



“HELP KEEP THE FLAME ALIVE”

2015 WISCONSIN WATERFOWL HUNTERS CONFERENCE *Preserving and Enhancing Our Waterfowl Hunting Heritage*

Plaza Hotel, Wausau, WI
March 7 & 8, 2015

DRAFT January 15, 2015

Saturday March 7th

CRYSTAL I & II

7:45 – 9:45 Coffee and rolls

8:00 - 9:15 Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Conference Orientation
Tom Meier – Agenda Chair, Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunters’ Conference Rooms

Session I 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 – 2015 Legislative Update”
George Meyer - Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Executive Director

10:15- 10:40 “Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunters’ Conference Scholarship Award
Presentation”
Jon Bergquist - Scholarship Committee Chair

10:40 – 11:15 “Law Enforcement Update”
Tyler Strelow – WDNR Warden Supervisor, LaCrosse, Wisconsin

PRE-LUNCH PRESENTATION

11:15 - 11:50 “Great Travel Hunt Destinations Featuring Kansas”- Tom Bidrowski, Migratory Game Bird
Program Mgr. / Kansas Dept. of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism

12:00 – 12:50 Lunch In Garden Atrium (*Scholarship Raffle*)

Session II "UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES": FACED BY WATERFOWL AND WATERFOWL HUNTERS

Facilitator: Bryan Muche - Regional Director Delta Waterfowl

Keynote Speaker

1:00 – 1:45

MICHELLE HLADIK

Research Chemist, US Geological Survey

**"NEONICOTINOID INSECTICIDES
CHANGING USE, ENVIRONMENTAL FATE
AND
IMPLICATIONS FOR WATERFOWL"**

- 1:45 – 2:30 "Duckling Food Habits - What They Need to Survive!" PENDING
- 2.35 – 3:50 "Waterfowl ID 101" The main dabbling ducks" **A Continuing Series SIGHT, SOUND, NON-TARGET BIRDS**
Paul Samerdyke and Mark Kakatsch
- 3:50 – 4:05 Break

Session III Passing On Our Waterfowl Heritage

Facilitator: Connie Markham - Avid Waterfowler

- 4:10 – 5:40 **Concurrent Sessions** All offered again Sunday
1. Rm TBD "Waterfowl Issue Update - 1st Teal Season, and/or Upcoming 5 year review duck zones"
Kent Van Horn - WDNR Migratory Bird Specialist
 2. Rm: TBD "Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations; a Historical Perspective"; / "Waterfowl Regulations past and Present the Why's Wherefores. and Needs" Jon Bergquist and Tyler Strelow – WDNR Warden Supervisor, LaCrosse, Wisconsin
 3. Rm: TBD "Ammo, Barrels, and Chokes" -/ wing shooting - How to be a Better Shot"
Doug Zeihen - Conservation Warden and Coordinator of WDNR Wing Shooting Program and Jennifer Wirth - WDNR Wing Shooting Instructor.
 4. Rm: TBA "Gun Maintenance, Breakdown, and Care" **Presenter to be Announced**
 5. Rm: TBD "My Puppy is Smarter Than Your Honor Student"
Roger Hanson - Dog Trainer / Retired WDNR Warden
 6. RM: TBD "Calling Techniques and Hands on Learning"
Benny Breitzkreutz Pro Staff for Bett's Championship Calls
- 5:40 - 6:30 **Crystal Room:** Displays, Poster Viewing, and Pre-Hunter Party Social
- 6:30 – 10:30 **Marathon Rooms I-IV: Duck Hunters' Party ENJOY YOUR EVENING!!**

Sunday March 2nd

CRYSTAL 1 & 2

8:00 Announcements

Session III: Passing On Our Waterfowl Heritage – Cont:

Facilitator: Shawn Gibbins - Avid Waterfowler

8:10 – 8:40 “Invasive Species - Getting the Word Out - Outreach Development”
Kaycie Stushek – Regional AIS Outreach Coordinator, Golden Sands RC&D

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5. Rm: TBD "Hunting Techniques for Geese" - Saturday: "Field Hunting Techniques for Ducks" - Sunday. Presenter to be announced.
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Benny Breitzkreutz Pro Staff for Bett's Championship Calls

10:15 – 10:25 Break

Session IV: "FIELD HUNTING FOR WATERFOWL"

Facilitator:

10:25 – 10:55 "Exploring ways to engage local foodies in hunting and gathering activities"
Layne Cozzolino

11:00 – 11:30 Waterfowl Baiting: A Perspective on the Why's , Wherefore's, and Approach in Regards to Current Rules" transportation John Below and Rob Hirschboeck - Wynonna

11:45 – 12:15 “**OPEN FIELD HUNTING TOPIC**”

12:00 **Adjourn: THANKS FOR ATTENDING AND PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEARS CONFERENCE**

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Announcing

This Years Recruit Hunt Drawing Black Slough Conservation Club Bear Creek-Shiocton Wisconsin Waterfowl Dream Hunt

**Dr Vern Larsen's 2000 acre Black Slough Conservation Club
Bear Creek-Shiocton is primarily intensively managed for waterfowl .
Water is obtained from the Embarrass River and allowed to flow through
numerous marshes enclosed by miles of dikes and many water control
structures . Our motto is "we do more for conservation than we take".**

**The Hunt will be for 2 - Tuesday P.M. and Wednesday A.M. , the second
week of the Northern Waterfowl season 2015 . Guided by Dr. Vern or
manager Richard Eggers. Overnight stay Tuesday at club facilities .**