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27th Annual National Bobwhite Technical Committee Meeting

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211 SE Walton Blvd, Bentonville, AR 72712

AUGUST 2-5

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DAY 1 Monday | August 2

- 7:00am - 8:00am Breakfast | Provided with Hotel Room
- 8:00am - 12:00pm Steering Committee Meeting | Agenda Page 3 GB1
- 1:30pm - 5:00pm State Quail Coordinators Meeting | Agenda Page 4 GB1
- 1:30pm - 3:30pm NBCI/NBTC Onboarding Session GB 3
- 3:45pm - 5:00pm Non-Government Organizations Partner Meeting GB 3
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm Working Lands for Wildlife Ad hoc Meeting | Invite Only Razorback
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm Welcome Reception | Provided with Registration Cornerstone

DAY 2 Tuesday | August 3

- 7:00am - 8:00am Breakfast | Provided with Hotel Room
- 8:00am - 8:25am Opening Remarks GB
Brad Carner and Lisa Potter
- 8:25am - 8:55am NBCI Past and Future GB
John Morgan
- 8:55am - 9:10am Great Plains Grassland Initiative GB
Dean Krehbiel
- 9:10am - 10:00am Plenary Session 1 • Bird Responses to Grazing in TN and MO GB
Frank Loncarich and Kyle Brazil
- 10:00am - 10:15am Break



- 10:15am - 11:45am **Plenary Session 2 • Highlights from Arkansas** GB
 Marcus Asher, Ryan Diener, Clay VanHorn, and Brett DeGregorio
- 11:45am - 12:45pm **Lunch**
- 12:45pm - 4:45pm **Subcommittee Meetings**
 - Ag Policy Chair: Casey Bergthold GB 3A
 - Communications Chair: John McLaghlin Compass
 - Forestry Chair: Greg Hagan Osage
 - Grasslands Chair: Ryan Diener GB 3B
 - Science Chair: Frank Loncarich Razorback
- 6:00pm **Awards Dinner | Provided with Registration** Cornerstone

DAY 3 Wednesday | August 4

- 7:00am - 8:00am **Breakfast | Provided with Hotel Room**
- 8:00am - 10:00am **Subcommittee Meetings**
 - Ag Policy Chair: Casey Bergthold GB 3A
 - Communications Chair: John McLaghlin Compass
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 - Grasslands Chair: Ryan Diener GB 3B
 - Science Chair: Frank Loncarich Razorback
- 10:00am - 10:15am **Break**
- 10:15am - 11:45am **Subcommittee Reports**
- 11:45am - 1:45pm **Business Meeting | Working Lunch Provided with Registration** GB
- 2:00pm - 5:00pm **CIP Workshop | Schedule on Page 5** GB 3A

DAY 4 Thursday | August 5

- 7:00am - 8:00am **Breakfast | Provided with Hotel Room**
- 8:00am - 12:00pm **CIP Workshop | Schedule on Page 5** GB 3A



NBTC Steering Committee Agenda | August 2, 2021

- 8:00am **Welcome and Introductions** Potter
 Approve Steering Committee Minutes from Winter Meeting Potter
 Treasurer's Report Hook
 Old Business Hook

- 8:15am **Director's Report** Morgan

- 9:15am **Awards/Elections Update** Perez
 Approval of Award Descriptions
 - Hall of Fame Award
 - Past-Chair Award

- 9:30am **Bylaws Update and Review** Potter

- 9:45am **NBCI Staff Updates**
 Grasslands - Hodges
 Forestry - Chapman
 Science - Foley
 Communications - McLaughlin/Morgan

- 10:05am - 10:10am **Break**

- 10:10am **Quail 9 Update** Hoover

- 10:20am **WLFW Ad Hoc Committee Update** McGuire

- 10:30am **Translocation Ad Hoc Committee Update** Duren
 Winter Translocation Workshop

- 10:45am **NBTC Critical Review Questions for Subcommittees** Potter

- 11:00am **Management Board Preparations** Morgan
 Business Plan
 501(c)3 Discussion
 Maximizing Attendance

- 11:45am **CIP Completion/Next Steps** Morgan
 Leadership Workshop

- 12:00pm **Adjorn**



State Quail Coordinators Meeting Agenda | August 2, 2021

- 1:30pm - 1:45pm
Welcome and Introductions
Cedotal
- 1:45pm - 2:15pm
NBCI Director's Update
Questions and Discussion
Morgan

- 2:15pm - 3:15pm
Biologist Ranking Index (BRI)
Group

<u>Goal</u> Determine if we should spend time updating BRI Map	<u>Questions for Consideration</u> 1. Is the BRI map still representative of bobwhite habitat potential in your state? 2. Does it need updating in your state? 3. If yes, how should we go about it? 4. Is there a better way/method to represent this data?
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- 3:15pm - 3:30pm
Break
- 3:30pm - 3:45pm
Ad Hoc Translocation Committee Update
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- 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Bobwhite Relevancy
Group

<u>Goal</u> Hear from states that have been successful at maintaining bobwhite relevancy within their agency. Give Examples.	<u>Questions for Consideration</u> 1. In your opinion, are bobwhites relevant within your agency? 2. What are some of the reasons bobwhites are or are not relevant within your agency? 3. How do they rank (among Admin and Staff) compared to other species? 4. How do we increase relevancy in the future?
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- 4:45pm - 5:00pm
Other topics
- 5:00pm
Adjourn



CIP Workshop | August 4

- 2:00pm **CIP Report Round Robin** Morgan
1. What are your habitat goals and have you met them?
2. When is your next habitat assessment?
3. Are NGOs investing in your management activities (financially and otherwise)?
- 3:00pm **Grant Opportunities** Morgan
- 3:30pm **Targeting Private Lands** Morgan
- 4:00pm **Building Partnerships with Federal Organizations** Chapman and Cecil
- 4:20pm **DoD Partnership** Morgan
- 4:40pm **Monarch Joint Venture Discussion** Foley and Cecil
- 5:00pm **Adjourn**

CIP Workshop | August 5

- 8:00am **Finishing the CIP** Morgan
- 9:00am **Delivering Ecosystem Services Through CIP** Morgan
- 9:20am **Quail Density App Demonstration** Martin
- 9:40am **New Science Coordinator Expectations** Foley
- 10:00am **QuailCount Website Revamp** Foley
- 10:30am **Adjourn**



Speaker Bios and Topics

John Morgan

John is a graduate of Penn State and the University of Georgia. He has spent over 20 years working for state wildlife agencies in FL and KY. This is his 18th year as a member of the NBTC and serves as the current Director. John will be talking about NBTC history and how it has brought us to this moment. He will focus on the future pathway using CIP to implement meaningful restoration with a heavy slant on the significance of private lands in that vision. Additionally, John will highlight the necessity of branching out to other natural resource benefits through partnerships and grants.

Dean Krehbiel

Dean is the State Resource Conservationist for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kansas. He has extensive background in working lands conservation in Kansas through his 25 years of experience working with the Agency and growing up on a working farm in western Kansas. He has a passion for outdoor pursuit including western big game and upland bird hunting. Dean graduated with a B.S. in Biology (emph. Wildlife Management) from Fort Hays State University.

Frank Loncarich

Frank Loncarich is a wildlife management biologist with Missouri Department of Conservation for 16 years, working primarily on public land management and conducting quail research. Before working for MDC, Frank conducted quail and greater prairie chicken research in Kansas and was a biologist for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. He loves nothing more than hunting upland birds.

Kyle Brazil

Kyle serves as the Conservation Delivery Coordinator for the Central Hardwoods Joint Venture. Originally from Wichita Falls, TX, he specializes in grassland bird conservation and management and building working relationships with diverse stakeholders. He holds a BS from Oklahoma State University, a MS from Texas A&M University - Kingsville, and PhD from the University of Tennessee. Kyle has held numerous positions including Program Manager for the Audubon Texas Quail and Grassland Birds Program and Agriculture Policy Coordinator for the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative. He has been involved with NBCI since 2006. Kyle completed his PhD at the University of Tennessee in 2019, where he studied native grass grazing systems for beef production and grassland habitat.



Speaker Bios and Topics

Ryan Diener

Ryan Diener has worked for Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever for over 10 years. He earned his bachelor's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Management from the University of Missouri in 2010, then began with PF/QF as a Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist in northwest Kansas, where he worked developing more diverse seed mixes for CRP and other native rangeland seedings, as well as working to eradicate the growing infestation of smooth brome through grazing, spraying and fire. After 2 years, he left the high plains of Kansas to move back to his home area in east central Missouri. Ryan worked with the full array of federal, state, and local programs available in his area to help landowners with projects ranging from glade/woodland restoration, native prairie plantings, native grass grazing projects, wetlands, general wildlife management projects, and pollinator seedings. Native grass grazing and prescribed fire were the cornerstones of his work there. In August 2017, he moved to Arkansas to take the Senior Biologist position for Quail Forever and is now the State Coordinator for Arkansas, a partnership position with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He oversees a team of 12 Quail Forever Farm Bill Biologists that cover the state working in partnership with NRCS and AGFC, as well as a 5 person Habitat Specialist Burn Crew in partnership with AGFC. In this talk, Ryan will discuss the working partnership in the state of Arkansas with Quail Forever, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and the NRCS. How working through multiple partners and innovating to meet needs in the state has helped grow the private lands habitat delivery potential for all the partners.

Clay VanHorn

Graduated from Arkansas Tech University in 1984 with a bachelors in fisheries and wildlife. Began his career working as a summer student for the Florida Game and Fish Commission assisting with the feral hog research project. He finished school while working for the Arkansas Game and Commission, specifically with the giant Canada goose restoration project, and served as a permanent employee managing three WMA's for another seven years. Worked as a forester/biologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1989-1999. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service, Ouachita National Forest, as a district biologist on the Caddo-Womble for six years, as the district Timber Management Assistant for thirteen years, and now serves as the forest biologist for the past five years.



Speaker Bios and Topics

Brett DeGregorio

Brett has a B.S. from the University of Massachusetts, a M.S. from Purdue University where he studied the habitat use of the massasauga rattlesnake, and a PhD from the University of Illinois where he studied snake-bird predator-prey interactions. He will be presenting the results from an occupancy modeling effort to predict areas of suitable bobwhite habitat across each of the ecoregions of Arkansas. Brett and his graduate students teamed up with biologists from the AGFC including Marcus Asher, Chris Middaugh, and Cody Massery to use historic bobwhite surveys conducted by AGFC to better understand the broad-scale habitat associations of bobwhite and where a suitable habitat might occur.

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Local Attractions



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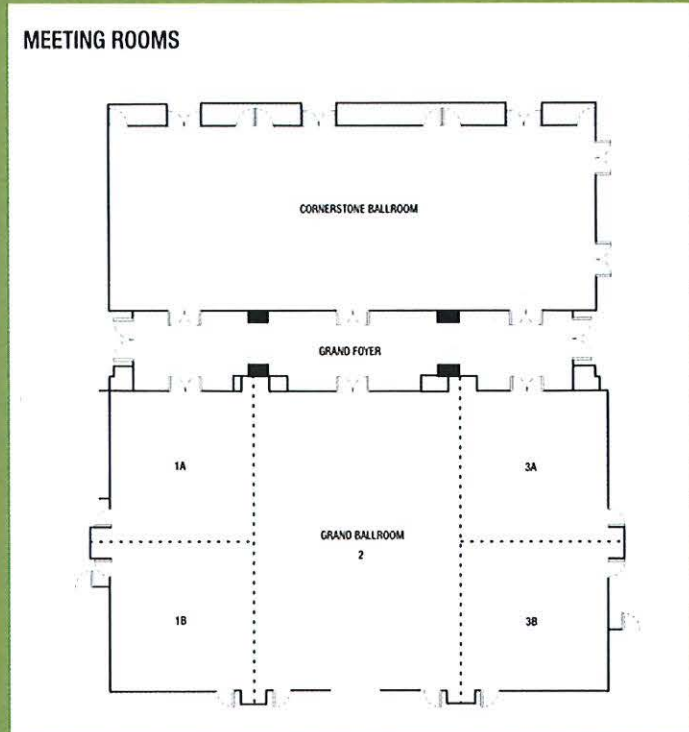


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- (1). Crystal Bridge Museum of American Art · (2). Pea Ridge Military Park ·
(3). Devil's Den State Park ·
(4). Museum of Native American History · (5). The Walmart Museum

Additional Information

Meeting Room Layout



Awards

Leadership Award

An annually presented award highlighting exceptional leadership towards national progress for the restoration of bobwhite within the NBTC organization.

Group Achievement Award

An annually considered award recognizing outstanding team contributions towards national progress for the restoration of bobwhite within the NBTC organization.

Firebird Award

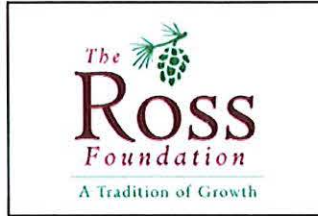
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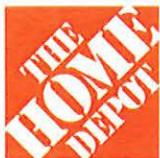


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