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CONNECTICUT DUCKS UNLIMITED

# 2010 State Convention

Please join us....

## First Annual Connecticut Ducks Unlimited State Convention

Friday Evening & Saturday  
January 29th & 30th, 2010

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Route 72

Cromwell, CT

### Convention ticket includes:

- Hospitality Suite
- All seminars & presentations
- Continental breakfast in hospitality suite
- Banquet Luncheon
- Dinner Banquet & Awards Presentation
- Greenwing Activities & More

### Highlights of the Convention

- Decoy Carving Class
- State Awards Ceremony
- Door Prizes & Give-aways
- Decoy Contest
- Special raffles

# 2010 CT DU State Convention Agenda

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## Friday Evening

6:00 – 8:00 PM Registration

6:00 – 10:00 PM Decoy Carving Class with Award winning carver Pete Revicki

(Space is limited—Pre-registration & materials fees apply)

7:30 – 11:00 PM Welcome Reception – Hospitality Suite sponsored in part by Kay Olsen—Spirit of Hartford

## Saturday

7:00—9:00 Continental Breakfast—Hospitality Suite hosted by Ted & Kathy Knapp

7:30 – 10:00 Registration

8:30 – 4:00 Decoy Carving Contest Open for Voting

9:00 – 9:45 Welcome presentation

CT DU State Chairman - Larry Davis

Regional Director Craig Kessler

9:45 – 10:30 Presentation by Jamie Fortune from DU Canada

10:30 -10:50 – Break

10:50 – 12:00 Presentation by Craig Ferris, PhD.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 Greenwing Activities

1:00 – 2:00 Ducks Unlimited Leadership Presentation with featured speaker Mike Woodward

2:00 – 2:45 Field First Aid for Hunting Dogs

presented by Dr. Jeff Miller, Wolcott Veterinary Clinic

2:45—3:00 Break

3:00 – 3:45 Retriever Nutrition presented by Blue Seal Feeds

4:30 Voting closes for DECOY CONTEST

3:30 – 6:00 Hospitality Suite open

4:30 – 6:00 Major Donor Cocktail Reception—By Invitation Only

6:00 – 7:00 Cocktail Reception (Cash Bar)

7:00 – 9:30 State Banquet and Awards Ceremony

## Special Room Rate for State Convention Attendees

Bring the whole family and stay the weekend. The Crowne Plaza Hotel has a great indoor pool to cure the mid-winter blues. Call the Crowne Plaza directly to make your reservation; be sure to mention Ducks Unlimited for the special room rate—860-635-2000

**\$99.00 + tax**

Rate valid through January 15, 2010 The Crowne Plaza Hotel is a non-smoking facility.

# The Details...

**Hospitality Suite**—Sponsored by Kay Olsen of Spirit of Hartford, Connecticut Ducks Unlimited and Ted and Kathy Knapp. Join fellow DU members in the hospitality suite (room 243) for cocktails, conversation and camaraderie. The suite will be open Friday night from 7:30 PM until 11:00 PM, Saturday breakfast 7:00-9:00 AM and Saturday afternoon from 3:30—6:00 PM.

**Decoy Carving Class**—Have you ever wanted to carve your own decoy? This is the class for you. Award winning decoy carver Pete Revicki will guide students through the process of carving their own Shang style cork decoy. Class size is limited to 12 and a materials fee of \$35.00 will be charged. Pre-registration is required with your convention registration. Friday evening from 6:00 PM—10:00 PM No experience required—experienced carvers welcomed.

**Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast**—in the hospitality suite—Room 243. Grab a coffee, juice and breakfast pastries/muffins before stating your busy DU Day. Open from 7:00 AM until 9:00 AM. Sponsored by Past State co-chairs Ted & Kathy Knapp

**Decoy Show and Competition**—Bring along your favorite decoy that you have carved and it might be featured on the 2011 CT DU State pin. The decoy must be carved by the entrant within the past 3 years and can be a working decoy or decorative. A photo of the winning decoy will be featured on the 2011 CT DU State Pin. Entrants must be a Ducks Unlimited member. Winner will be selected by People's Choice Ballots that will be included in each registration packet. The winner will also receive a plaque and special gift.

**Greenwing Projects**—We know that Greenwing's are the future of Ducks Unlimited so bring them along! A special 1 1/2 to 2 hour workshop will give Greenwings the opportunity to make an assortment of projects. Projects will be for all ages and will include assembling wood duck houses, sanding and painting miniature decoys, painting feather pins and more. All materials are included in child's registration.

**Ducks Unlimited Canada**— What's Ducks Unlimited Canada have to do with us? Plenty! Learn about the boreal forest and it's direct impact on the Atlantic Flyway. Jamie Fortune from DU Canada will present this not to be missed program.

**Ducks Unlimited—GLARO Report**— presented by Craig Ferris, PhD. Find out about current DU projects in Connecticut and New England and how DU is working with other agencies to make these projects happen.

**DU Leadership**—presentation by Mike Woodward, DU At large Board Member, Sr. VP Advisory to the president, Marketing and Communications Committee. Mike puts on a program like no one else and no one should miss this one.

**Field First Aid for Hunting Dogs** – by DU member Dr. Jeff Miller, owner of Wolcott Veterinary Clinic. Dr. Miller will discuss techniques for successfully tending to common field emergencies; cuts, broken bones, hypo and hyperthermia and more. He will also discuss what every hunting dog owner should have in their field first aid kit.

**Retriever Nutrition** sponsored by Blue Seal Feeds. Rebecca Hoover from Blue Seal Feeds will give a short program on hunting dog nutrition. She will also have a Q & A segment.

## CT State DU Convention Raffle

Be sure to get your Convention raffle tickets. Only \$10.00 each!!! There are 3 great prize packages—

#1 L.C. Smith .410 gauge side x side, 1 of a kind, 1st CT DU State Gun

#2 Waterfowler's Package—Mossberg 935 3 1/2" 12 ga. Camo, 12 Greenhead decoys & Cabela's Parka

#3 Tailgaters Package— Weber Q-Grill, \$50 Gift Cert. for Omaha Steaks, 2 DU Adirondack Chairs, Basket of Cheer

## Connecticut Ducks Unlimited State Convention Committee Chairmen

Convention co-chairs—Past State Co-chairs Ted & Kathy Knapp

Decoy Class—Pete Revicki

Major Donor Cocktail Party—Dave Drinan

Speakers & Presentations—Larry Davis

Greenwing Workshop—Keith Mousch

Awards—State Chairman Larry Davis

Raffle committee—District Chairs

Decoy Contest—Rick Riccio/Mark Pratt

Hospitality Suite—Kathy Knapp/Craig Kessler

Convention Registration—CT DU State Treasurer Ron Glander

Banquet—Cathi Jensen

# Registration



Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Attendees:

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_____ Adult Convention Registration including banquet @ \$85.00	\$ _____
_____ Child's Convention Registration @ \$25.00	\$ _____
_____ Decoy Carving Class Materials Fee @ \$35.00	\$ _____
_____ Pre-Event Convention Raffle Ticket @\$10.00	\$ _____
_____ Dinner Banquet & Awards Ceremony Only @\$60.00	\$ _____

Total Amount Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: CT Ducks Unlimited

Credit card info: # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Meal Choices:

\_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib      \_\_\_\_\_ Herbed Chicken & Shrimp

Children's Tickets include: Greenwing membership, Greenwing activities, pizza for lunch, chicken fingers dinner, special Convention Pin and more.

*Save the Date:  
January 29 & 30, 2010*

Mail registrations to State Treasurer:

Ron Glander (Blackduckllc@yahoo.com)

65 Baldwin Hill Road

Litchfield, CT 06759

For more information call Convention Co-Chairs: Ted & Kathy Knapp 203-264-4430 or

CT DU State Chairman Larry Davis 860-599-5859