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— to the — **80TH ANNUAL DUCKS UNLIMITED HOST COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS**

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FLAG FLOWN OVER THE U.S. CAPITOL

Proudly display your American and DU pride. This United States flag was flown over the U.S. Capitol on January 29, 2017 to commemorate Ducks Unlimited's 80th Anniversary. It comes with a Certificate of Authenticity from the Architect of the Capitol. The flag and certificate are framed in a shadow box with DU 80th anniversary medallions.

Donated by John Pope

BIG SKY, MONTANA VACATION FOR SIX

Montana is home to some of the best fly fishing rivers, spring creeks, and lakes on Earth. The amazing diversity of wild trout waters ensures that there is destination to match nearly all interests and skill levels. In the spring, Montana's trout start biting along the hundreds of miles of blue ribbon rivers and streams. By summer, the trout action picks up along with the summer temperatures and remains steady as they feed throughout the fall preparing for the harsh winter ahead.



September and October are the prime times to fish.

Enjoy a six-night stay at the luxurious Big Sky Chalet in Big Sky, Montana appointed with room for up to six people with four bedrooms. The week includes three days of guided fly-fishing for two on some of the best trout water in North America. Additional activities abound in Big Sky such as hiking and river rafting and Yellowstone National Park is just 45 minutes away.

Booking dates are June 15 to Oct 31, 2017 or May 1 to Oct 31, 2018. For 2017, lodging and guiding dates must be booked with owner by June 15. For 2018, dates must be booked prior to Jan 15, 2018 (earlier encouraged).

Donated by Lance Trebesch, CEO of TicketPrinting. com and Ticket River

CUSTOM BELT BUCKLE

Designed by Clint Orms Engravers and Silversmiths, this Ducks Unlimited buckle features a sterling silver Misty Valley trophy buckle with a 14-karat yellow gold DU logo in the center. The handmade western buckle includes a sterling silver engraved border inscribed with 80th Anniversary and the years 1937-2017. The handsome piece includes polished corners and a hand engraved background. Measures 3¼"x2".

Donated by Clint Orms



THUNDERSTIK LODGE PHEASANT HUNT FOR FOUR

Nestled within the vast South Dakota grasslands, overlooking the majestic Missouri River, Thunderstik Lodge is South Dakota's most luxurious pheasant hunting lodge. Since 1988, their professional staff have been tending to the hunter's every need and creating the perfect pheasant hunting experience. The luxurious South Dakota pheasant hunting lodge



2017 DU GUNS OF THE YEAR

Ducks Unlimited is pleased to offer a trio of guns of the year. The shotgun of the year is a Fausti Select over/under 12 gauge. The receiver features deep, rich case-coloring and the 28" barrels are a lustrous blue. The select walnut stock has a prince of wales grip and classic checkering. The rifle of the year is a Weatherby Vanguard Lazerguard chambered for the versatile 7mm Remington Magnum cartridge. The gloss-finished walnut stock has a rosewood cap and striking oak-leaf grip panels. Finally, the handgun of the year is a Sig-Sauer P320 9mm pistol. The

synthetic frame is a contemporary flat dark earth and the stainless steel slide is black. The slide features the DU logo and duck feather artwork. This collection of firearms is sure to please any gun collector or DU enthusiast.



has a unique setting and exceptional staff that have built relationships with hunters from around the globe and boast one of the highest return rates in the industry.

This lifetime experience includes accommodations for four nights and three days of professionally guided hunting with a daily limit of five pheasants. Also included is your non-resident hunting license and round-trip transportation from Sioux Falls airport to Thunderstik Lodge.

Hunts must be scheduled in September 2017 or from December 2017 through March 2018.

Donated by Gage Outdoor Expeditions



BRONZE SCULPTURE

The 49ers solid bronze sculpture by Tom Barnes depicts two gold miners panning for gold. It includes a wood base with title plate and is number 1 in a limited edition of 10. The sculpture measures 21¹/₂"x19¹/₂"x15".

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BROWNING

Donated by Kelly Clark

TEXAS MYSTERY SAFE

They say everything is bigger in Texas. When the contents of this Texas Mystery Safe are revealed, we know you will agree!

This Browning Select Series 25 Long-Gun Safe proudly displays the Ducks Unlimited logo. It features a 12 gauge steel body, LED lighting, a Force Deflector lock system that prevents bolt and handle forces from reaching the lock, pry-stop end bolts to protect the vulnerable areas of your safe, 60 minute fire protection, and a DPX storage system with mounted racks, pouches, and pockets to store a wide variety of guns. The 60"x30"x23" safe holds up to 25 firearms and weighs 590 pounds.

Donated by Browning with additional donors to be revealed

COLORADO DU 75TH ANNIVERSARY ONE OF ONE GRADE VI BROWNING CITORI GRAN LIGHTNING

This is arguably one of the finest highly engraved guns ever offered at a DU National Convention live auction. In 2012, Colorado DU commissioned this one-of-a-kind Citori 12 gauge from Browning to celebrate Ducks Unlimited's 75th anniversary. This Grade VI Gran Lightning was custom engraved by Micheal Dubber, a master engraver and past president of the Firearms Engravers Guild of America. Using 24 carat gold in the process, it sports the 75th Anniversary logo on the right side action and a flying Canada goose on the left. The trigger guard is embossed with the year 2012 to signify the 75th with additional DU markings underneath. This remarkable firearm defines the term "one-of-a-kind".

Donated by Sherwin and Kaycie Artus

ARGO AVENGER 8x8 HUNT MASTER

Luxuriously equipped for serious hunters, the new ARGO Avenger 8x8 Hunt Master is the ultimate all-season, all-terrain amphibious vehicle, featuring a host of high performance features designed to easily get sportsmen to the best hunting grounds and then safely back to camp. Customized with a Mossy Oak Break Up Infinity Camo pattern for hunters and outdoorsmen who require greater stealth in the woods, the ARGO Avenger 8x8 Hunt Master comes with an upgraded triple differential ADMIRAL HS steering transmission capable of reaching a top end speed of 25 mph, 25 percent faster than any other ARGO on the market.

The Hunt Master is powered by a 4 cycle OHV gasoline-powered, liquid-cooled Kohler Aegis LH 775 engine featuring electronic fuel injection, V-Twin cylinders, full pressure lubrication, and electronic ignition. For safety and ease of handling, the ARGO steering transmission provides continuous torque to all axles and a onepiece ergonomic handlebar steering control with mounted brake lever. It has a load capacity of up to 935 pounds on land or 785 pounds on water, capable of transporting six passengers on land and four on water and features a towing capacity of 1,800 pounds.

Donated by ARGO

PEBBLE BEACH® GOLF EXPERIENCE FOR FOUR

There are few golf thrills like teeing-up for the first time at Pebble Beach Golf Links[®]. You sense the presence of golf's biggest legends. You anticipate each and every storied hole while recounting some of the greatest moments in golf history. Since 1919, the exquisite beauty and unique challenge of Pebble Beach Golf Links[®] have thrilled golfers and spectators alike. Designed by Jack Neville and Douglas Grant, the course hugs the rugged coastline, providing wide-open vistas, cliffside fairways, and sloping greens. Prepare yourself for an unforgettable golf experience that will redefine the boundaries between extraordinary landscapes and sophistication in accommodations. Every golfer deserves to play "Pebble" at

least once in his or her life.

This exclusive vacation experience includes three days and two nights of luxury accommodations for four adults at The Inn at Spanish Bay®, one round of golf for four players at Pebble Beach Golf Links®, one round of golf for four players at the Links at Spanish Bay®, and a private reception with other Ducks Unlimited guests. The dates for this exclusive golf outing are February 1-3, 2018.



DIAMOND PENDANT

This beautiful necklace showcases a .82 carat pear shape diamond, surrounded by 17 round diamonds. The 14-karat white gold pendant is suspended from a delicate chain. Features 1 carat total weight.



WEATHERBY MARK V ACCUMARK **80TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION RIFLE WITH LEUPOLD SCOPE**

With even a passing glance, Weatherby's Mark V rifle, chambered in its newest 6.5x300 Weatherby Magnum cartridge, conjures images of mountain aspens, twisted mesquite, bugling elk, and massive whitetails. The handsome and rugged American made bolt-action rifle features a synthetic stock, fluted barrel, and a two-tone finish. The rifle's cartridge pushes the fastest shooting 6.5 mm bullet available and boasts performance data that will out-shoot most shooters. In honor of DU's 80th Anniversary, Weatherby donated rifle serial number 80 to this auction.

A rifle of this quality is only as good as its optic, and Leupold & Stevens delivered a suitably-matched scope for this package. The Leupold VX-R riflescope features 4-12 power magnification and an extra large 50 mm objective to absorb as much early morning and early evening light as possible. Additionally, the scope comes equipped with a Fire Dot illuminated reticle, giving the shooter an in-the-field advantage over standard optics.

Donated by Weatherby and Leupold & Stevens



CHET RENESON ORIGINAL ART

For more than 40 years, collectors and sportsmen have been drawn to the spectacular paintings of Chet Reneson. Honored as the 1982 DU Artist of the Year, Reneson is a sporting artist most noted for his watercolor sporting scenes. Missed Chance will be offered as a limited edition print exclusively at Ducks Unlimited events in 2018. This is your opportunity to purchase the original watercolor painting. Framed size is 26"x36".

Donated by Chet and Penny Reneson



2017 MAKO PRO SKIFF 17 CC WITH 60 HP ELPT FOUR-STROKE MERCURY ENGINE AND TRAILER

A versatile, high-performance inshore predator, the MAKO Pro Skiff 17 CC is built on a revolutionary Advanced Inverted V hull. The innovative design has made it one of the most popular boats in MAKO history.

The AIV hull provides the ultimate in smooth performance, plus a quick holeshot, a dry ride, and nimble handling and turning. It is ideal for all types of inshore fishing, and the nearly 3/4-ton capacity makes it one of the hardest working boats in its class.

The deck and foam-filled hull are mechanically and chemically bonded to become one unitized structure with superior flotation and quiet operation. It comes standard with a hot-dipped galvanized trailer, a Mercury outboard, and the MAKO Assurance warranty.

Donated by Bass Pro Shops



SOUTH AFRICAN HOOF AND FEATHER SAFARI FOR TWO



Travel to the "Dark Continent" for three days plains game hunting and three days wing shooting with O. M. Wettstein Safaris, in the heart of South Africa's majestic Waterberg Mountains. You and your travel partner will be treated to some of the finest hunting and luxury accommodations in the southern hemisphere while being taken care of by professional huntsmen and lodge staff. Bordering Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Botswana, Limpopo has become a sought-after tourist destination for its big game, exceptional birding, and untamed bushveld landscapes. The Waterberg district is a true natural wonder featuring ancient mountains and a rich tapestry of biodiversity. Its rolling savannahs also make it a popular safari destination, where large herds of wildlife, including the Big Five, can been seen. The Wettstein's 5,000-acre exclusive hunting property encompasses a breathtaking balance of mountains, open grasslands, and savannah forest. Owner Oliver Wettstein will personally ensure that your South African experience is truly unforgettable and that you spot, stalk, and harvest the best trophies possible. A recovery team and trained skinner will be available to collect and prep your trophies in the field.

This trip of a lifetime includes three days plains game hunting - one impala, one blesbuck, and one warthog harvested per hunter with no trophy fees for each of these three individual species, three days wing shooting waterfowl, pigeons, and upland game birds, seven nights of luxury accommodations with courtesy laundry service, all meals and beverages in moderation, use of all lodge facilities including pool, a professional hunter, field dressing of trophies with transport to the closest shipper, pick-up and return from O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, and services of camp staff, skinners, and trackers. Additional observers are welcomed and encouraged for an additional fee. Not included in this package is airfare, hunting licenses where applicable, trophy fees for additional species, accommodations before and after the contracted safari dates, firearm rental and ammunition, taxidermy and/or dipping charges, packing/freight charges, gratuities for O.M. Wettstein Safaris staff, and 14% VAT tax. Additional animals can be added or exchanged at the hunter's discretion. This trip is valid through August 31, 2018. Donated by O.M. Wettstein Safaris



JETT BRUNET ORIGINAL DECOY

This original redhead drake decoy is by Master Carver Jett Brunet. The full-size bird is hand carved and hand painted in exacting detail. Brunet began carving at the age of nine and won his first World Championship competition when he was twenty-one. The decoy is a rare collectible, as it is the only new original decoy carving by Brunet for sale in the last ten years.

Donated by Jett Brunet

FAUSTI BOUTIQUE SXS SHOTGUN

Patterned after the shotguns of the early 20th century, this 12 gauge side by side would feel right at home next to Nash Buckingham's famous Bo-Whoop. Ducks Unlimited commissioned Fausti Stefano of Brescia, Italy to create a shotgun that blends turn of the century styling, Italian elegance, and modern versatility. The Anson and Deely boxlock features false sideplates and true bone and coal case-hardening for a classic appearance. Gold-filled oak leaves are scattered over the sides of the action and the Ducks Unlimited logo is gold-filled on the bottom. The walnut stock is hand selected to display the best figure of the wood while maintaining strength in key areas. The semi-beavertail fore end and prince of wales grip is easy to shoulder and comfortable to shoot. While this shotgun is sure to become a cherished collector's piece, it was made to hunt! The 28" blued barrels feature a solid rib, 3" chambers and interchangeable choke tubes, making it a capable tool for the lightest bird loads all the way through 3" magnum steel shotshells. A single trigger rounds out this shooter friendly package.

BOB HAUTMAN ORIGINAL ART

Bob Hautman is a Minnesota artist recognized for his realistic depictions of waterfowl and wildlife. Bob has won the Federal Duck Stamp competition numerous times, an honor also achieved by his two brothers. October Sun depicts a trio of wood ducks in their natural habitat. This image will be offered as a limited edition print exclusively at Ducks Unlimited events in 2018. This is your opportunity to purchase the original acrylic painting. Framed size is 30¹/₂"x43".

Donated by Bob Hautman



CUSTOM DAMASCUS KNIFE

This custom Damascus blade Bowie knife is designed for a true collector. It comes with a book that showcases the history of the pieces in the blade and how the knife was made. The knife is handsomely displayed on a custom stand with a DU medallion and includes a sheath.

> The knife handle is fashioned from the walnut burl stock of a European double barrel shotgun. The Damascus blade is crafted from 27 layers of steel and is comprised of material with historical significance to Texas and the world of antique firearms. The blade includes:

- a piece of the hull of the Battleship Texas
- a square nut from the Texas State Capitol
- a piece of the Wichita Falls Spudder, one of the first drilling rigs in Texas
- a meteor fragment from an impact crater found near Odessa, Texas
- barbed wire from multiple ranches in Texas

Donated by Harlan "Sid" Suedmeier



USS TEXAS BROWNING CITORI GRAN LIGHTNING, A PIECE OF THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS AND COMMEMORATIVE TEXAS FLAG



in are etched in gold and silver on the belly. On the over/under shotgun's receiver, there are two side-view/profiles of the ship: one from 1914 (left) and one from approximately 1944 (right). Both are silver plated. Surrounding them is rope loop, plated in 24-karat gold, and underneath is a silver banner with USS TEXAS and six stars, also in 24-karat gold plating. Inside the loop and surrounding the profiles is engraved American vine scroll. On the receiver's underside is the wording: "The Mighty T," in 24-karat gold plating with a silver-plated background. There are also five, gold-plated battle stars that designate the ship's major WWII battles, which are listed just underneath. As with the sides, the gold-plated rope and American vine-scroll engraving surround the underside's perimeter. The trigger is gold plated, as is the single battle star that adorns the top lever. The Gran Lightning features an upgraded, high-quality wood stock and forearm, 28-inch barrel length in 12 gauge.

The Citori over/under will also come with a certified piece of original riveted steel, salvaged from the old battleship. The piece measures 12" by 5.5" and weighs 8.5 pounds mounted for display. Truly a unique piece of history.

- parts from a .32 caliber Kentucky squirrel rifle, a "Golden Age" rifle, and a smooth bore "Buck and Ball" long gun
- a cylinder from a .38 caliber Colt revolver
- a standing iron from a 12ga muzzleloader
- a barrel from a Winchester rifle
- a slide from a Colt 1911 pistol
- metal parts from a "Brown Bess" flintlock musket

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 1914 Battleship Texas Commissioning, the Battleship TEXAS Foundation commissioned a limited run of custom engraved Browning Citori Gran Lightning shotguns. This commemorative shotgun features silver and gold engraved etchings of the 1914 USS Texas, the upgraded 1927 USS Texas, the Star of Texas, and the Mighty T ship logo. Additionally, all five of the major WWII battles that the USS Texas participated



USS Texas is one of six remaining ships to have served in both world wars. In World War II, she shelled Axis-held beaches in North Africa, Normandy, Cherbourg, and Southern France before being transferred to the Pacific theater where she would support the Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. She holds the distinction of being the first U.S. battleship to mount anti-aircraft guns, radar, and to launch an aircraft. Today she is the only remaining dreadnought battleship in the world, a testament to the craftsmanship of her builders. Texas was decommissioned in 1948, having earned a total of five battle stars for her service in World War II. The battleship is now a U.S. National Historic Landmark in LaPorte, Texas. To round out this package is a Texas state flag flown over the state capitol in Austin on January 29, 2017 to commemorate Ducks Unlimited's 80th Anniversary.

Donated by the Battleship TEXAS Foundation and Representative Tom Craddick







ARGENTINEAN DOVE HUNT FOR TWELVE

Migrate south to Cordoba, Argentina for three days of world-class dove shooting with Sporting Adventures International. There are an estimated 50 million doves that inhabit the Cordoba Valley year-round and you and your travel partners will have access to an aerial display that exceeds the imagination.

Upon arrival in Cordoba, your party will be met at the airport by a Sporting Adventures International representative who will treat you to a VIP reception featuring complimentary drinks and baggage handlers. You will then be escorted



in a private vehicle to the hunting lodge where your wing shooting adventure will begin. Come experience dove hunting at its finest.

This trip of a lifetime includes three nights lodging, six total hunts, all field guides, all meals and beverages, transfers to and from the fields, and private transportation to and from Cordoba airport.

This package does not include airfare, ammunition, hunting license, gun rental, and tips. Trip must be taken within 12 months of purchase.

Donated by Sporting Adventures International

CUSTOM DU MOBILE SMOKER

This custom-built grill and reverse flow smoker was crafted by Piggyback Smokers. It features a 37" diameter round charcoal grill with the outside welded to replicate a tree stump. The 120-gallon smoker includes two pull out racks that measure 19"x53" on the top and 23¹/₂"x53" on the bottom.

The trailer undercarriage is built with 3/16" "C" channel with 15" rim, wrapped in six ply tires, and bolted to a 3500-pound axle. The trailer also has a powder coated finish and a removable tongue to keep the beautiful DU build secure. The Ducks Unlimited logo is highlighted throughout the trailer and includes a replicated metal over/under shotgun to match the Fausti Shotgun of the Year.

SCOT STORM ORIGINAL ART

Scot Storm is a passionate duck hunter and DU supporter. His love of hunting and the outdoors inspired him to become a self-taught artist. Scot has been recognized as the Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year three times.

Droppin' In-Canvasbacks was selected by the DU art committee as the 80th Anniversary canvas. Limited edition canvas reproductions of Droppin' In-Canvasbacks are currently being offered at DU events across the country. This original acrylic painting has an image size of 21"x28". Donated by Scot and Kristin Storm



BELIZE DREAM VACATION FOR EIGHT

Pack your beach gear and travel south for six magnificent days and nights at Villas Aventuras, a true Central American gem. Located in the beautiful country of Belize, these villas are among the finest that the country has to offer. Positioned on the Caribbean Sea with four bedrooms and four bathrooms, this exquisite beachfront property is a sight to behold. A short step out the front porch leads you and your travel partners to warm and inviting tropical waters. Adventure seeking guests may choose to explore the world-class snorkeling and diving opportunities while others may opt for peaceful relaxation on the tranquil beaches surrounding the property. Additional recreational opportunities include tours of the Mayan ruins, a river excursion on the majestic Monkey River, and jungle canopy zip-lining. You simply cannot go wrong with this opportunity to visit the world famous Belizean coast!

This dream vacation includes six days and six nights lodging for eight in a beach front villa, private live-in chef and server, private transfers to and from Placencia Airport, and pre-arranged grocery service (cost of groceries not included). An \$150 per person utility/security deposit is required. This package does not include airfare, restaurant dining, voluntary tips and gratuities, or off-site excursions. Bookings are arranged on a first come, first served basis and the trip must be taken within 12 months of purchase.

Donated by Sporting Adventures International





JACK DANIEL'S "BUY THE BARREL"



Our good friends and generous partners at the Jack Daniel's Distillery once again present a unique bidding opportunity. You are invited to own your personal barrel of Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Tennessee Whiskey.

Some time ago, the Jack Daniel's Distillery set aside a limited number of barrels of this premium whiskey for personal ownership by fine whiskey connoisseurs in the United States. Because no two barrels and the place they occupy within the Jack Daniels warehouse are the same, the whiskey that emerges from each barrel boasts a difference in character. Your barrel will be specially selected for you or you may select it yourself! Your barrel of whiskey will then be hand bottled in elegant 750 ml

decanters that bear Mr. Jack's signature in raised glass. Each barrel yields approximately 240 bottles of whiskey. Owner must take receipt of the barrel before March 30, 2018.

Donated by Jack Daniel's Distillery

CHESAPEAKE BAY "BODY BOOTING" HUNT FOR TWO

Join legendary decoy carver and Chesapeake Bay waterman Charles Jobes for two days of "body booting" on the Susquehanna Flats near Havre de Grace, Maryland. Body booting is a hunting method in which the hunters don dry suits and hide among the decoys for an in-your-face experience like no other!

In addition, the purchaser of this trip will also take home a beautiful set of hand-carved working decoys that includes a dozen pintails and a pair of snow geese. This two day trip for two includes lodging.

Donated by Captain Charles and Patty Jobes



TEXAS DECOY CARVING

Master Carver Daryl Freed and his wife Michele make their home in the Ozark Mountains of Northwest Arkansas. It is from the nearby White River and Bull Shoals Lake that they recover driftwood and create unique masterpieces that hang in homes and exclusive hunting lodges across the country.

This handcrafted wood carving was produced specifically for tonight's auction. It features seven dabbling duck species – mallard, blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, cinnamon teal, American wigeon, northern pintail, and gadwall. *Donated by Daryl and Michele Freed*



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DUCKS UNLIMITED NATIONAL MEDALLION SERIES

This is a unique opportunity to own a part of Ducks Unlimited history! From 1972 to 2012, collectible medallions were given to each registrant for the Ducks Unlimited National Convention. This framed set of 40 medallions features beautiful waterfowl artwork by Larry Toschik in addition to special anniversary year logos. The detailed medallions include an embossed DU crest logo on the back and an inscription with the National Convention location and dates on the coin edge.

Framing donated by Sporting World, Inc.



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