



## Letter from the President

Greetings Fellow Volunteers,

I was lucky to have spent a few days in Nashville at the NWTF National Convention in February, and what a grand event it was!! While there, I accepted the award for North Dakota for being 6th in the nation in states under 2000 members. This is a big deal, as you need to remember that Devils Lake had the first banquet only 12 short years ago. All the praise and thanks goes to you, the volunteer, who puts in all the work for each local event. Also, please remember, your banquet is representing the NWTF and there are a few rules and guidelines you need to keep in mind.



One of my goals as state president is to help you raise ND in the ratings at the National level. To do this, we need to make sure each chapter reports the efforts it puts forth in the community. The more we get the information out the better we look as a state NWTF entity. To give each chapter credit we need to report on the green Super Fund Request forms, even if no funds are requested. This would get the event reported, and even something as simple as someone in a chapter talking to a school class about something related to the NWTF is considered a reportable event.

During the past annual meeting January 6th, 2007, the board decided to do the superfund requests a little different. This will not affect the scholarship requests, however, they will be evaluated by a set of standards and sent to the national headquarters twice a year. This is how most states are currently doing it. Please be patient with us as we deal with the state budget issues related to this. We are now receiving more and more requests and must keep an eye on the funds available. There may come a day when these requests exceed the budget. Communication is the key to success for any organization including ours!

Feel free to call me at work anytime! You may end up in my voice mail but please state when the best time to call you back would be. My number is: 1-800-451-7087. Thank you for your contribution to the cause.

Sincerely,

Duwayne Miller  
State Chapter President



## Souris River Basin Longbeards Participate in the Turkey Hunters Care Giveaway

The Minot chapter of the NWTF raised over \$2200 this past fall and donated 250 turkeys (and Thanksgiving associated foods) to local food pantries through the "Community Action" program in Minot. The program was coordinated by the NWTF with the help of local grocery businesses. The "turkeys and trimmings" went to needy families of 2 or more people in 5 counties in the Minot area.



Chapter members and other volunteers filling food baskets at a local grocery store.

## Minot Chapter Creates First Website in State

The Minot chapter struck first again by creating the states first informational website. The website features a background of the NWTF chapter and illustrates the community-related activities that are being conducted. The website is a great communication tool and is perfect for quickly relaying information at both the local and state level. The web address for the website is: [www.srblongbeards.com](http://www.srblongbeards.com), and there is also a link to the site on a section of the national website ([www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org)).

## State Chapter Summer Meeting to be Held in Devils Lake on July 28th, 2007

The next state meeting is now scheduled for July 28th, 2007, in Devils Lake at the Spirit Lake Casino & Resort. For anyone attending and wanting to make it a family outing, the resort has an indoor waterslide for the kids and campsites are only \$25 per night. Advance reservations are needed so call

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early for a guarantee. You can RSVP directly to Duwayne, or the resort number is (701) 766-4888. The plan is to rent the “Party Pontoon” for Saturday evening and cruise around with a couple coolers of various beverages, hopefully enjoying the beautiful scenery and smooth lake! This also happens to be the same weekend as Fort Totten Days, which has a rodeo and a variety of activities to partake in! Also, Duwayne has committed to 6 rooms and 4 lakeview campsites so please contact him if you are interested in attending.

### Message From North Dakota’s Regional Director

It appears that spring has arrived, and turkey season is just a few short weeks away. I hope everyone drew tags and has a safe and enjoyable hunt! We have had the great start to the banquet season, and I want to thank you all for your dedication and hard work. It is good to see our members supporting the neighboring banquets. We have several first time banquets yet to go, and have had many dedicated folks from other chapters who have volunteered to help out. We all remember our first banquet, and it’s great to have a “veteran” or two on hand to pitch in for that first one. Thanks again, and enjoy the season!



Sincerely,

James Christopherson

### Bismarck Chapter to Host State-Sanctioned Still Target Shoot

On June 30th, the Bismarck Chapter (Central Dakota Strutters) will host a championship still target shoot at the Capital City Sporting Clays course. For more information on the event contact John Paulson at (701) 258-8777.

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National Wild Turkey  
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[www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org)



### Upcoming Events

<b>ND State Chapter Summer Meeting</b>	Devils Lake, ND	July 28th, 2007
<b>NWTF National Leadership Training</b>	Augusta, GA	June 28th – July 1st, 2007
<b>ND State Still Target Shoot</b>	Bismarck	June 30th, 2007
<b>ND Chapter Banquets:</b>		
Grand Gobblers	Grand Forks	March 30, 2007
Lake Region Longbeards	Devils Lake	March 31, 2007
James River	LaMoure	April 13, 2007
Griggs County Thundering Toms	Cooperstown	April 20, 2007
Buffalo City Gobblers	Jamestown	April 21, 2007
Turtle Mountain Longbeards	Bottineau	May 5, 2007
Coyote Country Strutters	Williston	May 12, 2007