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FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Welcome Duck Hunters! I want to thank you for electing me as President of the Mississippi Valley Duck Hunter's Association. I will try my best to make the Club a growing entity with some very good duck type speakers. The meetings should be fun to attend, compare successes (or not) with other members, and make every member feel welcome regardless of political affiliation.

I hope you all had a very delightful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Please remember those members and spouses that are suffering from assorted maladies.

Well, the first meeting will be a round table of the member's past season. Bring your scoop shovel and hip boots and come to the January meeting.

Good Luck The Remaining Season,

Art W

URGENT MESSAGE

Rumors are circulating on the internet and throughout the waterfowling community that a new protocol for the waterfowl reservation system will be implemented for next season. I have placed a phone call to Tom Liefield for further information, and have also spoken to another MDC employee. Both have indicated that some change is apparently coming. Tom did so in a message left on my answering machine, and I'm supposed to get more details from him on Monday after the newsletter has already gone out.

I don't want to speculate too much, but the rumor I'm hearing goes something like a complete elimination of the poor line system except when a reservation holder doesn't show up. (So 50 people show up for 2 spots at Otter Slough???) Reservations would be made throughout the season, and you would have to call in or use the computer each and every

week that you would like to be entered into the computer drawing system. The rumor goes on to say that you'd only be able to hunt 3 times in a year.

The bottom line is that if ANY change to the system is made prior to receiving feedback from hunters, it's a bad idea and should be dropped immediately. Someone has suggested that this is Dave Erickson's brainchild and he wants it passed through before he retires. Let's give him the benefit of the doubt and hopefully they monitor our newsletter to keep a pulse on what we're doing and saying.

You will certainly be asked to pick up your pen and cry outrage if any of this is true. I will give a brief report at the Christmas party. Please stay tuned in the coming months for more on this.

DUCK SEASON

Regular Duck Season:
 South Zone, Nov. 26-
 Jan. 24

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HUNTS

if you have any pictures that you would like to share with your fellow members of these hunts you can email them to me at mvdha@mvdha.com or bring them to me at the members meetings and I will scan them or take them off of your media and post them on the web site and get them back to you.

WING BOARD

SAVE YOUR WINGS!

We are trying to create a wing board like we had in the past. Save your wings of the different birds you harvest this year, especially the odd ones! Bring them to the members meeting and give them to me, Brad Douglass, or email me at mvdha@mvdha.com and I will see what I can do to get them from you. Tony, you can donate the Spoonie Wings! So far all we have are drake wings of Mallard, Blue Wing Teal, Black Duck, Green Wing and Gadwall wings. Bring only duck wings, both drakes and hens. So bring them on it!

CHICKEN DINNER

The ladies of Goff-Moll American Legion are hosting a Family Style Fried Chicken Dinner

Goff-Moll American Legion

2721 Collier Drive

Brentwood, MO

Friday, January 15, 2010

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Corn and Hot Biscuits

\$4.50 – under age 12

\$9.50 – age 12 and over

SPEAK OUT

From Tony Wolf:

I just looked through my mail today and what to my wandering eyes did appear, but an add for the evil Wal-Mart. The back page of the flier featured four items for sale from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals--ASPCA. Just in case any of you didn't realize their whacko positions, allow me to enlighten you with a quote from their website on hunting: "Hunting-- Because there is no guarantee that wildlife taken in sport hunting will be killed outright or spared the distress of pursuit and possible wounding and escape, the ASPCA is opposed to hunting animals for sport, even if the animals killed in this way are subsequently consumed. The ASPCA does recognize that wildlife management may be necessary in situations where animal and human interests collide, but urges that management strategies be nonlethal wherever possible and never include avoidable suffering or distress.

So what would Sam Walton think? He and his heirs have sold a boat load of Ol' Roy dog food, named after his trusted bird dog, but now they've pulled gun sales out of many stores and have put ASPCA merchandise in their stores. Maybe you should reconsider where you choose to shop?????

SNOW GOOSE HUNT

Currently the plan is that the annual Snow Goose hunt is going to take place on the first weekend of February, the 5th, 6th and 7th. Contact Bob Richard's for more info. Remember, if you go, a Conservation Order Permit (except for persons 15 years of age and younger) is re-

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quired to participate in the spring 2010 Conservation Order. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. You will be staying at the Super 8 Motel in Marston. It is located at:

501 South East Outer Rd I-55 and EE Hwy, Exit 40 Marston, MO 63866 US

For two double beds it will cost you 62.50 a night for two people.

You can reserve these on line or by phone. The phone number is: 573-643-9888

BANQUETS

St Louis Delta Waterfowl

Mark your calendar, the St. Louis Delta Waterfowl Banquet will be held Saturday, February 20th, 2010. Buck Gardner will be the master of ceremony. This year the banquet will be held in south county

at the Two Hearts Banquet Center, 4532 South Lindbergh Blvd, Sunset Hills, MO 63127. (on the corner of Gravois and South Lindbergh) Cost is \$50 a person, \$75 a couple and \$20 for youth or \$500 for a corporate table. Tom will have tickets available in the near future.

Tom Biggar 314-846-2165

For more info you can go to their web site at:

www.stldelta.com

Trout Fishing:

Mark your calendars now and reserve your rooms and boats early. Our annual trip to Lake Taneycomo will be from 26 thru 28 of February where we will be staying at the Trout Hollow lodge by Branson Mo. There are eight condos available that can room up to six

people. There are some boats available to rent and boat slips to park your boat in if you need to. You will need to make reservations for the nights of the 26th and the 27th. If you are in need of a room Contact Bob Combs at 314-348-4188 for more info. Rooms are going to fill fast so call early! See you on the water!

FOR SALE

Truck For Sale

2004 Dodge Ram 2500 4x4 Laramie Short Bed Quad Cab, 5.9L Cummins HO Turbo Diesel Engine, 4 Speed Auto, Laramie Pkg 2UH, 70,xxx miles, red exterior, taupe interior, still has transferable Chrysler Service Contract with \$0 deductable and 7year/100,000 miles, Fully Loaded \$22,500 or best offer. Contact Scott Combs for more info 636-399-3330.

HOME BOUND DUCK HUNTERS

I know this list is possibly incomplete, so if you see somebody who is a member and not on this list, please email me at mvdha@mvdha.com with the person's name and why they are home bound. If you get a chance, give them a call or drop them a line, I am sure they would appreciate it.

John Engle Alzheimer's, Emphysema

Lymon Bergmanis Lovingly taking care of his wife who is home bound.

Membership

NOTICE: On your mailing label is your expiration date. If the date is in the past, please consider rejoining us on the mailing. Family memberships are only \$25.00

eScripts Contribution this past month: 11.77

EScripts is proven to be a fantastic resource for fundraising where participating business partners contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card, and debit/ATM card purchases to the school, group or organization of your choice.

Here's How it Works

- You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program.
- Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.
- Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning.

Bottom line, it costs you nothing. All you have to do is do your normal shopping at listed stores like, Schnucks, Macy's, Orvis, OfficeMax, Pepboys or even American Airlines. This is a no brainer in helping to raise money for your MVDHA with no effort at all, except to hand your eScript card to the check out person. Chris has over 200 cards just waiting for you to call at 314-330-3846 or you can email him at cryptologist3@yahoo.com

Up Coming Events

Feb 10: Tom Leifield will give a general overview of the dove and duck results

General Information

This newsletter is distributed to our active members. For members, check your mailing label for when your membership expires. For non-active members check the website for the current newsletter. We have our general meeting the second Wednesday of every month and our Board of Directors' Meeting every fourth Monday. All meetings begin at 7:30 at the American Legion Post Goff – Moll Post 101, at 2721 Collier, Brentwood, Mo. 63144. In case of bad weather call the Post at 314-961-3263 or Tony Wolf at 636-441-3793 or Jerry Mercurio at 636-296-4799.

Visit YOUR web site at <http://www.mvdha.com/> to get the most recent news, events and updates. There you will find this newsletter and other helpful information concerning conservation and the great outdoors that we love. If you would like to be added to the email listing of important news and updates you can do that through the web site through the contact us link, fill out the form and make sure you add your email address.

Any comments or suggestions concerning the newsletter or the website can be sent to mvdha@mvdha.com. I am always looking forwards to suggestions concerning content and what you would like to see or be presented in these publications.

Next members meeting: **January 13, 2010**

Next Board Meeting: **January 25, 2010**

Members are invited to the Board Meeting

All meetings start at 7:30

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