



**35<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**PRAIRIE CANADA CARVING CHAMPIONSHIP**

April 14 – 16, 2023

**Pembina Curling Club  
1341 Pembina Highway  
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**Waterfowl Rules**

**Ducks, Geese, Swans, Shorebirds, Grebes, Coots,  
Confidence decoys**

**Please consult the General Competition Rules, Skill Levels, Awards,  
Judging and Registration for important information.**

**The fee schedule may be found in the General Rules.**

# WATERFOWL

## Decorative Water Birds

- Full detailing, texturing and painting to the best of the carver's ability is standard

### **Division A Decorative Water birds – life-size, floating**

- Category 1 Puddle Ducks
- Category 2 Diving Ducks
- Category 3 Geese and Swans, Confidence, Shorebirds

- Birds must float with a life-like attitude but do not have to self-right.

### **Division AA Decorative Water birds – non-floating (ducks, geese, swans, & shorebirds)**

- Category 1 Water bird – life-size, flat-bottomed,
- Category 2 Water bird – mid-sized (one-half size to life size), flat-bottomed,
- Category 3 Water bird with habitat – life-size
- Category 4 Water bird with habitat – miniature (one-half size or less to maximum of 8”  
(including bills, wings and tails))
- Category 5 Water bird with habitat – mid-size (too large for category 4 and not life size)

## Decoys

- Decoys must be made of wood, cork or stretched canvas.
- Construction must be sturdy and suitable for use as hunting decoys.
- Decoys that are floated must have facility for an anchor line attachment and must self-right when submerged bottom up and released. Geese and swans will be self-righted from the side.
- Paint and tack eyes are as acceptable as glass eyes.
- Judging of decoys will be done from a distance. With construction judging will be done in hand.
- Painting and finishing must be durable. Any carving that loses paint, checks or cracks will be disqualified.

### **Division B Traditional Gunning Life-size Decoy**

- Category 1 Puddle Ducks – floating
- Category 2 Diving Ducks – floating
- Category 3 Geese and Swans, Confidence, and Shorebirds – floating
- Category 4 Ducks, Geese and Swans, Confidence, and Shorebirds – non-floating

- Painting and finishing must be simple and easily repaired. Finishes such as combing and stippling are acceptable.

### **Division BB Vintage Style Life-sized Decoy – non-floating**

- Category 1 Pristine: Ducks, geese, swans, grebes, coots - flat bottom decoy style, with or without keel
- Category 2 Pristine: All other birds – mounted on a simple base
- Category 3 Worn: Ducks, geese, swans, grebes, coots - flat bottom decoy style, with or without keel
- Category 4 Worn: All other birds – mounted on a simple base

- Vintage decoys will mimic the style, characteristics and charm of classic decoys,
- Correct anatomy will not be the standard in this Division.
- Use of alternate materials is permitted

## Division C Contemporary Gunning Life-size Decoy – floated except for standing birds

- Category 1 Puddle Ducks
- Category 2 Diving Ducks
- Category 3 Geese and Swans, Confidence, Shorebirds

- Detailed painting of individual feathers or feather groups is the norm.
- Feather splits and mandible separation are acceptable

## Division D Slick Life-size Decoy – non-floated

- Category 1 Puddle Ducks, Diving Ducks
- Category 2 Shorebirds

- Wood burning and texturing in any form are not permitted. There are no restrictions on painting. Decorative painting detail is encouraged.

## Division O Purchase Awards

### Category 1 Maple & Bass Enterprises Purchase Award

This purchase award offers \$500.00. The criteria this year is “**Best Wildlife Sculpture suitable for the 2024 Prairie Canada raffle piece**”. The carving can be from any Category of the competition, but a maximum of 16” size. Carvings will be judged for merit and on its ability to generate revenue. The carving will not be floated. The entry judged as first in this category will become the property of the Prairie Canada Carvers’ Association and the carver will receive the \$500.00 prize. This carving becomes the PCCA raffle piece for next year. **Please advise your intention at registration. There is no entry fee for this category.**

### Category 2 Jim Richardson Antique Decoy Purchase Award

This purchase award offers \$600.00 for a **bluebill drake** in the style of **Orel Leboeuf from Quebec**. Carvings will be judged according to Prairie Canada’s Division B guidelines, except decoys will be floated but **do not have to self-right**. *The carving is to be entered as a newly painted decoy “just off the workbench”, and must not be “antiqued”*. Winner will receive the \$600.00 prize and the carving becomes the property of Mr. Richardson. The entry fee for this category is \$20.00.

### Category 3 Richard Whittom Purchase Award

This purchase award offers \$200.00 for the best life-size **duck head carving**. The winner will receive the \$200.00 prize and the carving becomes the property of Mr. Whittom. Entries must be the head and neck portion only of the duck, and displayed on a suitable stand. The carver may choose to follow any of the guidelines of Divisions A, B, C, or D. The entry fee for this category is \$15.00.

### Category 4 Carrie Braden Purchase Award

This purchase award offers \$100.00 for the **best life-size bird feather**. The winner will receive the \$100.00 prize and the carving becomes the property of Ms Braden. Entries must be a feather from a North American bird, any species. The feather may be displayed in any way the carver chooses, let your imagination be your guide. The entry fee for this category is \$15.00.

**Division M Cocktail Carvings - must fit into a four-inch cube (excluding base)**

Category 1 Puddle Ducks, Diving Ducks, Geese and Swans,  
Shorebirds, Confidence decoys

- This category allows participants to demonstrate their abilities at micro-miniature carving. Entries become the property of Prairie Canada Carvers' Association and will be auctioned off during the show. All proceeds will be retained by Prairie Canada Carvers' Association to provide working funds for future competitions.
- Do not enter if you wish to keep your carving.
- Entries may be carved of wood, and glass eyes may be used. If there are feet, they must be made by the entrant.
- All species of North American birds are accepted.
- Full detailing and painting is allowed.
- There is no limit to the number a person may enter.
- Skill levels do not apply.

All entries that meet the Cocktail criteria are competing for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons. The **Best of Show cocktail carver (all categories) will receive \$100, a Best of Show Plaque and a Best of Show ribbon.**

**Prairie Canada Carving Competition appreciates the support of the carving community in donating carvings to our Cocktail Auction. This continues to be a major fund-raising activity for PCCA. The last auction (2019) raised a total of \$1,995.00. We invite all carvers to contribute one or more pieces and to join in the fun of the auction on Sunday afternoon. Be sure to mention the auction to friends, families and collectors of your work!**

**GROUPING OF BIRD SPECIES – used to help place birds in correct Categories**

Puddle Ducks	Black Duck, Gadwall, Mallard, Pintail, Shoveler, Teal, Widgeon, Whistling Ducks, Wood Duck,
Diving Ducks	Bufflehead, Canvasback, Eiders, Goldeneye, Harlequin, Long-Tailed Duck, Merganser, Redhead, Ring-Necked, Ruddy, Scaup, Scoter
Geese & Swans	Brant, Canada, Emperor Geese, Greater White-Fronted, Ross, Snow, Swans
Confidence birds	Coots, Crows, Doves, Grebes, Gulls, Herons, Loons, Swans, Terns,
Shorebirds	Avocet, Curlew, Dowitchers, Godwits, Knots, Oystercatchers, Plover, Sandpipers, Stilt, Turnstone, Whimbrel, Willet, Yellow-legs
Wading birds	Bitterns, Cranes, Egrets, Herons, Spoonbills, Storks, Woodcocks,
Seabirds	Auks, Boobies, Coots, Cormorants, Frigates, Gannets, Grebes, Gulls, Jaeger, Loons, Pelicans, Petrels, Puffins, Shearwater, Skimmers, Terns,

**Please note: if winning artists wish to donate their ribbons back to the show for re-use next year, please leave them at the front desk when you pick up your work on Sunday.**