

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On duck blind drawing day, volunteers are needed. We need FOS members to assist attendees with their purchases, whether it's for a raffle ticket or hat. We also need volunteer salesmen and women to help sell tickets for the gun raffle, 50/50 drawing and work/sell at the Special Projects tent for the 10 dozen decoys & Boyt Waterfowl Products Package giveaway. One winner takes all on the Special Projects tent items!

We all have a lot of things we want to do on this day, but if you can contribute just one hour to assist us, it will really help. Get a group of your friends together and help out a worthwhile cause.

Organizations like FOS are only as good as their members allow them to be. Our members have proven they care by contributing their money. Now, we need just one hour of your time. Please help us on this important day. Food and beverage to volunteer workers will be supplied!



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## ANNUAL DUCK BLIND DRAWING JULY 25th

A waterfowlers paradise, the annual Sanganois duck blind drawing will be held on Sunday, July 25, 2010 at the Sanganois Conservation Area site headquarters. Once again this year, a large crowd of over 1,500 enthusiasts is expected to attend.

Please plan to stop by the Friends of Sanganois tent as there will be lots activity going on. Many of you take this opportunity to renew your annual FOS membership. Membership is the backbone of our organization and one of the main reasons for the success we've achieved, so please stop by and see Bud Danenberger, FOS Membership Chairman, who will assist you.

Also, some of you need to pick up your FOS membership fulfillment items like camo cooler, gun case, blind bag, backpack, turkey call or duck decoys. Please stop by the FOS tent to pick up any membership item that you have not received. If you have any questions regarding membership fulfillment items, you can contact Mark Frech at 217-725-3825 or by e-mail at [markfrech@sbcglobal.net](mailto:markfrech@sbcglobal.net).

We will conduct our annual Gun Raffle, which this year will have three (3) guns to give away. The first is a Browning Maxus 12 gauge shotgun. There will also be a Remington 870 Express Super Magnum 12 gauge shotgun as well as a Mossberg 817 Bolt Action, .17 HMR special Ducks Unlimited edition rifle. More detailed information about these guns and the raffles is in another article in this newsletter.

Like the last several years, we also conduct a "Special Projects" raffle. This year, we'd like to have electricity put in to the boat launch. This will provide a long-term solution to lighting this area. If sufficient money is raised, we would like to have this project completed by this year's duck season.

Also available will be a new Friends of Sanganois color t-shirts, camo hats, coolies and other items as well. We'll also be cooking up something special to eat, so plan to stop by!

Make plans now to attend this fun day and stop by and support your Friends of Sanganois.

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## GUN & DECOYS RAFFLES

Again this year, the Friends of Sanganois will conduct a gun raffle and another “Special Projects” raffle for 10 dozen duck decoys and a “Waterfowl Package” of Boyt Harness Company products at the annual duck blind drawing.

The difference between the FOS raffle and all of the other raffles on this day is:

**The FOS gun raffle will be for 3 guns !!!**

**All 3 guns will be given away just before the start of the blind drawing.**

**The 10 dozen decoys & Boyt items will go home with someone on July 25th**

The **1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE GUN** is a **BROWNING MAXUS**, 3 ½ inch, 12 gauge. This is the newest and best waterfowl gun from the finest maker in firearms, Browning. This model is the “Duck Blind Mossy Oak” camo covering. You’ll not find a nicer gun that meets all of your waterfowl needs than the new, Browning Maxus.

The **2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE SHOTGUN** is a **REMINGTON 870 EXPRESS SUPER MAGNUM SYNTHETIC** with a 3 ½ inch chamber, 12 gauge. This is the most popular shotgun made providing great versatility for the hunter/sportsmen. Not only will it be great in a goose pit with 3 ½ inch loads, but equally at home on the trap range shooting 2 ¾ inch trap loads.

The **3<sup>RD</sup>** and final **GUN IS A MOSSBERG 817 BOLT ACTION**, .17 HMR rifle. This rifle is the special edition Ducks Unlimited model. This rim fire will be perfect for hunting small game and varmints, as well a great gun for the target range. Raffle tickets for this 3-gun raffle will be \$10 each, or 3 for \$20. This is the best bargain anywhere at Sanganois on blind draw day. This year we will once again use a Friends of Sanganois numbered & colored goose band for this drawing. All 3 guns will be drawn for at 1:45 pm preceding the blind draw. **You must be present to win! LAST YEAR WE SOLD OUT ALL 500 CHANCES, SO MAKE SURE TO GET YOURS EARLY AS ONLY 500 WILL BE SOLD!**

The Special Projects Tent, next to the site office, this year will again feature 10 dozen duck decoys to be given away to one winner! But this year, also included will be a package of Boyt waterfowl products with a retail value of over \$250, including: Waterfowl Cooler Bag, Waterfowl Floating Gun Sleeve, Floating Blind Bag, Insulated Camo Gloves and the Waterfowler Magnum Backpack. This is a great package of fine Boyt Products.

This “Special Projects” program has provided equipment like the Brown’s Tree Cutter that has created over 100 additional acres of habitat at the site. We also used these proceeds to purchase the Athens heavy duty offset disc, which has opened up the Baker area to better management, as well as Weiner Swale. The project this year for funding consideration is contracting with Menard Electric Cooperative to run electricity and install permanent lighting at the boat launch area.

Stop by and purchase an arms length of raffle tickets for \$10, a wingspan for \$20 (this is a great bargain!) or 6 tickets for \$5. Help support the site staff by providing them with the necessary equipment to get the job done and improve hunter safety by lighting the boat launch area!

As always, your participation in these raffles is greatly appreciated as they help FOS provide assistance to the site and staff. We thank each and every one of you for your support!



*BROWNING MAXUS*



*REMINGTON 870*

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## PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Each year when I sit down to write the Summer FOS President’s Report, it seems like I keep saying the same thing each time. More rain causing high water has flooded the entire area once again. For all of us old guys, it’s like the 45 rpm record player that if you left the arm up, the same song would keep playing over and over again. Our younger members are now scratching their head, saying “What’s he talking about?”

It seems that we spend more time each year being flooded, which is not a good thing for the site and the area. Fortunately, the repair done on the Barkhausen Levee and spillway seems to be well designed, constructed and able to withstand the recent floods. Unfortunately, the interior work necessary on the Whites Levee has yet to be done. There has not been an opportunity with dry conditions to work since October 2009. Since that time, there hasn’t been any opportunity to get equipment in and begin work. To finish the project, 60 to 90 days of continuous dry conditions/weather is needed. So, it appears unlikely that the project will be completed by the start of this year’s duck season. As I say every year, “pray for some drier conditions so we can get this project done!”

We still have a small window of opportunity for this year’s duck season, but that window is closing fast.

One thing is certain. We can all look forward to the Blind Draw on July 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be held come rain or shine. As always, FOS will have our tent up with new hat and t-shirt designs available for purchase and 3 guns to raffle. There will also be the 10 dozen decoy raffle to one lucky winner. The money raised from this will go to pay for lighting at the Line Blinds parking lot. We could also use some volunteers to assist. Please call me if you can help!

Look forward to seeing everyone on the 25<sup>th</sup> at the blind draw!

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Friends of Sanganois membership begins each year on April 1 and runs through March 31. FOS membership runs concurrent with your Illinois hunting license.

Some members each year renew by mail before the annual fish fry in March, while many renew at the fish fry as well. There are also a lot of members that renew each year at the annual blind drawing. Whichever way you choose, your membership renewal is extremely important in keeping FOS a strong, viable organization. All of the money raised, minus expenses, is used to improve the Sanganois Conservation Area.

While a regular FOS membership is still only \$20 for an adult and \$10 for a youth (Spoonie, 16 years old and younger), in recent years members have taken the opportunity to increase their financial commitment to the organization and receive a gift for their contribution. These membership items are available for pick-up at the annual FOS Fish Fry in March, the Blind Drawing in July and the opening weekend of duck season at the site. If this is not convenient, we can mail the item to you, but please let us know.

If you have any questions regarding membership items, please contact Mark Frech at [markfrech@sbcglobal.net](mailto:markfrech@sbcglobal.net) by e-mail or by phone at 217.787.2538.

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