highlight however of the week was being elected the HSYF President for 2020-21. I cannot wait to be a leader for these peers as well as representing our great state of Nebraska at next year's International SRM Meeting in Idaho.

My extreme gratitude goes out to you! Without your sponsorship I would have never gotten to experience this. Thank you for providing me with this all-expense paid opportunity to experience rangelands at this level. With all the memories I can take home with me from the laughs to the learning. I am excited to advocate for rangelands. Thank you again for your sponsorship, because of this opportunity I have realized how important rangelands are not just to Nebraska, but around the world!

Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Chancey Hoblyn-Bittner



THANK YOU PARTNER!



Chancey Hoblyn-Bittner



Lisa McMillan and Chancey Hoblyn-Bittner

At a Glance

STAY HOME
STAY HEALTHY
STAY CONNECTED



WE WANT YOU!

On the Nebraska SRM Section Council board!

If you are interested in joining the Nebraska SRM Section Council board, contact Committee Chairman Bob Browleit (308)240-0420
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Do you have information you want to share with other SRM Members?

Send an email to
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