

50. ▶ 2006/07 Remington 11-87

- 20 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Rem-Choke system
- Polished receiver

51. ▶ 2007 Browning Silver Hunter (70th Anniversary Gun)

- 12 ga. semi• auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Invector Plus choke system
- Polished receiver
- Engraving design by David Maas

53. ▶ 2008 Beretta White Onyx

- 20 ga. over/under
- 3” chambers
- 28” barrels
- Beretta Choke system
- Polished nickel receiver featuring gold- inlaid engraving
- Sister gun to the 2005 12 ga. White Onyx

54 . ▶ 2009 Beretta White Onyx

- 28 ga. over/under
- 2 ¾” chambers
- 28” barrels
- Beretta choke system
- Polished nickel receiver featuring gold• inlaid engraving
- Sister gun to the 2005 12 ga. White Onyx and the 2008 20 ga. White Onyx



Tony Palermo



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Collection



Tony Palermo, a native of Sulphur, Louisiana, is the man behind the gun collection prominently displayed at Ducks Unlimited’s National Headquarters. This collection represents one of the few complete sets of Ducks Unlimited dinner guns dating from 1973 to 2009. Each gun in the collection is unfired and in “new in box” condition.

Palermo worked for more than six years to complete the collection, taking out advertisements in Ducks Unlimited magazine and following leads as far away as Canada. “I realized that the guns sold at Ducks Unlimited banquets are essential to making the wheels turn so waterfowl can continue to thrive,” Palermo said. “These guns are special. They hold a unique place in the history of Ducks Unlimited, and I was honored to take on the challenge of collecting these firearms.”

A lifelong DU member and duck hunter with a strong conservation ethic, Palermo has hunted waterfowl around the globe—throughout North America and in locations as far away as Africa. His expertise as a gun collector has earned him international recognition. Palermo owns and operates a successful real estate development and construction company. He and his wife, Tina, are avid outdoor enthusiasts with a passion for wildlife and the land. Together they enjoy hunting, fishing, and showing cutting horses.

Palermo’s gift to Ducks Unlimited is more than a collection of guns spanning four decades. His gift also honors DU’s traditions and our shared waterfowling heritage. This collection is a wonderful example of an individual dedicated to helping Ducks Unlimited realize its vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow, and forever.

“Thank you, Ducks Unlimited, for your unwavering commitment to North America’s waterfowl and for all your efforts to perpetuate our waterfowling tradition. Ducks Unlimited deserves this collection, and I’m happy to give it,” Palermo said.

DU Dinner Gun Program

Since 1973, the Ducks Unlimited dinner gun program has remained a cornerstone of grassroots fundraising. A model for conservation fundraising nationwide, the DU dinner gun program raises an average of more than \$2 million annually for wetlands conservation. While customized to DU specifications, all dinner guns are based on manufacturer’s field models and carry the same functionality.

Through the years, more than 100,000 Ducks Unlimited dinner guns have been sold at DU events. Many are considered modern classics, and their collector value has risen accordingly.

2. ▶ 1973 Remington Model 1100

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 2 ¾” Chamber
- 30” Barrel
- Full Choke
- Full Color DU medallion on receiver
- Gilded gold inlay

3. ▶ 1974 Remington Model 870 Wingmaster

- 12 ga. pump
- 2 ¾” Chamber
- 30” Barrel
- Full Choke
- Full color DU crest on receiver
- Gilded gold inlay

5. ▶ 1975 Winchester Model 12

- 12 ga. pump
- 2 ¾” Chamber
- 30” Barrel
- Full Choke
- Bronze medal on receiver
- DU Crest on pistol grip

6. ▶ 1976 Winchester Super X-1

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 2 ¾”Chamber
- 30” Barrel • Full Choke
- DU Crest on pistol grip
- DU medallion on receiver

8. ▶ 1977 Ithaca Model 37 (40th Anniversary Gun)

- 12 ga. pump
- 2 ¾” Chamber
- 30” Barrel
- Full Choke
- 40th anniversary pistol grip cap

9. ▶ 1978 Ithaca Model 51

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 2 ¾” Chamber
- 30” Barrel
- Full Choke
- Pewter grip cap insert
- DU emblem recessed in receiver

11. ▶ 1979 Weatherby Deluxe Patrician II

- 12 ga. pump
- 3” Chamber
- 30” Barrel
- Full Choke
- DU Crest etched into receiver

12. ▶ 1980/81 Weatherby Deluxe Centurion II

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 3” Chamber
- 30” barrel
- Full Choke
- Engraving by David Maas
- DU Duck Head inlaid in pistol grip

14. ▶ 1981/82 Remington 1100 Magnum

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 3” Chamber
- 30” barrel
- Full choke
- Medallion designed by David Maas inlaid on the receiver
- This gun is also called the “Chesapeake”
- This gun marks the first of the “flyway” series of dinner guns

15. ▶ 1982/83 Remington 870 Magnum

- 12 ga. pump
- 3” Chamber
- 30” barrel
- Full choke
- Medallion designed by David Maas inlaid on the receiver
- This gun is also called the “River”

17. ▶ 1983/84 Browning B-80

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 2 ¾” chamber
- 30” barrel
- Full choke
- Custom DU grip cap
- Medallion designed by David Maas inlaid on the receiver
- Engraving designed by J. Baerten
- This gun is also called the “Plains”

18. ▶ 1984/85 Browning BPS

- 12 ga. pump
- 2 ¾” chamber
- 30” barrel
- Full choke
- Custom DU grip cap
- Medallion designed by David Maas inlaid on the receiver
- Engraving designed by J. Baerten
- This gun is called the “Coastal”
- Marks the last of the “flyway” series of DU dinner guns

20. ▶ 1985/86 Remington model 1100

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 2 ¾” chamber
- 26” barrel
- Briley choke tube system
- Straight English grip

21. ▶ 1986/87 Beretta A-303

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Interchangeable choke tubes
- DU logo in the grip cap
- Gold inlaid mallards on the receiver

22. ▶ 1987/88 Beretta A-303

- 20 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 26” barrel
- Interchangeable choke system
- DU logo on grip cap and side of receiver

23. ▶ 1987 Browning A-5 (50th Anniversary Gun)

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 2 ¾” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Modified choke
- Round knob stock

24. ▶ 1988/89 Browning Sweet Sixteen

- 16 ga. semi-auto
- 2 ¾” chamber
- 26” barrel
- Invector choke system
- Round knob stock
- Similar engraving to the 50th anniversary 12 ga. A-5

25. ▶ 1989/90 Browning A-500

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Invector choke system
- Round knob stock
- Engraving by Terry Redlin

26. ▶ 1990/91 Browning A-5

- 20 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Invector choke system
- Round knob stock
- Engraving by Terry Redlin

27. ▶ 1991/92 Beretta A-390

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Mobilchoke system
- Gold filled accents on the engraved receiver

29. ▶ 1992/93 Franchi

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Interchangeable choke tubes
- Engraved bolt
- Gold filled accents on the engraved receiver

30. ▶ 1993/94 Winchester Model 12

- 20 ga. pump
- 2 ¾” chamber
- 26” barrel
- Improved Cylinder choke
- Silver nitrate finish receiver

32. ▶ 1994/95 Browning A-500R

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Invector choke system
- Blued receiver with gold inlaid engraving

33. ▶ 1995/96 Browning Model 12

- 28 ga. pump
- 2 ¾” chamber
- 26” barrel
- Modified choke
- Silver nitrite receiver
- Engraving by David Maas

35. ▶ 1996/97 Browning BPS

- 12 ga. pump
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Invector Plus choke system
- Silver nitrite receiver
- Engraving by Rob Leslie

37. ▶ 1997 Browning Gold (60th Anniversary Gun)

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Invector Plus choke system
- Engraving by Leon Burrows

38. ▶ 1998/99 Remington 11-87

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Rem-Choke system
- Satin-nickel receiver

39. ▶ 1999/2000 Browning BPS

- 20 ga. pump
- 3” chamber
- 26” barrel
- Invector Plus choke system
- Engraving by Rob Leslie
- Sister gun to the 1996 DU Gun of the Year

41. ▶ 2000/01 Beretta A-390

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Gold inlaid engraving

42. ▶ 2001/02 Fabarm Red Lion

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Gold inlaid engraving
- Matte blue receiver

44. ▶ 2002/03 Browning BPS

- 28 ga. pump
- 2 ¾” chamber
- 26” barrel
- Invector Plus choke system
- Silver Nitrite finish
- Engraving by Rob Leslie

45. ▶ 2003/04 Beretta AL391 Urika

- 12 ga. semi-auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Beretta choke tube system
- Black and Silver receiver with gold inlaid engraving

47. ▶ 2004/05 Winchester SX2

- 12 ga. semi auto
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrel
- Invector Plus choke system
- Deep blued receiver with gold inlay
- Engraving by David Maas

48. ▶ 2005/06 Beretta White Onyx

- 12 ga. Over/Under
- 3” chamber
- 28” barrels
- Beretta Choke System
- Polished silver receiver
- Gold Inlaid DU engraving