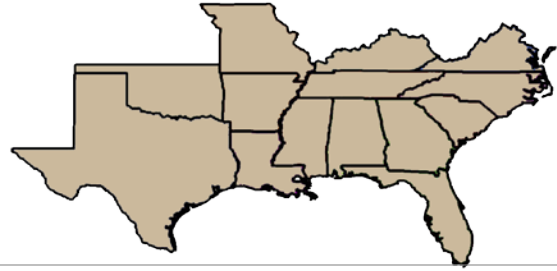


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President's Message *Dr. Barry J. Brecke*

As the 2011 growing season comes to a close it is time to make plans to attend the 2012 SWSS meeting in Charleston, SC. President Elect/Program Chair Tom Mueller and his Program Committee have assembled an excellent program for the 2012 annual meeting with the theme "Protect the Technology". More detailed Program information can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter and on the SWSS website. Deadline for meeting preregistration and room reservation is December 22. Both room and meeting registration are available on the SWSS website.



Some special events during the meeting include the popular Graduate Student Quiz Bowl, SWSS Dessert Social and the annual Awards Banquet. The Quiz Bowl will provide an opportunity for graduate student teams to demonstrate their general knowledge of weed science on Tuesday evening. The Awards Banquet on Wednesday evening is the event where we recognize members for their service to SWSS and Weed Science. Thank you to all those who nominated colleagues for an award or wrote letters of support for nominees. A new event for the 2012 meeting is the SWSS Dessert Social. It is scheduled for after dinner (9:00 p.m.) on Tuesday and will provide an opportunity to relax with SWSS colleagues.

Local Arrangements Chair Bert McCarty and his Local Arrangements Committee are working hard to make the Charleston meeting a success. There are numerous possibilities for activities in Charleston and Bert is working on some potential tours during the meeting. Larry Newsom and Lisa Smith are working with Bert on the Spouses Program. Larry and Lisa are contacting those who registered as spouses about the opportunities for spouses in Charleston.

If you are a golfer, don't forget to register for the 2012 SWSS Golf Tournament. This year the event will be held at the Wild Dunes Golf Course near Charleston. Tom Holt and Bert McCarty are working to make this a successful outing. The proceeds from this event go to the SWSS Endowment Fund. More information is available on the SWSS website.

Please plan on participating in the 2012 SWSS Annual Meeting. The meeting site is great, the program will be outstanding and you will have the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. Finally, I wish each of you a safe and relaxing holiday season with family and friends. See you in Charleston.

Register Now for the 2012 SWSS Annual Meeting in Charleston

The Program for the upcoming meeting in Charleston, SC is now posted at the website (www.swss.ws). For those that pre-register for the meeting, we will be mailing a copy of the program to you in the next few weeks.

Deadlines to be aware of:

1. **Pre-registration** for the meeting deadline is **December 22, 2011**. Go to the website and click on Pre-Register for the Annual Meeting Now.
2. Please make your hotel reservations soon. **Deadline for reservations is December 22, 2011**. The hotel rate for the meeting is \$129.00 (single/double) plus taxes. Rooms are available in the SWSS room block from Saturday, January 21 through Thursday, January 26. If you want to reserve room nights outside this block, you **MUST** call 843-722-0600 and reserve on the phone (reservations outside the block cannot be made online and are based on availability). To reserve rooms online, follow this link:
<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=12488&Chain=5953&arrive=01/22/2012&depart=01/26/2012&group=SOUTHWEED>
3. **Abstract submission deadline is Jan. 19, 2012** (the year listed on the website year is incorrect). Go to the title/abstract site to submit your abstracts (<https://wssaabstracts.com/user/home.php>).
4. There is still plenty of room for those wanting to sign up for the SWSS Golf Tournament. The registration form is posted on our website.

Judges Needed for Student Contests

The SWSS Annual Meeting is only a couple of months away and as graduate student contest chair I would like to ask for anyone who is interested in judging either paper or poster contests to please volunteer. There has been a good turnout again this year with 44 titles submitted to be entered into either paper or poster contests. There will be 2 MS paper sections, 1 PhD paper section, 1 MS poster section, and 1 PhD poster section. All paper sections will occur only on Tuesday morning and will not require your entire day of attention. Thanks to the Program Chair Tom Mueller for making this happen and even better is that no other presentations other than graduate student talks will be on going Tuesday morning. This is a great accomplishment by Tom and he is to be commended for promoting student presentations and allowing for increased attendance.

If you are willing to judge a paper section (again will only occur on Tuesday morning) or poster sections please email Matt Goddard (Vice Chair of the 2012 contest) at matthew.j.goddard@monsanto.com with your interest. Let Matt know if you are interested in judging in Paper or Poster (both is an acceptable answer also) and if you have any specific area of weed science you are more comfortable with then please let him know. Note that we will try to accommodate everyone's requests but we may ask you to step out of your comfort zone if need be.

Finally, the SWSS annual meeting provides an avenue to relay our research to one another across our region but even more importantly it is an opportunity for graduate students to learn and develop their skills as presenters by delivering their research findings amongst their peers. Your assistance as judges is valued immeasurably and gives back to the SWSS and insures we are providing the students every opportunity to excel in Weed Science.

Drew Ellis, Graduate Student Contest Chair

SWSS Pre-Conference Tours

Charleston, SC - A Beautiful, Charming Southern City

Bert McCarty, Chair Local Arrangement Committee

Charleston, SC is widely known for its rich history, unique architecture, and southern hospitality. For those arriving early (or have an extended stay) at the upcoming SWSS Conference in January, 2021, the Hotel's Concierge suggestions for city tours are:

- **Carriage Tour** – Palmetto Carriage Works, www.palmettocarriage.com, 843-723-8145, or ticket office 40 N. Market St.
- **Harbor Tour & Palmetto Carriage Tour Combo** – tickets at www.charlestonharbortours.com or 800-979-3370 or 285 East Bay Street,
- **Harbor Tour** – depart from Charleston Maritime Center, 10 Wharfside St - tickets at www.charlestonharbortours.com or 800-979-3370 or 285 East Bay Street,
- **City and Plantation Tours** – tours available are 1. City, 2. Magnolia Plantation, 3. Middleton Place and various combinations thereof. Charleston Tours, Inc. www.charleston-tours.com or 843 -571-0049
- **Adventure Sightseeing Tours** – tours of the plantations and various Charleston sites: www.touringcharleston.com or 800-722-5394

Of course, numerous other sights to see are available such as:

- **Patriots Point** – www.patriotspoint.org, 866-831-1720
- **Fort Sumter** – www.fortsumter.com, 843-722-2628
- **Hunley Submarine** – www.hunley.org, 877-448-6539
- **South Carolina Aquarium** – 100 Aquarium Wharf, www.scaquarium.org, 843-720-1990/8600
- **Confederate Museum** - at the corner of Meeting and Market Streets,
- **Boone Hall Plantation**, 1235 Long Point Road, Mt. Pleasant, www.boonehallplantation.com, 843-884-4371
- **Drayton Hall**, 3380 Ashley River Road, www.darytonhall.org, 843-769-2600
- **Middleton Place**, 4300 Ashley River Road, www.middletonplace.org, 800-782-3608
- **Magnolia Plantation & Gardens**, Hwy. 61, www.magnoliaplantation.com, 800-367-3517
- **The Charleston Museum**, 360 Meeting Street, www.charlestonmuseum.org, 843-722-2996

Additional Tour Companies operating in Charleston and service these and additional sights include:

- **Historic Charleston Foundation**, 40 East Bay St. www.historiccharleston.org, 843-723-1623
- **Historic City & Plantation Tours**, www.historictoursofcharleston.com, 843-577-3311
- **Old South Carriage Tours**, 14 Anson St. www.oldsouthcarriagetours.com, 843-723-9712
- **Palmetto Carriage Works**, www.carriagetour.com, 843-723-8145
- **Spiritline Harbor Tours**, www.spiritlinecruises.com, 843-722-2628
- **Gray Line Tours**, www.graylineofcharleston.com, 843-722-4444

The horse-drawn carriage tours are highly recommended. These are within walking distance of the hotel (about 8 blocks), run continuously during the day and are one of the best ways to enjoy and learn about the city's rich history and see its unique architecture. For more adventuresome folks, a plantation tour is recommended as are one of the Charleston Harbor tours



(better yet, a combination carriage and harbor tour). For others, the SC Aquarium, Hunley Submarine, or Patriot's Point are also very interesting and educational. Many tours are flexible on their sights and times (plus prices) therefore; everyone is encouraged to inquire about these in advance. For those yearning for more information about these and many other events, restaurants, additional sights, etc., refer to Charleston Gateway Visitor Guide, www.charlestongateway.com.

SWSS Spouses Program – Charleston, SC

We're excited about what adventures await us at the SWSS meetings in beautiful Charleston, SC, January 23-25, 2012! Charleston has just been named "Top City in U.S." by Condé Nast Traveler 2011 Readers' Choice Awards! Please encourage your spouse to register and join us as we tour, shop and explore this historic city. Remember that registration also includes a ticket to the Wednesday night banquet, as well as one or possibly more sponsored events.

Our plans are still a bit tentative and will be weather dependent – but here's what we're looking at:

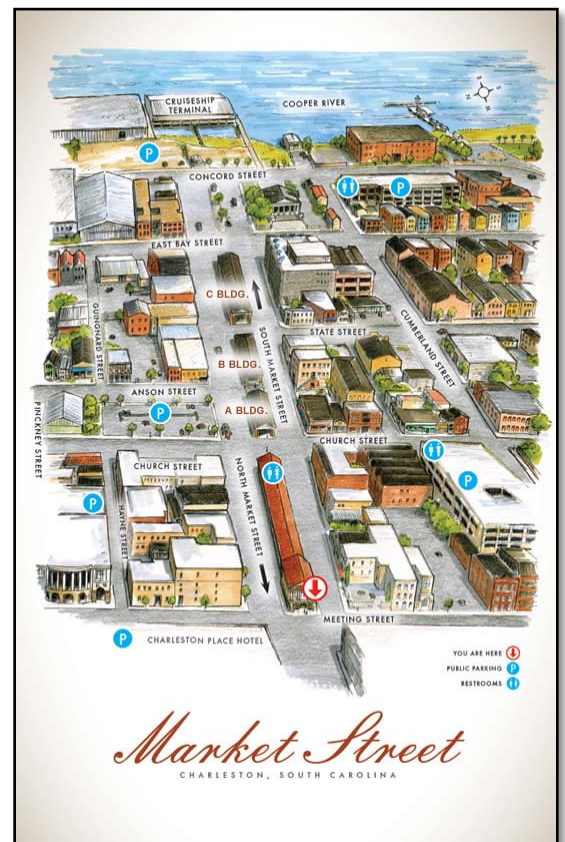
- Monday afternoon, January 23 – after registration, we'll explore the shops along King Street and venture down to the City Market where local vendors feature everything from seasonal produce to antiques and jewelry. It's also a great place to observe sweetgrass baskets being made and sold as well as plenty of cafés and restaurants to stop in for a drink or snack.
- Tuesday, January 24 – We'll leave the hotel about 10:00 and board a mini-bus for a guided 90-minute historic city tour, which includes a stop in one of the oldest homes in the city. This is a family friendly tour, but is not recommended for very small children.
- Wednesday, January 25– Join us about 10:30 and we'll visit *Charleston Cooks!* for a fun-filled cooking demonstration/class featuring low country cooking. After class, you'll enjoy shopping in the retail store, which features all kinds of kitchen gadgets and cookbooks for even the fussiest cook.

In addition to these activities, you might enjoy driving to visit one of the restored old Southern Plantations located approximately 30 minutes outside of Charleston. Just across the bridge from Charleston is Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum – home of the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown. Fort Sumter boat tours are available daily depending on weather conditions.

Please feel free to email with specific concerns or questions and plan to join us for a great time in Charleston in January!

Lisa L. Smith lisathemom@yahoo.com

Larry J. Newsom



Southern Weed Science Society

Pre-registration for the 65th Annual Meeting – January 23-25, 2012

Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, SC

Return before December 22, 2011 (a late registration fee of \$50.00 will be charged at the meeting).

To pay by credit card, go to the SWSS website (<http://www.swss.ws/>) and click on "Pre-Register for the Annual Meeting Now!"

Please Print

Name to appear on badge

Affiliation

Address

City, State, Zip code

Telephone: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail address: _____ (must have for meeting notifications, newsletter, etc.)

Registration: (Registration at the meeting will be \$50.00 more.)

Regular Member: \$275.00 (includes banquet and coffee breaks) US \$ _____

Student (Graduate or Undergraduate): \$ 100.00 US \$ _____

(includes banquet and coffee breaks)

Spouse Registration: \$30.00 (coffee and pastries) US \$ _____

Can't attend the meeting? Annual Dues for 2012: \$ 40.00 US \$ _____

Donation to the SWSS Endowment Foundation US \$ _____

Total due: US \$ _____

(make all checks to SWSS)

Send to: Phil Banks, SWSS Business Manager
205 W. Boutz Rd. Bldg 4, Ste 5
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-527-8853

A receipt will be included with your registration packet at the meeting. To make Hotel Reservations go to the SWSS website http://www.swss.ws or call 843-722-0600. The deadline for reservations is Dec. 22, 2011.

SWSS Golf Tournament

Sunday, January 22, 2012

Wild Dunes Resort

The **2012 SWSS Golf Tournament** will be held Sunday, January 22, at the beautiful **Wild Dunes Resort -- Links Course** in Isle of Palms, SC <http://www.wilddunes.com/south-carolina-golf-courses.php>. The **Links Course** is on a beautiful ocean side layout.

Bert McCarty has a long and excellent relationship with The Wild Dunes Resort and is instrumental in making this opportunity possible. Depending on the number of players that sign up, we're hoping to arrange personal transportation for participants.

General (Tentative) Schedule:

8:30 AM - Bus departs hotel for Wild Dunes
9:15 Arrive at the golf course
9:15 10:25 Warm up and get into your carts
10:30 Golf Tournament begins
~4:30-5:30 Awards and Reception at the Wild Dunes Club House

Companies are coming together to pay for much of the tournament with **Value-In-Kind**.

Company **Hole Sponsorships** will be structured as follows:

Silver	500,00
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Hole sponsorships will be allow "free play" for 2, 3 or 4 players, respectively, from the sponsoring companies. If you are interested in becoming a "Hole Sponsor" please contact Phil Banks swss@marathonag.com or Tom Holt thomas.holt@BASF.com .

With industry support, we will be able to limit entry fees to **\$25 for students** and **\$50 for non-students**. As mentioned above, this will be a Best-Ball tournament. We will be mixing the teams to include students, industry and university players to begin the networking process.

All proceeds (ie hole sponsorships, entry fees, etc.) will go to the **SWSS Endowment Fund**. Last year, the tournament in Puerto Rico raised more than \$10,000.

A small reception and awards banquet will be held in a reception room at the Wilds Dunes Clubhouse.

Sign up for Golf Tournament on the SWSS website. Contact Tom Holt (thomas.holt@basf.com) with questions

SWSS Golf Tournament Registration:

January 22, 2012

Applications will be accepted until Dec. 1, 2011 or until 18 foursomes have registered.

Contact Information for team or individual:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

e-mail:

Student (1 or more) \$ 25 X ___ ? (number of players) = \$ _____
Non- Students (1 or more) \$ 50 X ___ ? (number of players) = \$ _____

Hole sponsors contact Tom Holt for registration information: thomas.holt@basf.com

Payment Information: _____ Check enclosed.

Send to Phil Banks, SWSS, 205 W. Boutz Rd, Bldg. 4, Ste 5, Las Cruces, NM 88005

Call Phil (575-527-1888) to pay by Credit Card or fill out below and mail or scan and send (swss@marathonag.com).

Credit Card Payment: ___ AMEX ___ Mastercard ___ Visa

Credit Card number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Sec. code: _____

Name on card: _____

Billing address for card: _____

E-mail address for card holder: _____

Players names and Handicaps:

Name _____ Handicap _____ (what you would expect to shoot round)

Name _____ Handicap _____

Name _____ Handicap _____

Name _____ Handicap _____

Clubs are being provided free by the Wild Dunes Resort.

Player #1

Need clubs? Y ___ N ___

Rt _____ Lft _____

Mens ___ Woman _____

Player #2

Need clubs? Y ___ N ___

Rt _____ Lft _____

Mens ___ Woman _____

Player #3

Need clubs? Y ___ N ___

Rt _____ Lft _____

Mens ___ Woman _____

Player #4

Need clubs? Y ___ N ___

Rt _____ Lft _____

Mens ___ Woman _____

Attention Presenters!

The following points will govern the style and delivery of presentations at the 2011 Meeting:

- All presentations **MUST** be in PowerPoint for MSWindows (PC compatible). Macintosh/Apple formats will **NOT** be supported.
- Your presentation must be saved as a PowerPoint 1997-2003 show file (.pps). It would be wise to also bring your original .ppt file to the meeting in case you need to make minor changes.
- Bring your presentation to the meeting and upload at the registration area on Monday (all day) or Tuesday (morning). Check the program for Monday/Tuesday presentation loading times. Make sure you upload your presentation **ATLEAST 4 HOURS** before your session starts.
- **ONLY USB THUMB DRIVES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR PRESENTATION UPLOAD.** Thumb drives will be immediately returned to presenters upon upload.
- Please limit the size of presentations to less than 25 MB.
- No audio clips or sounds will be allowed.
- Please contact the section chair **PRIOR** to the meeting if you need to use a video clip or unusual animation or have any questions on your file.
- Limit fonts used in the presentation to basic ones, as not all machines may have the same choice of fonts. Examples of standard fonts are Times New Roman, Arial, Courier, and Tahoma. Section chairs and computer operators are not responsible for changes in fonts, bullets, and other formatting at the time of presentation.
- Use up-to-date virus protection software to avoid infecting the computers provided by the section chairs.
- A Windows PC laptop computer and projector will be provided for each session.
- Presenters will **NOT** be allowed to use their own computers in the sessions.

Important SWSS Annual Meeting Dates

Pre-Registration	December 22, 2011
Title Submission	September 22, 2011
Abstract Upload	January 19, 2012
Hotel Pre-book	December 22, 2011
Annual Meeting	January 23-25, 2012

People and Places

Brad Minton was recently promoted to Southern Region R&D Manager for Syngenta.

Todd Baughman is now the Program Support Leader at Oklahoma State University.

Newsletter Deadlines:

May 1, 2012 *August 1, 2012* *December 1, 2012*
Send articles to Bob Scott, Newsletter Editor at bscott@uaex.edu



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