Ducks Unlimited’s 75th National Convention

Auction Book

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2012 Convention Auctions

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Masters of Ceremony are Dan Thiel, Executive Secretary
and David Schuessler, National Director of Grassroots Fundraising.

Ducks Unlimited is grateful for the generous contributions of outstanding auction items
from our donors whose support of our 75th Annual National Convention help make it a success.
CUSTOM DUCKS UNLIMITED 75TH ANNIVERSARY COFFEE TABLE

Handcrafted by former Wisconsin State Chairman Tom Zwicker, this beautiful solid oak coffee table features 75 antique brass and paper shotgun shells of various makes and gauges. Zwicker, a master furniture and cabinet maker, devoted more than 80 hours of craftsmanship into this handsome 75th anniversary collectible. With a roughly 48” diameter, this striking piece is sure to generate nostalgic conversations for many years to come.  

Donated by Tom Zwicker

HEIDELBAUER DUCK AND GOOSE CALL SET

Celebrating their 60th anniversary this year, Heidelbauer Wildfowl Calls and master craftsman Todd Heidelbauer have created a DU 75th anniversary matching duck and goose call set. The custom-made Mallard Toller duck call and Hail Call Canada goose call are derived from Birdseye Maple and hand crafted from start to finish.

Following in the footsteps of his grandfather Frank, Todd Heidelbauer used time honored practices and technique when constructing this magnificent set of waterfowling lore. The acrylic sounding device screws into the barrel providing the call with functionality, durability, longevity, and superior sound quality while still maintaining the beauty of a classic wood call. Each call is engraved to read “Ducks Unlimited 75th Anniversary” along with the year along with the name of the call, and of course the Heidelbauer family signature.  

Donated by Todd Heidelbauer

ROLLIE STICK AND ORIGINAL PENCIL SKETCH BY RALPH MCDONALD

This may be your LAST opportunity to own an authentic Rollie Stick handcrafted by Papa Duck himself. We are proud to offer the last Rollie Stick in DU’s possession on this very special evening as we celebrate our 75th anniversary. This Rollie Stick features a mallard drake head and horizontal handle, a unique feature to the numerous sticks Rollie carved over the years. Rollie Remmel’s yearly trip to the DU Annual Convention was always highlighted by the generous gift of his “sticks” to DU’s leadership and his ever-present Razorback chant.

In addition, the winning bidder receives this framed original black-and-white pencil sketch of Rollie. The original artwork was commissioned by Ralph McDonald for inclusion in Legends, Leaders and Characters of Ducks Unlimited.  

Donated by Rollie Remmel and Ralph McDonald

REMINGTON 75TH ANNIVERSARY WINGMASTER MODEL 870 SHOTGUN

We are pleased to offer this one of one 12 gauge pump-action Remington Wingmaster Model 870 shotgun. Nearly 60 years after its introduction, the Remington Model 870 is still the standard by which all pump shotguns are measured. This custom firearm has a high gloss finish, handsome American walnut woodwork, solid steel receiver, 28” vent rib barrel, and three interchangeable choke tubes (IC, M, F). It is fully engraved on both sides of the receiver and the grip cap highlights the Remington Arms logo. The right side of the receiver features the Big Grass Marsh Duck Factory No. 1 scene, “75 Years of Habitat Conservation”, and a flying pintail and mallard. The left side has the DU logo, the DU 75th anniversary logo, and a pair of flying mallards. Purchase includes a premium-quality DU logoed Americase aluminum gun case lined in green velvet.  

Donated by Remington
DIAMOND MARQUISE PENDANT
This beautiful marquise design necklace features 1 carat total weight of round and baguette cut diamonds set in 18-karat white gold. The pendant is suspended from the delicate 18” box chain by a channel set diamond drop.

ORIGINAL HAROLD ROE INK SKETCHES FROM LEGENDS, LEADERS AND CHARACTERS OF DUCKS UNLIMITED
These five original black-and-white ink illustrations by Harold Roe paint the stories of DU founding father Joseph Knapp, Presidents Gaylord Donnelly and Lee Howley, and Executive Vice Presidents Dale Whitesell and Matt Connoly. Each ink sketch is signed by the artist and individually framed.  

DUCKS UNLIMITED TELEVISION CANADA GOOSE PAIR BY CHARLES JOBES
Own a piece of DU and decoy carving history! This pair of Canada Geese, numbered 49/50 and 50/50, are two of fifty decoys used exclusively for the 2011 Chesapeake Bay episode of DUTV. Shot on the icy waters of the Susquehanna Flats, this show chronicled the history of decoy making in the Chesapeake Bay region and featured the Jobes family and their contributions to the area’s waterfowling heritage. Both decoys are inlaid with an exclusive Jobes family medallion and signed by the carver.

HISTORIC DU BOOK COLLECTION
Bolster your home library with this collection of publications related to Ducks Unlimited and waterfowl history. This compilation of conservation narratives dates as far back as 1931 and spans through our most current 75th anniversary releases. This set includes More Waterfowl by Assisting Nature (1931), Quail Breeding Manual (1931), Pheasant Breeding Manual (1931), Water Areas – How to Create and Maintain Them (1933), 1935 International Wild Duck Census* (1935), The Ducks Came Back (1945), DU Wing Watchers Guide (1973), A Singleness of Purpose (1977), Return to Big Grass (1986), Legends, Leaders and Characters of Ducks Unlimited (2012), and The Ducks Unlimited Story (2012).

*This publication was the first ever scientific based aerial waterfowl survey conducted. Only two copies of this study are known to be in private hands; this is one of them.

HENRY BIG BOY CUSTOM 1 OF 1
The Henry Big Boy .44 Magnum is a serious hunting firearm that gives big game hunters rugged reliability and proven knockdown power. This custom 1 of 1 features a satin walnut stock and DU embellishments on both sides of the receiver. The adventure of America’s Old West is embedded in its distinctive 20” octagon barrel, straight-grip American walnut stock with brass butt plate, and brass barrel band. The solid top brass receiver features side ejection. The rifle uses a fully adjustable marble semi-buckhorn rear sight with white diamond insert and brass beaded front sight; the magazine holds 10 rounds. The overall length is 38 ½” and this powerhouse weighs in at 8.68 lbs. Purchase includes a premium-quality DU logoed Americase aluminum gun case lined in green velvet.

Donated by Harold Roe

Donated by Capt. Charles and Patty Jobes. There is a reserve on this item.

Donated by Steve Christian

Donated by Henry Repeating Arms
BAHAMAS BONEFISHING FOR FOUR

Head east to South Andros Island, Bahamas for four nights and three days fishing at Bair’s Lodge, a signature property in the Nervous Waters collection of lodges. You and your travel partners will be treated to some of the finest shallow water fishing in the Caribbean. As with all Nervous Waters properties, you can expect comfortable and well appointed accommodations, world class cuisine, top of the line boats operated by seasoned, expert guides and a management & staff committed to providing the utmost in service and attention to detail.

Andros has long been synonymous with the biggest bonefish in the Caribbean. The south and west sides of the island have built the reputation as the place to try for a “Giant”. The flats in Andros are some of the largest and most varied in the world, offering both opportunities to wade or fish from the boat in the ocean flats or creeks and bights. This incredible choice of classic bone-fishing environments, as well as the numbers and size of the bonefish, is what makes South Andros the bone-fishing capital of the world.

This outstanding trip for four includes four nights lodging, three days fishing, all fishing guides, meals, rooming, and beverages (alcoholic and non alcoholic). Not included are airfare, airport transfers and tips. Trip must be taken within 12 months of purchase.  

Donated by Nervous Waters Fishing

ORIGINAL JIM KILLEN PENCIL SKETCHES FROM 
LEGENDS, LEADERS AND CHARACTERS OF DUCKS UNLIMITED

Compiled and edited by John Tomke, Legends, Leaders and Characters of Ducks Unlimited offers a fascinating glimpse into the lives of some of DU’s best-known leaders. The winning bidder will take home the five original black-and-white pencil illustrations by Jim Killen that were printed in the book. Each sketch is signed by the artist and individually framed.  

Donated by Jim Killen

ANTHONY PADGETT ORIGINAL ART

We are proud to offer a wonderful piece of art created by Ducks Unlimited's 2008 Artist of the Year, Anthony Padgett. Standing Ready shows a black lab gazing off into the distance with mallards in flight. Image size is 20” x 30”.  

Donated by Anthony Padgett

2012 DU GUNS OF THE YEAR

The winning bidder of this special auction item will receive a matching trio of Ducks Unlimited 75th anniversary firearms all marked as serial #75. These firearms were designed specifically for our fundraising events to celebrate this historic anniversary year.

Included are the 75th Anniversary Ducks Unlimited Shotgun, the 75th Anniversary Ducks Unlimited Handgun, and the 75th Anniversary Ducks Unlimited Rifle. The Browning Maxus 12 gauge shotgun features special engraving and game scenes and its own Browning Talon gun case, the Ruger Vaquero .45-caliber Long Colt single-action revolver comes housed in a custom Ducks Unlimited shadow box display case, and the Kimber 8400 rifle in .300 Win Mag features grade III French walnut and, unique for this auction, a Leupold VX-III 3.5-10 x 40 scope and custom case.

Donated by Anthony Padgett
This elegant 12 gauge Browning Citori White Lightening features 28” barrels, 3” chamber, a high-gloss burled walnut stock, and classic checkering. The special edition over/under shotgun is a custom 1 of 1 with deep relief game scene engravings in gold highlighting the DU 75th anniversary logo. Purchase includes a premium-quality DU logoed Americase aluminum gun case lined in green velvet. **Donated by Browning**

**ORIGINAL DAVID MAASS COVER ART FROM LEGENDS, LEADERS AND CHARACTERS OF DUCKS UNLIMITED**

This is your opportunity to own an original pencil sketch by wildlife artist David Maass. *Legends, Leaders and Characters of Ducks Unlimited* shares 36 stories of staff members and volunteers who have done so much to help shape our organization. This 11” x 14” sketch of canvasbacks was used as the cover art for the book. The image is signed by the artist and framed. **Donated by David Maass**

**JIM BEAM DU DECANTER SET**


**FRANCHI 75TH ANNIVERSARY INSTINCT L OVER/UNDER**

This custom 1 of 1 Franchi Instinct L 12 gauge features an all-steel, extra strong color-case receiver with a tang-mounted automatic safety that also acts as a barrel selector. The Prince of Wales style stock is cut from A-Grade satin walnut with traditional satin oil-finish and features cut checkering on the slim fore-end and pistol grip. The shotgun boasts gold-filled DU custom engraving on both sides of the receiver. Purchase includes a premium quality DU logoed Americase aluminum gun case lined in green velvet. **Donated by Benelli**
ORIGiNAL DU MAGAZiNE CARTOONS BY BRUCE COCHRAN

Bruce Cochran is an award winning cartoonist, illustrator, and writer. Since the 1960’s Cochran’s cartoons and illustrations have livened up the pages of America’s outdoor publications. These five original art cartoons were featured on the pages of DU Magazine. The individually framed cartoons feature colored pencil, watercolor, and ink.  Donated by Bruce Cochran

2012 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ALL-STAR GAME

Enjoy a trip to Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri for the Mid-summer Classic baseball festivities. Two people will enjoy tickets to the All-Star Workout Day featuring the Futures Game on Sunday, July 8th, the Home Run Derby on Monday, July 9 and the 83rd MLB All-Star Game on Tuesday, July 10.

This package for two includes includes airfare for two from the same city of departure and a hotel room for three nights. Taxes, meals, ground transportation, and additional expenditures are not provided. Donated by Budweiser
CUSTOM HAND CARVED WINE STOPPER COLLECTION AND BOWL

75th Anniversary Chairman and Ducks Unlimited volunteer Lon Knoedler has hand crafted a beautiful set of three wine stoppers and a serving bowl. Using dyed Spalted Maple, Figured Maple, as well as Color Wood, Lon’s imagination and fine craftsmanship have come together to form functional artwork.  

Donated by Lon Knoedler

DUCK HUNT GAS GRILL WITH COVER

This finely crafted gas grill is perfect for a big backyard barbeque or smaller cookout. A classic duck hunting scene by Brett Smith is permanently acid etched into the heavy gauge 304 stainless steel alloy main hood. The grill features 600 total square inches of cooking area, a four burner design, 12,000 BTU per burner with push and turn ignition, cast iron grates, enamel coated warming rack, and gas regulator with hose and hookup. Any duck hunter will be right at home with the shotgun shell burner controls, over/under barrel style hood handle, and metal ducks door plate and duck call pull.  

Donated by Teton Grill Company

COSTA RICA BILLFISHING FOR FOUR

Head south to Tamarindo, Costa Rica for five days and four nights at the beautiful Mirador Bed & Breakfast. You and your travel partners will be treated to two full days of the finest offshore fishing in the world with the crew of Go Fish. You can expect comfortable and well appointed accommodations, world class cuisine, a top of the line boat operated by seasoned, expert guides, and a management & staff committed to providing the utmost in service and attention to detail.

Tamarindo, located on Costa Rica’s northwest Pacific coast, has become the hotspot for surfers and blue water sport fishermen. Record catches of marlin, sailfish, giant tuna and other species have become legendary and Go Fish Costa Rica is your guide to experiencing that lore. Whether you want deep sea blue-water fishing or bottom fishing on the reef, Captains Peter Heidenreich and Chris Watkins will put you on the fish in this sportsman’s paradise. However you decide to reel them in, be sure to have your fresh catch cooked up for you at one of the friendly beachfront restaurants!

This trip for four includes two ocean view suites, four nights lodging, two full days fishing, all fishing guides and tackle, rooming, private transfers to and from the Liberia International airport and daily gourmet breakfast.

Donated by Charleston Place Hotel and Carolina Aero Marine Adventures

WEEKEND STAY AT CHARLESTON PLACE

Few cities in the United States compare to Charleston, South Carolina where history, culture, and charm are concerned. Travel to the South Carolina low country and take in the smiling faces and beautiful places while staying at the luxurious Charleston Place Hotel. Located on Meeting Street in historic downtown Charleston, this iconic hotel is the perfect representation of southern hospitality coupled with lavish accommodations. You and a guest will enjoy three days and two nights of posh accommodations and exquisite service from the hotel staff. While visiting Charleston, you and your travel partner will also be treated to a half day inshore fishing charter with Captain Tom Siwarski and Carolina Aero Marine Adventures.

Donated by Charleston Place Hotel and Carolina Aero Marine Adventures
SIG SAUER MOSQUITO .22LR PISTOL

The hottest ladies pistol offering on the market is the Sig Sauer Mosquito in a pink finish! Offered for a limited time and featuring a pink coated polymer frame, the Mosquito is a scaled down version of the P226. Chambered in .22LR, the Mosquito is the ideal choice for hours of shooting fun. The Mosquito features a wear-resistant pink finish over its polymer frame and is outfitted with an integral accessory rail. The slide features adjustable sights along with the rugged blowback system, fixed barrel and superior ergonomic grip. The Mosquito delivers traditional Sig Sauer performance and accuracy. Additional safeties include an internal locking device and slide mounted ambidextrous safety.  

Donated by Reeds Event Wholesale & Leech Lake Distributors

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CALIFORNIA WINERY TOUR FOR FOUR

Gallo Family Vineyards is pleased to welcome four wine enthusiasts on a tour of the Frei Brothers Ranch and the MacMurray Ranch in Sonoma County, California. You and up to three guests will enjoy an exclusive opportunity to taste the wines and touch the vines at some of the most breathtaking vineyards in the California wine country.

Your day will start at Frei Ranch for a tour and tasting experience that includes learning about the history of the Gallo family in Sonoma, followed by a visit to their beautiful underground cellar, and a tasting of wines straight from the barrel. Next, you will visit the wonderful MacMurray Ranch where you will explore the scenic vineyards, barns and the home of the late actor Fred MacMurray as you learn about the rich history of the ranch. Following your tour and tasting, sit down and enjoy a lush Wine Country lunch paired with delicious wines.

Donated by Gallo Family Vineyards

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HAWAII VACATION FOR TWO

Enjoy an island getaway you will never forget with a four night stay for two at the beautiful Hilton Waikoloa Village on Hawaii’s Big Island. Located on the Kohala Coast of the Big Island of Hawaii in the midst of Waikoloa Beach Resort, the extraordinary property offers an unforgettable experience shrouded in breathtaking gardens, rich wildlife, and tranquil waterways.

A destination in itself, this impressive property is nestled within 62 oceanfront acres, offering breathtaking tropical gardens and abundant wildlife. Explore the waterfront resort by air-conditioned trams or take a leisurely stroll along flagstone walkways flanked by Polynesian and Asian artwork. The Hilton Waikoloa Village features 1,240 guest rooms and suites - perfectly suited to any taste. Experience award-winning dining, world-class shopping, and an array of activities ranging from golf, tennis and the only interactive dolphin program on the island. Delight in all this exceptional Kohala Coast hotel has to offer for even the most discriminating traveler.

Donated by Hilton Hotels

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REDHEAD DRAKE DECOY

A casual remark from a friend provided the spark for David Van Lanen’s career in wildlife art. David took the suggestion, and started “putting a duck” in his landscape paintings. One duck led to more ducks, then herons, moose, bears and other animals. Ducks Unlimited is thrilled to present the latest of Van Lanen’s remarkable hand carved decoys in the form of this Redhead drake. Van Lanen, two-time International Wildfowl Carver of the Year, truly captures the majesty and intricate detail of waterfowl in this offering.

Donated by David Van Lanen
**BAHAMAS BONEFISHING FOR FOUR**

Head east to the Marls of Abaco in the Bahamas for four nights and three days fishing at Abaco Lodge, a signature property in the Nervous Waters collection of lodges. You and your travel partners will be treated to some of the finest shallow water fishing in the Caribbean. As with all Nervous Waters properties, you can expect comfortable and well appointed accommodations, world class cuisine, top of the line boats operated by seasoned, expert guides and a management & staff committed to providing the utmost in service and attention to detail.

Great Abaco has long been synonymous with the biggest bonefish in the Caribbean. The western side of the island is home to the ‘Marls’, once considered a boating hazard and a wasteland, until anglers explored it and found a vast and unique environment that provides the perfect habitat for bonefish. For over twenty miles along the coastline the average depth is four feet. The lodge has unrivalled access to all of the most productive flats. While it would take a lifetime to fish the entire Marls, Abaco also offers some incredible fishing on the eastern ocean side of the island as well.

This fantastic package for four includes four nights lodging, three days fishing, all fishing guides, meals, rooming, transfers to and from the Marsh Harbour airport, and beverages (alcoholic and non alcoholic). Not included are airfare and tips. Trip must be taken within 12 months of purchase.  
*Donated by Nervous Waters Fishing*

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**HUNT ON DUTV SHOW FOR TWO**

Have you ever wondered what it's like to make a TV show? Here is your chance to make it to the big screen! The highest bidder and their selected guest will join the Outdoor Channel and Winnercomm Productions DUTV filming crew to star in an episode for the 2013 DUTV show. You will join DUTV hosts on a shoot at a location agreed upon between all parties filmed during the upcoming 2012-13 waterfowl season. The DUTV show airs in more than 35 million homes on the Outdoor Channel, America’s leader in outdoor TV. This package is for two people and includes airfare to and from the filming location, hunting licenses, four nights lodging and meals, three days hunting, DUTV hunting apparel and gear, and 10 copies of the DUTV 2013 season DVD. Filming to occur sometime between September 2012 and February 2013.

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**FOUR NIGHT VACATION TO BIG CEDAR LODGE FOR TWO**

Escape to another world as you meander down Big Cedar Lodge’s windy road and be greeted by friendly hotel staff waiting to welcome you. This resort is a tribute to the magnificence of nature, the solidarity of history, and the joy of family. Big Cedar Lodge is dedicated to not only preserving the soul of the wilderness, but to restoring your soul as well. Within a setting of incomparable natural beauty, you’ll stay in dramatic lodge-style accommodations, enjoy world class recreation and amenities and be pampered by a friendly, attentive staff. Whether it’s a family vacation or a romantic getaway, Big Cedar Lodge promises you an experience that you’ll never forget. This package includes four nights stay in a private one-room cabin, meals at three different restaurants throughout your stay, a complimentary activities voucher good for the duration of your visit at Big Cedar Lodge, Branson, Missouri, as well as a $100 gift card to Bass Pro Shops and a $500 Visa Gift Card.  
*Donated by Bass Pro Shops and Big Cedar Lodge*
**GARTH BROOKS SIGNED GUITAR**

Call your “Friends in Low Places” and tell them to come see your newest toy! In support of Ducks Unlimited’s 75th anniversary, Garth Brooks will personalize and sign this Takamine G340 guitar for the winner. Designed and built under the supervision of Takamine’s head luthiers, G-Series guitars are created to serve all players from the hobbyist to professional. The G340 dreadnought features a spruce top for extended dynamic range and a rich harmonic content. Mahogany back and sides enhance resonance. The gloss finish adds durability and enduring beauty.  *Donated by Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood*

**SOGNO DREAMWAVE MASSAGE CHAIR**

One look and it’s clear that you have never laid eyes on anything quite like the Inada Sogno DreamWave. After one massage session, you will feel how completely different and luxurious the Sogno DreamWave is than any other massage chair ever conceived. Sogno, which means dream in Italian, culminates years of research, testing, and uncompromising attention to detail and design. When you sink into the Sogno DreamWave and choose one of our carefully crafted massage sessions, you will feel hugged and cradled by this exceptional premium massage chair born of many years of collaboration between masterful Japanese engineers and Shiatsu massage experts. The Inada Sogno DreamWave massage chair features many proprietary and unique functions – functions that deliver a level of therapy and relaxation that other products simply cannot provide.

**COMING HOME ORIGINAL ART BY PHILLIP CROWE**

In this original acrylic painting, Phillip Crowe depicts a flock of mallards returning in spring to the Prairie Pothole Region, this continent’s most important waterfowl breeding area. Crowe spent a large amount of time outdoors with his father and grandfather as a child, hunting and enjoying all that nature offers. Measures 43 ½” x 31 ½” framed.  *Donated by Phillip Crowe*

**FAUSTI 75TH ANNIVERSARY SILVERY OVER/UNDER**

This Fausti Silvery 12 gauge over/under shotgun is an elegant, but solid hunting companion. This handsome firearm features a silver receiver, floral engraving, a skeletonized fore-end lever, high grade walnut stock, and gold-filled DU embellishments on the bottom of the receiver and the barrels. Purchase includes a premium-quality DU logoed Americase aluminum gun case lined in green velvet.  *Donated by Fausti*
Continuing its longstanding partnership with Ducks Unlimited, Yamaha is pleased to offer a 2012 camouflage Grizzly 550 FI Auto 4x4 EPS to the 75th anniversary auction. With a largest-in-class 558cc powerplant and Electric Power Steering, this quad will provide its owner with excellent value. Additional features include cast aluminum wheels, a fully automatic Ultramatic transmission, three position On-Command In/Out 4WD feature, independent four-wheel suspension, and a digital instrument panel with an LCD display. 

Donated by Yamaha Motors

**JOHN E. WALKER TRIBUTE BRONZE**

Entitled *Sunrise at Johnny’s*, this beautiful bronze by sculptor Ronnie Wells honors our late past President. The title is engraved on the polished half-circle, which represents the rising sun, and the Hunter’s Prayer, written by Wells, is engraved on the black granite base, atop the custom walnut foundation. Limited to an edition of only ten pieces, this is Number 8 in the series. One will be auctioned at each successive national convention auction through 2014, at which time the edition of ten will be fully sold out to a very select group of Johnny’s friends and fellow conservationists. There are also two artist’s proofs. The first was presented to past First Lady of DU, Mrs. Susan Benson. The second is permanently and proudly on display at Ducks Unlimited’s National Headquarters, beneath a special plaque upon which will be engraved the names of each successive buyer of the ten limited edition pieces. 

Donated by Ronnie and Patricia Wells

**2013 ORANGE BOWL EXPERIENCE PRESENTED BY DISCOVER**

As a proud sponsor of the BCS and the title sponsor of the Orange Bowl, Discover is excited to offer an exclusive opportunity to the members of Ducks Unlimited. The buyer of this package will receive four premium game tickets to the Discover Orange Bowl held Tuesday, January 1, 2013 at Sun Life Stadium in South Florida. The Atlantic Coast Conference champion will square off with the champion from the Big East Conference in this annual clash of the titans.

In addition to the four tickets for the game, this package includes four airline vouchers, $400 in Discover gift cards, and two rooms good for a two night stay at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort in Ft. Lauderdale. 

Donated by Discover

**DIAMOND CIRCLE OF LOVE NECKLACE**

Adorn yourself in this elegant 2ct diamond necklace. The open circle design pendant is studded with 33 round diamonds. The chain measures 14” long and closes with a spring ring clasp. The pendant and necklace chain are both crafted in 14-karat white gold.

**EXMARK LAZER Z E-SERIES MOWER**

Maintenance of your property has never been easier thanks to Exmark Zero-Turn mowers. This incredibly effective and efficient machine features a Kawasaki CV740 engine and a 60” Ultra Cut Series 4 cutting deck. Other impressive features include a rear sloping ROPS bar to deflect branches from the operator, a panhard rod to eliminate deck sway, single point height adjust to ensure proper cutting height, and easy-to-read operator diagnostics. 

Donated by Exmark Zero-Turn Mowers
NEXT GENERATION ORIGINAL ART BY ART LAMAY

Art LaMay presents and poses his wildlife subjects in a way that draws the viewer’s attention while imparting personality. This original watercolor painting highlights a DU wood duck box with wood duck drake, hen, and duckling. Wood duck boxes support Ducks Unlimited’s vision for future waterfowl populations and are a simple way for anyone to become involved in wildlife management. Measures 29 ¼” x 42 ¼” framed.  

Donated by Art LaMay

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PENNSYLVANIA ELK HUNT

Head to the Keystone state this fall for an opportunity to harvest a trophy bull elk. With only 30 licenses issued annually and thousands of square miles to hunt over, this excursion is a must for the big game enthusiast. This hunt is to be taken during the 2012 season.

Donated by Pennsylvania Game Commission

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WINCHESTER 75TH ANNIVERSARY MODEL 94 .30-30 RIFLE

The Winchester Model 94 holds the record for the best-selling high-powered rifle in U.S. history. This special one of one lever action rifle features a 24” half round barrel and fancy walnut stock and forearm. It is fully engraved on both sides of the receiver. The DU logo and “Ducks Unlimited 75th Anniversary” are on the right side and the DU 75th anniversary logo along with mallard and deer artwork are on the left side. It has a gold bead front sight and an adjustable rear sight. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to own a legendary rifle and commemorate the 75th anniversary of the world’s leader in wetlands and waterfowl conservation. Purchase includes a premium-quality DU logoed Americase aluminum gun case lined in green velvet.

Donated by Browning/Winchester

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KENTUCKY HORSE RACING & BOURBON DISTILLERY TOURS FOR SIX

Venture to the bluegrass state and prepare your pallet to taste some of the finest bourbons the world has to offer. The buyers of this package will embark on private tours of Buffalo Trace, Jim Beam, and Woodford Reserve distilleries. Your party will also enjoy a Keeneland day at the races in your own private box where you can watch the ponies as you wine and dine. Wrap up your fabulous Kentucky weekend experience with an exquisite dinner at Greenfield Farm. This package also comes complete with lodging for all parties.

Donated by Christopher Montgomery
FLYWAY DECOY COLLECTION

These handmade and hand painted decoys are crafted by Missouri decoy maker Don Brown. Each decoy has a handmade cork body with a wooden head, tail, bottom board and keel.

The Flyway Collection represents 25 species of waterfowl of the Mississippi and Central Flyways: Mallard, Black Duck, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Shoveler, Wood Duck, Redhead, Canvasback, Lesser Scaup, Goldeneye, Ringneck, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, American Merganser, Red Breasted Merganser, Hooded Merganser, Common Loon, Coot, Canada Goose, White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, and Blue Goose. This collection also includes custom shelving sized specifically for this assortment.  

Donated by Don Brown

PINTAIL MAJESTY ORIGINAL ART BY HARold ROE

Harold Roe's enthusiasm for wildlife and conservation translate into his artwork. This original acrylic painting captures the natural elegance and grace of flushing pintails. The pintail population is on the upswing thanks in part to DU’s conservation efforts to improve their habitat conditions. Measures 31 ½” x 37 ½” framed.  

Donated by Harold Roe

ARGENTINA DOVE HUNT FOR FOUR

This is a four man, three day dove hunting trip to the dove hunting capitol of the world, Cordoba, Argentina, with Sporting Adventures International, LLC. There are an estimated 50 million doves year round in the Cordoba Valley. The accommodations are world class and the staff is the best in the business! You and your group will be met at the Cordoba airport and enjoy a VIP reception, including drinks and baggage handlers, after your flight. You will then be escorted in a private van to the hunting lodge. You will be escorted by a Sporting Adventures International representative during your entire stay in Argentina. Come experience dove hunting at its finest. This trip includes three full days of hunting for four people, all lodging, English speaking guides, bird boys, meals & beverages, laundry, gun cleaning and private transportation from the Cordoba airport to the lodges and fields.

Not included is air travel, ammunition, hunting license, gun rental/permits or tips. Hunt must be taken within one year of purchase.  

Donated by Sporting Adventures International, LLC

WEATHERBY VANGUARD S2 CUSTOM 1 OF 1 WITH LEUPOLD SCOPE

This beautiful Weatherby Vanguard Series 2 Sporter rifle features a gloss walnut stock, rosewood fore-end with diamond point checkering, and high polished blued finish. It is chambered with the powerful .300 Weatherby Magnum and comes with a Leupold VX-I 3-9 x 40 scope. The Ducks Unlimited logo is on the floor plate surrounded by floral engraving. Gold and silver bands circle the base and end of the barrel. Purchase includes a premium-quality DU logoed American aluminum gun case lined in green velvet.  

Donated by Weatherby
DIAMOND VINTAGE TENNIS BRACELET

This 18-karat white gold diamond tennis bracelet features brilliant round diamonds pave set in an intricate design. The 7” bracelet measures ¼” wide and includes a pressure clasp closure with double wing guards.

DUCK TALES ORIGINAL ART AND ORIGINAL PENCIL SKETCH BY RALPH MCDONALD

In Duck Tales, Ralph McDonald pays tribute to Nash Buckingham and his favored firearm Bo Whoop. Along with this original acrylic painting, the winning bidder also receives a framed original black-and-white pencil sketch of Nash Buckingham commissioned by Ralph McDonald for inclusion in Legends, Leaders and Characters of Ducks Unlimited. Nash Buckingham was a well-known outdoor writer and conservationist in the early 20th century whose stories remain a favorite to many present-day outdoor readers. Buckingham’s treasured A.H. Fox double barrel shotgun was made famous in his waterfowl hunting stories. It was affectionately referred to as “Bo Whoop” because of the distinctive hollow sound it made when fired.

Bo Whoop was originally built by famed gunsmith Burt Becker of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania especially for Nash Buckingham in 1926. The gun was lost by Buckingham in 1948 during a routine conservation officer check near Clarendon, Arkansas. For decades, duck hunters and gun enthusiasts alike speculated as to the gun’s whereabouts. In 2007, a South Carolina gunsmith revealed the shotgun’s grand heritage and value when the owner took it to have the stock repaired. Bo Whoop was sold at auction in March 2010 to Hal B. Howard Jr., whose late father was one of Buckingham’s closest friends and hunting partners. Now after more than 60 years of mystery, Nash Buckingham’s treasured shotgun has returned to its Tennessee home and is on public display at Ducks Unlimited’s National Headquarters. Measures 37 ½” x 32” framed.  

CHESAPEAKE BAY “BODY BOOTING ” DUCK HUNT FOR FOUR AND DECOY COLLECTION

Join legendary decoy carver and Chesapeake Bay waterman Charles Jobes for two days of “body booting” on the Susquehanna Flats near Havre de Grace, Maryland. Body booting is a hunting method in which the hunters don dry suits and hide among the decoys for an “in your face” experience like no other!

In addition, the purchaser of this trip will also take home a beautiful set of hand-carved working decoys that includes mallards, canvasbacks, black ducks, bluebills, and Canada geese. This two day trip for four includes lodging.  

RIVERSIDE MALLARDS BRONZE

Ronnie Wells has been a full-time professional artist for over twenty years. An avid fly fisherman and duck hunter, Wells infuses a sportsman’s insight into all of his work. This original bronze patina sculpture highlights a pair of drake mallards. It is mounted to marble and secured to a solid wood base.

This piece is number 35 in a limited edition of 48. There are only two sculptures remaining in the edition. Measures 18”H x 15”L x 10 ½”D.  

Donated by Ralph McDonald

Donated by Capt. Charles and Patty Jobes

Donated by Ronnie and Patricia Wells and Jerry and Delaine Brocato of Sporting World, Inc.
DU ANNIVERSARY DINNER GUN COLLECTION

This phenomenal DU Dinner Gun collection represents Ducks Unlimited’s 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th and 75th anniversary years. The five 12 gauge shotguns include an Ithaca Model 37 Pump with a 2 ¾” chamber, 30” barrel, and full choke, a Browning A-5 Semi Auto with a 2 ¾” chamber, 28” barrel, and modified choke, a Browning Gold Semi Auto with a 3” chamber, 28” barrel, and interchangeable chokes, a Browning Silver Hunter with a 3” chamber, 28” barrel, and interchangeable chokes, and a Browning Maxus with a 3” chamber, 28” barrel, and interchangeable chokes. Underwriting provided by Farm Credit Services of Mid-America.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED-CANVASBACKS BY DAVID MAASS

David Maass has appeared fifteen times in the DU National Art Package since 1974. He has been named the Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year four times—more than any other artist in our 75 year history. In this original oil painting, abundant canvasbacks fly over a stone project marker signifying a restored DU habitat. Measures 43 ½” x 31 ½” framed.

Donated by David Maass. There is a reserve on this item.

ICELAND GOOSE HUNT FOR FOUR

Do you have a Barnacle, Grey Lag, or Pink Footed goose in you trophy room? If not, Lax-A Angling Club and the East Ranga Lodge invite you to join them for a hunting experience you’ll never forget. Pack your gear and venture north to the Arctic Circle where you’ll experience a unique waterfowling setting featuring glaciers, volcanoes, and more. This four day, three night trip includes three full days of hunting for four individuals. Each traveler will be offered his or her own room in the posh East Ranga Lodge. Exquisite cuisine and libations are the norm at the Lax-A Angling Club as are picturesque views that exceed the imagination. This trip of a lifetime includes three nights lodging, three days shooting, all guides, meals, beverages (alcoholic and non alcoholic), rooming, transfers to and from the airport and hunting fields, and licenses/official documents allowing import/export of firearms and ammunition. Not included are airfare and tips. Trip is to be taken during the 2012 hunting season.

Donated by Lax-A Angling Club.
NEW MEXICO TROPHY ELK HUNT FOR TWO

Whitetail Whiskey and Bird Dog Blackberry Whiskey are pleased to offer a guided trophy elk hunt for two people on a 50,000 acre private ranch in northeast New Mexico. This five day package includes all meals and beverages, two bull elk tags, guide service, transportation while hunting, and field dressing and preliminary preparation of the harvest.

This magnificent property, located in the Vermejo River Valley, boasts large populations of migratory elk each year. In an effort to create a sustainable trophy bull hunting operation, the ranch only harvests 10% of their allotted 90 bull tags on a yearly basis. This opportunity is a true representation of trophy big game hunting at its finest.

The hunts will be conducted in a spot and stalk manner with one guide for every two individuals. You will be driven to the various hunting areas in 4x4 pickups on ATVs and then continue on foot, accompanied by one of the ranch’s experienced guides. Hunters will be given the opportunity to shoot the bull of their choice.  

Donated by Western Spirits

THEODORE ROOSEVELT WINCHESTER MODEL 1876 RIFLE

This Winchester Model 1876 Rifle was built as an exact duplicate to the gun of choice carried by Theodore Roosevelt and is part of a series of only 25. The firearm features an inlaid gold medallion in the stock with Ducks Unlimited 75th Anniversary scripted on the trigger guard. The rifle sports unique serial number, DU 001, and a custom stock oval commemorating the inaugural 75th anniversary dinner and the first $1 million event in DU history, the 2012 New York City Chapter Gala.

This Model 1876 is housed inside a custom wood and glass showcase, designed specifically for this particular rifle. Additional features are: • Color case hardened receiver • 28” ½ round, ½ octagon barrel • Button magazine • 45 – 75 Caliber • Freund rear sight • Sporting front sight • Pistol grip cheek piece stock • Steel grip cap • Checkered steel butt plate • H-pattern checkering • Gold inlaid stock oval.  

Donated by Doug Turnbull

GREAT BEGINNINGS ORIGINAL ART BY JIM KILLEN

A master artist, avid sportsman, and dedicated conservationist, Jim Killen is best known as a painter of sporting dogs. This original acrylic painting showcases the Big Grass Marsh Duck Factory No. 1 in Manitoba, a DU project that began in 1939 and remains productive to this day. An adult male and female lab rest with their puppies and a typical Delta Marsh decoy sits in the foreground. Measures 38 ½” x 31 ½” framed.  

Donated by Jim Killen

SOUTH DAKOTA PHEASANT HUNT FOR SIX

Grab your hunting buddies and get ready for a pheasant hunt you’ll never forget on the plains of South Dakota. Black Lab Vodka and R&R Pheasants are pleased to offer you and your group an amazing three day, four night trip for six to an 18,000 acre preserve.

This incredible excursion includes up to five birds per day per hunter, professional guide service, field trial ready dogs, bird processing, unlimited sporting clays, use of Browning and Winchester shotguns, airport shuttle service, home cooked gourmet meals, unlimited beverages, wireless internet, hot tub and billiard access, big screen TVs and more! R&R also offers outdoor, clean, comfortable kennels with insulated dog houses if you’d like to bring your four legged hunting partner. Additional birds can be purchased at a cost of $35 per bird, with a daily limit of 20.  

Donated by Black Lab Vodka and R&R Pheasants
**Ducks Unlimited Edition Custom TruckVault**

TruckVault, Inc., makers of the world's finest in-vehicle secure storage systems, is proud to donate for the Ducks Unlimited 75th anniversary auction a custom TruckVault built for either a covered pick-up or full sized SUV. The package includes high end wood grain drawer fronts, specially engraved 75th anniversary or standard DU logo, push-button key override locks, OEM carpeting inside and out, and a standard divider package. Whether your passion is hunting, fishing, clay shooting, photography, scuba diving, archery, or collectibles, TruckVault products deliver absolute "out of sight – out of mind" in-vehicle security. With products to fit every vehicle type, a TruckVault adds function, organization and security that maximizes your available space. Product configurations anticipate every need, and because TruckVaults are crafted one at a time, custom additions are always welcomed.  

*Donated by TruckVault, Inc.*

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**Kimber 75th Anniversary Stainless Target II 1911**

Accuracy, performance, and dependability have made Kimber the most popular 1911 brand in the world. This Target II .45 has a match grade barrel, chamber, trigger and barrel bushing, along with a frame and slide carefully machined from solid stainless steel. This pistol features a beveled magazine well for quick and positive loading and the beavertail grip safely encourages proper grip position. Kimber has crafted this special two-tone layout to accentuate the one of one Ducks Unlimited engraving. The DU 75th anniversary logo highlights one side of the slide and the DU logo is on the opposite side. The Target II is ready for everything from duty carry to recreational shooting and personal defense. Purchase includes a premium-quality DU logoed Americase aluminum gun case lined in green velvet.  

*Donated by Kimber*

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**Ducks Unlimited 75th Anniversary War Eagle Boat**

Our friends at War Eagle have donated the most popular duck hunting boat on the market, the 648. Constructed from .100 aluminum, this boat has no match where toughness, style, and functionality are concerned!  

This LDV model features a low front deck and rear cross seat as well as a ¼" center keel and an 8 degree V-hull. The Avery Buck Brush camo pattern is sure to conceal you and your hunting partners well regardless of your setting. Also included are front and rear seats, a gun box, no slip floor skin, and running lights. Special DU 75th anniversary embellishments accentuate the boat side walls. To cap this amazing watercraft package, War Eagle has also included a Diamond City Trailer custom fit to this boat.  

*Donated by War Eagle*
CHILE RAINBOW AND BROWN TROUT
FLY FISHING FOR FOUR

Enjoy a trip for four to beautiful Esquel, Chile for three days fly fishing at Futa Lodge, a signature property in the Nervous Waters world-wide collection of properties. You and your travel partners will be treated to some of the finest trout fishing anywhere as this region produces some of the world’s purest wild rainbows and browns. Each and every trout that you catch is a perfect representation of its specie.

Fishing at FUTA is like stepping back in time: the countryside is reminiscent of Montana or Colorado at the turn of the last century and the magnificent Coyhue forests around the lodge have seen no felling of timber and the fields are still cut with scythes. The Futaleufu is a river that has a multitude of different types of water and styles of fishing. One minute your guide will be rowing you down fast stretches where you’ll fish a streamer to overhanging trees to tempt big browns from their hiding places and the next, you’ll be fishing from the bank having stalked a wary pod of rainbows as they sip tiny dry flies from the surface. For those who desire a true taste of Chilean heritage, horse treks to and from the river can be arranged, which is a real treat as you can admire the scenery and wildlife at a slow pace without the engine noise that scares away birds and animals.

This trip of a lifetime for four includes four nights lodging, three days fishing, all fishing guides, meals, rooming, & beverages (alcoholic and non alcoholic), and fishing licenses. Not included are airfare, tips and transfer to and from the Esquel airport ($150 per person round trip). Trip must be taken within 12 months of purchase.  

Donated by Nervous Waters Fishing

JACK DANIELS “BUY THE BARREL”

Our good friends and generous partners at the Jack Daniel's Distillery once again present a unique bidding opportunity. You are invited to own your personal barrel of Jack Daniel’s Single Barrel Tennessee Whiskey.

Some time ago, the Jack Daniel’s Distillery set aside a limited number of barrels of this premium whiskey for personal ownership by fine whiskey connoisseurs in the United States. Because no two barrels and the place they occupy within the Jack Daniels warehouse are the same, the whiskey that emerges from each barrel boasts a difference in character. At your request, your barrel will be specially selected for you by master distiller Mr. Jimmy Bedford or you may select it yourself! Your barrel of whiskey will then be hand bottled in elegant 750 ml decanters that bear Mr. Jack’s signature in raised glass. Each barrel yields approximately 240 bottles of whiskey. A personalized neck medallion will announce that this whiskey was bottled exclusively for you.

In addition, a special label bearing your barrel number, the barrelhouse brick number and the bottling date marks your whiskey as one of a kind. You’ll also be presented with the actual barrel from which your whiskey has drawn its character, along with a brass plaque and a framed certificate of ownership. And if you like, you’ll also have the opportunity to travel to Lynchburg, Tennessee (pop. 361) for a personal distillery tour. If you like exceptional whiskey, raise your hand!

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