

Professional Soil Scientists Association of South Dakota



Presidents Particles

Thanks to all who have helped in preparation for the Collegiate Soil Judging Contest. Please feel invited to attend any parts of the contest that you would like. Attached is a schedule of activities.

About \$5000 has been received for the Houdek State Soil Monolith at the Smithsonian. Additional contributions are still needed. See the following article for details of the display.

We have lost a good soil scientist and friend, Loren Schultz. His obituary is printed below.

Thanks to those who have volunteered to be officers this year:

Walt Schaefer – Immediate Past President

Bruce Kunze – President

Roger Assmus – President Elect

Denise Malo – Vice President

Eugene Preston – Secretary-Treasurer

Thanks for the presenters at the March Meeting. All presentations were professional and well received.

If you have not paid your membership dues this year, see the notice at the end of this newsletter.

Houdek State Soil Smithsonian Exhibit

Please view a PowerPoint presentation for details on the Smithsonian Exhibit at

<http://pssasd.org/> Look over the web site for information on PSSASD.

Click on [Smithsonian Soil Exhibit](#) - Houdek Soil to start the PowerPoint presentation.

Click on the arrows at the bottom of the page to View.

Please give thoughtful consideration on contributing to the cause.

Thank you for any contribution that you make. The contribution form follows:

Professional Soil Scientists Association of South Dakota Houdek State Soil to the Smithsonian Fund

Thank you for your contribution!!

Name _____

would like to help put South Dakota's State Soil in the Smithsonian Institution.

Address _____

Contribution amount \$ _____.

Circle Group (PSSASD member, SWCS member, SRM member, SDSU employee, Conservation District, NRCS employee, Other _____)

If you have any questions, call Bruce Kunze, President PSSASD (605) 530-2417

Make checks payable to Professional Soil Scientists Association of South Dakota
or **PSSASD**

Send donation to:

Eugene Preston, Secretary-Treasurer, PSSASD

904 East Fir Street.

Brandon, SD 57005

Schedule for Region 5 Collegiate Soil Judging Contest

Following is the schedule for the Region 5 Collegiate Soil Judging Contest. Note that PSSASD is sponsoring the meal on Wednesday evening. Members are invited to attend this and other parts of the Soil Judging Contest. Contact Kent Cooley for additional details.

REGION 5 COLLEGIATE SOIL JUDGING CONTEST TENTATIVE AGENDA

Sept 21, 2005

(Subject to change)

Saturday, Sept 24 – Travel to Kadoka.

Sunday, Sept 25 – Pick up supplies for lunch, assemble at the Super 8 Motel at 6:50 am (near the interstate and leave Kadoka at 7 am sharp, tour of the Badlands, Wind Cave, Needles Highway, and Mount Rushmore. Arrive at cabins at 7 pm. Registration, housing assignments, and packet of information given to each team at No Name City (Mindy and Denise in charge). Practice schedule and t-shirts also distributed.

Monday, Sept 26 – Practice Sites, times start at 8:30 am. See practice schedule for assigned times. Times are in 2-hour blocks with ½ hour for lunch. At 7 pm have a brief discussion on the geology of the Black Hills (K. Cooley in charge)

Tuesday, Sept 27 – Practice Sites, times start at 8:30 am and follow practice schedule.

Wednesday, Sept 28 – Practice Sites, times start at 8:30 am and follow practice schedule. Meal at 6:30 pm. Meal provided by the Professional Soil Scientists Association of South Dakota. Welcome and introduction of teams (Jim Doolittle or Kent Cooley in charge). Coaches turn in list of official four judges. Review of the practice sites with official judges. If pit proctors are available meet with them after the meeting and review of sites.

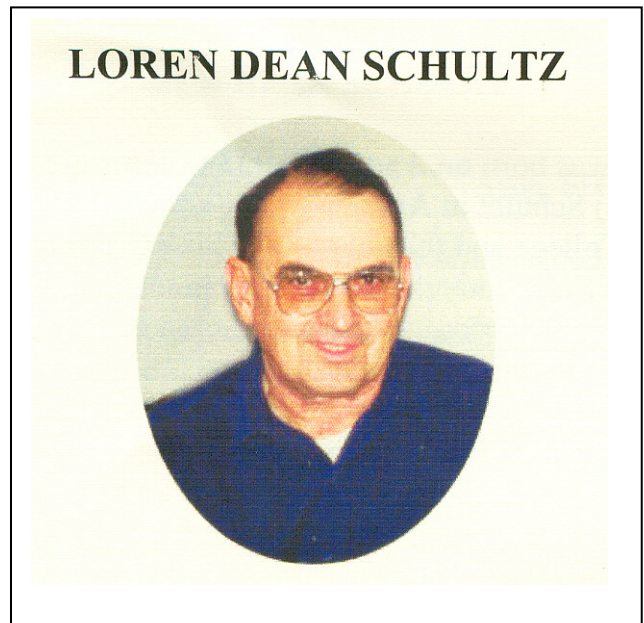
Thursday, Sept 29 – Contest Day. Assemble at 7:30 am to start the contest. Do two individual sites in the am and three team sites in pm. Lunch at cabins between individual and team sites or during team competition depending on timing schedules. Grading of scorecards done in the field and at No-Name-City. Evening Bus tour to Deadwood – Bus leaves No Name City at 6:30 pm and will bring you back to No Name City.

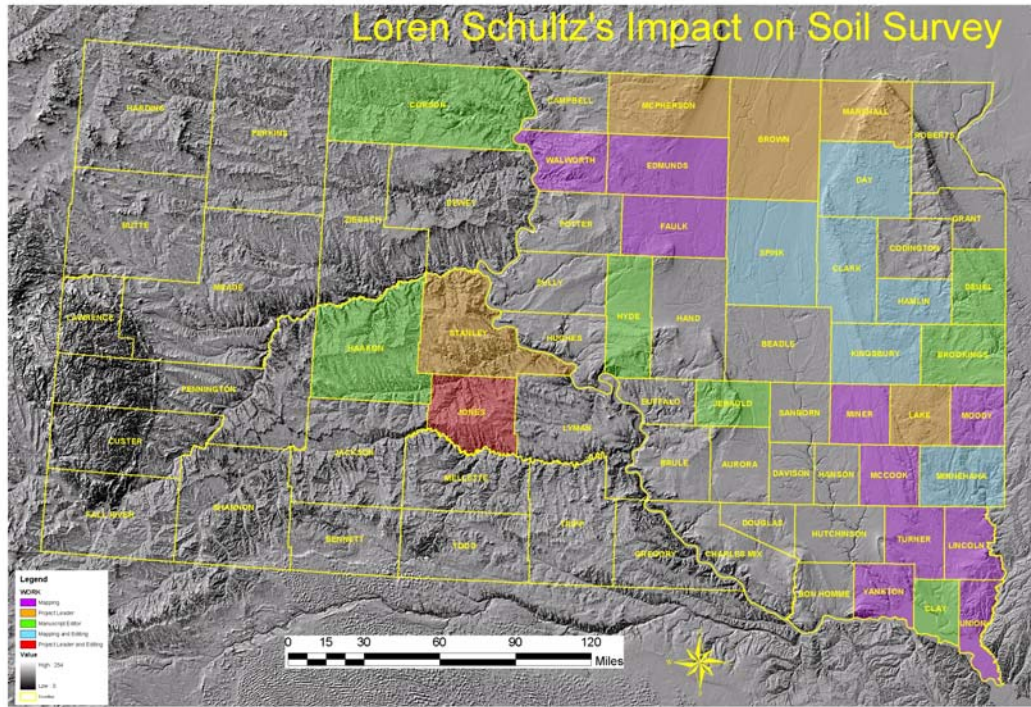
Friday, Sept 30 – Awards Breakfast at 8 am at No Name City. Return trip home.

Obituaries

Loren D. Schultz

Aberdeen - Funeral service for Loren D. Schultz, 70, Aberdeen is 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15 at First Baptist Church with Dr. Harold E. Salem officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Memorial Park. Loren died Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital. Visitation: 1-7 p.m. Sunday at Spitzer Funeral Home, 320 Sixth Ave. S.E. with a prayer service at 7. There will also be visitation one hour prior to the service. Loren was born on April 16, 1935, to John and Amanda (Boese) Schultz in Avon, S.D. He attended Southern State College and then continued his education at South Dakota State University, with a degree in agronomy. The summer before graduating, Loren began working with the Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist. Loren married Barbara Crisp on Jan. 3, 1960. They enjoyed trips to New York, Texas and Hawaii. After graduation from SDSU, he continued working for the Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist, and in later years, as an editor. He worked in these capacities for 45 years. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, playing golf with friends, and serving in many capacities of the church and school, such as being score and timekeeper at basketball games for the Christian school at First Baptist. Over the years he served on the church deacon board, the Christian school board, and the Child Evangelism Fellowship Board. He was always there for any job that needed to be filled in any area of the church and school. Grateful for having shared Loren's life are his wife, Barbara; his three children, Mrs. Jim (Lori) Irvine, Mrs. Alan (Deanna) Wollman, and Joel Schultz; his five grandchildren, Ben, Jared, Austin, Cydney and Lauren; and his sister Mrs. Morris (Marcene) Radack. His faith, wife, three children, and five grandchildren were the focus of his life. Loren was preceded in death by his parents. Casket bearers will be Daryl Rieck, Dan Grewe, Elvin Dumdei, Mel Weide, Merle Klein, and Carl Gustafson. The family prefers memorials to the First Baptist Christian School, 1500 E. Melgaard Road, Aberdeen SD 57401. Published in the Aberdeen News on 8/14/2005.





Soil Science Workshop 1989



Minutes of the March 11, 2005 Annual PSSASD meeting

President Walt Schaefer called the meeting to order on March 12, 2004 at Huron, South Dakota with 21 members present.

Eugene Preston read the treasurers report. Motion by Tom Schumacher, second by Tom Schumacher to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2004 annual meeting as written in the newsletter and the treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

Walt Schaefer presented a plaque to Dan Shurtliff as thanks for serving as our 2003 to 2004 president.

Dan Shurtliff reported he did not make much progress on the Smithsonian Exhibit this year.

Bruce Kunze reported what he learned at the Soil Science Society of America meeting he attended in Seattle, WA. The Soil Monoliths will be in the Smithsonian exhibit. The Missouri State Soil is already on exhibition. Missouri was the first State to reach the \$10,000 goal. Funds are still needed to complete the exhibit.

There was some discussion about the need to contact other organizations, possibly using the short slide show available at www.soils.org and the possibility of forming a committee.

Dan Shurtliff motioned that we form a committee to pursue Smithsonian donations. Kent Cooley seconded the motion. Kent Cooley, Bruce Kunze, Dan Shurtliff and Denise Miller volunteered to be on the committee. Jim Millar is nominated to be on the committee. Motion passed

Doug Malo reported help would be needed for the 2005 Regional Soil Judging Contest. Eight to ten pit monitors/guides and about \$400 for awards and the picnic are needed. Teams will meet at Kadoka September 24, tour the Badlands September 25, and visit practice sites on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The contest will be on Thursday. They will receive awards on Friday and return home.

Bruce Kunze motioned that we support the Regional Soil Judging Contest Wednesday picnic up to \$500 and have something (soil cards etc) promoting the Smithsonian Monolith Exhibit at the picnic. Jim Gerwing seconded. Motion passed.

Walt Schaefer gave a Land judging power point CD to Doug Malo and a paper copy to the rest of us.

Jerry Schaar said the plan is to have training workshop and clean up the pits during the week of September 12 to 16.

Nominations:

Kent Cooley nominated Denise Miller for Vice President, Dan Shurtliff seconded. Motion Passed. Eugene Preston will continue as Secretary –Treasurer.

Doug Malo motioned for a procedure for the executive committee to nominate a president-elect and send a ballot so the members could vote. The motion was not seconded and was withdrawn.

Gregg Carlson motioned that the Executive Committee will appoint an acceptable candidate for President Elect. Kent Cooley seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Bruce Kunze assumed the duties of President for 2005 and presented a plaque to Walt Schaefer. Thank you Walt!

Jerry Schaar presented Eugene Preston with the Golden Spade Award for attending the Soil Science Institute last year.

Tom Schumacher reported the PSSASD website (www.pssasd.org) has been updated for the next 5 years for \$21 per year. He reported the details of hits on our website. The average was about 2000 hits per year.

Greg Carlson motioned that we give permission for the Agronomy Club at SDSU to use the micro monolith materials to make and sell micromonoliths. Seconded by Arvid Meland. Motion Passed.

There was some discussion about a Summer or Fall meeting. We will probably have one in conjunction with Soil Judging activities.

Motion by Doug Malo, seconded by Tom Schumacher (NRCS) to adjourn. Motion passed.

Submitted by Eugene Preston

Scott Boelman Receives PSSASD Scholarship



From: Scott Boelman [scott_boelman@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2005 9:06 AM

To: Kunze, Bruce - Brookings, SD

Subject: scholarship info

Dear Mr. Bruce Kunze,

My name is Scott Boelman, I was recently awarded the Soil Scientists Memorial Scholarship. I am a freshman agronomy major. I am from Luverne, MN. I live on a farm there with my parents Bruce and Carol, and my younger brother Marc who is a sophomore in high school. My dad farms and my mom is a Claims Representative for Continental Western Insurance.

At college I played on an intramural basketball team during the winter. I also work for Brad Minor on his farming operation near Rutland, SD. During high school I was involved in Basketball, Baseball, FFA, and Band along with working for my dad and another neighboring farmer. I also worked for the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District on a tree mat crew. I was a co-captain of my basketball team my senior year. I was vice president of our FFA chapter my senior year, along with being the treasurer my junior year.

I would like to take the time to thank you again for your scholarship. It means a lot to me and will help very much.

Thank You!

Scott Boelman

If you have not paid your PSSASD membership dues and did not plan to attend the March meeting, please mail your \$15.00 dues.

**Send payment to: Eugene Preston, Secretary-Treasurer, PSSASD
904 East Fir Street.
Brandon, SD 57005**

Name _____
Address _____ **Zip** _____
Home Phone _____ **Work Phone** _____
Email address _____
Payment Enclosed _____