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## 2016 John Wagster Award Winner Don & Rita Molitor

John Wagster Distinguished Service Award is a discretionary award selected by the state chairman to recognize volunteers who have performed in a distinguished manner over an extended period of time.

This year's winner is a gentleman who started his Ducks Unlimited career way back in the mid 1980's. He has been a member for at least 35 years and has sponsored for 30 years (15 years as a bronze sponsor and the last 15 years as a silver sponsor). He is currently a life sponsor and completed his pledge in 2012.

He has served as a volunteer in many different positions including committee member, area chairman, zone chairman, district chairman, regional coordinator, and various other state level positions. He has recruited many volunteers to his chapter and many other chapters. He is a great coach in teaching his committee's the "DU Way" and is responsible for guiding those chapters to win many state awards including AC of the year.

When it comes time for the district meetings, state meetings and state conventions; not only is he there but he normally has his faithful sidekick with him. Also, they both serve on the "A" Team serving large events, Greenwing events and special events no matter the location of these events.

There is a saying "behind every successful man is a supportive and understanding woman". That is the case here and you normally do not see one without the other. When you look at their volunteer history, they run parallel with each other with both serving DU during the same periods. As a matter of fact, most of the family volunteers for DU too. While this gentleman serves during the event to make sure the event is running smooth, his wife is normally working the front door and making sure the pay-in and pay-out table is operating smoothly.

The Wagster award this year has a bit of a twist in that we feel that you cannot honor one without the other. Their passion for DU has been steadfast through hundreds of events in the St. Louis area.

Don and Rita, we appreciate the many hours of service on many different levels for the Ducks. Congratulations to Don and Rita Molitor, our 2016 John Wagster award recipients.



Don &amp; Rita Molitor



Wagster Award Winners: Front row: Rita & Don Molitor. 2nd row: Ginny Zinck, Sharon Koch, Jane Bell, George Thomlinson, Musial Wolfe, Tom Shryock. 3rd row: Dave Hakes, Jim Talbert, Tim Reger. Back row: Tom McCrackin State Chair.

## Area Chairman of the Year

This is a National DU award that recognizes extraordinary achievement by a committee during the year. Criteria for this award include qualifying for the 10/30 Growth Incentive Program coupled with percentage increases in the categories of net/net dollars and membership along with the positive change in event efficiency for all events combined compared to the prior year.

We recognized a candidate from each region with the Excellence in Leadership Awards. The finalists are: St. Joseph, Columbia and Gateway Greenheads

The 2016 Missouri Ducks Unlimited Area Chairman of the Year is Chris Thompson, St. Joseph.



**Area Chairman  
of the Year**  
**Chris Thompson**  
St. Joe

## Excellence In Leadership—West

The following leaders are finalist for the 2016 Area Chairman of the Year:

This DU volunteer from west Missouri has been an area chairman for the past 3 years and a DU volunteer for at least 9 years. The team he led to great success in 2016 consisted of several experienced volunteers and many new volunteers. He understands the long-term success of a Ducks Unlimited committee depends heavily upon the continual recruitment of new volunteers.

This young man's DU committee has hosted fall sponsor and Sportsmen Night Out events on a regular basis to make the ducks some significant money each year – nearly as much as their main dinner event in the spring which regularly raises between \$25 and \$30,000.

As with any great DU leader, this volunteer has been quick to recognize that our DU conservation work cannot be adequately accomplished by hosting fundraising events alone. This leader has developed a team of volunteers who have excelled at recruiting major donors to Ducks Unlimited over the last 3 years.

His chapter has reached an extraordinary accomplishment by signing up anywhere from 4-6 new DU life sponsors in each of the last three years. This individual has consistently been an advocate of the most effective tools of fundraising – such as multiple events in a year for chapters, major donor recruitment, volunteer and sponsor recruitment, underwriting, as well as the pursuit of feather society pledges. Congratulations to the West Missouri DU Excellence In Leadership Award winner Chris Thompson of St. Joseph MO.



**Excellence in  
Leadership**  
**Chris Thompson**  
St. Joe



**Excellence in  
Leadership**  
**Renee Hahne &  
Aaron Brooks**  
accepting for  
**Gary Ford and  
Todd Wetton**  
Columbia

## Excellence In Leadership—North

After a correction year in 2015, the Columbia chapter refocused and came back with some lofty goals. With the leadership of Gary Ford and Todd Wetton, the chapter increased their net/net dollars 42%, their members increased 40% and the bottom line increase \$19,379 to \$65,781. Thanks Gary, Todd, and the Columbia committee for a job well done and congratulations on the Excellence in Leadership Award.

## Excellence In Leadership—SEMO

This area chairman and committee run their chapter like a business and they have fun doing it. They are committed to doing their best and put effort year around into making the chapter a success. Good leadership shows here because they focus on what's important. In addition to focusing on attendance, recruitment and controlling costs, they put a high importance on cash underwriting and donations for their events. This DU leader and his committee hosted a dinner event and a SNO event in addition to selling calendars and running a SBA program in 2016. The end result of these efforts is a 62% increase in Net/Net dollars from 2015 to 2016 and a 56% increase in attendance. Please join me in congratulating Steve Wunsch from the Gateway Greenheads chapter for being the Excellence in Leadership Award recipient for 2016.



**Excellence in  
Leadership**  
**Steve Wunsch**  
Gateway  
Greenheads

## Ozark Tigers—Our First High School Chapter

MODU First Varsity Chapter – Ozark TIGERS \_ Jason Pritchard, Regional Coordinator

We are excited and proud to announce that Dylan Pritchard, Tanner Lambeth, and Colton Cox have started the *FIRST* Ducks Unlimited Varsity Chapter in Missouri! The chapter will focus on DU awareness , conservation, and fundraising.

The Ozark Tigers Ducks Unlimited Varsity Chapter is already in gear and having their first raffle right now! The leaders are in place and are ready to move forward with this exciting adventure. With the support of Missouri Ducks Unlimited, local DU chapters, Ozark school district, and the Ozark community I expect the Ozark Tigers Ducks Unlimited chapter to be very successful in promoting the mission of Ducks Unlimited with true Tiger pride, passion, and integrity.

Below is a list of the current Chapter Officers and Leaders.

Thank you to all of you for helping make this possible!

Norm Zink, Missouri Ducks Unlimited State Chairman, [660-596-3594](tel:660-596-3594)

Jason Pritchard, DU Regional Coordinator, [417-234-4096](tel:417-234-4096)

Mark Jackson, DU Regional Director, [620-223-1425](tel:620-223-1425)

Terry Jamieson, Ozark High School, Activities and Athletics Director

Michael Cox, Ozark Coach and Student Advisor

Jeremy Tennison, DU District Chairman, [417-299-0924](tel:417-299-0924)

Dylan Pritchard, Area Chairman, [417-844-3112](tel:417-844-3112)

Tanner Lambeth, Area Co Chairman

Colton Cox, Chapter Treasurer



The first Ducks Unlimited high school chapter fundraising event was held in 2003 at Collierville High School in Collierville, Tennessee. Ducks Unlimited began to promote the DU Varsity program on a national level in 2013; since then, the number of active chapters in the United States has increased steadily. In 2016, 53 chapters from 22 different states were responsible for raising more than \$347,000 in event income for wetland conservation. DU Varsity volunteers have the opportunity to take part in the many leadership and networking opportunities the program provides in addition to supporting DU's mission and learning about conservation.

Today, Varsity chapters are playing an increasingly important role in Ducks Unlimited's conservation mission. DU recognizes that a vibrant and strong high [school program](#) is the key to a healthy future for wetlands conservation, and a strong emphasis will continue to be placed on the development of what has been a very successful program.

Varsity volunteers get involved for a variety of reasons including:

- Social functions that build community
- School pride
- DU merchandise
- Conservation education
- College resume building
- Networking and volunteer opportunities
- Leadership development
- National competitions with other DU Varsity chapters across the country



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## ***National Chapter Excellence Awards***

The following chapters earned the National DU Chapter Excellence Awards: Chapters must meet the following growth criteria in the calendar year. The main Dinner (D) event must be 10/30 compliant.

### **Ranking Categories:**

- All income (to include event income, non-event major donor income from chapter's assigned zip codes, SBA proceeds and direct mail proceeds from a chapter's assigned zip codes)
- Event income for all chapter events
- All members (event members and direct mail members from a chapter's assigned zip codes)
- Event attendees from all chapter events
- Volunteers

### **Bronze Level:**

Growth in 3 of the above ranking categories.

Mid-East  
Bluff City  
Bates County  
Lincoln County  
Troy  
Greenheads  
Moniteau County  
Warrenton

### **Silver Level:**

Growth in 4 of the above ranking categories.

Golden Valley – Clinton  
Columbia  
Louisiana  
Cape Girardeau County  
Tri-Lakes Country  
Lake of the Ozarks  
Longview  
St. Peters  
Eldorado Springs  
Marion County  
Odessa  
Christian County  
Mo. State University

### **Gold Level:**

Growth in 5 of the above ranking categories.

Jeff City  
Southfork  
Great Rivers Confluence  
Smithville  
Benton County  
Osage County  
Gateway Greenheads  
South Dunklin County  
Parkville

## ***Meet the New State Chair—Norm Zinck***

Unlike many of you, I was not brought up duck hunting nor was it a longstanding family tradition to head to the blind in mid fall. I was, however, brought up with a strong appreciation for the outdoors through camping, fishing and hunting of game such as rabbit, squirrel, turkey, grouse, white tailed deer and black bear in central and north eastern Pennsylvania.

It was not until I met my wife, Ginny, that I was formally introduced to Ducks Unlimited as she has been a member since her high school days. Together we have been active and supported Ducks Unlimited in the states of Pennsylvania, Oregon and now Missouri.

I must say that Missouri has been the one place which has made the most impact on us from a DU standpoint due to its abundance of wetlands, migration of waterfowl and the fact that the Missouri Department of Conservation is one of the best agencies in any of the states we have lived. We have found that Missouri DU has some of the finest people we have met. It is always a pleasure spending time with folks that have a firm commitment and dedication to our mission and like to have some fun while raising money to support our organization and our cause.

Outside of our Ducks Unlimited activities, we enjoy camping, fishing, boating, hunting, sporting events and gardening.

I am honored to be able to serve you and Missouri Ducks Unlimited in the state chairman's role for the next two years. I look forward to meeting and getting to know many of you on a more personal level.

*2018 MODU State Convention*

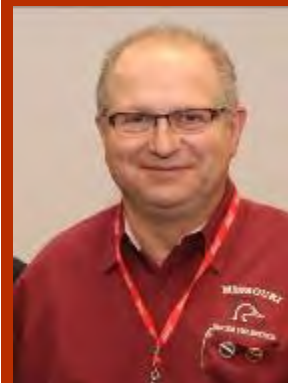
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**2017-18  
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Norm Zinck  
Sedalia**

## 2016 Black Duck Awards

For a chapter to achieve the Black Duck award, they must qualify for a Mallard flight award for three consecutive years. On the 3rd year of qualifying for the Mallard award, the chapter will receive the Black Duck award. This means that a chapter has grown over 45% in attendance and net/net dollars in the last 3 years. The following chapters have achieved the Black Duck in calendar year 2016.

**Christian County  
Louisiana  
Parkville  
Perryville  
St. Joseph  
Smithville**

For a district chairman to achieve the Black Duck award, the cumulative total from the chapters they lead must qualify them for a Mallard flight award for three consecutive years. On the 3rd year of qualifying for the Mallard award, the district chairman receives the Black Duck award. This means that a district chairman's chapters have grown over 45% in attendance and net/net dollars during the past 3 years. District Chairmen achieved the Black Duck award in calendar year 2016:

**Casey Schultz  
Doug Fales**



**District Chairman Black Duck—Casey Schultz**



**Black Duck—Christian County**



**Black Duck—Louisiana**



**Black Duck—Perryville**



**Black Duck—Smithville**



**Black Duck—Parkville**



**Black Duck—St. Joe**



## MODU Family of the Year

The DU family more than worthy of this award for 2016 is one very familiar to most of us. This family has had their dedication and involvement demonstrated through their DU volunteer work in Missouri for at least the last 15 years. Prior to coming to Missouri, they were already strong DU supporters and volunteers.

This family has made DU a big part of their everyday life, including donating items to their local events, spending endless hours making high quality hand-made items, organizing Missouri DU state events, and leading their home chapter by hosting dinner and sponsor events annually. They also demonstrate leadership to chapters surrounding their community by assuming various DU leadership roles whenever necessary. The DU leadership offered by members of this family has had a very positive affect on the DU committees they have mentored over the years. The team of DU volunteers all contained in this one family truly reflect the Team DU spirit and the passion we all have in restoring and creating wetlands for the next generations.

Congratulations to a highly deserving family as our MO DU 2016 Family of the Year, the Zincks – Norm, Ginny and Cheyanne Zinck, Paige and Joanne Witter.



## 2016 Canvasback Awards

The Canvasback awards. For a chapter to earn this award, they must qualify and earn three Black Ducks in a row (5 Mallard awards back to back). In an unprecedented fashion, in calendar year 2016, Missouri DU has three chapters who have qualified for the Canvasback award.

Each of these chapters recognized the importance of a diversified approach to fundraising, not only to reach their chapter goals but for the success of Ducks Unlimited's conservation mission. All three chapters receiving this highest honor from Missouri Ducks Unlimited managed multiple events throughout the year, sold calendars, ran SBA easels in their community or recruited multiple major donors from their communities.

### Parkville Ducks Unlimited

#### St. Joseph Ducks Unlimited

#### Christian County Ducks Unlimited



Craig Sinclair decked out for the St Pat's Party



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## **Glenn Chambers** **MDC Master Conservationist Award**



JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) congratulates Glenn Chambers of Columbia on recently receiving the Department's Master Conservationist Award for his four-plus decades of award-winning conservation work. The award was presented on March 10 in conjunction with the annual award ceremony of the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) held in Jefferson City.

The MDC Master Conservationist Award honors living or deceased citizen conservationists, former MDC commissioners, and employees of conservation related agencies, universities, or organizations who have made substantial and lasting contributions to the fisheries, forestry, or wildlife resources of the state. Chambers is the 60th recipient of the award, which was first presented in 1942. For more information, visit [mdc.mo.gov/about-us/awards-and-honors/master-conservationist](http://mdc.mo.gov/about-us/awards-and-honors/master-conservationist).

"The Missouri Conservation Commission is delighted to present the Master Conservationist Award to Glenn D. Chambers! His contributions are inspirational, tremendously varied, and of enduring value to all Missourians," said Commission Chair David W. Murphy.

MDC Director Sara Pauley added, "Glenn is one of those special individuals that once you meet him, you never forget him. His boundless energy, passion, and infectious positive attitude make a difference in all that he does. We are blessed that his commitment to the conservation of Missouri's fish, forests, and wildlife benefits not only nature, but all Missourians as well."

Chambers began his career with MDC as an area manager and research scientist before assuming the dual role of biologist/cinematographer. In 1974, he was promoted to motion picture specialist and produced a number of feature-length, award-winning motion pictures including *Return of the Wild Turkey* and *Wild Chorus* (the life history of Canada geese).

Chambers left MDC to work for Ducks Unlimited as a regional director and later as its corporate wildlife photographer before returning to MDC in 1989 to resume his role as a motion picture specialist until his retirement in 1995.

Upon retirement, Chambers continued to work with MDC to present live river otter programs to schools and other audiences around the state. For the next 13 years, he and his wife, Jeannie, traveled more than 800,000 miles with the otters and reached audiences numbering more than 1 million people. They retired the otters and discontinued the road trips in 2005.

Chambers' cinematographic work garnered a long list of television and motion picture awards, including four television Emmy awards for an MDC video entitled *Glenn and His Geese* and his 1998 film *Back to the Wild*. He also received numerous awards for his still photographs, including those from the prestigious Outdoor Writers of America Association. His work has appeared regularly in various magazines and other publications and is published in five languages. Photographic exhibits featuring his work have been displayed at the Department of Interior and were included in a traveling exhibit with the prestigious Smithsonian Institute. Articles written by Chambers on a wide array of subjects have appeared in the *Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Ducks Unlimited* magazine, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service bulletins, and a host of other state conservation agency magazines and bulletins.

As president of CFM, Chambers recently accepted the highest honor awarded by the National Wildlife Federation -- the National Conservation Achievement Award. This came largely for the success of CFM's Conservation Leadership Corps program. Under Chambers' leadership, CFM fully engages high school and college students to help prepare and nurture them as tomorrow's conservation leaders.

Chambers is also the first Missourian to receive the William T. Hornaday Gold Medal from the Boy Scouts of America. He received this lifetime achievement award for environmental conservation in 2014.

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## District Chairman Flight Awards

Identical criteria as committee top flight awards, except that the award is based upon performance in the entire district chairman's district.

### Teal:

**Grant Collins**  
**Rene Sersch**  
**Norm Zinck**

### Wood Duck:

**Gene Cole**  
**Craig Rodekohr**  
**Tonya Winfrey**

### Pintail:

**Mike Grady**  
**Jason Pritchard**

### Mallard:

**Tony Abbott**  
**Aaron Brooks**  
**Doug Fales**  
**Scott Loomis**  
**Casey Schultz**  
**Danny Webb**

## Roll of Honor Awards

The Chairman's Roll of Honor along with the President's Roll of Honor must meet the following fundraising benchmarks:

- \$1,000,000 + Chairman's Elite Chapter
- \$250,000 - \$999,999 Chairman's Roll of Honor
- \$100,000 - \$249,999 President's Elite Chapter
- \$65,000 - \$99,999 President's Roll of Honor Chapter

We recognize one Chairman's Roll of Honor Chapter:

**St. Louis Sponsors with a 6th place overall finish at \$691,000.**

We recognize three chapters for their DU President's Role of Honor Awards:

**Columbia, Gateway Greenheads, Golden Valley – Clinton.**



**Presidents Roll of Honor  
Gateway Greenheads**



**Presidents Roll of Honor  
Columbia**

## Area Chairman Medallion Watch Awards

This award recognizes area chairmen that have both membership and sponsor events, increase adult membership by 10% or 20 members, have a net/net dollar increase of \$1,000.00 or more for all events combined in the calendar year and attend their regional meeting or the state convention.

**St. Joseph – Chris Thompson**  
**Sedalia – Carolyn Thomlinson**  
**Moniteau County- Larry Lehman**  
**Southfork Flyway – David Craighead, Dustin Creed**

**Columbia – Gary Ford, Todd Wetton**  
**Golden Valley – Jordan Daugherty**  
**Cape Girardeau County – Dave Parker**

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## Major Donor Recognition State Convention



Brian and Heather Worthington, Curryville MO



Dillon Pike, Adrian MO



David Parker, Burfordville, MO



Don & Linda Meyer, Sedalia, MO



Tom and Cathy Shryock, Columbia MO



Jane Bell, St Peters MO



Tom McCrackin, Wildwood MO

### **State Chair Award of Merit—SEMO**

This committee hosts a large Dinner (D) event in February, with over 200 attendees every year, they work well as a team and have talented leadership. They believe in the Ducks Unlimited mission and work very hard to be successful. No matter what gets thrown at them, they strive to do their best year after year. Besides their D event, this chapter sells calendars every year and they've done SBA and hosted other events as well. In August of 2016 they hosted a district meeting for DU committees and leaders in their area. Yet another example of their commitment to DU and event fundraising. One of the chapter leaders is also a district chairman and helps other chapters in the area. Please join me in congratulating Grant Collins and Jeremy Wethington and the Bluff City Mallards committee for achieving the State Chairman Award of Merit

### **State Chair Award of Merit—North**

This chapter has won several awards over the last few years including 4 mallards in a row and their second Black Duck last year. This year, the chapter decided to move their event to a new location and changed their event date. The new location did not quite work out as well as they expected with number of attendees and their spending but the new location was well liked with the amount of extra space. Even with adding a new qualifying event, they missed qualifying for their canvasback award this year but their substantial growth over the last 5 years is worthy of being recognized with this award. Congratulations to the Grand River Chapter – Chairman Alan Jeffries and Co-Chairman Lance Williams with the State Chairman's Award of Merit.

### **State Chair Award of Merit-West**

The chapter in west Missouri most deserving of this recognition was a new set of volunteers to Missouri DU in 2016. This committee was developed with the help of a strong DU district chairman from a nearby community. This new team of volunteers materialized in a small town between two larger communities with existing and active, strong DU committees.

The area chairman who led this new committee had been a long-time supporter of DU but had little or no experience as a DU volunteer. Once this gentleman contacted the local DU district chairman early in the calendar year, he organized meetings to start publicity for a fall dinner event while running a pre-event gun raffle, and organizing and manning a DU table at the local annual summer community festival.

By the time of the event in early August of 2016, the area chairman signed up a dozen bronze sponsors. The community where this successful event took place has a population of 2,000 citizens. More sponsors and donations were added the day of the event and the net/net income for the first event held by this new chapter was over \$11,000 net/net.

Congratulations to Eldorado Springs Chapter Chairman, Scott Berning, for such great work for our wetlands and for earning the West Missouri State Chairman's Award of Merit.

### **SBA 2017 ATI Cavalry O/U Shotgun**

The Ducks Unlimited Firearms Sub-Committee selected the American Tactical Cavalry over/under shotgun as the incentive SBA firearm for FY18 events. This firearm will be awarded to SBA chapters in \$1,500 net increments for revenue generated during the current 2017 fiscal year (July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017). An image of the shotgun is attached. Fair market value is \$366.

- 12 gauge over/under shotgun
- 3" chambers
- 28" blued barrels
- Silver-colored receiver with DU logo
- Walnut stock and fore end with traditional checkering
- Extractors
- Interchangeable choke tubes





## Distinguished Service Award Musial Wolfe



Distinguished Service Award is a mounted certificate recognized by DU National Headquarters given to someone who has shown recognizable service to the betterment of Ducks Unlimited and its mission. This individual has performed more than admirably in his position of DU leadership for the many years by supporting and leading the state SBA Position as well as many other positions.

He continually encourages other chapters all across the state to start and manage their SBA programs. His example to others is leading his home chapter to raise more than \$100,000 with their own SBA program. Even with having several surgeries of late, he would still run his easel routes with someone else driving and him giving directions.

He almost always attends the state convention, district meetings, and other DU leadership training opportunities promoting

DU and the SBA program.

Please congratulate Musial Wolfe as a recipient of the Missouri DU Distinguished Service Award!

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## Waterfowl Officer of the Year—Justin Fogle

The 2016 Missouri DU Waterfowl Officer of the Year is Conservation Agent for Vernon County, Justin Fogle. With this nomination, Justin is in the running for Mississippi Flyway Protection Officer of the Year.

Officer Fogle was raised near Bakersfield, MO in Ozark County. He received his Bachelors of Science degree in wildlife conservation management and crime and society in 2003 from Missouri State University in Springfield. After graduation, Agent Fogle went to work for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in South Dakota as the Acting Fire Management Officer for an 800,000-acre tract of land. He started his career with the Missouri Department of Conservation as a temporary employee in 2003 and a salaried position with wildlife division in 2004 working primarily in wetland management on Nodaway Valley Conservation Area, Bob Brown Conservation Area and Four Rivers Conservation Area. Justin was accepted into the 2006 conservation agent training class and upon graduation was assigned to Vernon County in the Kansas City region where he continues to serve today. Justin and his wife, Summer, have two sons, Dakotah and Cherokee, and live near Nevada on a farm where they raise a few cows and manage for wildlife.

Agent Fogle is assigned to Vernon County and has two premier waterfowl areas under his responsibility: Schell Osage and Four Rivers Conservation areas. He continually promotes waterfowl and waterfowl hunting in his assigned district from teaching school kids, guiding Eagle days tours, and guiding a US Soldier serving with the Warrior Transition Brigade in his first ever waterfowl hunt.

Agent Fogle is involved in wetlands protection, youth field days including the KC Region Girls camp, and he is a Ducks Unlimited volunteer on the Vernon County committee.

Justin takes his job very serious as he recorded 10 arrests, 2 assisted arrests and 2 warnings during the 2016 waterfowl season. He also led two search and rescue responses from hunters who were in distress. One ended in success while the other was a recovery.



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Waterfowl Officer of the Year.

L-R: Tom McCrackin-State Chair, Paul Bonderson-Ducks Unlimited National President, MDC Section Chief Randy Doman accepting for Agent Justin Fogle, Jim Talbert—Sr Regional VP, Bill Sarafin—Regional VP, Galen Johnson-Regional VP

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## ***2016 TEAL Flight Awards***

For the Teal flight, a committee must achieve a growth in net/net dollars and adult members of 0-4% for all events in the calendar year combined, produce a 50% or greater net/net to gross efficiency and meet 10/30 requirements for all events for the calendar year. MODU 2016 Teal flight award winners:

**Eldorado Springs  
Grand River  
O'Fallon/St. Paul  
Sedalia**

## ***2016 Wood Duck Flight Awards***

The committee must achieve a growth in net/net dollars and adult members from 5-9% for all events combined in the calendar year, produce a 55% or greater net/net to gross efficiency and meet 10/30 requirements for all events.

MODU 2016 Wood Duck flight award winners:

<b>Lexington</b>	<b>River Bend</b>
<b>Marion County</b>	<b>St. Charles</b>
<b>Mineral Area</b>	<b>St. Peters</b>
<b>Old Monroe</b>	<b>South Dunklin County</b>

## ***2016 Pintail Flight Awards***

The committee must achieve a growth in net/net dollars and adult members from 10-14% for all events combined in the calendar year, produce a 60% or greater net/net to gross efficiency and meet 10/30 requirements for all events. MODU 2016 Pintail flight award winners:

**Lake of Ozarks  
NEMO  
Troy  
Warrenton**

## ***2016 Mallard Flight Awards***

The committee must achieve a growth in net/net dollars and adult members over 15% for all events combined in the calendar year, produce a 65% or greater net/net to gross efficiency and meet 10/30 requirements for all events. MODU 2016 Mallard flight award winners:

<b>Bates County</b>	<b>Moniteau County</b>
<b>Cape Girardeau County</b>	<b>Odessa</b>
<b>Cass County</b>	<b>Osage County</b>
<b>Christian County</b>	<b>Parkville</b>
<b>Columbia</b>	<b>Perryville</b>
<b>Crooked River</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b>
<b>Dexter Greenheads</b>	<b>Smithville</b>
<b>Gateway Greenheads</b>	<b>South Boone County</b>
<b>Golden Valley</b>	<b>Southfork Flyway</b>
<b>Longview</b>	<b>Two Rivers Suzies</b>
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>University of Missouri</b>

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## DU Memories and a Great Hunt

Mike Wilburn, Regional Coordinator

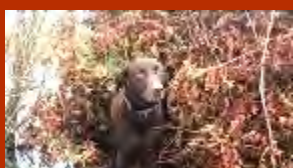
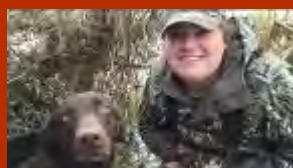
This trip started in March of 2016 at our local Missouri state convention. The hunt came up for auction. We had already discussed it among our group that if it was affordable, we might buy it. As Dwight Jones started the bidding, we were in hopes that it wouldn't just jump up so fast that we wouldn't even get a chance at it. We did get the opportunity to purchase this awesome hunt.

We discussed, throughout the summer, what our expectations were and couldn't wait for December to arrive. Mark Reed contacted the outfitter and made all the arrangements and we were set. We headed out for Hobart, Oklahoma on the 9th of December, about a 10-hour trip. We left around 1:30 pm and arrived around 12:30 am. We were tired, but I don't know if any of us slept that night, I know I didn't. We were to meet up with our guide that morning at 5:30 and head out. We were expecting a goose hunt but they had a duck hunt set up for us instead. We're not going to say no to a good duck hunt. So away we went into the darkness of the countryside. We pulled up to a gate to a cattle pasture wondering what we had gotten ourselves into. All these boys from southeast Missouri had only hunted over flooded crop land or timber or an occasional slough. As we headed out into the pasture we came up on a body of water which was probably 6 or 7 acres. The guide assured us this was loaded with ducks and geese the day before and we were in for a treat. Well, as the sun started breaking the wings filled the darkness above us. As most hunters know, that feeling is why we do it. As the sky lightened up, the birds started coming in two or three here and six or seven there. As the morning wore on and the ducks started piling up, we started having geese show up. You know we just happened to have something for them as well. I think we ended that morning with a limited of ducks among the three of us and a couple bonus geese. What a duck hunt! These ducks worked so easy that you would've thought they had never seen a hunter.

We spent the rest of the day looking around the countryside and the landscape. The land is rolling hills with mountains here and there. The soil is red and not many trees to stop the wind. If the wind is blowing at all, it's really blowing.

The second day was fast approaching and the guide had a goose hunt lined up for us the next morning. We headed out of town wondering if the goose hunt would be anything like the duck hunt the day before. We stopped in the middle of the gravel road. The guide parked his truck crossways in the road as if he was trying to block the road. I thought to myself, you couldn't do that at home. He was using his headlights to point into the field where we were to set up the spread. We loaded up the carts with decoys and blinds and headed out into the standing wheat field. As we set up the spread of decoys and the sky lightened up, the anticipation grew. We stood around a few minutes talking about the hunt the day before and just like that, the guide said "Get in the blinds boys. Here they come". With the wind blowing down our backs about 30 MPH, these geese approached our spread swinging side to side and all the time dropping lower and lower. As they started dropping into the decoys the call was made. The guns sounded over and over again and the geese were falling all around us. These are the lesser Canada goose. The limit is 8 per person so we were in for a blast that day as well. We would run out and pick up our birds. Run back and get back in the blind just in time for the next wave to come in. These geese were coming in wave after wave, sometimes 20-30 at a time. There were times you could reach up and grab them by the feet, well it looked that way anyway. We shot 48 lesser Canadas, several snows and a white front that morning in just about an hour. This was just an amazing hunt as well. You might be asking yourself if the limit is 8 how did 3 guys kill 48 lesser geese? The guide killed his limit and the farmer that owned the property brought his son out that morning to hunt with us. Some might say I thought we hunting alone, but you never turn down the opportunity to take a kid hunting.

This was a fun trip and one that I'll surely do again. If you're looking for an awesome hunt, look up FOWL FLIGHT OUTFITTERS and Dave Heath. They won't let you down.



## Conservation Day at the Capital

Tom McCrackin, Past State Chair

On April 12th Missouri Ducks Unlimited, for the third year, took part in the Conservation Day at the Capitol. This awareness event, sponsored by the Conservation Federation of Missouri, was held in the Jefferson City Capitol Rotunda, just outside the Senate chamber. Different conservation and outdoor sport organizations take part in this "meet and greet" with our legislators in a show of unity for conservation purposes.

Biologist Dave Graber and Past State Chairman Tom McCrackin met about 6:15 AM to set up our table displays with literature and goodie handouts. A local radio DJ broadcast from the rotunda during the event, and Dave was able to explain our mission to the radio audience.

Tom, however, got his picture taken with the largest duck he ever saw.



Go to [www.ducks.org/missouri](http://www.ducks.org/missouri) to see more than 220 photos of the convention.

## Annual Participation of Major Donors

It's always the goal of Ducks Unlimited to keep all of the members active from year to year by renewing their memberships. There are many classifications of members like the regular member, bronze, silver or gold sponsors, feather society members and Greenwings. Major donors, starting with life sponsors, have sometimes fallen off the radar screen of committees.

Part of the requirement for the DU national major donor awards revolves around the annual participation of our major donors. What is participation? It is when a major donor has attended a DU event or made a payment on their pledge. Our state goal is to have 75 percent of our major donors participate in 2016. Your committee can help by inviting your major donors to your event or even just selling them a calendar. With your help, we can attain this goal and meet our requirements for national awards. Thanks for your support in making this happen for MODU!

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## Grand Giveaway 2017

Mark your calendars for Saturday July 22 for the Grand Giveaway event in Columbia MO. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus, 2525 North Stadium Drive, [Columbia](#), Missouri, 65201. 1-5pm.

Each chapter had the opportunity to sell/raffle/auction an entry into this draw-down raffle. Every entrant will be notified in June and will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the event. (Need not be present to win.) Additional tickets are available to purchase at \$25 each.

Each entry will win a prize from Ducks Unlimited including guns, decoys, prints and other merchandise. 10% of the entries will win a gun! When the drawing for the prizes is complete, all the entrants go back into the cage and one lucky winner will be pulled for the grand prize.

The 2016-17 Grand Giveaway grand prize is the 2017 Kodiak 700 – Superior Performance, Comfort and Value for Utility and Work-Minded Individuals. Redefining the mid-size utility ATV category, the Kodiak 700 is built for work with a comfortable and compact feeling new chassis. The 2017 Kodiak 700 includes Yamaha's legendary On-Command® four-wheel drive system and will be hunter green. Styling, smooth power and torque create the foundation for a range of features that all combine to make the Kodiak 700 ATV the most powerful in their pricing category, while maintaining Yamaha's legendary durability and off-road performance. The Kodiak 700 features a 708cc engine with engine character optimized to deliver smooth power and strong torque for all-day comfort and ease of use. All Kodiak 700s feature Yamaha's proven Ultramatic® fully automatic transmission with high, low, reverse and neutral, providing the industry's most durable CVT transmission and the most natural-feeling engine braking throughout the RPM range.

## 2017 Calendar Club

**THANK YOU TO THE CHAPTERS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE 2017 MISSOURI DUCKS UNLIMITED GUN RAFFLE CALENDAR SALES!**

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Cape Girardeau	Bluff City Mallards/Poplar Bluff	Bates County
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Big Piney/Veterans	Louisiana	Nevada/Marmaton Valley
&Sportsmen	Monett/Barry Lawrence Co	Odessa
of Mid Missouri	NEMO	Old Monroe
Crooked River	O'Fallon/St Paul	Parkville
Grandview/Longview	Puxico	Swamp East
Lexington	Southfork Flyway	Warrensburg/Blackwater
Mid County	University Of Missouri	
Mineral Area	Warrenton	
Platte City	Warsaw/Benton Co	
Smithville		
St. Joe		
St. Peters		
Two Rivers Suzies		

Your event doors are open for less than 4 hours. Plan well, keep it fun and raise those bucks for the ducks!

Create a time line to ensure your event finishes on time and you don't forget one of your activities. That time line can be edited and used every year.

Mark your calendar.  
State Convention  
March 16-18  
2018

## ***Recreation, Wildlife get boost at Mingo NWR***

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge provides numerous public use opportunities and is part of the largest remaining block of bottomland hardwood forest in Missouri.

Ducks Unlimited has used a \$1 million North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant to boost Mingo National Wildlife Refuge for wildlife and recreation.

Mingo is in southeast Missouri, about 150 miles south of the confluence of the Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois Rivers. It's a major migration and wintering area for birds from the Mississippi and Central Flyways.

The refuge is part of the largest remaining block of bottomland hardwood forest in Missouri. The diversity and abundance of fish, amphibian, reptile, invertebrate, bird and mammal species is among the greatest of any ecosystem in North America.

DU's project replaced a major water-control and spillway structure that's undersized and failing. The remaining 50-year-old equipment is causing frequent and prolonged flooding in the Mississippi floodplain. By installing new, larger equipment, the project will improve habitat across more than 3,000 acres.

"We've learned that going back in and restoring natural hydrology is the way it needs to be," said Mark Flaspohler, DU's manager of conservation services for Missouri. "The system functions better because you're not trying to go against Mother Nature."

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge provides numerous public use opportunities including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education and interpretation. These public use aspects will be enhanced when restoration is complete.

Ducks Unlimited partnered with private donors, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Missouri Department of Conservation and DU conservation easement holders to secure the NAWCA funds needed for this project. Project partners committed about \$3.7 million in matching funds to the \$1 million from NAWCA.



**Outgoing State Chair Tom McCrackin  
and our Missouri Regional Directors**

L-R : Mark Jackson, Martin Anderson, Tom McCrackin  
and Todd Carlton.



Does your chapter sell the MODU Gun Raffle Calendar? For each calendar you sell, the chapter is credited with \$60. This can be your 2nd event if you raise over \$2500. More dollars for conservation. Each calendar buyer becomes a DU member and learns why we do what we do!



## *Happy Faces—Convention 2017*

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# Missouri State Plan 2017-18

Norm Zinck, State Chairman

The state plan is developed once every two years by the incoming state chairman with guidance from the state executive council. This year's state plan looks a little different than past plans in that it is much shorter, more focused on higher level goals and less focused on individual actions. We wanted to end up with a document which would easily guide and keep our focus us over the next two years. Therefore, we have a plan which has three areas of focus and three main goals for the state.

Our focus areas are:

**VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT**, as we in Missouri Ducks Unlimited realize that our volunteer is the backbone of our organization, we also realize that if we do not continue to bring people into the fold of our organization we will not be able to continue to sustain the growth that we have enjoyed in the recent past.

**TRAINING**, One of the keys to retention is to be sure that each new volunteer is formally trained and understands what DU is all about, what their individual role is in the organization and how that role is important to the overall success of the organization. The focal point for this training is with our regional coordinators, district chairmen and area chairmen.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**, The overall success of our organization from the state leadership to the local committee depends on each of us fulfilling our individual role to the best of our abilities. With this being said, we need to know how we are doing against our goals. They need to be measurable, reported and shared with our volunteers.

The following state goals are easily understood, measurable and achievable. These goals will be reported on throughout the year in WingBeat and through e-mail blasts. I would encourage each of you to share our results with as many other volunteers as possible. Use them in your planning meetings for events and to celebrate the success I know we will have throughout the year.

RECRUIT AND RETAIN 5% NEW VOLUNTEERS PER YEAR

INCREASE EVENT ATTENDANCE 5% PER YEAR

INCREASE EVENT INCOME 5% PER YEAR

I believe that if we stay focused on bringing new people in to our events and recruiting new committee volunteers we will achieve and far surpass the goals outlined above.

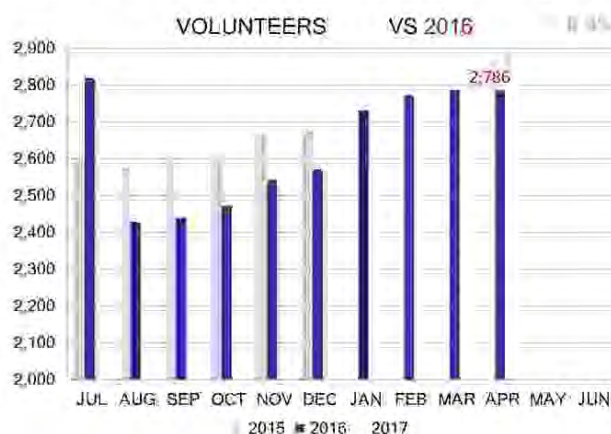
In closing I would like to once again say thank you for all you do in support of Missouri Ducks Unlimited.

We have a great group of people and look forward to working with all of you over the next two years!!!

Norm Zinck

State Chairman Missouri Ducks Unlimited

Missouri Ducks Unlimited Focus Area/Priority – Strengthen Existing Events



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## *It's a Great Time to be a DU Greenwing*

Mark Jackson, Regional Director

DU Leaders understand the need for not only volunteer recruitment, but the need for hunter recruitment into the sport that drives the passion of many DU supporters and volunteers. Our Missouri DU volunteer leaders along with many Missouri Department of Conservation employees this past year, hosted many youth hunting events to recruit youth into the sport of waterfowling and to encourage their participation in DU volunteerism. These guided hunts helped many DU Greenwing members better understand why it's important to not only raise money for DU but to also encourage others to participate in the sport of hunting. Here are just some examples of youth hunt activities hosted in west Missouri.

On the last Saturday of September in 2016, the Missouri Department of Conservation, along with financial support of the J.E. Fehsenfeld Family Foundation in the memory of Jan M. Dillow, again hosted the Family Outdoors Day Event. It was held at the James A. Reed Conservation Area just outside of Lee's Summit. This day involved youth and their families as they toured the area and participated in many hunting and fishing related activities. Goodie bags were passed out to all kids who registered at the MDC headquarters. Ducks Unlimited Greenwing memberships were also awarded to all children participating!

At the Cooley Lake Conservation Area in late October, the Missouri Department of Conservation along with the Platte City Area Chairman Harry Lett, Bill Cox, Gene Cole, and Independence Chapter Area Chairman Bob Cole organized and hosted a youth only hunt just outside of Kansas City. This is only the 2nd year this conservation area has been open to duck hunting. Twenty-five inexperienced youth enjoyed harvesting birds and spending time with experienced hunters and DU volunteers on a weekend in October 2016 and again in December to hunt with guides.

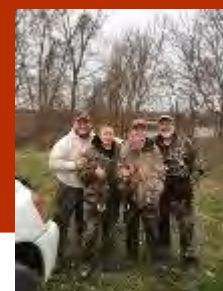
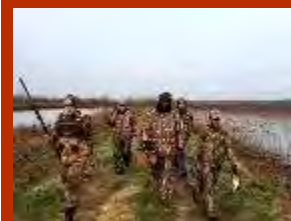
Just prior to the duck season in northwest Missouri, the Squaw Creek DU chapter, Holt County Duck Club owners, and MDC Conservation Agents Anthony Maupin and Jade Wright hosted a Youth Hunt Clinic for children in the Holt County Area near Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge. About a dozen young enthusiasts enjoyed some free hunting gear and experienced a morning or two in duck blinds with experienced hunters.

In Vernon County near Nevada, the local MDC Conservation Agents Shawn Pennington and Justin Fogel, along with the Ducks Unlimited and NWTF committees and DU area chairman Brian Conroy hosted a youth hunt event at Elks Lake. It took place the Saturday before the opening day of duck season. Approximately 125 kids enjoyed the day experiencing outdoor activities and learning various hunting skills.

In December of 2016, Bass Pro owner John Paul Morris hosted the Ducks Unlimited TV crew and the "YouTube" sensation, Dude Perfect, to film a DU TV episode with area DU Greenwings. Parker Lambeth, Ethan Pritchard, Olivia Kiely, Gavin Lowe, and Nathan Jackson enjoyed a good morning of hunting and a hearty breakfast following the hunt. They had a chance to interact with the DUDE Perfect crew and shot a round of trap. Look for this DU TV episode in the late summer of 2017.

Ducks Unlimited area chairman Phil Needham and the Cass County DU committee in cooperation with the Missouri Hunting Heritage Foundation again this past winter hosted a youth goose hunt for kids in the Harrisonville area. Activities included classroom instruction on hunter skills and safety on Saturday morning. In the afternoon, the youth had a chance to practice their shooting before the hunt on a cool Sunday morning in January of 2017. Our thanks go out to all the DU volunteers involved in these activities. Your vision of the future of our youth and the sport of hunting is admirable and very clear!

## *Conservation for Generations*



## ***Like Herding Geese—STL June 20***

The 7th annual goose banding at Six flags over Mid America will be held on Tuesday, June 20th. We invite all Ducks Unlimited Greenwings and their parents to meet at 6:30 AM at the west employee entrance. We will join MDC personnel in the "herding of the geese." (It's much more fun than the "running of the bulls.")

As usual, it is advisable to wear boots (due to dew) and older clothes (when geese get excited, they sometimes poop.) We will once again be handing out the rosette "Green Badge of Courage" to those participants so deserving.

In case of inclement weather, Wednesday, June 21st will be the alternate date.

Please call [\(636/405-1033\)](tel:636/405-1033) or email Tom McCrackin ([tommccrackiniii@gmail.com](mailto:tommccrackiniii@gmail.com)) with your phone number and the names and ages of your kids. Space is getting limited as the event grows every year, so the sooner you register them the better.



## ***DU Magazine Has Gone Digital***

MEMPHIS, Tennessee – April 26, 2017 – The world leader in wetlands conservation is now offering a free digital edition of its flagship magazine to all active DU members. Beginning with the May/June 2017 issue, readers will be able to access a digital version of the current issue of Ducks Unlimited magazine via their personal online membership accounts. The digital edition is not a replacement for the printed publication, and all DU members who currently receive the magazine in the mail will continue to do so without interruption.

"Our reader surveys indicate that interest in a digital magazine option is growing among our membership," says DU Editorial Director Matt Young. "Through this new member benefit, our readers will be able to receive Ducks Unlimited magazine in the format of their choice, whether it's in print, on a digital device, or both." Presented in a responsive HTML5 platform, the digital edition of DU magazine can be viewed on a tablet, mobile phone, or personal computer. User-friendly features include a text reader, a search bar, clickable links for e-mail and web addresses, an advertising index, and an archive of past issues.

The only way to get Ducks Unlimited magazine is to join Ducks Unlimited. Visit [www.ducks.org](http://www.ducks.org) to become a member of the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North America's wetlands and waterfowl.

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## Ducks Unlimited—Small Scale

Tom McCrackin, Past State Chair

WHO ON  
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Program—  
Free guns for  
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Wood Duck Box at the pond



Clutch of eggs in the box



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Committee members in Missouri DU and in the nation volunteer to work at our dinner/auctions, SNO parties, gun bashes and other events to raise money for waterfowl and wetlands habitat improvement. We look at our blue sheets with pride before sending them off with a check to national headquarters. We know that, based on science, those funds will be distributed across North America where they will do the most good. However, don't forget that we can individually help our mission in much smaller ways. Here's an example.

I have a one quarter acre pond in the woods behind my house in western St. Louis County, surrounded on three sides by Babler State Park. Now St. Louis County is not thought of as prime habitat for ducks, but I optimistically placed a wood duck box on this pond. When I was a regional coordinator several years ago, the Franklin County DU committee sponsored a Greenwing event and we built about 15 boxes. I was lucky enough to get one and you can see it in the picture. Almost every year, a hen has raised a brood out of that box. And every year in early spring I clean out the old nest and add shavings to the bottom.

This year in early March I headed up to the pond in my waders with the shavings to do just that. I opened the hinged side facing me of the head-high box and a hen exploded out past me, her wings hitting my face and shoulder as she escaped. I was glad no one was there to see me as I reared backwards, windmilling my arms to try to keep from falling into the pond as I slid down the muddy bank. (I'm not sure that I didn't scream like a little girl.) Thankfully I did not need to wash out my waders...but it was a close thing.

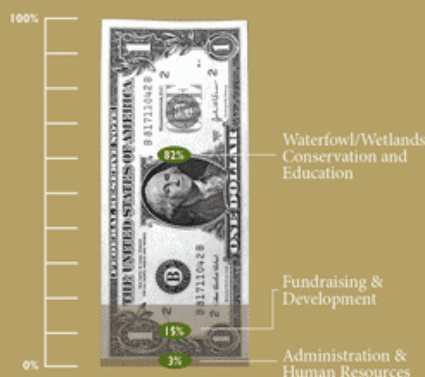
When my heart rate settled down, I looked inside the box and counted 12 eggs and took the second photo. I left hoping that she would return and she did later that day as her nesting instinct is very strong. About two weeks later I checked the nest – you can bet I opened the side very slowly, but thankfully the hen was off the nest - and the eggs were covered with down. All was well.

Hey there committees. Do your chapter checks show the name of the committee, the treasurer's address and the chapter number? I know we don't write many checks each year and we don't want the expense of reprinting checks as names and addresses change. So let's suggest to make sure you use a current address label or hand write the information on your chapter check.

**Ducks Unlimited thrives on efficiency. Each chapter has the responsibility of making sure each part of their fundraising efforts continues to put dollars on the ground for conservation programs.**

### WHERE THE MONEY GOES (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)

During the past fiscal year, **82 percent** of DU's expenditures were converted directly to conservation work vital to ducks, geese and other wetland-dependent wildlife.



## DU VISA CARD PROGRAM

Ducks Unlimited (DU), the largest nonprofit waterfowl conservation organization in the world, and First Bankcard, a division of First National Bank of Omaha and a leading issuer of credit cards, announced the launch of the new Ducks Unlimited Visa Card products. The cards will be available to DU's more than 690,000 members.

"We're very pleased to welcome First Bankcard to our Corporate Partner Program as Ducks Unlimited's latest partner," said Amy Batson, DU's chief fundraising officer. "Now our members and supporters can directly impact the landscape with every purchase and help address wetland loss in North America."

The Ducks Unlimited Rewards Visa Card offers card members one point for every dollar spent. Points can be redeemed for statement credit, gift cards, merchandise and travel, with optional travel redemptions valued at greater than 1 percent for each point. Additional benefits include 5,000 bonus points after the first card purchase and free access to FICO Scores.

In addition to the rewards card, the Ducks Unlimited Visa Card products are also offered in low intro rate and secured versions.

"First Bankcard is excited to partner with Ducks Unlimited," said Stephen F. Eulie, president of First Bankcard. "We look forward to helping support the organization's conservation efforts, while providing a superior product and services to its members."

The Ducks Unlimited Visa Card products are the only cards that allow members, with every card purchase, to provide automatic financial support to the organization's waterfowl and wetlands conservation programs.

For specific details about the new card visit [www.Ducks.org/DUvisa](http://www.Ducks.org/DUvisa).

### About First Bankcard

*First Bankcard, a division of First National Bank of Omaha, is a leader in the credit card partnership arena, serving approximately 400 financial institutions, co-brand and affinity partners nationwide. For 60 years, First Bankcard has offered quality products and superior service to help its customers achieve their goals. Visit [www.firstbankcard.com](http://www.firstbankcard.com) for more information.*

### About First National Bank of Omaha

*First National Bank of Omaha is a subsidiary of First National of Nebraska. First National of Nebraska is the largest privately owned banking company in the United States. First National and its affiliates have \$20 billion in managed assets and 5,000 employee associates. Primary banking offices are located in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Texas.*

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# Missouri's Legacy Greenwing Project at 3 MDC/USFWS Conservation Areas

The *Legacy Greenwing* program is a bridge between Ducks Unlimited's habitat conservation and youth programs. Open to youths up to age 17, for a one-time contribution of \$200 (Pays Greenwing membership thru age 17 and adult membership thru age 21). The Legacy Greenwing membership funds are committed to a waterfowl habitat project in Missouri, and your child's or grandchild's name is cast in a bronze plaque placed in a rock cairn forever located at the project site. This membership forever links your child's contribution and name to DU's central mission of waterfowl habitat conservation.



**LOCATION:** Schell-Osage, Clarence Cannon, and Swan Lake Conservation Areas. These projects lie within the Mississippi Flyway and in the state of Missouri and are part of a major migration route of the Mississippi Flyway.

**DESCRIPTION:** Project areas incorporate approximately over 30,000 acres of which 15,000 acres of wetlands provide important resting habitat for waterfowl and a variety of songbirds. There are several marshes that make up the individual wetlands along with several man-made reservoirs that provide water to mimic the natural flooding that once occurred on these areas. Row crop farming practices on the areas add to the food sources for the migrating waterfowl using these projects.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** These wetlands have been managed by the State of Missouri since the early 1950's.

**GOAL:** The goal of this project is to improve watershed hydrology and restore the natural wetlands that once occurred in west Missouri. This will ensure sufficient water is available to meet demands of agriculture, wildlife, and fish populations.

**WATERFOWL and OTHER WILDLIFE BENEFITS:** Duck Species include Mallard, Northern Pintail, American Wigeon, Lesser Scaup, Redhead, Gadwall, Northern Shoveler, Greenwing Teal, Bluewing Teal, and Canvasback. Many other species of wildlife benefit from this DU habitat project including several different species of Turkey and White-tailed Deer.

## PROJECT FUNDING

Missouri Ducks Unlimited has committed to raising funds which will be matched by the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), Missouri Department of Conservation and numerous other conservation partners. Therefore, all of the Legacy Greenwing memberships signed up at DU events will help with the completion of these projects.

<input type="checkbox"/> my Check for a \$200 LEGACY GREENWING membership is enclosed.		Please return to: MISSOURI DUCKS UNLIMITED LEGACY GREENWING 601 SHAWN DR JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109	
_____ VISA _____ MC _____ DISCOVER _____ AM EX			
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## Want 1? - Well Get 1!

### **New Volunteers**

Make sure they are engaged in your committee. Think of a POST event Raffle.

Schedule Meet and Greets with your committee.

Encourage participation for ALL volunteers! They, too, will become great contributors to your events.



Do you know that MO DU has a special license plate with the MO Department of Revenue (MO DOR) available for your vehicle? Recently, we updated our license plate theme with the MO DOR. The new plate is in the center of the picture. **WANT 1?** The DU plate requires a Special Use Authorization from Ducks Unlimited and is \$25 for one year or \$50 for two years. You can purchase this authorization online by clicking on the "Buy Ticket" button to buy your authorization online. Once completed, just print the form and take it to your local Missouri Department of Revenue license office to order your DU plate. <http://www.ducks.org/missouri/events/38655/mo-du-license-plate-renew-auth>

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Dollar—  
Make every  
one count!

## Is DU in your hometown?

Watch us grow again—New events, New Chapters, Endless Possibilities!!! Can you help in one of these locations? Any of your buddies live near and can volunteer? **Call your Regional Coordinator or State Chairman!!!**

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Paris \* Salisbury \* Ste. Genevieve \* Steele \* Trenton \* Washington \* Weston

## DU National Convention

So MODU, here is the line-up for future national conventions. Hopefully one day each of you will be able to attend.

5/30-6/3/2018 Indianapolis IN

5/29-6/2/2019 Waikoloa HI

*Each Committee member plays a role—no matter how small or large—in providing for the future of waterfowling, wetlands and pure water. Be proud of your efforts!*

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# MODU Web Links

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DU – Missouri: [www.ducks.org/missouri](http://www.ducks.org/missouri)

DU – National: [www.ducks.org](http://www.ducks.org)

Federal Duck Sites:

US Fish & Wildlife: [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)

National Wetlands Inventory: [www.fws.gov/nwi/](http://www.fws.gov/nwi/)

Bird Identification: [www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/Infocenter/infocenter.html](http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/Infocenter/infocenter.html)

Duck Stamp Page: [www.fws.gov/duckstamps/](http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/)

State of Missouri Sites:

Missouri Department of Conservation: [www.mdc.mo.gov/](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/)

Missouri Department of Natural Resources: [www.dnr.mo.gov/](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/)

Duck Dogs:

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals: [www.offa.org/](http://www.offa.org/)

Dock Dogs: [www.dockdogs.com](http://www.dockdogs.com)

Other Sites:

Conservation Federation of Missouri: [www.confedmo.com](http://www.confedmo.com)

Missouri Waterfowl Association: [www.mowaterfowl.org/mwahomepage.html](http://www.mowaterfowl.org/mwahomepage.html)

The Missouri Sportsmen's Information Network: [www.mosportsmen.com](http://www.mosportsmen.com)

**\$20.84/month—I can do that!!**

For just \$20.84 per month, everyone can be a Ducks Unlimited bronze sponsor (\$250/year). You may even consider becoming a silver sponsor (\$500/year) or a gold sponsor (\$1,000/year). Combine this monthly pay option and a sponsor thermometer at your event and watch your sponsor numbers rise. Year after year, sponsors account for 25% of event income. Engage a sponsor chairman and get to work on your sponsors. Utilize the new sponsor thermometers. Contact your past sponsors and ask them to renew. Target new sponsors and fill that thermometer! Don't miss this opportunity to ask a regular member to take the next step in supporting DU.



## DUCKS UNLIMITED MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTION ENROLLMENT FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Level of commitment and monthly amount (Check Box)  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to withdrawing or debiting from bank account or credit card

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Event Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Event Code \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This is a change in my previous monthly payment information.

☐ **BANK ACCOUNT TRANSFER**

Name of Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Account: ☐ Checking ☐ Savings  
 City and State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ABA Routing / Transit Number\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **CREDIT CARD**

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Pledge # \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby authorize Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to make monthly charges to my bank account or credit card as specified above to fulfill my membership commitment to Ducks Unlimited.*

☐ Please **continue** to renew my sponsor commitment until further notice  
 OR  
☐ Please **discontinue** my monthly payment option after 12 months

\*Monthly payment option withdrawals will continue unless written notification to cancel is submitted

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

(Monthly charges will be withdrawn on the 16th of each month, or the next business day after the 16th. There will be no notification sent before withdrawals are made.)

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**Type of Credit Card:**  
☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

**\*Attach a voided check if transfers are to be made from a bank account. ABA information is on check.**



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# Have you joined the Feather Society?



## FEATHER SOCIETY ENROLLMENT

### Make a Commitment to Future Generations JOIN THE FEATHER SOCIETY

When you joined Ducks Unlimited, you demonstrated your care and concern for wetlands and waterfowl conservation. Now, you can help DU ensure the future of these beloved resources for your children and future generations by joining the Feather Society. The members of this prestigious group of DU supporters choose to include Ducks Unlimited in their estate plans. Careful planning often allows Feather Society members to enjoy substantial tax advantages while supporting DU's vital conservation mission. Feather Society members proudly wear distinctive lapel pins or pendants. Platinum level and above members are acknowledged each year in the Ducks Unlimited Annual Report.

### SIMPLEST WAYS to Fulfill your Feather Society Commitment

- Gifts Through Your Will or Trusts
- Gifts of Life Insurance or Annuities
- Gifts of Retirement Plan Assets or Real Estate

Contact us for more information on these or other gift options.

#### PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Sarah McCallum, Director of Gift Planning  
Great Lakes/Atlantic Regional Office  
1220 Eisenhower Place  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

#### OR CONTACT SARAH AT:

734-623-2000  
smccallum@ducks.org

### ENROLLMENT:

My commitment level:

- ☐ Silver ..... up to \$99,999
- ☐ Gold ..... \$100,000 to \$249,999
- ☐ Emerald ..... \$250,000 to \$499,999
- ☐ Platinum ..... \$500,000 to \$999,999
- ☐ Diamond ..... \$1,000,000 and above

The estimated Amount of my Gift will be \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Gift documentation enclosed
- ☐ I have already included DU in my will or other planned gift.
- ☐ I am committing to include DU in my will or other planned gift.
- ☐ Please send me more information on:
  - ☐ Wills
  - ☐ Life Insurance
  - ☐ Retirement Plans
  - ☐ Other Options

### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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