

## HONOR ROLL PROFILE

# DECIDING WHAT'S IMPORTANT

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Rick Timmer's father was a pheasant man, and he started out that way too when he began hunting at age 12.

But visits to a friend's duck club, as well as the sight of thousands of migrating waterfowl at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge – and the hunters who filled their bags with them – quickly won him over.

At 14, he was a full-fledged duck hunter. In his 20s, he worked his way into a club. By the time he was 40, he had bought property of his own.

Just as his passion for duck hunting grew, so too did his involvement with California Waterfowl.

After joining CWA in the 1980s, he chaired the Sonoma/Marin Pig Feed. Ten years later he became an associate director on the board, and began volunteering with nearly all aspects of the organization. When CWA reorganized in 2000, he became a full board member, serving as chairman from 2007 to 2009 before terming out in 2011.

He contributed more than his time. Rick became a Life Member in 1991 and gradually increased his contribution level to become the Silver Benefactor he is today.

Rick knows his contributions are going to fund positive programs for ducks and hunters alike, especially on the political front.

"I would say that that public policy and water policy rate up at the top," Timmer said. "Without water or a reasonable public policy environment we will not have any ducks or duck



Silver Benefactor Rick Timmer with Sammie

hunting. No water, no ducks, no CWA. It's that simple."

Through his more than three decades of involvement as a volunteer, Rick has seen firsthand the impact and importance of elevating one's giving levels.

"All of us need to really take a critical look at what is important to us," he said. "To the best of your ability, actively support and participate in CWA activities. If you are able, increase your monetary support. With your help, our children and grandchildren will enjoy life in the field as we do today."

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