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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all relaxing and enjoying the “warmth” lately. It seems like many of us are all on vacations and spending time with the family before schools get back into swing. That means, (luckily) that waterfowl season(s) are closer to opening than closing! As with most things, I am playing “catch-up” to life in between work and the nine million kid activities going on. On the phone, I am living vicariously through many members seeing all of the fishing pictures, both on boats and from the shore, catching and releasing fish, in numbers we have not seen in many years! Hopefully, I can get this newsletter done soon enough and get out there soon!

Crazy to think that the final day of this past waterfowl season seems like eons ago and yet I still have to clean the dried mud and muck from my truck and gear! On a good note, my kids and I finally made my wife happy moving the onslaught of goose and duck decoys out of the house and into a new shed out back. Even though we are in heat wave in excess of 90 degrees, there is something “refreshing” sorting out and cleaning all of the piles of plastic waterfowl on the lawn, knowing that cooler days and times out in the field are just around the corner.

With that being said, there really is never an “off” season with the CWA. Even though we are not always on the boat or in the blind there seems to be always something going on. On top of the fundraisers, banding days, wood duck box building event, and the Duck stamp program, the CWA is always involved with initiatives that benefit the waterfowl and wetlands of Connecticut. For many newer members, you may not know of past projects in which we partnered

with the Connecticut DEEP (back when there was just one “E”) as well as Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, and the Federal Fish and Wildlife Program to improve upon the remaining wetlands in Connecticut. Every project was aimed to restore, repair, or revive wetland areas and waterfowl in Connecticut and only in Connecticut! Heck, even I didn't know of some past projects that were completed long before I joined the CWA! Many of these completed tasks, are still in great shape and are still benefitting the waterfowl around us today!

Take for instance the wetland restoration at Hammonasset State Park. I must have biked or driven by the wetland restoration and purple martin area 100's of times throughout my life not realizing that we had assisted in the marsh restoration project.

This was all until a fateful bike ride with my kids who were yelling out: “HEY DAD, THERE'S THE CWA LOGO ON THIS SIGN”!



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have thousands of waterfowl hunters in Connecticut and only a small portion of that number are members of the CWA! It is only with the support (both financially and with the work load) from our members and their families that we can keep making changes for the generations to come.

Thank you to all who step up, time and time again, to give their all to the association! Good Luck to all of you in the upcoming season(s)! Take a look at the rest of the newsletter for the details on our annual fundraising banquet the return of the waterfowl training day as well as the highlights from past events this year!

As always, stay safe, clean up your spent shells, and take a kid outdoors!

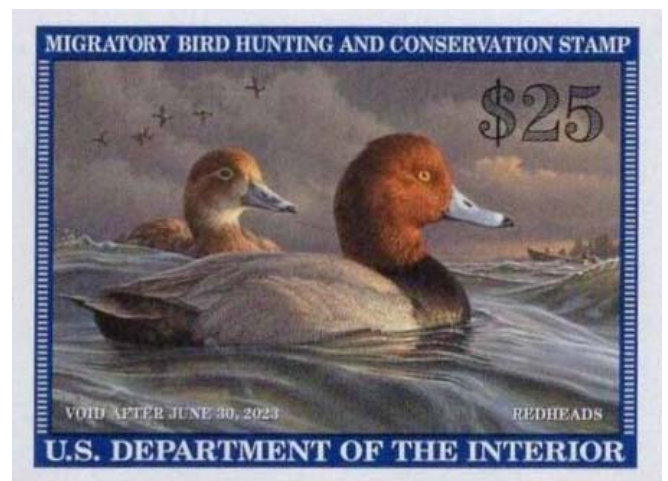
Tom (TJ) Lewoc JR.

We should be proud of all that the CWA has accomplished since the late 60's. We are a mix of young and old members and can all learn from one another to continue the great success that the CWA has had in the State while honoring the traditions of waterfowl hunting in Connecticut.

We are going to be “digging” into our archives to make the public more aware and highlight the many projects completed with the help of the CWA. While also featuring our amazing carvers and artists keeping the tradition alive. But, to continue this success, we need help from our membership moving forward!

The \$25 yearly fee is a great help to offset the costs when taking on a big initiative for restoration and restructuring of wetlands in Connecticut. But we also need help to spread the word of what the CWA does for the State of Connecticut and to get more waterfowl hunters involved (and become members). Please reach out to your hunting buddies, the neighbor down the road or the guy at the boat launch to help us boost our numbers and get more duck and goose hunters involved. We

Federal Duck Stamp



Don't forget to buy your duck stamps which have all gone on sale this past month! Congratulations to Jim Hautman (of the Hautman brother trifecta) whose painting of a pair of redheads was the



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winner of the Federal Duck Stamp competition. I recently had the chance to communicate with Jim (via email) in the pursuit of a specific numbered print of the federal duck stamp for my collection. Jim and his wife Dorothy were more than cordial and bent over backwards to help secure the specific numbered print I was looking for! Take a look at Jim's amazing artwork at: www.hautman.com/jimhome.html

Don't wait until last minute to get your federal stamp! Many of times the local post offices sell out just before the season begins! Make sure, (as a requirement for waterfowl hunting including the early Goose Season) you purchase and sign your federal stamp for the 2022 - 2023 waterfowl season!

Waterfowl Training Day

The Waterfowl Training Day is BACK! After a bit of a hiatus, the CWA has decided to partner again with the Connecticut DEEP Waterfowl Training Day. For any new or veteran waterfowl hunters interested in learning more about all aspects of waterfowl hunting. Participants will be shown everything from decoy placement, kayak and boat safety, layout blind and field placement, as well as tips and tricks from experienced hunters and CWA members.

The event will be held on August 20th 2022 from 9:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. at the Guilford Sportsman's Association and registration is required!

For more information or to reserve your spot for the event please check out the Connecticut DEEP hunters safety information page at Waterfowl Training Day Registration (you'll have to sign in to the [Connecticut Online Hunter Education Portal](#)) and select the training day on August 20th!

[Click here to go directly to the Hunting and Fishing Education registration system.](#)

Connecticut Junior Duck Stamp Program



Congratulations to Sophie Archer whose depiction of an Atlantic Brant was this year's winner of the Connecticut Junior Duck Stamp Contest and soon to be the featured artwork for the 2023 Connecticut Conservation (Duck) Stamp. You may recognize Sophie's name because she had also previously won last year's competition with her Wood Duck Drake painting. Luckily, for all of the budding artists out there, this was Sophies' last year to compete (being a senior in high school) and moving beyond the contest grade level.

Thank you to all of the volunteers from the Connecticut DEEP, Delta Waterfowl, Ducks Unlimited, and the CWA that came out for the judging of the student work. We had over 120 entries this year from across the state amongst the four age groupings. There was some tough competition in Group 1 (grade K-2) through



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Group 4 (Grades 10-12) highlighting many of the allowed species of waterfowl for the competition.



The Connecticut Junior Duck Stamp Contest follows the federal contest guidelines and is open to any student in Connecticut in grades K through 12. The artwork that is selected as the “best in show” for the 2023 Connecticut Junior contest will be the featured artwork on the Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation (Duck) Stamp. We will be updating the contest information with the start of the 2022 - 2023 school year. Please pass the information along to any teachers you know or students that may be interested in submitting artwork! More information can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Wildlife/CT-Duck-Stamp>

Membership



Thank you to all members that have already sent in their membership renewals (which can be completed online) for the 2023 year! Memberships run from April 15th of the calendar through April 15th of the next year. We'll be sending out final email reminders to those individuals whose memberships have expired for 2023. Please don't forget that there are a couple of different levels of membership which include items such as a Yeti tumbler as well as CWA clothing.

For any active member, please also consider joining the board of directors or stepping up to fulfil one of the few vacant positions this year with our appointed positions. If interested please contact the CWA board at: ctwaterfowlers@gmail.com to submit your interest in applying for a position.



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**Here are the current CWA Proposed Officers
and BOD 2022-2023:**

President: Tom Lewoc Jr

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Christopher Samorajczyk

Secretary: Mike Gregonis

Board of Directors

Pete Revicki

Rich Chmiel

Tom Entwistle

Dieter Bromkamp

Greg Chasko

Matt Babb

Other appointed positions:

Mentor Program: Vacant

Dinner Chair: Christopher Samorajczyk

**JRDS Program: Christopher Samorajczyk/ Tom
Lewoc Jr.**

Website/IT: Joe Alix

FFL: Warren Speh

Membership: Tom Entwistle

CCAC Rep: Greg Chasko

Sporting Clays Event



**Thank you to all who participated either as
volunteers or shooters at the spring 2022 Sporting
Clays event. We were able to raise over \$2000.00
from the day to help benefit the wildlife and
wetlands of Connecticut!**

**With the annual dinner being moved to the fall,
we decided to switch our Annual Sporting Clays
event to April! We had a great turn out of over 80
participants this past spring at the Guilford
Sportsman's Association! Each shooter had 100
clays spread out through the Guilford
Sportsman's Association 16 station sporting clays
field. Both new and veteran shooters alike had a
great day which started out with coffee and
refreshments before heading over to the sporting
clays field. The GSA members did a phenomenal
job to not only launch clays but give points and
improvements to help all shooters have a great
time! I cannot thank Dave Tarducci and his crew
enough for the time and effort all of his trappers
put into making the day safe and fun for every
level of shooter! If you haven't participated yet,
please consider coming to our event in the spring
of 2023. You won't be disappointed! Beyond the**



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shooting, the day included a wonderful lunch and great raffles afterwards! We are looking to keep this date for the future to get everyone out of the winter doldrums and get a “bang” into spring for the 2023 season!

Annual Banquet October 2022



Save the date for the evening
of
Friday October 28th 2022

We are once again hosting our Annual Fundraising Banquet at the [Westbrook Elks](#) in between the waterfowl seasons. More information is to come as we iron out the exact details of the event. We have already begun to secure raffle items from many of our sponsors and manufacturers such as Tangle-Free, Yeti, and Sitka! As always this looks to be a great event in the works, bring your friends, family, or shooting buddies! Hope to see you all there!

CWA Merchandise



Keep an eye out for the New [CWA merchandise](#) coming up in the next few weeks! Many members and attendees of the events have been asking for new decals for purchase as well as hooded sweatshirts with the CWA logo (in addition to our short and long sleeve shirts). You asked and we came through! Currently there will be a limited number of grey or black hooded sweatshirts featuring the CWA logo. Also, for those of you whose old decal has worn or fallen off, we have ordered new white vinyl transfers featuring our logo for purchase online and at all CWA events.



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2022-2023 Connecticut Migratory Hunting Season(s)

Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots

Season	North Zone	South Zone
Early	Oct. 8 - Oct. 15, 2022	Oct. 8 - Oct. 12, 2022
Late	Nov. 11, 2022 - Jan. 11, 2023	Nov. 18, 2022 - Jan. 21, 2023

Daily Bag Limit: Ducks - 6 Coots -15

Possession Limit: Ducks - 18 Coots - 45

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North Zone	South Zone	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Oct. 8 - Oct. 15, 2022	Oct. 8 - Oct. 12, 2022	1	3
Nov. 11 - Dec. 17, 2022	Nov. 18 - Dec. 29, 2022	1	3
Dec. 20, 2022 - Jan. 11, 2023	Dec. 30, 2022 - Jan. 21, 2023	2	6

Canada Geese

Season	North Zone	South Zone	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Special September	Sept. 1 - Sept. 30, 2022	Sept. 15 - Sept. 30, 2022	15	45
Regular AP Unit	Oct. 10 - Oct. 15, 2022 Nov. 11 - Dec. 8, 2022	---	1	3
AP Late Season	Dec. 21, 2022 - Feb. 15, 2023		5	15



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Season	North Zone	South Zone	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Regular AFRP Unit	Oct. 8 - Oct. 15, 2022 Nov. 11 - Dec. 7, 2022 Dec. 21, 2022 - Feb. 15, 2023	Oct. 8 - Oct. 15, 2022 Nov. 11 - Dec. 7, 2022 Dec. 21, 2022 - Feb 15, 2023	5	15

Regular NAP-H Unit	Oct. 8 - Oct. 15, 2022 Nov. 11, 2022 - Jan. 11, 2023	Oct. 8 - Oct. 15, 2022 Nov. 11, 2022 - Jan. 11, 2023	2	6
NAP-H Late Season	---	Jan. 16 - Feb. 15, 2023	5	15

Snow Geese (includes Blue Geese)

North Zone	South Zone	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Oct. 1, 2022 - Jan. 14, 2023	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30, 2022	25	No limit
Feb. 21, 2023 - Mar. 10, 2023	Jan. 6, 2023 - Mar. 10, 2023	25	No limit

Brant

North Zone	South Zone	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Nov. 15, 2022 - Jan. 11, 2023	Nov. 25, 2022 - Jan. 21, 2023	2	6

[Connecticut Migratory Bird Hunting Guide](#)