MESSAGE FROM THE STATE CHAIRMAN
Mark Low

Hello DU Members and DU Volunteers,

California Ducks Unlimited is coming back stronger than ever thanks to all of our members, volunteers, donors, and supporters. We are more focused, more driven and the taste of success is sweet!

We set out at the beginning of our fiscal year to increase grassroots fundraising from $1.3M to $2M by the end of FY 2013. This is a very ambitious two-year goal given it is a 60 percent increase, but definitely doable. It thrills me to say that at this point in time we are sitting at $1.8M in grassroots fundraising and we continue to add new chapters, increase membership, grow our volunteer base, and become more efficient in running banquets. What great accomplishments!

On March 1, California celebrated DU’s 75th Anniversary with a spectacular gala event at the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville. 285 DU supporters were in attendance and more than $1.4 million was raised for wetlands conservation. You will read more about the event further in this newsletter. My wife, Jane, and I attended and can say that it was a unique and rewarding experience thanks to the dedicated volunteers who put on the event and to the many DU supporters who attended and gave so generously.

DU’s 75th National Convention is coming up and you are cordially invited to attend. It will be held May 30 through June 3 in Nashville, TN. I hope to see you there! If you are planning to go, you can register online. One of the fun things to do at convention is trade state pins. California’s pin is now available and can be ordered via the order form attached at the end of this newsletter.

We all should be very proud of what we have accomplished thus far. We have made it through some economically tough times which are starting to turn around for the nation. We now must stay the course and continue our journey to bring California back to the #1 position in the nation. I truly believe this can be accomplished if we keep our eyes on the cause. I often remind myself that success is not a place at which one arrives, but rather the spirit with which one undertakes and continues a journey. To get through the hardest journey we need take only one step at a time, but we must keep on stepping. I am so very proud to be taking this journey with you! Thank you for all you do for the ducks.

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
FLYING HIGH AT 75

During the mid-1930s, waterfowl populations across the United States had dipped so frighteningly low that many hunters had begun using the term "Duck Depression." The country was mired in a horrific drought, and many American wetlands had all but disappeared.

The duck-hunting season had already been trimmed to 30 days, and many cash-strapped hunters weren't willing to pay the price of a license and Federal Duck Stamp because shots from the duck blind had become so few and far between. Things got so bad that there was actually talk of the 1937 season being canceled. It was a dark time.

But from that despair, Ducks Unlimited was born with a promise to help change waterfowling.

This year Ducks Unlimited celebrates its 75th anniversary year and is looking back on its many conservation successes, as well as looking forward to many more to come.

DU has had a strong presence in California since 1986 and to date has completed more than 1,500 conservation projects across the state. DU volunteers, members and donors have played an amazing part in DU's success. Without their support, these last 75 years of achievements would not have been possible.

DU is a family... so if you haven’t been to a DU dinner in a while, this is the year to go! If you haven’t pledged a sponsorship or added to your Life Sponsor cumulative giving, please consider what your dollars can help accomplish - DU’s continued mission of conservation for generations to come.

Want to upgrade your DU membership? DU’s Monthly Giving Program is a quick, easy and affordable way to upgrade to the Sponsor level.

By becoming a Ducks Unlimited Sponsor today, you'll help DU conserve wetlands in North America. It's no surprise that Sponsors are critical to the success of Ducks Unlimited's mission! For as little as $250 you can become a DU Sponsor.

The value of your sponsorship is greater than $250 - you are becoming a steward for the future of wetlands and waterfowl and preserving our beloved sport of waterfowl hunting. You are laying the foundation for other like-minded conservationists to build on with their donations and their time.
You can have an even bigger impact by stepping up and becoming a Life Sponsor. It's easier than ever thanks to DU's cumulative giving program. And now, thanks to DU's cumulative giving program, becoming a Life Sponsor is easier than ever.

A life sponsorship is a $10,000 commitment to Ducks Unlimited, payable over 5 years. This commitment to DU's mission will help guarantee wetlands and waterfowl for your children, grandchildren and future generations to enjoy.

There are many ways to support Ducks Unlimited, each expressive of the donor's particular interests and each with distinct tax advantages. Outright gifts provide immediate, current support of DU. Deferred gifts can include bequest provisions, retirement account designations and life insurance. A variety of tangible assets may also be appropriate for charitable gift purposes.

The tax benefits of making a charitable gift can be substantial. Careful tax planning and structuring can actually decrease one's cost while increasing support for DU. Members of DU's development staff are available to work with donors and their advisers to achieve these mutual goals.

Find all the information you need on leadership giving levels, ways to give, making a gift online and more. It's easy to get involved with DU Leadership Giving!

For more information on conservation projects in California, check out California Ducks Unlimited habitat projects.
CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Prior to the Gold Rush, an estimated 4-5 million acres of wetlands were present in California. Now, more than 95 percent of the historic wetlands and more than 90 percent of the riparian corridors have been destroyed or grossly modified. These wetlands once hosted one of the largest concentrations of wintering waterfowl in the world. Now, waterfowl numbers have declined almost in step with the human population in California, which has surpassed 34 million. Ducks Unlimited is also investing in habitat in regions such as the Boreal Forest and Prairie Pothole Region, where the vast majority of California's wintering ducks are produced.

In some years, 60 percent of all Pacific Flyway waterfowl and up to 20 percent of North America's waterfowl winters or migrates in California. Nowhere else in the world do so many waterfowl winter on such a small wetland base. Ducks Unlimited has recognized the combined Central Valley and San Francisco Bay area as one of five highest habitat priorities in North America.

California also has other regions that are important to waterfowl. Northeast California's Great Basin habitats stage massive flocks of snow geese and pintails during their spring migration. The Sonoran Desert's Salton Sea and lower Colorado River region winter large numbers of waterfowl and play an important role in supporting Pacific Flyway ducks and geese.

To date, Ducks Unlimited has implemented more than 1,500 conservation projects conserving more than 719,000 acres of wetlands and associated uplands in California alone.
California Ducks Unlimited celebrated DU’s 75th Anniversary against the elegant backdrop of Danville’s Blackhawk Auto Museum. The momentous black-tie event was hosted by Paul R. Bonderson Jr., DU Senior Vice President and Event Chairman, and Mark Low, DU California State Chairman.

More than 285 DU members, guests and volunteers enjoyed cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, music, fabulous cuisine, special raffles, and silent and live auctions while seated within the museum’s exhibition of “International Automotive Treasures.”

“This is the first time we’ve held an event of this magnitude in California,” said Mark Low. “I am absolutely delighted with the overwhelming response from our members and volunteers. Their enthusiasm tells me we have their full support and they are proud of the conservation work DU is doing.”

Committee members with Dale Hall, Ducks Unlimited CEO
Table sponsors included Douglas Federighi, Thomas Seeno, Mark Pine, John Thompson, Ken Hofmann, Gary Bechtel, Doug Eberhardt of the Bank of Stockton, Andy Atkinson and other members of the California Department of Fish & Game, and John Carlson and other members of the California Waterfowl Association. In addition to the many individual members, the DU chapters from Stockton, De Anza, Placerville, Dingville, Tri Valley and Travis Air Force were in attendance.

Paul welcomed attendees and acknowledged his committee members for the incredible amount of time, energy, resources, and leadership it took to make the event a success.

Dale Hall, Ducks Unlimited CEO, traveled from DU headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., to help celebrate the milestone event. “Tonight we are celebrating conservation for generations” shared Dale. “We remember and honor those efforts and contributions that have allowed us to observe and enjoy the bounty of waterfowl that nature is capable of providing with a little help from man.”

"This anniversary - and the past 75 years of science-based, on-the-ground conservation work across North America - would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers and supporters, as well as the partners who time and time again helped us succeed in our mission. This celebration is as much theirs as it is ours.”

Seated amidst the world-renowned collection of vintage cars, attendees bid on items including a pigeon hunt in Argentina, an African hunt with NB Safaris, a Costa Rica sport fishing trip, a 75th Anniversary Ruger Vaquero 45 Long Colt revolver, DU's 75th anniversary shotgun, a Christopher Smith Bronze sculpture of mallards, and an original Jim Killen acrylic painting, to be created by the famed artist from a photograph of the bidder’s favorite hunting dog(s).
Artist Rich Radigonda was present and delighted guests with a one-of-a-kind pencil sketch. The finished original sketch was later donated for auction.

Rich’s achievements in art include being named Ducks Unlimited California Artist of the Year in 1987 and winning the Ducks Unlimited Decoy Carver of the Year Award in 1989. He is the only artist in the nation to accomplish this task.

For those of us who attend DU events, we know there is tradition - in addition to having tons of fun, there is always a raffle and silent and live auctions to raise money for conservation and habitat endeavors. We know the goal is to raise money, plain and simple. However, at this event, something unique took place in the middle of the live auction. There was a Special Appeal Paddle Call to encourage every attendee to give a little extra. The auctioneer took a moment to put the focus of the evening back on DU and handed Paul the microphone. The room was quiet as he said, “There’s a famous quote that a true conservationist is a man who understands that the land isn’t given by his fathers but borrowed from his children. We are just the stewards of this land, and future generations are the owners. Ducks Unlimited understands that more than any other organization. DU has not only enhanced opportunities for this, but they have led the way so that we can pass it on to our children and their grandchildren.”

Paul explained that DU’s achievements stand on their own merit:

- In 75 years, DU has conserved more than 12 million acres of habitat.
- DU has also influenced 96 million more acres through partnerships and policy.
- DU has spent nearly $1 billion on wetlands conservation projects and has conserved more than 719,000 acres in California alone.

Still the room was quiet... in the middle of a live auction! I’m sure a quick reflection on the reason for the evening took place in the minds of attendees. Paul challenged, “Tonight you have the opportunity to give back, and make a difference today, tomorrow, and for generations to come. We hope you will be inspired to raise your paddle at a generous level in order to help preserve our waterfowl hunting heritage through habitat conservation of these areas vital to the California migration and harvest.”

Inspired and motivated they were! Attendees dug deep in their pockets and truly made a difference – more than $1.1 million was pledged. These dollars were over and above what the special raffles and auctions generated. Following the special appeal, the live auction continued until the evening came to a close. Overall, more than $1.4 million was raised at this magical event.
Here’s what a few guests had to say:

“We had an exciting time at the 75th Anniversary Gala. The pleasure of seeing old DU friends, having an outstanding dinner with premium wines, and getting to watch and participate in this once-in-a-lifetime California celebration was thrilling. Hats off to Paul Bonderson and to all the exceptional volunteers and staff who put on this extraordinary affair!”

Nancy Malech, Past CA State Chairman and Sponsor in Perpetuity

“I was truly amazed at the incredible support and generosity of our DU members to the ducks. There is truly a phenomenal passion for our resource. Thanks to our leadership.”

Robert Sciutto, Past CA State Chairman and Sponsor in Perpetuity

“Congratulations to all of you and the rest of your fine committee for a job exceptionally well done. You should all be extremely proud to have been such an important contributor to an event which does so much for the preservation of our precious wetlands. I am grateful I was able to attend and witness it all firsthand. Thank you!”

Tom Farris, DeAnza Area Chairman and Life Sponsor

“You hit a home run. I think it was the classiest and best DU event I have ever attended. The service, presentation, and meal were all outstanding.”

Larry Lundberg, Morgan Hill Area Chairman and Grand Slam Diamond Life Sponsor

“The Blackhawk Auto Museum was an impressive venue for the 75th event. The auctioneer and emcee were outstanding and a class act. We had a very good time!”

Stacey Estrada, DeAnza Chapter DU Bronze Sponsor

“It is great to see California take over the #1 spot for net proceeds for DU’s 75th Anniversary dinners. I am always impressed with the generosity of this state’s conservationists to support DU and the ducks. It truly was a magical evening that I am glad we were able to be a part of. Hats off to you and the rest of your committee.”

Scott Mueller, California Waterfowl Vice President
WINTER BIRD FESTIVAL IN GALT
By Ann Bakey, CA DU Communications Chairman

The city of Galt, in collaboration with the Consumnes River Preserve and Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, put on the 5th Annual Winter Bird Festival on January 28 in Galt. The celebration of birds included guest speakers, food and arts vendors, and tours to area preserves. The winter festival celebrates the birds and helps draw attention to efforts to preserve them and their natural environment.

The great Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys are prime winter destinations and stops along the Pacific Flyway for birds migrating south for the winter from Alaska and western Canada. For birds heading to the Salton Sea and western Mexico, this area is a convenient feeding ground and rest stop for putting on weight to sustain their journey.

California’s Central Valley provides important habitat for migratory birds. In a state where over 90% of the natural habitat has been lost, many birds use agricultural fields for foraging and roosting. In fact, flooded rice fields in the Sacramento Valley provide habitat to 40% of all shorebirds wintering in the Central Valley. PRBO Conservation Science and Audubon California have been working to further enhance California’s rice landscape for shorebirds. In cooperation with the California Rice Commission and California’s rice-growing community, they are developing and testing rice field management practices that have the potential to benefit shorebirds during fall migration and wintering. PRBO is also developing a long-term, multi-partner survey for wintering shorebirds in California.

A flock of little quackers (mostly the children of DU Western Regional Office staff members) had a ball appearing on the TV show “Good Day Sacramento” on January 26 to promote the festival and to let everyone know that Ducks Unlimited would be there to celebrate 75 years of successful wetlands conservation work.

Children’s activities took place all day and included making wild animal masks, bird nests and chicks, decorating bird-shaped sugar cookies, wild animal presentations, and close-up views of a red-tailed hawk, great horned owl, and other feathered friends.
A CELEBRATION OF WETLANDS AND WATERFOWL CONSERVATION IN THE
GRASSLANDS
By Derek Mynear and Chris Hildebrandt

Fledged in 1937 during the dry Dust Bowl years, Ducks Unlimited was formed by hunters who shared a passion for waterfowl and wetlands, realizing that efforts were needed to help waterfowl populations that were declining due to landscape-level habitat changes. As Ducks Unlimited celebrates its 75th year, having conserved more than 12 million acres of waterfowl habitat, it is prudent to reflect on all that has been accomplished for wetlands and waterfowl, both in the Pacific Flyway and continent wide. These accomplishments have been made possible only through the dynamic partnerships formed with those who share our vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow, and forever. While we need to take time this year to bask in the fruits of our labor, we also understand that waterfowl and wetlands face tremendous challenges much like they did when DU was formed.

The landscape-level changes to our nation’s wetland ecosystems are evident, and across the grasslands of California’s Central Valley we have been witness to some of the most severe threats to these systems in all of the continental United States. At the turn of the century, a once-contiguous vein of wetlands ran nearly the entire length of the Central Valley, a vast wetland complex of unaltered beauty that was surpassed by no other. Thanks in large part to private landowners, the Grasslands is the largest remaining complex of wetlands in California and provides some of the most vital habitat for waterfowl in the southern Pacific Flyway. Threats to our state’s critical water supplies, ongoing human population growth, and the demand for open spaces continue to put pressure on our beloved wetlands and our waterfowl.

Though we must stay diligent in fighting for wetland’s rights here in the Grasslands and across the country, we can reflect and celebrate our accomplishments. Since 1986, Ducks Unlimited and our partners in the Grasslands, including the Grassland Water District, have partnered on more than 230 projects, spending nearly $20 million that has gone to protect, restore, or enhance more than 120,000 acres of critical habitat. This habitat supports not only waterfowl, but a myriad of other species at all levels of their annual life cycles. We value our partnership with the Grassland Water District and the landowners, and pledge our commitment to wetlands conservation locally and in other vital waterfowl habitats across the nation. We are extremely thankful to those who share this passion, and encourage everyone to pass it on.
CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

Morgan Hill Banquet – February 10
By Ann Bakey, CA DU Communications Chairman

The annual Morgan Hill DU Banquet was held February 10 at the local community center under the leadership of Larry Lundberg, Area/Dinner Chairman. More than $31,000 was raised at this event.

Larry recognizes the power of friendship and knows the value of a strong network of dedicated DU volunteers. He is always available to help other chapters with their events, shows up at youth-focused events’ and participates in local volunteer recruitment events. So it was no surprise to me to find other chapter volunteers in attendance to help Larry and his committee put on the Morgan Hill Banquet.

"I’m here to lend a helping hand,” said Jorge Paiva, Gilroy Chapter Chairman. “Like Larry, I believe volunteering is a great way to have fun, meet new people and support DU’s critical waterfowl habitat work.”

Danny Timmons, South Alameda Chapter Chairman (far right), working the Rubber Duckie Game Table

Jorge Paiva, Gilroy Chapter Chairman (far right) with friends Robert and Laura Bertoldi.

DeAnza Chapter volunteers (left to right): Forest O’Brien, Dave Iervolino, Stacey Estrada, Mike Estrada, Dave Smith, and Tom Farris

Big Water Duck Club members supporting the Morgan Hill chapter’s annual banquet
Sacramento Crab Feed – February 11
By Jan Young, California DU Recruitment Chairman

The Sacramento Crab Feed was held at the Scottish Rite Center in Downtown Sacramento on February 11 and was enjoyed by many. More than 320 DU supporters turned out to eat crab, visit with friends, have fun, and win a few prizes. Their generosity in purchasing raffle tickets, buying merchandise in the silent auction, and bidding and purchasing items in the live auction contributed greatly to the event, allowing this chapter to net more than $31,000 for Ducks Unlimited. Thank you to all who helped put on this event, who donated items or provided underwriting for the beautiful merchandise, and those who attended.

Table sponsors included Gordon Hill, Enterprise Roofing, Pacific Coast Supply, Reed and Graham, Castle Walls, Pavers and More, Deep Kleen, Inc., Sacramento Valley Ambulance, and Michael David Winery. Thank you!!!
Under the leadership of Dinner Chairman Colby Craig, dedicated committee volunteers met weekly for eight weeks prior to the event to plan a fantastic evening and gave selflessly the day/night of the dinner to orchestrate a wonderful fundraising event. Volunteers included: Dave Morris, DU District Chairman; Liza Morris, event Treasurer; Frank Leonardi, DU Regional Director; seasoned committee members Sam Kouri, Greg Nichols, Jonny Shelman, Vicki Schubbe, Mr. and Mrs. Storm McWilliams, Stephon Allen, Jan Young, Darren Morris, and Dan Sozzi and first time volunteers Steve McCright, Sam Hegje, Paula Schroeder, Paula Shimnoski, Calvin Park, and Chris Manka.

Table sponsors included Bass Pro Shops, Cold Steel Safes, Sportsman’s Warehouse, BevMo, Clark Coulbourn, Troon Golf, Lost Coast Brewery, Black Lab Vodka, Simon’s Café, E & J Gallo, Courtyard Marriott, Pepsi, Granite Bay Country Club, Sutter Basin Duck Calls, Michael David Winery, Sierra Nevada Brewery, and many more. The guns were courtesy of Storm McWilliams.

NB Safaris, represented by April Dias, was present to display their NB Safari hunt in the live auction. Sutter Basin Duck Calls and Delta Waterfowl were also present.

With the help of the local high school baseball team which he coaches, Dan Sozzi donated his time to make and serve an amazing amount of fresh crab, pasta, chowder, salad, rolls, and unlimited drinks. Thank you to Dan and all the players!

Colby Craig and his dedicated team of volunteers put on two events a year – one is this crab feed, the other is a pig BBQ. This is a close-knit committee and most are my hunting partners. They really understand the formula to make an event successful. As the California DU Recruitment Chairman, I resonate with people who volunteer and I know they do it for a number of reasons, ranging from a desire to learn new skills, have fun, give something back to DU, make new friends, and/or make a difference. Some are completely devoted to Ducks Unlimited, while others simply wish to do their part where and when they can. Whatever the reason for volunteering, you’ll find it offers a unique opportunity for you and for Ducks Unlimited.

Colby starts planning the pig BBQ in June, so let us know soon if you are interested in being a part of a fun team of dedicated volunteers! It’s rewarding, especially when you know that at least 80% of the money raised goes directly to Ducks Unlimited’s conservation efforts. Right now there are more than 166 active projects in California and more than 1,500 completed projects that have improved more than 719,000 acres of waterfowl habitat in the state. If you would like to be part of this committee please email me (Jan Young) at jkryptid@aol.com.
Amador County Banquet – March 3
By Jan Young, California DU Recruitment Chairman

The Amador County Banquet was held on March 3 in Ione. 289 DU supporters were in attendance and more than $39,000 was raised for Ducks Unlimited. This new committee worked diligently gathering commitments, underwriting, donations, and attendees.

Dinner Chairman Mark Bentley and his daughter, Laura Wright, provided strong leadership in their detailed and organized planning of this event. Mark’s wife, Ja’nice Bentley, and her grandson, Kobe Wright, secured more than $2,000 in donations for the silent auction. Other committee members, Mike Martinez, Kevin Page and Don DeFrene, networked with the local community to bring in more than $5,000 in underwriting and to help execute fundraising efforts. All of this helped ensure a successful outcome for Ducks Unlimited.

There were more than 100 businesses around town that donated products to this dinner. Gun underwriting came from County Supervisor Richard Forester, Rick Finch (Finch Body Shop), Rick Kreth (Kreth Inc.), Sylva Martinez (Murrieta Barber Shop), Native Sons of the Gold West, Ione Parlor, Gold and Sons Trucking, B&W Tax and Financial Services, Sterling Automotive Repair, Rendezvous Primitive Arms, Thomas Eaton, DDS, Kevin and Emily Page, Charles Huffman, and Michael and Lori Martinez.

We also had amazing merchandise donated by Camanche Sportsman Restaurant, Bryan Environmental, Matich & Vukovich Insurance, Jackson Tire, Tim and Jill Curran, Amador County Sheriff Deputy Assoc., On the Spot RV, Ione Fire Department, Tommy’s Garage, Steven Billingsley, Safeguard Pest Control, Pinnacle Alarm, Kristi Roots Insurance, Castle Oaks Golf Course, H. Lorist Watch Repair, Ryan Stahl, Gary Rocke, Camanche Hills Sportsman, Gary Thomas, Lake Amador, Ione Ace Hardware, Dick’s Taxidermy, and Sand Creek Saddlery.

SPECIAL THANKS TO Rendezvous Arms for handling all firearms.

This is an entirely new committee and they knocked it out of the park! They were dedicated and wonderful to work with.
# UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

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

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ANDERSON CHAPTER HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
By Leonard Bumana, Butte County District Chairman

The Anderson Chapter will host its First Annual Golf Tournament on May 4 at Gold Hills Golf Course in Redding. You are invited to come enjoy a round of golf and support a worthy cause.

The Gold Hills Golf Course is unsurpassed in the North State – stunning views and lush fairways, carpet-like greens, all in a meticulously groomed oak woodland setting. Gold Hills Golf Course is a gorgeous treat to play any time and is setting the standard for excellence. This newly renovated course has implemented an aggressive maintenance program utilizing new equipment, techniques, and standards, and offers a brand-new clubhouse, modern pro shop, and sports bar where bragging rights after a game can be shared.

Tournament price is $100 per person or $400 for a 4-person team. Teams are filling up fast, so do not wait to register. Contact Leonard Brumana to register at (530) 347-6459 (home) or (530) 351-3340 (cell).

Each golfer receives:

- 18 holes of golf in a shotgun tournament
- Tournament trophies
- Golf cart, green fees, and range balls
- Dinner and raffle
- Entry into a drawing for a Ruger LC9 Compact 9mm pistol
- One-year Ducks Unlimited membership
- A heart bursting with pride when you remember how your day of fun benefits DU’s conservation and habitat efforts

Don’t play golf or can’t attend? Consider a sponsorship: it is a great way to advertise your business in the North State community and build brand recognition. The following sponsorships are available:

- $100 Tee or Green Sign Sponsor (signage only on tee)
- $100 Banner Sponsor (banner displayed at the event, you supply the banner, 4x8 or smaller)
- $250 Exclusive Tee Sponsor (exclusive hole with signage and sponsor plaque)
- $500 Cart Sponsor (signage on up to 18 carts, media mention, sponsor plaque)
- $500 Hole Sponsor (4-person team and 6 dinner tickets, booth on tee, media mention)
- $700 Exclusive Hole Sponsor, ONLY 6 AVAILABLE (includes 4-person team and 6 dinner tickets, exclusive hole with booth, banner at club house, media mention, sponsor plaque, $20 in raffle tickets)
- $1,200 “Top Flight” Sponsor (includes two 4-person teams, 10 dinner tickets, exclusive prime hole with booth, banner at clubhouse, media mentions, sponsor plaque, $40 in raffle tickets)

Contact Leonard Brumana for more information or to purchase a sponsorship at (530) 347-6459 (home) or (530) 351-3340 (cell).
SAVE THESE DATES

**DU 75th National Convention – May 30 through June 3, 2012**

At the Gaylord Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee

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