



# MINNESOTA PRAIRIE CHICKEN SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS MAJORING IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society has established a scholarship for college students majoring in the Natural Resources and closely related fields of Environmental Sciences, Ecology, Forestry, Fisheries or Conservation Biology.

The \$500 scholarship is open to students who have completed their third semester (or equivalent) in Natural Resource fields. The scholarship will be awarded directly to the student to help allay the cost of college studies. Applicants can secure a copy of the application at [www.prairiechickens.org](http://www.prairiechickens.org) or emailing [terrylydell@qualityci.us](mailto:terrylydell@qualityci.us). The application will also be available soon from professors in their major departments. It will be formally released to the schools in mid April and then again in September. No deadlines have been set.

### **REMINDER \* Board member positions open in 2018**

If you are interested in filling one of the 4 open vacancies there will be a call for nominations during the 45th Annual meeting. The 4 current members have expressed interest in running again for the 3 year term. See page 5 for the updated board member list. But be not dissuaded as we are always looking for motivated conservation minded replacements!

### **MPCS Youth Art Contest Update**

To the delight and surprise of many there are over 70+ individual art contest entries that were submitted before the March 31st deadline. This prairie inspired artwork will be displayed at the upcoming annual meeting. We have yet to decide how to judge the pieces but seeing all this wonderfully creative artwork should be lots of fun.



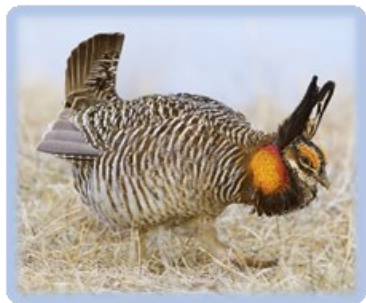
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Early Bird  
Registration Due  
April 13th. Hope  
to see you there!!

The society is gathering e-mail addresses from members who want the newsletter sent to them electronically. Please log onto [www.prairiechickens.org](http://www.prairiechickens.org) and under the Media tab a pop up will appear. Submit your e-mail address and get the latest news! Simple! Further discussion with all members regarding this will happen at the annual meeting. Receiving the electronic newsletter is an option as we realize some members will want to continue to receive hard copies in the mail.



**COME JOIN US FOR THE  
45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MPCS MEETING  
SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018  
MSUM REGIONAL SCIENCE CENTER, GLYNDON, MN  
For more information visit [www.prairiechickens.org](http://www.prairiechickens.org)**



## ROOSTING

AmericInn – Hawley (218) 486-5140

Tesoro Motel – Barnesville (218) 354-2602

Star Lite Motel – Dilworth

Travelodge – Moorhead

(218) 287-2382

(218) 233-5333

## Saturday, April 21 -- MEETING AGENDA

### To The Booming Grounds

5:00 Depart for Bluestem Blinds from MSUM Science Center—

Brian Winter Leader (call Sonia to reserve your place at 218-498-2679)

### Habitat Field Trip

6:00 Depart for Field Trip to local prairies from MSUM Science Center—

Matt Mecklenburg Leader

(call Sonia to reserve your place at 218-498-2679)

### Let The Cackling Begin

8:30 Registration & Coffee

9:00 Welcome & Call to Order—Brian Winter

9:15 Outdoor Heritage Fund helps MN DNR---Greg Hoch

9:30 Outdoor Heritage Fund helps roosters---Steven Burdick

9:40 Outdoor Heritage Fund helps prairie biodiversity---Neal Feeken

9:50 Outdoor Heritage Fund helps prairie chickens---John Voz

10:00 Outdoor Heritage Fund helps sharptailed grouse---Jodi Provost

10:10 **Break**

10:30 There never was a prairie: My identity crisis---Greg Hoch

10:50 Neonicotinoids on the landscape: Evaluating avian exposure to treated seeds--- Charlotte Roy

11:10 Flushing out the relationship between grasslands, CRP and greater prairie chickens---Kalysta Adkins

11:30 Perspectives from 20 years of insect research on tallgrass prairies---Jerry Fauske

### Foraging & Loafing

12:00 Lunch

### More Cackling

1:00 A blind with a view---Sonia Winter

1:20 Christmas bird count history: 10 year summary for Buffalo River/Bluestem Prairie---Matt Mecklenburg

### Our Business is BOOMING

2:00 MPCS Annual Business Meeting

3:00 Door Prizes – MEMBERS ENCOURAGED to Bring/Solicit items (original art, hunting/fishing items, etc.)

### Dispersal

3:30 Adjourn

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**Pre-Registration encouraged by April 13: includes lunch, MPCS annual membership and eligibility for early bird drawing.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration \$ 30.00  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (needed for newsletter)

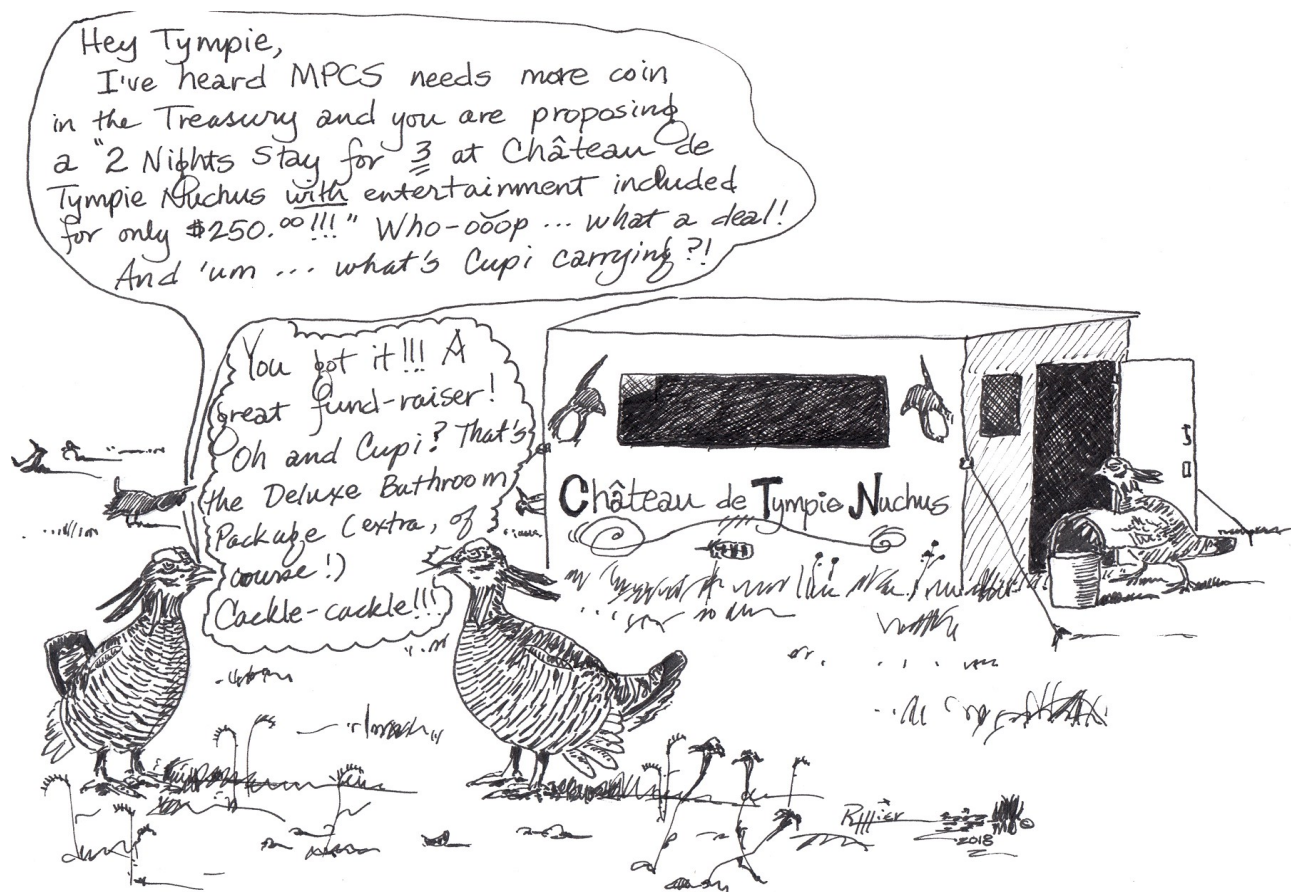
Are you interested in going in the viewing blinds YES / NO

Are you interested in an early morning field trip YES / NO

**Return to: MPCS, Travis Issendorf, Treasurer, 23983 County Road 113, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501**

**\* Please register NOW as lunch will be catered and we need to know the number of meals required.**

# THE ADVENTURES OF TYMPIE NUCHUS By ROSS HIER



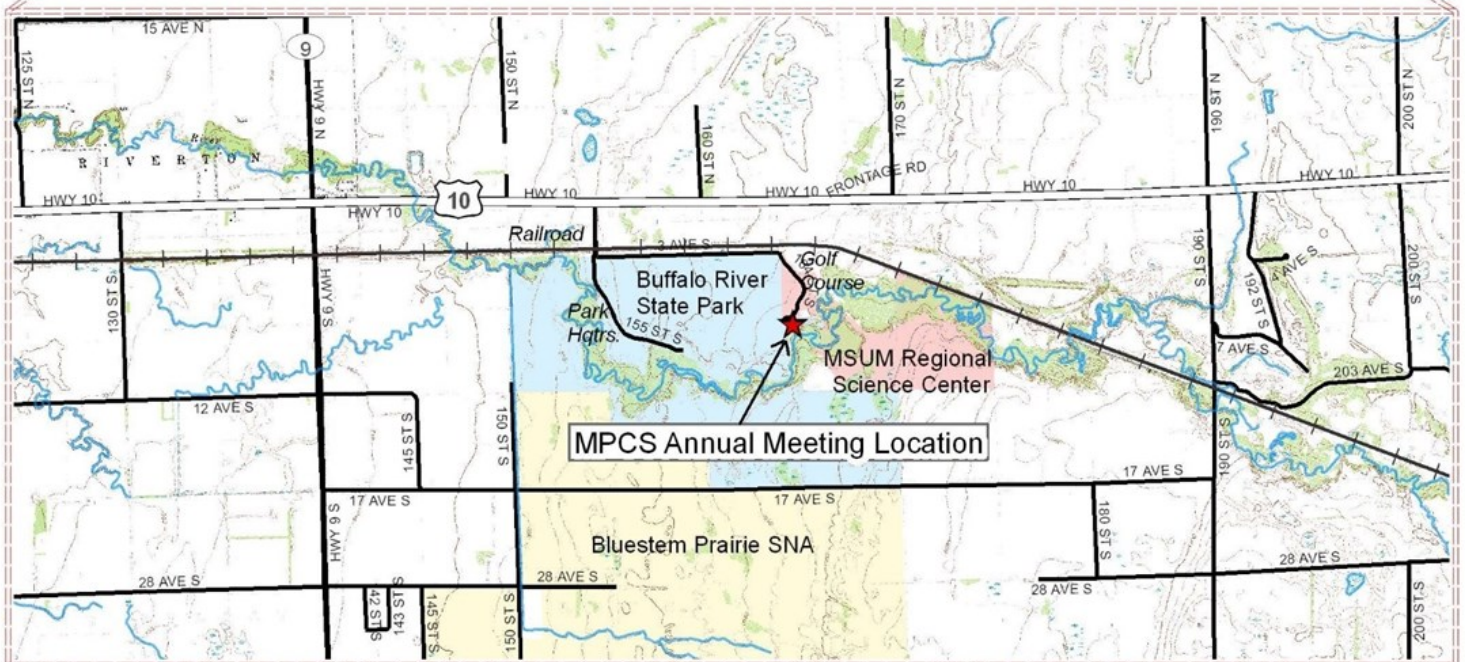
## Register Soon for The 21st Annual Detroit Lakes Festival of Birds

The Detroit Lakes Bird Festival is May 16-19 and this year's theme bird is the American Bittern.

The festival kicks off this year on Wednesday evening with a delightful show, "For the Birds" at the Historic Holmes Theater. The show features a series of musical pieces celebrating our feathered friends and drawing parallels with our own human nature. On Thursday join new and familiar faces at Hub 41 for a social. Make sure you reserve your spot early for Friday evening's presentation by Carrol Henderson as he reflects on his 45-year career in the DNR. Saturday evening's Keynote speaker is Noah Strycker. Noah Strycker is a writer, photographer and birdman from Oregon. Strycker has written four books: *Among Penguins* (2011), *The Thing with Feathers* (2014), *Birding without Borders* (2017) and *Birds of the Photo Ark* (2018). In 2015, he set out on an epic quest spanning 41 countries on all seven continents to set a world record by observing 6042 species of birds in one calendar year! He has worked on research in the polar regions, Amazonian Ecuador, Costa Rica, Panama and more. Of course, there are daily birding trips, a silent auction and more!

Preregistration deadline is Friday, May 11th. On-site registrations will be available at the DL Regional Chamber of Commerce Wednesday-Friday and at the M state College during the event, however, early registration is strongly recommended as field trip and workshop space is limited. Register by Tuesday, May 1st to be included in the special 'Early Bird Drawing' for a pair of 8.5x32 binoculars from Vortex. Register online to secure your spot! Go to [www.VisitDetroitLakes.com](http://www.VisitDetroitLakes.com). Registration is found under Events, then Festival of Birds. To date there are 60 registered with some coming all the way from New Mexico, California, Connecticut and even a few from the Netherlands!





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**Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society Membership**

Your gift membership will help! Any tax deductible contribution or donation will bring you the MPCS Newsletter and supports the Society’s efforts to save Minnesota’s prairie chickens and their habitats. Renew your membership today!

The Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society is a non-profit wildlife conservation organization exempt from Federal Income tax as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions made to the Society are deductible by donors as provided in Section 170 of the Code. The Society’s Federal Identification number is #41-1327954.

- ☐ I would like to make a membership contribution.
- ☐ I would like to contribute to Prairie Chicken Habitat Improvement.

- MPCS T-Shirt Natural ONLY MED-XXL \$10 Size
- Shirts Henley Black ONLY L-XL \$20 Size
- Button Down Natural ONLY L-XL \$25 Size

**Limited Supply on Hats!**

- Hats (New) Tan or Orange One size \$15
- Add \$5.00 Shipping & Handling
- Total



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45th Annual MPCS Meeting  
April 21st MSUM Regional  
Science Center Glyndon, MN

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