MESSAGE FROM THE STATE CHAIRMAN
Mark Low

Hello DU Members and DU Volunteers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed Ducks Unlimited California State Chairman and tell you a little about me so you can see my volunteer history. I will also introduce you to the volunteers joining me on my two-year term and tell you about the dedicated work that took place over the past few months to develop California DU’s Strategic Business Plan.

First off, I’m a duck hunter. I remember fondly the days when my younger brother drug me out in the fog to the Mendota Wildlife Area to hunt pintails in the early 70’s, the vacations with friends to Tule Lake to hunt geese, and most recently climbing into a ditch to chase the mighty Canadas in our local areas. DU has done more for waterfowl conservation than any organization in conservation history... period.

I have been a DU committee member for 16 years. I was an Area Chairman for the Honey Lake Chapter for 3 years from 2006 to 2008. During that time, the Honey Lake committee raised a net/net of approximately $121,000, averaged 63 percent efficiency at our banquets and received two presidential citations. I am proud to be a part of that committee. I received the Area Chairman of the Year Award in 2007 as a result of that team’s effort. I became a District Chairman in 2008 and helped get three chapters off the ground that same year. I became Senior District Chairman in 2009 and Assistant to State Chairman in 2010. I love DU and what it does and stands for even in these trying times.

I am very fortunate to have an outstanding group of volunteers joining me on my two-year journey as California State Chairman. These senior volunteers, working together with me, will make up the California Ducks Unlimited State Committee and State Council, commonly referred to as the board and/or senior volunteers. These bodies of appointed members will jointly oversee the activities of California Ducks Unlimited.

Past and present Senior Volunteers and DU Staff across the state recently completed a statewide planning effort to establish a two-year strategic business plan for DU California. Thank you all who devoted your time, mind and good will to this task! Collaboratively, we laid a solid foundation to drive future organizational success. We have a significant amount of work still ahead of us, but together, we can build better financial success for DU California and better financial success means more habitat for our kids and grandkids to enjoy.
I view our strategic business plan as a key blueprint or roadmap for the next two years. This business plan reaffirms our commitment to DU’s mission statement and sets forth a number of critical goals for ensuring habitat restoration for future generations of waterfowl hunters and conservationists.

As we enter the implementation of the new strategic business plan, I am enthusiastically committed to ensuring the broadest possible participation and ownership by DU volunteers and members across the state. I am committed to providing hands-on leadership, working with our state’s executive council, senior volunteers, local committees, regional directors and conservation staff to ensure that we achieve these vitally important goals and keep each of us focused on their successful implementation. I am confident that working together, harnessing our intellectual capacity and enormous passion for the work DU is doing, we can realize the promise of this bold vision for a bright waterfowl future for years to come.

Your California DU Committee:

Please feel free to contact me any time at (530) 249-3286 or lowdownm@msn.com. I welcome your input and feedback.

Take a kid hunting,

Mark Low
JOIN THE TEAM: VOLUNTEER FOR DU
By Jan Young, State Recruitment Chairman

I was recently appointed State Recruitment Chairman by the DU California State Board and am excited to fill this position. Being a native of Oregon, my passion for waterfowl hunting spilled over into getting my bachelors degree in Geography/Geology. I am a true lover of the outdoors and have always felt I should give back to the very thing that made the love of this sport possible - Ducks Unlimited. I have been a volunteer for the last few years working in Nevada and now here in the Sacramento area of California. I reside in El Dorado Hills and am the mother of two young children.

I encourage you to volunteer! It’s a great way to have fun, meet new people and support DU’s critical waterfowl habitat conservation work.

As the heart and soul of Ducks Unlimited in California, dedicated volunteers coordinate hundreds of local fundraising events such as member and sponsor banquets, shooting and fishing tournaments and golf outings, just to name a few. The dollars raised at these local DU events are the primary funds that drive our waterfowl habitat conservation programs. These local events would fail to exist without our dedicated volunteers who organize and manage local DU events.

Whether it’s setting up a new chapter in your area or working on an existing committee selling tickets, gathering donations or securing sponsorships, DU volunteers have generated over a billion dollars for conservation. In 2010 alone, California DU Volunteers raised more than $1.2 million in Grassroots funding. Since 1937, DU has conserved more than 710,000 acres in California alone and more than 12,200,000 acres in North America. These volunteers are the lifeblood of DU’s mission and singleness of purpose!

DU is involved in hundreds of projects right here in California! While DU’s #1 priority is waterfowl, there are also more than 900 wildlife species that benefit from their conservation work. And DU is true to their word that more than 80 percent of their expenditures go directly to conservation. DU’s vital habitat work helps guarantee the resource for future generations.

DU volunteers are 90 percent hunters and ten percent conservationists, and I consider many of them lifetime friends. Quoting a dear friend... "you come for the cause and stay for the people."

I invite you to join our team of more than 1,400 California DU volunteers and become a leader in wetlands conservation!

Contact Jan Young at (503) 577-5497 or jkyp1td@aol.com for more information about volunteer opportunities in your area.

SUPPORT DUCKS UNLIMITED
The ducks need you!
PASSING “IT” ON
By John Dunn, Greenwing Chairman

Maybe it was the Stevens .22/.410 over under that was placed in my hands when I was eight. Maybe it was the old wooden duck call with a single metal reed that I first blew when I was ten. Was it the old fishing poles and tackle box? Whatever it was, the “things” that had once been in the hands of my grandfathers were now in my hands. As I held them then, and still hold them today, my grandfathers, who have long since left this world, are with me once more.

The things we pass on to kids can be powerful. You never know when a youngster will put his or her hands on something very old and think of the places it has been, the stories it could tell, and the smiles it brought to those stern, chiseled faces of the past. Passing “it” on perpetuates who we are, what is important to us, and what we hope will be important to them. Because, when all is said and done, what we pass on will say much about who we are.

As the new state Greenwing Chairman, I encourage all of us to pass on those tangible items steeped in memories as well as the intangible virtues that time outdoors will bring. Go, take a kid to the marsh, or to the garage, or the shed, show him or her what you do to prepare for the season; how to string decoys, paint the boat, or how to blow the call. Share your passion for waterfowling with a kid and that kid just might turn out to be the one who carefully holds your old gun someday, smiles and thinks of all you did to show him or her what it means to appreciate and care for the outdoors.

A Greenwing membership is for children age 17 or younger and entitles the recipient to:

- A DU membership card and certificate
- Greenwing decals (age 11 and younger)
- Two unique DU decals (one duck head and one DU shield for ages 12-17 years)
- Four issues of the Puddler online magazine (ages 11 and younger)
- Six issues of Ducks Unlimited Magazine (ages 12-17 years)
CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION  
By Ann Bakey, State Communications Chairman

The festivities for the 2011 California State Convention began on Friday, April 15, at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Downtown Reno. More than 100 DU Members in attendance were involved and very proud to be a part of the Ducks Unlimited family. Friday night we attended a hospitality welcome party where we mingled with other members and volunteers.

Saturday morning was filled with interactive presentations from DU senior volunteers Eric Rudgers, California State Chairman, Jean Hulbert, Pacific Flyway Senior Vice President, and Mark Low, Assistant to the State Chairman. We also heard from Rebecca O’Connor, Director of Development, DU Western Regional Office.

Eric Rudgers greeted attendees and highlighted the grassroots fundraising efforts – a grand total of 27,803 memberships and $1,277,607 raised in 2010 through 104 fundraising events. We should all give ourselves a big pat on the back for what we have accomplished here in California! Eric also spoke about the great work state volunteers have accomplished over the past two years and thanked his outgoing board members for their dedication and contributions. He then formally passed the state chairmanship title over to Mark Low.

Jean Hulbert gave us an update on DU programs and the improvements being made to ensure DU’s fundraising efforts are more efficient.

Mark Low spoke about the state-wide strategic planning effort that he and other state volunteers worked on over the past few months, and then presented the goals, key objectives and tactics. The take-away from Mark’s presentation was that the group of volunteers who established the strategic plan looked critically at how to best serve waterfowl for the future and move California to the number one position in grassroots fundraising.

Rebecca O’Connor shared California’s development and outreach goals, which are to annually secure ten Life Sponsors, ten upgrade Sponsors, and one Feather Society Commitment. She also touched on DU’s Joint Ventures program and its fundraising goal of $61 million with the combined efforts of Conservation, Grassroots and Development partners over a three-year span.
At 11 a.m. we took a break and enjoyed a number of free raffle games. Everyone seemed to genuinely love the people they partner with in this organization and they appeared to have fun joking around with each other while they experienced unique games that they can take back to their own chapters. This was a rare opportunity!

Larry Lundberg from the Morgan Hill Chapter demonstrating Davy Duck Game

Dave King from the Redding Chapter demonstrating Guns n Roses Game

Patti and Wayne Nygaard from the Antelope Valley Chapter demonstrating Shut the Box Game

John Faires Jr. from the Tri-Valley Chapter demonstrating Shot Glass Game

Jan Young from Sacramento Chapter demonstrating Horse Shoe Game

Jim Pleau and Diane Rudgers from the Lake Almanor Chapter demonstrating Wheel of Fortune

There were some very impressive raffle prizes given way to attendees who participated in the early bird registration and played the free raffle games. Pictured above are just a few of the prizes! All were donated by senior volunteers and valued partners like the Peppermill, The Resort at Red Hawk, Tanglefree, Cabela’s, Sportsmen’s Warehouse, Black Lab Vodka, Blue Diamond Almonds, E&J Gallo, Ron Thompson Wines, Southern Wines and Spirits, The Smokestack Company, Debbie Douglas Designs and Black Gold Dog Food.
Cory Foskett from Tanglefree joined us for the raffle and showcased the many Tanglefree products that chapters can purchase for their fundraising auctions and raffles.

Tanglefree is a valued partner to DU. They manufacture and sell a complete line of decoys, blinds and blind grass, bags and cases, accessories, anchors and clips – everything a waterfowler needs... even things he doesn’t need but just has to have for next season.

At noon everyone took their seat for the State Chairman’s luncheon where state awards were presented by Eric Rudgers to key volunteers and to his outgoing State Board Members. We also heard from Mark Low, our newly elected State Chairman and were introduced to his new State Board Members.

Top Efficiency Award presented to the Stillbow Duck Club; accepted by Dennis Campini.

Top Sponsor Award presented to the Milpitas Chapter; accepted by Larry Lundberg.

Top 100 Chapters Award presented to the Antelope Valley Chapter; accepted by Wayne and Patti Nygaard.

Presidential Citation Award presented to the Redding Chapter; accepted by the committee.
Most Recognized Individual Award presented to Dave King from Redding for his unselfish dedication to DU.

State Chairman Award presented to Eric Rudgers and his wife Diane for Eric’s two-year state chairman achievements.

Following the luncheon, we were treated to a series of very informative presentations from Western Regional Offices’ conservation staff. First we heard from Mark Biddlecomb, Director of Conservation Programs. Mark shared what is going on in DU and at the Western Regional Office. What amazed me most was hearing that the average age of a DU member is 55! WOW, that means that not too many of our “average” duck hunters will be around in the year 2050! The prospects are sobering when you think about that... but if we take action now, we can change all of this. Clearly, we need to invest in our youth! We should all ask ourselves what we can do to help future generations have the waterfowling experiences that we are enjoying today.

Mark humbly shared that better communications needs to flow from DU Western Regional Office to members and volunteers. While DU has great history of working with farmers, ranchers and other private landowners, little to nothing has been done to communicate the outcome of that good work. Moving forward, key focus will be placed on communications, rebuilding local partnerships that have been strained in the past and strengthening DU’s partnership with California Waterfowl Association (CWA). Youth education and retention of young hunters are also of key importance to the future of California’s wetlands and waterfowl!

Following Mark, we heard from Jeff McCreary who supervises all of DU’s conservation programs in the Pacific Flyway, Dr. Fritz Reid, DU Director of Conservation Planning, and Chris Unkel, DU Director of Conservation Policy. Key take-aways from their presentations were 1) DU restoration programs are diverse and well planned. Every DU wetland restoration project includes, in one form or another, planning, developing, and implementing with federal, state, and/or private landowners, technical assistance, conceptual planning, environmental permitting and compliance, engineering design, project management and land protection. 2) During the next 40 years, California’s human population is expected to double, placing greater demands on the state’s limited water resources, but DU remains committed to protecting key water supplies for public and private wetlands, as well as waterfowl-friendly agricultural lands. Lastly, political conditions in Washington are affecting the future of duck hunting; they are at their worst level in decades – maybe ever. Anything to do with protecting fish, wildlife and the human environment is critically wounded and we all need to pay close attention to what is going on in Washington.

Saturday evening we were back in hospitality to build new friendships and share a good time with fellow DUers!
Building on the topic of valued partners and good friends – Cabela’s of Reno (located in Verde, NV) went out of their way to extend hospitality to state convention attendees. Everyone was invited to a hosted breakfast at Cabela’s before the store opened to the public. In addition to breakfast, Cabela’s provided each of us with a discount coupon to purchase merchandise in the store.

RULES IN FAVOR OF DUCKS UNLIMITED’S EFFORTS TO PROTECT HUNTING ON PUBLIC LANDS

Ducks Unlimited and waterfowl hunters across the nation are celebrating the April 13 federal district court ruling that supports the opening of waterfowl hunting on a number of public lands. The ruling from the Northern Federal Court District of Ohio will help ensure that our country's waterfowl hunting heritage will be protected. DU joined with Safari Club International and others to intervene in this action on behalf of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as they attempted to open waterfowl hunting on almost 70 national wildlife refuges around the country. The action was opposed by anti-hunting interests in a lawsuit.

After the ruling, Ducks Unlimited CEO Dale Hall said he supported the decision and reaffirmed DU's support of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "Ducks Unlimited and its members have always been strong supporters of the National Wildlife Refuge System, whether it is through participating in the purchase of duck stamps or through directly partnering with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," Hall said. "I'm pleased this ruling will allow the USFWS to continue its mission of managing and conserving waterfowl and other wildlife along with offering quality wildlife-related recreation opportunities to the American public."

The lawsuit, which was originally filed in 2003 by organizations philosophically opposed to hunting, attempted to end hunting activities on multiple public lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System by alleging that the refuges had not gone through the proper environmental review process.

Due to the serious implications this lawsuit could have on the ability of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to manage waterfowl and hunting on refuge lands, Ducks Unlimited joined efforts to defend the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's position. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System. For more information on this ruling, visit www.ducks.org.
New Fiscal Year and New Goals
Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North American Waterfowl which benefits wildlife and people. This mission is especially critical in California, where 95 percent of the historic wetlands have been destroyed. This isn’t just challenging for wetland-dependant specie; it is also a burden on the people and the economy of California. Wetlands support not just a tremendous variety of animals, but also water quality as well as recreational activities and tourism, which support our economy. Working on 150 active projects statewide with a staff of 19 and a volunteer base of 1,458, California Ducks Unlimited is uniquely positioned to make a positive difference for the people and waterfowl important to the Pacific Flyway. Working across national borders and throughout the Pacific Flyway, Ducks Unlimited approaches the needs of waterfowl with proven science and then addresses policy as well as work on the ground.

As we move into a new fiscal year, Ducks Unlimited in California is working toward a fundraising goal of $61 million with the combined efforts of Conservation, Grassroots and Development partners over a three-year span. Moving toward this goal I hope to share with you our successes and to highlight some of our supporters.

Pacific Gas and Electric
PG&E has been a longtime supporter of Ducks Unlimited and continues to support a very important component of our project work in California. One of the ways Ducks Unlimited maximizes the potential of our projects is through working with Joint Ventures. The bird habitat Joint Ventures of the Central Valley and San Francisco Bay are comprised of more than 40 different organizations including private industry, conservation non-profits and governmental agencies. PG&E has supported our work with the Joint Ventures by funding the improvement of our project tracking system, a critical aspect of this work.

Analysts in the California DU office work with geographic information system (GIS) software to create an online mapping and database application used by the Joint Ventures and all of their partners. This database tracks wetland and upland wildlife habitat projects in the Central Valley and Bay Area of California. By recording project habitat improvements, the application empowers conservation organizations to better plan future projects, coordinate with other local conservation efforts, quantify their impacts on habitat restorations and enhancements, and measure their progress toward shared conservation goals in California.

Thank you PG&E and all of you who support us with your time, passion and funding!

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions about our Major Gift program, ways you can support our goals or just to say “hello.”  Thanks for all you do for the ducks!  roconnor@ducks.org
CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

Antelope Valley – March 4
By Patti Nygaard, Area Chairman

Antelope Valley Chapter held its 38th annual banquet and auction on March 4. This year was the biggest turn-out ever for our chapter with 535 people in attendance including 35 Greenwings, 7 Sponsors and one Life Sponsor. A buffet of Baron of Beef, Chicken and all the trimmings was served.

We have a basic committee of 18 volunteers who work diligently throughout the year to plan our banquet. When it’s time to execute, we are 34 volunteers strong, and work well together to put on a great event.

Two unique live auction items were well received and helped us raise $72,000 for Ducks Unlimited - a child’s pedal John Deere tractor donated by Kern Machinery of Lancaster, and a child’s wooden rocker with John Deere pads, made and donated by Gayle Seekins.

Honored this year were two long serving committee members - Delmar VanDam for 40 years of DU volunteer work and Wayne Nygaard for 28 years of DU volunteer work.

Awards for outstanding committee members went to Gary VanDam and last year’s new member, Gail Lyon. Gary consistently secures donations from local and out-of-area businesses that support DU year-after-year. Gary also sold a large number of dinner tickets! Gail helped out again this year by bringing a number of new donors to DU who graciously donated items and money.

Left to right: Mike Burroughs, Johnny Zamerzla, Delmar VanDam, John Spears, and Nick VanDam.

We were fortunate to have three wonderful sponsors support our event – Phil Arklin, who buys a quad for our live auction every year, Lou Gonzales from Antelope Valley Chevrolet and Tom Clutter of Tire Pro in Lancaster. Each donated $3500 for underwriting of DU merchandise.

This year, one of our new volunteers, Deana Ward, introduced a raffle game called Shut the Box. It brought in more than $3,000 during the evening raffle. My husband, Wayne, and I had the privilege of demonstrating this game at our April State Convention in Reno. Committees wanting information on this game can contact me at pwgramsters@verizon.net.

Even with the bad economy our attendees were generous allowing us to raise $72,000 for Ducks Unlimited! I’m proud to say that we also had a very high efficiency... meaning our costs were down so more dollars were sent to DU to be invested in waterfowl conservation.

I want to thank our many volunteers who put on a wonderful DU event, our members who attend year-after-year, and especially our donors for their gracious gift giving. The ducks thank you too!
The Honey Lake dinner was held March 19. Tri-tip was the meal of choice and this year’s guest was John Godwin, one of the famous duck men from the duck commander TV show.

Special guest John Godwin grew up hunting deer with his father, but once introduced to the world of waterfowl, duck calls captured his attention.

John has worked for Duck Commander since 2002. Some of his duties include, building duck calls, managing supplies and overseeing the shipping department. During the season, however, John’s main title is decoy technician. He figures out the exact spot the decoys should be placed, and works on all equipment after the hunt to make sure it is ready to go for the next days hunt.

More than 260 people attended our event which was amazing considering there was a blizzard going on that weekend with near-whiteout conditions and strong winds causing blowing and drifting snow. Well, the mighty ventured out in the bad weather for our DU fundraiser - they came, took off their jackets, rolled up their sleeves, opened their wallets and had some fun!

Over the past five years, Honey Lake has had a net/net contribution of $175,000 to Ducks Unlimited.
Placerville Chapter – May 12
By Jan Young, District Chairman

Placerville DU held another great event on May 12 at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds. This chapter holds the prestigious position of #1 grassroots fundraiser in California. Congratulations Placerville Chapter!

Committee (not in order of photo) - Ron Thompson, Jeff Thompson, Frank Leonardi, Todd Reynolds, Wayne Trumbly, Jan Hendrickson, Jerry Hansen, Sam Cooper, Jerry Garvin, George Anderson, Roger and Kathy Ince, Jim O’Brien, Mike Degroot, Matt Morgada, Danno Raffetto, Jon Grissom, Mike Erwin, Ralph Erwin, Pat Gregor, Bob Siebert, Jan Young, Pam Howard.

Jeff and Ron Thompson provided strong leadership in the planning. The committee of 25 volunteers was well organized and met on a regular basis to make this event one not to be missed. With a goal of 375 in attendance, they came in at 371. Included in this count were 24 Greenwings. Their underwriting goal was $15k and they came in just over $16k. The hope of turning in $100,000 to Ducks Unlimited was a hefty task and they came in at $82,000. What a success!

A pre-event Yamaha Quad raffle proved to be a great idea and very successful. 200 tickets @ $100 each were sold and brought in $17,000 with a net gain of $10,000. The lucky winner drove the quad home!

Bottom line, net/net numbers came in at $76,000 with a 65 percent efficiency rating. This committee has a lot to be proud as #1 in California, and again will be in the TOP 100 Chapters in the country. What do they have up their sleeve for next year?
San Diego East County Chapter - May 13
By Gary Bryant, Committee Member

The San Diego East County Chapter held its annual membership dinner on May 13 at the Sycuan Golf Resort in El Cajon. In addition to the traditional raffle items and live and silent auctions filled with great DU merchandise, the chapter held a Ducky Dice raffle game for a chance to win a rifle, a Duck Band raffle for a chance to win a Henry rifle, and a special Honda 50 motorcycle raffle. Ten people signed up to be Sponsors and took part in a special shotgun raffle.

The event typically sells out at around 160 guests. This year the numbers were down due to some of the regular attendees being out of town. As a result, the committee decided to do something they have never done before - they invited four US Marines to attend the event as their guests.

The Marines were hosted to a Filet Mignon dinner and DU membership. The committee also provided each Marine with a $100 package of general raffle tickets.

The word quickly spread throughout the hall that the Marines were honored guests. Attendees commented that they were honored to have the Marines in their presence and told each of them that they truly appreciated the sacrifices they make to serve our country. People went out of their way to purchase each of them drinks and special raffle tickets.

All four Marines are from Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 3 (MWHS-3), 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Miramar, San Diego. Following the event, their commanding officer wrote that the Marines had a wonderful time and were humbled by all the attention they received. We were honored to have them in our presence!
Wetlanders Banquet – May 19
By Jan Young, District Chairman

Ducks Unlimited’s Western Regional Office had an amazing dinner on May 19. The employees put their free time into this dinner and worked really hard to make it fun and beneficial for DU. They held the dinner in the parking lot of the Rancho Cordova office. The theme was “Gold Rush” which produced some interesting overalls and mining gear! The live music was excellent and fully donated by DOGHOUSE.

201 people were in attendance and the numbers came in close to $28,000 net revenue for Ducks Unlimited. A big THANK YOU goes to the Wetlanders Committee for their time and dedication in putting on a wonderful DU event and to all who attended. It was a very successful dinner for DU!

Among the many auction and raffle items were an amazing Bass fishing trip and a personalized Falcon hunt donated by Rebecca O’Connor, DU Director of Development!

Rebecca has been a falconer since 1993, a lifestyle choice that led to a professional life training and presenting free flight bird shows and ultimately into a career in development (conservation fundraising) at WRO. Rebecca is passionate about conservation and is an author of nine books. Falconry and the human/animal relationship are central themes in her writing. Her falconry is chronicled in LIFT, a memoir published by Red Hen Press November 2009. She has also published essays and short stories in South Dakota Review, Iron Horse Literary Review, Los Angeles Times Magazine, West, Divide, The Coachella Review, Phantom Seed and Prime Number Magazine. Her novel, Falcon’s Return was a Holt Medallion Finalist for best first novel and she has published numerous reference books on the natural world.

For more information on Rebecca, visit http://operationdeltaduck.com/blog/about/.
UPCOMING SUMMER 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 Ducks Unlimited website at [www.ca.ducks.org](http://www.ca.ducks.org). Traveling out of state? No problem! Simply select the state that you will be visiting in the dropdown menu (on top of the California DU webpage) and that state’s upcoming events will be listed for you to browse on the state’s home page. Don’t miss an opportunity to show your support and have fun at the same time!

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

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