

A Message From the Chairman

Dear Ducks Unlimited Leaders, Members & Friends,

It is my pleasure to personally invite you to join us in Wisconsin Dells for the Wisconsin Ducks Unlimited 25th Annual Convention at the newly remolded Chula Vista Resort and Water Park on January 23rd & 24th, 2009. We encourage you to bring the family to enjoy the water park and participate in all the outstanding convention activities.

The convention committee has an exciting, fun-filled weekend planned including Bruce Lewis, Ducks Unlimited Inc. President; SVPs Sandi Beitzel & Lon Knoedler; RVP Dr. Rex Schulz & At-Large Board Member Bruce Deadman, along with the latest conservation updates and some new, fun workshops.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the Convention Registration Form, attach your check or provide the necessary information to charge the registration fee to your credit card, and return these items promptly to the address shown on the form.

Once again, I urge you to finalize your plans to join us and our good DU friends at Wisconsin's 25th Annual Convention in Wisconsin Dells. Hope to see you there!

Tom Zwicker
State Chairman



Featured Guest Speaker

Bruce Lewis is the current president of Ducks Unlimited. He has been a DU member since 1975. As a volunteer, Lewis has served as first vice-president, at-large board member, treasurer, regional vice-president for the South Mississippi Flyway and as state chairman. He currently serves on the DU Canada board of directors. Lewis received his B.A. and M.S.S. degrees from Mississippi State University and a J.D. from the University of Mississippi. He is a practicing attorney and partner in the law firm Gwin, Lewis and Panches in Natchez, Mississippi, where he resides with his wife Karen. They have three children, Grayson, Scott and Elizabeth.

Program Enhancements

We've made some great improvements to our program for 2009! For starters, we've added some fun workshops to the mix, and streamlined the times so that everyone can attend all of them! They'll be filled with suggestions & advice on making your local chapter events more successful. We hope you'll join us for them.

We also have a new Greenwing program this year. The kids are the future of DU, and as such, we want to get them excited about it NOW. That's why we've decided to waive the fee for Greenwings 14 and under. **Yup - that's right - FREE!** You don't hear that very often anymore! Greenwings of ALL ages will be welcome to attend any of the workshops, the Friday night Theme Party and the Saturday night banquet. Or, they can hang out in the Duck Nest with other Greenwings doing fun activities.

Once again DU will host the Major Gift Information Reception on Saturday afternoon. If you're currently a major donor, or would like more information on becoming one, please be sure to visit the reception. DU staff members will be there to meet with you and can provide you with information on the many options available for leaving your legacy.

You won't want to miss our enhanced vendor room this year. A special thanks to our 2009 Partner in Conservation, **Schuman Sculptures**.

As is tradition, the Saturday night banquet will culminate with the Ford Truck Raffle drawing. But, we've got some other fun stuff planned for the banquet too, including some awesome live auction items. Bring the checkbook!

We look forward to seeing you January 23-24, 2009.

Dream the Vision, Be the Vision

Old Coot's Raffle

Bring your classic DU item to donate for the Old Coot's Raffle. This year our target is to conserve 10 acres with the proceeds of this raffle. Bring any items you think will be useful to the State Convention or give the items to your Area Chairperson, Zone Chairperson or Regional Director and they will get it to us for the raffle.

Don't miss your chance Become one of the first 100 to sign up or renew your Old Coots membership for \$100 and you'll have a 1 in 100 chance to win a Beretta 20ga White Onyx - Serial No. 1!!

For further info contact:
Rich Bizek
262-785-3544 • richard.c.bizek@us.abb.com

Pre-Event Raffle Special

GUN BOARD Raffle Ticket Deal

Pre-Buy Gun Board Tickets
Get \$140 worth of tickets for only \$100!

PLUS

Receive a teal decoy

AND

1 ticket for a special bonus gun raffle!

Must order this deal with your registration.

Don't miss out! Tickets will be sold during the convention, but the special deal will be gone!

DON'T MISS THE WORKSHOPS!

Sponsors & Major Donors* - Learn how to get them to YOUR events!

Fill the Hall/Event Efficiency* - Marketing & budgeting tactics to make the most of YOUR event!

Volunteer Recruitment* - How YOUR committee can attract & retain great volunteers!

Ladies' Forum - All ladies attending the convention are encouraged to attend. Discussion topics will include the 3 topics above, and also allow you to attend the special interest sessions below.

Conservation Committee Meeting - Updates on the latest conservation projects and future plans.

WI Waterfowling Heritage - A look at Wisconsin's unique waterfowling history and the wooden "blocks" we love.

Waterfowl Hunting Regulations - Join Kent Van Horn, WDNR Migratory Game Bird Ecologist, for an explanation of how our regs are established and what you have to say about them!

*Required for all LZC's, ZC's and Area Chairs. Any convention registrant attending all 3 of these required workshops will be eligible for a special drawing. See registration packet for workshop raffle card.

Mail completed Convention Registration Form along with your payment by **January 2, 2009** to:

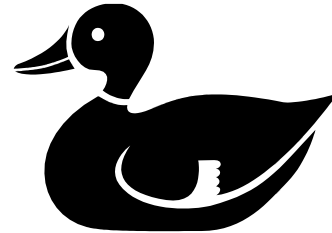
Angie Grossen
N7945 Cnty N
New Glarus, WI 53574

Email kagrossen@tds.net or jurk@sbcglobal.net
with any questions

No tickets will be mailed in advance.
All tickets will be distributed at registration.

Don't forget to bring your
DUCK BANK
for the Duck Bank Raffle

Nice prize for the bank with the most money!



WETLANDS HOSPITALITY!

Catch up with old friends, make some new friends!
Conference Center I (adjacent to vendor area)

Wetlands Hospitality Schedule

Friday: 6:00 pm - 2:00 am
Featuring SNO Party & Live Music

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
10:00 pm - 2:00 am
Featuring DJ Music, Snacks & Fellowship

Entry to the Wetlands is free, but a \$10 wristband is required for unlimited beer & liquor consumption.

Redeem a 1 litre or larger bottle of liquor at Convention Registration and you'll receive 1 free wristband plus 1 ticket for a Wetlands Hospitality gun raffle!

Free soda & snacks during all Wetlands hours of operation.

Not able to arrive during official registration hours? No problem!

Contact either Scott Jurk (414-339-6531) or Angie Grossen (608-558-1192) once you arrive and we'll get your registration materials for you!

Convention Schedule of Events

Friday, January 23rd

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Registration Grand Ballroom Lobby

1:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Vendor Exhibits Conference G & H

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Greenwing Activities Upper Dells Ballroom

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Conservation Committee Meeting Conference E & F

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Special Interest Workshops TBA Conference C & D

6:00 pm – 2:00 am
THEME PARTY Conference G-I

DREAM THE VISION, BE THE VISION

Theme Party features:

Sportsman's Night Out Party 6 pm - 9 pm

Free Beer 6 pm - 9 pm

Buffet Meal 7 pm - 9 pm

Live Music & Hospitality 9 pm - 2 am

Wristband purchase required for liquor consumption.

Camo attire optional but will be rewarded!

Saturday, January 24th

7:30 am - 9:00 am
Breakfast Buffet Market Fresh Buffet

8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Registration Grand Ballroom Lobby

8:30 am – 11:55 am
GENERAL SESSION Conference C - F

9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Greenwing Program w/Lunch Upper Dells Ballroom

10:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Vendor Exhibits Conference G & H

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Awards Luncheon Grand Ballroom

Saturday, January 24th (cont.)

1:05 pm – 3:55 pm
WORKSHOP TRACKS

NEW this year - we've designed the workshops to run in several short sessions so you can attend ALL of them. Just choose your track and go!

Track 1

1:05-1:35 - Sponsors & Major Donors Conference C

1:40-2:10 - WI Waterfowling Heritage Conference A

2:15-2:45 - Fill the Hall & Event Efficiency Conference D

2:50-3:20 - Volunteer Recruitment Conference E

3:25-3:55 - Waterfowl Hunting Regulations Conference B

Track 2

1:05-1:35 - WI Waterfowling Heritage Conference A

1:40-2:10 - Waterfowl Hunting Regulations Conference B

2:15-2:45 - Sponsors & Major Donors Conference C

2:50-3:20 - Fill the Hall & Event Efficiency Conference D

3:25-3:55 - Volunteer Recruitment Conference E

Track 3

1:05-1:35 - Waterfowl Hunting Regulations Conference B

1:40-2:10 - Volunteer Recruitment Conference E

2:15-2:45 - WI Waterfowling Heritage Conference A

2:50-3:20 - Sponsors & Major Donors Conference C

3:25-3:55 - Fill the Hall & Event Efficiency Conference D

Track 4 - Ladies' Forum

1:05-1:35 - WI Waterfowling Heritage Conference A

1:45-3:15 - Ladies' Forum Conference F

3:25-3:55 - Waterfowl Hunting Regulations Conference B

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Hospitality Open – Raffles & Silent Auction Conference I

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Major Gift Information Reception Sierra Vista

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm
CONVENTION BANQUET & PROGRAM Grand Ballroom

10:00 pm – 2:00 am
Hospitality Open Conference I

Sunday, January 25th

9:00 am – 10:00 am
Duck Hunter's Breakfast Buffet Market Fresh Buffet
Not included in full convention registration - purchase separately.

10:00 am – 11:00 am
Convention Wrap-up Meeting Upper Dells Ballroom
Everyone welcome – help us make 2010 even better!

Accommodations and Rates



NEW THIS YEAR! Pre-pay your lodging charges and don't pay tax! On your registration form, indicate your room preference, check-in and check-out dates and number of adults/children staying in room. In order to qualify for the tax savings, you **must** pre-pay your room **in full** with your registration. All pre-paid, tax-exempt rooms must be reserved no later than December 30th. No refunds on tax exempt rooms.

If you prefer to make your own hotel arrangements, contact Chula Vista at 800-388-4782 and indicate you are with the Ducks Unlimited group. Room rates listed below will be available until December 30th. After that date, reservations are available at prevailing rates on a space available basis only.

Fairway Golf Villa - \$119 per night

The Fairway Golf Villa offers luxurious accommodations for up to 6 people with kitchenette and living area, two queen size beds and a pull out sofa sleeper. Overlooking the fairway and within easy walking distance to the course clubhouse, these villas are ideal for a family getaway.

Note: The Fairway Golf Villas are not attached to the main building, which means you will need to walk outside to attend convention functions.



Tower Junior Suite - \$129 per night

Tower Junior Suite features two queen beds and a semi-private living room/sofa sleeper - sleeps up to 6 people. Tower rooms include a snack refrigerator, microwave, coffee pot, iron and ironing board and hair dryer.



Studio Condo - \$199 per night

This 1,000 sq ft studio condominium has two queen size beds, with a pull out sofa sleeper in a living area. There is a full kitchen with range, oven, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, and coffee maker, dining room table, living area with sofa sleeper, chair, a two sided fireplace, balcony, and a Jacuzzi. Sleeps 6.



El Grande Condo - \$279 per night

This 1,500 sq ft condominium has two bedrooms. The master suite has a king bed with a private bath, fireplace and television, the other bedroom has two queen size beds with television. The living area is complete with a hot tub, fireplace, and a full size kitchen with a dining room table. Perfect for entertaining. Sleeps 8.



CONVENTION REGISTRATION

NO	ITEM	TOTAL
_____	Full Convention Registration @ \$85 <i>(Includes all activities & meals Fri & Sat)</i> <i>(Does not include Hospitality wristbands or Sunday breakfast)</i>	\$ _____
_____	Full Convention Registration w/Previously purchased Ford Truck Raffle @ \$40 <i>(For current Ford Raffle ticket holders only)</i>	\$ _____
_____	Ford Truck Raffle w/Full Convention @ \$140	\$ _____
_____	Greenwing Registration @ \$0 14 and younger FREE 15 and older use Regular Convention Registration	\$ 0

OR PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING SEPARATELY

_____	Friday Only @ \$25 Includes: Friday Breakout Sessions Sportsman's Night Out/Team DU Party <i>(Free beer 6-9pm; writsband required for liquor - purchase below)</i>	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Breakfast @ \$20	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Awards Luncheon @ \$30	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Banquet @ \$45	\$ _____
_____	Ford Truck Raffle w/Saturday Banquet @ \$100 <i>(Banquet is only included with pre-registration: additional Ford Raffle tickets will be available at the convention for \$100 but will not include the banquet.)</i>	\$ _____

EXTRAS (Not included with full registration)

_____	Hospitality wristband @ \$10 each per day	\$ _____
_____	Pre-Buy Gun Board Tickets @ \$100	\$ _____
_____	Sunday Breakfast @ \$20	\$ _____

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION

Use this section to reserve your pre-paid, tax-exempt hotel room. Rooms MUST be reserved by December 30, 2008 to receive this special rate. For reservations after December 30, call Chula Vista Resort at 1-800-388-4782.

Number of guests in room:

_____ Adults _____ Children

Reserve room for:

_____ Thursday Night _____ Friday Night _____ Saturday Night

Room Type:

_____	Fairway Golf Villa – \$119 x _____ nights	\$ _____
_____	Tower Junior Suite Smoking – \$129 x _____ nights	\$ _____
_____	Tower Junior Suite Non-Smoking – \$129 x _____ nights	\$ _____
_____	Studio Condo – \$199 x _____ nights	\$ _____
_____	El Grande Condo – \$279 x _____ nights	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City, ST Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

DU Chapter Affiliation _____

DU Position (Member, Committee, etc.) _____

First time WI DU Convention Attendee? _____ Yes _____ No

Additional Adults *(if purchasing additional registrations or a-la-carte tickets)*

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Greenwings (14 years or younger)

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____

For additional registrations, please photocopy this form or attach a separate sheet of paper with additional names.

**Return completed registration form to: Angie Grossen
N7945 Cnty N
New Glarus, WI 53574**

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope or include your email address above to receive registration confirmation.

Every penny saved is a penny for the ducks!

Payment Method

_____ Credit Card _____ Check Enclosed *(Payable to Wisconsin Ducks Unlimited)*

_____ VISA _____ MasterCard _____ AmEx _____ Discover

Card Number _____

Expiration (MM/YY) _____ / _____

Signature _____