



From Paul Sullivan

Spring 2009

aka "Honkerguide" on many chat rooms.

Well, it's time to start assessing the hunts of the season past and to look forward to the exciting hunts for this coming year. We had one of the **best goose hunting years** that I can remember. There were only one or two slow days and the rule was limits for those that could hit them! In fact, it was so good, I did more goose guiding than normal because it was just a blast. We had a few combination hunts where we took the goose hunters out for a duck hunt after the goose hunt and they shot limits of both honkers and greenheads. The new corn pond gave us more flexibility to do that last year. Sometimes a combo is unexpectedly available due to the circumstances of the day, later in the season. (To insure a duck and goose hunt, it is best to always schedule them on separate days.)

The duck was outstanding too (with a few slow weeks), but the increased goose population was a welcome sight. The waterfowl just like our farms! It was cool to see the ducks actually landing right on down through the standing corn in the corn pond. We cut the corn that was left in the pond after the season and the ducks really fed on it heavily. It is my understanding that ducks will return to the last places that they visited before they headed North; and that will be Paul's Ponds this coming season.

This year we are using a different variety of corn which has a lower ear, since we can only put about 18" of water in the corn pond. This will make it easier for the ducks to access more corn to keep them around a longer.

Also this season, our main duck pond will have a bigger plate of barley, since we have moved and added to the smaller circle above the pond. We moved it up higher on the hill to gain an additional 12 acres. This will give us about 104 acres of barley and 7 acres of corn for the ducks. As usual we are out on the farm now grooming for next season.

The newer diver pond has had a lot of divers on it this spring and if you want to bag a diver to mount, that will be available. We have had Canvasbacks, Redheads, Ringneck, Scaup, Goldeneye, Buffleheads and a few Hooded Mergansers on the diver pond this year.

We are looking forward to the best greenhead shoots in the history of the farm

Make you reservations early so you won't be disappointed. There are many days we turn away several groups. We will be sticking to smaller groups this season, unless you have a large party that you want to shoot together.

All in all, it will be another great year at the Burbank Guide Service this season. The same great guides will be back.

We are all looking forward to providing you with the best of the best, in terms of hunting.
See you in the Pits or Blinds!

PS; Suzy says we are going to do our part for economic stimulation. Watch for more detail, but every hunter, every month, will be put in a drawing for \$100 hunt certificate.