

2014 Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunters' Conference
Plaza Hotel, Wausau, WI
March 1 & 2, 2014

Saturday March 1st

CRYSTAL I & II

8:30 – 9:45 Registration with coffee and rolls

9:45 – 10:00 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

10:00 – 10:30 “Mississippi Flyway Council And Waterfowl Program Update”
Kent Van Horn - WDNR Migratory Bird Ecologist

10:30 – 11:00 “The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation – 2014 Legislative Update”
George Meyer - Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Executive Director

11:00- 11:20 “Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunters' Conference Scholarship Award
Presentation”
Jon Bergquist - Scholarship Committee Chair

11:20 – 11:45 “Perspectives from the New Chief Warden”
Todd Schaller – Chief Warden, Wisconsin DNR

11:45 – 12:30 Lunch In Garden Atrium (*Scholarship Raffle*)

Facilitator: Brian Glenzinski – Ducks Unlimited Regional Biologist

12:45pm
THE FUTURE OF WATERFOWL
AND
WATERFOWL HUNTING

Keynote Speaker

12:45 – 1:30

TODD ARNOLD

**Harvest Derivation and
Population Status of Mallards:
A Great Lakes Perspective**

Keynote Speaker

1:30 – 2:15

MARK VRTISKA

**Waterfowl Hunters:
Past, Present and
What Does The Future Hold?**

- 2:20 – 2:50 “Duck Unlimited / Minnesota DNR Wild Rice Program”
Rod Ustipak – Consultant to Ducks Unlimited
- 2:55 – 3:40 “Developing and Managing Your Own Marsh and Conservation Project”
Vern Larson – Marsh Owner
- 3:40 – 3:55 Break

Session 3 Passing On Our Waterfowl Heritage

Facilitator: Shawn Gibbons – Avid Waterfowl Hunter

4:00 – 5:30 **Concurrent Sessions** Options 1-5 offered again Sunday

1. Rm: Tower 1&2 “Re-Painting Your Old Decoys”
Mike Pierce
2. Rm: Austin “Learning To Use Your Duck and Goose Calls”
Mark Kakatsch
3. Rm: Three Rivers “Send Your Dog To College!”
Roger Hanson
4. Rm: Crystal “Scouting For Waterfowl From Spring To Fall”
Shawn Gibbons and Connie Markham
5. Rm: Tower 3 “Early Teal Season Possibilities – A Discussion”
Kent Van Horn - WDNR Migratory Bird Ecologist
6. Rm: Atrium “The Art of Cooking Waterfowl – **Part 2**”
Meet with fellow waterfowl hunters and cooking enthusiasts to sample
and learn unique, easy ways to prepare waterfowl.

Adjourn to Enjoy Evening

- 5:30 - 6:30 **Crystal Room:** Displays, Poster Viewing, and Pre-Hunter Party Social
- 6:30 – 10:30 **Marathon Rooms I-IV: *Duck Hunters’ Party***

Sunday March 2nd

CRYSTAL 1 & 2

8:00 Announcements

Session 3: Passing On Our Waterfowl Heritage – Cont:

Facilitator: Shawn Gibbon – Avid Waterfowl Hunter

- 8:10 – 8:40 “Waterfowl, Waterfowlers and Invasive Species” PART TWO
Kaycie Stushek – Regional AIS Outreach Coordinator, Golden Sands RC&D

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10:15 – 10:25 Break

Session 4: Great Lakes Open Water Hunting

Facilitator: Jim Klein – Owner / Guide “Bills and Gills Guide Service”

10:25 – 10:55 “A Perspective from Four Years Of Water Bird Surveys On The Great Lakes”
Bill Mueller – Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory

11:05 – 11:35 “South Green Bay Diver Population Trends”
Brian Glenzinski – Ducks Unlimited Regional Biologist

“Great Lakes Open Water Hunting 101”
Roger Hanson – Seasoned Open Water Waterfowl Hunter

11:45 – 12:15 “30 Years With The International Scoter Shooters”
Brian Buentow and Don Bush – Avid and Dedicated Great Lakes Hunters

12:15 -12:30 “Conference Closing Remarks”
Robert Landerman – Chairman WWHC

12:30 **Adjourn Main Program**

Session 5: The Greater Wetland Picture: A Forum

Facilitator: Jim Ruwaldt

12:45 - Whenever

OPTIONAL INFORMATIVE WETLAND FORUM!!!