



*From the Desk of the NCD President
Ramblings by Sandy*

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Greetings, NCD!

November is here and it means two big competitions will be decided: the World Series and the Presidential Election. The NCD honors its own winners each year at the annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Our awards include: Most Active Chapters (Large and Small), Most Active Student Subunit, the Best Communications Award, the Meritorious Service Award, and the Fisheries Excellence Award. Through these awards, the Division recognizes the amazing accomplishments of our members, subunits, and chapters.

Award nominations are due **November 23rd** and should be emailed to me sclark-kolaks@dnr.in.gov. See <http://ncd.fisheries.org/awards> for details on how to apply.

Another fabulous award is Joan Duffy award, mainly because it comes with money. Information about the Duffy can be found here: <http://ncd.fisheries.org/joan-duffy-award/>. In short, this award targets students and provides travel support to the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The award is matched by both the NCD and the student's home chapter.

Chapter Awards Committee Chairs – don't forget to send the names and contact information for the Duffy winners to me by **December 16th**.

Another great scholarship that came to my attention is the Noreen Clough Memorial Scholarship for females in graduate school for fisheries science. This new scholarship is sponsored by B.A.S.S.. To apply prepare an **essay**, no longer than 1,000 words, which describes why you believe you are deserving of this scholarship. Applicants may want to include career aspirations, personal interests or other relevant factors in the essay. Additionally, please attach a current **resume** which includes 1) full name, 2) complete mailing address, 3) e-mail address, 4) best telephone number, 5) school name and location, 6) degree sought, 7) expected graduation date, 8) summary of your education, 9) summary of work history, and 10) other relevant experience/qualifications/references.

Please e-mail the essay and resume, scanned together as a **single PDF file** to: Gene Gilliland, B.A.S.S. Conservation Director at ggilliland@bassmaster.com. The deadline for applications is **December 15, 2016**.

Until next month,

Sandy