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Chapter Welcomes New Officers

With the changeover in officers and directors occurring in January following the December elections, the Board wanted to take this opportunity to introduce themselves to the membership.

Angelo Caruso takes over the reins of President after serving one year in the President-elect position. Angelo is the District Manager for the Bergen Soil Conservation District, and was one of the lucky chapter members who made it through the dicey weather of December 9 to the Fall annual meeting held in Freehold.

Newly elected as President-elect is Evan Madlinger, a Soil Conservationist with NRCS in the northern part of the state. Dan Mull, a Soil Conservationist with NRCS in the southern part of the state, is the new chapter Treasurer. Dan takes over for Christine Snyder, who held the treasurer's job for 2-terms (4 years). And rounding out the new members is Laura Coover, Soil Conservationist for NRCS in the central area, now serving a three year term as council member.

In one of his first acts as a President, Angelo has named a new committee chair for the scholarship committee. Betsy Clarke is now chairing that Committee, previously chaired by Tami Kelly.

The entire Board wishes to thank all the Council members and Committee chairs who have given so generously of their time over the past few years, and to remind all members that any of the chapter leaders listed on page 2 can be contacted at any time with suggestions or ideas for chapter activities, issues, or meeting topics.



**World Congress of
Soil Science**
Frontiers of Soil Science
July 9-15, 2006
Philadelphia PA

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Spring Meeting Date Set!

!Save the Date!
May 5, 2006

Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge



SWCS Mission Statement

The Soil and Water Conservation Society fosters the science and the art of soil, water and related natural resource management to achieve sustainability.

We promote and practice an ethic recognizing the interdependence of people and the environment.

The refuge is located in Brigantine NJ (just north of Atlantic City). Meeting will start at 9:30 am with a 1 hour presentation followed by a 2 hour tour of the refuge. Binoculars will be provided (or you can bring your own) to check out the many different birds that use the refuge during spring migration. Lunch will be served for a nominal fee and the SWCS meeting will be held in the afternoon.

Reminder

Chapter dues are \$6 annually, and regular members are billed as part of their annual renewals with SWCS.

Life members are asked to forward their \$6 annual dues payment directly to the Chapter Treasurer, Dan Mull, at 220 Davidson Ave 4th Floor, Somerset NJ 08873.

Submissions Policy

Newsletter articles are welcome on topics of interest to the Chapter. Articles may be submitted by email to:

Janice Reid,
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by the following deadlines:

Winter issue: **January 5**
 Spring issue: **April 5**
 Summer issue: **July 5**
 Fall issue: **October 5**

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**Soil Loss and
Follow-up Review
Workshop**

March 2, 2006

Sponsored by

Firman E. Bear Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society

When: *Thursday, March 2, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*

Where: *Freehold SCD Office, 4000 Kozloski Rd, Freehold, NJ*

Fee: *\$20.00 (includes registration and lunch)*

As a follow up to the May CPESC Review Course, the Firman E. Bear Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society is pleased to sponsor an additional CPESC Workshop, which will provide additional information for those planning to take the CPESC exam. The morning session will provide training on predicting soil loss. There will be a presentation on the soil loss equations (USLE, RUSLE) by Fred Kelly, Resource Conservationist, NRCS that will provide you with a better understanding and working knowledge of the history, theory and use of these models. The afternoon session will include an overview of the Federal Clean Water Act and a review of some of the problems, which were not covered at the May CPESC Exam Review Course.

- All information, application forms, CPESC Workbooks can be obtained at <http://www.cpesc.net>.
- Directions can be found at <http://www.freeholdscd.org/directions.htm>.
- For more information, please call (908) 526-2701.

Mark your calendar and get your CPESC application submitted – CPESC Exam, April 29, 2006

REGISTRATION

Please return by **February 27, 2006**
Questions?: (908) 526-2701

Mail to: CPESC Program, c/o Somerset-Union SCD
308 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-Mail _____

Upcoming Events:

May 6, NJ; 22nd Annual FarmLands Bicycle Tour sponsored by Central Jersey Bicycle Club. Six marked routes starting from Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ. For more info call 732-225-HUBS or <http://www.cjbc.org>.

May 13, Rediscover the City of Newark. <http://www.CanalTrips.com>. 9 am departure from Somerville area with an approximate 5 pm return; \$70. Visit <http://www.canaltrips.com/newarkcitytour>.

May 21, Edison; 10th Annual Bicycle Tour of Edison. 9 am start at Edison Municipal Building; \$5. 25-mile police escorted tour, rest stops, and sag support. Call Mike Krumer, 732-287-9447, or tandem2@erols.

May 21, Elizabeth; 3rd Annual Bicycle Tour of Elizabeth. 8:00 a.m. registration or online at <http://www.groundworkelizabeth.com>

June 6-8, Atlantic City NJ; The Ecology and Management of Atlantic White Cedar Ecosystems; Visit <http://loki.stockton.edu/~wcedars> or contact George Zimmermann at zimmerg@stockton.edu.

July 22-26, Keystone Resort, CO; SWCS International Conference; Sessions and symposia on Monday and Tuesday, field tours and workshops on Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday; Visit <http://www.swcs.org> for conference details and registration.

Reminder: Membership Rates Change

Beginning October 1, 2005, the new rates for membership levels in the Soil and Water Conservation Society became effective.

- Student - \$25
- Conservationist - \$80
- Leader - \$130
- President's Club - \$200

Those members who have taken advantage of the payroll deduction program as employees of the USDA-NRCS will see a change in their deductions as shown below. **This change will take affect automatically** and members do not need to update any forms.

- Conservationist – \$3.08
- Leader - \$5.00
- President's Club - \$7.69

All others will see the increase in their next membership renewal notice.

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