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**THE 28th ANNUAL ST. CLAIR FLATS
HUNTING DECOY
CONTEST**

August 13th, 2011

**At Perch Point Conservation Club
7930 Meisner Road
Casco Twp., MI 48064
(corner of Palms & Meisner Roads)**

**Show open 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Sat.
Registration 8:00 - 9:00 am**

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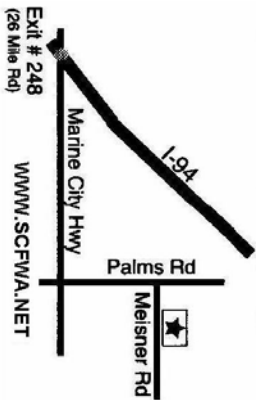
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Welcome to the St. Clair Flats Wildfowl Association's 2011 Competition

The history of our club is rich in the legacy of the "Flats" region of Lake St. Clair. This tradition of duck hunting and carving is being kept alive by our club and all who participate in our show and organization. We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to become a part of our show, competition and the history of this region.....**THE ST. CLAIR FLATS.**

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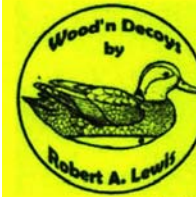
1. All carvers are eligible to enter. You may enter as many species and categories as desired. IWCA rules apply and IWCA membership is required to enter the Hunting Contest only.
2. All entries must be registered between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday August 13th.
3. Contest judging begins at 10:00 a.m.. Entries must remain on display until completion of the show.....approximately 5:00 p.m. Saturday August 13th.
4. All carvers must completely fill out and sign the entry form and include the exact entry fee.

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All mailed entries to be shipped by UPS and in a suitable container with return charges and insurance included.

DIVISIONS
OPEN – AMATEUR – JUNIOR

- Amateur:** Beginning carvers or carvers who have not won 2 IWCA Best of Show.
- Open:** All carvers may enter and must include carvers who have won two Best of Shows, from any participating I.W.C.A. Show or Competition in the Amateur or Intermediate levels.
- Junior Division:** Ages 17 & under - same rules apply as *Hunting Decoys*. Ribbons will be awarded, Rosette "Best of Show"



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Contest Rules

I.W.C.A. Style Hunting Decoys

- * The Competition is open to all carvers. I.W.C.A. level advancement rules do not apply to this division. I.W.C.A. STYLE DECOY DIVISION rules apply
- * Decoys must be made of wood or cork. Machine duplicated decoys will be disqualified.
- * Texturing by any means will be allowed (i.e. rasping, chip carving, combing, scratching, stippling), except wood burning and stoning. The only exception to this rule is that some stoning or carving (no burning) will be allowed on the crest of any species of merganser as long as the crest remains sturdy and functional. A wood-burner may be used as a cutting tool only. All undercut or fragile areas (wingtips, tails, necks, and bills) will be critically assessed by the judges for durability. Feather groups may be simply carved (back, side pockets, rump, breast). Only primaries, tertials, and tail feathers may be individually carved.
- * Carving under the bill is allowed.
- * Inserts may be used to strengthen weak areas such as bills, tails, and crests. Any fragile areas (wingtips, tails, necks, and bills) will be critically assessed by the judges for durability. Primary feathers must be strong and well supported. As a guideline, primaries cannot be undercut more than the uppermost part of the upper tail coverts.
- * All weights and/or keels must be sturdy and non-fouling in design. Decoys must have a facility for an anchor line attachment. Keels and/or ballast weights are considered part of the decoy and will be considered as part of the judging criteria. Over-all weight will also be considered.
- * Decoys must be self-righting. Decoys will be placed in the tank with their bottoms up. When the decoy is released, it must self-right. Geese and swan decoys must self-right from a side position. Any decoy that does not self-right will immediately be disqualified.
- * There will be no restrictions on painting of IWCA Style Hunting Division decoys. Painting must be effective at a distance of 20 feet. Painting techniques that are fast and practical are encouraged. Painting must withstand an extended time period in the water and not deteriorate. The carver is free to create expressive poses to capture the many attitudes of the waterfowl.
- * Any hunting division decoy that checks, splits, takes on water, and/or has paint deterioration at any time prior to the completion of all hunting decoy judging will be disqualified and forfeit any awards said decoy was awarded. All decoys in the disqualified decoy's specie and/or category would be reordered, so as to move up one place, i.e. 2nd becomes 1st, 3rd becomes 2nd, etc.
- * There are no restrictions as to the number or sex of the entries.
- * Decoys must have no visible markings that will identify the carver and/or painter. Please cover such marks with tape.

CONTEST RULES (Cont.)

Market Gunner

Prior to entry, it is the responsibility of the entrant /carver to be fully aware of the rules. If there is any doubt as to the division in which the decoy should be entered, the show chairman or lead judge should be consulted for a recommendation.

* The competition is open to all levels of carvers. Entries must be simple in construction, durable and able to withstand the rigors of hunting conditions. Fancy display-type decoys are discouraged.

* Entries must be able to withstand extended time in the water. Any decoy that deteriorates prior to completion of all judging for this division will be disqualified.

* Detailed carving and undercut primaries will not be allowed. Primaries may be raised to capture the essence of a species, but must be solid back to the body (fully supported). The lower mandible may be cut in. Glass eyes are permitted.

* Entries must self-right and float in a life-like manner. Decoys must have a keel but anchor lines are not required. Keels must be practical.

* The painting and painting scheme must be simple and easy to repaint. Simple brushwork and simple airbrushing will be allowed. Simple large area blending will be allowed. Textured paints, scratching, ragging, stippling and sponging are also allowed.

*Texturing, stoning and wood burning are not allowed. No machine duplicated or cast decoys will be allowed. Rasping, chip carving, combing and hammering will be allowed. Class decoys will be allowed, but must be completely carved and painted by the person or persons who enter them.

* Decoys will first be tested to self-right. The body of the decoy will be submerged, with the bottom up. When released, the decoy must self-right. Geese and swans are required to self-right from either side. The decoy will first be pre-qualified for workmanship, practicality, simplicity, durability, and adherence to the carving and painting restrictions. The decoy will then be judged in the tank for essence of species. Projection and how they float are key ingredients for the winning decoy.

* No decoy may be entered in the same show twice.

* Best of Show decoy is a Purchase Award and will be entered in the auction.



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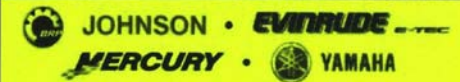
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Saturday, at 1:00 pm, a Painting Class for Kids 17 and under will be held. There is a \$10.00 registration fee and 10 spaces/decoys available. Please register prior to the class as spaces are limited. The decoy painted will be a Goldeneye Sleeper from The E. Allen Decoy Company/Lock Stock & Barrell, Inc., using Golden Acrylic paints with brushes & supplies from The Duck Blind.

This year's Kid's Painting Class is sponsored by Lou & Anne Tisch-Lock Stock & Barrell, Inc and The E. Allen Decoy Company.

Awards Presentation/Decoy Auction Saturday 3:30

The SCFWA Awards Presentation and Annual Auction of Decoys and related materials will be held immediately after the closing of the show and presentation of awards Saturday afternoon. Please plan to attend and support our show. Donations are welcome.

The "Flats Rig" 2011-Teal

The 2011 "Flats Rig" is the **Teal**. These **Teal** decoys have been carved and painted by club and associate members. Each decoy has been branded as a Limited Edition Carving, specifically for the 2011 Flats Show. These special decoys will be auctioned at our show though we reserve the option of posting on eBay at a later date.

Raffle- Saturday - August 13, 2011

**PRIZES: 3 HAND-PAINTED DECOYS by
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SPECIAL GRAND PRIZE (Drawn Last)

Ringneck Drake & Hen

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RULES (Cont.)

Market Gunner-3-Bird Rig

1. Competition open to all.
2. Any 3 birds, i.e.(3 Mallard in any combination)(1 Spec. Belly, 1 Snow, 1 Richardson)(1 Scaup, 1 Can, 1 Redhead).
3. Market Gunner Rules apply for carving and painting.
4. RIG will be floated and must have drop lines and attaching clip.
5. No bird from the 3-Bird Rig may be entered in the Market Gunner Competition or vice versa.
6. This is a purchase award (Best Rig of Show) and one bird will be selected from the rig by Show Committee. This decoy will be entered in the auction.

RULES (Cont.)

Cocktail Birds (Non Floating)

1. Decoys must be made of wood.
2. Decoys must be ...small.
3. Decoys must show the essence of the species.
4. Decoys are to be painted with no restrictions.
5. Unlimited carving and painting.
6. Texturing and wood burning are allowed.
7. Visible marks that identify the carver may *only* appear *on the bottom* of the decoy. Cover such marks with tape prior to the contest.
8. This is a “people’s choice” and all entries become the property of SCFWA to be entered into the auction. 50/50 split for all decoys auctioned.

Gunning Shore Bird Decoy

1. All carvers may enter.
2. Shore Bird Decoys will be:
 - A. Handmade from wood or cork, by the contestant.
 - B. Painted to accurately represent the live bird (no restrictions on painting).
 - C. Strong and serviceable without detailed texturing or wood burning, fragile raised wings or other parts that would easily break.
 - D. Displayed on a wooden dowel and simple stand. Decoy and dowel are to be easily removable from the stand to allow for judging.
 - F. Completed within one year of the contest date.
3. There is no limit to the number of entries, however, each additional entry must be of a different species.
4. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention in each class. Class winners will be judged to determine the best Gunning Shore Bird.
5. Classes will be established for 3 or more of a species.
6. The live bird will be the criteria for judging.
7. Best of Show is a purchase award and will be entered in the auction.

AWARDS

FULL SIZE HUNTING DECOY IWCA

Ribbons 1st, 2nd, 3rd Best of Species and Honorable Mention
Rosettes 1st, 2nd, 3rd Best of Category
Rosettes and \$350.00 Cash Prize **Best of Show Plaque**

There is no purchase award for this category.

\$200.00 for 2nd & \$150.00 for 3rd Best of Show

IWCA Best in Category-Puddlers, Divers, Goose/Confidence
1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10

Amateur Best of Show - \$100.00 (plus Plaque & Rosette)
2nd \$50.00, 3rd \$25.00

COCKTAIL BIRDS (Non-Floating)

**** 50/50 Split All – Ribbon for Best of Show**

Plus cash prizes-1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$25

All Entries are donated to SCFWA for Auction

GUNNING SHORE BIRD DECOY

****Cash Award \$250 - Best of Show-Purchase Award**

2nd Best of Show \$75, 3rd Best of Show \$50

Ribbons 1st, 2nd, 3rd Best of Species and Honorable Mention
Rosettes 1st, 2nd, 3rd Best of Category

MARKET GUNNER

Ribbons 1st, 2nd, 3rd Best of Species and Honorable Mention

Rosettes 1st, 2nd, 3rd Best of Category

Rosettes, Plaque and \$200.00 Cash Prize-

1st Best of Show Purchase Award.

\$50.00 2nd Best of Show

\$25.00 3rd Best of Show

MARKET GUNNER - 3 BIRD RIG

Ribbons 1st, 2nd, 3rd Best of Species & HM

Rosettes 1st, 2nd, 3rd Best of Category

Rosettes, Plaque and \$200.00 Cash Prize – 1st Best of Show - one bird from the rig is a “purchase award” to be entered in the auction.

\$50.00 2nd Best of Show - \$25.00 3rd Best of Show

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2nd Decoy \$5

IWCA Amateur

1st Decoy \$10 Member/ non member

2nd Decoy \$5 member/non members

Market Gunners

1st Decoy \$10 Member/ non members

2nd Decoy \$5 member/non member

Market Gunner Rigs

\$15 per rig

Shorebird

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2nd Decoy \$5 member/non member

Entry Fee Cap: \$50

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Market Gunner

Marsh Duck Drake Hen

MALLARD		
BLACK DUCK		
PINTAIL		
WOOD DUCK		
GREEN WING TEAL		
BLUE WING TEAL		
SHOVELER		
GADWALL		
WIDGEON		

Diver Duck Drake Hen

BUFFLEHEAD		
CANVASBACK		
REDHEAD		
SCAUP		
GOLDENEYE		
RING NECK		
RUDDY DUCK		
OLD SQUAW		
MERGANSERS		

Geese & Confidence Drake Hen

GEESE		
COOT & GREBE		
LOON & SEAGULL		
SEA DUCKS		

Gunning Shore Bird

1. CURLEWS		
2. YELLOWLEGS		
3. PLOVERS		
4. TURNSTONES, KNOTS DOWITCHERS & DUNLIN		
5. PEEPS-SANDERLINGS & SAND- PIPERS		
6. WILLETS, WHIMBRELS, GOD- WITS		

3-Bird Rig

Marsh Duck Drake Hen

MALLARD		
BLACK DUCK		
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Hunting Decoy

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Diver Duck Drake Hen

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Signature Required

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Signature _____

Date _____

CATEGORY	#	FEE
MARKET GUNNER		
3-BIRD RIG		
IWCA HUNTING DECOY		
COCKTAIL BIRD		N/R
GUNNING SHORE BIRD		
SCFWA Membership Fee \$10		
Vendor Space Fee		
TOTAL ENTRY FEE		

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