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**ND STATE
LEASE SALE**
*to be held on
August 5, 2014*

The ND DEPARTMENT
OF TRUST LANDS
will hold its third
quarter ND Oil & Gas
Lease Auction on

Tuesday
August 5, 2014
at 9:00 AM MDT
AmericInn
Conference Center,
Medora, ND

For a complete list of
nominated tracts, visit the
Land Department's website
at www.land.nd.gov.

L.A.N.D. Holds 23rd Annual Golf Tournament

The 23rd Annual L.A.N.D. Golf
Tournament will be held at the Bully
Pulpit Golf Course in Medora, ND,
on Monday, August 4, 2014.

Tournament registration begins at
10:30 a.m. at the Bully Pulpit
Clubhouse. **The L.A.N.D. meeting
will be held at 11:00 a.m. MDT at the
Clubhouse before the tournament;**
Rules at 12:10 p.m.; Carts leave
clubhouse at 12:20 p.m.; 12:30 p.m.
Shotgun Start.

Lunch, for the Golfers, will be
served before the tournament at the
Clubhouse starting at 11:00 a.m.

For those who aren't playing in the golf tournament and would like
to eat dinner, you are strongly urged to preregister (\$50.00 a plate).
Contact Tom St. Peter, 701-354-7567 or email tom@energylandservices.net.

**L.A.N.D. MEETING,
SOCIAL HOUR & DINNER**

The 3rd Quarterly meeting will
be at **Bully Pulpit Clubhouse at
11:00 am MDT before the Golf
Tournament starts.**

The social hour and dinner will
begin after the tournament
(around 6:00) at the Chuckwagon.

The social hour is open to all
L.A.N.D. members, friends,
industry guests and personnel.

**We would like to THANK the following
sponsors for their tremendous support:**

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President's Report

Jeff Skaare, RPL

Greetings Land Professionals,

As most of you already know our upcoming meeting is one of the most highly anticipated and well attended. It's time to tee up again and meet our fellow landmen and their guests at a great social setting in beautiful Medora, ND. Once again we have a packed house and, unfortunately, we have had to turn away some entrants who would have liked to play in the tournament, to due to a limited number of possible teams. Tom St. Peter and I were visiting the other day and I learned that one of the big factors for the number of teams is based upon the number of available golf carts. Bully Pulpit does not allow us to bring our own carts because of the hilly terrain and their liability. This has caused some disappointment for those who could not attend and is a reminder to get your sponsorship and teams in on time.

As such, I want to thank all of those who have sponsored this event. Your sponsorship makes this happen. I also want to thank Tom for all of the hard work that he puts into this event each year. Without his dedication this event would not be possible. I would also like to take this time to remind everyone that we are guests at this course. Your behavior is a reflection on our organization as a whole, so please treat the course, equipment, staff, fellow landmen and their guests with the utmost respect.

Our upcoming meeting is Monday August 4, 2014, and will be held at the Bully Pulpit golf course. The meeting time is 11:00 a.m. and we will have a 12:30 shotgun start to our annual golf tournament. Following the tournament we will have an awards ceremony during our social and dinner at the Chuckwagon in Medora, ND.

The North Dakota State Land Department has agreed to hold its State lease auction on Tuesday August 5, 2014 also in Medora at the AmericInn Conference Center. L.A.N.D. would like to thank the North Dakota State Land Department for agreeing to hold its lease auction in Medora to accommodate our annual golf tournament. It takes a lot of effort to change the location from Bismarck to Medora and we wish them the best of luck at this upcoming sale.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve in this position and I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meeting and at the State sale the following day.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Skaare



In Memory of Walter Braun

L.A.N.D. honored a pillar of the Oil and Gas industry, Walter L. Braun, 93, Bismarck, died March 28, 2014, at St. Gabriel's Community, Bismarck.

Walt was known for his tenacity and zest for life. He served in the National Guard until 1947, started his own business, the W.L. Braun Agency, and married Lucille Kraft, in 1950. Prior to the discovery of oil in North Dakota, Walt was already leasing for oil and gas. On April 2, 1951, when Amerada Hess discovered oil in the Tioga area, Walt established an office there within 48 hours with his partner, R.W. Porter. They later opened an office in Bismarck. On Oct. 13, 1951, Walt was featured in "Collier's" magazine. In 1976, Walt and Lucille moved to Bismarck, where they continued working in the oil business until the time of his death. An interview describing Walt's early experiences in the oil industry is on file at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

Walt was very active and giving to his communities. He was a founding member of the Landman's Association of North Dakota and supported the oil & gas industry for most of his live. In honor of Walt's memory, L.A.N.D. donated \$2,500 to the North Dakota 4-H Foundation.

W.L. (Walt) Braun will be missed in many aspects of this community, may the many memories continue in our hearts.



North Dakota Petroleum Council Report

Ron Ness, President of the North Dakota Petroleum Council

2014 Bakken Rocks CookFest!

The NDPC will host its 6th Annual Bakken Rocks CookFest! Join us for food, fun, and lots of information for everyone!

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

Where: Kenmare Danish Mill Square
Downtown Kenmare, ND

When: Tuesday, July 15, 2014
2:30 p.m. - Bakken Basics Education Session, Kenmare City Hall
4:00 p.m. - BBQ is served, and live entertainment begins; Kenmare Danish Mill Square
7:00 p.m. - Speaker and presentation of CookFest Awards for People's Choice & Judge's Choice BBQ

Thursday, July 17, 2014

Where: Dunn Center City Park (just off Highway 200)

When: Thursday, July 17, 2014
2:30 p.m. MST - Bakken Basics Education Session TBD
4:00 p.m. MST - BBQ is served, and live entertainment begins; Dunn Center City Park
7:00 p.m. MST - Speaker and presentation of CookFest Awards for People's Choice & Judge's Choice BBQ

ND Oil PAC Golf

Registration is now open for the ND Oil PAC golf tournament of the year on August 28, 2014, at Bully Pulpit Golf Course in Medora, ND. Register now at www.ndoil.org! The cost will be \$150/golfer for member companies and \$200/golfer for non-member companies. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. at the Bully Pulpit Golf Club with a shotgun start at 10:45 a.m., and dinner and awards at 4:30 p.m. All times listed is Mountain. Thank you to Wyoming Casing for cooking dinner! Sponsorship information is also available at www.ndoil.org.

2014 NDPC Annual Meeting

The 2014 NDPC Annual Meeting will be held Sept. 23-25, 2014, at the Astoria Hotel & Event Center in Dickinson, ND. Registration for the Annual Meeting & Member Showcase cost will be \$350 for NDPC members or government employees and \$700 for non-members. Sponsorships ranging from \$300-2,500 will also be available. Mark your calendars, as registration for the meeting and sponsorships will open on July 29, 2014. To register for this event go to: <https://annualmeeting.risprojects.org/>



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AAPL Director's Report

Rick Frazier, AAPL Director

I recently had the good fortune of attending AAPL's 60th Annual Meeting in Montréal, Canada. I am pleased to inform you that: Not only is AAPL growing in membership, solvent and doing well, it is also moving forward with many new and exciting undertakings for the benefit of its membership. "AAPL has two primary purposes: To promote our industry, and to serve landmen to the best of its ability." (Roger Soape, in-coming President to AAPL)

Rather than attempting a boring and verbose (I'm a landman, remember) narrative reviewing the Annual Meeting, I think it's more appropriate to provide y'all with a bullet-point re-cap of what I found to be some of the key developments and points of information. So, here goes:

AAPL has recently closed on a new office building located on West 27th Street in Fort Worth, TX, and is in the process of selling its existing building.

AAPL has 23 staff employees. That translates to approximately one staff member for 900 AAPL members. AAPL is hoping to add eight more employees to better serve its 21,000 plus members

TAX ISSUES: The Independent Contract issue continues to be a controversial topic. With that in mind, AAPL is assembling an informational packet that will provide lead brokers, and the independent contractors they retain, with valuable information to better understand how this issue may potentially affect them directly. The impact deserves serious consideration by all concerned.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Like the Independent Contractor issue, Licensing of Landmen remains a "hot button" to our industry. A Pennsylvania Senator was actively pushing to enact legislation that would require landmen working in Pennsylvania to be licensed. Because of AAPL's effective lobbying, and its reputation to "police its own", the Senator has decided not to pursue the issue further. This is a classic example of what AAPL does "behind the scenes" for all landmen, whether members of AAPL, or not.

EDUCATION: The Education Committee, in conjunction with a filming company and professional actors, is working on an ethics video entitled Ethics 360 that will be made available to AAPL members for ethics continuing education credits. At this juncture, the video will have the value of four (4) ethics credits. I will provide L.A.N.D. with more information on the video as it becomes available to me.

FIELD LANDMAN COMMITTEE: As with last year, AAPL will be sponsoring a Field Landman Seminar in Dickinson. The seminar is tentatively scheduled to October 8, 2014. Please see upcoming issues of the Landman magazine for further details, or contact me directly. Also, if there are any particular topics that you would like to see covered in these seminars; please feel free to let me know. As Vice-Chairman, I will convey that information to the Chairman of the Field Landman Committee.

NEW APPL OFFICERS AND EX-COM: AAPL installed a new slate of Officers, Executive Committee members, and Committee Chairmen. Roger Soape is the in-coming President. Roger is scheduled to speak at our November L.A.N.D. meeting. Please mark your calendars. Mark Strahn, who many of the "old timers" know as a past North Dakota Landman, will be the "First Vice President", and will succeed Roger as President in 2016. Mark has asked me to Chair his Field Landman Committee during his term. I have graciously accepted.

LANDMAN OF THE YEAR: This is another huge "kuddo" for past North Dakota Landmen. Duane Fadness, now with the Denver-based Liberty Resources, LLC, received the distinction of *Landman of the Year*. My personal congratulations to Duane for his contributions to our industry.

I attended a most interesting presentation on hydraulic fracking. Here are a few interesting points:

- Opposition to fracking, if successful, could potentially lead to federal well permitting. This poses the single biggest threat to our industry.

- The states who most strongly oppose fracking are: New York, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Ohio, and California
- 99% of fracking fluids consist of water and sand
- Percentage of oil the USA imports in recent years:
 - 2005: 60%
 - 2012: 40%
 - 2013: 33%

AAPL is feverishly lobbying the powers that be and disseminating ACCURATE information to the public on behalf of our industry in opposition anti-fracking lobbyists and activists.

One of the highlights of my trip was George Will's keynote address. Mr. Will said:

- The American public is verbally conservative, but operationally liberal.
- He is a political conservative and strongly supports term limits for both Congressman and Senators alike
- In 15 years 1 in 5 voters will be over the age of 65
- 40% of 2014 college graduates are currently unemployed
- Nancy Pelosi once said: "We need to use more natural gas and stop using fossil fuels." (What?)
- It's not what the government must do for you that is important. Rather, what the government CANNOT DO TO YOU.

Here are two pillars of wisdom from Mr. Will that I humbly close with:

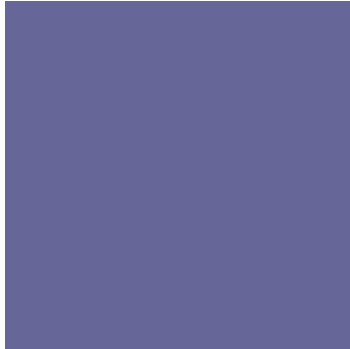
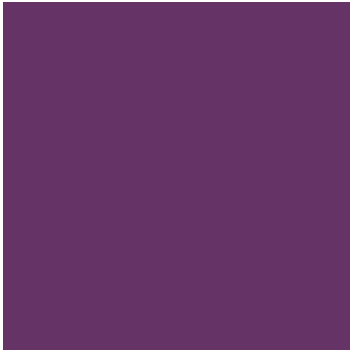
"You will never be charged with an error if you don't touch the ball."

"If you're going to steal second base, you have to lead off first base."

Thank you all for allowing me the honor to represent L.A.N.D. as its regional director to AAPL. See y'all in Medora.

Rick Frazier, CPL

Region 7 Director to AAPL



Calendar

- July 15 2014 Bakken Rocks CookFest!
Kenmare, ND (see page 3 for more info)
- July 17 2014 Bakken Rocks CookFest!
Dunn Center, ND (see page 3 for more info)
- Aug 4 Second Quarter L.A.N.D. Meeting
*11:00 am MT - Bully Pulpit Golf Course
Medora, ND*
- Aug 4 23rd L.A.N.D. Golf Tournament
*12:30 am MT - Bully Pulpit Golf Course
Medora, ND*
- Aug 5 ND State Lease Sale
9:00 A.M. MT - AmericInn - Medora, ND
- Aug 20-22 NAPE
*George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, TX - register at napeexpo.com*
- Aug 28 ND Oil PAC Golf Tournament
Bully Pulpit Golf Course in Medora, ND
- Sept 23-25 2014 NDPC Annual Meeting
Astoria Hotel & Event Center - Dickinson, ND

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ND OIL & GAS UPDATE TO BE HELD IN BISMARCK

Plains Energy Tech, Steger Law Office and Wolitarsky Law Office are hosting a North Dakota oil and gas update.

Kelly Inn, Bismarck, ND
Thursday, October 23, 2014

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

SCHEDULE:

1:00 pm - 2:10 pm:

New Horizontal JOA form with Bruce Wolitarsky, Esq. of Wolitarsky Law Office

2:20 pm - 3:40 pm:

Case law updates in the last year for North Dakota oil and gas with Jannelle Steger Combs, Esq. of Steger Law Office

3:50 pm - 5:00 pm:

Regulatory updates in the last year for North Dakota oil and gas with Laura Erickson, Owner of Plains Energy Tech

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm:

Hosted social for clients

There will be a charge for attending this update (TBD) and credits from AAPL are in the process of being approved.

More information to follow.

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