Comments from Curt:

A few weeks ago I read an article about the great diversity of wetlands and how healthy wetlands have natural predators to control the mosquito population. As I read this I thought of how many times I have been in conversations about DU and our conservation mission and have been confronted with “wetlands are just mosquito factories”. I can’t say that I could have gotten a bigger donation, or another banquet attendee if I had been prepared to counter the mosquito argument with a statement about healthy wetlands being home to natural predators such as fish, birds and other insects, but you can bet the next time this comes up I will be prepared.

As DU volunteers our number one job is fundraising. To be effective fundraisers for DU it is important to have a good knowledge of DU and the things that affect our conservation efforts. One of the strategies of the IN DU State Plan is Education of Volunteers. When the State Council adopted this plan the focus was to make volunteers more aware of incentive programs and the functions of the State council, to increase our fundraising efforts and help develop our future state leadership team. As I look back at that strategy there is more to understand than just what DU is and what DU does. As I discussed earlier knowledge of conservation and the ability to discuss the importance of the habitat we are working to conserve may be what it takes to sell another banquet ticket, recruit a sponsor or get a donation from a local business.

Another area which is important to be aware of is public policy and the impact it has on our conservation efforts. Over the past few months Congress has been struggling to pass a budget for the Government to operate on for the fiscal year that started last October. In their efforts to resolve budget issues and reduce the deficit many of the programs which support wetland conservation such as the North American Wetland Conservation Act, or NAWCA, have been the targets of severe cuts. I’m sure most of you have gotten e-mail notices to contact your Congressmen to tell them you do not support cuts to these important conservation programs. I hope you all have taken the time to send an e-mail or write a letter. Just as important as letting your Congressmen know how you feel about cuts to conservation oriented programs is being able to tell your friends, family and hunting buddies about the decisions made in Washington D.C. and how they affect the wild things and wild places we love. A very convenient way to stay in touch with the information on programs and wildlife friendly legislation DU supports is to sign up for the Conservation Issues Briefing Newsletter. If you don’t already receive the Conservation Issues Briefing Newsletter I encourage you to sign up for it, read it and contact your legislators and let them know how you feel about pending issues which impact conservation.

Another one of the focuses of improved education and communication in our State Plan was awareness of incentive programs. For calendar year 2010 there were five chapters which received the Presidential Citation Awards for fundraising and membership growth. More information on the Presidential Citation Awards and the chapters receiving those awards are listed later in this newsletter. In addition the President’s Elite Ducks Unlimited Chapters which were recently announced. I am proud to recognize the Evansville chapter as being one of the 43 DU Chapters across the country which raised $100,000 or more last year. Congratulations to all of the award winning chapters from last year. And thanks to all of you for all you do for the Ducks.

Curt
Indian Ducks Unlimited
State Plan 2009 - 2011

In May 2009, Indiana was recognized at the National Convention as one of the top ten states in the nation in growth. We have turned the corner in Indiana and our job over the next two years is to build on that momentum. Our long term goal is to become a Million Dollar State. Indiana DU will achieve that by establishing short term goals for progress and being persistent in meeting those benchmarks. The short term goals of Indiana Ducks Unlimited will be focused on annual achievements of the State and individual chapters and based on Grassroots Awards program criteria. Comprehensive State Awards are based on growth during the calendar year.

The Goals for Indiana DU for calendar year 2011 are:

- Grassroots Net Income Increase by 10%
- Recruit new Volunteers (percent of existing) by 10%
- State Chapters with Presidential Citations by 20%
- Adult Event Membership Increase by 6%
- Major Donor Goal Achievement by 3/3
- Net Increase in Qualifying Events by 5%
- Net Increase in Bronze/Silver/Gold Sponsors by 15%

Presidential Citation criteria for Chapters are:

- Minimum $5,000 Grassroots Income and 50 adult members
- Increase in Grassroots chapter income over prior year by 5%
- Increase in Adult Event Members over prior year by 5%
- Net/Net to Gross on dinner events by 60%
- Meet 10/30 requirements

Four strategies form the foundation of achieving the near term goals of Indiana Ducks Unlimited: building a strong team, education of volunteers, improving efficiency and bronze/silver/gold sponsor growth.

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Grassroots dollars raised last year: $530,061

Total acres conserved:
22,309

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Upcoming Events in the State of Indiana

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Indiana PRIDE

What is Indiana PRIDE?

The Ducks Unlimited Indiana PRIDE (Putting Resources Into Ducks Everywhere) program is securing major sponsors to support habitat conservation and our waterfowling heritage in the United States, Canada and Mexico, with special emphasis on the Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi River ecosystems.

For 70 years, with the support of our volunteers, members and donors, Ducks Unlimited has been successful in turning grassroots dollars into habitat throughout North America. Your gift will leave a legacy on the landscape to be enjoyed by future generations and enhance our rich waterfowling heritage.

Ducks Unlimited will use your gift in the most efficient manner, focusing on the highest priority areas in Indiana and North America. At least 80 cents of every donated dollar goes directly into habitat programs.

For more details on sponsoring, please contact
Frank Wolka Jr. – (812)-216-0131
Or
Tom Quarandillo – (574) 264-5567

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Give with confidence!

Ducks Unlimited was given the BBB Accredited charity seal showing that they meet the BBB Wise Giving Alliance accreditation standards. The rigorous Alliance evaluations address charity governance, finances, fund raising practices, website disclosures and donor privacy. This just adds one more reason to give to DU!
**Ducks Unlimited National Convention**

Join us in Québec City in May 2011 for the 74th DU Convention!

Québec City, Québec, Canada
May 25-29, 2011

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**Check out this:**

**Thomas Kreuter** is a volunteer on the Nappanee and Elkhart DU chapters and won the respective awards (below) at the Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo.

- 1<sup>st</sup> in the state novice duck calling competition
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state calling competition

Get connected with Ducks Unlimited today and get exclusive updates, tips and tricks and other insider info online now. You can find DU on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Myspace and more.

**Facebook**
Check out DU's official Facebook page for the latest updates on conservation, hunting and more. "Like" Ducks Unlimited today and you can join the conversation on our Facebook wall, upload fan photos and more! While you're there, show your support by joining DU's official Cause. More than 100,000 fans and growing!

**Twitter**
If you're looking for quick tips on the go, follow DU on Twitter! You'll get updates from DU's national headquarters and across the country about the latest DU news, conservation projects, hunting and migration information and more. You can even subscribe to receive DU tweets on your mobile phone.

**YouTube**
Ducks Unlimited's official YouTube channel has a great collection of videos to help improve your shooting, set up your decoys, clean your gear, train your dog and much more. Check out all these videos and subscribe to DU on YouTube today!

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Did you know?
The Mud Lake Chapter Members thank ALL the kids and parents that came, built, helped, learned and enjoyed our 2011 DU Greenwing event.

Our 8th Annual event was a huge success and fun was had by all. An amazing seminar was given by Steve Neff a bee keeper from Freedom Hills Farm in Walkerton. The kids learned all about Honey bees, their habits and benefits. He cleared up myths about bees and enlightened us on some well-known “bee” jargon. We all learned how beneficial bees can be to people and to our habitat, plus the tools beekeepers use. A big thank you to him and his expertise. 20 kids attended the event and each learned to build bluebird houses. We drew for a door prize and one kid walked away with a new Crosman BB gun.

We send out a special thanks to those who donated their time, money and resources to our event. The Lake of the Woods Property Owners Association for the use of their facility at Lake of the Woods. The Manuwal Sawmill for donating all the wood for the bird houses and Ponderosa Steak House for donating the food for the event. Plus, through the generosity of private individuals we collected $285 in cash to help cover membership costs for all the kids and other expenses. Thank you for all you do to make this event happen.

The Mud Lake Chapter has their Greenwing Event every February and it’s open to kids from age birth to 17 to attend for free. Previous DU Membership is not required to attend this event, but all kids will become members of Ducks Unlimited after attending, which includes a free DU publication called The Puddler.

The Mud Lake Committee members hope to make this event bigger and better every year for the kids, the environment, and the future of our precious wetlands. The Mud Lake Committee also puts on two other events every year -- the Smoker Event will be April 8th this year and we have our annual membership banquet every fall. If you are be interested in attending any or all of our events, please contact our Chapter Chairman Josh Phend for more information at 574-250-4767 or you can email us at mudlakechapter@yahoo.com.
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Here are a couple pictures from our recent (3-6-11) Northern Indiana Leadership Pheasant Hunt at Maier Pheasant Farm in Bremen, IN. We didn’t do great, but we didn’t do horrible either. We shot 20 out of the 30 pheasant released. All-in-all a fantastic time had by all that participated!
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DUCKS UNLIMITED “SWEET 16” COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY

Purdue University Chapter plays a vital role in supporting conservation efforts

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 24, 2011 – Each spring, Ducks Unlimited announces its Sweet 16 listing of top-producing college chapters throughout the nation. This year, the Purdue University Chapter made it into the elite group out of nearly 120 DU collegiate chapters.

To qualify for the “DU Sweet 16,” chapters needed to raise more than $11,000 in grassroots income during the 2010 calendar year. Collegiate chapters throughout the country have raised more than $513,680 this year, with $290,650 coming from the Sweet 16 chapters.

“Ducks Unlimited’s university program has become a critical part of our overall fundraising effort. Not only is it vital from a direct financial perspective, but it’s also a source of organizational awareness and a strong and consistent volunteer base,” said David Schuessler, DU’s national director of grassroots fundraising. “The volunteers who make up these 16 college chapters are the future conservation leaders of not only DU, but all conservation efforts in the country. I personally thank them for their efforts.”

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Governor Daniels receives national conservation award

Gov. Mitch Daniels was recognized today by the national conservation organization Ducks Unlimited for “making land conservation a top priority and for preserving thousands of invaluable acres across the state for future generations.”

The governor received the 2011 Wetland Conservation Achievement Award at the Ducks Unlimited annual breakfast during the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Kansas City, Mo. Daniels was the only state leader to receive an award this year.

“The nation’s leading conservation organization has taken note that we are breaking all records for protecting our natural beauty,” said Daniels. “The satisfaction really comes from knowing that future generations of Hoosiers will be able to enjoy these outdoor spaces in a more pristine character than they are today.”

Each year Ducks Unlimited recognizes the achievements of individuals from the U.S., Canada or Mexico who have made exceptional contributions to wetlands and waterfowl conservation in North America. These individuals have made long-term contributions to the conservation of these vital resources.

Among conservation efforts under Daniels’ leadership:

- The state has launched a major conservation initiative to acquire 43,000 acres of river corridor along 94 miles of the Wabash River and Sugar Creek in west central Indiana and another 26,000 acres along the Muscatatuck River in southern Indiana. Ducks Unlimited is a partner in the project.
- Protected more than 34,000 acres of sensitive habitat through the Indiana Heritage Trust program.
- Developed and opened the Wabashiki Fish and Wildlife Area near Terre Haute.
- Initiated a proposed land exchange between Camp Atterbury in Johnson County and land in Putnam County near the Putnamville Correctional Facility that will result in an additional 800 acres of recreational land for public use.
- Began cleanup of the Grand Calumet River’s West Branch in northwest Indiana.

Ducks Unlimited is the world’s largest non-profit organization dedicated to conserving North America’s continually disappearing waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has conserved more than 12 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, DU works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow, and forever.
IN DU,

A special congratulations to the following 2010 (calendar year) Presidential Citation winning chapters. The Presidential Citation Award program is a goal that every chapter should strive to achieve. If you are unfamiliar with the program, I have attached a copy of the brochure for your review. Each winning chapter will receive a large Presidential Citation wall banner to proudly display the night of their event(s) in front of their fellow supporters.

Nationwide (out of 3,500+ chapters), there were 221 Bronze Citation Winners, 17 Silver Citation Winners and 8 Gold Citation Winners – Indiana’s winners are as follows:

**Bronze Citation**
- St. Joseph Valley
- Noble County
- Decatur County
- Fort Wayne Sponsor

**Gold Citation**
- Purdue University

That means that Purdue DU has been a Presidential Citation winner for 3 consecutive years - Bronze 2008, Silver 2009 and Gold 2010 – a special thanks and congratulations goes out to Purdue DU for this great accomplishment!

Let’s urge our Bronze Citation winners to strive/plan to achieve the Silver Citation in 2011 and for Purdue University to continue to hold on to their Elite Ranking Gold Citation. And, of course, we urge each of you and your chapters to strive/plan for Bronze in 2011-2012. Once again, join me in congratulating your fellow IN DU teammates on a job well done! We look forward to having you and your chapter join the Presidential Citation Ranks – Ask us how!