

OUTDOORS DIGEST

GFP Looks To Volunteer Hunters To Help Manage Resident Canada Geese

**PIERRE** — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department (GFP) is looking for volunteers to assist with the harvest of resident Canada geese during the month of April on specific private lands in eastern South Dakota.

GFP will utilize 280 volunteers, which will be permitted by GFP and under the authorization from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to harvest resident Canada geese during the spring of 2014 on areas with a history of chronic crop damage.

"Each year we implement a number of crop damage abatement techniques throughout eastern South Dakota," said Keith Fisk, SDGFP's wildlife damage program administrator. "The GFP Commission has also taken steps to reduce resident Canada goose populations by offering additional hunting opportunities in August and September."

Resident Canada goose numbers in South Dakota have far exceeded management goals. During the spring of 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated a spring population index of more than 240,000 resident Canada geese in South Dakota.

"Our management plan sets the population objective at an index of 80,000 to 90,000 resident Canada geese," Fisk said. "As a result of this overabundance, Game, Fish and Parks has spent more than \$4.5 million, since the year 2000, in an effort to reduce or alleviate crop damage. In its continued effort to minimize crop damage, GFP will again conduct management activities this spring."

Volunteers will be randomly selected and be provided a list of open areas on private lands. Pass shooting will be allowed but the use of decoys, calls and blinds will be prohibited under this U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permit. Volunteers may register Feb. 19 through March 6, with the harvest beginning April 1, 2014. Harvested Canada geese will be donated to the Sportsmen Against Hunger program and distributed to needy families across South Dakota.

Interested volunteers can register for the opportunity to participate at <http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/volunteer-hunter.aspx>. Volunteers will need to login and select "Spring Canada Goose Program" and then choose the geographic area where they would be willing to participate. No license is required to participate.

For more information, volunteers may contact their local GFP Division of Wildlife office.

NASP Regional Archery Competition March 1-2

**PIERRE** — Young people from across South Dakota will have a chance to show off their archery skills at the Sioux Falls Regional National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2. The tournament will be held at the Minnehaha Archers Indoor Archery facility in Sioux Falls.

This tournament, sponsored by Minnehaha Archers and South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks, will run from 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, until 4 p.m. The tournament will resume at 8 a.m. on Sunday, March 2 until 3 p.m. Trophies will be awarded after the competition has ended. There is a \$10 entry fee per participant.

All students who have participated in NASP at a school with a certified instructor are eligible for the tournament. Student archers are encouraged to bring their own bows. The only bow allowed in NASP competition is the Genesis Bow, without modification. Genesis mini's and Pro style bows are ineligible for NASP competition. All other state NASP rules apply.

There is no pre-registration required for this regional tournament. Participants will be assigned shooting lanes upon their arrival. More information can be found at the Minnehaha Archers website at [minnehaha-archers.com](http://minnehaha-archers.com). For questions, contact Tom at [Tomanne2@sio.midco.net](mailto:Tomanne2@sio.midco.net). To get to the Minnehaha Archery facility, take exit 83 off I-29 just north of Sioux Falls. Go west over the bridge and take the first right on Harvestore Road. The facility is the third building on the east side of the road.

James River Watershed CREP Enrollment Suspended Until Further Notice

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) and the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced today that enrollment of new acres into the James River Watershed Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) has been suspended. Additional contracts will not be accepted because current contracts have consumed all available funding from the state of South Dakota for this program.

With 82,173 acres of high quality wildlife habitat currently enrolled, CREP has proven to be a popular program. "This program is extremely popular with both hunters and landowners," said Tony Leif, GFP Wildlife Division director. "The enrollments we have are a testament to the successful partnership between the state and federal governments and between landowners and hunters."

Although the acceptance of new acres for the James River CREP has ceased, currently enrolled acres will not be impacted.

"Our agency is fully committed to fulfilling the existing CREP contract obligations," noted Leif.

With recent passage of a new farm bill and reauthorization of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), South Dakota landowners will still have future opportunities to enroll land in CRP.

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Mid-Winter Ice Fishing

BY GARY HOWEY  
Hartington, Neb.

When I put together this column, it was short sleeve weather outside, then bitter cold, now warmer temperatures with a howling wind.

This must be what those folks in the old days referred to as the January thaw!

The ice fishing is still going strong, especially the farther north with lakes around Waubay-Webster, Big Stone, Thompson and Devils Lake all producing some good catches. It seems the farther north you go, the better the fishing has been, which gives me another excuse to go back to my hometown Watertown area and do some combination fishing and visiting.

The ice up north is in excellent shape and almost too thick to cut through without an auger extension!

Locating fish these days is a lot easier than then it used to be! The new electronics and underwater cameras make looking for the fish almost as much fun as catching them.

With the locators, such as the Vexilar, you can pinpoint fish below your hole and with their Double Vision underwater cameras; you can see just what species and size fish they are.

With the portable sleds, anglers are not stuck in one spot and able to run and gun to locate active fish when the fishing slows.

The portable sleds and icehouses make it much more comfortable when spending time on the ice than it was in years past. The sleds, the Otter, Frabill and Ice Team allow the angler to cover up keeping the wind out and with the portable propane heaters: a hard water angler can get out of the weather, making spending time on the ice more enjoyable and comfortable.

On many of the good ice fishing lakes, Ice Castle and other rental houses are available with bunks, couches and stoves making all day and night ice fishing a truly enjoyable experience.

One thing that keeps popping up in conversations is the question, is if fish under the ice are affected by the traffic on the ice in the same way that open water fish are effected by heavy boat traffic?

I think that to some extent they



Gary HOWEY



Team Outdoorsmen Adventures member Cory Ewing, left, of the Waubay Lakes Guide Service and columnist Gary Howey are pictured with some of the perch caught during a mid-winter ice fishing trip.

are, especially when you are on clear ice or in shallower water. Things happening above are obvious to those below and when you are on clear ice and you pull your sled across the ice, you may be casting a shadow down below.

Because the eyes of a fish are located on the top of their head, their vision above them is excellent and a shadow or sudden change in light is going to draw the attention of the fish. The fish down below may also feel pressure on the ice, so a large concentration of icehouses or vehicles moving over head may also spook the fish.

Therefore, it looks that if you hold the racket to a minimum, you should be able to do quite well.

Fishing can be excellent with walleyes, perch and crappies eager biters during this time of the year. As most of you know, equipment used during this time of the year is micro, as is the bait.

Line as light as 4 pound and smaller is nothing unusual with the small ice fly jigs tipped with wax worms, wigglers, grubs or minnows.

Walleye anglers probing the depths below the ice will use 1/8 ounce or smaller on 4 to 8 pound XL while others will opt for the super tough smaller diameter Fireline.

They will tip them with a small

minnow or perhaps a minnow head, depending on how finicky the fish are.

If you are after perch, you will want to use the lightest line possible, small ice jigs like the Hali jigging spoon, or a super small plain hook and split shot. Tipped with a wax worm or two, these combinations are deadly when suspended below a micro bobber.

Crappie anglers will use similar tackle perch fishermen would use except most of the time; they will tip their hooks with small minnows.

Being mobile can be a big advantage during this time of the year, especially on a lake, as these schools of fish will move around.

They will not do it quickly and they generally do not go far, but they do move, so if you are able to move and have the ability to auger a lot of holes, your catching percentage will increase.

The only way to punch a lot of holes is with a power auger, I use the Jiffy Pro 4 Propane auger, as I do not have to worry about gas spilling on everything and getting it on your hands and lures.

When you are running and gunning portable ice sleds are a real asset allowing you to relocate easily! This works especially well is when you fish in teams.

When the bite in one area slows,

the other team member moves out, relocates the fish and then the other sled will quietly and very slowly move, so the fish will not be spooked.

Ice fishing during Mid Winter can really help to make the long winter a lot shorter and can be the cure for Cabin Fever.

Fish, Hard, Fish Often and on your next trip, introduce someone new to the outdoors.

For more information on the outdoors go to the Trips and Tips page at [www.outdoorsmenadventures.com](http://www.outdoorsmenadventures.com).

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Boys

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**Chamberlain 86, Wagner 56**  
CHAMBERLAIN — Skyler Bertram and Reuben Estes combined for 51 points as the Chamberlain Cubs rolled past Wagner 86-56 on Friday night.

Bertram had 30 points and five assists, while Estes finished with 21 points and eight rebounds. Hudson Priebe added 14 points for good measure.

Chamberlain (13-4) led 44-20 at halftime. For the Red Raiders (9-9), Noah St. Pierre scored 12 points and Derek Soukup added 11 points.

**Wagner 89**  
WAGNER (8-9)

**Gregory 67, Scotland 38**  
GREGORY — Cody Kaska scored 17 points to propel the Gregory Gorillas over Scotland 67-38 on Friday night.

There were no stats available for Plainview (6-13) in the loss.

Creighton will host Osmond today, while Plainview travels to Wausa on Thursday.  
CREIGHTON (13-5).....16 29 46 60  
PLAINVIEW (6-13).....5 8 19 35

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For the Highlanders (5-12), Seth Ireland scored eight points.

Gregory visits Jones County today (Saturday) and Scotland travels to Platte-Geddes in Platte next Monday.  
SCOTLAND (5-12).....14 25 32 38  
GREGORY (14-3).....19 38 56 67

Platte-Geddes 71, Bon Homme 60

PLATTE — Platte-Geddes ran away from Bon Homme 71-60 on Friday night. Coby Johnson led Platte-Geddes (10-5) with 25 points and eight rebounds.

PLATTE-GEDDES (10-5).....10 39 54 71  
BON HOMME (10-8).....19 27 41 60

Chambers-Wheeler Cen. 68, Neligh-Oakdale 63

NELIGH, Neb. — Chambers-Wheeler Central outscored Neligh-Oakdale 38-31 in the second half to claim a 68-63 victory over the Warriors in boys' basketball action on Friday.

No statistics were reported for CWC. For Neligh-Oakdale, Ben Lingenfelter had 20 points and seven rebounds, and Grant White scored 18 points to lead the way.

Both teams are now 6-14. CWC finishes the regular season Feb. 21 at Burwell. Neligh-Oakdale ends the regular season at Howells-Dodge.

CHAMBERS-WHEELER CENT. (6-14).....18 30 47 68  
NELIGH-OAKDALE (6-14).....8 32 46 63

Norfolk 82, Lincoln North Star 76, OT

NORFOLK, Neb. — Norfolk improved to 18-2 on the season with an 82-76 overtime home win Friday night over Lincoln North Star.

Tyler Hagedorn scored 30 points and grabbed seven rebounds for Norfolk, while Logan Strom scored 22 points and hauled in nine rebounds.

The game was high-scoring at the start, as North Star led 34-22 after one quarter. No stats were provided for North Star (14-7).  
LINCOLN NORTH STAR (14-7).....34 53 57 69 76  
NORFOLK (18-2).....22 47 56 69 82

Thursday  
South Central 54, Andes Central 35

BONESTEEL — South Central routed Andes

Central 54-35 on Thursday evening. Sam Hazen led South Central (9-8) with 14 points, while Dell Drey added 12 points.

Darin Hopkins led Andes Central (6-10) with 17 points. South Central will compete in the Dakota Wesleyan Classic today (Saturday). Andes Central hosts Kimball-White Lake on Thursday, Feb. 20.  
SOUTH CENTRAL (9-8).....11 28 42 54  
ANDES CENTRAL (6-10).....12 21 26 35

Wisner-Pilger 58, Laurel-Concord-Col. 54

WISNER, Neb. — Wisner-Pilger survived a third quarter surge by Laurel-Concord-Coleridge to edge the Bears 58-54 in boys' basketball action on Thursday.

No statistics were reported for Wisner-Pilger, which took a 39-38 lead into the fourth quarter after the Bears outscored the Gators 15-8 to start the second half.

Dylan Wolfram led LCC with 20 points. Jackson Methylene and Brandt Eddie each had seven rebounds. Mitch Klooz added six assists.

Wisner-Pilger, 15-7, travels to Oakland-Craig today (Saturday).  
LAUREL-CONCORD-COL. (4-15).....12 23 38 54  
WISNER-PILGER (15-7).....14 31 39 58

Girls

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nenga and Keely Bertram combined to match Beresford's total output for the game, as the visiting Huskies beat the Watchdogs 68-43 on Friday night.

Mennenga scored 23 points, while Bertram finished with 20 points, eight rebounds, eight assists and seven steals. Skylora Curry added 10 points and Britany Hanson pulled down eight rebounds.

For the Watchdogs (10-9), Jen Swanson and Holly Van Gelden both scored eight points, while Lexy Johnson had five steals.

EPJ (16-2) visits Sioux Falls Christian next Thursday, while Beresford hosts Centerville on Tuesday.

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (16-2).....21 46 59 68  
BERESFORD (10-9).....5 19 32 43

Scotland 61, Gregory 37

GREGORY — Carley Skorepa had a double-double and the Scotland Lady Highlanders out-scored Gregory 39-15 in the second half on the way to a 61-37 victory Friday night on Gregory.

Skorepa recorded 19 points and 10

rebounds, while Jessica Thum scored 16 points. Hannah Mogck hauled in nine rebounds and Amber Alvey dishd out five assists.

Scotland (6-11), which out-rebounded Gregory 40-21, returns to action next Tuesday at Dakota Christian.

For Gregory (2-16), Briana Leber scored 21 points and Megan Preslicka had five assists. The Lady Gorillas visit Colome next Monday.

SCOTLAND (6-11).....12 22 46 61  
GREGORY (2-16).....14 22 26 37

Laurel-Con-Col 64, Bancroft-Rosalie 53

BANCROFT, Neb. — Audra Corbit scored 16 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead Laurel-Concord-Coleridge past Bancroft-Rosalie 64-53 on Friday night.

Cameron Eddie added 14 points for the Bears (15-6), while Brittany Wolfram scored 11 points, and Ellie Arduer had 12 points and six rebounds.

LAUREL-CONCORD-COL. (15-6).....13 30 43 64  
BANCROFT-ROSALE.....19 34 43 53

Platte-Geddes 44, Bon Homme 36

PLATTE — Despite holding a one

point lead going into the fourth quarter, Platte-Geddes was able to roll past Bon Homme 44-36 on Friday evening.

Josie DeGroot led Platte-Geddes (7-12) with 16 points. Alexis Peterson added 10 points in the victory.

Sierra Mesman led Bon Homme (6-13) with nine points in the loss. Platte-Geddes will travel to Wagner on Thursday, while Bon Homme will travel to Mount Vernon-Plankinton on Friday.

PLATTE-GEDDES (7-12).....4 19 27 44  
BON HOMME (6-13).....7 19 26 36

Bridgewater-Emery 38, Marion 34

MITCHELL — Bridgewater-Emery snuck past Marion 38-34 in a defensive battle at the Corn Pallace on Friday evening.

Justine Dye led Bridgewater-Emery (8-9) with 11 points, while Tiana Kayser added 10 points.

Rena Kayser led Marion (4-12) with 12 points. Bridgewater-Emery will host Parkston today, while Marion travels to Gayville-Volin on Monday.

BRIDGEWATER-EMERY (8-9).....8 16 23 38  
MARION (4-12).....10 14 24 34

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