

2013 Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunters' Conference
Plaza Hotel, Wausau, WI
March 16 & 17, 2013

Saturday March 16

CRYSTAL I & II

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Conference Orientation
Robert Landerman – Chairman, Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunters Conference

Session 1 Regulation updates and Legislative Insights:

Facilitator: Roger Hanson – Retired WDNR Conservation Warden

9:15 – 9:45 “Mississippi Flyway Council and Waterfowl Program Update”
Kent Van Horn (WDNR Migratory Bird Ecologist)

9:45 – 10:15 “The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation – What is it?
and 2013 Legislative Update”
George Meyer (Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Executive Director)

10:15 – 10:45 “Mead Wildlife Area – Three Years of Innovative Waterfowl Hunting
Regulations”
Brian Peters (Project Superintendent – Mead Wildlife Area)

10:45 – 11:15 “Wingshooting for Migratory Birds, a New Skills Program for Wisconsin Hunters”
Doug Zeihen - WDNR Conservation Warden
Tim Lizotte – WDNR NR Team Supervisor

11:15

Keynote Speaker

**Richard Kaminski - Professor and James C. Kennedy
Endowed Chair in Waterfowl and Wetlands Conservation**

Mississippi State University

**“Farming for Crops and Waterfowl:
Opportunities for Wisconsin”**

12:00 – 12:45 Lunch – Garden Atrium

Session 2 The Art of Waterfowling – From the Marsh to the Table:

Active group participation

Facilitator – Roger Hanson - Retired WDNR Conservation Warden

12:45 – 1:15 "It All Starts Here: The Wetlands - Waterfowl Connection"

Tracy Hames (Executive Director, Wisconsin Wetlands Assoc.)

1:15 – 1:30 Session Perspective: Roger Hanson

1:30 - 2:20 Concurrent Sessions

Rm: Three Rivers “Decoy Sets, Art, Science, or Chance” (Attendee Participation)
From seasoned waterfowl to novices, we will share experiences and discuss what has and what has not worked for us who have tried sets in the field. Attendee participation!
Facilitator: Luke Fara – USGS Biological Science Technician

Rm: Crystal “A Journey Through the 100 Years of Waterfowling”, See and experience the changes in waterfowl hunting clothing, guns, techniques, equipment, and dogs over the years.
Jason Hintz & Rich Marsolek – Avid Waterfowlers
Jerry Halron & Mike Stiller – Old Avid Waterfowlers

Rm: Tower 1 & 2 “Learning the Landscape and Scouting for the Hunt”
Robert Landerman – WWHC Chair

2:20 – 3:10 Concurrent Sessions

Rm: Three Rivers “Waterfowl Calling Techniques” (Hands on learning opportunity)
Bring your favorite call and really learn how to use it effectively or share your skills with others!
Facilitator: Mark Kakatsch - Professional Guide

Rm: Tower 3 “The Northern Waterfowl Zone” – Discussion of Opening day and Split Dates – Where do these ideas come from?
Kent VanHorn - WDNR Migratory Bird Ecologist

Rm: Tower 1 & 2 “Retriever Basics - Making a Better Duck Dog”
Roger Hanson - Trainer
Holly Lewis and Jim Klien – Assistant Trainers

3:10 - 3:25 Break

3:25 – 5:30 CRYSTAL “Adventures in Wildfowl Cooking” – Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunters’ Conference Culinary Council Chefs. Plucking and Dressing; Aging - Marinades, Brines, Smoking, Rubs, Sauces; Roasting – Fast and Hot or Slow and Low; Stocks and Roux; Soups, Stews, Gumbo; Questions

and Answers.

Facilitator: Al Kube

Chefs: Alan Marotz, Pearl Holmstadt, Carol and Allen Kube.

5:30 - 6:15 Displays, Poster Viewing, and Pre – Hunter Party Social

6:15 – 10:00 Duck Hunter’s Party in Marathon Rooms I - V

Sunday March 17th

CRYSTAL 1 & 2

7:45 - 8:00 Announcements

8:00 – 8:15 “Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunters’ Conference Scholarship Award Presentation”
Jon Bergquist - Scholarship Committee Chair

Session 3: Funding for Waterfowl Management

Facilitator: Randy Falstad – Retired WDNR Conservation Warden

8:15 – 8:45 “Your Wisconsin Duck Stamp Dollars.”
Jason Fleener - WDNR-Financial Assistance Specialist

8:45 – 9:15 “Protecting and Enhancing Waterfowl Management and Waterfowling Through Policy.”
Discussion on CRP, the farm bill & NAWCA funding,
Brian Glenzinski – Wisconsin’s Regional Ecologist for Ducks Unlimited
Gildo Tori – Director of Public Policy, Ducks Unlimited

Session 4: Waterfowl Habitat Management

Facilitator: Tom Mings - Senior Ecologist and Mitigation Bank Coordinator
St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers

9:15 – 10:00 “A 50 Year Perspective on Moist Soil Management for Waterfowl”
Leigh Fredrickson – (Wetland Ecologist and former Director of the Gaylord Laboratory at the University of Missouri)

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 10:45 “Waterfowl, Waterfowlers and Invasive Species”
Kaycie Stushek – Regional AIS Outreach Coordinator, Golden Sands RC&D

10:45 – 11:15 “Planting and Availability of Wetland Plants For Your Pond”
Patricia Kester – Kester’s Nurseries

11:15 - 12:00 Sunday Brunch – Garden Atrium

12:00 – 12:30 “Navigating the Funding and Permit Maze; Taking Your Project From Paper to Reality”
Derek Kavanaugh – Soil Conservationist, Green Lake County

Session 5: Waterfowl Hunter Recruitment

Facilitator: Randy Stark - WDNR – Chief Warden

12:30 – 12:45 Session Perspective: Randy Stark

12:45 – 1:15 “Delta’s Waterfowl Hunter Recruitment and Education Program – *First Hunt.*”
Joel Brice - Director of Conservation Programs: Delta Waterfowl

1:15 – 1:45 “A Unique Learn to Hunt Waterfowl Program”
Patrice Evers - Advanced Wildlife Technician: Mead Wildlife Area
Barry Fetting – Wisconsin DNR Conservation Warden

1:45 – 2:15 “Introducing Newcomers: Moving To True Mentor Programs”
Bob Holsman - Professor of Wildlife: UW Stevens Point
Keith Warnke – Wisconsin DNR

2:15 – 3:00 “How Do We Sustain the Waterfowl Hunting Tradition?” – Group sessions and open forum.
Facilitator: Keith Warnke – WDNR Natural Resources Program Specialist

3:00 – 3:15 Closing Remarks and Gun Raffle - **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!**
Robert Landerman – Chairman WWHC