MESSAGE FROM THE STATE CHAIRMAN
Mark Low

Hello DU Members and DU Volunteers,

Thank you for all you do for the ducks! I know I say thank you a lot, but it is important to me that you know how much you are appreciated. Volunteering and attending fundraising events aren’t just about giving of your time – they are about heart, effort, skill, commitment and dedication. Your efforts, time and generosity have tipped our scales to success here in California. Priceless!

Together we have made significant accomplishments. Grassroots fundraising is up, 500 new volunteers are in the system, 13 new events were started and CA DU’s Facebook page has more than 1200 friends who visit us daily.

In addition, six chapters received a presidential citation – Humboldt County, Modoc County, Lake Almanor, Gilroy, Auburn and Tri-Valley. Congratulations! Each chapter met the challenge with determination, strength and total confidence. The future is a rainbow of beautiful tomorrows for wetlands conservation!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jan Young, State Recruitment Chairman, at (503) 577-5497 or jkyptld@aol.com. She would be delighted to pair you with a local DU chapter.

Please join me as we celebrate these and many other California DU accomplishments at our upcoming state convention. It will be held in Rohnert Park at the DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country hotel. This year you can register to attend the parts of the convention that interest you most. We have a wonderful sportsman’s night out party scheduled for Friday evening, April 19, from 5 to 9 p.m. Your cost is only $35 and includes a BBQ buffet dinner and hospitality central. The general business meeting will take place on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes a buffet lunch. Your cost is only $35. Our banquet and auction will take place Saturday evening, April 20, at 6 p.m. Your cost is only $35 and includes a served dinner and live auction. To attend all three events the price is $100. Hope to see you all there!

Remember to please take a kid hunting,

Mark Low
WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM?
By Jan Young, State Recruitment Chairman

California Ducks Unlimited is part of the larger volunteer-driven, membership-based conservation organization of Ducks Unlimited, Inc. Our sole purpose is to raise funds to conserve, restore and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America’s waterfowl, including those in California. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people. By doing this through a variety of fun, effective and successful fundraising methods, we return more to the resource than we take and we make a lasting difference greater than the sum of our individual efforts. We share a pride in these results because they benefit the people of California and North America for both today and for generations to come.

The success of Ducks Unlimited depends on the dedication of thousands of volunteers and members. Our volunteer energy and efforts, along with continued membership support, directly affect the future of our precious wetlands and waterfowl populations.

California DU needs your experience, commitment, energy and ideas! We need you on our volunteer team. Please consider becoming a Ducks Unlimited volunteer today! The future of our waterfowl depends on you.

We all have special abilities, and when these individual abilities are blended together with others, much can be accomplished. Whether it is putting on fundraising events, mentoring new volunteers or hunters, nurturing Greenwings, or simply sharing knowledge and skills, we gain insight as to what is needed to fulfill California’s goals.

Why get involved? I am sure there are many different reasons why people get involved with Ducks Unlimited. A few that come to mind are to make new friends, find hunting spots, make business contacts, learn new things, or just exercise a passion for waterfowl hunting and/or wetlands conservation.

What is your passion?

Would you like to share your passion and join the DU volunteer team? We would love to have you on our team!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me, Jan Young, at (503) 577-5497 or send me an email at jkyp tidal@aol.com.
WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECTS

Ash Creek Wildlife Area Projects CA-511-1 (Pipeline) and CA-281-10 (Elkins Well Construction)
By John Ranlett, DU Biologist

The Ash Creek Wildlife Area (ACWA) pipeline project is a component of a collaborative effort with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) and Pit Resource Conservation District (RCD) to restore more than 2,200 acres of floodplain wetlands on ACWA downstream of Elkins Lane. These floodplain wetlands have been deteriorating for many years due to stream channel incision and a resulting drop in the water table across the floodplain, leading to the conversion of some wet meadow habitat to sagebrush-rabbitbrush uplands. The Pit RCD received several grants to fund this multi-million-dollar project with DU assisting in project budget development and grant application preparation and review. DU’s role in the construction effort was to survey, design and manage construction of a 13,320-foot-long pipeline to deliver water to five wetland management units located at the edge of the restored floodplain. These five units comprise 320 acres.

The water carried by the pipeline to the five wetland units is adjudicated Ash Creek water and is delivered to ACWA through the Big Valley Canal between April 1 and October 20. Because water delivery in the Big Valley Canal ends on October 20, just at the beginning of waterfowl hunting season (or earlier in drought years), DFW has heretofore managed these five wetland units as brood ponds because it had no means to provide water after October 20. However, DU is currently under contract to construct a new well (Elkins Well) that will tie into the newly constructed pipeline and will allow provision of water after October 20, supplying this missing fall water needed for wetland management during hunting season. In drought years, well water can be delivered during the spring and summer to augment the adjudicated water flows.

The new Elkins Well will thus improve wetland management flexibility and allow DFW to manage the five units during waterfowl hunting season, providing expanded opportunities for hunters.

Piute Ponds Wetland Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 2
By Chris Hildebrandt, DU Biologist

The Piute Ponds Phase 2 project is located on Edwards Air Force Base in Los Angeles County and is part of a third-phase Sonoran Wetlands Restoration North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant. The military began using the base in 1933, and though operations still exist, the base provides critical wetland habitat for both local and migratory waterfowl. This arid region of the South Pacific Flyway has seen significant decreases in wetland habitat since the turn of the century, and this project complements
other work in the region done during previous phases of this grant series. A significant portion of the work was completed last year, with a small amount yet to be done on Little Piute Pond. Restoration goals include 214 acres of PEM wetlands and 4 acres of grasslands. In addition, this project will enhance 124 acres of PEM wetlands and 30 acres of grasslands. Nearly $100,000 in NAWCA funds, along with $36,719 in Los Angeles County in-kind match and $2,000 of DU in-kind match, have been spent to date.

Project activities included grading wetland bottoms, constructing or improving levee embankments and installing water control structures. Planting grass to restore associated uplands on improved wetland embankments will occur in fall 2013. The work completed on this project was a collective effort through partnerships to restore habitat for wildlife and people. In all, 338 acres of wetland habitat and 34 acres of associated grassland habitat will be restored or enhanced through project activities.

TOTAL SPENT ON CALIFORNIA PROJECTS: $202.8 MILLION
TOTAL ACRES CONSERVED IN THE PACIFIC FLYWAY: 1.015 MILLION
TOTAL SPENT ON PACIFIC FLYWAY PROJECTS: $360 MILLION
WHERE DU WORKS
Delivering Continental Conservation for Wetlands and Waterfowl

Ducks Unlimited takes a continental, landscape-level approach to wetlands conservation. Since 1937, DU has conserved more than **13 million acres** of waterfowl habitat across North America. While DU works in all 50 states, the organization focuses its efforts and resources on the habitats most beneficial to waterfowl. DU’s top five conservation priorities:

- **Prairie Pothole Region**
- **Western Boreal Forest - Canada**
- **Mississippi Alluvial Valley**
- **Central Valley / Coastal California**
- **Gulf Coastal Prairie**

California’s Central Valley runs from Red Bluff to Bakersfield. The Central Valley is No. 2 on the 25 most important and threatened waterfowl habitats on the continent. The Coastal California region extends from Bodega Bay south to northern Mexico and includes the important San Francisco and San Diego bays. This region also includes the Salton Sea. Water is a crucial factor in the amount and quality of waterfowl habitat. There is even greater uncertainty over the reliability of water supplies to the Central Valley’s privately managed wetlands. DU and its partners have made considerable headway in the Central Valley since the early 1990s, resulting in substantial increases in waterfowl habitat. About 60,000 acres of wetlands have been restored since DU's Valley/Bay CARE (Conserving Agricultural Resources and the Environment) program began. In addition, more than 56,800 acres of existing wetlands have received long-term protection.

**Importance to waterfowl:**

- Critical habitat for 60 percent of wintering waterfowl in the Pacific Flyway
- Central Valley is the most important wintering area in North America for Aleutian geese, Wrangel Island snow geese and northern pintails.
- San Francisco Bay provides important wintering habitat for scaup, scoters and canvasbacks.

**Habitat issues:**

- Uncertain water availability for managed wetlands and agriculture
- Agriculture claims 80 percent of water use, and projected demographic changes predict dramatically increased tensions among agriculture, urban users and conservation interests.
- Rapid urbanization threatens remaining wetlands, water supplies and waterfowl-friendly agriculture.

**DU's conservation focus:**

- DU has completed or is working on more than 1,500 projects in the Central Valley and the adjacent San Francisco Bay area.
- Most of DU’s work in the Central Valley focuses on migrating and wintering waterfowl, but an increasing emphasis is being placed on meeting the needs of breeding waterfowl.
- Restoration and enhancement of managed wetlands in the Central Valley and Suisun Marsh
- Building fish-safe water diversions to support managed wetlands and rice farms
- Protecting rice fields in high growth areas
THINGS YOU CAN LEARN FROM A DOG

As the old saying goes, a dog is man’s best frien, but our four-legged friend is a pretty good teacher too.

Here is some advice your dog will gladly give you:

- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride, summer or winter.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them with enthusiasm and love.
- When it is in your best interest, always practice obedience; you could earn a treat.
- Let others know when they have invaded your territory; the right growl will usually do.
- Take many naps and stretch before rising.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- Run, romp and play daily (all day if you can).
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- Always, always be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you’re not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it. Never give up; it’s there somewhere.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you are happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you are criticized, don’t buy into the guilt thing and pout; run right back and make friends.

DON’T LET YOUR DU MEMBERSHIP EXPIRE!

Your dedication and support of Ducks Unlimited is critical to wetlands conservation and preserving the sport of waterfowl hunting. You can renew your membership by attending a DU event in your area – find an event near you on the California Ducks Unlimited website.

Alternatively, you can renew online for just $35 today to continue receiving your DU benefits for another year. You will receive six issues of the Ducks Unlimited magazine, access to the members only area of DU’s website and discussion forums, membership card and DU decals.
CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

Wine Country Banquet – March 9
By Rich Dengler, CA State Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

I had the pleasure of attending the Wine Country Chapter’s fundraising banquet on March 9, held at the Friedman Event Center in Santa Rosa. More than 170 DU supporters were in attendance – the highest attendance this chapter has ever had. Dinner Chairman Rick McGlone has been chairing this event for the past six years with the help of other dedicated volunteers, Richard Barlett, Nancy Chapman, Danny Colvin, Rochelle Colvin, Bob Cook, Chester Dilley, Geraldine Flatt, Jamie Flatt, Jimmy Flatt, David Harrell, Jesse Hiben, Norm Langham, Larry Lennox, Crystal McGlone, Linda McGlone and Scott McMorrow.

There is no doubt in Rick’s mind: “Volunteers are the heart and soul of Ducks Unlimited. They are integral in establishing DU’s profile, stewarding its reputation and ensuring the funding which is the lifeblood of DU’s conservation programs. I’m thankful that we have a great volunteer team that helps put on this banquet. They sell tickets, get donations, help set up a beautiful displays for our auctions and raffle and they are wonderful people to work with. I joined DU for the cause many years ago and stay on year after year for the people! DU is a great organization and I am proud to be a member and longtime sponsor.”

Jennifer Wall and Rick McGlone

Jennifer Wall and Barefoot Wine & Bubbly provided wine for the event. Attendees sampled the wine while browsing the many items on display for auction and raffle, and continued to enjoy it during the evening meal.

Jennifer has supported Ducks Unlimited for a very long time. She has also been major donor to the Wine Country DU banquet for a number of years.

Thank you Jennifer and Barefoot Wine & Bubbly!

A delicious prime rib and lemon chicken buffet was served by Jimmy’s Catering Company of Petaluma. I have to say it was the best prime rib I have eaten in a very long time! The salad and sides were also delicious. If you are looking for a caterer, contact Jimmy Maestretti at jimmys.catering@yahoo.com, or phone (707) 738-0711. You can’t go wrong with Jimmy’s Catering!
Fourteen Greenwings were in attendance at the Wine Country event and all seemed to be having a good time! According to Rick, "Today’s youth are the conservationists of tomorrow. They are going to be the ones to take care of our wildlife, lands and rivers in the future. We try to educate our youth, and we always give them recognition at our events."
The Flatt family was in attendance, and not by chance. Jimmy Flatt (see picture at left) has known what he wants to pursue professionally since he was 12, according to his mother, Geraldine. “He is pursuing an appointment in the U.S. Naval Academy to study mechanical engineering and serve his country after graduation,” she said. “He is a talented athlete and avid sportsman. He excels as a baseball pitcher and earned an all-league designation as a sophomore for helping his high school varsity team earn the Sonoma County League Championship.”

Regarding Jimmy’s love of hunting, Geraldine said, “He is an avid sportsman. He was first in line to sign up for the junior hunting safety course when he became of age. He has tutored other young Greenwings and even taught his father a trick or two about how to hunt properly. Jimmy also enjoys fishing, particularly salmon in Oregon.”

“For Jimmy, volunteering with Ducks Unlimited serves two purposes: he knows he will need volunteer/community service for college applications, and he wants to volunteer with an organization that he believes in,” his mother continued. “He has long known that the wetlands and wildlife are disappearing and knows that Ducks Unlimited’s mission will resolve the habitat loss we experience every day.”

The Flatt family feels very fortunate to have been connected with Rick McGlone and his committee. “They have a great system in place, are very well organized, are kind and caring people and work very well as a team,” Geraldine said. “We could not have asked for a better first experience for our son!”
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - RICK MCGLONE

Rick McGlone went to his first DU dinner back in 1975 when the guy he hunted with mentioned that he should find a way to give back what he takes from the land. According to Rick, “I first wanted to better understand what Ducks Unlimited was all about – their mission, their purpose. I did some research and spoke with DU Regional Directors and Volunteers. I began to understand and believe in the work DU was doing for wetlands conservation. I decided to volunteer and help put on fundraising events.”

Rick joined the De Anza Chapter in Santa Clara. At the time he was working full time for Hewlett Packard and raising a young family, but he found the time to volunteer for a cause he believed in.

Left to right: Linda, Crystal and Rick McGlone

Rick moved to Sonoma County in 1989 with his wife, Linda and daughters, Crystal and Moriah. It didn’t take Rick long to find a local DU chapter close to home. He worked on the Sebastopol committee for a number of years and was the area/dinner chairman for the Sebastopol Chapter from 1995 to 2002.

When Hewlett Packard was split into two companies (Hewlett Packard and Agilent Technologies) in 2000, Rick stayed on with Agilent and remained in Sonoma County. In 2007, Rick took over as Area/Dinner Chairman of the newly started Wine Country Chapter and has been chairing this dinner for the past six years. Next year he will pass the chairmanship on to someone else.

Over the years, Rick moved up to District Chairman, was nominated to the DU California State Board in various capacities and continues to serve on the board as the State Sponsor Chairman today.

“I have made lifelong friendships! I highly recommend joining your local DU chapter and getting involved. It is not that much work and it is personally rewarding. Making new friends and being introduced to others’ activities are the spice in life. The things you do today can have a lasting impact on tomorrow!”

Thank you, Rick, for all you do for the ducks!
Another waterfowl season has come to a close. We have cleaned our gear, stored our decoys and started catching up on chores at home. As the birds fly north, we are presented with the opportunity to enhance the education of our youngsters. Now is a great time to pass on the off-season enjoyment of our waterfowling heritage. Events for Greenwings keep them interested in the broad aspects of waterfowling: birds, the marsh, dogs, shooting, decoys and calling. We can hold events with kids year-round that will keep them connected to our love of the first fall flights. Here are some ideas that will give Greenwings hands-on experience that will make those days in the blind even more enjoyable next season.

Ideas for Conducting a Greenwing Event

When your committee decides to hold a special event for Greenwings, a common challenge is deciding what to do during the event. The important thing is to keep the kids busy and provide an environment for learning. There are a number of fun activities that you can consider:

- **Wood Duck Boxes** - Go to a local lumberyard and ask them to donate materials to make the boxes. You can mount them on poles (donated by a local factory); you may try fencing businesses or the like. Carry a receipt book and give the company a donation receipt from DU - it is tax deductible for them. It is also an easy sell: it’s for kids! After the kids make the boxes, they can be auctioned off to raise money for future Greenwing events! Tell auction winners that a small group of Greenwings will come and set them for the buyer.

- **Survival Education** - Use a survival guide and identify edible plants for the kids. They really like identifying small creatures that live in wetlands. A dipnet, a can and an identification book are good for an hour of investigating. What does your wetland have in the way of invertebrates? Many species can only live in clean water. Point out the connection – healthy ground water, healthy wetlands, healthy ducks, healthy kids, etc. Show them how it all ties together and affects all of us.

Give your local game wardens a call any time you have an activity. They enjoy participating!

- **A T-shirt Project** - Hit up local industries and businesses and get money for T-shirts to hand out with a Greenwing logo and with all the sponsors on the back. Try to get enough to offer a one-year membership to the kids. Just think, if the kid get year-long membership, those that enjoy it, reup on their own and the local chapter grows and grows.

- **Decoy Painting** - Have decoy painting for the kids. Get a decoy maker to donate the unpainted decoys, and get someone local to donate paint, brushes and little wooden stands so the kids can display the decoys.

- **Put the Dogs to Work** - Have a dog demonstration by a local pro with a field trial dog. Teach the kids retriever training techniques that will help prepare a puppy. Have them build a dog blind and explain how to make a dog comfortable if it has never been in a blind. The kids really seem to enjoy this!
Duck Banding - Have a duck-banding demo by the conservation experts. Teach the kids the history of duck and goose banding and what to do if they find a duck band while hunting. Teach them the techniques that are used to catch the ducks, who bands the ducks, how many birds are banded yearly and the purpose of double banding.

Use a Bubba Boat - Have a Bubba Boat where hunters do just about everything they possibly can wrong in a hunting boat parked on a trailer where the kids can watch a warden point out various violations – some more flagrant than others. Try to pick a couple of guys who can really act it up.

Interactive Exhibits - Interactive exhibits provide hands-on learning and tools to better explore nature. Set up kid-friendly spaces where they can see and touch things such as feathers, snake skin, bones, bark, fur and seeds. Get people to man the exhibits and bring in displays and posters that show bird identification, migration pathways, vernal pools, marsh management and hunter safety.

If you are close to a Grasslands Environmental Education Center or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service field office, ask them to come and set up some of the exhibits; they have a wealth of information to share.

Online Interactive Learning - There is an enormous amount of information online that can be utilized to help with the planning or activities. There are resources on wetlands that provide pictures of wetlands, games for kids to play and facts about wetlands and their importance. You can find just about anything on the Internet today – books, games, guided research projects, lesson plans, activities, tours of estuaries, etc.

Here are a few websites you can check out for good information:

http://kids.lovetoknow.com/wiki/Wetlands_for_Kids
http://water.epa.gov/aboutow/owow/kids.cfm

More Ideas

- Teach the kids how to use a basic compass.
- Teach the little ones how to make plaster casts of animal tracks.
- Try and get a local buckskinner/mountain man to demonstrate the tools of the trade era.
- Have someone show a basic emergency kit to take out while hunting or other outdoor recreation.
- Put out life-size flyer decoys at various distances and have the kids guess the range.
- Decoy relay – have teams of kids throw decoys in relays.
- Have a vet or someone come in and talk about basic dog first aid and/or puppy selection.
- Have a duck-calling demo hosted by a local guide.
- Have an archery event or a BB gun range for the kids.
- Have a taxidermist demonstrate the craft.
- Take the kids on an educational walk with or without a biologist.
- Consider coordinating an activity with a local scout group. There may be opportunities for the kids to earn merit badges or other recognition with their own scouting groups based on their time with DU.
- Put the kids to work identifying waterfowl from posters. Have them color waterfowl in coloring books that can be donated, purchased or printed off the Internet. Explain that when studying migratory birds, it is important to be able to identify them in flight. You could simply print black silhouettes of the birds and have the kids identify them.
PLEASE ATTEND THE CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION – APRIL 19-21

This year's state convention will be held April 19, 20 and 21 at the Doubletree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country in Rohnert Park. This year’s convention activities include a Friday evening sportsman’s night out dinner party and hospitality central; Saturday business meeting, lunch and evening banquet; and Sunday morning board meeting. You can register online to attend the convention for $100 per person at California Ducks Unlimited events.

Friday’s festivities will begin with a spectacular sportsman’s night out dinner party: a delicious buffet of BBQ chicken, an assortment of artisan sausages, slow-roasted BBQ tri-tip of beef, assorted salads and dessert. Hospitality central will open at 9 p.m. You can register online to attend the sportsman’s night out party and hospitality central for $35 per person at California Ducks Unlimited events.

Saturday’s festivities will include a thoughtful and informative business meeting agenda to thank our many volunteers for their dedication and commitment to Ducks Unlimited, and to discuss our state’s strategic plan moving forward as well as our state’s wetlands conservation efforts and waterfowl habitat. A buffet luncheon is included, followed by some workshops. You can register online to attend the business meeting and luncheon for $35 per person at California Ducks Unlimited events.

In keeping with DU tradition, we will have a nice banquet and small auction on Saturday evening. You can register online to attend the banquet for $35 per person at California Ducks Unlimited events.

Sunday morning there will be a state board meeting, which everyone is welcome to attend.

About the DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country

Nestled in the heart of Sonoma County, the DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country is located near Santa Rosa and Petaluma and less than an hour’s drive from Napa and San Francisco.

Enjoy a warm welcome and homelike surroundings as soon as you walk in the door. The hotel’s attentive staff will greet you with a delicious, freshly baked chocolate chip cookie upon arrival. Experience Sonoma County’s world-renowned wineries, exquisite dining and picturesque countryside, and enjoy popular attractions such as Armstrong Redwoods and the Safari West Wildlife Reserve. Airport shuttle service is available to and from San Francisco Airport (SFO) and Oakland Airport (OAK).

What to Do Around the Area

Enjoy easy access to hundreds of well-known Sonoma County wineries, including Viansa, Kendall Jackson, Clos Du Bois and Korbel. Many popular attractions are also within close proximity to the hotel, such as Infineon Raceway, Armstrong Redwoods and Bodega Bay, all less than 30 minutes away. For an exciting day out for the whole family, visit the Safari West Wildlife Reserve or the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center (creator of the Peanuts gang). Outdoor enthusiasts will find plenty to see and do with numerous golf courses, picturesque walks and beautiful landscapes. Take a hot-air balloon ride over the Sonoma Valley for an unforgettable trip.
Registration Form

Join us in Rohnert Park on April 19, 20 & 21

REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Name: _______________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: _____________________ State: _____________ Zip Code: _____________

Email Address: _________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ________________

Number of Full Convention Registrations - $100 per person: ________________
Your registration includes Friday evening sportsman’s night out dinner party and hospitality central; Saturday business meeting, luncheon, workshops and evening banquet; and Sunday morning state board meeting.

Names for Badges: _____________________________________________________

Number of Sportsman’s Night Out (Only) Registrations - $35 per person: ________________
Your registration includes buffet dinner and hospitality central

Number of Business Meeting (Only) Registrations – $35 per person: ________________
Your registration includes general business meeting and buffet lunch

Number of Saturday Banquet (Only) Registrations - $35 per person: ________________
Your registration includes served dinner and live auction

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment Method: Check# ______  Credit Card # ________________________________

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Signature: ____________________________________________________________

Checks payable to Ducks Unlimited
Mail check and registration form to:
Rich Dengler, 10281 Stonydale Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014-1029
SPORTSMAN’S NIGHT OUT PARTY – SATURDAY, APRIL 19 IN ROHNERT PARK

Whether you hunt, fish or just enjoy the outdoors, you will not want to miss the sportsman’s night out event on Friday, April 19, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country hotel in Rohnert Park. The cost is $35 per person and includes a full buffet dinner. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Come out and have lots of fun with your friends. This is a raffle-only event with good food and spirits for a good cause: wetlands conservation.

Wear your camo, show your spirit!

Register online at California Ducks Unlimited events or use the above registration form.

If you need a room for the night, please visit DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country.
UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

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

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