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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Dean Fish

Howdy! I hope this spring finds you and yours well. I would like to first thank Jeff Schalaus for his great service as president of your section last year. He did a fantastic job as president-elect organizing educational activities for our membership and continued that work last year as president. Jeff truly works hard for proper natural resource management on Arizona rangelands and educating land managers and the public alike on the issues that are important to sustainability of our natural resources. I am proud to be following in his footsteps and even prouder to count him among one of my best friends.

Your new Board of Directors is in place and working hard for the section. Bruce Munda is serving as President-Elect and Activities Committee Chair. He has a small, but very talented group working on planning the summer meeting. This should prove to be an exciting meeting, so if you would like to get involved in planning this meeting, please contact him. Dennis Moroney was elected as your Vice-President. He will prove to be a great asset to our section and I am proud to have him on board and working for us. Dan Bell is returning as Secretary-Treasurer, but has an apprentice who will eventually take over for him. Dan has served the section in many ways, not the least of which is the low-profile job as Secretary/Treasurer. Dan does a great job of capturing the meeting minutes, managing our finances and keeping the Board of Directors on the "straight and narrow". Many, many thanks are due to Dan, so please thank him when you see him. Byron Lambeth will be serving as his understudy this year. We are excited to be able to include Byron in this capacity and he will do a fantastic job. Your Directors are certainly a talented group of exciting professionals that really represent the future of our profession in Arizona! I cannot remember in my short time as a member a more exciting, dynamic board to represent the section. Returning directors are Rachael Meade (North) and Bill Edwards (South). Both of these young professionals are certain to be leaders in rangeland management in their respective positions. Newly elected directors include Liz Didier (North) and John Hays (South). Our student chapters are well represented and we will hear more from them in the future.

As a Board of Directors, we have decided to adopt a plan of work for 2005. Our charge will be to work with committees to support them in their areas of responsibility. Our committees are an integral part of getting any work done for the section. If you would like to serve as a member of any committee, please contact any member of the Board of Directors or the Committee Chair. All of your committee chairs could use your talent and expertise to further their goals. Please look out for any opportunities in this newsletter for opportunities to serve.

The 2005 Winter Section Meeting was a great educational opportunity for our members. Dr. Barron Orr did a great job of organizing the program and had a great list of speakers focusing on technology appropriate to our profession. The Auction raised nearly \$1600 for NRCWAY and the Section. Look on the website for more details on the awards presented at the meeting! Congratulations to Dave Cook and his family from DC Cattle Company on earning the 2005 Range Manager of the Year Award. This was well-deserved recognition for the work they are doing in range management.

Again, I am looking forward to a great year for the Section! Please feel free to contact any of the Board members or myself if you have any concerns, ideas or issues that you feel we should be addressing.

Hasta luego - Dean

## AZ SECTION WINTER MEETING

Dean Fish

The Arizona Section Winter Meeting was held at the Prescott Resort on January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. On the first day at the general membership meeting, discussion focused on future desired programs and direction for the Arizona Section. As a result of membership input, the group fleshed out some ideas on a topic for the Section Summer Meeting - a workshop focusing on grazing exclosures through the use of data and photos while incorporating State and Transition, drought, and relic areas.

The second day started with Symposia on technological innovations that show great promise in enhancing current rangeland management practices. Steve Barker kicked things off with a talk on Ecological Sites. Phil Guertin and Dave Goodrich followed with Arizona NEMO and the Automated Geospatial Watershed Assessment. Michael Crimmins presented the Southwest Climate Outlook. Barron Orr and Stuart Marsh gave an in depth presentation on RangeView: Geospatial Tools for Vegetation Management. Finishing off the morning session Phil Heilman and Robin Marsett spoke to the group about RANGES: Site-specific Grassland Biomass Analysis. The afternoon involved hands-on experience with some financially based restocking tools (tied to climate and vegetation factors) and digital field mapping made easy with the "Geospatial Tool-Kit".

The day concluded with the annual SRM-NRCWAY Auction and the Annual Awards Banquet. Dean Fish was the official auctioneer and thanks to the membership, over \$1600.00 was generated. The proceeds will be split by the Section and NRCWAY. During the awards banquet Dave & Diane Cook of the DC Cattle Company were awarded Range Manager of the Year honors for 2005, Barron Orr received Outstanding Service honors, Dan Bell, Emilio Carrillo and Dean Fish were recognized by outgoing President Jeff Schalau for their dedicated service to the Arizona Section. The night wrapped up with a lighthearted roast of Jeff Schalau by Dean Fish and the installation of new officers (see picture above, left).

Special thanks go out to the Prescott Resort and Barron Orr for helping to make a successful winter meeting.



### 2005 Arizona Section Board of Directors

Jeff Schalau- Past President; Dean Fish- President; Rachael Meade- Director North; Bruce Munda- President-Elect; Dennis Maroney- Vice-President; Liz Didier- Director North; John Hays- Director South; Dan Bell- Secretary/Treasurer; Byron Lambeth- Asst. Secretary/Treasurer.

### ~ NRCWAY SUPPORT REQUESTED ~

We are excited and plans are well underway for the 2005 Natural Resources Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth. The workshop will take place August 1-5, 2005 at Mingus Springs Camp located in the Prescott National Forest, between Prescott and Jerome. This year, youth 12-16 years of age, will be able to explore the great outdoors as we bring together the latest in science and natural resource technology. They will gain hands-on experience with hi-tech equipment, field testing, data collection, data analysis, and project design.

We are asking for your support of this outstanding conservation education program – our Arizona Section Society for Range Management youth program. In order to keep the workshop affordable for all youth, your financial support would be greatly appreciated. Your contribution should be made payable to AZ. SECTION, SRM - NRCWAY and mailed to: Jim Riggs, c/o Cooperative Extension, 450 S. Haskell, Willcox AZ 85643.

You can help assure the success of the Workshop by recruiting and encouraging youth, 12-16 years of age, with an interest in natural resources to attend. Workshop flyers may be downloaded from <http://azrangelands.org>. The application deadline is May 2, 2005.

Support is also needed during the workshop. Please contact Kim McReynolds, [kimm@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:kimm@ag.arizona.edu), or 520-384-3594 if you would be willing to assist during the week. SRM members are welcome to stop by and see the workshop in action.



**~ Range Manager of the Year ~  
David & Diana Cook**



Buck McKinney-USFS, Dr. Jim Sprinkle-UA Coop. Extension, Byron Lambeth-AzSRM Awards Committee, Diana Cook, David Cook, Dan Bell-AzSRM Awards Committee, Dean Fish-AzSRM President, Emilio Carrillo-AzSRM Awards Committee, Jeff Schalau-outgoing AzSRM president, foreground; Maria & David Lee Cook Jr.

DC Cattle Co. is located in Globe, AZ. about 80 miles east of Phoenix. The ranch consists of mixed ownership comprised of US – Forest Service, BLM, and private lands. David and Diana are advocates of on the ground management and getting all parties involved in the planning process. A coordinated management plan between the US – Forest Service, Gila County University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Service, Tonto Natural Resource Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service has been developed. They have demonstrated sound practices to improve management by implementing a monitoring plan to measure the effects of management and to determine if objectives are being met.

David & Diana have also been key players in getting a pilot cost-share program on the Tonto Forest with the help of the Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Qualities Incentives Program (EQIP). This has resulted in providing funding for much needed improvements on Forest Service Lands.

David believes that with proper management, the land may produce a larger amount of forage, increase density and diversity, resulting in higher production and more wildlife habitat, than it would without grazing. David has initiated a grazing rotation on the ranch that has been historically grazed continuously year-round for the past 100 years. Other improvements implemented include clearing trails to move cattle into unused areas, overhaul of the degraded wells, pipelines, new waters, and fences and establishing key areas for monitoring to determine appropriate stocking rates. Through the use of EQIP David plans to further develop the water system and install cross fencing to help facilitate even cattle distribution and improve the grazing scheme.

DC Cattle Co. has demonstrated outstanding stewardship & proper management of natural resources for sustainable agriculture. DC Cattle Co. is deserving of the honorary award of the Arizona Section of the Society for Management Range Manager of the Year.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

**~ Outstanding Service Award ~  
Dan Bell, Dean Fish,  
& Emilio Carrillo**



Dan, Dean & Emilio are this year's Outstanding Service award recipients. They received the award for their ongoing service to AzSRM as Brown Power Productions LLC.

This group of guys has contributed numerous hours to the section. They have helped with the fund raising auctions, entertainment, meeting planning and food services. The 2003 auction resulted in a record amount of money raised for the NRCWAY fund. Although these are not official offices within the AzSRM Dan, Dean and Emilio have volunteered with great enthusiasm. They bring energy, zest and comic relief to the section.

**~ MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ~**

Membership in the Society for Range Management is open to anyone engaged in or interested in any aspect of the study, management, or use of rangelands. Membership rights and privileges include: voting, committee service, nomination and election to offices, subscription to *Rangelands* journal and the *SRM News*, Arizona Section newsletter (for AZ Section members), discounted prices for publications, meeting registration fees, page charges and certification fees. For more information on membership in SRM, or to request a Membership Application, please contact Mike Hannemann, Membership Committee Chair at 928-526-0866, or by email at [mhannemann@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhannemann@fs.fed.us) OR Dan Bell, Secretary-Treasurer, at 520-761-3117, or by e-mail at [voslash@aol.com](mailto:voslash@aol.com).

On-line membership applications are also available at [www.rangelands.org](http://www.rangelands.org)

## ~ EVENTS CALENDAR ~

April 12, 2005 at 08:00 am to April 13, 2005 at 1:00 pm - 2005 Indian Livestock Field Days - - Contact: Liz Didier at [edidier@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:edidier@ag.arizona.edu) phone (928) 769-1284. Website: <http://cals.arizona.edu/nativeamericanprograms/livestock.pdf>

April 26, 2005 at 06:00 pm until 09:00 pm - Youth Livestock Quality Assurance Workshop - - Contact: Liz Didier at [edidier@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:edidier@ag.arizona.edu), phone (928) 769-1284.

April 25-28, 2005 - International Salinity Forum, Riverside, CA. Visit [www.waterresources.ucr.edu](http://www.waterresources.ucr.edu) for more information.

May 2-4, 2005 - Government Institutes - U.S. Environmental Laws and Regulations, Phoenix, AZ. - - [www.govinst.com](http://www.govinst.com).

August 1 -5, 2005 Natural Resources Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth. Contact: Sandy Fabritz-Whitney at 602-417-2400 x7220 or [safabritz@adwr.state.az.us](mailto:safabritz@adwr.state.az.us).

If you have information on upcoming events of interest for the Arizona Section, please contact Sandy Fabritz-Whitney at 602-417-2400 x7220 or [safabritz@adwr.state.az.us](mailto:safabritz@adwr.state.az.us)



**Congratulations** to Mark Saraficio from Sells who represented the Arizona Section participating in the High School Youth Forum in Ft. Worth, Texas. Mark was this year's Outstanding Student at NRCWAY. GREAT JOB MARK!!!



### Tucson Plant Materials Center is Requesting Seed Collections for 2005!

Bruce Munda, Plant Materials Specialist  
USDA, NRCS

The species below are in the collection program for the Tucson Plant Materials Center (PMC).

Common Name	Scientific Name	Symbol	Origin
Pima pappusgrass	<i>Pappophorum vaginatum</i>	PAVA2	Native
desert needlegrass	<i>Achnatherum speciosum</i>	ACSP12	Native
desert zinnia	<i>Zinnia acerosa</i>	ZIAC	Native
plains lovegrass	<i>Eragrostis intermedia</i>	ERIN	Native
big galleta	<i>Pleuraphis rigida</i>	PLRI3	Native
desert globemallow	<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>	SPAM2	Native
tobosa grass	<i>Pleuraphis mutica</i>	PLMU3	Native
big sacaton	<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i>	SPWR2	Native
desert marigold	<i>Baileya multiradiata</i>	BAMU	Native
mesa dropseed	<i>Sporobolus flexuosus</i>	SPFL2	Native
bush muhly	<i>Muhlenbergia porteri</i>	MUPO2	Native

Seed collections will be used for plant development work at the PMC. Please contact your local NRCS field office or the Tucson PMC for seed collection envelopes. When conducting collections please try to collect seed from several individual plants (10 to 50) from an area no more than one or two acres. Please contact the Tucson PMC at 520-299-2999 ext 101 or 102 if you have questions or need envelopes. Many of the above species will not have ripe seed until late summer or early fall but the forbs should be ready by end of spring or early summer. When you are in the field please take notice of stands so (if you have the time) you can return to make a collection or notify the PMC of the location of the stand. Thank you for assisting in our collection program.

## AZ SECTION COMMITTEES & CONTACT INFORMATION

The Arizona Section has many active committees that are integral to the function of our Section. These committees are open Arizona Section members. If you are interested in participating in any of these committees please contact the committee chair:

### **Awards**

Chair: Emilio Carrillo  
520-887-8520 x110 or emilio.carrillo@az.usda.gov

### **Activities**

Chair: Bruce Munda  
520-292-2999 or bruce.munda@az.usda.gov

### **Historian/Archives**

Chair: Phil Ogden  
520-296-78756 or pro29@cox.net

### **Information/Education**

Chair: Mark Pater  
928-348-4416 or mark\_pater@blm.gov

### **Membership**

Chair: Mike Hannemann  
928-526-0866 or mhannemann@fs.fed.us

### **Scholarship**

Chair: Mitch McClaran  
520-621-1673 or mcclaran@u.arizona.edu

### **Nominations**

Chair: Jeff Schalau  
928-445-6590 or jschalau@ag.arizona.edu

### **NRCWAY**

Chair: Sandy Fabritz-Whitney  
602-417-2400 x7220 or safabritz@adwr.state.az.us

### **Public Affairs**

Chair: John Brock  
480-727-1240 or john.brock@asu.edu

### **Rancher Affairs**

Chair: Keith Curry  
keith\_curry@blm.gov

### **Research Affairs**

Chair: George Ruyle  
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### **Student Affairs**

Chair: TBA (contact Dean Fish)

### **Newsletter**

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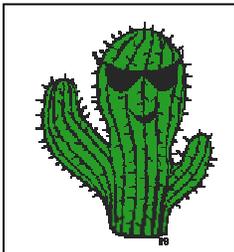
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## **WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS**



### **Don't Forget Receive a \$5.00 Rebate for Recruiting New Members**

On the Application make sure your name appears in the spot that says "Name of member that recruited you." Any questions, please contact

Mike Hannemann 928-526-0866, or email [mhannemann@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhannemann@fs.fed.us).

## **~ UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS ~**

Friday, June 3, 2005 – Flagstaff, AZ.

Summer Meeting – TBA

Friday, November 4, 2005 – Tucson Plant Materials Center

Winter Meeting – TBA

EVERYONE is welcome to attend the Arizona Section BOD Meetings. For more information on times and locations please contact Dean Fish at 520-281-2994 or any Board Member.

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