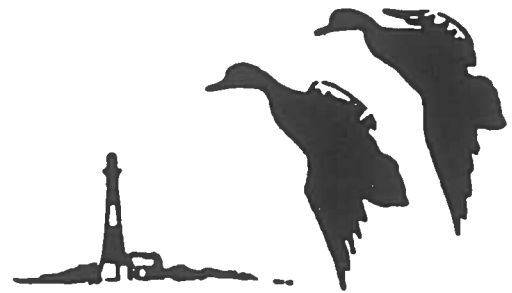


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**First Meeting of the Season –  
Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 pm**

**REMINDER: Your Membership Has  
Expired. Dues Increased to \$35.00**

*Date to Remember*

The Annual Duckboat Show and Waterfowl Festival is October 27. This is our fundraiser for the year. ALL members mark your calendar and come down and please lend a hand. It is your club after all.

— Flyer and vendor application on separate pdf —

Please print out copies of the flyer and post in your local stores, delis, and hang-outs.

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*Task Force Meeting - August 21st*

*by Ron Sineo*

The members of the task force were introduced to E-Bird, an on-line reporting platform which was put in place back in 2002. It is a site where the public can report daily bird sightings, numbers and species by location on any given day. This is a well-used website and provides a huge collection of data about bird sighting. Waterfowl are included, this makes the data potentially useful. It is also pretty detailed. It lists the date of the sighting, the number of each species, and the location. This would let us know when the most birds were around. We could then learn what migratory birds start to arrive, when they arrive, and how long most stay.

After a brief introduction, we were given some work sheets, and we then participated in an alternative season setting exercise, based upon 10 different alternative priorities. These Alternatives had been determined through a state-wide hunter survey which was conducted some years ago. All together, we looked at 10 of these objectives, and we saw the data reported for L.I., Species Abundance week by week, as well as Species Migration, week by week., and then we selected an aggregate 8 weeks in each case. The exercises that we participated in were offered as examples of "Structured Decision Making". As we went through the exercises, it became apparent (to me) that this data was basically going to support what we have been selecting all along as a task force. It remains to be seen just how influential this data-mining becomes down the road. I don't think we need to jump to any conclusions about it now, one way or the other. My initial sense of it is that while most of us typically aren't comfortable with change, this could be a good tool to use because the data should support what we have been saying all along.

## President's Corner

With the end of August fast approaching and September right around the corner, duck and goose seasons are almost here. I hope everyone had a great summer enjoying family get-togethers, vacations, and successful fishing trips. It was great seeing everyone that attended the annual summer BBQ; we all had a great time and all probably ate too much.

Now its time to get back to business; licenses and duck stamps are up for sale. The September goose season out east and upstate are only about two weeks away. Due to the Labor Day holiday our first meeting at the Brightwaters library will not be on Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> but will be held on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there.

At our last meeting before the summer hiatus I had asked for ideas and input for the upcoming meetings this season. I had only one or two people contact me. They had great ideas and were helpful in setting the agenda for the year. Remember this is your club; all ideas and suggestions are welcome.

We have multiple fundraisers scheduled this year; two gun-shows, the Decoy Collectors show, and the Annual Duck Boat show. Your help will be needed and greatly appreciated for all of these events. I'm looking forward to sharing the upcoming season with all of you; lets make this season the best one yet.

Ron

## Update on Big Reed Pond Project, Montauk County Park

by Ron Sineo



As most of you know, the SSWA has a commitment to create an accessible duck hunting blind at each of the 4 Suffolk County Parks that allow duck hunting. Nine years ago, (November, 2010) the first of these blinds was opened for the 2010 hunting season at Southaven County Park.

The next location was Hubbard County Park in Flanders. The site chosen was Penny Pond, and it was finally completed and dedicated in November, 2015.



The next site selected was at Montauk County Park, and it was decided that the blind would be located at Big Reed Pond.

Although this site was selected in the summer of 2018, construction did not begin last fall. Mostly, the reason had to do with County Staffing issues. I am please to announce that Curt and I had a meeting with the folks from County Parks at the Montauk site on July 25<sup>th</sup>. We all agreed that this project would be moving forward in time for this coming hunting season. SSWA has seen to it that the materials needed for this project have already been delivered to the Park, and are currently out of the weather in a storage building there. We are hopeful that the project will be underway by the latter part of September, and we are looking to the day when we can announce the opening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> handicap-access blind available for hunting at the County Park sites.



**BIG REED POND, MONTAUK COUNTY PARK**

## ARE YOU GOING TO TRY ANY DIVER OR SEA DUCK HUNTING THIS SEASON?

by Ron Sineo

Many beginning duck hunters start off with their license, their gun and some ammo, but not much else. Hunting clothes and waders soon become priorities, and usually a few puddle duck decoys are somehow acquired to round out the mix.

I remember those days. I would go down to my town's local beach area, and walk the shoreline before first light, looking for a good place to hide and "set up". I hunted this way for a couple of seasons, but every time I saw some guy launch a grass boat or a Jon boat and motor on into the pre-dawn blackness, my tongue was hanging out. I eventually bought a boat, motor and trailer. Still, I focused on puddle duck hunting for quite a few seasons. It wasn't until I met a guy at work that I was introduced to broadbill hunting.

On our first hunt, we picked up his hunting buddy, and the 3 of us launched his 16' Duranautic utility boat. We launched in the Forge river, motored south into the bay, and located a small island just North of the barrier beach. We put out about 3 dozen broadbill decoys, on individual cords, hid the boat a good distance away, as we sat on milkcrates on the North side of that island facing the channel. What a morning we had. In those days, the limit on broadbill was 5 birds each, and we tried very hard to go home with our limit. I was hooked!

It wasn't until much later that I tried seaduck hunting, and I found that, like broadbill hunting, it too, was fast and furious!

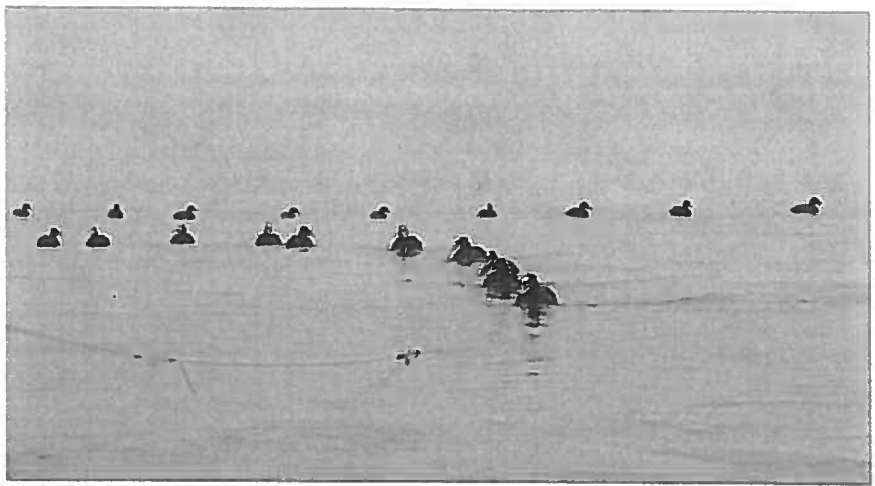
But enough about hunting stories. The real purpose of this article is to inform you that as a member of SSWA, you are entitled to borrow the club broadbill rig and/or the club seaduck rig. That's right. Thanks to the donations of a generous member, we have a diver rig which is made up of 35 broadbill decoys. These are arranged on a 12 -bird long line, an 11- bird long line, and 12 more birds on individual cords/anchors.



There is also a 35 bird  
seaduck rig, made of 3 long  
lines (1 line of 12 long tail  
ducks, 1 line of 12 scoter,  
and 1 line of 11 scoter).

SSWA members may sign  
up to make a loan request

for either the *seaduck* or *broadbill* rigs. Wounded Warriors and returning Vets will have first priority. Youth hunters and beginning hunters/new members will have second priority, but all SSWA members in good standing will be eligible to borrow and use these rigs. Before you borrow either of these rigs, you will be asked to sign a simple agreement stating that you have received these in good shape, and that if any decoys are lost or damaged you are responsible to replace and/or repair them. If you are included in the priority categories, you may sign up by calling me for the broadbill rig, or call ErIk Tallbe for the sea duck rig. (first come, first served). By the November meeting, if either decoy rig is still available, those members with no special priority may also take their turn by calling to sign out the rig. Those who are awarded the rigs on loan, must return them in a timely manner at the end of the regular duck season, and in the same numbers and condition.



## WHY DO WE NEED TO BUY A DUCK STAMP?

by Ron Sineo

This is a question that gets plenty of play among hunters. For those of you who grumble every year when you have to pony up the cost of a Duck Stamp, please take the time to read this short article on one of the best conservation programs in our country.



### **Why do we need to buy a duck stamp?**

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act (or Duck Stamp Act), and an increasingly concerned nation took firm action to stop the destruction of wetlands vital to the survival of migratory waterfowl.

**Under the act, all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and over must annually buy and carry a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp - better known today as a Federal Duck Stamp. So...it's the law!!**

### **Where does the money go?**

*Ninety-eight cents of every duck stamp dollar* goes directly into the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund to purchase or lease wetlands and wildlife habitat for inclusion in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Imagine that..only 2 cents out of every dollar goes into Administrative costs. (It seems that the government can be efficient when it needs to be.) This ensures there will be land for wildlife and humans that will be protected for generations to come.

- Since 1934, some \$800 million dollars has gone into that fund to protect more than 5.7 million acres of habitat. Little wonder the Federal Duck Stamp Program has been called one of the most successful conservation programs ever initiated. One of the reasons for the Duck

Stamp's success is that anyone can buy a stamp, which can also be used as an annual "pass" to any national wildlife refuge that charges an entrance fee.

## WHO BUYS DUCK STAMPS?

- Conservationists buy duck stamps because they know that 98 percent of the cost goes directly to conserve wildlife habitat vital for many birds, fish, mammals and plants, and you and your family - and future generations. This small investment brings long-term returns.
- Stamp collectors purchase the stamp as a collectible that increases in value.
- Hunters, who strongly advocated for the Duck Stamp's creation, willingly pay the stamp price to ensure the survival of our natural resources. And many hunters buy two duck stamps each year - one for hunting and one as a collector's item and an additional contribution to conservation.

The Federal Duck Stamp has evolved over its 85 years of existence. In recognition of the stamp's growing value as a conservation tool, its formal name was changed to the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp*.

The first Federal Duck Stamp was designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, a political cartoonist from Des Moines, Iowa, who was chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey, the predecessor to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In subsequent years, noted wildlife artists were asked to submit designs to be considered for the stamp.

Since 1949, there has been a National Duck Stamp art contest each year. This contest is open to any U.S. artist who wishes to enter. That's right, the contest has been ongoing for 70 years now. It is the only art competition of its kind sponsored by the U.S. government - and one that anyone may enter. What a feather in the cap of the artist whose work is selected!

In 1984 the Duck Stamp Act was changed to allow licensed reproductions of the Federal Duck Stamp on products manufactured and sold by private sector enterprises. Since then, Royalties from the sale of these products are required to be deposited into the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund, specifically for wetlands acquisitions.



Back in 1934, that first duck stamp sold for the whopping price of \$1. If only we knew then what we know now! Wetlands and wildlife habitat back then were abundant and they were cheap. Here we are some 85 years down the road, and wetlands are in demand! Life styles have changed. The rich and famous have descended on waterfront property. Its value has outpaced the value of virtually all other properties. Over the years the price of a duck stamp has increased. By 1991 it had been increased to \$15. But as the cost of things continued to go up, the price of the stamp remained the same..For 24 years!! A quarter of a century! Our ability to purchase wetlands plummeted in that time. The price of waterfront was skyrocketing, while the revenue stream to purchase wetlands was staying the same or diminishing.

Finally, in 2015, the price of a Duck Stamp was set at \$25. Since this increase 4 years ago, we have made some great strides in purchasing easements that will guarantee the public's access to the wetlands we acquire.

Supporting the Duck stamp is a good way to help ensure that our children and grandchildren might be able to experience for themselves, some of the same waterfowling opportunities that we so fondly remember.

**Oyster Bay Historical Society**

**Exhibition Programming**

Bring friends and family for the following public programming to join the conversation:

**September 15 • 1 pm • Opening Reception**

**October 6 • 1-3 pm Storytelling Program with the Oyster Bay Baymen and the LI Commercial Fishing Association**

**October 13 • 1-3 pm Storytelling Program with the South Shore Bay House Owners and the South Shore Waterfowlers**

**November 3 • 2 pm "Salt Water People" play reading by American Lore Theatre**

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**Waterfront Heroes**

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## Quack's Tips Scouting and decoys

Entire books have been written about working decoys. Popular topics always include how many to use, and what type of "pattern" to use when you set them out. Whether you are setting up for puddle ducks, divers, or geese, one thing is certain. A successful decoy spread depends most of all on *location*. Go to where the birds want to be, before you concern yourself with the look of your decoy spread! No amount of decoy positioning, motion, color, or any other gimmick or gadget is going to overcome the *handicap* of hunting in a place where the birds don't want to be. So the most effect component of decoying is *scouting*. It has been said that in the right location, ducks and geese will come to their shadows.

After you've done your best to find a marsh or a field in which the birds want to light, concern yourself with creating the *flock effect*. Birds aren't lured by any one decoy, but are attracted to the composite of the flock. The shape of a single decoy, therefore isn't nearly as important as the form of the spread. So think randomly. Spreads that catch the eye of passing waterfowl look as though they're birds that are resting or feeding ---in loose aggregation. Flocks that are alarmed almost always bunch up before they swim or fly away.

The message here is that the best number of decoys to use is the fewest necessary to entice birds. This is where mobility is important. A handful of decoys in an area where the birds want to light is far more valuable than a huge spread in a location in which the birds have no interest in visiting.

Scouting birds takes time, and *can only occur* once the birds have arrived for the season. So take care to make all your other preparations for hunting long before the migration arrives. Then you will be able to spend necessary time scouting, both before and during the season.

A note from Kathy Herzy

(Past Presidents wife and long time

SSWA supporter.)

Hello Curt. Both Gil and I are in our 80's,

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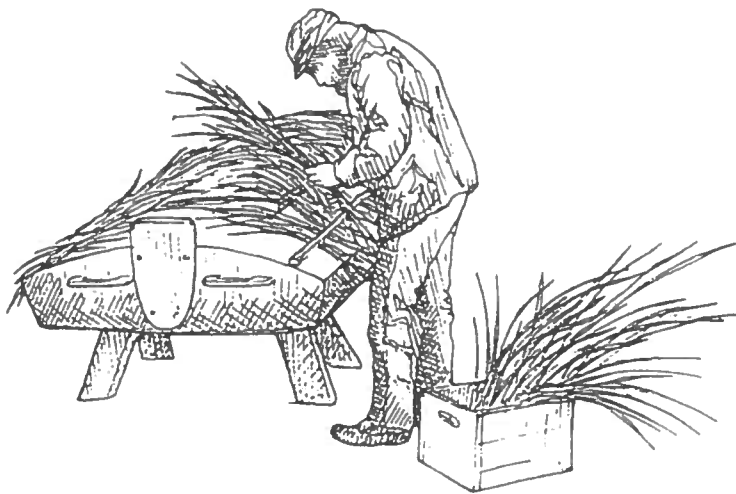
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- Sept. 3** **SSWA Meeting**
- Sept. 15** — **Peconic River Sportsmans Club – Breast Cancer Shoot –**  
**All info is on PRSC website**
- Sept. 19** — **DU Dinner – 4 Harbors Chapter – Call Donna at 631-804-2114**
- Sept. 28-29** — **Gun Show at IBEW Local 25, Motor Parkway, Hauppauge – 9 am – 5 pm**
- Oct 5-6** **Catskill Pheasantry shoot**
- Oct, 7** **SSWA meeting**
- Oct. 27** **SSWA Waterfowl Festival - Cedar Beach Marina.**  
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