

Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary



Winter 2009
NEWSLETTER



2009 SEASON

Gooseneck Hill's season for raising waterfowl went really good. We had 11 Red-breasted Geese, 18 Pacific Eiders, 2 Ross Geese, 7 Long Tails, 2 Smew Ducks, 10 Wood Ducks and 8 Scaup Ducks that hatched and are all doing really good. On August 9th & 10 the 2 1/2 acre lower aviary was destroyed by a flood of water 50' wide by 20' high from 8' of rain that came in 12 hours. About 50 birds were killed. It was the worse day, I had to live through. I felt like I failed to protect the birds that I raised from eggs and who depended on me for protection. We were really fortunate to have Local 17 Heavy Equipment Training Cen-

ter reconstructed our aviary. They worked for 3 weeks with a skid-steer and excavator and 230 ton of stone. Gernatt and County Line Stone gave us a reduced price on the stone and hauling. Creative Fence repaired our fence at very little cost. Our Lower aviary is now built with 3 backup dams and spillways which take any excess water away from the banks. We re-opened our Lower Aviary to the birds on September 20 with a fundraiser, live country music and a Chinese and silent auction. We added 50 birds and 7 new species to our flock to replace the birds that we lost. We also added mail order brides for the species that lost their females.



Milt Miner with the flood damage



Jim Smolinski and crew



Jim Smolinski and some of the rock used to reinforce the banks

FUNDRAISER- TASTE OF THE SOUTHTOWNS—May 2

This year our fundraiser will be held on Sunday May 2 at the Springville Fire Hall from 11-5 P.M. We will have a Silent Auction, Chinese Auction (50 Baskets), Live Music and many fine restaurants

from the Southtowns to serve their specialties. If you are interested in donating something for our Chinese or Silent Auction call or e-mail us and we will arrange for pick-up. This is our only fundraiser for the

year. Please help support this event. We are a 501c3 organization and all your donations are tax deductible. A receipt will be sent for your tax purposes. **Mark your calendar!**

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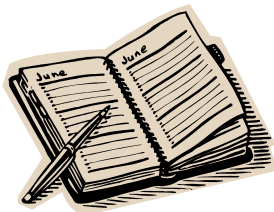
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money without
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anything!



New Directors have been added to help us and also search for grants for improvements and enlarging the facility.

New species

The photos are new species that we have added to Gooseneck Hill's collection of waterfowl. The first photo is a Bahama Pintail Duck with a beautiful blue and orange beak and is from the Bahama Islands. The 2nd photo is a Sharp winged Teal so named because the feathers all come to a point, like a sword and are from northern Peru. The 3rd photo is a Falcated Teal, one of the most beautiful of the Anas Ducks from Siberia and Japan, likely related to the Mandarin and Wood Ducks. The 4th photo is a pair of Ringed Teal, a very small duck, probably related to the perching ducks and

is from South America. The 5th photo is a pair of Mandarin Ducks. The male has plumage of red, orange, green, and buff with bold stripes of black and white. The sides of the head and neck are adorned with long plumes, and when the bird is on the ground modified tertial feathers on the inner wing stand upright to form triangular bright orange "wing-sails" which are used to great effect in display. The birds are from Siberia, China and Japan. They are one of the most colorful ducks in the world.

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Wouldn't it be fantastic, if Gooseneck Hill earned a donation every time you searched the internet or earned a percentage of every purchase you made online and it doesn't cost you a cent.

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New Directors

Gooseneck Hill has added 3 new directors to our board.

1. Anne Gareis from Buffalo came to help us during the flood and became interested in our birds and sanctuary.
2. Lori Hoffmann was introduced to us by Anne and both helped out at our

grand reopening in September.

3. Will Hoffmann is Lori's son and is also interested in helping us find grants and helping in future developments at Gooseneck Hill.

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MAIL ORDER DUCKS ADDED TO THE FLOCK AFTER THE FLOOD



FEMALE BARROWS GOLDEN EYE CAME TO US ON SEPTEMBER 20 FROM OHIO TO MATE WITH THE MALE TO THE RIGHT



TWO PAIR OF HOODED MERGANZERS WERE ADDED ON OCTOBER 6 FROM INDIANA

A TRIO OF AMERICAN RUDDY DUCKS CAME TO GOOSENECK HILL ON SEPTEMBER 28 FROM OHIO



Gooseneck Hill would like to thank all of you for your generous support especially after the flood. No one here receives any salary and 100% of your donation goes to the support of the birds. Gooseneck Hill is supported by donations only. We do not receive any government or state support. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2010!

