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MESSAGE FROM THE STATE CHAIRMAN

Jan Young



Welcome Fall!

Since I was a little girl, the fall has always been a welcomed season in my home. The leaves change colors and evenings cool. I knew when the weekends would come that my brother, father and I would hike out to the blind and sit and watch and listen to the birds flapping their wings overhead. Our yellow lab would be shaking and seemed to almost be smiling up at those mallards floating into our decoys. It was hunting season, and thank God for it!

I truly believe in giving back and leaving for my son and daughter the legacy of ducks filling the skies today, tomorrow and forever.

I am so fortunate to have an outstanding group of volunteers joining me in the quest for reaching our \$3 million mark while conserving over 700K acres of critical habitat right here in California.

As we enter our Fall Banquet season, I am witnessing myself and hearing from you that there is a sincere passion in each of these members and volunteers that are giving of their time and money to help our Ducks Unlimited mission. For almost 80 years, DU has been guided by our singleness of purpose: wetland conservation.

Raising money at our dinners directly impacts conservation here and across the continent. What you do on the local level truly matters! Our staff is also so dedicated to the DU mission and I know they would agree EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU are helping fulfill our mission of raising needed funds for our wetland conservation goals.

Finally, remember you play an important role in a very dynamic organization that is the envy of the conservation world...Ducks Unlimited.

All I can say is THANK YOU for all you are doing for DU!

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CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION PROJECTS

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Prior to the Gold Rush, an estimated 4 to 5 million acres of wetlands were present in [California](#). Now, more than 95 percent of the historic wetlands and more than 90 percent of the riparian corridors have been destroyed or grossly modified.

In some years, 60 percent of the entire Pacific Flyway and up to 20 percent of North America's waterfowl population winters or migrates throughout California. Nowhere else in the world do so many waterfowl winter on such a small wetland base. Ducks Unlimited has recognized the combined Central Valley and [San Francisco Bay area](#) as one of five highest habitat priorities in North America. California also has other regions that are important to waterfowl. Northeast California's [Great Basin](#) habitats stage massive flocks of [snow geese](#) and [pintails](#) during their spring migration. The [Sonoran Desert's Salton Sea and lower Colorado River region winters large numbers of waterfowl and play an important role in supporting Pacific Flyway ducks and geese.](#)

To date, Ducks Unlimited has implemented more than **1,300 conservation projects** conserving **more than 719,000 acres** of wetlands and associated uplands in California alone.

View the [state conservation report](#) in California.

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CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

Fresno, California Chapter Written by Dee Faires



On April 21st, Fresno DU held their fifth annual fundraising dinner at Pardini's Banquet Hall. Jon Wills, Mark Wojdylak and Kyle Trippel and the committee planned a special night for the 350 attendees and it showed. The banquet hall was full of DU merchandise and unique items donated by local businesses. There were plenty of guns to excite the crowd, plus games like Ducky Dice and Blackjack, and a wall of guns from Sportsman's Warehouse. The energy level was high and the crowd was there to have fun while supporting DU, the leader in wetlands conservation

The evening started off with cocktails and appetizers while the attendees enjoying trying their luck on the Ducky Dice and Blackjack table, both games featured a fine firearm as the prize for one lucky winner. The Wall of Guns was a big hit with three winners choosing their pick of guns they won. Raffle ticket sales were better this year than ever before with sales going over \$28,000.

The live auction was a mix of items from the DU catalog and hunting trips ranging from a hunt in the San Francisco Bay and Northern California to hunts in Texas and South Carolina and Argentina. The live auction also featured a golf trip to Pebble Beach, plus several custom items from local artists and DU supporters. The attendees supported DU very well with the live auction raising over \$33,000.

"Overall it was a great night for the ducks," said Martin C. Anderson, Regional Director for DU. "The Fresno DU committee planned and executed the event with great enthusiasm. I couldn't be more proud of the Team of DU volunteers we have in Fresno, it's a pleasure working with them." Thanks to the hard work and efforts of the Fresno DU committee the dinner raised over \$75,000 to further the mission of Ducks Unlimited.

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Fort Bragg, California Chapter

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Photo © Michael Furtman

Great things sometimes come in small packages. The Fort Bragg, [California](#), DU chapter is a case in point. Despite its small size, this remote lumber and fishing community, located on California's rocky coastline about 165 miles northwest of San Francisco, has been churning out impressive DU events for the past 30 years.

Since its inception, the Fort Bragg chapter has been guided by two remarkable DU [volunteers](#), District Chairman Gary Roussan and Area Chairmen Greg Petersen. Welcoming around 100 event attendees per year, these two gentlemen, along with other volunteers on their committee, have grossed an estimated \$800,000 for DU. In addition, this chapter has maintained an average fundraising efficiency ratio of nearly 78 percent over the past 10 years.

"The Fort Bragg committee is a very cohesive group," said Jim Giampaolo, DU's regional director in northern California. "Each volunteer is a longtime member. Their uninterrupted dedication and commitment to the DU mission for the past 30 years is remarkable. They are truly a pleasure to work with, and I feel lucky to be their regional director."



Save the Date!!!!



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Blackhawk Banquet

Honoring

Doug Federighi

MARCH 30, 2017

BLACKHAWK MUSEUM

DANVILLE, CALIFORNIA



Carol Federighi

Doug Federighi

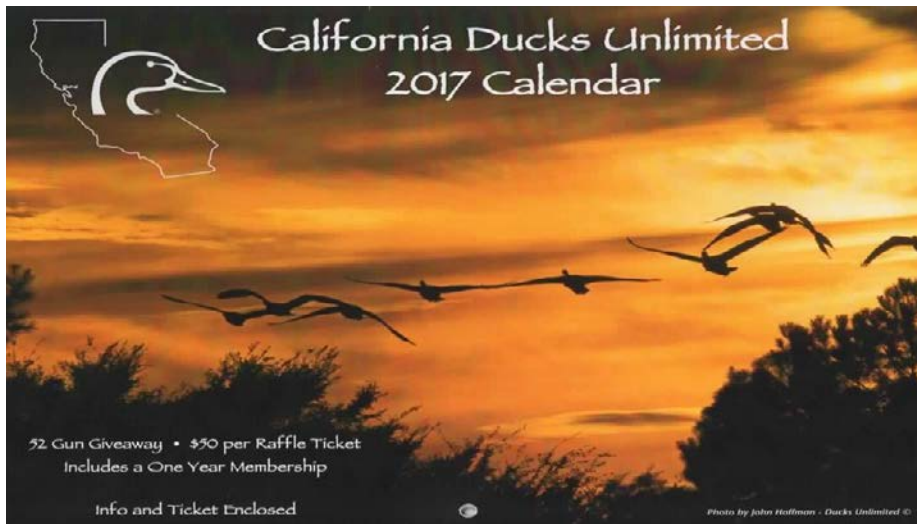
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**Regional Leadership Meeting, Las Vegas NV
August 19-21, 2016**

The Region 1 Leadership Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada was a wonderful success! Thank you to Mark Low and Jason Rounsaville for all of the hard work put into having this wonderful training for all. Here are some photos of the weekend with everyone hard at work.



CALIFORNIA 2017 STATE CALENDAR GUN RAFFLE SALES ARE UNDERWAY



California DU introduced a statewide calendar gun raffle in the summer of 2013. Calendars are sold during the months of October, November and December. The cost is \$50 per calendar and includes one DU membership. The raffle giveaway for the 2017 year starts January 4, 2017, when CA DU begins giving away **ONE GUN EACH WEEK** during the calendar year.

Winners will be notified by email and names will be posted on the [DU California website](#) and our state [Facebook page](#). Winners will follow standard FFL processing and delivery.

If you purchased a calendar, you have an opportunity to win 52 guns throughout the year. ONE TICKET = 52 CHANCES. Good luck!

For more information contact your local DU Chapter.

CALIFORNIA 2018 STATE CALENDAR PHOTO SEARCH IS UNDERWAY!

We are currently seeking pictures for the 2018 calendars. As duck season is upon us we know you are also getting some awesome photos! They are slowly coming in and we would love to build up our California Library of waterfowl pictures. Please turn in as many as you want as this year goes on. The deadline is January 31, 2017.

Please Email to: claudiascdu@yahoo.com.

When submitting your photos you **MUST** have your name with each picture you send in to us. The printer will pick which ones that they can use for printing and some may be carried over to the next year's calendar. Please keep them coming!!!! If you have any questions please contact Claudia Caudle at (831)212-4264.

Traveling with your Pets **Written by Pamela Taylor**

As I attended a workshop recently about "Traveling with your Pets" I got to thinking about all the traveling within and out of state many of you may have or be taking with your dogs on hunting trips. As I am not a hunter myself I got to thinking about the information we were given and thought I would pass along.

The first thing you should prepare is a Medical B.O.B. (Bug out Bag) that you should have while traveling.

- Records
 1. Vaccination, Heartworm and parasiticide (Flea, tick, tapeworm) history.
 2. Pertinent medical records and attending vet contact information if your pet has an ongoing medical condition or significant medical history.
 3. Medications your pet is currently taking (strength and frequency).
 4. Microchip and other identification information.
 5. Health certificate and other necessary paperwork, if crossing national borders.
- Medications and Treatments – make sure you have enough for the whole trip (plus some extra.)
- Restraint Equipment – leash or harness, crate +/- muzzle, clothes
- First Aid Kit:
 1. Know your vet's contact information, and that of the emergency clinic in your destination area.
 2. Animal Poison Control: (888) 426-4435
 3. Emergency Pet Kit:
 - Thermometer – normal 100 – 101F
 - Scissors
 - Leash
 - Kaopectate
 - Benadryl
 - Charcoal
 - Neosporin
 - Ace Bandage
 - Telfa Pad
 - Roll Gauze
 - Dose Syringe
 - Muzzle
 - Pepto Bismol
 - Stethoscope
 - Dramamine
 - Peroxide
 - CoFlex (Bandage Material)
 - Adhesive Tape
 - Maxi Pad

In the event that you must take you pet to a veterinarian for illness or injury, be very candid and complete about ALL medications given or possible substance exposure they may have gotten a hold of in a hotel room you may have stayed in. This will help to determine the best treatment options and needs your pet may need. If you also keep a file on your pet while traveling (i.e. all vet records) this will also help the veterinarian expedite the care that is needed for your pet.

Here are some items that you should watch for and/or be aware of at while traveling to that duck hunting location. While I know there are many other things to think about I thought this would be a start.

- Hypothermia
 1. Most dogs, especially sporting and hunting breeds, are well able to tolerate cold and even freezing temperatures while physically active. Chilling occurs while sedentary, wet and/or in the wind.
 2. Treat by submerging in tub of warm (not hot) water and monitor core body temperature. If a tub is not available, use floorboard heater on high or a hair dryer. At the very least swath in dry bedding and protect from the wind.
 3. Continue treating until core temperature is at least 98F.

Traveling with your Pets – Cont.

- Carsickness
 1. More prevalent in puppies and most outgrow it.
 2. Apparent as drooling, panting, vomiting, restlessness, anxiety.
 3. Manage by conditioning and practice – short rides around the block, progressing to multi-stop trips in town, then actual road trips.
 4. Crate travel helps with stability and security – keep practicing.
 5. Travel on an empty stomach and bowels. On travel day skip breakfast and take a long walk in the morning. Potty and water breaks should be approximately every 2 hours throughout the day. Feed later in the afternoon and remember to let your pet out several times before bed.
 6. For those pets who need more help: Dramamine 25 to 50mg for small to large dogs every 8 hours. Starting this at least 1 hour prior to departure.

These were just some of the things that were presented to us by one veterinarian. Please consult with YOUR veterinarian before traveling or taking that new bird puppy out for the first time because we know how precious your pet is.

Thank you, Pamela Taylor



UPCOMING EVENTS

Attend a local event in your area and take part in the fun while supporting the mission of Ducks Unlimited. Traveling or vacationing? You can find an event on the [California Ducks Unlimited website](#). Traveling out of state? Simply select the state you will be visiting in the dropdown menu at the top of the California DU webpage and that state's upcoming events will be listed for you to browse. Don't miss an opportunity to show your support and have fun at the same time!

Chapter/Event	Date	Contact
Eastern Sierra Ducks Unlimited, Bishop	Nov. 11	Noe Gadea (760) 920-1010 Jeff Nelums (760) 937-0648
Red Bluff Ducks Unlimited, Red Bluff	Nov. 12	Jim Giampaolo (530) 510-3651
Yuba-Sutter Ducks Unlimited, Yuba City	Nov. 18	Brian (530) 300-3570 Laurie (530) 301-5783 Frank (209) 403-8750
Tulelake Waterfowl Hunter Party, Tulelake	Nov. 18	Jim Giampaolo (530) 510-3651
Humboldt County Ducks Unlimited	Dec. 1	Jim Giampaolo (530) 510-3651 Mark Rynearson (707) 839-4105 Harold Hilfiker (707) 443-5091
West Sacramento Annual Banquet, West Sacramento	Dec. 2	John Bonilla (916) 291-8677 Frank Leonardi (916) 984-3073 Gary Gaunt (916) 204-8179
Dixon Dinner	Dec. 3	Nancy Holdener (707) 446-1434
Placer County Ducks Unlimited, Lincoln	Dec. 3	Mike (916) 759-2773 Frank (916) 984-3073 Oshe Bennet (916) 626-0273
Ventura Ducks Unlimited, Santa Paula	Dec. 3	Chuck Teague (805) 525-8991
Turlock Ducks Unlimited, Turlock	Dec. 3	Luke Castillo (209) 617-3903 Mark Perry-Tapia (209) 606-3965 Michael Salet (209) 541-6604
Los Banos Ducks Unlimited	Dec. 9	Paul Enos (209) 587-1784 Sean Allen (209) 678-1926 Jim Bell (209) 826-7132
Gridley Ducks Unlimited	Dec. 13	Scott Davis (530) 695-8737
Ripon Ducks Unlimited 7 th Annual Crab Feed	Jan. 7	Tony (209) 605-4172 Frank Leonardi (209) 403-8720
Kings River Ducks Unlimited Banquet	Feb. 18	Brian Klassen (559) 356-7081 Angie (559) 393-0375 Santiago (559) 859-6951
Lake Tahoe Ducks Unlimited, South Lake Tahoe	Apr. 8	Frank Leonardi (916) 984-3073 Brian Barton (530) 318-1853 Diane Arlin (530) 318-0336

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Whether you are a longtime DU supporter, or a first-time member, *News from the Nest* is YOUR California DU newsletter. For any aspiring writers and photographers, what makes *News from the Nest* truly ours are stories and photos by California DU members. Please take the time to send us a story or photos of your events, members, conservation projects, Greenwing activities, trips, or whatever you feel is important to share.

It is our goal to provide articles relating to national and local conservation news, events, outdoor adventures, hunting, regulations, and much more. With your help, we can make *News from the Nest* a publication that we all look forward to reading.

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