

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILDFOWL CARVING CONTEST 1978 OFFICIAL RESULTS

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE LIFESIZE WILDFOWL -

BEST IN WORLD - Anthony Rudisill, W. Atlantic City, N.J. - Clapper Rails  
 2nd IN WORLD - John Scheeler, Mays Landing, N.J. - Hawk with Rabbit  
 3rd IN WORLD - Ron Tepley, Racine, Wisc. - Eagle

COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE DECOY PAIRS -

BEST IN WORLD - Tan Brunet, Galliano, La. - Mallards  
 2nd IN WORLD - Randy Tull, Hayward, Wisc.- Mallards  
 3rd IN WORLD - Pat Godin, Brandford, Ontario - Mallards

LEM & STEVE WARD "SHOOTIN' STOOL" DECOY COMPETITION

WORKING DECOYS

Ralph Nocerino  
 Amity Harbor, N.Y.  
 Blackduck  
 1st PRIZE

Jack Tierny  
 Stratford, Ct.  
 Scaup  
 2nd PRIZE

Ralph Nocerino  
 Amity Harbor, N.Y.  
 Canvasback  
 3rd PRIZE

SPECIAL DECOYS

Gene Sullivan  
 Richmond, Va.  
 Canvasback

John Scheeler  
 Mays Lnd., N.J.  
 Canvasback

Randy Tull  
 Hayward, Wisc.  
 Canvasback

CHARLES WARGO MEMORIAL DECOY PAINTING COMPETITION

SPECIE - BUFFLEHEAD

1st PRIZE	2nd PRIZE	3rd PRIZE
Richard Scheible Beaidji, Minn.	Don Briddell Dallastown, Pa.	Randy Tull Hayward, Wisc.

E. DANNER FRAZER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING TEENAGE CONTESTANT -

Chris Dixon - Golts, Md.

DIVISION A COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE DECOY - MARSH DUCKS

	1.	2.	3.	H.M.
MALLARD - PRO	Randy Tull	Don Briddell	Robt. Franta	Willie Badeaux
	AM Jimmie Vizier	Arbold Mummert	Alfred Ponte	Grant Goltz
	NOV Ray Krahn	David Dishaw	Larbow Charmie	Francis Foley
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BLACKDUCK-PRO	J. Cunningham	Jim Spankle	Jack Hahn	Fred Muhs
AM	Dan Danos	Bob Angerman	S. Simmerman	Jack James, Jr.
	NOV L. Reinhart	Edward Myer	James Dodd	Art Hutchins
				Agnes Geraghty
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PINTA - PRO	Tom Pitzen	Randy Tull	Tan Brunet	Tan Brunet
	AM Dan Danos	Jimmie Vizier	Geo. Murray	Bill Schultz
	NOV S.W. Hamlin	L. Reader	Agnes Geraghty	Terry McNulty
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	1.	2.	3.	H.H.
G.W. TEAL-PRO	Tan Brunet	Jim Sprankle	Randy Tull	Tan Brunet
				John Gewerth
				Dan Brown
AM	Harris Gruidy	C. Addison	Bud Bernier	John Ewen
NOV	Lawrence Reader	Tom Taylor	S.W. Hamlin	Wade Kelly
				Harry Schneider

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B.W. TEAL-PRO	Tom Pitzen	John Gewerth	Jim Sprankle	Jim Sprankle
				J.B. Cunningham
AM	Bob Angerman	Bernie Hopkins	Harris Gruidy	
NOV	Ray Krahn	Ernie Burns	Clarence Triche	D.G. Donahoo

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CINNAMON - PRO	Jim Sprankle	John Gewerth	Jim Sprankle	*
TEAL	AM	Bob Angerman	Edith Hand	John Dodge
	NOV	John Cardis	Jean Shertz	Frank Muller

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SHOVLER - PRO	Jim Sprankle	Tom Schumate	John Gewerth	*
AM	Harry Altice	G. Lawrence	Tim Bourgue	Jack James, Jr.
				Tolliver Oden
NOV	James Neel	James Neel	R.F. Lantz	L. Horseman

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WIGEON	PRO	Jack Hahn	Louis Keen	Barton Walter	L. Carnaghi
					Grant Goltz
	AM	Elphege Brunet	Doug Clinton	*	*
	NOV	David Dishaw	Robert Abel	Larry Horseman	*

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GADWELL - PRO	Jim Sprankle	George Kieffer	C. Van Note	*
AM	Elphege Brunet	Al Drescher	Doug Clinton	Jan Calvert
NOV	Bill Meekins	*	*	*

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WOOD - PRO	Jack Hahn	C.Hollestelle	Grant Goltz	Tom Pitzen
DUCK	AM	Bob Nagel	Doug Clinton	Jack James, Jr.
				Tolliver Oden
				Bob Castlebury
NOV	David Dishaw	Joel Donnelly	Wilfred Barbet	M. Crawford
				W. Barbet
				R.F. Lontz

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SEMI-FINAL JUDGING MARSH DUCKS

PROFESSIONAL	-	Randy Tull	Jack Hahn	Jim Sprankle
		Mallard Hen	Woodduck Hen	Shovler Hen
AMATEUR	-	Elphege Brunet	Dan Dance	Bob Angerman
		Gadwall	Pintail	Cinnamon Teal
NOVICE	-	David Dishaw	Raymond Krahn	Raymond Krahn
		Woodduck	B.W. Teal	Mallard

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DIVISION A - COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE DECOY - DIVING DUCKS

BUFLLEHEAD-PRO	Ken Scheeler	Frank Schmid	John Gewerth	Norm Williams
AM	John Trabuchi	G. Lawrence	Bob Nagel	Mert Maki
NOV	Tom Lowe	Tom Lowe	Wade Kelly	Vernon Smith
				L. Reader
				Pat Teague

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		1.	2.	3.	H.M.
CANVASBACK -	PRO	Randy Tull	Robert Franta	Ken Scheeler	*
	AM	Tom Loftin	John Trabuchi	Harris Gruidy	D. Clinton
	NOV	P. Dobrosky	Jas. Dodd	Vern Smith	C. Addison
					Mick Johnson
					James Elwell
					W. Barbret
REDHEAD -	PRO	Randy Tull	Robert Franta	Robert Franta	*
	AM	F. Plaumann	Don Walters	J.C. Berruet	*
	NOV	L. Reader	John Patton	Bob Redden	Norie Calvert
					Grady Cats
EIDERS -	PRO	Ralph Stutheit	*	*	*
	AM	*	*	*	*
	NOV	*	*	*	*
SCOTERS -	PRO	Bob Berry	*	*	*
	AM	Bill Bruce	John Mulak	Wayne Jones	Vernon Berb
	NOV	John Cardis	Ted Mallory	*	*
GOLDENEYE -	PRO	Pat Godin	Ken Gleason	Eldridge Arnold	F. Schmid
	AM	Jeff Smith	Al Drescher	Gary Lawrence	B. Hopkins
					A.W. Galinat
	PRO	J. Donnelly	L. Reader	Walt Jaycuss	Don Vassallo
					Robert Tito
RUDDYDUCK -	PRO	Bob Berry	Dan Brown	Bob Berry	*
	AM	Bob Angerman	Paul Palmer	Don Darnick	F. Simmerman
	NOV	Bill Kennedy	Harry Schnieder	Tillie Bolte	Paul Palmer
					James Neel
					Glen Beavers
					James Neel
SCAUP -	PRO	Randy Tull	Ken Scheeler	Louis Kean	Jerry Felster
	AM	Dan Danos	Mert Maki	Arnold Mummert	Jeff Smith
	NOV	Mike Strizak	Walt Jaycuss	Bill Hayman	John Trabuchi
					B. Marinaccio
RINGNECK -	PRO	Randy Tull	Tom Schumate	Bob Bolle	Jim Sprankle
					Ken Scheeler
					Tom Pitzen
					John Gewerth
					Grant Goltz
					Tom Schumate
	AM	Norman Walsh	Bob Angerman	Tom McDermet	Tim Bourgue
	NOV	Jon E. Jones	Mike Kull	Bob Nickovich	Glen P. Lewis
AMERICAN MERGANSER	PRO	J.B. O'Neil	*	*	*
	AM	John Lloyd	Vernon Berg	Louis Swienter	*
	NOV	David Yearsley	Doug Frey	*	*
HOODED MERGANSER	PRO	Charl Greene	Jim Sprankle	Paul Burdette	Grant Goltz
					Tim Hooker
	AM	Bill Stull	Jeff Smith	Roger Everett	Jeff Smith
	NOV	Dan Williams	D.G. Donahoo	Mike Bolte	Fred Hirsch
					B. Sunderland

		1.	2.	3.	H.M.
RED	- PRO	Jim Foote	Larry Knoedler	Ken Scheeler	*
BREASTED	AM	Edith Head	Harry Altice	John Mulak	Louis Swientek
MERGANSER	NOV	Ugene Merrit	L. Reader	Edward Clark	*
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OLD SQUAW	- PRO	Ken Scheeler	Frank Schmid	Robert Hand	*
	AM	Gary Lawrence	Norman Walsh	Doug Clinton	Bill Bruce
	NOV	Bill Burkhart	John Cardis	William Lemly	*

SEMI-FINAL JUDGING - DIVING DUCKS

PROFESSIONAL	-	Randy Tull	Jim Foote	Pat Godin	
		Ringneck	R.B. Merganser	Goldeneye	
AMATEUR	-	John Lloyd	Norman Walsh	Bob Angerman	
		A. Merganser	Ringneck	Ruddyduck	
NOVICE	-	William Kennedy	Lawrence Reader	Joel Donnelly	
		Ruddyduck	Redhead	Goldeneye	

DIVISION A - COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE DECOYS - GEESE AND CONFIDENCE

CANADA	- PRO	Hans Bolte	*	*	*
	AM	R. Grainger	Tom Herron	Jack Tierney	*
	NOV	Vernon Smith	Eric Williams	Eric Williams	*
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BRANT	- PRO	Bob Biddle	John Sichik	*	*
	AM	Doug Clinton	Barry Griffith	S. Zimmerman	H. Jorgensen
	NOV	Tom Haman	Glen Beavers	*	Watson Pharo
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ALL OTHER	- PRO	Bill Schultz	Bill Schultz	Ralph Stutheit	Hans Bolte
GEESE	- AM	Bob Angerman	Dan Danos	John Chatam	*
	NOV	James Gelline	*	*	*
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COOT	- PRO	Grant Goltz	Jay Polite	Bob Sutton	*
	AM	J.A. Bartley	Jimmy Vizier	James Slaughter	*
	NOV	Jerry Garner	Wm. Chatham	Wm. Edmonson, Jr.	Joe Nero
					Wade Kelly

DIVISION A - SEMI-FINAL JUDGING - GEESE AND CONFIDENCE

PROFESSIONAL	-	Charl Greene	William Schultz	William Schultz
AMATEUR	-	Jack Tierney	Ron Graingier	J.A. Bartley
NOVICE	-	James Gelline	George Grosson	Vernon C. Smith

DIVISION A - COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE DECOYS - FINAL JUDING

		1st in Show	2nd in Show	3rd in Show
PROFESSIONAL	-	Randy Tull	Randy Tull	Charl Greene
		Ringneck	Mallard	Grebe
AMATEUR	-	Elphege Brunet	John Lloyd, Jr.	Jack Tierney
		Gadwall	Merganser	Loon
NOVICE	-	William Kennedy	Wm. Gelline	David Dishaw
		Ruddy Duck	White Front Goose	Wood Duck

DIVISION B - COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE LIFESIZE WILDFOWL -

		1.	2.	3.	H.M.
WATERFOWL	PRO	Wm. Hazzard	John Scheeler	Wm. Schultz	Don Briddell(2)
	AM	Jan Calvert	Mike Sykes	Joe Kline	Dempsey Parker John Adams
	NOV	John Weller	Edward Demchuck	Bob Tito	Grady Cates Jack Forrest

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SHOREBIRDS	PRO	Charl Greene	Bill Schultz	Ron Tepley	Bob Elliott B. Ptashnick(2)
	AM	J.A. Bartley Chas. Cheezum(Tie)	L.S. Brown	Howard Smith	Chas. Derscavage
	NOV	Steve Becker	Rich Izyskoski	Wm. Faix	*

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GAME BIRDS	PRO	Al Glassford	Wm. Hazzard	G.A. Pletzer	L. Braddock
	AM	Jas. Kilgo	Jas. Kilgo	Harry Kinney	Harry Kinny(2)
	NOV	Leon Mehalie	S.A. Balabar	Wm. Faix	*

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BIRDS OF PREY	PRO	Gary Yoder	Wm. Schultz	E. Meuhlmatt	Wm. Hazzard B. Ptashnick
	AM	Chas. Schall	L.S. Brown	Alfred Ponte	I. Brothers Howard Smith
	NOV	Jim Robinson	H. Schnieder	Joe Franta	*

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SONG BIRDS	PRO	E. Muehlmann	Robert Guge	Robert Guge	Richard Palmer P. Burdette
	AM	Alfred Ponte	Bob Rivello	Bob Rivello	Olaine Becker Chas. Schaal
	NOV	Harry Schnieder	Gerri Butcher	Helen Smith	Helen Smith E. Mulgrew A.S. Kerr F. Rauscher Vernon Smith Don Vassallo

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STAINED OR-NATURAL FINISH	PRO	J.L. Hutchinson	Tan Brunet	J.L. Hutchinson	J.L. Hutchinson
	AM	Harvey Ackiss	Jimmie Vizier	Don Faskins	Harvey Ackiss
	NOV	John Weller	Grover Jensen	J. McCormick	*

DIVISION B - DECORATIVE LIFESIZE - FINAL JUDGING

PROFESSIONAL	-	Al Glasford Woodcock	William Hazzard Sharptail Grouse	Gary Yoder Spanish Hawk
AMATEUR	-	Charles Schaal Sharpshined Hawk	Alfred Ponte Chickadee	J.A. Bartley Sandpiper
NOVICE	-	Jim Robinson Sparrow Hawk	John Weller Whitefront Goose	Harry Schnieder Blue Jay

DIVISION C - DECORATIVE MINIATURE -

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WATERFOWL	PRO	John Sawyer	Glen Ornsby	C. Hollestelle	L. Forehand G. Sjolholm
	AM	Alfred Ponte	Roscoe Condon	Nancy Lyons	Wiley Baxter Ron Grainger
	NOV.	Chris Dixon	H. Schmeider	Gary Berard	Katie Sickles Paul Russell Joe Nero

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DIV. C - (Cont'd.)	1.	2.	3.	H.M.
SHOREBIRDS - PRO	Phillip Cote	Gus Sjöholm	W. Schiener	H. Vreeland
AM	Edith Hand	Don Faskins	Fred Cutts	Roscoe Condon
				Fred Cutts(2)
NOV	Chris Dixon	Len Allmar	Frank Rauscher	

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GAME, PREY- SONG BIRDS	PRO	Joan Wolfe	Lynn Forehand	Gus Sjöholm	Al Glassford
	AM	Fred Cutts	Darlene Bernier	Fred Cutts	D. Mendoza
					Robert Guge
					Nancy Lyons
					Fred Cutts
	NOV	Frank Rauscher	Julius Hayden	Chris Dixon	Joe Franta

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STAINED OR - NATURAL FINISH	PRO	George Becker	Robert Galser	Diane Mann	Lynn Forehand
	AM	Harvey Ackiss	L. Essington	Nancy Lyons	J.E.B. Stuart
	NOV	Chris Schwartz	Fred Styron	Joseph Nero	A. M. Price

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DIVISION C - DECORATIVE MINIATURE - FINAL JUDGING

PROFESSIONAL -	Joan Wolfe Osprey	Lynn Forehand Turkey	Phillip Cote Killdeer
AMATEUR -	Fred Cutts Flicker	Darlene Bernier Owl	Harvey Ackiss Canada Goose
NOVICE -	Chris Dixon Canada Goose	Frank Rauscher Screech Owl	Chris Dixon Blue Heron

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DIVISION C - WATERFOWL - ADDITIONAL HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS -  
NOVICE CLASS - Dan Williams, Glenn Beavers, Harry Schneider

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1978 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILDFOWL CARVING COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Knute Bartrug - Chairman Fred Kreiser - Vice-Chairman

COMMITTEE - Jean Bartrug, Enid Kreiser, Carol Parish, Rocky Bartrug, David Parish, Max Hughes, Ted Crockett, Pete Vigneri, Bob Farlow, Jeff Bounds, Tommy Kreiser, Joe Gilbert, Tom Evans, Harvey Derby; AUCTIONEERS - Wally Taylor & Bill Veasey; The Ward Foundation Board & Advisory Board Members, and Many Great Volunteers.

JUDGES -

PROFESSIONAL FLOATING CLASS - John Scheeler, Al Glassford, Larry Hayden  
PROFESSIONAL LIFESIZE DECORATIVE CLASS - Jim Foote, Don Whitlatch, Glen Smart  
AMATEUR FLOATING CLASS - Bill Veasey, Herb Miller, Jim Sprankle  
AMATEUR LIFESIZE & MINIATURE CLASSES - Ron Tepley, John Mullican, Lynn Forehand  
NOVICE FLOATING CLASS - Tan Brunet, Bud Bernier, Bob Sutton  
NOVICE LIFESIZE & MINIATURE CLASSES - George Becker, Manfred Scheel, Ken Gleason  
SHOOTIN' STOOL PRELIMINARY JUDGING - Tan brunet, Charles Bounds, Randy Tull, Bud Bernier, Bob Franta  
SHOOTIN' STOOL FINALS -  
Corb Reed, Paul Marshall, Charles Bounds  
DECOY PAINTING CONTEST - Tan Brunet, Bud Bernier, Larry Hayden

Fellow Carver:

The 1978 World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition hosted 407 carvers, with a total of 1409 carvings, and will probably go down in our history as the most emotional.

Tan Brunet, proving the South can rise again, defended his title by again becoming World Champion in Decoy Pairs. The Decorative Lifesize Champion won "going away" this year. Though they tried, the judges couldn't find a single fault with the winning pair of mud hens carved by Tony Rudisill. Judging of the World Championship class was tension filled till the second the winning names were announced, leaving emotions high and everyone teary-eyed. Two nicer guys you will never meet, but both are fierce competitors right down to their toenails.

Again, being without a permanent home, we had many difficulties with several harrowing experiences, but even though it was a tight fit, it somehow came about and that's better than not being able to have a contest at all.

Each year it becomes more difficult to find contest judges as almost EVERYONE ENTERS! If you want to help YOUR industry send me names, either yours or someone you know who has the capability and desire to judge.

From all the letters I have received, 99% of you agree that the judging was the best ever, in all divisions and classes. I want to personally thank the judges, as they had a very difficult job, unbelievable pressure that tested their professionalism.

Next year the World Championship Pair will be Buffleheads, so you have 10 months or so to win that big one. Also, 1979 changes the Decorative Lifesize to 2 subjects with feathers PLUS anything else in nature. So, everyone, as my granddaughter says: "ready, set, carve....."

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL the winners this year. I want to thank everyone who came and supported the Contest and particular THANKS to ALL who gave a shootin' stool for our auction. This is the only way we can survive, so continued support is a necessity. As I've said before, the Ward Foundation is dedicated to this Art Form, to giving incentive to all carvers, and awareness to the public. We do our part.....

See YOU at our fall Exhibition on October 13, 14, 15, 1978 in Ocean City at the Convention Hall and April 27, 28, 1979 for the Contest, also at the Ocean City Convention Hall. so spread the word!

Still spittin' feathers,

  
Knute R. Bartrug,  
Chairman WCWCC 1978