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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 2, 2015

MWHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

at 2404 E. Broadway, Alton at 6:15 pm

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

MWHI GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AREA PROJECTS MEETING

at Alton-Wood River Sportsmen Club
in Godfrey, IL at 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 28, 2015

Jersey County Ducks Unlimited Waterfowl Hunters Party & Gun Bash

at the Jerseyville American Legion Hall

Contact Denny Ward for more info or tickets at: 618-498-9855

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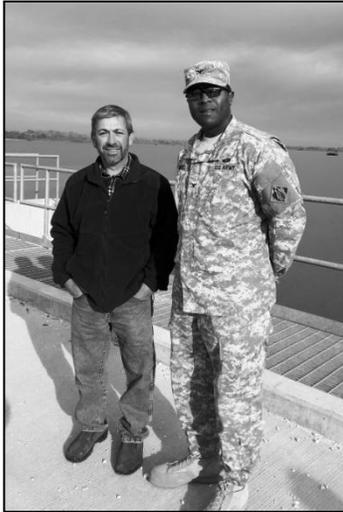
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MWHI meets U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Colonel Anthony Mitchell



On October 23, 2014, Colonel Anthony Mitchell , U. S. Corps of Engineers St. Louis District toured the UMRR projects in our areas per helicopter. He met with MWHI, IDNR and USFWS representatives at the Batchtown project.

Top left: Colonel Mitchell with MWHI President John Gineris.

Top right: UMRR Area

Left: Charlie Deutsch, COE Supervisory Wildlife Biologist at West Alton, Ken Dalrymple, USFWS Biologist at Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge, Colonel Anthony Mitchell, Kim Postlewait, IDNR MRA Site Superintendent, Greg Bertoglio, COE Engineering Coordinator and John Gineris. Present but not pictured, Brian Markert COE Program Manager for UMRR and Brian Johnson, COE Chief of Environmental Compliance Office.

MWHI 2015 AREA PROJECTS MEETING at the MWHI General Membership Meeting

**7:00 pm on February 18, 2015
Alton-Wood River Sportsmen Club**

Area chairmen will be selected for the upcoming season for each specific area. We urge you to attend and voice your suggestions / concerns / needs you have for the area you hunt in.

The areas are: Calhoun Point, Glades, Batchtown, Red's Landing, Rip Rap, Diamond , Fuller, Stump Lake, and River Blinds.

If you have additional questions, please contact MWHI Area Projects Chairman Bo Adcock at: 618-535-6585

MISSISSIPPI RIVER AREA
2014 WATERFOWL SEASON REPORT (Excerpts)
 Submitted by Kim Postlewait, IDNR MRA Site Superintendent

SEASON SUMMARY

It's the weather, as always the major determining factor of what we can accomplish. Duck numbers were predicted to be the highest ever, as many of our hunters see as a bad omen. The wet summer resulted in not being able to accomplish any management.

We did plant the refuges at Godar river field and Crull Impoundment, twice as a matter of fact. The second planting did yield some duck feed but as we were the only game in town the early ducks pretty well cleaned it out. The only benefit we had was we were able to hold water on most of the areas and spent very little on pumping. We went into the season with very little waterfowl food.

Near normal temperatures brought the ducks down early in enough numbers that kept the harvest at good numbers, but the massive freeze after Veteran's days moved most of the ducks to the Gulf Coast. The last half of the season left most hunters looking at empty skies. While quite a few ducks were on the federal refuges and in Missouri, they had little cause to come to our lakes.

The Glades finished just a couple hundred ducks below their tenth best year, and Calhoun Point ended up with their eight best year a trend that solidifies my feeling that little or no feed on the refuges is actually better for those two areas as the ducks fly out over them to get to food in the St. Charles bottom and the Nutwood bottoms.

Our only solution is to try again next year and hope the weather cooperates.

HARVEST INFORMATION FOR THE COMBINED CHECK STATION AREAS

The opening day harvest was 829 birds, which represented 6 % of the total season harvest.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER AREA COMBINED CHECK STATION AREAS				
	2012	2013	2014	1966-2014 AVE.
HOURS	98,533	78394	83,608	86,090
DUCKS	22,260	18,409	14,847	14,658
HUNTERS	17,491	12906	15,162	14,973
D/H RATIO	1.17	1.43	1.0	.97
Hrs/DUCK	4.43	4.26	5.64	6.04

See upcoming Sentry for additional information.



ISRA Thursday Bulletin - December 18

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Australia is the darling of the gun control crowd because, except for a few sport shooting activities, guns are banned. Self-defense is unheard of for the most part. We can all see how well that worked out with the café shooting earlier this week. This is another case of how "Gun Free Zones" kill innocent people.

On the national scene, the Senate has approved the very anti-gun Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy. Most of his career has been focused on gun control. We will now see the office of the Surgeon General push the anti-gun agenda. The Surgeon General can direct a lot of government agencies and their funds to shove the gun control agenda down our throats. The only Republican vote was Senator Mark Kirk of Illinois.

The United Nations Arms Trade Treaty (UNATT) takes effect on Christmas Day (Merry Christmas gun owners), but I don't think it has much chance of passing the Senate. The problem is some U.S. government agencies will treat the UNATT as if it has passed the United States Senate.

If you haven't visited the ISRA website lately you should. The website is changing (for the better) with daily updates. The ISRA Academy has 24 classes listed so far. Please check it out.

I have to compliment the Illinois State Police (ISP) on a great job reissuing an ICCL because of an address change; one of our members made the change on Thursday, December 11, 2014, and his new card was in the Monday morning mail. Give credit where credit is due!

Richard Pearson ISRA Executive Director

When you are fed up with the troublesome present, take your gun, whistle for your dog, and go out to the mountain.

-Ernest Hemingway

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DUCKS UNLIMITED UPDATE

by Denny Ward, D.U. District Chairman

In the October issue of the Sentry, I talked about the history of the Migratory Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and some of the problems that we have faced the last few years. I also stated that we, as a club, need to step up and make our fall banquet a success. With the right people in place, and help from the board members, I truly believe that will happen. I plan on attending some board meetings in 2015 to help get the ball rolling and moving us in the right direction.

I have been a DU volunteer for forty years now, and a district chairman for six. For the first thirty-four, I worked hard and focused on making our local events as successful as possible. Since becoming a district chairman, I have been much more involved with DU on the organizational level, and very involved overseeing several other chapters in the Southern Region of our state. I have always had a tremendous amount of respect for DU as an organization, and I will get into that a little more later. But after working as a district chairman for the last few years, I've gained a new-found respect for all the individuals, both paid, and volunteers, that make up this great conservation group. I was at a DU state convention meeting in my first year as a district chairman and found myself seated next to the Illinois State DU Chairman, Bill Westbrook. Bill lived in Taylorville, so I asked him if he hunted Shelbyville or Clinton and he said, "No, actually I don't hunt". I thought he was kidding me, but he wasn't. Bill, not only, didn't hunt waterfowl, he didn't hunt anything. He told me the only gun that he owned was a pistol that he kept in their house for protection. When I asked him about his involvement with DU, he told me that he loved watching ducks and geese, and occasionally photographing them. He told me that he loved DU and loved working with all the great friends that he had made within the organization. So, here's a guy that doesn't even duck hunt, but spends countless hours, spends tons of his own money, and drives thousands of miles every year working for the same resource that we all love so much. That really opened my eyes to the diversity and the dedication of people that make up Ducks Unlimited.

That brings us back to my total respect for DU as an organization. When talking to different club members about the widening gap between Migratory and Ducks Unlimited, I got a feeling that somewhere along the line, club officers and/or members felt that Ducks Unlimited should be spending money in our hunting areas. That has never happened and realistically never will. Can anyone imagine the backlash that would occur if DU spent money in one hunting area and none of the others. That would be a public relations disaster, and, honestly, anyone should be able to understand that. Early on as a volunteer, I was taught that DU had a motto, "Singleness of Purpose". That motto, or their goal, was to provide, and preserve nesting habitat for our continents waterfowl, and provide sanctuary on their migration south, and their return north to the breeding grounds. PERIOD. DU has never strayed from that motto, and hopefully, they never will. Being the world leader in waterfowl conservation, DU has members, donors, and benefactors from every walk of life, every kind of business, hunters and non-hunters alike. In case you haven't noticed, DU never gets involved in politics, religion, arguments, or controversies of any kind. It simply has to diverse a membership and support structure to risk offending anyone. As close as they get to political action is asking the membership to support the Farm Bill if it helps our cause, and this last Farm Bill did help our cause greatly. An organization like DU, that never strays from its goal, and never prostitutes itself for political gain, deserves our utmost respect.

I try to surround myself with positive people who like to give back to the things that they enjoy, so I personally have never heard this next statement, but I know many who have. "What's DU ever done for me?" This is the same guy that's not a member of Migratory nor the NRA, and probably expects someone else to build his blind for him, and pay for it. Well, thanks to MWHI and their negotiations with the State of Illinois in building our state duck stamp program way back when, 50% of that guys state duck stamp money is going to DU, with the other 50% being earmarked for waterfowl projects around the state. What a great achievement by MWHI with regard to the state duck stamp program, and making the "takers" pay. Yes, our sport, like most others, has "givers" and "takers". Since you're reading the Sentry, pat yourself on the back because, as a member of Migratory, and hopefully DU, you are a "giver". We all know a few "takers". In fact, we may hunt with them or are even be related to them. I look at it this way, maybe someday they'll wake up and join us and find out how good it feels to give back to the sport, and the resource that we all love so much. So to the guy that asks, "What's DU ever done for me?", when duck season gets here young man, look skyward and you'll see what DU has done for you, and for everyone else.

Thanks and remember, Migratory and DU can always use some good volunteers. Call me with any questions, problems, or ideas. Ph. 618 498-9855 or 618 973-6905.



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ISRA Thursday Bulletin - January 15

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The newly elected Representatives, Senators, and Constitutional Officers have been inaugurated and Illinois State Government is underway for the next two years. The 98th General Assembly is over and the 99th General Assembly will be in session. Pending bills which have been proposed in the 98th General Assembly are dead. I am sure we will see new bills proposed that are similar to the old bills but they will be renumbered and most likely changed in some respect. We will see action beginning the last week of January.

We have added a new class to the ISRA Academy which is very exciting. This class is an Emergency Medical Response Course for Range Safety Officers and Instructors. It will count for continuing education for NRA and EMT certification. The first class is scheduled for March 15th at our new Range Clubhouse. Watch the ISRA calendar for updates.

Like you, I have been watching the recent attacks in France. It seems incredible to me that our Political Leader can't see that this is a war on western civilization. What has taken place in France coincides with what I have been talking about in the previous Thursday Bulletins and elsewhere.

1. This is a jihadist war on western civilization that will be fought here. Here is wherever you are - France, Australia, Canada, Russia, and the United States, or wherever you are in the world. This war will be fought among us. We will be involved in it and so will your loved ones. It is not our choice; it is the jihadist's choice and we can't avoid it.
2. We need to be prepared to defend ourselves and our loved ones. No one will arrive in time to save us.
3. I am constantly urging you to get training; now I find that to be more important than ever. The Muslim Jihadists in France were certainly trained. I am sure other attacks were perpetrated by jihadists with training. The jihadists already have the advantage of surprise. We should get some level of training to give ourselves a better chance of survival.
4. It is obvious the jihadists are ready to both kill and die. They have no intention of coming out alive and want to take as many other people with them as they can. Governments who treat these attacks as a crime problem get us all in trouble. This is a war.

The French are poster children for the lack of preparedness. Private gun ownership is different in France. There is a small group of hunters who are even having trouble keeping their guns. The French and the rest of the world need to forget their gun prohibitionist views and allow their citizens to defend themselves. In the meantime, let's make every effort to see that our Second Amendment rights are secure.

Thanks for being a member. Richard Pearson, ISRA Executive Director

MWHI Seeking Scholarship Applicants

The mission of the MWHI is to encourage protection and restoration of waters, wildlife, forest and field; to work toward the elimination of pollution in all forms; to discourage unwise drainage of wetlands; to seek wise land and water use for migratory waterfowl hunting; to nurture and improve wildlife stocks; to restore and rehabilitate wildlife environment; to aid youths and adults, through conservation education, to recognize resource conservation as vital to the perpetuation of the sport of migratory waterfowl hunting.

Application Window: December 1, 2014 to March 10, 2015

For an application or for more information, please contact MWHI President John Gineris at 618-708-8117 or email Rosi Franke at rgfranke@frontiernet.net



Farewell message from the IDNR Director Marc Miller

“The only constant is change.”

That quote paraphrased from an ancient Greek Philosopher is true in nature – and in government.

As my time as director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director winds down, I want to pay tribute to the agency staff that has accomplished so much during exceedingly challenging times.

Our Illinois State Parks staff weathered drastic funding and staffing cuts but did an incredible job keeping our park system going while we worked with the Illinois General Assembly to secure sustainable funding that now brings in an additional \$20 million per year for maintenance and personnel.

Our legislative staff worked on this and a numbers of other issues, including protecting hunting and fishing license fees from being “swept” and used to pay the state’s bills.

We listened to waterfowl hunters who sought a fourth waterfowl zone and to perch anglers eager for a return to the traditional summer fishing season.

As an agency, we brought back Conservation Congress, opened shuttered state parks, secured funding for a Coastal Management Program, finished the job of cleaning up Waukegan Harbor, and battled Asian carp. Our engineers are removing dangerous dams and are working to alleviate urban flooding issues. Many staff members throughout the agency worked to educate the public, teachers and students about the wonders of our natural world in our museums, state parks, and through education and outreach programs.

Our IDNR staff in Chicago has worked tirelessly to develop partnerships that will improve the quality of life, provide economic development and new recreational opportunities to the Lake Calumet area, known as Millennium Reserve.

Most importantly, we have added nearly 10,000 acres of recreational land to our inventory. In the past few weeks, our realty and environmental planning staff finished dotting the “i’s” and crossing the “t’s” on the acquisition of “Site W”/Burning Star Mine #5.

The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission also placed permanent protection on over 18,000 acres of high quality habitat by designating 35 new nature preserves and 25 land and water reserves.

In addition, our staff has secured the funding to create and expand the Illinois Recreational Access Program – securing 13,000 additional acres for hunting, fishing and more.

There are a number of additional accomplishments that could be named, and I am very proud of the all work we have done together on the mission of this agency. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the agency and to public service.

All of the hard work in these challenging times has been worthwhile to me, and more so knowing that I will be leaving this agency better off than when I arrived nearly six years ago. We did that work together, swimming upstream faster than the current, and I am grateful to you.

I wish you all the best, and I am, always...

Yours in conservation, Marc

Horseshoe Lake SP (Madison County)
2014 Regular Duck Season Harvest Report
Jim S. Gowen, IDNR Site Superintendent, Horseshoe Lake S.P.

I wanted to give a quick shout-out to Mr. Postlewait for his continued help if and when I had questions if ref to duck blind Ad Rules and such. I've hunted here for 32 years and worked here for 17 but there is always a "what if" type scenario that arises that I'm not sure how to handle or interpret and your knowledge & experience has been a help. I appreciate it.

To Mr. Boyles and Mr. Swearingin, I appreciate the help with all other questions and issues I have/had in trying to make the site just a bit better, particularly with our waterfowl program. Of course budgets, Mother Nature, staffing issues etc play a big part but without your help, I couldn't do what it is I do here.

And to Mr. Smith, thanks for the continued assistance and emails, particularly those asking my opinions on waterfowl related issues. I'd like to think my "two cents" worth can possibly benefit not only the ducks but the Il. hunters as well. I hope that your first full year as the State waterfowl biologist hasn't left you with too many grey hairs and sleepless night as I know how duck hunters can be.

Our 200 acre moist soil area was dewatered by mid-July and provided ample feed and habitat. The 6 or so species of "veggies" we had growing there survived thru the first 35 days or so of the season and held a lot of birds. When water levels and ice destroyed what was above the water surface mid way thru the season, the lack of ducks using and roosting in the WMA was noticeable.

After the first 35 days or so, I believe a number of ducks had passed us by and the season all but came to an end. But, those first 30 days were pretty darn good.

The following numbers do NOT include the results of the two day youth hunt or 16 day teal season.

Last year, with the youth hunt, the site took 3,593 ducks. This year, 3,628. Anything more than 3k in a 60 day season is great.

The mallard harvest was down approx. 200 ducks from last year, shovelers down approx. 200 but the blue & green winged teal were each up about 200. All other species seemed to remain about the same / average or just enough increases to pass last year's total harvest.

For the Il. Central Zone 60 day season of Oct 25 - Dec 23rd, we had:

Hunters - 3,111

Hours hunted (hrs that a blind was occupied by at least 1 hunter...not "man hrs") - 5,888

Days hunted (by at least 1 of our 29 blinds) - 60

Coots - 67

Crippled/lost birds reported - 142

Geese - 71

mallard drakes - 371

mallard hens - 223 (total mallards - 594)

Total duck harvest - 3,439

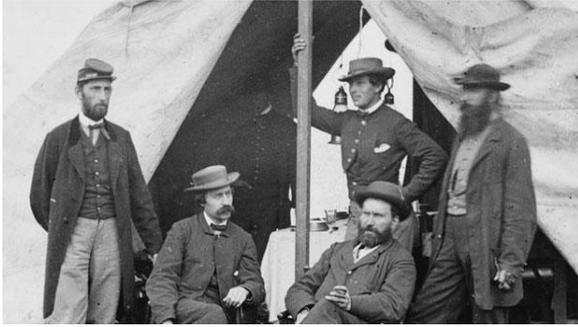
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Illinois Firearm Deer Hunters Harvest Preliminary Total of 76,547 Deer
During Seven-Day Season

IDNR News Release, December 9, 2014

Deer Harvest up Slightly Over 2013

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Illinois deer hunters harvested a preliminary total of 76,547 deer during the seven-day traditional firearm deer hunting season that closed Sunday, Dec. 7. That figure compares to 74,318 deer harvested during the 2013 firearm season. Preliminary figures for the second segment of the firearm season totaled 24,717, up 34 percent from 18,483 in 2013. Overall, the total represented a slight increase from 2013, with a preliminary first segment harvest of 51,830, compared with 55,708 deer harvested during the first weekend of the 2013 Firearm Season.



Kate Warne: The First Female Private Eye

By Linda Hoff (RSS) Sporting Classics, December 22, 2014

1856

In the outer office of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, Kate Warne tapped her foot impatiently, her eyes glued to the closed door on which were the words "ALLAN PINKERTON." The door opened.

"Mr. Pinkerton will see you now," said the young man. Kate took a deep, calming breath and walked in. Allan Pinkerton stood as Kate approached and offered her hand. "I'm afraid you've had a wasted journey, Mrs. Warne," he said with a smile. "I'm not in need of any secretarial help."

Kate's eyes flashed for just a moment before she smiled serenely and reached into her handbag for a folded newspaper clipping. She opened it slowly and smoothed the creases, revealing a Pinkerton Agency ad. "I'm here to see about this job," she told him. "It says you need a new agent."

Pinkerton couldn't quite hide his astonishment—or his amusement. "It's not my custom to employ female detectives," he replied with a chuckle.

Kate merely arched a brow. "Then it's time you did," she said. "As a woman, I can worm out secrets in ways and places that a male detective can't. For instance, I can befriend the wives or girlfriends of suspected criminals. I can gain their confidence in a way that a man could not."

"Yes, I can see that," said Pinkerton, "but I ..."

Once again, Kate bulldozed ahead. "In addition to which," she said, "we women have an eye for detail and we're excellent observers."

Pinkerton stroked his beard thoughtfully. She was intelligent, he thought, and right. A woman detective could be extremely useful. "Tell you what," he said, "let me talk it over with my brother, and I'll give you an answer tomorrow."

In fact, Pinkerton's brother Robert argued against the idea. "It's a mistake," he exclaimed angrily. Kate, however, had impressed Pinkerton, and he offered her the job.

When Kate Warne accepted Pinkerton's offer, she became America's first female private detective—and a very good one, at that. Handy with both disguises and accents, she could pose as a woman or a young male—anything from a Union soldier to a Southern belle, from a lady of wealth to someone born to poverty. At one time, Kate had been an aspiring actress. As a private detective, she made good use of her dramatic abilities.

Perhaps Kate's most famous case involved an assassination plot against President-elect Abraham Lincoln. While investigating another case in Maryland, Pinkerton became convinced there was an assassination plot in the works.

So it was that on February 3, 1861, Kate and four other Pinkerton agents were sent to Baltimore, Md., to look into what was going on. This time, Kate would adopt a thick Southern accent and pose as a wealthy Southern lady visiting from Baltimore. As such, she attended lots of parties, flirting with the men in order to learn important details about the plot. She learned that the attempt on Lincoln's life would be made on February 23 as his train arrived in Baltimore from Harrisonburg, Pa., on the final leg of the train trip to Washington, D.C., where Lincoln was to be sworn in as president.

Over the next several days Pinkerton would devise a plan to foil the plot. During that time Kate delivered secret messages and bought train tickets under an assumed name for Lincoln—whom she referred to as her "invalid brother"—his bodyguard, Pinkerton and herself. Meanwhile, Pinkerton met with Lincoln to discuss the details.

On the evening of February 22, after Lincoln had delivered his speeches in Harrisonburg, his private secretary called him away from a dinner party. Around the same time, Pinkerton shut down the telegraph lines to Baltimore so that the plotters would be unaware of Lincoln's change of schedule.

A short time later, the president-elect and his armed bodyguard joined Kate and Pinkerton, who were also armed, at the train station. Lincoln was wearing a traveling suit and a felt cap, and he carried a shawl over one arm. As the foursome boarded the train through the rear of the sleeping car, Lincoln assumed a stooped posture, which masked his 6-foot-4-inch height. Kate, in turn, appeared to be supporting him with her arm. Indeed, the disguised Lincoln looked very much the weak invalid.

With firearms at the ready, Kate took the seat next to Lincoln, and Pinkerton and the bodyguard stationed themselves at either end of the car. There would be no sleep that night.

The train pulled out of the station at 11:00 p.m., arriving in Baltimore at 3:30 on the morning of February 23. From there, Lincoln's sleeping car was shifted to another train and continued on to Washington without further event. The plotters had been foiled, and Lincoln was sworn into office as the sixteenth president of the United States.

Seven years later—in 1868—Kate Pinkerton contracted pneumonia and died at just 35 years of age, but not before she'd made significant contributions as this nation's first female private detective. She is buried at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago, Ill., in the Pinkerton Family Plot.

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October 2015 Gun	-	Beretta A300 3 1/2"
November 2015 Gun	-	Remington
December 2015 Gun	-	Glock 42 .380 auto
January 2016 Gun	-	Savage Axis 22 - 250 w/scope
February 2016 Gun	-	FNH 9mm
March 2016 Gun	-	Winchester sX3

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