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SEPTEMBER 2016

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BRIGHTWATERS, NY 11718

Library Date & Time Change

1st Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 6 – Starting 7:00 pm

- Because of Labor Day, our September meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016.
- The Brightwaters Library has informed us that beginning in September the Library will be closing at 9 pm. This means that our meetings must end at 9 pm from now on. Because of this, we are going to begin our meetings at 7 pm sharp (instead of 7:30 as was done last year).

We look forward to seeing you at 7 pm on Tuesday, September 6.

*This is an official notice from the current Board of Directors
of the SSWA, regarding a proposed amendment to
the SSWA Constitution*

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE SSWA CONSTITUTION

**SSWA Constitutional Amendment: Article 5, Section 2...
The Emergency Fund and Waterfowl Assistance Program.**

Whereas: The original fund, established in 1993 (33 years ago) by the authority of our constitution was capped at \$7,000 when it was established.

Whereas: The recent (2014-2015) extensive winter freeze on Long Island created circumstances which temporarily depleted the Fund; but subsequently, through fund raising and contributions the Fund has been repaid in excess of its 1993 cap. We are now in a position where new money coming in cannot go into the fund unless we amend the constitution by increasing the cap to allow for it.

Whereas: It is important to maintain sufficient funds to be able to deal with crises of this nature in the future.

Whereas: We now have a donated fund raiser in progress, and some additional contributions continue to be offered from time to time.

Whereas: The dollar certainly does not buy today what it could then (e.g., Gas was \$1.05/gal, Bread \$1.25/loaf, Milk \$2.14/gal, and new cars \$10,000+).

Whereas: The 1993 U.S. dollar could buy more than double what the 2016 U.S. dollar can buy.

Whereas: We cannot predict the future, but we are committed to being prepared for future emergencies.

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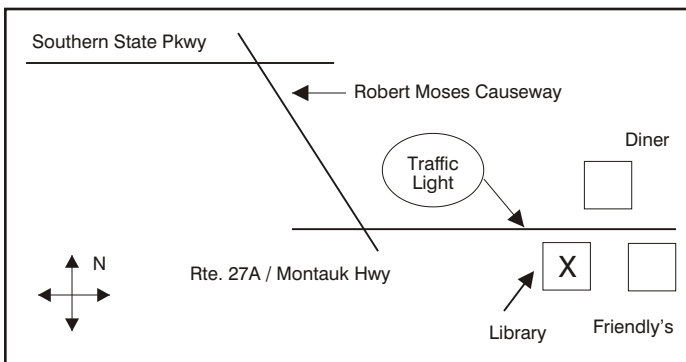
South Shore Waterfowlers

Voice of the Long Island Waterfowler

The South Shore Waterfowlers meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Monday of each month from September through April. If the 1st Monday falls on a holiday, the meeting will take place on an alternate date (to be announced). (A library holiday is the same as a U.S. Postal holiday.)

Meetings are held on the first floor conference room of the Brightwaters/Bayshore Library located on Montauk Highway (Rte. 27A) in Brightwaters/Bayshore (see map below).

For additional information, please call John (631) 874-7459 or Ron (631) 862-8518.



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Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors proposes to amend our Constitution to increase the current cap on the *Emergency Fund and Waterfowl Assistance Program* from \$7,000 to \$20,000, effective as soon as the vote to amend is ratified.

Please be advised that the procedure for amending the constitution is specific:

1. We must provide 30 days written notice to all members about the intent of the Board to amend the Constitution (September 2016 meeting).
2. Once the 30 days have elapsed, discussion shall occur on the specifics of the proposal under “New Business” at the next (October 2016) meeting. The purpose of this discussion is for the voting members to better understand the Board’s proposal as it is presented. Members may either agree or disagree with it, but Parliamentary procedure does not permit “amendments” to the proposed amendment at this juncture.
3. After the October meeting, the Board will prepare the official proposal for the amendment, complete with the exact language changes necessary to satisfy the proposal.
4. At the November meeting, the board will present to the members, the detailed language changes which are being proposed under this amendment. Final discussion will then occur.
5. After the final discussion, it shall be voted on as a regular motion, and must be carried by three-fourths vote of the members present in order to become a part of the Constitution. Only those members in good standing are permitted to vote.

SSWA Website Login

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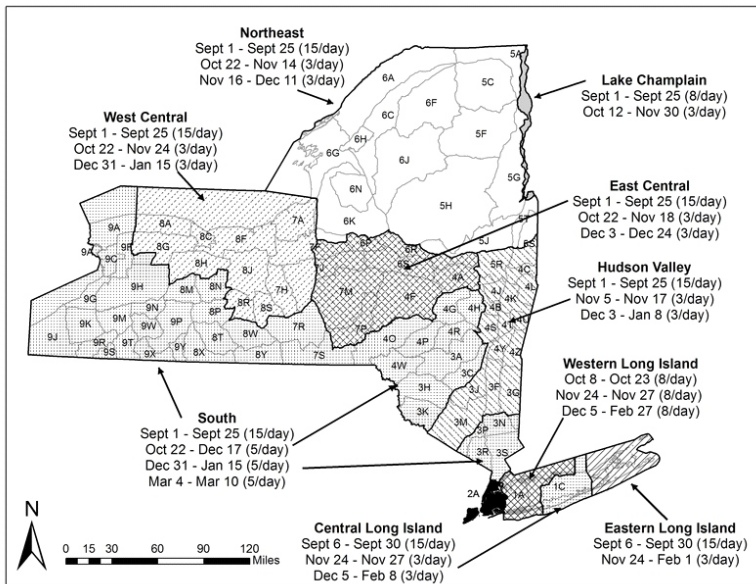
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New York State Goose Hunting Area Descriptions

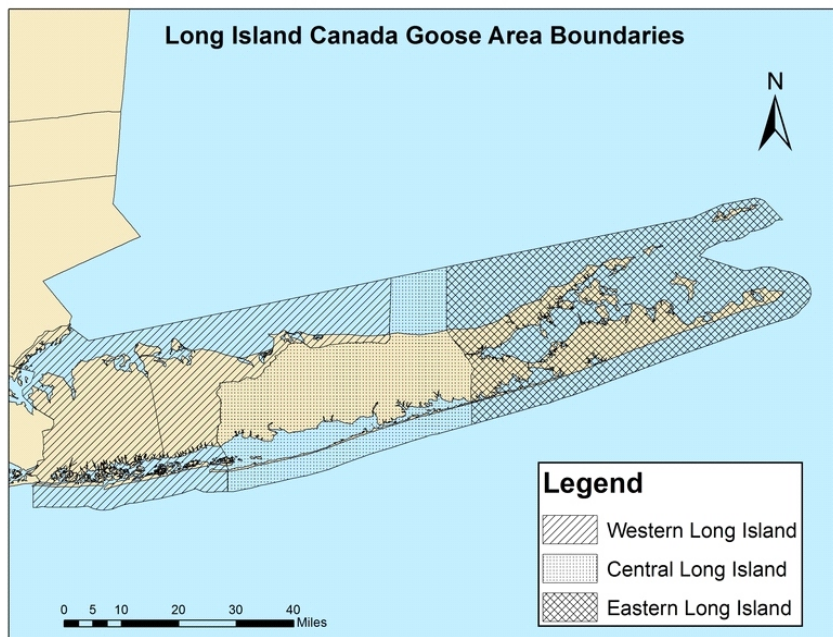


Now you can view Waterfowl Hunting Zones in Google Earth! Visit DEC's Google Earth page to find the Waterfowl Hunting Zones map data. This will allow you to view Google Earth's road and topography data along with our Waterfowl Hunting Zones boundaries. Get a detailed view of your hunting area, access, and exact boundaries of Waterfowl Hunting Zones. Since there have been changes to parts of the former Central Long Island Zone, this is especially a good idea.



REMEMBER: Even to Hunt early season Canada Goose, you now need a new hunting license, a new hip number, and a new duck stamp!

Please note the dates above, but look for changes, especially in the former "North of Rt. 25A Central Zone." This is now a part of the Western Zone.



Waterfowl Hunting Opportunities Within Our Own State

by Ron Sineo

A common gripe among many waterfowl hunters is that the hunting season is too short. I decided to try and analyze just what opportunities there are already in New York State.

I began with the 2016-2017 proposed Canada Goose Regulations. It was an eye opener. You don't have to leave Long Island to have great hunting opportunities for Canada Geese. Here on Long Island, there are 3 different Zones: The Western, the Central, and the Eastern Zone. While the regulations suggest that the Western L.I. Zone is open 105 days, and the Central & Eastern L.I. Zones are open for 95 days (including the "September early season"), this is not the whole story. The numbers in the boxes below DO NOT REPRESENT CALENDAR DATES. Instead, they represent the number of days each month that the hunting season is open in that zone for 2016-2017. One glance at the chart below, I think, will speak volumes.

By taking advantage and hunting in all 3 Long Island zones, you get a whopping 137 calendar days to hunt Canada Geese right here on Long Island.

There are 6 other goose hunting zones within New York State. They are the: Northeast Zone, East Central Zone, South Zone, West Central Zone, Hudson Valley Zone, and Lake Champlain Zone. By traveling a bit and hunting in some of these other zones, you can extend your Canada Goose season even further! The South Zone includes several counties just a short drive north of the NYC Limits. This coming season, there are 4 days in September, 10 days in October, 26 days in November, and 7 days in March, when Canada Goose is open in the South Zone, but the Long Island Zones are all closed. **This adds up to another 47 hunting days for Canada Geese.**

As you are aware, there are likewise 4 other duck hunting zones in NYS besides the Long Island Zone. They are the Western Zone, the Northeast Zone, Lake Champlain Zone, and the Southeastern Zone. By hunting more than one zone, instead of only having 60 days to hunt ducks each year, you can extend your season substantially. Applying the same arithmetic to the duck season, **I calculate that by hunting all the different NYS duck zones, you can add 58 more hunting days to your 60 day duck season this year, for a grand total of 118 duck hunting days!**

Peconic River Sporting Clays Shoots

Once again this summer we are able to be guests of the Peconic River Sportsmen Club. The last date is SUNDAY August 28. There may be an additional date in September, to be announced. These are only for SSWA members who are PAID UP. The fee to shoot is 40 dollars per person. You must bring 100 rounds of LEAD, TARGET LOADS ONLY (shot sizes 7 and a half, 8 or 9). No high velocity or steel shells permitted (or you will be asked to leave). Eye and hearing protection is a must. Arrive by 9:30 at the gate. Shoots start promptly at 10. Lunch will be after the shoot. It will be either a BBQ (SSWA), Peconic cooked food, or lunch at the Triangle Pub (you will be notified when you call as to which lunch will be available and the cost, usually around 10 dollars). You must call Curt at 631-661-0379 to be placed on the list. NO WALK UPS will be allowed. We do this because we need Peconic members to accompany us around the course, so **DO NOT WAIT** till the day before to call because we will not have enough time to round up another PRSC member. The date again is SUNDAY August 28. Call today to be placed on the list.

DUCKBOAT SHOW — Sunday, October 30

This is your notice to put October 30 on your calendar. The 36th Annual Duckboat Show and Waterfowl Festival will be at Cedar Beach Marina and the SSWA NEEDS YOUR HELP!!! We need all hands on deck to help out. Members – It's your club and this is our main fundraiser. The success of the upcoming year depends on this event and your help. You can sign up at the meetings or if you can't make meetings, call Curt at 631-661-0379 to sign up. All day–half day. ALL help is needed. Remember – Many hands make light work. PLEASE HELP OUT.

*Your Raffle Tickets are included with newsletter or mailed separately to electronic newsletter receivers. Please sell all or buy for yourself. It's for a good cause.

See flyer for more info.

An Update on the Federal Duck Stamp

by Ron Sineo

You may recall that I included some information in our March 2016 newsletter regarding proposed changes to the rules that artists must follow when submitting their artwork for consideration as the next Federal Duck Stamp. Just as a reminder, the major proposed change was that the artist **MUST** include a second non-waterfowl migratory bird in the artwork. Well, there was a public comment period, and I am sure that many special interest groups weighed in. We certainly did! We are still waiting to hear if there has been a final decision on this issue or not.

Thankfully for the 2016 contest, there are no requirements to include non-waterfowl migratory birds.

I can tell you that the process for selection is very rigorous, and it takes quite a while. This year's migratory game birds stamp is pictured below, and the winning entry was selected last September. It is on sale now, and is valid until June 30, 2017.



The contest for the next stamp (2017-2018) has begun already, since artists have been able to submit their entries since June 1, 2016. The deadline for submission is midnight, August 15, 2016. The judging will take place on Sept. 9 and 10 at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. Since the contest occurs during 2016, it is called the 2016 Federal Duck Stamp Contest, even though the winning entry will not become the valid stamp until July 1, 2017.

Five or fewer species of waterfowl are selected each year and one of these is required to be the dominant feature of your entry (defined as being in the foreground and clearly the focus of attention). The waterfowl species eligible in 2016 are: Brant, Canada goose, Northern shoveler, Red-breasted merganser, and Steller's eider.

While the judging takes place over just 2 days, the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia will continue to keep all of the entries on display until mid-September. If you appreciate waterfowl art, this might make a nice road trip in September.

When the Broadbill Was King on the Great South Bay March 9–August 27, 2016

Suffolk County Historical Museum

300 West Main Street, Riverhead, New York 11901

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SSWA BBQ – One for the Books

by Curt

On Sunday, Aug. 7, a total of 35 members/family attended our 4th Annual BBQ. It was held at Sears Bellows County Park under the Pavilion. It was a beautiful day and everyone had fun. Groups were playing corn hole (the competition was fierce) and fishing in the lake. Our group ate well. Chefs Ronny, Erik Sr., Erik Jr., George, and Curt created a quantity of tasty yummys. There was a wonderful Southern Style Boil, Grilled Chicken, Striped Bass, Burgers, Hot Dogs, and don't forget the corn on the cob. Family members contributed the appetizers, salads, and desserts. Thank God I wore my stretchy pants because there was plenty to eat. Cocktails were on hand to top off the day.

Thanks to Suffolk County Parks for the use of the facility. It was a great day by a beautiful lake, under a shaded pavilion, with great food and drink surrounded by good friends. I call that a phenominal success.

SSWA Motor for Sale

We have a 1994 Johnson 20 hp 2-stroke motor for sale. It was donated to the club, checked out and tuned up by Frank at Great Bay Marine in Babylon. It needs a new home and we are using the funds raised for the feed fund. We are looking for a donation of \$475.00. Call Curt at 631-661-0379 and we can arrange for you to see it at Great Bay Marine (see pics).



Fishing Trips by Curt

We plan on having several fishing trips this summer. What we will do is to pick a date, location, species, and boat. We will send an email (see another good reason we need your email address) as to the info for the trip. We will try to do it well in advance. If you decide to come, call Curt at 631-661-0379 and let me know. Then show up the day of the trip. Bring what you need for the day. We might enhance the goodies/food portion of the trip. It will be a casual day, with a lot of fun, good people, and hopefully a bag of filets to go home with. We will be in touch.

EMAIL Addresses

By now you know that we have gone to an electronic format for our newsletters. We need your **current email address** so we can send newsletters to you. We also need it to send out any pertinent updates for club activities, events, or crucial town hall meetings you should be aware of. Especially this year, due to the incredible push by legislatures to attack your second amendment rights, we need to get the word out FAST, so you can voice your opinions on these matters. The SSWA will never give out your email to ANYONE. It is only for inter-club use. If you received this newsletter, we have your current address. But paper copy people, send Ron Sineo at duckboater@gmail.com your email address. At some point we will stop doing paper newsletters. Please send it today.



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Quack's Tips

Today's tip is about those Portable Power Packs which are available at automotive stores and tool sections of department stores, etc. They are a great safety investment against potential catastrophes and ruined hunts. We have all heard horror stories about getting back to the dock in January to find your truck with a dead battery, or your boat trailer with a flat, or getting a flat while en route. Quack favors the multi-version . . . especially the 4 in one power pack. It is a Jump Starter, an air compressor, a light beam, and a 12-volt power supply for plug-ins. With one of these, you can jump start your car or truck, inflate tires on your vehicle or your trailer, have a ready light source in the dark, and best of all, auxiliary 12-volt plug-in power. There are all kinds of power tools that can run on 12 volts. Quack has a 12-volt portable 1/2-inch impact driver, with the sockets for his truck and trailer lugs. (When was the last time that those nuts were removed from your trailer wheel?) Powering the impact driver from the power pack can help make short work of changing a tire.

The 12-volt power plug can also be used to plug in a cell phone which has lost its charge. The first time you have to use one, that saves you a tow or a road service charge, and it will have paid for itself and then some!



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CALENDAR OF UP-COMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- August 28** — Peconic River Sporting Clay Shoot. See page 4 for info
- Sept. 6** — 1st SSWA Meeting — Brightwaters Library, 7:00 pm sharp! (see p. 1)
- Sept. 10-11** — Gun Show, Local 25 Union Hall, Motor Parkway, Hauppauge
SSWA needs volunteers for the show (call Curt at 631-661-0379)
- Sept. 18** — Delta Waterfowl Dinner — Bocce Beach, Fire Island
For info call John Ferguson at 631-807-9251
- September 22** — Comedy Night Fundraiser at Governor's Comedy Club, Levittown
\$20 per person, Doors open 6:30 pm. Call Curt for tickets
- October 3** — SSWA Meeting — Brightwaters Library, 7:00 pm sharp!
- October 30** — Duckboat Show and Waterfowl Festival — see flyer for more info
Raindate – November 6
- November 7** — SSWA Meeting — Brightwaters Library, 7:00 pm sharp!
- December 5** — SSWA Meeting and Holiday Party — Brightwaters Library, 7:00 pm sharp!
- TBA** — SSWA Fishing Trip. See page 6 for info

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for the 2016-2017 duck season.

Winner must be a SSWA member in good standing.

\$20.00 each



Only 100 raffle tickets will be sold.
All donations go to the South Shore Waterfowlers Association Feed Fund.
Ticket drawn when All tickets sold.
Call Curt @631-661-0379 to obtain tickets.

Pictures from the 3rd Annual SSWA BBQ (check out all on sswa.org)



Pictures from the Peconic Shoot (check out all on sswa.org)





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**APPLICATION FOR THE SSWA
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Sunday, October 30 – 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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