

2017 Bluegill Fish Challenge

In response to the popularity of our 30th anniversary 2016 Duck Head Challenge, Prairie Canada Carving Championship is pleased to announce a new challenge for 2017. In keeping with a “Fish Focus” for 2017, the subject will be a small bluegill fish. There is a pattern on page 2.

There will be ribbons, but no cash prizes this year. Judging will be done by Peoples’ Choice ballots.

Categories again this year are as follows:

- Category 1 - Best Life-like Bluegill
- Category 2 - Best Creative
- Category 3 - Best 16 years old and under
- Category 4 - Best 10 years old and under

- Instructions:

- Use the pattern found on page 2. Trace it onto a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch board of your choice (basswood, cedar fence board, spruce, knotty pine, etc) and start creating.
- The fins should probably be inserts – meaning manufactured separately and then glued into place. Fin suggestions include thin plywood, solid woods, tin can, etc, etc.
- Creative additions and alterations may be made to the pattern, so you are *limited only to your imagination*.

IMPORTANT: We will hang these fish on a tree-like structure.

Make a hole in the dorsal fin for a small wire or string!!

- If you need help cutting out your pattern, please ask someone in your clubs, or a Prairie Canada person to help out.
- Bring your entries to the competition Friday evening, April 21, 2017. There will be **no charge** for these entries.

Where to Start

Bluegill Fish Pattern – Use this size - Approximately 6 inches long

Carve and Design as you wish

