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Officers Elected

At our April meeting we held our annual elections. The officers ran un-opposed. The list of officers with their phone numbers is on page 2.

We wish to thank ALL the officers for their service to our organization. Without all your efforts, our club would not be the fabulous group that it is. By stepping up to the plate, you keep us strong. I hope that more of our members will get involved with our group. A little help goes a long way. Please volunteer and get involved. It's a lot of fun, and you get to work with a great group of gentlemen.

Curt Matzinger

Suffolk Trap and Skeet

It has come to my attention that the powers that be are trying to close down the range AGAIN. There was a meeting at the range. They are doing whatever they can to close it down. We have to keep on top of this issue to make sure that doesn't happen. We tried to send out an e-mail notice to rally the troops, only to find that we only have about 20% of our clubs e-mail addresses. **This is RIDICULOUS.** In today's age of computers and cell phones, we should be able to get the word out in a matter of minutes if we have to. I'm asking ALL MEMBERS to contact Ron Sineo by phone or e-mail (ducktruck.optonline.net) and give him your e-mail address. Even if you think he has it, SEND IT TO HIM AGAIN!!!! We must get this list up-to-date for ALL our members. Very few members do not have a computer. PLEASE send it to him NOW!! Thank you.

Wounded Warriors Project Update

I just wanted to give an update to the hunting blind/fishing platform project. We got the approval to do the project, and we are currently in the permits phase. The I's were dotted and the T's were crossed. We hope to get them approved in 6-8 weeks (hopefully sooner). When I know more I will let you know.

Six Gun Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners (buyers and sellers) of the April raffle. It was drawn at our last meeting.

	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Seller</u>
1 st place	Tony Beneventre	Ron Sineo
2 nd place	Thomas Brinot	Erik Tallbe, Sr.
3 rd place	Erik Tirpak	S.S.W.A.

The membership wishes to express its gratitude for everyone's support. These raffles help our organization with its projects and keeping us going strong.

Special thanks to Jon at Camp-Site for his constant support of the SSWA. Check out the shop and thank him yourself.

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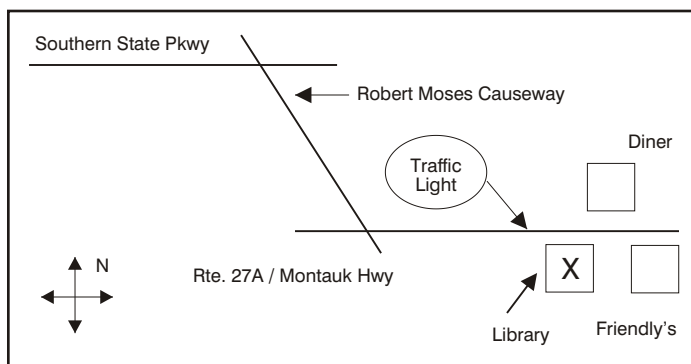
South Shore Waterfowlers

Voice of the Long Island Waterfowler

The South Shore Waterfowlers meet at 7:30 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 in one of the first floor conference rooms (look for SSWA sign) at 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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This is our major fundraising event for the year, so be sure to bring your family and friends to help support our club.

Membership Renewals

All renewals expire in September. Check the year of expiration on the newsletter label. Be sure to renew your membership to ensure you are still an active member of the SSWA.

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2010 Waterfowl Season Setting Task Force Report

by Ron Sineo

On Saturday, March 27th, the 2010 Waterfowl Season Setting Task Force met in the DEC building at Stony Brook. As it has done in the past, the task force made recommendations for the season dates for next fall's waterfowl hunting season in Region #1. These recommendations will be forwarded to the State DEC and will be used as guidelines for our region wherever possible.

Here's what the task force recommended:

Regular Duck Season: A split season, from November 24 – November 28, and then again from December 7 – January 30th. Bag limits for most species of ducks are expected to be the same as last season. Since Scaup numbers are lower than last year, there might be a "hybrid" season as happened in the past. Should that happen, then the season & bag for Scaup would be as follows: Nov 24 – 28, 1 bird/day, Dec 7 – Jan 10, 1 bird/day, Jan 11- Jan 30, 2 birds/day.

Brant Season: Nov 24 – 28, and Dec 17 – Jan 30, 2 birds per day.

Regular Canada Goose Season:

Western Long Island Zone: We are hopeful that the Federal Frameworks will be changed to permit the following: a regular season of 107 days, from Nov 24 – March 10, with a daily bag limit of 8 birds!

(If the frameworks do not change, we will have a 5 bird daily bag, and a split season totaling 80 days, similar to last year)

Central Long Island Zone: a split season, from Nov 24 – 28, and then from Dec 7 – Feb 9, with a 3 bird daily bag limit.

Eastern Long Island Zone: Same as the regular duck season, Nov 24 – 28, and then Dec 7 – Jan 30. The daily bag limit is 2 birds.

Late Canada Goose Season on the North Shore: Feb 10 – Feb 15, and a daily bag of 5 birds.

Sea Duck Season: October 16 – January 30 (7 bird daily bag, but not more than 4 scoters)

Snow Goose Season: Nov 24 – March 10, 15 birds daily.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days: The special weekend for Youth Waterfowl Hunting this season will be on Saturday & Sunday, November 13, and 14th.

Remember, these are only "**recommendations**". While things can change, we have had a very good track record with the DEC adopting the task force recommendations in recent years. The final word will be out by the end of July or the first week of August. Until then, if you want to mark your calendar, it might be best to use a pencil.

FOR SALE

Southbay Duckboat

The South Shore Waterfowlers has for sale a 14 ft. Southbay Duckboat, galvanized trailer, with a 15 hp Mercury 2-stroke outboard motor. All are in very good condition. The proceeds from this sale will help the club with their projects and events.

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King Buck

By Ron Sineo

A couple of years ago I received a really neat gift from a family member. It was a framed print of all of the Federal waterfowl stamps made by the US government since they first began the practice in 1934. I have the print hanging on the wall in a guest room, and I often sit on the bed and study the stamps. I like to imagine myself the “hunter in hiding” contained within the scene depicted by each stamp. I like the art work, but I really enjoy the fantasy of being in the middle of the action as each stamp, in turn, comes to life in my mind’s eye. Almost since the very day I hung the print on the wall, I have been puzzled by one stamp, however. It is the 1959 Federal stamp by Maynard Reece, and it shows a magnificent Labrador Retriever on hold, with a mallard in its mouth. I am puzzled because this stamp is unique among the more than 70 stamps that surround it. You see, this is the only stamp that has a dog in the picture! It was the 26th anniversary edition of the Federal Duck Stamp, and it was a special competition among the artists. One of the rules for entry by the artists was that their art work had to include a hunting dog in the scene. In the 50 years that have followed, no dog has ever been permitted again, to be in the art submissions for Federal Waterfowl Stamp of the year.

When I discovered this, I thought . . . wow . . . what a special privilege and distinction it was for the Labrador Retriever. As I researched those events some more, though, I came to realize that it was not so much about the Labrador Retriever, as it was about the actual dog in the picture. Maynard Reece went to the Nilo Farms in Brighton, Illinois in 1959 because he was commissioned by the dog’s owner to paint the dog’s portrait. John Olin of Alton, Illinois –was the founder of the Nilo Farms and Nilo Kennels (Nilo is Olin spelled backwards.) You may recognize the name Olin, since John Olin **was** president of Olin Industries (chemical and munitions manufacturing businesses.)

What follows is a biography of **King Buck**, the Lab of fame on the 1959 USFWS Waterfowl Stamp. King Buck was arguably the most famous retrieving dog of all time...as you will discover when you read on.

Buck was born on April 3, 1948 in Storm Lake, Iowa and was sold as a pup to Robert Howard of Omaha, Nebraska for the hefty sum of \$50. Within a week of the pup’s purchase, he came down with distemper. He was sick for over a month, and almost died, but he did recover, and by the time he was 6 months old, he was of normal size and ability for a young lab. During his illness, he was personally nursed back to health by Howard, and it is thought that he was named “King Buck” because he was treated *like a king* while he was sick. When Buck was 18 months old, he won his first licensed derby. By September of 1949 he also won 1st place in a licensed field trial in Iowa. A well-known owner from Omaha, “Bing” Grunwald, offered to buy King Buck from Howard for \$500. Howard would only agree to the sale if Howard could remain as Buck’s trainer. And so, Buck now had a new owner. King Buck was then entered in several more trials and events, always finishing strong. Spectators and owners alike began to refer to him as the “wonder dog.” By this time, Grunwald had also received many fine offers on King Buck. He even refused a \$5,000 offer made in public by John Olin. Later, apparently, when John Olin topped that price in private, Grunwald accepted his offer. This was the end of Howard’s work with buck. In June, 1951, just 2 months after King Buck turned 3 years old, he was delivered to a new trainer, “Cotton” Pershall, in Winona, Minnesota. “Cotton” worked for John Olin.

- In 1951, King Buck won a first place, two second places, and a third place in licensed trials. In the fall, at the 1951 National Championship Stakes, Buck took a 1st, a 3rd, and a 4th, and completed 10 of 11 series.

- In 1952, he continued his winning spree, and in late November, he competed in the 3 day Nationals. Buck completed the 10th series with a 225 yard water retrieve! At the beginning of these trials King Buck had been just another dog in the pack of 32 entries. Three days later, he was officially the finest retriever in the nation. The judges scored him an unprecedented 97.9, 98, & 99. His score was an unbelievable 294.9 out of a possible 300.
- In 1953, the Nationals were held in Easton, Maryland, Buck defended his crown. After the 10th series, there was still no obvious winner, so 2 more series were declared by the judges. Buck eliminated the competition in the 11th series with an exceptionally difficult 3-bird land and water test. Buck was active in the national field trial campaigns for four years after that, still competing fiercely with younger dogs and established champions. As late as 1957, when he was nine years old, he not only qualified for the National Championship Stake but also completed eleven series out of twelve in the "National" and nearly won another title!

All in all, by 1957's end, King Buck had finished 73 series out of 75, during 7 consecutive runnings of the National Championship Stakes. His record of an incredible 63 consecutive series in the Nationals still stands today. (52 years later)

But there was still one major honor in store for the famous old champion. As mentioned above, in 1959 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service paid tribute to retrievers and their role in waterfowl conservation by requiring that the design of the current Migratory Waterfowl Stamp be a retrieving dog at work. Maynard Reece, the famous Iowa artist whose work had already appeared on two "duck stamps," came to Nilo and executed a watercolor study of King Buck. That was the winning entry; the 1959 duck stamp was a portrait of old Buck with a drake mallard in his mouth, set against a backdrop of windswept marsh grass and flaring ducks. It was the only time a dog has ever appeared on a United States stamp.

To complete this brief biography of King Buck, I should mention that King Buck died on March 28, 1962 – just one week before his fourteenth birthday – and was placed in a small crypt at the Nilo Kennels' entrance, his statue above him. But that statue marks only the formal interment.

A writer for the *Portland Oregonian*, Ben Hur Lampman, knew the place where dogs such as Buck are really buried:

*. . . For if the dog be well remembered, if sometimes he leaps through your dreams actual as in life, eyes kindling, laughing, begging, it matters not where that dog sleeps. On a hill where the wind is unrebuked and the trees are roaring, or beside a stream he knew in puppyhood, or somewhere in the flatness of a pasture land where most exhilarating cattle graze. It is one to the dog, and all one to you, and nothing is gained and nothing lost – **if memory lives. But there is one best place to bury a dog.***

If you bury him in this spot, he will come to you when you call – come to you over the grim, dim frontiers of death, and down the well-remembered path and to your side again. And though you call a dozen living dogs to heel they shall not growl at him nor resent his coming, for he belongs there.

People may scoff at you, who see no lightest blade of grass bent by his footfall, who bear no whimper, people who may never really have had a dog. Smile at them, for you shall know something that is hidden from them.

The one best place to bury a good dog is in the heart of his master.

The Family That Plays Together . . .

By Curt Matzinger

I keep trying to figure out how to get more members into our waterfowling fraternity. It seems that these days, all kids want to do is sit around and play with their Wii's and Xbox's, or text on their cell phones. It seems you can't get them outside to do anything. I just read this in a magazine, and the author described today's youths as having "nature deficit disorder." It is so true.

It got me thinking of the youngsters I know and how many of them that hunted or fished. It wasn't a big number, but of the one's I could remember, I found a common theme. It seems that the ones that are really gung ho, they all did it with a family member, mostly their dad. To lower the number still, I thought of the young ladies who partook of our sports. That very small number owed their outdoor adventures to their moms. It seems that if mom wants to do outdoor things, so would the girls. So what does this mean?? It's simple . . . let's get the outdoor dad's and mom's to introduce their children to hunting and fishing. If you get the kids interested, you'll be able to get out in the great outdoors a lot more, and still have a lot of quality time with the misses. The honey-do list would be put on hold in lieu of some trout or striper fishing, some turkey or duck hunting. Hmmm, think about it. You might think I'm nuts, but I have 3 great examples.

ONE – The Tirpaks – Past President Erik, wife Kathy, kids Kyle and Kody. This family spends more time outdoors than they do inside. They ALL love hunting,

fishing, quading, shooting, boating, etc. They have a place they are always going to; doing outdoor stuff. They are hooked on the outdoors. They are trying to get their friends involved too—building up our ranks.

TWO – The Edwards – Jim, wife Linda, daughter Keonna, and son Brandon. This group is involved with deer, turkey, and duck hunting, as well as a whole load of fishing. They each have their own hobbies, but they all get together to do some camo and see what they can put in the freezer or on the wall. The whole clan accompanied me on last year's youth day on the river. They managed to get off a few shots, while I managed to put on 5 pounds from Linda's homemade delicious pastries. With goodies like that, she can come hunting with me anytime.

THREE – My sister Diane and niece Danielle. These two ladies are fishing machines. You don't have to ask them twice. They love the water. And boy can they catch fish. Diane usually wins the pools 50% of the time. And don't try to out-shoot her with a handgun. Many a macho guy has been humbly put in his place at her hands.

There seems to be a pattern forming. If a family does things together that they all love, they spend more quality time together, essentially forming a better family bond. So essentially, sit down with your family and find out what you all like to do. THEN GO OUT AND DO IT!!!! Remember, the family that plays together, stays together.



Quack's Tips

Today's tips come from Allen Treadwell, who is a member of the RedHead Pro Hunting Team.

1. Use your feet to muddy the water around your decoys. It makes it easier for ducks to spot your spread when over clear water.
2. Rub some Vaseline on the heads of your drake decoys to add a little more sheen, making them far more attractive to high-flying lookers.
3. Magnum decoys can be seen at twice the distance and their wide bottoms keep them from rolling over. You can also get away with using fewer decoys.
4. Place a few crow decoys to one side of a field spread for geese. These decoys give high-flying geese confidence to settle in to the lifelike spread.
5. To find a leak in your waders, put a light inside your waders, turn off the lights, look for the light shining through the hole, mark it, and patch it.

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- Sept. 13 — First SSWA Meeting, Brightwaters Library
Sept. ?? — Gun Show at IBEW Local 25 Union Hall, Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, NY
(Date to be announced)
Sept. 25-26 — Ocean County Decoy Show, Tuckerton, New Jersey
October 4 — SSWA Meeting, Brightwaters Library
October 16-17 — 27th Annual Oyster Festival, Oyster Bay, New York
October 24 — 30th ANNUAL DUCKBOAT SHOW AND WATERFOWL FESTIVAL
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