



“FLIGHT”

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NEWS!!!

DU NZ RECEIVES VISIT FROM DIRECTOR DU (CANADA)

We were delighted, in early March, to receive a visit from Mr and Mrs Gerry Malaher of Winnipeg, Canada. Gerry Malaher is a director of Ducks Unlimited (Canada) - he is now retired from his long standing appointment of Director of Wildlife for the province of Manitoba but remains very active in conservation circles in Canada, serving on the DU board in addition to being involved in other wildlife activities. Gerry and his charming wife, Margaret, were holidaying privately in New Zealand and in the short time available, we endeavoured to show them a cross-section of wetlands in the Waikato, as well as areas where we have projects and also a few 'tourist' attractions unique to New Zealand.

A visit was made to member Tony Flexman's property at Pokeno to view the Operation Gretel nest boxes (where Tony also treated our visitors to a display of his sheepdogs at work). From there, the Malahers visited Lake Whangapae - with 10,000 plus swan! - and made a stop at Ian Pirani's to view his waterfowl collection. One of the highlights for the Malahers (and their hosts) was a visit to member Barry Rowe's Kiwi Farm at Otorohanga where we were delighted and privileged to view baby Kiwis and also adult birds in the large nocturnal house there; the visit concluded with a visit to Waitomo Caves. Gerry and Margaret are delightful people and made friends wherever they went. On behalf of DU in New Zealand, President Ian Pirani presented them with two publications - one on waterfowl in New Zealand and the other on shooting in this country, the latter by member Jack Byrne of Wellington. DU directors who met the Malahers enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to exchange views on their favourite subject.

DU U.S.A. NATIONAL PRESIDENT, MR GAYLORD DONNELLEY, TO VISIT NZ

At the end of March, we welcome Mr Gaylord Donnelley, National President of Ducks Unlimited Inc. U.S.A. who is paying a 'flying' visit to Auckland and Hamilton. Mr Donnelley is the 23rd President of Ducks Unlimited Inc. - the 150,000 member organisation which is affiliated with Ducks Unlimited in New Zealand. Born in Chicago and educated at Yale, Mr Donnelley recently retired as chairman of R.R. Donnelley & Sons, the U.S.A.'s largest commercial printers. In addition to carrying out his responsibilities as DU President, Mr Donnelley is engaged in many civic, community and conservation interests - he is Chairman of the Board of the University of Chicago, trustee for Ducks Unlimited Inc. and Ducks Unlimited (Canada), and the National Recreation and Parks Association. He is director for the Rueben H. Donnelley Corporation, Dun and Bradstreet Companies, the First Bank of Chicago and the First Chicago Corporation. Between 1968 and 1974 he served on the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission.

In the short time he will have available, we hope to show Mr Donnelley our work in the Waikato region, plus other areas of interest, if time permits. The visit of Mr Donnelley - and that of Mr Malaher earlier this month - are valuable opportunities to exchange views and have discussions concerning waterfowl.

STOP PRESS: As we go to print, we report that Mr Donnelley has visited us and honoured DU in New Zealand by becoming an Active member. His visit has also been reported in the press and over the "air".
KEEP WATCHING FOR FURTHER NEWS IN FLIGHT NO 2!

CONGRATULATIONS TO DIRECTOR NEIL HAYES

Wellington director, Neil Hayes, has been appointed a Council member of the Wellington Acclimatisation Society representing Ducks Unlimited (NZ) Inc - this unprecedented appointment by the Wellington Society, (DU members) is a progressive move by that forward-looking organisation. Members will know that one of DU's objectives is to liaise with such groups. Personal congratulations are, however, due to Neil for his valuable contribution in the past to DU and Society affairs - which will be reinforced in the future by this appointment.

NEWS FROM THE U.S.A.

Members will be interested in the following extracts from a letter written by Mr Dale E. Whitwell, Executive Vice President of Ducks Unlimited Inc., U.S.A.:

'It appears we will have collected during 1975 almost an even \$ 8 million. We are spending over \$ 4 million this year in Canada, and have sent \$ 100,000 into a new program of marsh development in Mexico, being carried out in co-operation with Ducks Unlimited de Mexico (DUMAC) and the Mexican federal and state governments.

Waterfowl conservation is truly an exciting thing these days. Ducks Unlimited (Canada) has a program goal that will cost almost \$ 7 million in 1976. Mexico intends to expand their development program, so you can see that we here at Ducks Unlimited, Inc., will have our work cut out for us trying to raise \$ 10 million in 1976. We have been progressing at a rate of almost an even 25% compounded annually since 1967. We now have 150,000 individuals who contribute \$ 10 or more, and in 1976 we will have 14 state governments who will contribute state funds to us from hunting licences, truly of great assistance and a co-operative effort of much magnitude.'

DU's progress in the waterfowl conservation field certainly gives us in New Zealand much to aim and strive for and shows what can be achieved - even with our much smaller population.

Incidentally, we recommend that members who are interested in doing so, should consider joining Ducks Unlimited Inc. U.S.A. - this can be done by sending a Reserve Bank cheque for US\$ 10 to

Ducks Unlimited Inc.,
Box 66300, Chicago
Illinois 60666 U.S.A.

As a member of our affiliated organisation, you will receive their excellent, beautifully presented Ducks Unlimited Magazine as well as being kept informed of their progress - Over to you. Many members of DU in New Zealand are members of DU U.S.A. and Canada - and we in New Zealand have members from that continent in our ranks.

DU U.S.A. HOLDS ITS FIRST MEETING OUTSIDE THE U.S.

Ducks Unlimited Inc., will hold its first convention outside the United States when it convenes its 39th Annual Meeting in Mexico City, Mexico on 4-8 April next. The meeting will be hosted by Ducks Unlimited of Mexico organisation, which has been working on preparations for the meeting for the past two years. In addition to the business of the corporation which must be carried out over the five day period, various sightseeing and cultural excursions are being planned - among them, a trip to the pyramids of the Teotihuacan Culture which are thought to date back to the time of Christ, a visit to DU de Mexico's first project, and a gala fiesta.

Ducks Unlimited Inc., have invited all members to attend and have issued an invitation to DU New Zealand to send a representative. On this occasion we have regretfully declined (primarily because our budget for 1976 is fully committed). However it is hoped to attend future meetings and we are all looking forward to reading in the Ducks Unlimited Magazine the results of the meeting in Mexico, which we will report to New Zealand members in due course.

DUCKS UNLIMITED (NZ) INC ANNOUNCE THEIR THIRD PROJECT - OPERATION HQ

From an idea of director and waterfowl breeder, Trevor Voss of Hawera, directors have unanimously agreed that the third major project for Ducks Unlimited will be the establishment of a national headquarters and display area for waterfowl collections donated by DU members and directors, and research centre at a point between the Waikato and Auckland. A search is under way now for a suitable area of land

The objectives of 'Operation HQ' are:

- the establishment of a national headquarters and the subsequent nationwide status this will bring to DU
- identification of DU with wetlands conservation, habitat trials etc
- the establishment of research work at the centre which will allow expansion of the facility and its collection of waterfowl
- the raising of funds, per medium of a fee to view the collection of waterfowl (smaller collections in other centres have had visitors numbering 80,000) The Waikato/Auckland region is accessible to many thousands of people and the funds from such a source would be placed directly for field work.

Members will be encouraged to donate time and expertise in the establishment of the centre ie initially with fencing, construction of ponds etc and then, later, in its maintenance and control until a full time officer can be supported. The 'headquarters' would also house we hope, at some time in the future, a dwelling from where meetings of the board can be conducted as well as being a centre for the showing of films, lectures etc on the work of the organisation. Among DU members at present, there is the largest and most diverse collection of waterfowl in the country (all in the hands of experienced men) - many have already committed their total collections to the centre on its establishment.

WATCH FOR FURTHER NEWS OF OPERATION HQ IN FLIGHT NO 2 !

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

REPORT ON DU 'T' SHIRT SALES

As at early February, DU has received \$ 795 - however, there is a further \$ 256 to come to hand from members who are still holding shirts. Members in this category are urged to either return the shirts or forward the funds for them. If all members oblige, DU expects to make a profit of around \$ 500. Please help us! We are very pleased with results to date and if all members 'come to the party' it will have been a most successful campaign. There are still some shirts held in stock in Hamilton. Should you require further supplies, please complete the form below. The price is still \$ 3.95 for the shirt with the DU symbol.

REPORT ON GIFT SUBSCRIPTION CARD

We thank all members for their support - to date we have 28 members from this source and this has boosted total membership to over the 200 mark! Remember, the card can be used all year round to mark celebrations or other special occasions such as birthdays (or just to introduce someone to DU). Further supplies can be obtained from Hamilton - fill in the form below.

| <u>DU 'T' SHIRTS - DU 'T' SHIRTS</u> | <u>DU GIFT CARDS - DU GIFT CARDS</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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We welcome warmly the following members who have been sponsored by present DU members:

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| G. Andrews (S) | R. Campbell (J) | Mrs E. Kean * (S) | Miss D. Pritt (S) | Note * |
| M.A. Bell (S) | Miss A. Craig (F) | G. Lee (S) | M. Sheeran (S) | We also wish to thank Mrs Kean for her donation to DU funds. |
| P. Blackwell (J) | D. Ellett (S) | S. McDonnell (F) | Andrew Thompson (J) | |
| L. Blackwell (J) | J.M. Ferguson (S) | D. Morrison (S) | Stephen Watson (J) | |
| B. Butts (F) | Capt. G.M. Hart (S) | Patrick Parsons (S) | Christopher Williams (J) | |
| Campin Mr & Mrs (S) | K.T. Hughes (S) | E. Paul (S) | Gareth Williams (J) | |
| Dr M. Chapman (S) | Paul Hursthouse (J) | G. Perry (S) | W.G. Wright (F) | |

We also welcome, equally warmly, the following new members - particularly Mrs D.G. Pirani, our 6th life member and Mr Gaylord Donnelley, the President of Ducks Unlimited Inc., U.S.A. as a Full member - and:

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| Aldridge Miss M (F) | C.A. Franks (S) | Southern Branch |
| M.R.F. Bradley (S) | L. Gaskell (F) | Wgton Acclimatisation Soc. (S) |
| H.F. Barratt (S) | W.J. Hamilton (T) | J.R. Simister (F) |
| Ms C. Coleman (S) | A.R. Hart (S) | M. Sexton (F) |
| Lorne M. Cameron, Canada (DU Canada director) (F) | J. Murphy (S) | I.F. Taylor (S) |
| J.D. Cook (F) | J.O.M. Farris (F) | B.D. Murdoch (S) |
| Howard Cook, Wisconsin USA (F) | C.W. Paton (F) | L. Thompson (F) |
| Bank of NSW, Waitara (T) | E.J. Paton (S) | W. Tiethof (S) |
| Geoffrey Bell (J) | S.L. Rickard Sims (F) | A.C. Whitehouse (F) |
| J. de Goldi (F) | M. Rossiter (S) | K. Wicks (S) |
| | J. Sharplin (S) | |

RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Enclosed with this issue are renewal subscription notices for members who have not yet become financial members for 1976/77. Many members have renewed and our sincere thanks for your co-operation. Due date is 1 April 1976 and your renewal will be most welcome and appreciated. We rely on your support to help the ducks! There are many ways to help the ducks - join again in 1976 in this great effort to maintain New Zealand's prime waterfowl habitat. Remember - all contributions are tax deductible in your hands.

Membership now totals 237 - when you renew, stop and think - do you have a friend or acquaintance who would be interested in becoming a member of Ducks Unlimited? Here is an opportunity to double our membership! If every member introduces another member - we will be on the way to the 500 mark!

REPORT ON OPERATION GRETEL

The final count for 1975/6 breeding season showed 10% of the boxes were used by the Grey Teal. Of the mallard type boxes erected, for transplanting, 44% of these were used by mallards. While one member of the executive was a little disappointed at this result, your directors are more than pleased. The next stage of Operation Gretel will be decided shortly. In the initial year, a few mistakes were made - one box type proved unsatisfactory but the two others were successful. Some boxes have been pulled down and repositioned in new areas where water levels are more constant. There has been great interest from Australia in Operation Gretel and much valuable comment and information regarding nesting boxes and the Grey Teal has been received from Australians interested enough to write - we are grateful for their informed comment.

REPORT ON OPERATION PATEKE

As reported in the last issue, at December 80% of the birds were laying. The final result was fifteen birds hatched. Of these, ten were raised and five are still being raised. Three further birds hatched, two dying as a result of predation and one of natural causes. One female failed to lay. This average of three birds per pair is one less than the projected average of four. We are very pleased with this result and the next breeding season we have high hopes of fully achieving the target.

Members may have seen the excellent coverage given to press releases issued by DU on the Grey and Brown Teal projects, particularly the Brown Teal which attracted much attention from the press - the NZPA distributed our release widely and for this we thank them. Reports indicated that the release appeared in many newspapers throughout the country in early February and over the radio network.

REPORT ON VOLUNTARY KEEMAN - JOHN DYER OF NORTHLAND

This time - we 'turn the tables' a little and instead of presenting a voluntary Keeman report, we report' on a voluntary keeman and one of our most enthusiastic and energetic members, John W.A. Dyer of Whangarei. John's strenuous efforts on DU's behalf have earned recognition for our work in Northland. He actively pursues DU's interests with the press, local Council and has made the news on several occasions. He is an avid correspondent with DU headquarters and keeps members of the executive in constant touch with developments concerning wetlands and waterfowl in his region. In this connection, John has prepared a detailed report on his observations - 'Northland Breeding & Habitat in 1975/76' and presented a copy to the DU board - for which the directors are very grateful. This document covers a wide range of subjects peculiar to Northland e.g. - summary of nest discoveries; pukekos and rush problems in Manganui; pheasants and the Hikurangi swamp; prospects for this season; proposed Helena Bay Wildlife Service; NZ shotshell selection; nesting boxes for park ducks etc.

John's comments and suggestions are genuine and constructive and many of his suggestions have been noted and adopted by the executive. John is a student in Whangarei and we forecast a great future for waterfowl in any region where he is located - he hopes to make a career in waterfowl conservation. He forwards his reports voluntarily on a regular basis and below are extracts from some of his recent letters. Space does not permit us to print all John's comments and those set out are just a few of them.

'Paradise may be on the license of two of Northland's sub societies... one I believe is the Bay of Islands. This would be a Northland first. Bird numbers are calculated by the number of birds moulting each year in the same locality. Each year, Lake Omapere and two other nearby lakes are host to large concentrations of these birds. For the past few years, the number has doubled each time. During the beginning of the breeding season, Northland had two good sized floods. These destroyed early nesters' efforts wherever the water could reach them. Northland's shooting has been poor for some years, however, because of a lack of rain in May. If it rains this year, the low population could supply better shooting than in most years. Shoveller in the last few seasons made up about 1% of Whangarei's bag. Because they are late nesters, they should make up a larger percentage of the bag this year although their numbers may not be any larger than before.'

'I have liased with a councillor who is very sympathetic. She has also set about cleaning up parks for ducks and people. She is willing to sponsor me to put up 14 nesting boxes in one Grey's pond and one mallard's estuary. I am waiting only for Harbour Board permission to use mooring piles as mounts.'

'Grey teal now exist in Northland but only, of course, in small groups of no particular significance. Perhaps the Whangarei Society could be encouraged to use nesting boxes.'

KEEMEN

Twelve positive applications have been received. We must apologize for keeping members interested waiting so long - but we are thoroughly researching the role Keemen will play and this is taking some time to work out. We hope those interested members will bear with us. The twelve applicants will receive a letter from Hamilton shortly.

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST

- *The Wildlife Service have released Blue Duck into private breeders' hands - President Ian Pirani is privileged, and delighted we might add, to have a pair in his care. Action such as this is really appreciated by DU and private breeders as well.*
- *Member, Laurie Gaskell has had another wonderful season with the Grass Whistle Duck - he has raised 22 to date from one pair, with a further 12 fertile eggs under incubation. Grass Whistle ducks could be a bird for future liberation trials.*
- *Member Richard Trethewey of British Columbia, Canada, has been invited to speak at the World Wildlife Symposium at St Louis U.S.A. in March - his expertise and depth of experience in wildlife matters on an international scale is typical of many DU members in New Zealand and overseas.*

FACE TO FACE WITH BULL MOOSE - ON CANADIAN WATERFOWL STUDY TOUR

Coming face to face with a bull moose swimming upstream, whilst travelling by canoe on a waterfowl study excursion, and then paddling after him is just one of the exciting and unexpected experiences recounted by DU director, Dudley Bell who has just returned from an observation and study tour as a guest of Ducks Unlimited (Canada) and U.S.A. gaining experience in the biological and engineering sectors for subsequent application here. His air travel was provided by CP Air and all expenses in North America were met by the DU organisation there. Accompanied by his wife, Dudley commenced his studies in Winnipeg and extended them to the West Coast. He assisted with surveying and inspection of million dollar projects, walked 2,000 acres conducting duck brood counts on 300 ponds, and also counted duck from lowflying aircraft and by canoe on many water areas administered by Ducks Unlimited across the continent.



The Canada Goose - the major sporting bird of the North American continent - is studied extensively in Canada. 'Part of this study involves large banding programmes and I assisted with the banding of 1380 birds in 4 days and at times had to nearly swim after this 'beloved' bird to catch them before applying band and recording data. On one drive, we caught 700 geese at one time' said Dudley. Much valuable technical data on field operations obtained by Dudley was forwarded to New Zealand for direct application, where appropriate, during his absence.

From Canada, he travelled to Chicago USA to the head office of Ducks Unlimited Inc. the American sector of the organisation which raises funds each year for application in Canada where over 70% of all North American waterfowl originate. 'To date, \$ 25 million has been expended by DU in Canada to develop two million acres of waterfowl habitat' comments Dudley. 'At Chicago I was given an insight into the massive fundraising programmes which involve membership drives utilizing a highly skilled public relations operation'. 'Much useful information and assistance has been offered to Ducks Unlimited in New Zealand and the American headquarters are very pleased to see a similar organisation being built for the benefit of waterfowl in New Zealand.'

Dudley continues - 'We then travelled through Eastern Canada and the United States, visiting wildlife areas of Kortwright at Guelph, and Pt Pelee in Ontario; Chesapeake Bay in Washington; the Louisiana Bayou on the Gulf of Mexico and North Californian coastal marshes. A highlight of this portion of our tour was to handle and observe young alligators being raised by the Louisiana State Fish & Wildlife Commission at the Rockefeller Refuge, west of New Orleans.'

From North America, Dudley and Lyn travelled to Great Britain and while there had an opportunity to meet and talk with eminent wildlife personalities in organisations such as The Wildfowl Trust, WAGBI, The Game Conservancy, all of whom expressed considerable interest in DU in New Zealand. Visits to wildlife regions of international acclaim - Slimbridge, Peakirk, Martin Mere, Seven Oaks and Loch Leven - were major highlights of the U.K. portion during the seven months spent there. Dudley has over 500 metres of film taken during his visit and is in the process of showing these, together with slides from DU Canada, to DU members and other persons and groups interested in waterfowl.



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DUCKS UNLIMITED (NZ) INC - ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1976

We have pleasure in enclosing with this issue of FLIGHT full details of our annual conference - this will be a most exciting affair and we recommend all members who can to attend and be part of the programme.

DUCKS UNLIMITED (NZ) INC - ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1976

Venue: White Heron Lodge Date: 24 April 1976
 Kilbirnie, Wellington Saturday 1 pm.

***** A G E N D A *****

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| 1. | 1.00 pm | Registration and payment of conference fee | |
| 2. | 1.30 pm | Official opening and welcome speech | (President) |
| 3. | 1.35 pm | Apologies | " |
| 4. | 1.40 pm | President's report and discussion | " |
| 5. | 1.50 pm | Treasurer's report and discussion | (J. Worth) |
| 6. | 2.00 pm | Election of two directors from the floor (note: under Rule 3, Messrs G. Butts and K. Mackie, members' representatives, being eligible offer themselves for re-election) | |
| 7. | 2.10 pm | Report on the 1975/76 waterfowl breeding season | (H. Lickers) |
| 8. | 2.20 pm | Report on 'Operation Gretel' | (J. Worth) |
| 9. | 2.30 pm | Break for refreshment | |
| 10. | 3.15 pm | Guest speaker - Mr R.T. Adams Department of Internal Affairs | |
| 11. | 4.00 pm | Report on 'Operation Pateke' | (J. Worth/Dr M. Williams) |
| 12. | 4.15 pm | General business | |
| 13. | 5.00 pm | Ducks Unlimited films | |
| 14. | 6.00 pm | Refreshments | |
| 15. | 7.00 pm | Dinner | |
| 16. | 8.15 pm | Auction - Auctioneer: Mr K.G.W. Wilkinson, Wellington | |
| 17. | 8.45 pm | Refreshments | |

NOTES

Costs to DU members and friends: there will be an admission charge of \$ 10 per head - this covers the excellent menu at \$ 6 per head and hall hireage and allows a small profit for DU. Members are invited and encouraged to bring along wives, girlfriends, friends, sportsmen - particularly those interested in joining DU - but all will be most welcome. This could be your ideal opportunity to introduce a friend or acquaintance to DU. The cost for each guest is \$ 10 - and we have kept this figure low to attract as many people as possible. There will also be an opportunity at the meeting for those members who have not renewed and who wish to do so, to pay their 1976/77 subscription and, of course, to enrol new members.

Accommodation: if you wish to reserve accommodation at the White Heron Lodge for the evening, it would be wise to do this now direct with the hotel.

Refreshments: The bar facilities will be open throughout the annual conference for those who wish to purchase such refreshments. There will be a President's "shout" at 2.30 pm.

Dinner Menu: an excellent selection from the kitchen of the Mermaid Restaurant for the occasion, as follows:

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| Fruit juice | <u>Entrees:</u> | <u>Main Courses:</u> | <u>Desserts:</u> |
| Tomato juice | Mushrooms au beurre | Scotch fillet | Ice cream/choc. sauce |
| or | or | Half Spring chicken | Fruit salad & cream |
| soup of the day | Fish of the day | Fish of the day | Apple pie & cream |
| | | Lamb cutlets | Coffee or tea |

Your Attendance: many members have co-operated and advised they will be attending the proceedings. However, so we can finalise numbers for catering etc, would all members who hope to attend, with friends etc, please complete the form below:



RETURN To: Ducks Unlimited (NZ) Inc, P.O. Box 74, Hamilton
 My name:
 Address
 No. attending

DU ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ATTENDANCE INDICATOR

COME TO THE DUCKS UNLIMITED AUCTION!!

WATERFOWL ART PRINTS; RELOADING EQUIPMENT; DECOYS; AMMUNITION; CAMERA; FREE DOOR PRIZES!

The auction promises to be the highlight of the conference - its objective is to raise funds for Ducks Unlimited projects in 1976. We wish to thank most sincerely the donors of the auction items for their generosity. We know members will support those mentioned below with their custom. You will note that there are items to interest all tastes and all pockets! In addition, all those present will be eligible to participate in the free door prizes, which will comprise a selection from the list below.

| AUCTION ITEM | DONOR |
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| 1. "The Symphony of Autumn" by Ducks Unlimited U.S.A. artist of the year, Larry Toschik (limited series 850, personally inspected and signed by the artist featuring handsome Canada Geese) | Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Chicago, Illinois U.S.A. |
| 2. "Wood Duck" by Europe's leading wildlife painter, Basil Ede (limited series 550, personally inspected and signed by the artist featuring an unusual wood duck portrait) | Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Chicago, Illinois U.S.A. |
| 3. 2 Imported (Italian) mallard decoys | K. Mackie, Director DU NZ |
| 4. 1 x de luxe Lee Loader and plastic wads | Waikato Lock & Gunsmith Service, Hamilton |
| 5. 1 x print - "Partridge" | J. Worth, Director DU NZ |
| 6. Set 50 No 12 Trout Flies and child's paddle pool | Ngan's Sports Centre, Te Awamutu & Otorohanga |
| 7. 1 x Japanese print "Geese Flying" | End Jones, Director DU NZ |
| 8. Taxidermy specimen - Animal skin(s) | Groudswaard Taxidermist Cambridge |
| 9. Set 4 beer mugs with bird illustrations | G. Butts, Director DU NZ |
| 10. 1 x Peter Scott print - Canada Geese (framed by "The Gallery", Hamilton) | J. Worth, Director DU NZ |
| 11. 1 x pottery teapot | Wilf Wright, Waikanae Potter Wellington Sporting Arms Co. Director P.N. Hayes |
| 12. 1 pair 7 x 35 binoculars | Hamilton East Sports Shop Mullins Pharmacy, Cambridge |
| 13. One box 13 lb Damsyl - nylon | J. Worth, Director DU NZ |
| 14. Ladies toiletries | T.A. Voss, Director DU NZ |
| 15. 1 x Peter Scott print - Pintails at Dusk (framed by "Ian Parnham Gallery" Hamilton) | Mr and Mrs P.B.C. Pirani Directors DU NZ |
| 16. 1 x Ducks Unlimited Whisky Decanter | Wilson's Sports Shop, Hamilton |
| 17. "The Living world of Audubon" by Roland Clement - collection of waterfowl prints by America's greatest ornithologist with contemporary photographs | CAC Industries Limited Auckland |
| 18. Assorted sporting goods: shears, shaker, alloy plates first aid packs | I.H. Pirani, Director DU NZ |
| 19. 1 case ammunition | L. Gaskell, DU member |
| 20. 1 x taxidermy specimen - Paradise Drake | J. Worth, Director DU NZ |
| 21. 1 pair Grass Whistler Ducks | P.B.C. Pirani, Director DU NZ |
| 22. 1 print - "Grey Teal" | Anonymous donor |
| 23. 1 camouflage net parka | |
| 24. 1 Polaroid F.X.70 camera with extras | |

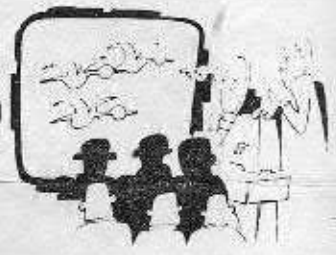


THESE ARE TRULY MAGNIFICENT AUCTION ITEMS - HERE'S A CHANCE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!



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DUCKS UNLIMITED AUCTION TO FEATURE RARE NATURE ART

Dramatic and unique works of wildlife art will be feature attractions at the DU fundraising auction following the annual conference. Just one of the highlights of this enjoyable 'night-for-the-ducks' will be the auction of two of the finest waterfowl art prints ever seen in New Zealand.

The first is U.S.A.'s Ducks Unlimited's new 'Artist of the Year' print for 1975/6 - 'The Symphony of Autumn'. The breathtaking original painting, featuring handsome Canada geese, was created specially for DU USA by one of the world's truly great wildlife artists, Larry Toschik of Phoenix, Arizona. The print to be auctioned is one of a special, extra quality series of only 850 prints, each personally inspected, numbered and signed by the artist, thereby lending great collector's value. 'The Symphony of Autumn' is truly dramatic, picturing one of the greatest waterfowl species in a spine-tingling autumn setting. The scene is impressive in size - 17 inches high by 23 inches wide, painstakingly lithographed on heavy quality paper, 32 inches wide by 24 inches high.



Ducks Unlimited U.S.A.'s 1975/ Artist of the Year, Larry Toschik, works at his easel, while creating one of the sketches which evolved into his Artist of the Year painting - 'The Symphony of Autumn' featuring the handsome Canada goose.

The second is a dramatic print called 'Wood Duck', one of a special, extra quality limited edition series of only 550 art prints, depicting this handsome waterfowl species. Renowned British nature artist, Basil Ede of Sussex, England, painted the unusual wood duck portrait for the collection of the Gulf States Paper Corporation of Alabama. The firm contributed the entire series of 550 to Ducks Unlimited U.S.A. Each of the prints in the series has been personally inspected and signed by the artist, and numbered, thereby lending even more value to the art print. 'Wood Duck' is some 25 inches high by 20 inches wide, and is printed on fine, heavy paper by ultraquality six colour lithography.



Mr Ede is shown as he personally inspects and autographs each print of the special series of only 550 prints.

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