

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Inland Empire Chapter Spring 2007

SPRING MEETING

Friday, April 6, 2007

More Conservation in Southeastern Washington



Colton Gun Club
51 Church Road
Colton, WA 99113
Phone: (509) 229-3428

The Colton Gun Club is just West of Colton on the Northeast side of Highway 195.

- 9:00 A.M. Registration..... Esther Patterson, Chapter Treasurer
- 9:30 A.M. Welcome..... Larry Hooker, Southeast Washington Director
- 9:35 A.M. SWCS Chapter Business Meeting Georgie Leinweber, Chapter President
- 10:15 A.M. Bio-Energy in the Palouse Don McCool, Chapter Vice-President
- 10:20 A.M. Bio-Energy, National Perspective..... J. Read Smith, Chapter Member, 25x'25 Steering Committee Co-Chair
- 10:40 A.M. Bio-Diesel, Regional Opportunities..... Ty Meyer, Spokane County Conservation District
- 11:00 A.M. Oil Seed Production Jim Davis, Plant, Soil and Entomological Sciences, University of Idaho
- 11:20 A.M. Economics of Oil Seed Crops..... Kate Painter, Center for Sustaining Ag and Natural Resources
- 11:40 A.M. Summary..... Dennis Roe, Chapter Member, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. Farm-scale Bio-Diesel at Druffel Farms . Lee Druffel
- 2:30 P.M. Closing Discussion..... Georgie Leinweber, Chapter President
- 2:45 P.M. Adjourn

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It's that time of year again, when the air gets a bit warmer, the birds fly north, things start to green up and the IESWCS gets together for a spring meeting. This spring we will have a program on oilseed crops titled "A Growing Concern, From Seed to Market, Growing and Processing Oilseeds."

In this era of our lives we are hearing a lot about energy independence. Oilseed crops can be one link in the chain toward achieving that goal. At our meeting we are planning to get in at the grass roots level, visiting farms and fields where farmers and industry people are testing the waters and finding innovative ways to preserve natural resources and make a profit. There are lots of issues with this topic. We won't address them all. Issues like, will food costs go up as a result of turning land from food production to fuel production? Will our country become just as dependent on imported food as we are on imported oil? Will this be the answer to lagging commodity prices? We will probably raise more questions than we answer, but the key is to get involved, get enlightened, and don't stop until we find solutions and answers. Please join us for good food, good information and a gathering of friends, this spring, April 6th (a Friday) at the Colton Gun Club.

Georgie Leinweber, Inland Empire Chapter President

SWCS Inland Empire Chapter - 2007 Officer and Regional Director Election

Dear members,

The following page contains candidate biographies and ballots for the 2007 officer and regional director election. Please send completed ballots to: SWCS Ballots, c/o Georgie Leinweber; 805 S. Vista Point Drive, Suite 2, Colfax, WA 99111-9565 by April 3, 2007.

Thanks,

Georgie Leinweber, President, Inland Empire Chapter SWCS

Please Visit Our Chapter's Website: <http://www.inlandempireswcs.org>

Candidate Biographies

Vice President (1-Year term Vice President, 1-year term President)

Ann Swannack

I am the NRCS East Area Conservation Agronomist and work out of the Colfax, Washington USDA Service Center. Prior to this position, I was a Soil Conservationist at the St. John Field Office in Whitman County. I began work with NRCS in 1991. My husband, Steve, and I are both graduates of WSU and farm in the Lamont area. I have been a member of the IESWCS since 1998 and secretary for the past six years. I have enjoyed belonging to SWCS, and will do my best to support the Inland Empire Chapter.

Secretary (2-year term)

Tim Dring is a wetland and wildlife biologist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Spokane, Washington. He earned his BS in Botany from Eastern Illinois University in 1984 and his MS in Environmental Biology from Governors State University in 1988. He has worked for USDA since 1990. Tim worked in Joliet, Illinois in 1990 as a WAE Wetlands Mapper, Pittsfield, Illinois 1992-1996 Soil Conservation Technician, Macomb, Illinois 1996-1998 Area Biologist and Spokane Washington 1998-Present State Biologist. Tim has also worked as a Naturalist for the Will County Forest Preserve District in Illinois, 1985-1988, and he has worked for the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District in Illinois 1990-1992 Resource Conservationist.

For the last three years, Tim has been Vice President, President, and Past President of the Inland Empire Chapter. During the International Conference in Spokane, he was part of the Public Relations Team. Tim assembled the PowerPoint Presentation for the Awards Banquet.

Northeast Washington Director (2-year term)

Patrice Beckwith, Resource Conservationist
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Ferry County, WA for 14 years
Prior: 3 years as soil conservationist in Rhode Island and Connecticut.
Education: B.S. University of Rhode Island, College of Natural Resources.

My name is Patrice Beckwith. I am a Resource Conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Presently, I am serving in the Republic field office in Ferry County WA.

I am seeking re-election for the position of NE Washington Area Director of the Inland Empire Chapter of the SWCS. I have been and will continue working to keep members and potential members informed about chapter activities, such as the annual meetings and field tours, in an effort to get them involved and become members. I will look to the less traditional natural resource managers in an attempt to diversify our membership. I helped to organize a field tour to NE WA in 2005 and have other ideas to organize tours that highlight some of the excellent conservation work taking place in our region.

South Idaho Panhandle Director (2-year term)

Vern McMaster, Soil Conservationist
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Nezperce, ID

I have been an NRCS Soil Conservationist at Nezperce, Idaho since 2002. I also was a Soil Conservationist at Lewiston, Idaho from 1987 to 2002 and at American Falls, Idaho in 1986. I was the Agronomist at the Plant Materials Center in Aberdeen, Idaho from 1984 to 1986. I worked as an extension assistant for the University of Idaho from 1981 to 1983. I began working for the Soil Conservation Service in 1975 at the Aberdeen Plant Materials Center as a gardener during summers while attending the University of Idaho, where I earned a BS in Plant Science in 1980.

I have been a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society for 16 years, and would like the opportunity to serve as the South Idaho Panhandle Area Director. I will work to increase participation of current and potential members in chapter activities, as well as inform the chapter of the some of the great conservation that is being applied in the South Idaho Panhandle Area.

SWCS Inland Empire Chapter Ballot – April 2007

Please send completed ballots to SWCS Ballots, c/o Georgie Leinweber; 805 S. Vista Point Drive, Suite 2; Colfax, WA 99111 by April 3, 2007.

Vice President	Secretary	Northern Washington Area Director	Southern Idaho Panhandle Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Ann Swannack	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Dring	<input type="checkbox"/> Patrice Beckwith	<input type="checkbox"/> Vern McMaster
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Fall Meeting Registration
April 6, 2007

Colton Gun Club
Church Road; Colton, WA 99362

Name: _____ Representing: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Advanced Registration by Friday March 30, 2007 - \$15.00 SWCS members, \$20.00 non-members
At the Door - \$20.00 SWCS members, \$25.00 non-members

For "**new**" memberships received at the door (\$75.00), the registration fee will be waived

Registration includes payment for a luncheon buffet.

No refunds will be issued after April 3, 2007.

Send registration form and check payable to:

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