

New Contests, Time Changes, Prizes (continued from Page 1)

• **NEW! Working Decoy Singles Championship, Delta Waterfowl North Central Ohio Chapter Purchase Award Contest - Tank, (Not IWCA)**

• The Delta Waterfowl North Central Ohio Chapter is sponsoring the Working Decoy Singles Championship with a Best of Show \$400 Purchase Award. The contest is not IWCA and the level of competition is Open only. Thank you Delta! See page 4 of the 2020 Rules.

• **Changes - Wildfowler Pool Contests Single, Six-Bird Rig & Youth - Not IWCA**

In response to many suggestions made at last year's show, Vince Ciola and Ken Stuparyk reached out to Wildfowler participants to seek their input.

Carvers were surveyed to understand what they liked and disliked, and to gain recommendations and ideas to increase the level of participation for now and into the future.

Seventy-eight people responded to the survey, about 1½ times the annual number of participants in this contest, making this an excellent representative sample.

The Wildfowler survey results are included as an insert in this newsletter.

Also, many carvers requested a *visual reference*. So a photo insert is also in this newsletter that compares the decoys and rules of the three gunning contests held at the show.

✓ **Best of Show will receive \$250.**

✓ **New Wildfowler Registration Times** - To make registration more convenient, two registration times will be held for the Wildfowler Competitions. The times and locations will coincide with the usual contest registrations in the Ballroom: **Friday, March 13, 2020, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, March 14, 2020, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.**

✓ **Wildfowler entries will be on display** in the Ballroom for public viewing throughout the day on Saturday prior to the contest. Volunteers will be needed to help move the decoys to the pool area.

✓ **New Wildfowler Contest Time and Day: 9 p.m., Saturday night, March 14, 2020, pool area.**

Many people commented about having to get up early on Sunday morning. So in 2020, the Wildfowler contests will be held Saturday night beginning at 9 p.m., giving our participants time to have a nice dinner after the auction, and to "sleep in" Sunday morning. See page 5 of the 2020 Rules.

Other Contest Changes:

✓ Friday Night Kid's Painting contest will be a **Blue Gill**.

✓ **Ward World** Youth Silhouette will be a **Screech Owl**.

✓ Decoy Paint-at-Show contest will be a **Canada Goose Picklehead**.

✓ Shorebird Carve-at-Home & Paint-at-Show will be a **Spotted Sandpiper**.

✓ Fish Decoy Carve-at-Home and Paint-at-Show will be a **Pan Fish**.

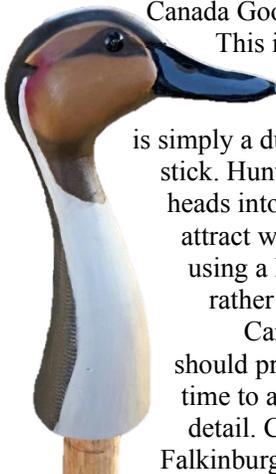
Become a Sponsor

Any donation \$10, \$25, \$50 or more is greatly appreciated. Consider sponsoring a contest, donations towards ribbons, purchasing blanks for the kids' contest. Your generosity will be acknowledged in the show program and newsletter.

What is a Picklehead?

The subject of the Sunday 3-hour Decoy Paint-at-Show contest will be a Canada Goose Picklehead.

This is not a contest involving vegetables, but is simply a duck head on a stick. Hunters stick these heads into the ground to attract waterfowl. By using a Picklehead blank rather than a full-size Canada Goose, it should provide more time to add lots of nice detail. Contact Matt Falkenburg, 216-538-2495, or email mattfalk@msn.com to request a blank. And yes, we know the example shown is a Pintail Picklehead.



Can ODCCA Meet the California Challenge? \$5,700 Palm Frond Decoy and Decorative Purchase Award Contests

"The palm frond entries at the 49th annual Pacific Flyway Decoy show were the most competitive group I have ever seen and of the highest quality!" said Doug Miller, sponsor of the two ODCCA contests.



2019 Palm Frond Decoy, Best of Show, Torrent Duck made by artist Joe Tamborra, Terrebonne Quebec, Canada.

"I would like to see ODCCA taking this as a challenge and encourage more people to enter these contests," said Tom Baldwin, contest chairperson.

The Palm Frond Decorative and Decoy competitions *are the highest paying contests at the ODCCA show with a total of \$5,700 in purchase award money*. Thank you to Doug Miller and family for once again sponsoring these imaginative and challenging contests.

For about \$20 and postage, Palm Fronds can be obtained from Daniel Montano, dmontano1@hotmail.com, or Chet Wilcox, 916-961-5400. Order your Palm Frond now!

So ramp up your creative juices and think outside of the box! See page 4 of the 2020 contest rules.

Palm Frond Purchase Awards: Decoy Contest

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| Best of Show | \$900 Purchase Award & Special Rosette |
| 2nd Best of Show | \$800 Purchase Award & Special Rosette |
| 3rd Best of Show | \$700 Purchase Award & Special Rosette |

Decorative Contest

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| Best of Show | \$1,200 Purchase Award & Special Rosette |
| 2nd Best of Show | \$1,100 Purchase Award & Special Rosette |
| 3rd Best of Show | \$1,000 Purchase Award & Special Rosette |