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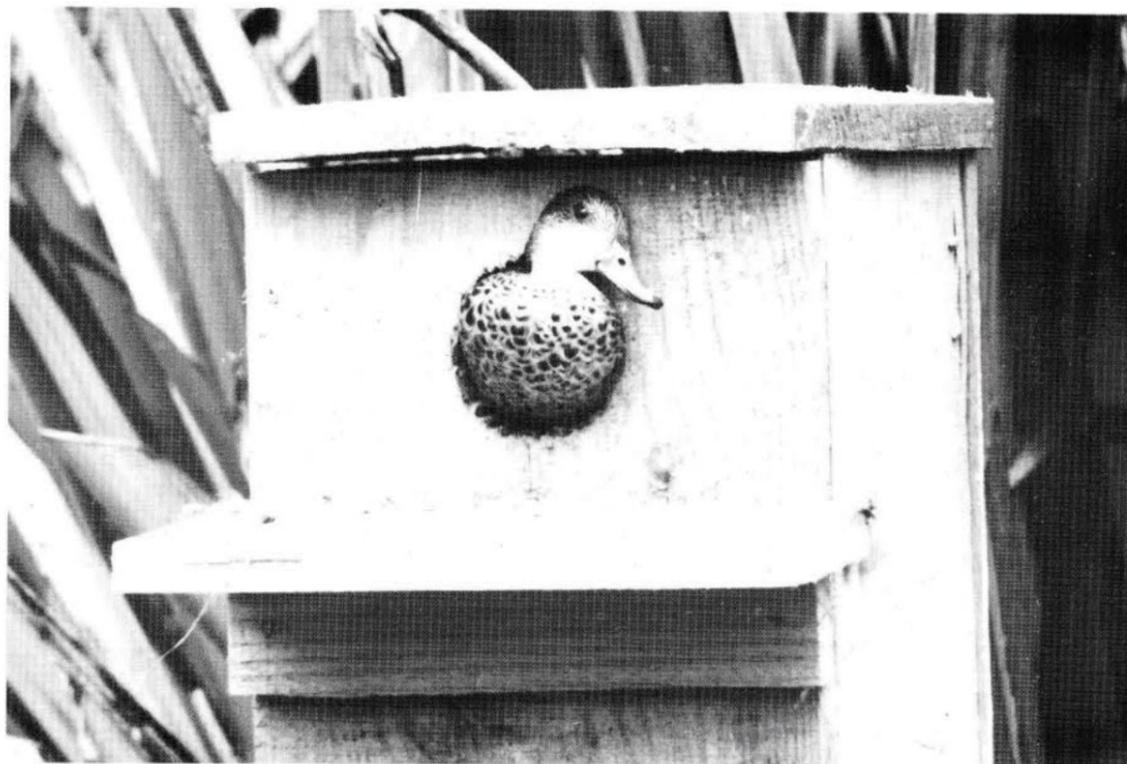
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COVER PICTURE

A great Waikato Times photo of Jack Worth on a recent Grey Teal nest box inspection.

Photography: Waikato Times, Neil Hayes.

Ducks Unlimited (N.Z.) Incorporated is a private, non-profit membership organisation dedicated to the preservation, restoration and maintenance of wetlands habitat in New Zealand and to the propagation of the country's rare waterfowl as a valuable natural resource. The organisation was founded in May 1974 by a group of far-sighted conservationists and incorporated by them in June 1975 at Wellington, New Zealand. The national headquarters mailing address is PO Box 74, Hamilton and the registered physical address is 84 Houchens Road, Hamilton. "Flight" is the official quarterly publication of Ducks Unlimited (N.Z.) Incorporated reaching 1000 devoted members and friends concerned with waterfowl conservation. D.U. membership begins at \$3.00 p.a. for Junior to \$12.50 for Full membership with provision for Trade and Life members. Membership of Ducks Unlimited carries with it subscription to this publication. To assure prompt delivery, members who move are urged to forward their new address along with current membership details to national headquarters. Letters and contributed manuscripts and photographs should be addressed to the "Flight" Editor. Views expressed by contributors are their own and do not necessarily constitute those of Ducks Unlimited (N.Z.) Incorporated.

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THC TOKAANU 9th DUCKS UNLIMITED ANNUAL MEETING 9th July 1983

Members: Don't miss DU's major fund raising event of the year. Participate in what has always proved to be a memorable occasion.

THC Tokaanu is again the venue for DU's annual meeting, annual dinner and annual auction and promises to be the most successful meeting to date.

Naturally we need *your* support to ensure that *it is* the most successful meeting. Why not bring your family and friends along?

Registration fee will be \$18 per person and this will cover a first class meal prepared by the THC Chef. If you plan to stay at THC Tokaanu, or at a nearby motel, please book soon. Unfortunately, due to an overseas commitment Sir Charles Fleming had to pull out as a guest speaker, but Ken Lowry of Winchester New Zealand has kindly agreed to address the meeting on what should be a stimulating topic — "The Hunter's Role in Conservation". Ian Buchanan, Senior Field Officer of the Wellington Acclimatisation Society has also kindly agreed to keep us up to date on the situation with Lake Wairarapa. And as can be seen by the programme below, full reports will be given on all DU activities.

The annual auction looks like being the best so far with a fantastic range of auction items — limited edition waterfowl prints, books, live waterfowl, clothing, sporting equipment — including firearms and ammunition, reloading equipment, knives, and so on; and much more. Sixty or so items are expected to be offered.

DU Sales section will also be open throughout the weekend and there will be ample opportunity to inspect the many fine items DU has for sale. We also hope that Winchester NZ will be able to stage a display of Winchester goodies on Sunday morning. We look forward to seeing a record number of members and friends at THC Tokaanu on the 9th and 10th July. (THC Tokaanu is just up the road from Turangi.)

Some rooms are still available at the THC Tokaanu. Phone Turangi 8873. When booking, you must mention that you are a DU member.

The programme for the weekend is as follows:

BUSINESS — SATURDAY 9th JULY

1. 1.30pm Registration
2. 2.00pm Welcome and apologies
3. 2.05pm Minutes of the 1982 Annual Meeting and Matters Arising
4. 2.15pm President's Report and presentation of the Financial Statement
5. 2.25pm Appointment of Auditors for 1983-1984
6. 2.30pm Election of four (4) Directors from the floor of the meeting
7. 2.40pm Report on Operation 'Pateke' (Neil Hayes)
8. 2.50pm Presentation of "Breeder of the Year" award (The President)
9. 3.00pm Guest speaker: Mr Ken Lowry, General Manager Winchester New Zealand, will address the meeting on the topic "The Hunter's Role in Conservation"
10. 3.45pm Break for refreshment (President's 'Shout')
11. 4.00pm Guest speaker: Mr Ian Buchanan, Senior Field Officer of the Wellington Acclimatisation Society, will provide details about the current situation with Lake Wairarapa and about the habitat research project on the lake
12. 4.30pm Report on Operation 'Gretel' (Jim Campbell and Murray Dench)
13. 4.40pm Report on Operation 'Whio' (David McNeil)
14. 4.50pm Report on Operation 'Branta' (Neil Hayes)
15. 5.00pm Editorial report (Neil Hayes)
16. 5.10pm General Business
17. 5.30pm Refreshments
18. 7.00pm Annual Dinner
19. 8.00pm Annual Auction
20. 9.00pm Refreshments

SUNDAY 10th JULY

- 9.30am For those staying overnight, coffee and biscuits and 2-3 hours of socialising. With DU Sales section open for purchases and inspection.

DU NEWS

Gathering of Wellington DU Members

The decision to hold the annual meeting at Tokaanu for the second year running prompted DU Directors to consider organising a function for Wellington based members — who have always provided great support at DU annual meetings. Jim and Doreen Glover kindly agreed to host the proposed function at their Pauatahanui farm and all Wellington area members were invited. The idea turned out to be a popular one with over 50 members and families attending. Wellington turned on one of its really good days and DU's Sunday afternoon function on March 26th was a great success. Besides having plenty of time for socialising, members had ample time to view Jim and Doreen's fine collection of waterfowl and also to inspect their latest efforts in the horticultural field. Several prominent New Zealanders, and keen DU supporters, were able to attend — Sir William Gilbert, Professor Jack Garrick, John Smith of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society, and well known New Zealand actor Allan Jarvis, to name but a few.

DU thanks Jim and Doreen for making the function so successful.



DU members inspecting Jim and Doreen Glover's waterfowl collection.

Wairarapa Habitat Research

We reported in the last 'Flight' that DU had offered a minimum of \$2000 towards the cost of a habitat research project on Lake Wairarapa. The Wildlife Service has now decided to finance the whole of the project and DU funds will not now be needed. As an alternative to financial assistance to this research DU is considering the possibility of making funds available to assist with legal costs should a legal battle eventuate in the

efforts being made to prevent drainage of one third of the lake. The research project is apparently progressing well and we are hoping to have the Senior Field Officer of the Wellington Acclimatisation Society, Ian Buchanan, along to the annual meeting to provide us with some details about the project. In respect of the proposed drainage of Lake Wairarapa, DU has created quite a stir amongst catchment boards after a letter from DU was published in the 'Soil and Water' journal. The letter was highly critical of catchment boards and their efforts to eliminate our few remaining natural wetlands. 'Soil and Water' is the quite prestigious journal of the National Water and Soil Conservation Organisation and is widely circulated to catchment boards. It will be interesting to see if anyone takes the trouble to reply to our comments.

Changes at Mt Bruce

DU's good friend Gideon Anderson, who was in charge at the Mt Bruce Native Bird Reserve for seven years, has now taken up the second-in-command position with the Wildlife Service Central Conservancy at Rotorua. We wish Gideon well in his new position.

New officer in charge at Mt Bruce will be John Cheyne, who will need little introduction to many DU members. For John has been a keen DU member for many years and a leading Hamilton Chapter member since the Chapter's formation. A special presentation was in fact made to John at the Hamilton Chapter's 1983 Hootnanny — in appreciation of his outstanding contribution to the Chapter. We certainly wish John every success in his new position.

Hamilton Chapter's 1983 Hootnanny

The third Hamilton Hootnanny was held on March 26th at the Te Rapa Racecourse. DU Directors met in Hamilton during the afternoon of the 26th and then attended the Hootnanny in the evening. For most Directors this was their first Hootnanny, and we are assured that it won't be their last. The evening was organised by the very enthusiastic Chapter committee headed by Jack Worth and it took the form of wine and music, duck calling contest (individuals and teams), duck plucking contest, silent auction and a live auction — very ably conducted by our good friend and outstanding auctioneer Bill Wilkinson. Around 250 attended the function and it was also pleasing to see another good friend of DU in attendance, namely Ken Lowry, General Manager of Winchester New Zealand. Winchester support for the Hootnanny was very evident and many items for the auction were donated by Winchester and Winchester name tags were used by everyone. Many other organisations gave excellent support to what was an excellent function. The main aim of the function is to raise funds for DU projects and the function provides a fine example of the general enthusiasm of sportsmen and conservationists. Well done Hamilton Chapter.

Membership and Subscriptions

Membership continues to increase at a healthy rate — thanks largely to the efforts of the Hamilton Chapter which is rapidly approaching 250 members, and Horrie Sinclair who recently sent us another 25 Full memberships from the duck hunters who hunt his property near Lakes Waiholo and Waipori. All 44 hunters on Horrie's property are now DU members. And so far this year we have gained over 100 new members. Distinguished people who have joined us recently are: John Woolley, NZ's Commonwealth Games Skeet Shooting champion; Tom Kroos, Senior Fisheries Officer; and Mike Ford, Game Committee Chairman, of the Wellington Acclimatisation Society. Tom is an import from the USA where he had extensive experience in wildlife management, including a great deal of work with the Carolina Wood Duck. Tom is naturally keen to see the Carolina do well in New Zealand.

At the last Directors' meeting some time was spent discussing subscription rates. While no firm decision was made it could well be that the Supporter category of membership could eventually be phased out, or at least the fee increased to a more realistic figure. After all, the only difference between Supporter and Full memberships is that the Supporter does not receive a vote at the Annual meeting. With a naturally keen desire to maintain 'Flight' in its new form Directors felt that it was essential to ease more money out of Supporter members — hence the circular attached to the recently circulated subscription reminders. This circular has certainly had the desired effect and many Supporters have in fact sent us far more than we anticipated. We thank all members for their continued support.

Invasion of the Australian Mountain Duck (cont.)

The Ornithological Society of New Zealand has been receiving many reports of sightings of Australian Mountain Ducks since a female bird was seen at Lake Ellesmere in December last year. This Australian species associates readily with our Paradise Shelduck but is easily distinguished, with the male having a broad chestnut band across his breast and the female a band of white around each eye and another band of white at the base of the bill. Males and females may also display a white neck band.

In Australia the Mountain Duck, contrary to its common name, prefers coastal lagoons and estuaries and this seems to be the trend here also, but some inland sightings have also been recorded. Initial reports came mainly from the South Island, but many reports are now coming in of birds being sighted at North Island lagoons. These reports have all indicated that only a few birds have been seen. The largest number recorded at any one area has so far been eight.

It is very likely that the Mountain Duck will move around considerably during the New Zealand game season and if any of our hunting members, and others, happen to sight any we would very much like to hear about it.

Wellington Zoo's Success

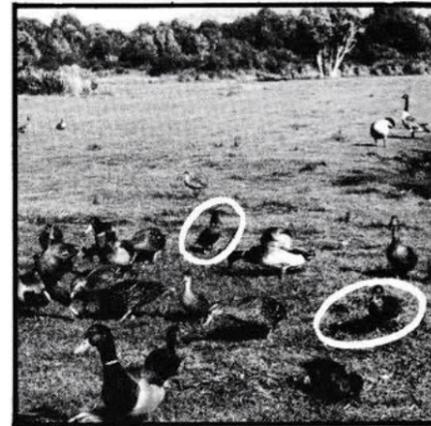
We mentioned in the last 'Flight' that the Wellington Zoo was doing great work with waterfowl and shortly after the March 'Flight' went to print the zoo very generously presented a further five Canada geese to DU. Head Birdkeeper Ron Goudswaard also informed us that the zoo had reared Brown Teal for the first time, and would be handing over a brood towards operation 'Pateke'. We again thank the zoo management for their support and congratulate them on their success with Brown Teal, which again shows what a major part zoos can play in the preservation of rare wildlife.

Unfortunately there is also bad news from the Wellington Zoo, in that David Ellis the Director has resigned and will return to the USA. We wish David every success and hope that under the new management we will be able to maintain the excellent relationship we have experienced with the zoo over a good number of years, first with Con Kuiper and then with David Ellis.

Brown Teal Paper and 'Wildfowl 33'

The Brown Teal paper published in the last 'Flight' after first being published in the Wildfowl Trust's 'Wildfowl 33' has created considerable interest and a number of requests for reprints of the paper have been received from overseas universities. This indicates a certain 'coming of age' for DU and shows that our work with Brown Teal is being widely recognised.

Reprints of the paper are now available from DU on request. We also have a limited number of copies of 'Wildfowl 33' available at \$18 per copy, including postage.



Brown Teal (circled), Scaup, Grey Teal, Paradise Shelduck, Mallard, and Canada Geese at the Nga Manu Trust. Grey Duck are also present in good numbers — but were camera shy!

A Message

There's more to New Zealand's wealth than it's expertise, manpower and machinery.

For millions of years, isolated from the rest of the world by vast oceans, New Zealand has evolved a unique richness and diversity of animal and plant life - enviable treasures that money can't replace.

Our country's forests, rivers, mountains and coastline are living museums of many peculiar animals and ancient plant forms found nowhere else on earth. The uniqueness of this natural heritage adds a quality to our lives that is all too rare in today's world.

All New Zealanders should regard themselves as guardians of this natural paradise. All must accept some responsibility for ensuring that our rich wildlife and its environment remain a part of our heritage - now and always.

*New Zealand Wildlife Service
Department of Internal Affairs*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON 1982/83 OPERATIONS

Despite their respective economic woes, our members made strenuous efforts last year to improve DU's financial position and I am delighted to report that we came out on the winning side. Our hopes last year were complicated by the recession from which we're all attempting to bounce back. The recession proved particularly tough and, unfortunately, the average "Kiwi" has become more preoccupied with today's cost of living than tomorrow's environmental presence and costs.

In spite of this we managed to equal or better some of the targets we set for last year. Members will note from the annual accounts that income increased at a very healthy rate and we managed to hold costs at realistic levels, with the result that we doubled the excess funds available compared with the previous year. Membership increased steadily and funds from this source were up on 1981/82.

Plans to fund development in the field were frustrated to some extent but, nevertheless, real progress was made with particular projects, especially with Brown Teal where 106 birds were reared — an all-time record — and I am happy to say that in excess of 400 Brown Teal have now been successfully reared since the project began. It was sobering to have proportionately more funds in the bank earning interest than "in the field" but we plan to rectify this imbalance in the coming year.

We were encouraged and heartened considerably by the wonderful generosity and support of Ducks Unlimited in the United States. Their assistance with auction items each year — ranging from the unusual, to the practical, to the beautiful, was sincerely appreciated in 1982.

The Ministry of Recreation and Sport and the Department of Internal Affairs earned our gratitude for their financial support towards administrative costs — also special thanks to Winchester New Zealand Limited and the Wildlife Service, whose advertising in Flight magazine has ensured continued publication at a very high standard. Mr Brendan Coe, the printer, has produced an exciting, new-look magazine for Ducks Unlimited which is now circulated to 1000 members and supporters, and we are very grateful to Brendan.

Our thanks, too, to the Hamilton Fundraising Chapter for their donation of \$2000 and for their determined efforts to raise membership levels. An outstanding individual effort was made by Mr H. Sinclair of Dunedin, who recruited some 44 new members in the year under review. These combined efforts have been largely responsible for the 150 new members who have joined this year.

DU received warm co-operation and enthusiasm from the New Zealand Wildlife Service and we appreciate the close association we have with the department and its officers. The same applies with the New Zealand Acclimatisation Society movement — several societies participated actively in the Canada Goose programme and we also had encour-

aging responses from this group with regard to the Grey Teal nest box project.

Our members — the backbone of our organisation — made an outstanding effort during what has been a most difficult, yet successful year. A remarkable achievement was the new record for Brown Teal reared in a season by enthusiastic members; this figure being achieved as a direct result of our "flock mating" technique — a technique which has created worldwide interest; Grey Teal were reported in many areas of the country for the first time, a direct result of our nest box programme; and, through their determination to be winners, our members are directly responsible for DU's healthy financial result.

The importance of "winning" and employing "winning tactics" cannot be over-emphasised. Many large and small companies in New Zealand promote philosophies relating to the pursuit of excellence — the kind of corporate behaviour that wins! These strategies and attitudes have parallels in the field in which DU is most interested — waterfowl conservation.

Two Americans — Thomas Peters and Robert Waterman — in their recently published book on well-run United States companies ("In Search of Excellence") tell us that the kind of corporate behaviour that wins begins with a bias towards action — do it, try it, don't analyse the problem to death! This is closely followed by "staying close to the customer". The fostering of autonomy and entrepreneurship is encouraged — ideas are not "killed" automatically and individuals are given opportunities to try new techniques, new products. Productivity can be achieved only through people. In commerce, "hands on" management is vital — executives are encouraged to communicate direct with staff and keep in touch with operations, reminding personnel of the corporate philosophy, through word and by example. A major factor is "stick to what you know and are good at" — don't diversify into activities you don't know how to run. It's important, too, to maintain an uncomplicated form of operation with a small, functional staff. Ideally, it's also important to establish "loose-tight" properties — firmly maintaining certain key values (that's the tight part) while at the same time being informal, flexible and encouraging autonomy at "grass roots" level.

None of the above concepts are new — we've always known that's the right way to do things — to achieve results. These basic philosophies have a direct relationship to the way we operate at Ducks Unlimited.

I like to think that DU focuses on action — we're not afraid to try new ways of doing things. Even with limited funding, projects have been established; some with outstanding success. Many problems have been encountered with some waterfowl species — fortunately the persistence and dedication of our waterfowl enthusiasts and experts have prevented these problem areas being "shelved" for further investigation.

The emphasis is on "getting the job done now". The swamp we ignore this year may not appear on a topographical map in 1985; more importantly, its inhabitants face a similar fate. Left entirely as they are, many of nature's own communities can become biological deserts. In terms of wildlife resources, a stand of virgin timber and a pond with a stagnant water level, are organic wastelands; they reflect the "hands off" foolishness of a strictly preservationist philosophy. Fortunately, initiative and management dollars are preventing nature from taking an unnecessarily destructive course.

Staying close to our customers: DU's "customers" are those we are most trying to influence to our way of thinking; through extensive, persistent publicity of the situation faced by our waterfowl, and through one-to-one communication. We also use our customers as a principal source of ideas. Staying close to our supporters and friends has paid off handsomely this past year and I have mentioned earlier the wonderful encouragement, support and the results achieved, from everyone locally, from overseas — from individuals to government departments and other groups.

Autonomy and entrepreneurship is driven to the lowest organisational level at DU — examples are the freedom given to individual members to establish small breeding centres for certain species such as Blue Duck, Canada geese, Shoveler — and with the Brown Teal project we have 50 pairs among 24 members. Innovation thrives in this sort of atmosphere and Kiwi ingenuity has come to the fore in the construction of ponds, nest boxes, techniques for successfully rearing young etc. DU has been able to bring together land, funds and labour for very specific purposes — to benefit the ducks.

People are DU's greatest resource — through them we have achieved productivity unheard of ten years ago. One hundred and six Brown Teal were reared this past financial year, topping the previous high of 101 set in 1981. Talented amateurs and experienced professionals pit their skills and knowledge in project development and have achieved marked success. However, we still need more people participating, especially with the Brown Teal project. Those manning the Hamilton Fundraising Chapter set and achieved seemingly impossible targets, raising membership to new levels.

"Hands on — value driven" management is a popular theory. There is direct and informal communication between the directors and volunteer officers and members. We learn from one another all the time. It is not uncommon to have a member attend a DU board meeting as an observer and the interchange of ideas and skills, while maintaining a handful of key values, is something which is uniquely ours.

"Stick to what you know and do well" — one of the original philosophies of DU in New Zealand. Waterfowl is our business — it is tempting to want to divert into other areas and help or become involved with other

conservation bodies — but, for DU anyway, this would destroy our effectiveness. We must use the skills, expertise we have to channel into projects or work we know will have a direct benefit right now for waterfowl. We can't run the risk of fracture through competing ideals. I am sure we all know men and women who ardently compete for and win facilities for themselves to pursue such interests as tennis, golf, squash — and the same goes for duckshooters, lovers of the outdoors and birdwatchers.

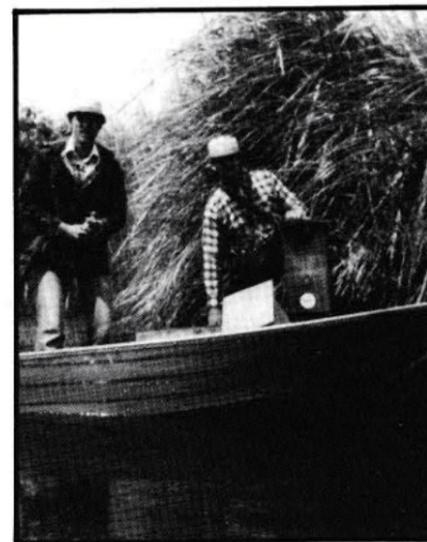
Maintaining a lean corporate structure and a simple operation works well for us and while directors and officers provide individual skills, knowledge and time, members are also called upon regularly to promote ideas, provide practical assistance and contribute to decision making.

Directors are as concerned as members about the effect and value of their actions — generating enthusiasm, making volunteers themselves winners — as they are about achieving targets. There is a strong corporate culture at DU — whether we call this "shared values" or "the way we do things at DU", there is a communal, forthright personal relationship, a collection of assumptions DU directors and members embrace constantly. Being part of Ducks Unlimited for many members is at once exhilarating and satisfying. Volunteers and members of the board know where the organisation is going — and who the major beneficiaries are! There is a kind of "family spirit" which exists — old-fashioned maybe, but it promotes a winning streak.

If all this sounds a little self-congratulatory — it's meant to! DU is still run the way it was originally envisaged ten years ago — and here is the challenge for the future! We must have the good sense not to be diverted from our singleness of purpose and mess things up.

I congratulate you all for meeting the challenge of these difficult times and producing an excellent result which will enable DU to enter 1983/84 with confidence.

PAUL PIRANI



John Dyer and Paul Pirani erecting Grey Teal boxes at the Tahuna-Torea Nature Reserve, Auckland.

LETTERS

Dear Mr Pirani,

As an admirer of both the hard work and the high ideals of Ducks Unlimited, it made me rather sad to read your Editorial in the No.1 issue of 'Flight' for 1983. Doubly so when I remembered that your organisation had come to my assistance time and time again. May I explain.

For two years I was one of a small group employed in the information section of the Wildlife Service. In addition to the written work for our own leaflets and newsletter, dealing with the personal callers at the office, and answering the many written requests for information, there was a regular number of calls direct from the public on the telephone. A large percentage of the latter were of an emergency nature, the content of which I am sure you are only too well aware. The caller had knowledge of our possession of an injured or lost penguin, duck, petrel, starling, swan — the list is a long one. And, from time to time, this is where Ducks Unlimited featured. Each member of the information section had all the acclimatisation societies and Ducks Unlimited telephone numbers in their 'Contact' books. If the bird involved was a duck, and our advice was insufficient, then there is every chance that an acclimatisation society or Ducks Unlimited would be contacted. Speaking for myself, I cannot recall ever having been refused assistance from you on these occasions.

True, I did write the leaflet enclosed: and true, there is not a murmur about DU. For this omission I must accept full responsibility and offer the appropriate apology. The 600 or so words allowed left me little room to manoeuvre, but even so I should have researched deeper and prised out your rather obvious involvement. Certainly there was not a glimmer of the jealousy you suggest. Quite the contrary, because everyone in information section was quite enthusiastic about your work. And such approval is readily forthcoming from all the staff members within Wildlife with whom I have discussed DU, including Tom Caithness and Dr Murray Williams. For it to be otherwise would be very shortsighted. The losers could only be the Wildlife Service and (much more important) the birds themselves.

The admission of ignorance above of course applies only to the leaflet, and I can no way answer for those other gentlemen. What I can do though, despite the fact that I have retired from the Wildlife Service, is to endeavour to see that your editorial is

placed in our newsletter (providing I receive no objection from you to the contrary).

Sincerely
Phil Gray
Wellington

Dear Mr Pirani,

I have just received my first issue of 'Flight' and must tell you how thoroughly I enjoyed it. It appears from your Editorial that hunter sponsored organisations tend to be swept under the carpet when it comes to recognition for deeds accomplished. My argument to critics is "What do you do to support waterfowl propagation and a suitable safe sanctuary?" In most cases their money is not where their mouths are.

W. Deschamps
Corunna, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen,

I read with interest the 'Flight' magazine which you publish periodically. As a National Trustee of the Ducks Unlimited, USA, I commend you on your fine efforts in New Zealand.

In issue 34, December 1982, page 6, I read with interest the comments of the possibility of introducing the Carolina Wood Duck into New Zealand. As aptly pointed out in the article, the species was at a low ebb of population years ago. But, through concerted conservation efforts on the part of sportsmen and other entities, we now have many, many Wood Ducks in our flyways.

If you are going to introduce a species which appears to be of the Aix genus, I might suggest the Mandarin Duck (*Aix galericulata*), as there is an acceptable feral population in England from a few that have been released. Their status in their indigenous homeland of Japan and China is very precarious. The bird would not only provide sport for the dedicated New Zealand sportsman but another population would be developed so as to ensure the survival of the species.

Again, my compliments on your excellent magazine.

Richard Cuneo
Ducks Unlimited Sonoma Valley Chapter
California, USA

Editor: We would certainly like to be doing more for the Mandarin Duck in New Zealand, but, unlike the Carolina, the species has so far not bred at all well and only a few pairs exist at present.

My turn next!! Black swans at the Nga Manu Trust, Waikanae.



FINANCIAL REPORT

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DUCKS UNLIMITED (NZ) INC.

We have audited the financial statements comprising the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the Income and Expenditure Account, together with the Notes thereto, in accordance with accepted auditing standards and have carried out such procedures as we considered necessary.

In common with other organisations of a similar nature, control over the income prior to it being recorded is limited, and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control.

In our opinion, the financial statements give, subject to the possible effect of the limited control over the income referred to in the preceding paragraph, a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 31 March 1983 and the results of its activities for the year ended on that date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1983

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results and financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of the attached financial statements.

The following particular accounting policies have been applied and are unchanged from last year.

INCOME

Income is recorded when received.

STOCK

Stock has been valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Stock purchases for Operation 'Gretel' are expensed during year of purchase.

Hutchison Hull & Co.
Chartered Accountants

Wellington, NZ
28 April 1983

DUCKS UNLIMITED (NZ) INC.		INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1983	
	1983 \$	1982 \$	
INCOME			
Subscriptions: Life	810	664	
: Active	3,234	2,889	
: Supporter	1,108	975	
: Junior	60	75	
: Trade	282	180	
TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,494	4,783	
PLUS OTHER INCOME			
Donations	3,073	678	
Conference income	6,463	5,211	
Profit/(loss) on T-shirt sales	40	(29)	
Profit/(loss) on lapel badge sales	64	48	
Profit/(loss) on book sales	1,173	242	
Profit/(loss) on cards sales	11	—	
Sundry	224	1,554	
Grant: Internal Affairs	170	320	
: Ministry of Recreation & Sport	700	700	
Interest	645	239	
TOTAL INCOME	18,057	13,746	
LESS EXPENDITURE			
Audit and accountancy fees	318	305	
Advertising	843	764	
Duplicating	128	68	
Operation: 'Gretel'	831	219	
: 'Pakete'	1,532	1,677	
: 'Branta'	357	687	
: 'Whio'	15	—	
Postage	674	1,032	
Printing	4,303	2,516	
Stationery	—	15	
Sundry	273	976	
Travelling expenses — board meeting	2,027	745	
AGM expenses	1,616	1,388	
Honoraria	—	1,100	
Tolls	112	—	
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,029	11,492	
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	\$5,028	\$2,254	

DUCKS UNLIMITED (NZ) INC. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 1983

	1983 \$	1982 \$		1983 \$	1982 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			ASSETS		
Balance 1.4.82	4,576	2,322	Westpac	3,181	1,168
Plus Excess income over expenditure	5,028	2,254	T-shirt stocks	60	93
			Lapel badge stocks	68	79
			Term deposit	5,000	3,000
			Machinery	52	52
			Books	1,117	184
			Cards	126	—
	<u>\$9,604</u>	<u>\$4,576</u>		<u>\$9,604</u>	<u>\$4,576</u>

Signed copies of the Financial Report will be available for inspection at the Annual Meeting.

F.N. Hayes, Secretary
May 1983



OPERATION PATEKE

NEW CAPTIVE BREEDING RECORD ESTABLISHED!

The 1982-83 captive rearing programme for operation 'Pateke' has been an extremely successful one for DU members participating in the project and an all time new record has been established for the number of Brown Teal reared in a season. The final figure for Brown Teal reared by members has not yet been finalised, but is certain to be well over the 101 reared during the 1980-81 season. Provisional figures indicate that 106 birds have been reared, but this figure could easily increase by the time all breeder reports have been received. This is an outstanding effort by members involved. John Gill was again the most successful breeder of the season with 28 Brown Teal reared. Ron Munro of Invercargill also did extremely well and in only his first season reared 18 Brown Teal. John will be awarded the Breeder of the Year award at the annual meeting at Tokaanu. This past season's record will bring the total reared to 400 since the project started in 1976; with over 280 being reared in the past three seasons! Which shows that we are making great progress.

Full details on the project will be presented at the annual meeting and published in the September 'Flight'. In the meantime we thank and congratulate our successful breeders. There is certainly a growing interest in the propagation side of 'Pateke' and the only problem we may have for next breeding season is supplying sufficient pairs for members. The Wildlife Service at Mt Bruce

have also had an extremely successful Brown Teal breeding season with 68 birds being reared. This figure is also a new record for Mt Bruce. We have also received an unconfirmed report that the Wildlife Service also reared 16 Brown Teal at its Te Anau facilities — from a pair of DU Brown Teal!

LIBERATIONS

A record total of 75 Brown Teal were released during the 1982-83 season by DU — 34 at Puke Puke Lagoon and 41 at the Nga Manu Trust near Waikanae. We experienced some major highlights and a *real disaster* during the past season's release programme. The disaster being at Puke Puke Lagoon where eight of our birds were found dead — predated by a ferret — the day after they were released. This was a real rude awakening as to just how vulnerable are our captive reared Brown Teal. All eight bodies were found in one spot; two had been partially eaten and the other six killed for the sake of it.

Obviously with such a disaster on our hands DU Directors decided that no further liberations should take place at Puke Puke until a predator control programme is instituted. Negotiations are taking place with the Wildlife Service to see if we can get a control programme off the ground. As we have indicated many times in the past, the predation of Brown Teal is one of the main reasons for the species' decline.

To the rescue for the remainder of the release programme came Peter McKenzie of the Nga Manu Trust (some 30km south of Puke Puke). Peter, who has already done extensive predator control work at the Trust, agreed to hold Brown Teal in an aviary overlooking the main lagoon and to release

six or so birds at a time, after a couple of weeks in the aviary. We have always been keen to use the pre-release pen technique and thanks to Peter's efforts we are able to report that using this system our Brown Teal have adapted to the wild extremely well and are surviving in large numbers. Not only are large numbers being seen daily at the Trust, our birds are also competing very seriously with other waterfowl at the Trust (see photo) and the pre-release aviary has proven to be even more successful than we had hoped and we have learnt much from this season's experiences. As a result of the releases at Waikanae two news items about Brown Teal appeared on TV and as a result of this coverage Peter McKenzie has received many reports of Brown Teal being seen along the coast. We thank Peter for his outstanding contribution to 'Pateke'.

The Wildlife Service also released a record number of Brown Teal during the past season, with 60 birds being released at Kaikokapu Lagoon, just north of Foxton.

BROWN TEAL HABITAT IN NORTHLAND

In our previous 'Pateke' reports we have mentioned the good work being done by the Wildlife Service in respect of Brown Teal habitat preservation in Northland (one of the two remaining strongholds for Brown Teal in New Zealand) and are therefore very pleased to report that the Bay of Islands Acclimatisation Society has also become involved with this essential work. Society President, and DU member, Noel Birchall sent us two newspaper cuttings which outlined details about his society's considerable involvement with the financing of fencing costs to protect Brown Teal habitat. There is no doubt that this work will have a very considerable influence on Brown Teal survival in Northland and we congratulate the society for its efforts.

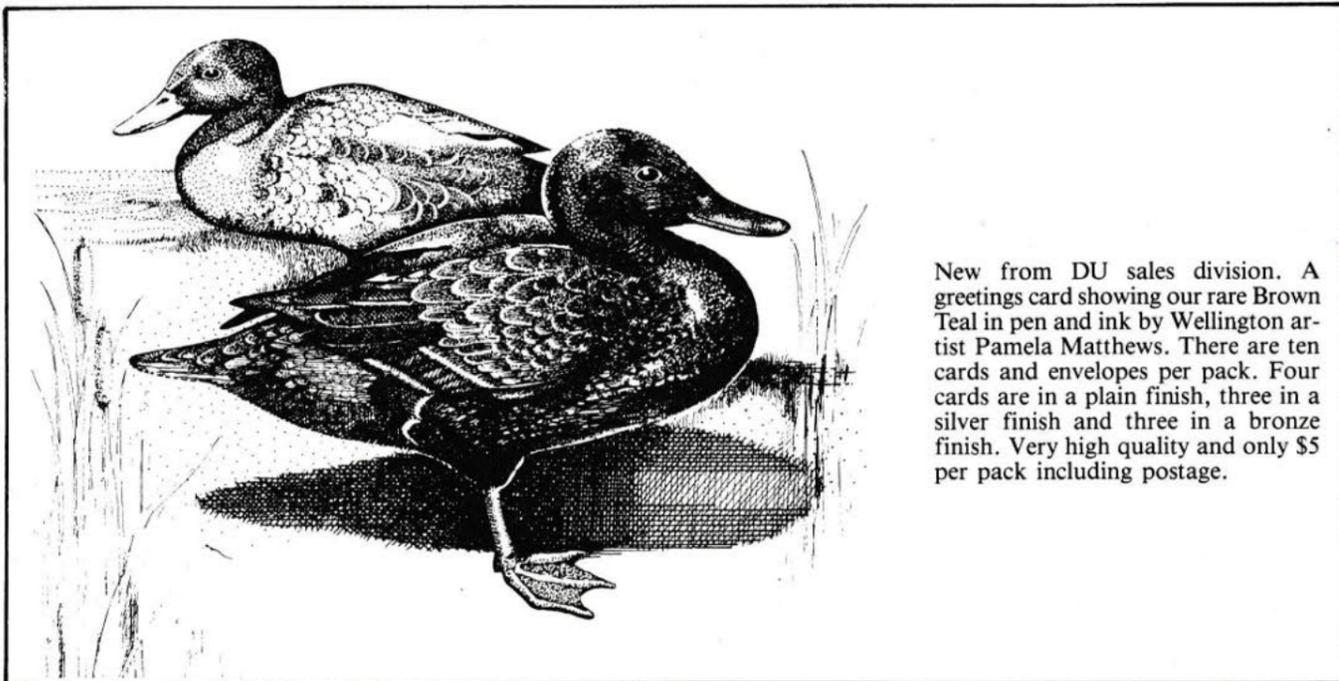
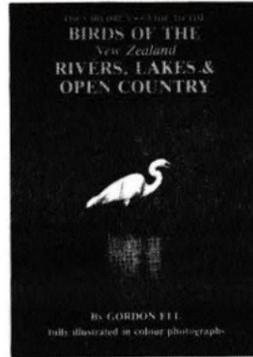
OPERATION 'GRETTEL'

Around 40% of acclimatisation societies have now replied to our circular on Grey Teal nest boxes. All but one have indicated enthusiasm for the nest box project and it certainly seems that the circular was worthwhile. So much so that we can look forward to a considerably expanded nest box programme throughout the country. For example, as a result of the circular, DU in a joint effort with the Marlborough Acclimatisation Society, will erect 20 nest boxes in the society's district, with DU financing the boxes and the society financing the poles. DU member and Marlborough Society Councillor Graham Wilson is acting as liaison officer and will organise the working parties to construct and erect the boxes. Wellington, Otago and Southland Acclimatisation Societies are also doing their part for Grey Teal, so the whole project is expanding quite nicely. DU Hamilton Chapter members are also liaising with their local sub-branch of the Auckland Acclimatisation Society with a view to establishing a joint nest box programme.

DU SALES DEPT

"THE CHILDREN'S GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF THE NEW ZEALAND RIVERS, LAKES AND OPEN COUNTRY"

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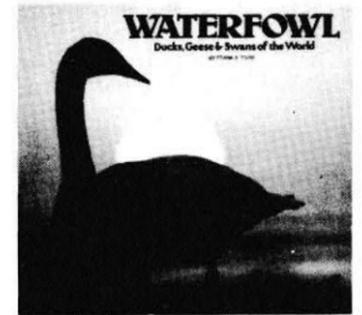
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