

choice has been made, and there will be reason compounded upon reason as to why.

This pair of birds represents something special that not only stems from their date and maker, but also the circumstances under which they were acquired. There are other Mason teal, more stylish and more costly, but these were found handsomely wrapped, under the Christmas tree and the card read, "All my love, Maureen". This was quite some time back when I was just beginning to get the fever and what a beautiful sight they were.

Utah is not known as a fertile field for decoy collectors. Several leads concerning those who "might" have made decoys had all expired without results. That some blocks had been fashioned and used, there is no doubt. However, time has dealt them the same fate as the once

abundant passenger pigeon, and also the less plentiful Labrador duck. They are extinct.

Catalog decoys from various mail order houses constituted the bulk of the lures used up and down the central valley of the state. And lo, somehow, a pair of Masons had played out the years where they gathered dust in the basement of an elderly widow's home just three miles away. As the story goes, there were five in all — three drakes and two hens. A local plumber was called to the widow's home to cure an ailing pipe and as he groped a dark corner of the cellar he stirred up a parcel of wooden teal.

Luck would have it that the plumber's wife was an antique fancier, and so, after the work was finished the plumber left the house with five wooden ducks for his pay and the widow was happy that

her pocketbook had not been strained by the incident.

One drake found its way to the mantel of a dear friend of the plumber's wife — where it still sits quietly, but unobtainable less than a mile away. A pair graces a corner shelf in the plumber's home and numerous attempts and offers have failed to dislodge them. The remaining pair, thanks to a resourceful wife bears a place of honor in the Cheever recreation room which has slowly been transformed into the home and office of North American DECOYS.

If there is a moral in my choice it would have to be this — people, more than things, make the difference. Not particularly what, but how, seems of most importance when this collector ponders that ominous question — which one would it be "In Case of Fire".

World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition...

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The 1973 Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition is now history. Held at the Civic Center, Salisbury, Maryland, on April 28th and 29th, the contest was a tremendous success. A total of 206 carvers participated with a record number of entries totaling 916 in all — 201 more than a year ago.

A breakdown of the contestants indicated a healthy interest in all categories. There were 79 professionals, 70 amateurs and 57 novice carvers represented. Entries were as follows: 349 professional, 359 amateur and 189 novice.

Knute Bartrug, Chairman, and his energetic and dedicated committee are to be congratulated on a job well done, and we also extend congratulations and appreciation to a long list of carvers, many of whose names appear in the following list of winners.

First in Species — Ruddy Duck by Delbert "Cigar" Daisey.



DIVISION: DECOYS CATEGORY: MARSH DUCKS

	PROFESSIONAL	AMATEUR	NOVICE
A — MALLARD			
1.	John Scheeler	Jay Polite	John Wierdsma
2.	Bob Kerr	George Bryant	Jerry Hartman
3.	Jim Foote	Jerry Knapp	Edward Klass
H.M.	Ernie Stanmire Ron Rue	Bob McGuire	
B — BLACK DUCK			
1.	John Scheeler	Richard Krohe	John Wierdsma
2.	Delbert Daisey	Jack Sheridan	
3.	Jack Franco	Jerry Knapp	
H.M.	Bob Kerr	James Mense	
C — PINTAIL			
1.	Joe Wooster	James Mense	Tom Loftin
2.	Delbert Daisey	Jack Sheridan	John Chobra
3.	George Walker	John Sichik	
H.M.		John Sichik	
D — GREEN-WINGED TEAL			
1.	Bob Kerr	George Bryant	John Wierdsma
2.	Delbert Daisey	Jay Polite	Tom Loftin
3.	Jack Franco	Jay Polite	Norman Williams
H.M.	Paul Burdette Delbert Daisey	Donald Allen	
E — BLUE-WINGED TEAL			
1.	Joe Wooster	Ray Zatirka	
2.	John Garton	Tom Beardsley	
3.	Dan Brown		
F — SHOVELERS			
1.	Joe Wooster	Rich Dibblee	Dr. Lochowitz
2.	George Walker	John Sichik	
3.	Delbert Daisey	Bob McGuire	
G — GADWALL / WIDGEON			
1.	William Schultz	Jerry Knapp	
2.		Ken Gleason	
3.		Larry Tawes	
H — WOOD DUCK			
1.	Joe Wooster	Thomas Shumate	Tom Loftin
2.	Paul Read	Harm Wilcox	
3.	Al Glassford	Jay Polite	
H.M.		Richard Krohe	
I — ALL OTHERS			
1.	Joe Wooster	Bob Sutton	
2.	John Garton		
3.	Jack Musgrove		

BEST IN CATEGORY — MARSH DUCKS

1.	John Scheeler Black Duck	George Bryant Green-winged Teal	Tom Loftin Pintail
2.	Joe Wooster Shoveler	Thomas Shumate Wood Duck	Tom Loftin Wood Duck
3.	John Scheeler Mallard	James Mense Pintail	John Wierdsma Green-winged Teal

DIVISION: DECOYS CATEGORY: DIVING DUCKS

A — BUFFLEHEAD			
1.	Larry Hayden	Ken Scheeler	Randy Tull
2.	Delbert Daisey	Jerry Knapp	John Chobra
3.	Wayne Boblenz	Donald Grover	Bud Bernier

H.M. Wayne Boblenz Norman Walsh Walter Watson

B — CANVASBACK

1.	Jim Foote	Ken Scheeler	Bond Schnoor
2.	John Scheeler	Richard O'Connor	Bill Koelpin, Jr.
3.	Joe Wooster	Jack Sheridan	Michael Hubbard
H.M.	Leonard Carnaghi Ernie Stanmire	Bob McGuire	

C — OLD SQUAW / EIDER / SCOTER

1.	Larry Hayden	Ken Scheeler	Jack Tierney
2.	Al Glassford	George Constantini	
3.	George Walker	Ken Gleason	
H.M.	Joe Wooster George Walker	Rich Dibblee Jay Polite	

D — GOLDENEYE

1.	Bill Koelpin	Rich Dibblee	
2.	Len Carnaghi	Don Allen	
3.	Russell Van Houzen	Norman Walsh	
H.M.	Jack Franco	Jay Polite	

E — MERGANSER

1.	Joe Wooster	Ken Scheeler	Joseph Burt
2.	John Scheeler	Ken Gleason	
3.	Joe Wooster	Norman Walsh	
H.M.	Paul Burdette Joe Wooster	John Holloway	

F — REDHEAD

1.	Larry Hayden	Ken Scheeler	
2.	Duke Grobaker	Jerry Felster	
3.	Joe Wooster	Glenn Burdette	
H.M.	Bill Rose Paul Burdette		

G — RUDDY DUCK

1.	Delbert Daisey	George Bryant	
2.	Joe Wooster	George Bryant	
3.	Delbert Daisey	George Garton	
H.M.	George Walker Delbert Daisey		

H — SCAUP

1.	Joe Wooster	Ken Scheeler	Randy Tull
2.	George Walker	Bob McGuire	Bud Bernier
3.	Wayne Boblenz	Jack Sheridan	Kelley Dryer
H.M.	Frank Schmid	Jerry Knapp John Sichik	Tom Loftin Buzz Buzzanco

I — RINGNECK

1.	Duke Grobaker		Buzz Buzzanco
2.	Herb Miller		Joseph Burt
3.	Joe Wooster		
H.M.	Russell Van Houzen Herb Miller	Donald Grover	

J — ALL OTHERS

1.		Don Allen	
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BEST IN CATEGORY — DIVING DUCKS

1.	Larry Hayden Redhead	Ken Scheeler Canvasback	Randy Tull Bufflehead
2.	Larry Hayden Bufflehead	Ken Scheeler Redhead	Randy Tull Scaup
3.	Larry Hayden Old Squaw	Ken Scheeler Bufflehead	Buzz Buzzanco Ringneck

Best Decoy Pair (opposite). Gadwalls by Jim Foote.

DIVISION: DECOYS CATEGORY: GEESE & CONFIDENCE

A - BRANT

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|------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Delbert Daisey | Ken Gleason |
| 2. | George Walker | George Garton |
| 3. | Jack Musgrove | Jay Polite |
| H.M. | Vincent Gianetto | |

B - CANADA

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| 1. | George Walker | Ken Gleason |
| 2. | Julius Iski | Jay Polite |
| 3. | Joe Wooster | Clinton McLoughlin |
| H.M. | Len Carnaghi | |

C - ALL OTHER GEESE

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| 1. | Joe Wooster |
| 2. | Jack Musgrove |
| 3. | Jack Musgrove |
| H.M. | Paul Burdette |

D - COOT

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| 1. | Joe Wooster | Robert Cherry | Tom Gamble |
| 2. | Wayne Boblenz | George Garton | Jeff Sedor |
| 3. | Frank Schmid | Curtis Waterfield | |
| H.M. | Vincent Gianetto | | |

E - GREBE

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| 1. | Frank Schmid | Ken Gleason |
| 2. | Tom Braham | Curtis Waterfield |
| 3. | Vincent Gianetto | Don Grover |
| H.M. | Ron Tepley | Andrew Sedor |

- ALL OTHER CONFIDENCE

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|------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. | David Dreschel | Clint McLoughlin |
| 2. | David Rhodes | Bob Biddle |
| 3. | David Rhodes | Cliff Hineman |
| H.M. | Jack Musgrove | |

BEST IN CATEGORY - GEESE & CONFIDENCE

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|----|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | David Dreschel | Clint McLoughlin | Thomas Gamble |
| 2. | Joe Wooster | Ken Gleason | Jeff Sedor |
| 3. | Frank Schmid | Ken Gleason | |

BEST IN DIVISION - WORKING DECOYS

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| 1. | Larry Hayden | Ken Scheeler | Randy Tull |
| | Redhead | Canvasback | Bufflehead |
| 2. | John Scheeler | George Bryant | Tom Loftin |
| | Black Duck | Green-winged Teal | Wood Duck |
| 3. | David Dreschel | Clint McLoughlin | Tom Gamble |
| | Loon | Swan | Coot |

DIVISION: DECORATIVE LIFESIZE WILDFOWL

A - WATERFOWL

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|------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | John Scheeler | Ken Scheeler | David Price |
| 2. | Bob Miller | George Fries | Harold Buckwalter |
| 3. | Harry Vreeland | Clint McLoughlin | George Becker |
| H.M. | Bill Koelpin | Wm. T. Burns | John Sawyer |

B - SHORE BIRDS

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|----|---------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Charles Wargo | Curtis Waterfield | John Sawyer |
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| 2. | Charles Wargo | Jim Denny | John Sawyer |
| 3. | Jack Franco | Wm. T. Burns | Bob Mimms |
| H.M. | | G.C. Marshall | John Sawyer |
| | | Curtis Waterfield | Jack Tierney |

C - GAME BIRDS

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|----|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Jack Gilmore | Jim Denny | George Stinchcomb |
| 2. | Ron Laber | Curtis Waterfield | George Stinchcomb |
| 3. | Ben Dize | Wm. T. Burns | |

D - BIRDS OF PREY

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| 1. | Charles Wargo | Tom Beardsley |
| 2. | Tom Carlock | Albert Groody |
| 3. | Jack Gilmore | David Oscar |

E - SONG BIRDS

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|------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Ernie Muehlmann | George Kotora | Thelma Casanova |
| 2. | Ernie Muehlmann | George Kotora | Thelma Casanova |
| 3. | Ernie Muehlmann | George Kotora | Thelma Casanova |
| H.M. | | Albert Groody | Thelma Casanova |
| | | George Bryant | Norman Williams |
| | | | Natalie Tierney |

BEST IN DIVISION - DECORATIVE LIFESIZE

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|----|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | John Scheeler | Ken Scheeler | Thelma Casanova |
| | Goldeneye | Canvasback | Wren |
| 2. | Charles Wargo | Jim Denny | David Price |
| | Killdeer | Quail | Goose |
| 3. | Charles Wargo | George Kotora | John Sawyer |
| | Plover | Thrush | Scaup |

DIVISION: DECORATIVE MINIATURE

A - WATERFOWL

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|------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. | Robert Miller | Charles Berry | John Sawyer |
| 2. | Paul Burdette | Clifford Mathews | Lee LeBlanc |
| 3. | Al Glassford | Charles Berry | Thomas Blackburn |
| H.M. | Al Glassford | David DuBois | John Sawyer |
| | | Albert Groody | John Sawyer |

B - SHORE BIRDS

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|------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Jack Franco | Jay Polite | Earl Butler |
| 2. | Dan Brown | Louis Essinger, Jr. | Virginia Jones |
| 3. | Jack Franco | Louis Essinger, Jr. | Virginia Jones |
| H.M. | | Albert Groody | |

C - GAME, PREY & SONG BIRDS

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|------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Harry Vreeland | Gus Sjolholm | Eileen Buzzanco |
| 2. | C.C. Ailes | John Fisher | James Early |
| 3. | Jack Gilmore | John Fisher | Eileen Buzzanco |
| H.M. | | John Fisher | Tom Loftin |

BEST IN DIVISION - DECORATIVE MINIATURE

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|----|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Robert Miller | Gustav Sjolholm | John Sawyer |
| | Ruddy | Wood Duck | Green-winged Teal |
| 2. | Jack Franco | Charles Berry | Eileen Buzzanco |
| | Yellowleg | Black Duck | Grouse |
| 3. | Harry Vreeland | Jay Polite | Earl Butler |
| | Pheasant | Avocet | Woodcock |

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

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| DECOY PAIRS | | | |
| 1. | Jim Foote | Gadwall pair | \$1,000.00 |
| 2. | John Scheeler | Shoveler pair | 300.00 + Trophy |
| 3. | Herb Miller | Shoveler pair | 200.00 + Trophy |

DECORATIVE WILDFOWL

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|----|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | John Scheeler | Falcon with Teal | 450.00 + Trophy |
| 2. | William Koelpin | Hen Mallard & Ducklings | 250.00 + Trophy |
| 3. | Ray Baird | Green-winged Teal | 200.00 + Trophy |

Best Decorative Wildfowl (opposite). Falcon with Teal by John Scheeler.