

## Upcoming Events for the Month

- Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> – Pocomoke River Chapter – Annual Banquet – Snow Hill Fire Department – Snow Hill, MD – Mike Pruitt (410) 430-0300
- Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> – Gen. George D. Meade Chapter – Sponsor Dinner – Snyder’s Willow Grove – Linthicum, MD – Gene Synder (301)412-2247
- Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> – Central MD Chapter – Basket Bingo – American Legion Post 130 – Perry Hall, MD – Julie Rupert (443)955-8945
- Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> – Charles County Chapter – Dinner – American Legion – LaPlata, MD – Louis Naber (301)283-0228
- Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> – Western Shore – Sporting Clay Shoot – PG County Trap and Skeet – Glendale, MD – Scott Jasion (410)557-7855
- Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> – Cecil Co. Chapter – Chesapeake Surf & Turf Sponsor Dinner – Howard House – Elkton, MD – Terry Lemper (302)598-5619
- Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> – Greater Baltimore Chapter – Dinner – Little Havana’s – Baltimore, MD – Jason Howell (410)804-0185
- Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> – Chesapeake Chapter – Bull & Oyster Roast – Martin’s Valley Masion – Cockeysville, MD – Brian Dickhoff (410)357-9140
- Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> – Frederick Co. Chapter – Annual Banquet – Hollow Creek Golf Club – Middletown, MD – Leif Olsen (301)898-0000
- **Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> – MD State Convention – Great Oaks Manor – Chestertown, MD – Josh Voelker (410)490-0968**
- Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> – R. Madison Mitchell Chapter – Annual Bull & Oyster Roast – Bayou Restaurant – Havre deGrace, MD – Merrill Dougerty (410)939-3333
- Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> – Washington Co. Chapter – Annual Banquet – Cortland Mansion – Hagerstown, MD – Jim Holder (240)626-5299
- Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> – Upper Bay Chapter – Annual Greenwing Event – Baltimore Co. Fish & Game Club – Baltimore, MD – Mike Havlik (410)692-9775
- Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup> – Upper Bay Chapter – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament – Geneva Farms Golf Course – Street, MD – John Silbernagel (410)734-0594

As you noticed we a lot of events listed on the web for the next few months. Please if you have an upcoming event I need to place this on the MD DU web site. See below for details etc.

**For additional information on all local events please refer to the web site**

<http://www.ducks.....org/states/46/events/indexhtml>

**Note: Please if you have an upcoming event PLEASE SEND IT TO ME so I can post your event on the State Web Site. The only way to fill event locations is to advertise and put as much exposure out to our local area as possible. The State Web Site is FREE advertising for all of our Chapters.**

**Please check out the following link below for Event Flyer Templates and web request forms**

<http://www.ducks.org/Maryland/MDContent/506/CommitteePageEventPlanning.html>



## DU Volunteers support MWDI's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lumber Cut Day !



On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 Ducks Unlimited members were joined by DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service staff John Moulis, Hutch Waldbridge, Bill Martin, Edmund Cook and Josh Homyack to help the Maryland Wood Duck Initiative (MWDI) produce 265 wood duck box kits and 49 bluebird house kits at MD DNR's Millington WMA field office in

Kent Co. 825 linear feet of cypress lumber was also delivered to J. M. Tawes School in Somerset Co. to assemble another 75 wood duck boxes for sale to private program sponsors this fall. 182 of the kits will be used by MWDI on its various public lands projects. The balance of the kits will be used on various private programs. Since 2004, MWDI has provided lumber and kits for more than 2,000 wood duck boxes.



DU's volunteers included several MWDI lumber cut day "veterans" such as Scott Jasion, Jim Colbeck, Steve Seningen, Aaron Ward, Brian Jasion, Terry Lemper, Clay Robinson, Colin Jones, Cliff Brown and Jordan Kane.

MWDI's kits  
"youth  
building"  
two seasons.  
offer blue  
assembled  
year as it  
average  
cypress  
Carolina and



will be used for its  
oriented box  
events for the next  
The opportunity to  
bird kits and  
houses was new this  
helped lower the  
delivered cost of the  
lumber from South  
they helped fill an

apparent need for several of MWDI's wood duck program sponsors in a very cost effective way.

## **Maryland DU State Convention 2010**

All... Please see the link below regarding the upcoming MD State Convention. All MD DU volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please register and see details from the link below

<http://www.ducks.org/states/46/events/event21110.html>

## **The State Gun Raffle 2010**

For more information on State Gun Raffle tickets please follow the link below

<http://www.ducks.org/Page500.aspx>

Please see Josh Voelker or Scott Jasion if you need State Gun Raffle tickets for you upcoming events

## **Local Chapter News**

### **Volunteer's Recognized**

None at this time... please submit someone you would like to recognize to <mailto:johnmddu@zoominternet.net>

### **New Chapter**

None at this time... please submit someone you would like to recognize to <mailto:johnmddu@zoominternet.net>

## **State Committee News**

I would like to welcome our new MD State Chairman Scott Jasion and send a hug THANK YOU to Terry Lemper for his role as the past State Chairman and the great job he did for the past 2 ½ years. If you see Terry out please send a personal Thanks to him and all his hard work.

More news coming in the next newsletter on new roles on the State Committee, Zone & Chapter Chair's.

Please feel free to check out the MD DU Contact's page for new changes.

<http://www.ducks.org/Maryland/MDContent/705/MarylandDucksUnlimitedContacts.html>

## **Additional News from DU National**

Please see attached memo from John Pope, John Newman and Randy Graves regarding this year's *Wings of Innovation* Award nominations.

'Wings of Innovation0001.pdf' and '2010 Nomination Form.doc'

Please forward any nominations or questions to our State Chairman Scott Jasion @ [s.jasion@comcast.net](mailto:s.jasion@comcast.net)

## Ducks Unlimited Annual Report

[http://www.ducks.org/About\\_DU/AnnualReport/3683/2007DucksUnlimitedAnnualReport.html](http://www.ducks.org/About_DU/AnnualReport/3683/2007DucksUnlimitedAnnualReport.html)

Read More...

- [Annual Report Editorial](#)
- [Financial Statement](#)

## Conservation

### Ducks Unlimited Urges Partnership In Carp

<http://www.ducks.org/conservation/>

#### Conservation group releases position on invasive Asian carp

WASHINGTON – Feb. 28, 2010 – This week, Ducks Unlimited released its position on the threat to the Great Lakes presented by non-native carp. DU called on both governmental and non-governmental organizations to develop an immediate short-term plan, followed by a comprehensive long-term strategy to deal with Asian carp in the Great Lakes.

[full story](#)

### DU New Release's from Governmental Affairs

The following statement regarding the new National Park Service regulations will be released to the outdoor media shortly.



#### NEW PARK GUIDELINES IMPROVE HUNTER ACCESS

##### Statement from Ducks Unlimited supporting clarifications for firearms in parks

WASHINGTON – February 19, 2010 – The following statement is from Ducks Unlimited Director of Public Policy, Barton James on the announcement by the National Park Service enacting new rules about carrying firearms on lands regulated by the Service.

“Ducks Unlimited is pleased that the National Park Service is clarifying their position about carrying firearms on National Park Service land. Many legal hunting areas share borders with or can only be accessed from NPS lands.

“Prior to these revisions, the ability of waterfowlers to legally access these areas was in doubt due to uncertainties around whether they could transport their firearms across park boundaries. Ducks Unlimited has been advocating for access for hunters to legal hunting areas for several years.

“Overlooked in much of the debate around this rule is the positive impact that it will have for hunters. Previously, confusion over boundaries and regulations could lead to citations and fines for otherwise well-intended, law-

abiding hunters openly carrying shotguns or rifles. This clarification will clear up that confusion, and encourage more Americans to take to the field and the duck blind next fall.

“With this clarification, hunters can now follow the same laws as the state they are hunting in, providing better opportunities for America’s outdoors men and women to enjoy nature. Waterfowl hunters alone contribute more than \$2 billion to U.S. economy every year, and this rule will help continue that tradition.

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 over 13 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.

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[Sign up for the Ducks Unlimited Conservation Issues Briefing](#)

## **SBA Print Update**

The SBA Program will be making revisions to the Wild Wings Gallery next week. Several prints that have underperformed in the Program will be removed from the gallery and approximately 9 new print images will be added. The Wild Wings Gallery and order form will be updated on the SBA website ([www.ducks.org/sba](http://www.ducks.org/sba)) to reflect these changes.

The other SBA galleries will not see significant revisions until the first of the year; at which time we will add new prints to the Sporting World Gallery and update the Mill Pond Press Gallery.

I have blind copied individuals previously identified as SBA leaders in your area. Please distribute this information to other SBA volunteers as you see fit.

Thanks,  
Andy

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## Additions / Changes to the Maryland DU Web Site

If you haven't looked at some of the small changes to the MD DU web site. I have made a few changes to help organize some the information passed along to me.

On the right hand side of the web site you will notice a newly added link.

**"New"**

[MD DU Local & National News Portal](#)

**Check this out!!!!**

**"New"**

[Snow Goose Cookbook](#)

**"New"**

Maryland Sunrise-Sunset [2010](#)

The rest of the right hand side contains the links for the Online National Convention Clothing Sale, **"New" MD DU Window Decals On Sale now**, a link for purchasing your Federal Duck Stamp Online, MD Tide Charts & Sunrise & Sunset charts 2008.

**Check out MD DU Window Decals on Sale**

<http://www.ducks.org/Maryland/MDContent/618/WindowDecal.html>

**Download the latest Sink Box issue**

<http://www.ducks.org/Maryland/MDContent/504/TheMarylandDucksUnlimitedSinkboxNewspaper.html>

**Check out the SBA Newsletters**

<http://www.ducks.org/Page554.aspx>

Scroll to the bottom.

## **"New" Latest additions to the committee pages**

Latest **2009 Spring Merchandise Catalog** has been posted to the web.

<http://www.ducks.org/Maryland/MDContent/506/CommitteePageEventPlanning.html>

Latest **2009 Fall Merchandise Catalog** has been posted to the web.

<http://www.ducks.org/Maryland/MDContent/506/CommitteePageEventPlanning.html>

Latest **2009-2010 MD State Art Package is available** has been posted to the web.

<http://www.ducks.org/Maryland/MDContent/506/CommitteePageEventPlanning.html>

**Download Brochure**

<http://www.ducks.org/media/Maryland/documents/ArtPackageBrochure2009-10.pdf>

**Online Brochure**

<http://www.ducks.org/Page2385.aspx>

**Online Order Form**

<https://www.pliner.net/appfs/4fce01/>

## **Additions to the Committee Event Planning Pages**

Please check out the following link below for Event Flyer Templates etc.

<http://www.ducks.org/Maryland/MDContent/506/CommitteePageEventPlanning.html>

## **“New” Latest pictures added to the Photo Gallery**

Please check out some of our local volunteers

<http://www.ducks.org/states/46/photos/index.html>

## **Sink box Fall 2009**

<http://www.ducks.org/Maryland/MDContent/504/TheMarylandDucksUnlimitedSinkboxNewspaper.html>

## **Magazine Ad's Submitted**

Due to the economy we have suspended any magazine advertising at this time.

Regards,

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