

1979 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILDFOWL CARVING COMPETITION
OF THE WARD FOUNDATION
Ocean City, Maryland April 28-29, 1979

LEM & STEVE WARD "SHOOTIN' STOOL" DECOY COMPETITION WINNERS

WORKING DECOYS

1. Ralph Nocerino, Amity Harbor, N.Y. - Black
2. Paul Dobrowsky, Shrewsbury, N.J. - Brant
3. Harold Koehler, New Helford, Conn. - Canvasback

SPECIAL DECOYS

1. Robert Shaber, Sebastian, Fla. - Green Wing Teal
 2. Vernon C. Smith, Millville, N.J. - Bufflehead
 3. Bob Sutton, Long Beach, Calif. - Goldeneye
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CORB REED DECOY PAINTING COMPETITION WINNERS

1. Doug Clinton, Lavalette, N.J.
 2. Richard Schiebel, Hutchinson, Minn.
 3. Dick LeMaster, Chillicothe, Ill.
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A. DANNER FRAZER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING TEENAGE CONTESTANT

Jim Robison, Pekin, Ill. - Blue Wing Teal with Duckling

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS-DECORATIVE LIFESIZE \$11,500 PURCHASE AWARD

- Best in World - E. Lynn Forehand, Chesapeake, Va. - Philippine Gamecocks
- 2nd in World - Larry Barth, Bethel Park, Pa. - Great Horned Owls
- 3rd in World Anthony Rudisill, W. Atlantic City, N.J. - Green Heron
- 4th in World - Don Briddell, Dallastown, Pa. - Falcon with Blue Jay
- 5th in World - Ernie Muehlmann, Springfield, Pa. - Meadowlarks
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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS-COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE DECOY PAIRS-\$2500 PURCHASE AWARD

Best in World - Randy Tull, Hayward, Wisconsin - Buffleheads

- 2nd in World - Thomas Shumate, Gibraltar, Mich. - Buffleheads
- 3rd in World - Tan Brunet, Galliano, La. - Buffleheads
- 4th in World - Jimmie Vizier, Galliano, La. - Buffleheads
- 5th in World - Paul Burdette, Orton, Ontario, Canada - Buffleheads

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS-DECORATIVE MINIATURE-\$2,000 PURCHASE AWARD

- Best in World- Ernest Muehlmann, Springfield, Pa. - Woodcock
- 2nd in World - Robert Guge, Carpentersville, Ill. - Horned Lark & Swallow
- 3rd in World - Dan DeMendoza, Sanford, Fla. - Pair Brown Pelicans
- 4th in World - John L. Sawyer, Elizabeth City, N.C. - Canada Geese & Mallard
- 5th in World - Gus Sjöholm, West Islip, N.Y. - Gaggle of Geese

FINAL JUDGING-COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE DECOY DIVISION A

- PROFESSIONAL 1. Randy Tull, Hayward, Wis. - Mallard Drake
- 2. Len Carnaghi, Mt. Clemens, Mich. - Cackling Goose
- 3. Thomas Shumate, Gibraltar, Mich. - Red Breasted Merganser
- AMATEUR 1. James Gelinne, Lincoln, Neb. - White Front Goose
- 2. Arnold Mummert, Farmington, Mich. - Mallard
- 3. Gary Lynn, Wyandotte, Mich. - Ruddy
- NOVICE 1. Robert Bennett, Fredericksburg, Va. - Bufflehead
- 2. Beau Payton, Middleton, Wis. - Mallard Hen
- 3. Eric Williams, Stephenson, Va. - Canada Goose

FINAL JUDGING-DECORATIVE LIFESIZE WILDFOWL-DIVISION B

- PROFESSIONAL 1. Gary Yoder, Grantsville, Md. - Barn Swallow
- 2. Ron Tepley, Racine, Wis. - Peregrine Falcon
- 3. Ernest Muehlmann, Springfield, Pa. - Woodcock
- AMATEUR 1. Jimmy Vizier, Galliano, La. - Bufflehead
- 2. Robert Rivello, Potomac, Md. - Pintail Pair
- 3. Howard Smith, Wheaton, Md. - Sandpiper

NOVICE

1. Jack Abrams, Newtown Square, Pa. - Burrowing Owl
2. Helen Smith, Media, Pa. - Pair Black-capped Chickadees
3. Jim Robison, Pekin, Ill. - Blue Wing Teal - Hen & Duckling

 FINAL JUDGING-DECORATIVE MINIATURE WILDFOWL-DIVISION C

PROFESSIONAL

1. E. Lynn Forehand, Chesapeake, Va. - Hawk & Prey
2. Robert Guge, Carpenterville, Ill. - Avocets
3. Don Briddell, Dallastown, Pa. - Goose & Goslings

AMATEUR

1. Fred Cutts, Reading, Pa. - Magpie
2. Fred Cutts, Reading, Pa. - Loon
3. Harry Schnider, Jr., Lutherville, Md. - Crow

NOVICE

1. Creighton Reipe, Richmond, Va. - Pair Redheads
 2. Howard Bubb, Dover, Pa. - Turkey
 3. Creighton Reipe, Richmond, Va. - Widgeon Drake
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DIVISION A-COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE DECOYS

MARSH DUCK CATEGORY

Category	Class	1	2	3	Hon. Mention
A. MALLARD	PRO.	Randy Tull	Paul Burdette	Dan Brown	
	AM.	Arnold Mummert	Larbow Cheramie	Harry Altice	John Gelinne
	NOV.	Beau Payton	Debra Norvell	Wm. Chatelain	Robert Tito
B. BLACK DUCK	PRO.	Jim Sprankle	Louis K. Kean, Jr.	Jim Sprankle	John B. Cunningham
	AM.	James Ewell	Bob Angerman	Daniel Cobb	Larry Horseman
	NOV.	Joseph Eschert	Glen Lewis	David Dodd.	Wm. H. Lewis
C. PINTAIL	PRO.	Robert Franta	John Gewerth	Randy Tull	Tan Brunet
	AM.	Terry McNulty	Elson Trahan, Jr.	John Dodge	Larry Horseman
	NOV.	Ken Blomquist	Ken Blomquist	Ken Blomquist	Robert Abel Frank McCarroll

Marsh Duck Category	Class	1	2	3	Hon. Mention
D.					
G.W. TEAL	PRO.	Jim Sprankle	John Gewerth	Dan Brown	Don Briddell
	AM.	Dan Williams	Daniel Cobb	Harry Schneider	Roger Everett Dan Williams
	NOV.	Richard Clark	Jeff Brunet	Michael Bobinski	Chas. Ungerbueh
E.					
B.W. TEAL	PRO.	John B. Cunningham	Thomas J. Pitzen	John Gewerth	Larry Witt
	AM.	R. C. Krahn	Dan Williams	Tolliver Oden	Frances Foley Bob Lautz
	NOV.	Richard Clark	Mike Kull	Joan Pianto	Clarence Triche Don Schaefer
F.					
CINNAMON TEAL	PRO.	Jim Sprankle	John B. Cunningham	Bobby J. Castlebury	
	AM.	Frances Foley	Gary Lawrence	Bob Angerman	John Dodge
	NOV.	Marvin Rushman	Ronald Gerard	Don Morley	
G.					
SHOVELER	PRO.	Thomas J. Pitzen	Jim Sprankle	Ken Scheeler	Louis K. Kean,
	AM.	Gary Lawrence	Edith Hand	Edith Hand	Barry Griffith Norman Walsh
	NOV.	Thomas Taylor	Don Findingsland	Bob Redden	
H.					
WIDGEON	PRO.	Louis K. Kean, Jr.	John Gewerth	Robert Nagel	John Gewerth
	AM.	Gary Lawrence	Paul Palmer	Bob Lautz	Harris Guidry
	NOV.	Clarence Triche	Gary Dimarco	Fred Ayers	
I.					
GADWALL	PRO.	Jim Sprankle	Elphege Brunet	William Veasey	
	AM.	James Dodd	Don Walters	Louis Haun	
	NOV.	David Queen			
J.					
WOOD DUCK	PRO.	William L. Schultz	Thomas J. Pitzen	Cliff Hollestelle	Cliff Hollestelle
	AM.	Carl Addison	R.C. Krahn	Courtland Raynor Jr.	Jack James Barry Griffith Jack James
	NOV.	Sina Kurman	Carol Porter	Richard Belknap	Ray Whetzel

MI-FINAL JUDGING - BEST IN CATEGORY - MARSH DUCKS

Category	Class	1	2	3	Hon. Mention
	PRO.	Randy Tull	Thomas J. Pitzen	Jim Sprankle	
	AM.	Arnold Mummert	Gary Lawrence	Terry McNulty	
	NOV.	Beau Payton	Richard Clark	Richard Clark	

SECTION A-COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE DECOYS

LIVING DUCK CATEGORY

Category	Class	1	2	3	Hon. Mention
BUFFLEHEAD	PRO.	Ken Scheeler	Jay Polite	Robert Nagel	Louis K. Kean, Jr.
	AM.	Larry Reader	Bob Angerman	Larry Reader	Dan Williams Jimmy Vizier
	NOV.	Robert Bennett	Stephen Beaubien	Daniel L. Thomas	Creighton Reipe Joseph Eschert
ANVASEBACK	PRO.	Hans Bolte	Randy Tull	John B. Cunningham	John B. Cunningham John Gewerth Robt. Franta
	AM.	James Elwell	Jimmy Vizier	Norman Walsh	Bob Angerman Jimmy Vizier
	NOV.	Tillie Bolte	Daniel L. Thomas	Richard Clark	Steven Fland Scott Badman
WEDHEAD	PRO.	Robt. Franta	Chas. Van Note	Richard R. O'Connor	
	AM.	Roscoe Condon	Harry Schneider	James Gelinne	
	NOV.	Clarence Triche	Grady Cates	Gregg Ewell	
WIDERS	PRO.	Wm. L. Schultz	Russell Van Houzen		
	AM.	Jack Tierney	Jack Tierney		
	NOV.	Ralph Walker	Robert W. Kelley		
WOTERS	PRO.	Robert Berry			Roger C. Mitchell
	AM.	William Bruce	Thomas Humberstone	John Palton	
	NOV.	Ed F. Clark			

Category	Class	1	2	3	Hon. Mention
F.					
GOLDENEYE	PRO.	Ken Gleason	Ken Gleason	Richard R. O'Connor	
	AM.	Gary Lynn	Daniel Cobb	William Chapo	
	NOV.	David Farrington	Katie Sickles	David Hardin	Bobby Ackiss
G.					
RUDDY DUCK	PRO.	Thomas G. Shumate	Tom Lang	Donald Morley	Carnaghi
	AM.	Gary Lynn	Dick Hollis	Frances Foley	Dan Williams
	NOV.	Frank Manspeaker	C. I. McDowell	Don Morley	Wm. Chatelain
H.					
SCAUP	PRO.	John B. Cunningham	John Cunningham	Bob Berry	
	AM.	Larry Reader	Don Darnick	Mert 'Mac' Maki	Jean C. Berreut Bob Lantz
	NOV.	Walter Taykus	Richard Clark	C.I. McDowell	Mike Whitmore Thomas Jacobs
I.					
RING NECK	PRO.	Jim Sprankle	Russell Van Houzen	Robt. Schaeber	
	AM.	Bob Augerman	Tim Bourgue	John Trabuchi	
	NOV.	Dave McDaniel	Dave McDaniel	Robt. Nickovich	Wm. Van Ness James Petcoff
J.					
AMERICAN MERGANSER	PRO.	John Floyd	John Floyd		
	AM.	Dick Hollis			
	NOV.	David Wells	Yearsley		
K.					
HOODED MERGANSER	PRO.	Russell Van Houzen	Jim Sprankle	Thos. Pitzen	Robt. Nagel
	AM.	Jeff Smith	Courtland Raynor, Jr.	Wilfred Barbret	Gary Lawrence R. C. Krahn
	NOV.	Don Morley	Don Donahoe	Marvin Rushman	Robert Sunderland Walter Taykus Ralph Walker
L.					
RED BREASTED MERGANSER	PRO.	Thos. Shumate	Bob Hand	Robt. Schaeber	Bob Hand
	AM.	Larry Reader	Eugene Merritt, Jr.		
	NOV.	Ed Clark	Joey Clark	Todd Monaghan	Harold Veasey

Diving Duck

Category	Class	1	2	3	Hon. Mention
M.					
CANADIAN SQUAW	PRO.	Ken Scheeler	Donald Morley	Frank Schmid	
	AM.	John Trabuchi	Jeff Smith	Larry Reader	Bud Bernier
	NOV.	Walter Taykus	Robert Sunderland		

SEMI-FINAL JUDGING - BEST IN CATEGORY - DIVING DUCKS					
	PRO.	Thomas Shumate	Thomas Shumate	Wm. Schultz	
	AM.	Gary Lunn	Bob Angerman	John Trabuchi	
	NOV.	Robt. S. Bennett	Walter Taykus	Tillie Bolte	

DIVISION A - COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE DECOY					
GEESE & CONFIDENCE CATEGORY					
A.					
CANADA	PRO.	Len Carnaghi	Donald Morley	Cliff Hollestelle	Jay Polite
	AM.	A.G.Howell, Jr.	John Ewen	Thomas Birch	Edw. Eanchuk Barry Griffiths John Ewen
	NOV.	Eric Williams	George Bailey	Richard Izykowski	
B.					
BRANT	PRO.	Wm. L. Schultz	Cigar Daisey	*	Robt. Peterson Chas. Van Note
	AM.	Fred Summerman	Barry Griffiths	Watson Pharo	
	NOV.	George E. Stump	G. Marshall	John Redden	David Dominski
C.					
ALL OTHER GEESE	PRO.	Ralph Stutheit	Wm. Schultz	Donald Morley	Ralph Stutheit
	AM.	James Gelinne	Dick Hollis	John Chatham	
	NOV.	Ralph Walker			
D.					
COOT	PRO.	Robert Berry	Roger C. Mitchell		
	AM.	Jerry Garner	Jerry Garner	Jack Berry	Donald Dunlap
	NOV.	Joseph Eschert	Joseph Nero	Gary Dimarco	Arthur Colabella



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June 12, 1979

Dear Fellow Carvers, Members and
Friends of the Ward Foundation:

The 1979 World Championship Wildfowl Carving Contest is history but the excitement still lingers. Competition was at its highest form. I think I make this statement every year - there are no losers; everyone who attends and competes broadens his education by seeing new techniques, viewing new work from every corner of the United States and Canada and has the thrill of seeing his carvings sitting with the best in the world. Besides, you can't beat the price of admission!

What can I say about Champion Lynn Forehand's "Philippine Fighting Cocks" that hasn't already been said by everyone who saw them win "Best in World". "A magnificent sculpture of art!", to steal one of the overheard exclamations. Besides that, he is a great guy and one of the Ward Foundation's most ardent supporters. That may not win any ribbons but sure gets a few "brownie points" from me! I must congratulate Larry Barth; the technique he used on his "owls" was most dramatic. "Best in World Decoy Pairs" gave us a new champion in Randy Tull who has made his mark in the carving world by taking "Best in Show" in decoys here two years in a row, and now the BIG ONE this year - too much! To World Champion Ernie Muehlmann in the new decorative miniature class for his woodcocks, I say, "Ernie, you've truly earned it as I know how hard you have worked to get there. Congratulations!"

The judges were top-notch again this year. The response from the novice, amateur and professional ranks was all praise. I'm most appreciative of the judges' participation, as I know how much pressure they are under. If some of the judges look familiar each year, it's because I have decided to keep them for their superior abilities and dedication to this art form. Naturally I'm always open to receive new applications from qualified persons.

In planning our First Carvers Workshop with Ken Basile, our Museum Director, the top number of participants expected was 100. Needless to say, no one was quite prepared for over 400! Already we have big plans for next year's classes, all geared to handle all you eager students.

New records were established this year with 1533 carving entries from 468 carvers and an increased show attendance. However, a couple of disappointments are overriding these accomplishments. The contest was hit by a lack of

participation in our "Shootin' Stool" contest and the painting contest. For you who do not realize it, these two events are our "lifeblood" for raising money to keep our heads above water financially and your Museum thriving. It's easy to excuse yourself with the explanation that you didn't have time to carve us a decoy. Are a few hours' time and a block of wood too much to donate to this cause? If you are under the impression the Ward Foundation is "fat in cash" forget it. Each year we plow all receipts right back into prize money, show expenses and operating capital for our Museum. We of the Ward Foundation kept our pledge of 1968 to perpetuate this art form by giving you, the carvers, the largest and most prestigious exhibition in the world each Fall and the World Championship each Spring. We have taken carving out of the workshops and presented it to the world. What have you done for this art form lately? Support your organization - support the Ward Foundation.

Next year's decoy pairs are black ducks. I go down my list in the application by specie and jump from diver to puddler each year, so if you don't like this year's you can start the following year's birds. Speaking of the decorative decoy pairs, the judges tried to pick the most decorative; however, it seems like the most decorative had the most obvious flaws. The judges said this over and over again - "More research before carving and painting" - good advice for all to follow as some made the mistake of carving the hen as large as the drake - "not so" stated the judges. Some scaled the feathers where they are not, some bills too long, some too short. The name is "Research" - the average length, the average width "not the peculiarity of one mount". When the carvings are placed in the tank together small flaws light up like neon lights.

But lest everyone forget, I would like to remind you of the inspiration behind the Ward Foundation and its accomplishments. We have had the privilege of personally knowing and loving Lem and Steve Ward. Steve passed on two years ago and now Lem Ward at the age of 82 is recuperating from a leg amputation caused by poor circulation. Mail him a card today to: L. T. Ward, R.F.D. 1 - Box 313, Crisfield, Maryland 21817. He needs all our support during this difficult convalescence.

See you at the Wildfowl Carving and Art Exhibition held at the Convention Hall, Ocean City on September 21, 22 and 23, 1979.

Still spitting feathers.



Knute Bartrug, Chairman
World Champion Wildfowl Carving Competition
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