

PA State Goose Competition
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September 21st was the PA State Duck and Goose Calling competition held at Middle Creek Wildlife Refuge in Kleinfeltersville, PA.

Last year, Dave called in this contest, his first ever, and ended up taking 2nd place. Since then, Dave has had the fire in him to take first place. He has been practicing hard and has called in a couple of other contests.

I knew Dave would win if he didn't make any mistakes; after all I've listened to him calling anytime I'm at his house, when we are scouting or traveling in the truck. The first round went by and he sounded great, but there were a few others who sounded just as flawless. The one difference was the Zink call; it is louder and crisper than any other call out there. The second round finished and again, Dave was crisp and flawless but it still was going to be close. I was sure Dave had won. They started announcing the winners and it came down to Joey Palumbo and Dave. They called Joeys name for second and Phil and I started yelling because that meant Dave just won. The only thing left was the prizes, pictures and congratulating the other callers.

Phil and our new friend, Rich Yoder also called. Although they finished 7th and 9th, they did well for their first time calling in a contest. Congratulations Dave, next step is the World Goose in Easton, Maryland come November if we are not hunting.