



# MADCA NEWS

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## Note from the President

**1-23-11**

Our Annual Seminar and General Meeting are almost 30 days away! I hope that you can free your schedule on Friday, March 4, 2011. We will be packing a lot of Information into an 8 hour day. Aside from the seminar, I always learn something just from casual conversations with fellow members. We hope that you can join us, but if you can't, please give me a call so that we can discuss any nuisance wildlife issue that is on your mind.

May God bless you and your business,

**Kerry Streng**  
**MADCA President**  
**248.682.6990**

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## From the Editor

As we get closer to our annual seminar, we need to elect new officers and decide on ballot issues. As a volunteer run organization, please shake the hand and thank past, present and future officers for their service. It isn't always easy or convenient to fill the demands of the organization. Whether as a presenter, attendee, organizer, officer, raffle organizer, DNR meeting attendee, officer or helper your support is greatly appreciated.

**Richard C. Smith**

Candidate for  
Editor/Public Relations  
Manager:

Richard C. Smith

Dear Fellow Members,

Your vote would be appreciated for another term as Editor/Public Relations Manager. After two terms, I have learned the issues and how MADCA works while serving with many officers. We have transitioned to an email newsletter saving considerable expense and allowing for easier access for officer meetings. Having experience as a bounty-trapper, fur-trapper and now as a nuisance control trapper brings a well-rounded perspective to the board. Enthusiasm for the success of MADCA continues, my support will continue long after the election of officers.

Thank you,

*Richard C. Smith*  
*MADCA Editor/Public Relations*

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## **Notes from the MADCA Board meeting 01/07/11:**

**Our most recent Board meeting was held via Skype on 01/07/11 at 8:00 am. All Board members were present. The following are some of the points of interest for MADCA members:**

**We discussed improvements to our web site, logo, and letterhead in order to present a more professional image.**

**The MADCA Board has purchased liability insurance to protect our organization and future Board members.**

**We discussed establishing a new Board position titled “Member at Large”. This member could attend meetings, enter into discussions, and vote on issues yet there would be no responsibilities such as the other Board member have. Some advantages are that this member may be needed at some time to fulfill the need for a quorum and this position could also produce future candidates for Board offices. This issue has been tabled for future discussion.**

**Our upcoming seminar and general membership meeting was discussed. Please see other articles in this newsletter concerning speakers and other details for this event.**

**A complete copy of MADCA Board meeting minutes will be furnished to any MADCA member upon request.**

**Kevin Baker  
MADCA Secretary  
(517) 897-1985  
theycanrun@yahoo.com**

**Candidate for President:**  
**Kevin Baker**

It is a great desire of mine to serve as the next MADCA President. I am willing and prepared to resolve our current issues as well as any new issues that might affect our industry. Long term benefits for our industry and for MADCA members will always be my goal.

I have been involved in this industry (as my sole source of income) since 1994. I am a lifetime MADCA member and a member of NWCOA. I was first elected to the MADCA Board of Directors in 2001. I have served on the Board continuously except for 18 months when I was not working in the industry as I honored a non-compete agreement with my former employer. While on the Board I have never missed a Board meeting. I have attended numerous NRC meetings since 2001 as well as many DNR special interest meetings. I intend to continue my attendance at these meetings to work on our issues and to be a “watch dog” for our organization and industry.

I know the job responsibilities of the office of President, I am aware of the issues that we are presently facing, and I am acquainted with many of the people who can have an effect on our industry from the DNRE, NRC, USDA Wildlife Services, and NWCOA.

If elected I will continue the MADCA tradition of working towards positive relations with all contacts from the above mentioned organizations and I will work diligently for positive resolutions to current issues as well as any new issues that affect our industry.

I will be honored and privileged to serve as your next President. I will appreciate your vote on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions.

Thank you,

**Kevin Baker**  
**MADCA Secretary**  
**(517) 897-1985**  
[theycanrun@yahoo.com](mailto:theycanrun@yahoo.com)

**Candidate for Secretary:**

**Joe Miley**  
Owner  
Animal Pro Inc.

I have almost twenty years of experience in the pest control industry and building trades. I began my career in Pearl City, Hawaii back in 1991 and since then have performed thousands of pest and animal control services. I have done everything from fumigation of large container ships in Hawaii to protection of fruit crops in Northern Michigan to thousands of bat, raccoon, squirrel, mole and other nuisance wildlife services in and around SE Michigan.

I have a thorough understanding of the unique challenges that our industry faces. Through the years I have been fortunate to meet and get to know many of our members. I'm proud to say that I have a great working relationship with competitors in my area and we often refer jobs to one another. I look forward to working with my fellow members statewide in moving our organization and industry forward in the years to come.

# MICHIGAN ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL ASSOCIATION

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

### MADCA MEMBERSHIP CREED

As an official MADCA member I hereby pledge to uphold and abide by the following:

- 1) I promise to uphold all local, state, and federal laws governing the wildlife damage management industry.
- 2) I promise to employ traits of honesty and good business ethics in all my business activities.
- 3) I promise to treat the animals I handle as humanely as reasonably possible in their control, capture, translocation, or euthanasia process.
- 4) I promise to report all illegal activities to the proper authorities.
- 5) I promise to keep my skills up to date through participation in continuing education opportunities.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Michigan DNR Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Yearly Membership Fees: \$50.00 Active Member; \$25.00 Associate Member; \$100.00 Vendor**

**Please make check payable to: Michigan Animal Damage Control Association**

**Mail form and check to:**

**MADCA Treasurer  
Bob Nesbit  
P.O. Box 132  
Palmyra, MI  
49268**

**2011 MADCA SEMINAR  
AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2011  
8:00AM-5:00PM  
KELLOGG CENTER EAST LANSING, MI**

**THE MICHIGAN ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL ASSOCIATION (MADCA) IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE  
THE 2011 ANNUAL SEMINAR AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. OUR TENTATIVE  
SCHEDULE INCLUDES:**

**MADCA – STATE OF MICHIGAN UPDATE AND OUTLOOK**

Dean Krotchen, MADCA Vice President

**NWCOA – NATIONAL UPDATE AND OUTLOOK**

Gregg Schumaker, NWCOA President

**MICHIGAN SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER – MARKETING ADVISE**

Gordon Furgeson

**MDA – RODENTICIDE REGULATION UPDATES**

Brian Rowe, MDA, Plant and Pesticide Director

**MDNR – WCO WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Adam Bump, MDNR Furbearer Specialist

**HOME REPAIRS AND EXCLUSION TECHNIQUES**

Vamoose Varmints Team

**WHITE NOSE BAT SYNDROME UPDATE**

Dan O'Brien, MDNR

**USDA – EMERGING DISEASE CONTROL**

Dave Marks, USDA Wildlife Services, Wildlife Biologist

**BED BUGS, BAT BUGS, AND OTHER INSECTS**

Dean Krotchen, ANTECO Pest Control

**RODENTICIDE REGULATIONS UPDATES**

Brian Rowe, MDA Plant and Pesticide Director

**EMERGING DISEASE CONTROL**

Dave Marks, USDA Wildlife Services, Wildlife Biologist

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND MADCA CERTIFICATION EXAM**

**COST: \$115.00 FOR PRE-REGISTERED MADCA AND NWCOA MEMBERS**

**\$150.00 FOR PRE-REGISTERED NON-MEMBER ATTENDEES**

**\$160.00 FOR ANYONE REGISTERING AT THE DOOR**

**LUNCH, COFFEE, AND SNACKS WILL BE INCLUDED**

**PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY 3/01/11 TO BE PRE-REGISTERED**

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO MADCA AND MAIL TO:

**KEVIN BAKER, MADCA SECRETARY  
7254 COLBY LAKE RD  
LAINGSBURG, MI 48848**

**IF YOU REQUIRE OVERNIGHT LODGING PLEASE CONTACT THE KELLOGG CENTER AT 800 875-5090**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:**

**KEVIN BAKER 517 897-1985 OR KERRY STRENG 248 682-9660**

**SEE YOU SOON!**

**2011 MADCA BALLOT**  
**Mail to Secretary by 03/01/11 or bring to seminar**

**President**                    \_\_\_\_\_ **Kevin Baker**  
**(2 yr)**                            \_\_\_\_\_ **Write-in**\_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary**                    \_\_\_\_\_ **Joe Miley**  
**(2 yr)**                            \_\_\_\_\_ **Write-in**\_\_\_\_\_

**Editor**                            \_\_\_\_\_ **Richard Smith**  
**(2 yr)**                            \_\_\_\_\_ **Write-in**\_\_\_\_\_