



**Joint Meeting  
of the  
Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society  
and Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society**  
*Living on the Edge –  
Prairie Grouse in the Aspen Parkland and Beyond*  
**April 19 - 20, 2024**  
**Crookston Inn and Convention Center**



**SCHEDULE**

**Friday, April 19**

12:30- Meet at the **Tri-Valley Bus Garage** on the SE corner of Crookston along Highway 2

Get name tags, field trip handout, and water bottle.

1:00- Depart with orientation comments by DNR.

Route: Out H-2 to County 46, south by TNC's Pankratz Prairie, MN DNR's Tympanuchus

WMA, scenic ridge overlook, then to Burnham WMA and finishing at Glacial Ridge NWR

2:00- Stop at the Maintenance Shop. Display of maps/posters, restroom break, and orientation talks

Topics: Habitat restoration on glacial ridge by Jason Ekstein

On-going management and the Big Burn by Gregg Knutson and Ben Walker

3:30- Continue tour of Glacial Ridge and view site of the "Big Burn" and brush/prairie management.

4:30-5:00- Arrive back at Tri-Valley Bus Garage. Grouse check into motels enroute to Crookston

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5:15-8:30- Registration and finger foods in the **Ballroom, Crookston Inn and Convention Center**

Informal presentation on the artwork of the Ding Darling award winner, Ross Hier

Cash bar (\$5.00 beer, \$6.00 wine). Meals can be purchased in bar and brought to Ballroom.

Get organized for early morning field trips to view chickens and sharptails at Pankratz Prairie, Tympanuchus WMA, and Glacial Ridge NWR.

The conference, raffle and displays will be in the Ballroom. **Consider donating raffle items! You can bring them Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.**

## **Saturday, April 20**

8:00- Registration and refreshments – **The Ballroom, Crookston Inn and Convention Center**

Dan Svedarsky, emcee

9:00- Opening remarks -Brian Winter (MPCS) and Mike Chalich (MSGS)

9:10- Field Reports.

9:20- The Setting – Where Forest Meets the Prairie - Bob Seabloom (UND retired) & Dan Svedarsky (U of MN Crookston retired)

9:45- Prairie-Chicken and Sharp-tailed Grouse Hybrid Research Update - Katelin Goebel, DNR

10:10- Sharptail and Chicken Studies in ND and NW Minnesota and Aerial Censusing - Cailey Isaacson, UND

10:35- Break

Jodie Provost, emcee

10:50 Informal Prairie-Chicken Survey & Hunt Report - Charlotte Roy, DNR

11:00- Vegetation Control to Improve Sharp-tailed Grouse Leks in the Manitoba Interlake Region – Ambroise Percheron, Sharptails Plus

11:25- The Pheasants Forever, MPCS, and MSGS Partnerships – Sabin Adams, PF, Rob Baden, MPCS, James Meadow, MSGS

12:10- **Lunch provided**

Ross Hier – emcee

1:00 Greater Prairie-Chicken Nest Success and Vegetation Response to Conservation Grazing – Jamie Horton, BSU

1:25- Wind Power Development and Habitat Acquisition Challenges Dave Trauba, DNR

1:50- The Midwest Prairie Grouse Summit – What Next? - Jodie Provost, NAGP

2:15- Annual Meetings of the Societies - Brian Winter (MPCS) and Mike Chalich (MSGS)

3:00- Raffle and refreshments

4:00- Adjourn

## FEES

- \$55 for professionals
- \$25 for students

Registration includes all meeting expenses and meals.

**PRE-REGISTRATION by April 10 is encouraged for a food head count, etc.**

**Option 1:** Mail a check payable to MSGS:

Gretchen Mehmel  
2788 Bankton Rd. SW  
Baudette, MN 56623

**Option 2:** Venmo to @mnsharptails, and include your name.

**Option 3:** Register at [www.sharptails.org/product/spring2024/](http://www.sharptails.org/product/spring2024/)

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**CONTACT-** Please reach out to Kyle Arola for any questions regarding the event at (218) 689-5178 or [kyle.arola32@gmail.com](mailto:kyle.arola32@gmail.com)

**LODGING** - A block of 40 rooms has been reserved at the **Crookston Inn and Convention Center**. All are encouraged to stay there. Call 218-470-1000 and ask for the “grouse conference” to reserve your room. A special conference rate of \$113.43 (includes tax) is available, and includes an egg and meat continental breakfast for room guests. Other munchies will be available for walk-in registrants.

**Check out: MSGS at [sharptails.org](http://sharptails.org) & [facebook.com/sharptails.org](https://facebook.com/sharptails.org)**

**MPCS at [prairiechickens.org](http://prairiechickens.org)**

**NAGP at [grousepartners.org](http://grousepartners.org)**

