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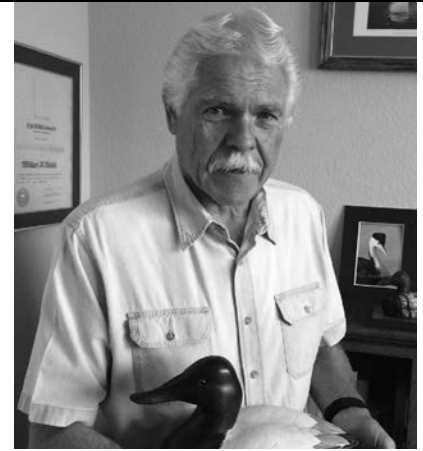
by Willie Molini

The 2016 waterfowl season is now history. We finally had some water and, at least limited habitat for migrating waterfowl. The Association Board authorized \$600.00 for Norm Saake to conduct aerial waterfowl surveys of the Lahontan Valley wetlands. Norm conducted a survey on October 18 which included Lahontan Valley, Humboldt Sink and Walker Lake. At Carson Lake, only 19% of the total potential wetlands had water and a total of 9,870 ducks were counted there. The Rice Unit was the only unit that was 100% full. At Stillwater NWR, approximately 24% of the open hunt units had water coverage, while 56% of the Refuge area had water for a total of 4,800 acres. Norm counted 17,115 total ducks and 381 total geese. So, there was some opportunity for waterfowl hunting in 2016. Many thanks to Norm for his continued volunteer work for NWA.

It is truly amazing how a few months can make such a significant difference when it comes to the weather. Because of our exceptional winter with possibly all-time record snowfall, we are positioned to have full wetlands in 2017. Hopefully all water management entities will use this bountiful water to the best advantage for our wetland dependent wildlife species.

During the previous five years of drought conditions, the NWA has become increasingly concerned about the management of water for the wetlands, particularly on the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge. As a result of these continued concerns, Board members Jim Guidici, Norman Saake and I traveled to the Regional Office of the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Sacramento on February 16, 2017 to meet with the Assistant Regional Director for the National Wildlife Refuge System in order to clearly articulate our concerns and seek some resolution for them. In particular, we would like to see a detailed water management plan for the Stillwater NWR which would result in the best possible migratory bird habitat conditions under various water availability scenarios. The Assistant Regional Director seemed to understand and appreciate our concerns and committed to working with us and other wetland interests in a collaborative manner to address these issues. We look forward to working with the USFWS to ensure the best possible management for wetland water in the future.

Last year we were very concerned about the closure of the Battlegrounds area at Stillwater (the old Fallon NWR). We expressed our concerns both verbally and in writing to the USFWS Regional Office in Sacramento, CA. In late September, we were notified by letter from the Assistant Regional Di-



rector for Refuges that the Battlegrounds area would remain OPEN during the 2016 season. However, the FWS plans to reevaluate compatibility determinations for wildlife dependent recreation soon. The NWA will participate fully in this process.

At our September 29 Board meeting, Richard Grimes, Realty Specialist for the USFWS gave us a very informative presentation concerning water rights for Lahontan Valley Wetlands as well as the proposed land withdrawal by the US Navy to expand the Naval Air Station Training complex around Fallon. Richard reported that under Public Law 101-618 Truckee-Carson-Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act, there is a mandate that sufficient water and water rights be acquired to sustain 25,000 acres of wetlands in Lahontan Valley. In 1996 the USFWS issued a final EIS and Record of Decision to implement a program to purchase up to 75,000 acre-feet of water for these wetlands. To date approximately 47,000 acre-feet of water has been purchased, 36,400 acre-feet by USFWS, 1800 acre-feet by BIA and 8900 acre-feet by the state of Nevada (NDOW) and NWA. A major point of discussion and concern is the long-term cost of paying operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for these water rights to the Truckee-Carson-Irrigation District (TCID). Concurrently the USFWS is paying TCID \$500,000 per year for O&M. How these costs will be paid in the future is an area of great concern to us, and we hope to explore ways to mitigate these costs to ensure the future of the wetlands.

In that vein, Jim Guidici and I met with Mary Conelly, Senator Reid's Nevada State Director to discuss this issue and to express our appreciation to Senator Reid for his long-term support of ensuring a future for our unique desert wetlands. Mary agreed to consider innovative ways to address the burden of O&M costs.

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How I spent my summer....banding Black Ducks along the St. Lawrence Estuary, Quebec

While driving from my 2015 Gaspé fishing destination, I had noticed a Canadian National Wildlife Area, Baie De L'Isle-Verte, similar to our federal refuges. This small 322 hectares was created in 1980 to protect intertidal cordgrass marsh, particularly important for American Black Duck.

I stopped at the vintage farmhouse, now converted to a visitor center, and met the [French speaking] banding crew preparing for their first day of trapping. I explained I'd love to help...but my flight leaves Quebec City tomorrow. So, one year later....I had returned.

Trapping methods were similar to what we use here, floating & clover-leaf wire traps baited with whole corn.

The Baie De L'Isle-Verte NWA has banded over 5,800 Black Ducks since 2008. The 2016 season managed to finish with a new low, only 444 American Black ducks, due to drought conditions.



REMEMBERING—ED “DUKE” TILZEY

by Norm Saake

On December 14, 2016, at the age of 79, The Nevada Waterfowl Association lost one of its long-time Board of Directors and one of its most ardent supporters. Over the past eight years, Ed has been the chairman of at least six the of Reno NWA spring Chapter's dinners and throughout the years has donated hundreds of hours and dollars on behalf of waterfowl in the State.

Ed was born on June 3, 1937 in Wolf Point, Montana, and grew up hunting and fishing not only for sport, but to help provide food for his family. He was a most avid sportsman who dedicated his life to his family and the conservation and responsible use of our natural resources. He was passionate about preserving wild places and wildlife throughout his life.

After graduating from the University of Montana with a degree in wildlife management, Ed earned his commission in the Army, where he reached the rank of Lt. Colonel before retiring from both the active military and Army Reserve. During his time in the Army, Ed graduated from, and was later an instructor for the Command and General Staff College. He also served as the Northern Nevada liaison officer for West Point for several years and was a Life Member as

well as a VP of the Military Officers Association of American.

After leaving active military service, Ed spent 30 plus years working in the wildlife portion for the Bureau of Land Management. Early in his career, he conceived and developed the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in Southern Idaho, which exists to this day and was regarded as one of his greatest achievements. While Ed was a firefighter for the BLM, he spent the majority of his career as an Environmental Specialist, advocating for wildlife and natural areas. In addition to his work for the BLM and after his retirement, he served on the boards of various conservation organizations including: Nevada Waterfowl Association, Lahontan Audubon Society, and the Public Lands Foundation.

Ed is survived by his loving wife Jann, who supported him through the 56 years of their marriage. Together they had four children: Dan (Dan's wife Julia) Lynne, Stacey, and Scott (Scott's wife Lisa), nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren. He is also survived by his five brothers and sisters.

On a personal note, I have known Ed Tilzey for over 25 years and over time he and his wife Jann have become two of our closest friends. Of

course my closest ties with Ed were from hunting and fishing adventures that we shared. He accompanied me on at least three goose hunting trips to Canada. Last September we went to Cold Bay, Alaska together to hunt black brant and fish for silver salmon. I was also fortunate to be able to accompany him and his close friend Terry on several pheasant hunting trips to a hunting club in the Sacramento Valley. Ed was also responsible for introducing me to salmon and halibut fishing trips in Alaska. Ed was a wonderful person to travel with on these trips, because he had such a wealth of information about the areas we traveled through and he could go on for hours talking about the history of the area and his adventures. In addition, we spent many a fond hour in duck blinds at Stillwater hunting ducks and swans. Ed loved to tell the story of one such hunt on Goose Lake. He would get a big grin and a twinkle in his eye when he would relate how he raised up and shot his swan, only to realize as it was coming down that it was going to knock me right off of my duck stool. Fortunately it missed me by inches and we both only got a good soaking.

Ed was a great and loyal friend and he will be sorely missed, not only by me but by all those who knew him.



RAISING A LADY: WHY EVERY GIRL SHOULD BIRD HUNT

by L. A. Jerrey

What does it mean to be a Lady you ask? I'd say it means having good manners, proper dress, social mores, an education, strong values and a clear sense of your inner character. Then how did bird hunting teach me all that? I'd credit 5 major lessons I learned while out hunting with my dad.

Lesson #1 – Good Manners

If there's one thing hunters hate about other hunters, it's when someone "scums" you on your spot. I quickly learned 2 lessons about being a lady here: First, the likely obvious, don't scum other hunters on their spots! Second, the less you say, the better – holding your tongue can really pay off especially when speaking with strangers. Another lesson on manners I learned, clean up after yourself when you're out enjoying Mother Nature. My dad never littered and we always picked up our empty shells.

Lesson #2 – Proper Dress

I definitely won't deny that I had some rebellious teen years (even sneaking clothes out of the house here and there to change at school) but ultimately I came to my own conclusions that more often than not, less is not more when you're a Lady and you're getting dressed. Especially when it's 20 below and you're sitting for hours on end on frigid ground, in a barely blocking the wind duck or goose blind. Plus, as a young girl and then again as a young adult I learned if you want to be taken seriously, then you must always dress the part. As a young girl with a fresh new hunting license and a shiny duck stamp, I wanted nothing more than my dad's hunting buddies to know that I didn't show up for the hot cocoa. I was out on the lake or crouching behind sage brush to shoot my own limit and to out hunt them all, and anything besides warm garb, full camo and scratchy wool

socks and beanies would have never allowed me to quite physically survive yet alone to be allowed first shot.

Lesson #3 – Nothing Worth While Ever Comes Easy

Speaking of nearly freezing to death, the next and one of the most important lessons bird hunting taught me on how to be a Lady was that anything worth having or accomplishing in life doesn't usually come easy. In fact, often times the harder it is to achieve the more glorious the victory! Any hunter will tell you that it's those nail biting, death defying, physically trying hunts that make not only the best stories but mean the most and motivate you to brave the cold, or hike, or insane shot again!

Lesson #4 – It's Okay to Fail

Another important part of being a Lady is having and showing grace. The best lesson for this is to fail at something and see how you survive. Luckily for me, I had plenty of bird hunts to fail which motivated me to go on more in order to succeed. While duck and goose hunting came easy for me, it was dove hunting that left me struggling. I was so confident on my first dove hunt, I was boasting and beaming with excitement the entire way there and then when it finally came time to shoot, I missed. Needless to say I was heartbroken. I felt like a total failure and even worse I felt like I let my dad down. I wanted to quit hunting all together. But my dad didn't let me give up; instead he let me shoot again and again, though I still missed again and again. I probably went on 15 hunts before I finally shot my first dove and in that fifteenth hunt I got two. It was probably the best lesson bird hunting and my dad ever taught me because a Lady must always show grace and perseverance and without failure, you wouldn't have the opportunity to learn either.

Lesson #5 – Social Mores

You might initially assume that a young girl hanging out in a duck blind or in a pickup truck all day with adult men (who let's be honest are on the rough and gruff side) might not provide the best examples for an impressionable youth but in reality it was quite the contrary. I learned 2 important lessons on being a Lady by hanging out with my dad and his hunting buddies. First, I learned that it's impolite to swear or spit in front of Lady. How? Every time one of my dad's friends did it, they profusely apologized and overly drove home the fact that it was impolite and rude. It was a lesson by direct learning – being told. Secondly, I learned how to entertain and provide charming social engagement with others. Sitting in the back of a truck for hours on end or hiking for miles and miles gave ample opportunity for conversation, and I learned quickly how to be a conversationalist/amateur comedian (but hey, kids are supposed to be funny right?!).

Yes, I took ballet and basically every style of dance from tap to belly and hip-hop to hula as a kid but it wasn't my prestigious dance medals and lessons that I'd credit for learning how to truly be a lady; it was my weekend, evening, and early (mind you it was disgustingly early and it was pre coffee drinking age for me!) morning bird hunts with my dad. And though I don't hunt near as much now as I'd like to, I'd not trade one second of my childhood hunting with my dad (and mom too!) because I'd credit it with 110% of the reason why I grew up to be a Lady. I now hope my own daughter will cherish and grow in those same lessons with her dad and grandpa and ultimately grow up to be a Lady.

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VIRGINIA ARTIST WINS NEVADA DUCK STAMP ART CONTEST

by Aaron Meier, Nevada Department of Wildlife

Wildlife artist Guy Crittenden has had quite a bit of success in the past two years winning state duck stamp art contests. Since 2014 he has won state duck stamp contests in Connecticut, Oklahoma, Louisiana, North Carolina, Colorado, California and Michigan twice. But despite placing in the top 10 nearly every year, he had been unable to win in Nevada. That is until this year when the Virginia based artist was named the winner of this year's Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest.

"I am very surprised and delighted," said Crittenden. "This is my first win in Nevada, and it seems to be a popular national competition among duck stamp artists, so I'm thrilled!"

The contest was sponsored by the Nevada Waterfowl Association and sanctioned by the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW).

The winning entry in the annual art contest was selected by a panel of

seven judges including two wildlife commissioners. Crittenden's painting of a Ruddy duck floating on the water will now grace Nevada's 2017-2018 State Duck Stamp.

The subject of this year's contest was the Ruddy duck. The Ruddy duck is a species that is widespread across North America. They breed mostly in the prairie pothole regions of the U.S. and Canada and winter in wetlands throughout the U.S. and Canada. They are compact and thick-necked with seemingly oversized tails that they habitually hold upright. Breeding males will have a sky-blue bill, shining white cheek patch, and gleaming chestnut body.

"The Ruddy duck is not an easy duck to paint, but the breeding plumage is beautiful," said Crittenden. "I chose to focus on the Ruddy Duck drake in his breeding colors, while adding some complimentary background elements and reflections."

The Nevada Duck Stamp sells for \$10 and is required to be purchased by any person who hunts migratory birds in Nevada. Stamps can also be purchased by collectors and the general public to support Nevada's wildlife and habitat conservation efforts. A limited number of prints may also be issued, and are available for fundraising for wildlife-related and other conservation organizations.

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WATER YEAR 2017—THE PENDULUM HAS SWUNG

by Norm Saake

After five years of drought which have left Nevada's wetlands all but completely dry, the pendulum has swung to the far side of the picture. Based upon the Nevada Water Supply Outlook Report for March 1, 2017, river flows in the Carson, Humboldt, Truckee, and Walker river drainages are at or near all-time record highs. The highest projected percentage increase is for the Carson River which is expected to deliver 600,000 acre-feet (AF) of water to Lahontan Reservoir between March first and July 31, and could flow as much as 1,000,000 AF from October 2016 to September 2017. An acre-foot is described as the amount of water needed to cover one acre of land one foot deep. Only 1983 and 1984 water years provided more water flows into Rye Patch Reservoir than are expected in 2017.

On the Carson River, the Truckee Carson Irrigation District has been spilling large volumes of water from Lahontan for the past several weeks in an attempt to lower the reservoir in preparation for the heavy runoff period from March through July. Currently, most of this spill water is going to the wetlands and to the Carson Sink. The Irrigation District has also cleaned large portions of the river channel to facilitated increased water flows. What does all this water mean for the 2017 waterfowl season? I'm sure you have heard of "too much of a good thing", well this may be the year. It is

expected that this year all wetland units at the Stillwater NWR will be full for the first time in many years. Because of where it is situated, Carson Lake/Greenhead Club is going to suffer from too much water, and some projections are that water may be 6 to 12 feet deep in the center of the area. If that is the case, there may be no hunting at all down there this year. Additionally, there will be water spread all over Lahontan Valley, some in places that have never been flooded in recent memory and this could significantly scatter birds all over the Valley.

On the Humboldt River, this year's projected river flows measured above Rye Patch Reservoir are also projected to be approximately 600,000 AF. The Irrigation District up in Lovelock Valley is already spilling water from the reservoir even though it is less than twenty-five percent full, in order to prepare the high inflows coming in the next few months. Almost all of this early water is flowing straight into the Upper and Lower lakes on the Humboldt WMA, and they are expected to be pretty much full by June. Water in the Toulon Unit will depend on whether the Department of Wildlife can get the Irrigation District in Lovelock to deliver some of this spill water through their irrigation system to the Toulon Drain which is the water delivery point for this area. There may be enough water flow-



ing down this system to actually send some water all the way to the Carson Sink.

The Walker River is also expected to flow at near record levels and all wetlands associated with its drainage system should



be full this fall. Walker Lake is projected to rise by about five feet this year and while it is good for the life of the lake, these high water years result in reduced water clarity and lower widgeon grass production, a favorite waterfowl food plant.

Above average snow pack also occurred in the Ruby Mountains of Elko County. The Franklin River in Ruby Valley is projected to flow at over 150% of average. This should fill the Franklin Lake WMA, which has been dry for over five years. While the Ruby Lake NWR receives most of its water supplies from springs on the area, it also is expected to be almost full this season.

Two aerial waterfowl surveys will be flown this spring in Ruby Valley, followed by two additional flights in September and October. In western Nevada, two additional surveys will be flown in October and November, funded by the Nevada Waterfowl Association. These surveys will provide up-to-date information not only on the size of these wetlands, but of the number of birds using them. The fall survey data will appear in the NWA website shortly after each flight.



A PLAN THAT CAME TOGETHER

by Dave Rice, NWA Business Manager

I'd guess that most of us have said it more than once. The phrase, "I love it when a plan comes together," or similar words to that effect. And it really is a good feeling when a hunt, fishing trip, vacation or a work project turns out or comes together.

Boy Scout, Justin Cathey of Fallon Troop 1776, a 16 year old Churchill Co. High School sophomore, experienced that feeling in a big way recently.

He needed to find a project so that he could excel to the pinnacle of success after seven years in scouting. He wanted to earn his Eagle Scout Badge.

One of the many requirements of earning this highest award in scouting is doing a service project under strict guidelines set by Boy Scouts of America. It had to be something that, among other things, benefits the people in the scout's community. And Justin wanted his service project to be waterfowl hunting oriented based on his duck hunting experience. Justin participated in the Wetland and Wings Youth Outdoor Program conducted by the Friends of Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge (SWNR), a nonprofit organization that twice a year takes young hunters duck hunting after they attend a special workshop on the subject. Nevada Waterfowl Association (NWA) has been a financial supporter of this and other youth hunting programs in Lahontan Valley.

Justin approached Susan Sawyer, Visitor Services Manager at SNWR, about his interest in doing a service project



Justin's work crew on the second day of work Ben Andersen (l to r) Dave Andersen, Ken Catlin, Gaylan Prince, Steven Beaver, Steve Cathey, Matthew Prince, Nathan Gatlin (front), Justin Cathey, Matthew Catlin and Daniel Andersen (laying down).

ed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She told him of a need for a hunting blind for disabled hunters that could be constructed on an existing boat dock at South Nutgrass Lake on the refuge.

The idea was to construct a camouflaged enclosure on the dock with certain safety amendments. A handicapped ramp from the parking area to the dock was already in place, as was a ramp for hunting dog access to the water and back onto the dock. Stillwater NWR constructed a low plastic pipe railing completely around the dock to insure the safety of those in wheelchairs.

The project involved construction of several black pipe panels covered with welded wire mesh. These were partially constructed at Justin's home, then moved to the construction site for installation. Justin says that it took about four months all together to fabricate the many panels that eventually were covered with bulrush and cattails used to enclose and camouflage the blind.

Early in the project, Justin contacted several Fallon businesses in an attempt to get needed pipe, nuts and bolts, bailing wire and other items needed for the project. Contributors included Big R Co., Kent's supply Co., Louie's ACE Home Center, Frontier Liquor and Sporting Goods, and the local Ducks Unlimited group. Nevada Waterfowl Association made a cash donation that Justin used to buy materials he could not get donated. In

welded wire and the use of their welding equipment. Assistant Scout Master, Pat Claire, provided a generator for onsite use.

Actual construction of the blind began on September 30, 2016. Justin assembled a crew of ten people, plus himself. It took three days to complete the project. It was completed in time for the opening of the 2016 duck hunting season.

Ron Rockstrom of Fallon was Justin's Project Mentor and also was the chief onsite welder. "He, and my dad, (Steve), and mother (Leasa) were with me every step of the way. Those three, along with my work crew, deserve a lot of credit for helping get the project completed.

Yes, indeed it is nice when a plan comes together. Just ask Eagle Scout, Justin Cathey.



(l to r) Justin's father, Steve Cathey, Matthew Prince, Justin's Project Mentor and master welder, Ron Rockstrom, and Justin Cathey work on a black pipe frame that was constructed, welded to base plates and bolted to the deck of the dock.



The USFWS constructed the original boat dock that was transformed into a duck hunting blind for the disabled at South Nutgrass Lake.

ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

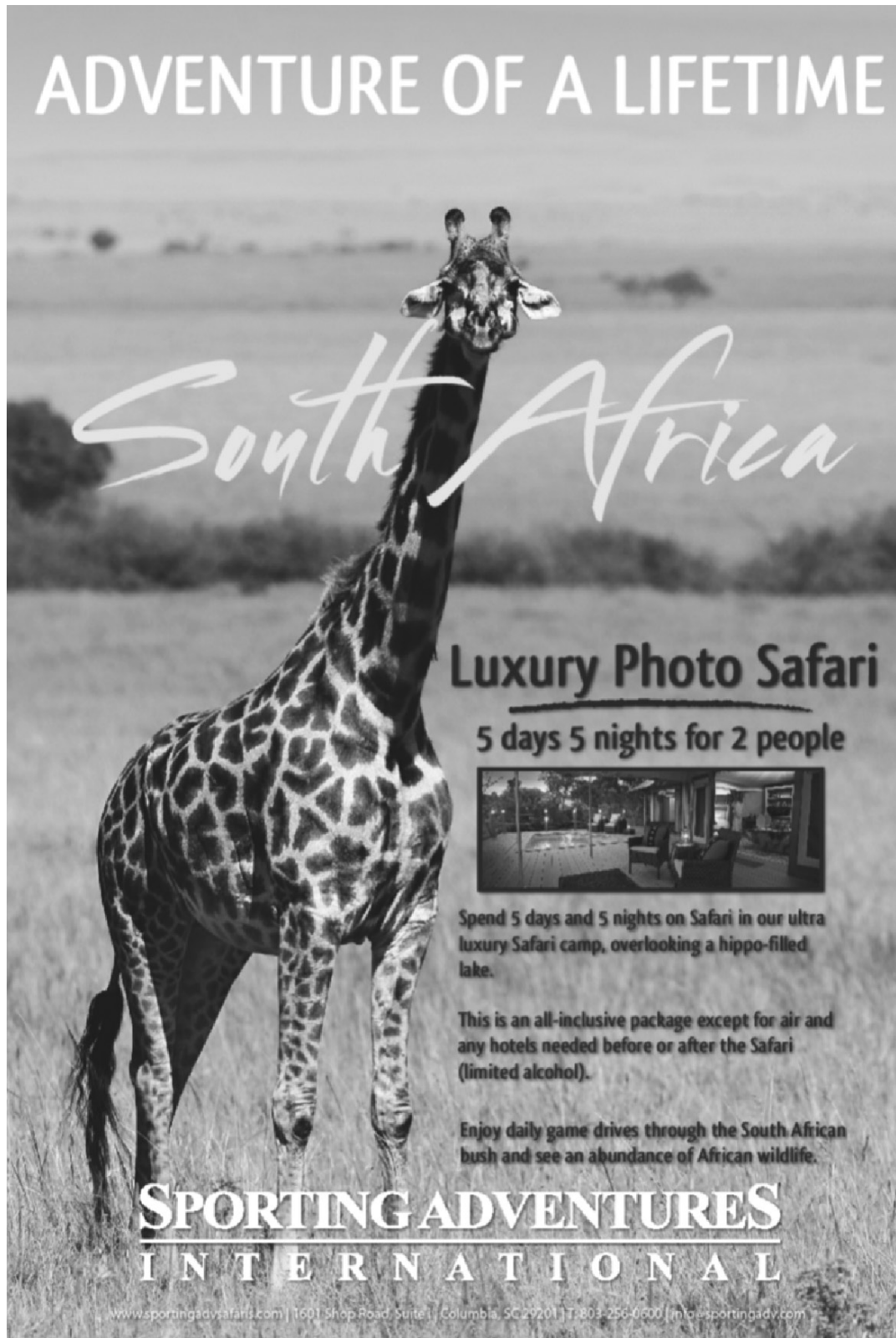
by Dave Rice

Something new being offered to those attending the April 22, 2017, Nevada Waterfowl Association's ANNUAL FUND-RAISING DINNER at the Atlantis Casino Resort. Just a couple weeks ago, Sporting Adventures International (SAI) began offering a Luxury Photo Safari that will be auctioned the night of the event. This safari includes 5 days and 5 nights (Sunday check-in and Friday check-out) at their luxury safari camp, for two people. Bids will open at approximately \$2,500.

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In early September, Board members Norm Saake, Daryl Harwell, Dan Shoupe and I joined representatives of Ducks Unlimited-Regional Office and NDOW state office Habitat Division representatives for a tour of the Fernley Wildlife Management Area. NWA Vice-president, Harwell, organized this tour. At one time the Fernley WMA was a very productive wetland, but since operational efficiency requirements for the Newlands Project resulted in a substantial reduction in water delivery to the Swingle Bend Farms near Fernley, water for the wetlands from return agricultural flows were eliminated. Currently the area is receiving limited flows of secondary treated effluent water from the Fernley Sewage Treatment Facility. All tour participants agreed that a project to enhance effluent water delivery to these former wetlands had great potential. We discussed the need to get assurances from the City of Fernley that the wetlands could continue to receive these effluent flows over the long term. It was agreed that NDOW should take the lead in initiating talks with the appropriate entities in Fernley. The NWA Board agreed to help in this effort in any way necessary. Hopefully a future project at this area will become a

part of NWA efforts to restore western Nevada wetlands.

As many of you are aware, the US Navy at Naval Air Station, Fallon has proposed a 65,000-acre land withdrawal around the existing Fallon Range Training Complex. This proposal has considerable major concerns for impacts to wildlife and for public access. The most significant impact appears to be to wildlife other than waterfowl (i.e. bighorn sheep, deer, antelope, sage grouse, chukar) but there is proposed substantial expansion in the Carson Sink area where the training range boundary would about the Stillwater NWR north boundary. Members of environmental and wildlife groups are preparing comments on the proposal. The NWA has supported the comment letter prepared by the Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife on this proposal.

In addition to the expenditure for Norm's waterfowl flight, the Board has also approved the following financial contributions: We provided \$150.00 to Justin Cathey for an Eagle Scout project for construction of a handicapped accessible waterfowl blind at Stillwater NWR. We provided volunteer Libby Mott, with \$700.00 to support the Youth Waterfowl Hunt at the Greenhead Club. We authorized the expenditure of \$1,500 for spraying cattails at Carson Lake, and we have authorized

\$6,000 for continuation and finalization the Wood Duck Project. We also contributed \$200.00 to Christy Smith, coordinator of the Nevada Junior Duck Stamp program for help in sponsoring the program this year.

On December 14, 2016, long time NWA Board member, Ed Tilzey, passed away at this home from a heart attack. We are all deeply saddened by the loss of this fine man who made substantial contributions not only to NWA but to all of Nevada's wildlife resources. Ed worked for many years as a wildlife biologist for the Bureau of Land Management where he made significant contributions to the conservation and enhancement of Nevada's wildlife habitat. For the past several years Ed served as Chairman of the Reno Chapter Dinner Committee for the Nevada Waterfowl Association. Under his dedicated leadership the NWA has enjoyed several successful fund raising dinners. All of us on the Board will miss Ed and especially will miss his many great stories of his hunting and fishing exploits.

Please make your calendars for our upcoming fund raiser which will be held April 22 at the Atlantis Hotel. I look forward to seeing you all there.

William A. Molini, President

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