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Michael Waddell: TV personality Michael Waddell will appear at the weekend of The Outdoor Channel SCOPE Expo. Michael is best known for the hit television show “Road Trips” on The Outdoor Channel. Michael is an accomplished turkey caller, who has won numerous contests including the prestigious Grand America Turkey Calling Contest. Don’t miss your chance to ask America’s brightest hunting stars about life in the hunting field. Michael will present 2 seminars each day and be available to sign autographs.

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Sean Maree; Designer of champion goose and duck calls. Sean Maree will appear at The Outdoor Channel SCOPE Expo all weekend. Sean is a former World Goose Calling Champion. He is the only turkey caller ever invited from all adult division calling contests in that Championship due to his wins. He is also an accomplished duck caller. His seminars will be 2 Massaponax Duck Calling Championships. Don’t miss this opportunity to pick up calling tips from a living legend.

Roger Raglin: Known throughout the country as “America’s Deer Hunter,” Roger Raglin appears on the hit television show “Hunting the Country.” Raglin has more than 25 years experience in deer, turkey, and waterfowl hunting. Raglin has been featured in hunting outdoor publications including National Whitetail World, Backwoods and Bassmaster magazines. The Outdoor Channel/SCAPE Expo is pleased to welcome Raglin all weekend. Register at the Expo to win a FREE televised hunt with Buck on “Outdoor Moments.”

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Inaugural NCDU Hall of Fame.

Reid Jones was proposed for induction by Don Manley. Manley was overcome with emotion recalling past experiences and events involving Jones during the early years of fundraising in North Carolina. Jones served as Raleigh Area Chairman, State Vice-Chairman, and is currently a National Trustees Emeriti. He was one of NCDU’s first Major Donors. Perhaps his most lasting accomplishment was the formation of the workshop system in North Carolina which he advocated nationwide. Jones was the catalyst for the formation of many new chapters in North Carolina during the late 1970s. He attended every workshop and was active in many other local causes as well.

Past State Chairman John Farley was privileged to present the plaque to Jones after the ceremony. He told me that he had been tearful for much of the ceremony and was humbled by the recognition. I could feel the genuine warmth of this man and thought to myself that this was a well-deserved honor.

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With 310 Students Underwritten, Harnett County (Dunn) is the First Chapter in North Carolina to Sponsor Project Webfoot

The committee wishes to highlight three target activities that are significant to the growth of Greenwing membership.

New Greenwing membership drive is available to all volunteers who wish to have a committee member make a formal presentation to the sponsor of an event.

As noted in the briefing to this handbook, the Youth and Education Committee holds it very important that we focus volunteer attention on this specific grade as the early stages of the program. We must ensure that Project Webfoot is firmly em- bedded before we attempt to grow the program.

Project Webfoot can be provided toinstonool education and integrated within existing school curricu-

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Classrooms and school districts receive Project Webfoot through sponsorships obtained by Ducks Unlimited volunteers.

Project Webfoot is the first step in bringing the value of wetlands to youth throughout our North America.

Underwrite by sponsoring at a cost of $5 per classroom.

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Perils of a Pintail: Destroyed Nest, Dissipating Wetlands

By Luke Labarde
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North American waterfowl survey determines fall hunting seasons

By Brad Dekkner
Headwater Outdoors

First Flight, North Carolina’s non-profit, all-volunteer, pre-season survey of the North American waterfowl, had its 28th season on October 1. It is a cooperative effort of Ducks Unlimited and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. The results are crucial for establishing hunting regulations and ensuring that waterfowl populations remain healthy.

In North Carolina, the results of the First Flight are used to set the waterfowl hunting season. The survey involves estimating the number of ducks and drakes on the state’s waterfowl production areas, which includes wetlands, ponds, and impoundments. The data collected is used to determine the extent of duck hunting in the state and to inform the public about the status of the duck population.

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Roanoke River Wetlands Game Lands: The Conofo Farms Tract

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By Craig R. LeShack

Photo of a completed wetland restoration project on the Conofo Farms Tract, Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land (Martin Co.).

This is a great opportunity to work with Ducks Unlimited and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to bring the Federal Duck Stamp Art Competition to Memphis this year,” said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Acting Director Dan Ashe and artist Jason Hagan. “The Duck Stamp is one of the great conservation success stories, raising hundreds of millions of dollars to protect lands in public ownership. In 2009, the National Wildlife Federation, the Nature Conservancy, the American Landmarks Society and Ducks Unlimited joined the National Park Service to present the first Federal Duck Stamp Art Competition in the history of the service.”

Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land (94 acres) Restoration activities were completed in March. This project was completed in conjunction with Smithfield Foods, Inc and Murphy Brown, LLC. Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land is a 19,000-acre wildlife tract located in southwestern North Carolina. The Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge, and Fort Bragg.

Ducks Unlimited is the world’s largest and most effective wetland and waterfowl conservation organization. The United States alone has lost more than half of its original wetlands _ nature’s most productive ecosystem _ and continues to lose more than 100,000 wetland acres each year. Ducks Unlimited helps foreign and Native American tribal governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resources with images of the Duck Stamp art.

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Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge - Askor - (414 acres) Restoration activities will begin once the river floor dries. Project schedule will be completed in September.

Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge - (250 acres) restoration activities were completed in March. This project was completed in conjunction with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

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conservation Program Update: January-March

Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land - Conofo Farms Tract (9 acre) restoration activities were completed in March. This project was completed in conjunction with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.


Restoration of 49 acres of previously converted wetlands in Martin County on the Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land - Conofo Farms Tract was completed in March. Restoration elements included the installation of levees, water control structures and a wet well to provide supplemental water to three separate wetlands. These efforts are part of a landscape migratory bird strategy of Ducks Unlimited and it’s partners to restore critical wetland habitat on the Roanoke River Basin.

By Dale James

This project allows our chapter to obtain a grant through the State’s Environmental Enhancement Grant Program. This project (Widgeon Duck Day) allows Western Waterfowl to obtain grants for the construction, maintenance and enhancement of wetland and waterfowl habitat and to promote and publicize the State’s Environmental Enhancement Grant Program.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 5, 2005... For the first time in its 77-year history, the design for the next Federal Duck Stamp will be chosen outside of Washington, D.C. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today that the 2005 Federal Duck Stamp Art Competition will be held in conjunction with Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land (Martin Co.). The project will benefit the Roanoke River Basin by providing habitat for waterfowl and other bird species, improving water quality through reduced nutrient runoff, and providing increased public recreational opportunity.

“Wetwell” fountain on the Conofo Farms Tract will be permit only which is administered by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. This fountain was completed in March 2003. Restoration elements included the installation of levees, water control structures and a wet well to provide supplemental water to three separate wetlands. These efforts are part of a landscape migratory bird strategy of Ducks Unlimited and its partners to restore critical wetland habitat on the Roanoke River Basin.

The recent rediscovery of the ivory-billed woodpecker - thought to be extinct in the U.S. for more than 60 years - occurred on Cache River National Wildlife Refuge in Arkansas. A significant portion of its acreage was purchased with Duck Stamp dollars.

The following is an update of conservation activities for the third quarter in the South Atlantic (January - March 2005). Thanks to the dedicated DU staff and volunteers that have made 2004 a success thus far. Funding should well benefit wetlands and on the ground projects that are important to North Carolina. The first meeting of the South Carolina Sound CARE Steering Committee was held on March 4.

Ducks Unlimited is a conservation organization that has helped conserve more than 11 million acres of critically vital habitat of North Carolina. Ducks Unlimited is participating in a cooperative project for which 6,000 Duck Stamp dollars were awarded to Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge.

Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge - Martin Co. Project (1,500 acres) restoration activities were completed in March. The project was completed in conjunction with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.
Great times and good fun, the way the committee meetings should be.

By Shawn Kooyman
Regional Director

When Duane Chairman Jerry Fisher called the other day I could see the excitement and urgency in his voice as he called for what was doing on Thursday. How was Monday? duh the election. I then realized that I had no formal experience and no idea what was being talked about. So he said that the election was coming up soon. I asked how soon and he said around the 4th. That day he called me to see if we could see each other on the weekend to talk about the election. We set up a meeting and I went to see him the next day.

It's a little late for you chapter to hold a golf tournament or anything else. When we checked on the calendar for tournaments this year we didn't find anything. I hate to see our chapter not doing anything. When we checked on the calendar for tournaments this year we didn't find anything. I hate to see our chapter not doing anything.

As we begin to look towards the events this fall, try to keep your meetings and committee recruitment events fun, look for new and innovative ways to bring people together that share the same passion for our migratory resource. Monthly activities can be one way to do this. Consider meeting on a good day to keep the fun, provide a unique opportunity to recruit people to your local chapter. Sometimes workshops have been scheduled on Saturdays and people you can find out the dates and locations on our website.

Therefore for Jerry, the Tournament Chairman and I jumped at the chance to offer the trip and Tarboro Ducks Outdoors since part of the auction event. The trip was to be held on a Friday at 4pm. This move should make it easier for our boats and offer more parking opportunities for our guests.

It was truly a great day fishing and we would all like to thank Sunrise Charter’s support of DU and Sound CARE. We are also thankful for all of the people who have contributed to the events this year. We will continue to work hard to bring more people to our chapter and chapter meetings. We will continue to work hard to bring more people to our chapter and chapter meetings.

The annual North Carolina Ducks Unlimited state convention is just around the corner and once again we will have another successful convention. The organization has no plans to run an “official” tournament, but if we are able to get enough volunteers interested in running during the convention, we can do that. We will need to find a title sponsor and having a committee put in place to run the tournament. Please be advised that we still need the help of anyone that would like to be a DU volunteer, to bring a friend and join in.
Ducks Unlimited Thanks its North Carolina Volunteers For All That They Do!

By Caris Womack
Senior Regional Director

One of the questions most frequently posed to me as I make the rounds in western North Carolina, working with our volunteers planning and coordinating DU functions and in conversations with DU members at those functions is “what is DU doing in North Carolina?” I would say there is no better way to answer that question than to look to the women and men who are involved in such efforts. It is almost a high-water mark for our programs. Collectively, those efforts, working in concert with our local Chapter resources, have been responsible for more than 90,000 acres of habitat in high-use waterfowl areas. So what is DU doing in North Carolina? Well, beyond that it is a very high percentage of waterfowl habitat that is being protected and sustained by DU and sustainable. There is no one more involved with the protection and enhancement of migratory and non-migratory lakes and rivers throughout the state, in the western region, in NCDU’s newly launched 5-year Conservation Plan, called SoundCARE, to improve managed habitats on the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge. In fact, a dedication of a whole area to be in North Carolina have enrolled in the program...
Ducks Unlimited Thanks Its North Carolina Volunteers For All That They Do!

This page contains a list of volunteers and their contributions to Ducks Unlimited's efforts in North Carolina. The text highlights the importance of these volunteers in achieving the organization's goals. The volunteers are thanked for their service and dedication, and their names are listed along with various contributions they have made to the organization. The text also mentions the impact of these volunteers' efforts, such as raising funds and increasing awareness for the organization's causes. The overall message is one of gratitude and recognition for the volunteers' contributions.

[Image of a list of volunteers and their contributions]
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Attend the 2004 DU Convention in Wilmsen (seven) chapters entered the auction. There were first and second place winners; each awarded various types of gear to be taken back home as a token of their respect. It is an opportunity for each chapter member to get involved. The items for the basket should represent the community and can be anything from N.C. jellys and jams to hunting and fishing trips, however.

By Larry Wilkins

Deputy State Chairman

No, it’s not reading riffs and references, but recruiting, recognition and retention. That’s the handshake of Ducks Unlimited. Without volunteer DU is nonexistent.

I was fortunate enough to attend the National Leadership conference in Memphis, TN, and I was very impressed with the enthusiasm that Ducks Unlimited is placing at its volunteers. The volunteers stand in excess of 187 million dollars, while organizing 495 events for the entire year ending June 30th 2004. That is an impressive number. An even more impressive number is that 90% of the money is put back into waterfowl and wetlands conservation and education.

As a Ducks Unlimited volunteer that makes us very proud to represent such an organization. Beginning in year 2004 DU has decided to recognize volunteers with at least 3 years of continuous service in a very special way. When the volunteer has been on board for the minimum of 3 years, their name will be placed on conservation projects and receive invitations to the dedication ceremonies. This really makes our volunteers feel a sense of accomplishment for a job well done.

This year we want ALL ONE HUNDRED chapters to get involved. This is a great fundraiser; it is easy and a lot of fun. It is an opportunity for each chapter, to meet and get involved. The items for the basket should represent the community. We can be anything from N.C. jelly, jams to hunting and fishing trips, however.

Every year we make a dollar in NC, it goes to help us with Sound CARE and the goals we have to meet in order for the chapter to be a success. So purchase those new decoys or order that new boat even a can of peanuts from Farmer Dave will make a difference. With 18000 members that I would say probably average 50.00 per year in online purchases.

Bass Pro and Farmer Dave along with Ducks Unlimited, are contributing to the NC DU.

Check out the National Convention State Basket Silent Auction.

This year all one hundred (100) Chapters of the North Carolina Ducks Unlimited are again given the opportunity to show how much creativity they have along with their fellow chapters by participating in the State Convention Basket Silent Auction, to be held at the North Carolina Ducks Unlimited State Convention that will be held at the Sheraton Atlantic Beach Ocean-Front Hotel, August 18-21, 2005.

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If you are not familiar with this project, it is the “Offspring” of the National Convention State Basket Silent Auction. This event was held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada in May of 2004. Out of approximately forty baskets, North Carolina placed third (3rd), and Nebraska placed first (1st).

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We have an agreement with these retailers and every time you purchase an item, you are making a donation to Ducks Unlimited. So next time you need some great NC peanuts remember www.nc.ducks.org and click on the links to these fine retailers.

Please fill out the response form and return it US Mail to: Anne H. Summerlin, 112 Jolly St., Louisburg, NC 27549, 919-476-0940, assistant editor@ncducks.org so we will know how much room we need for the baskets.

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Ducks Unlimited is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of North America’s waterfowl. Our chapters are the backbone of DU and ourconstituency...
2005 State Convention
Aug. 18-20 Atlantic Beach
Sheraton Atlantic Beach Hotel

STATE CONVENTION ACCOMMODATIONS

It might be cold outside, but things are heating up inside, as plans are getting underway for the 2005 North Carolina Ducks Unlimited State Convention. Be prepared for a fun-in-the-sun week-end, AND OH YES!

What would a convention be without a few workshops?! This year we are even making plans for the early arrivals on Thursday! Actually plans are being made for everyone in the family, especially our GREENWINGS, so get ready, the 2005 convention will be held at the Sheraton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront Hotel, August 18-21.

The Sheraton overlooks the beautiful Atlantic Ocean and regardless of the room arrangements you choose, you will have a view of the ocean. The Sheraton has many great amenities; too many to list and they can be seen by logging onto their website; www.sheratonatlanticbeach.com. In addition, you will be able to see the description of the rooms before making your reservation. The room rates will vary depending on the type of room you want:

- OCEANVIEW $ 109.00, plus 12% tax
- OCEANFRONT $ 149.00
- OCEANFRONT SUITE $ 189.00

There is a 72 hour cancellation policy on individual reservations. Rates are based on single or double occupancy.

There will be a $15.00 charge for each additional adult sharing the room (limit 4). Children under 18 stay free with parents.

There is a $15.00 charge for King Size beds. Reservations can be made by calling 1.800.624.8875 (Directly to Sheraton) or 252.222.4032. Be sure you let the person that takes your reservation know that this is the rate for the NC Ducks Unlimited Group.

Reservations must be made by July 18, 2005, however it is suggested that reservations be made early, because of the time of the year….this will probably be the last big week-end before some of the schools start back.

Please register early, as room reservations are on a first come-first served basis.

CHECK-IN IS: 3:00 PM
CHECK-OUT IS: 12 NOON

See you in Atlantic Beach!