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FROM OUR PRES

July notes from the president.

Greetings To All

Happy belated 4th of July to all. I hope everyone had a safe, fun holiday with plenty of BBQ.

Anyone who duck hunts in Illinois and wants to help the "Clarksville Pool / Pharrs Island Gang" get a Illinois blind on the Mississippi River, the draw is July 16 in Pittsfield, Ill. Registration starts at 10 am, draw time is 12 noon. To participate in the draw, all applicants must have a 2016 -2017 Illinois license, 2016-2017 Ill Migratory Waterfowl Stamp and a valid photo ID. There will be 2 locations for folks who wish to carpool: Troy Mo. Commuter Lot and Mid Rivers Commuter Lot. The Caravan will leave at 8 am. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite beverage.

If you are interested in Dove Hunting @ Columbia Bottoms this September, download the application from MDC website. Applications must be submitted to Columbia Bottoms no later than July 31. As always successful applicants will receive a "Congratulations letter" in early August. Maybe we should have Rob Mueller give us a Columbia Bottoms crop report, (if there are any), at the next meeting. Here is the link to the application:

<https://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/columbia-bottom-ca>

Just a reminder that the MDC Team from Jackson, Mo. will be at this month's meeting serving up another great fish dinner. Cole slaw and potato salad will be the sides. The crew will start serving around 7 pm or sooner, so plan on arriving early.

Sportsman's Night Out is only a couple of months away and getting closer every week.

The board recommended that club members bring a bottle of their favorite "adult beverage" to the next 2 meetings and the collection be used as a gift item. Some lucky winner will be able to stock their liquor cabinet that may last a life time.

THE JULY MEETING STARTS AT 6:30, ONE HOUR EARLY.

Thanks for reading & see you at the next meeting.

Ray Boschert
President MVDHA

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Sell Those Tickets!!

UNCLE WALLY

As Ray stated, Wally passed away Saturday 20 May at his home surrounded by friends and family, he was 72 years old. His obit is as follows:

Walter Joseph Clever, age 72, of Lemay, passed away at home on May 20, 2017. He is the husband of Catherine Clever who preceded him in death. Walter was born in St. Louis April 28, 1945, a son of Clifford and Clara Lillian Clever, nee Grosse. He leaves to mourn his passing his sons Craig (Sarah) and Ken (Mindy) Clever; grandchildren Rachael Clever and Clifford and Gavin Barchus; siblings Evelyn (the late Ralph) Westerhold, Clifford (Pat) Clever, Donald (Sheral) Clever, Lillian Flinkstrom, Harry (Sandy) Smith, Barb (Jesse) Ochoa, Paula (Declan) O'Neil and Betty (Allen) Link. Walter was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing. He was a member of Anglers of Missouri and the Mississippi Valley Duck Hunters.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 pm on Thursday, May 25, at Hoffmeister South County Chapel, 1515 Lemay Ferry Rd, St. Louis, Mo. 63125. Interment will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation is at the funeral home from 4-8 pm Wednesday May 24 and from 12:30 pm until the time of service on Thursday May 25. Memorial Donations are suggested to the Anglers of Missouri, PO Box 39471, St. Louis, Mo. 63139 -8471.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Hello my friends, we plan to pull the winning "white" raffle ticket winners at our August meeting, even though the ticket says May, this gives you some more time to get them in. So if you have not sent in your white raffle ticket stubs and money "PLEASE" do so as soon as possible. Either bring them to our August 9th meeting with your check or mon-

ey that night "OR" you can mail them to:

Mississippi Valley Duck Hunters Assn. INC.

P.O. Box 6

Valley Park MO.

63088

No later than August 2nd 2017.

50 stubs and a check mailed in an envelope with 2 forever stamps will be fine. For an additional 50 stubs (100) total 3 forever stamps pass the Post Office delivery also.

Remember, for selling \$50.00 worth of tickets you will receive "Free Membership" AND a FREE ticket for yourself to attend our Sportsman Night Out Party on September 21, 2017.

By buying \$50.00 worth of tickets for yourself you also have the chance of winning 1st Prize \$500.00 Visa Gift Card, 2nd Prize \$100.00 Visa Gift Card and 3rd Prize of \$50.00 Visa Gift Card. So PLEASE get your tickets in for the drawing.

DO NOT WAIT TO GET YOUR WHITE TICKETS!!!!!!!

JULY MEETING

Here is YOUR chance to help out YOUR MVDHA for the Hunter Night Out!

At the July regular meeting we are encouraging each member to bring a bottle of wine or liquor as a donation to our Sportsman Night Out on Sept 21. We plan to use the donations to set up a raffle bucket prize for that night. Come and donate!!!! Thanks!!

Bill Hilgeman

HUNTERS NIGHT OUT

YOUR MVDHA is planning on a Hunters Night Out, so save the date!!!

MVDHA BOARD

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September 21st at the VFW Post 2593 in Arnold.

The address is:

VFW 2593

2301 Church RD

Arnold MO

63010

Directions to this will be updated later. This is a wonderful new facility that is centrally located for us to all enjoy!

The time is going to be from 6 PM till 10 PM.

There will be several wonderful raffles going on for the tickets you will purchase. Current price for the tickets will be 1 Yard of Tickets plus 4 (24 Tickets) for \$20.00

\$25 at the door to get in \$10 for Wives. Early bird tickets will be \$20. Early bird tickets will NOT be sold after September 1st 2017.

We will have a \$100 package which will include \$150 worth of tickets, and 1 ticket for a chance at a 12 Gauge Stoeger Shotgun.

We will be having a card draw for the Taurus 38 Special revolver.

No one under the age of 18 years of age allowed.

Meal and drink menu will be forth coming in future newsletters, but right now we will be having Brats, Hotdogs, Chili, burgers and chips. For drinks we will have a limit amount of beer and soda for your enjoyment.

More info to come on this as plans get firmed up, but if you have any GREAT gifts of value from \$25 to \$100 to donate for the raffles or a NEW gun to donate or sell to the club for a reasonable amount contact Jerry or ANY board member.

This is going to be one of our big money maker events for YOUR

MVDHA and we need all the help you can provide.

POOL 24

Bernie Urbas mentioned at the recent members meeting that the Blind draw for pool 24 on the Mississippi River will be July 16 in Pittsfield, IL.

MARVIN BEHNKE

Marvin has been under the weather recently and he has always been a stalwart member never missing a meeting, one to be counted on. Give him a call, I am sure it will cheer him up!

GOOSE BANDING

The 7th (?) annual goose banding at Six flags over Mid America will be held on Tuesday, June 20th. We invite all DU Greenwings and their parents to meet at 6:30 AM at the west employee entrance where we will join MDC personnel in the "herding of the geese." (It's much more fun than the "running of the bulls.") As usual, it is advisable to wear boots (due to dew) and older clothes (when geese get excited, they sometimes poop.) We will once again be handing out the rosette "Green Badge of Courage" to those participants so deserving. In case of inclement weather, Wednesday, June 21st will be the alternate date. Please call (636/405-1033) or email Tom McCrackin (tomccrackiniii@gmail.com) with your phone number and the names and ages of your kids. Space is getting limited as the event grows every year, so the sooner you register them the better.

FOR SALE

Polar Kraft 1654 John Boat
\$1,000.00 no trades.

70 inch beam, with trailer good tires. Wired for lights and head lights, has hook-up for trolling motor. Carpeted and storage box, camo colored. Contact Jerry Mercurio at (314) 603-6548

MO MUDDY KIDS

We pulled the winning ticket for the MO Muddy Kid's gun safe at the last member's meeting and the winner was none other than our guest speaker Andy Raedeke of the MDC. Congratulations Andy!

50/50 RAFFLE

The 50/50 draw will happen at this coming members meeting!!!! Ticket sales are still going slow!!!!

The 50/50 raffle will be drawn during our July Members meeting after the Fish Fry. My understanding is that the tickets sales are going slow for the 50/50 raffle, so this is a GREAT chance for you to cash in on this great event, less ticket sales the greater are your odds!! So get some!

SEASONS

MDC sets migratory game bird and waterfowl hunting seasons

New hunting-zone boundaries approved in 2016 will be implemented beginning this year.

2017 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING

2017-2018 WATERFOWL HUNTING

Duck-season dates for 2017-2018 provide additional late-season hunting opportunities.

Teal

Season: Sept. 9-24

Limits: 6 daily and 18 in session

Hours: Sunrise to sunset

Ducks

Season:

North Zone: Nov. 4 through Jan. 2, 2018

Middle Zone: Nov. 4 through 10 and Nov. 16 through Jan. 7, 2018

South Zone: Nov. 23 through 26 and Dec. 4 through Jan. 28, 2018

Bag Limit: 6 ducks daily with species restrictions of:

- 4 mallards (no more than 2 females)
- 3 scaup
- wood ducks
- 2 redheads
- 2 hooded mergansers
- 1 pintail (new limit)
- 2 canvasbacks
- 2 black ducks (new limit)
- 1 mottled duck

Possession Limit: Three times the daily bag or 18 total, varies by species

Snow, Blue, and Ross's Geese

Season: Nov. 11 through Feb. 6, 2018

Limits: 20 blue, snow, or

Ross's geese daily with no possession limit

White-Fronted Geese

Season: Nov. 11 through Feb. 6, 2018

Limits: 2 daily and 6 in possession

Canada Geese and Brant

Season: Oct. 7-15 and Nov. 11 – Feb. 6, 2018

Limits: 3 Canada geese and brant in aggregate daily, 9 in possession

Light Goose Conservation Order

Season: Feb. 7, 2018, through April 30, 2018

Limits: No daily or possession limits

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset

Requirements: Persons must possess a Conservation Order permit to participate in the Conservation Order. An exception to the above permit requirement includes any person 15 years of age or younger



provided either she or he is in the immediate presence of a properly permitted adult hunter 18 years of age or older with hunter-education certification or who is exempt.

Methods: For the taking of blue, snow and Ross's geese, hunters may use shotguns capable of holding more than three shells and recorded or electronically amplified bird calls or sounds or imitations of bird calls or sounds.

YOUTH HUNTING DAYS

North Zone: Oct. 28 and 29

Middle Zone: Oct. 28 and 29

South Zone: Nov. 18 and 19

Limits: Same as during regular waterfowl season

Hours: Same as during regular waterfowl season

Requirements: Any person 15 years of age or younger may participate in youth waterfowl hunting days without permit provided they

are in the immediate presence of an adult 18 years of age or older. If the youth hunter is not certified in hunter education, the adult must have the required permits and have in his or her possession proof of hunter-education unless exempt. The adult may not hunt ducks but may participate in other seasons that are open on youth hunting days.

HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

New hunting-zone boundaries approved in 2016 will be implemented beginning this year. A map of the new hunting zones will be included in the MDC "2017 Waterfowl Hunting Digest," available beginning this summer where hunting permits are sold.

NORTH ZONE: That portion of Missouri north of a line running west from the Illinois border at Lock and Dam 25; west on Lincoln County Hwy. N to Mo. Hwy. 79; south on Mo. Hwy. 79 to Mo. Hwy. 47; west on Mo. Hwy. 47 to I-70; west on I-70 to U.S. Hwy. 63; north on U.S. Hwy. 63 to U.S. Hwy. 24, west on U.S. Hwy. 24 to Mo. Hwy. 10, west on Mo. Hwy. 10 to U.S. Hwy. 69, north on U.S. Hwy. 69 to Mo. Hwy. 116, west on Mo. Hwy. 116 to U.S. Hwy. 59, south on U.S. Hwy. 59 to the Kansas border.

SOUTH ZONE: That portion of Missouri south of a line running west from the Illinois border on Mo. Hwy. 74 to Mo. Hwy. 25; south on Mo. Hwy. 25 to U.S. Hwy. 62; west on U.S. Hwy. 62 to Mo. Hwy. 53; north on Mo. Hwy. 53 to Mo. Hwy. 51; north on Mo. Hwy. 51 to U.S. Hwy. 60; west on U.S. Hwy. 60 to Mo. Hwy. 21; north on Mo. Hwy. 21 to Mo. Hwy.

72; west on Mo. Hwy. 72 to Mo. Hwy. 32; west on Mo. Hwy. 32 to U.S. Hwy. 65; north on U.S. Hwy. 65 to U.S. Hwy. 54; west on U.S. Hwy. 54 to the Kansas border.

MIDDLE ZONE: The remainder of Missouri.

HUNTING & FISHING

Mark your calendars now, September 23 is National Hunting and Fishing Day. There will be an event at Columbia Bottoms and we will have a MO Muddy Kids and an MVDHA booth.

YOUTH CALLING

12 August at Cabela's there will be a youth calling contest to be held for kids 12 years and under. For more info call Cabela's. The kids will be building their own duck call provided by Buck Gardner and will be competing with those calls in the calling contest.

POOL 26

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has lowered the water levels in Pool 26 enough that large portions of the pool basin are dry. It was recently brought to my attention that some blind site holders have been taking advantage of the low river conditions to drive vehicles into the pool basin to access their blind sites at the Dresser Island/West Alton areas. Under section 10-11.130 of The Wildlife Code of Missouri, vehicle use is restricted to graveled and paved roads and established parking lots only. If caught, persons operating vehicles off-road in the pool basin will be subject to fines. In addition, some excavating equipment has been transported to the area and used to excavate deep water areas near some blind sites and construct berms near other blind sites. The river basin, including the dry portions of Pool 26 are classified as wetland, and any type of exca-

vation work in the basin is strictly regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

If you observe any of the above described illegal activities, please contact one of the St. Charles County Conservation Agents or call the toll-free Operation Game Thief Hotline number —1-800-392-1111— which is manned 24 hours a day.

St. Charles County Conservation Agents:

James Bolden, 314-609-2297

Becky Robertson, 636-288-9279

NEWSLETTER

As part of membership to the Mississippi Valley Duck Hunters Association this newsletter is distributed to the members either by mail or via email. All members who have an email address will be receiving this newsletter via email. With the cost of postage, printing, labeling and handling on the increase this will save YOUR MVDHA a little over \$1.00 per month per member that can be used in other areas. That is a substantial savings, with a projected cost savings of over \$800.00 a year if all members received the newsletter via email. If you still wish to receive your newsletter via snail mail, just let me know at the next member's meeting or if you wish to no longer receive it by snail mail and want to save the association funds you can provide me your email address by sending me an email at mvdha@mvdha.com. Please consider this, it will save the association money over the time of your membership that can be used elsewhere.

ESCRIPTS

eScripts Contribution: \$ 7.05

EScripts is proven to be a fantastic

resource for fundraising where participating business partners contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card, and debit/ATM card purchases to the school, group or organization of your choice. Here's How it Works

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

Bottom line, it costs you nothing. All you have to do is do your normal shopping at listed stores like, Schnucks, Macy's, Orvis, OfficeMax, Pepboys or even American Airlines. This is a no brainer in helping to raise money for your MVDHA with no effort at all, except to hand your eScript card to the check out person. Tony has over 200 cards just waiting for you to call at 314-570-3010 or you can email him at

huntfishteach@gmail.com

Up Coming Events

July 12: MDC Invasive Fish (Start showing up at 6:30)

Aug 9 : TBD

Sept 13: NO MEETING

Oct 11: TBD

Nov 8: NO MEETING

Dec 13 : Annual Xmas Party

General Information

This newsletter is distributed to our active members. For non-active members check the website for the current newsletter. We have our general meeting the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM and our Board of Directors' Meeting every fourth Monday at 7 PM. Members meetings are held at the American Legion Post Goff – Moll Post 101, at 2721 Collier, Brentwood, Mo. 63144. Board Meetings are held at Smugala's Pizza Pub, 10150 Watson Rd, St Louis MO. In case of bad weather call the Post at 314-961-3263 or Ray Boschert at 636-458-9384 or Jerry Mercurio at 314-603-6548.

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

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

Next members meeting: July 12, 2017 (start at 6:30)

Next Board Meeting: July 24, 2017

Members are invited to the Board Meeting

Member's meeting start at 7:30, Board meeting starts at 7:00

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