



The Duck Call

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“A monthly publication exclusively for Seneca Lake Duck Hunters Club Members”



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Vice President

Dave Hartman
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3 Year
Kurt Gilbert
Paul Roberts
Josh Sutherland

2 Year
Shawn Brewer
Tom Grady
Bill Moravec

1 Year
Harry Goodell
Neil Searles
Scott Sutherland

We're going to have a white Christmas. That will be different!!!!

Well, this will be my next to last newsletter. I've been doing it for 14 years and I will admit I looked forward to doing it every month, although there were times there wasn't much to talk about.

DUES ARE DUE TO BE PAID BY DECEMBER 31st. If not paid by then you have until Jan 21 to pay, but it will cost you \$55 instead of the regular cost of \$40. If for some reason you didn't get a renewal card stop at the club and ask a bartender.

We are still planning on archery shooting to start in January in the pole barn. All you chili connoisseurs get signed up for our annual cook off on January 22. It is always a good time. If you don't enter a chili you can come to the club and be a judge (taster). That's always a good time.

Then the following Sunday is our annual /Cal DeWitt rabbit hunt. Remember any rabbit weighed in becomes ours and it will go toward our game dinner. The official rules and entry blank are included in this newsletter.

Then our infamous gun raffle/game dinner is on February 4th starting at 12:00. Lots and lots of food and guns. If you have never been to our game dinner try to make it this year, the food is fantastic and the guns are well worth it. Tickets are on sale at the bar.

Election time is upon us. As I stated in December's newsletter, I'm stepping down as your president of the Duck club. 14 years is enough and time for new blood and new ideas. There are two members running for president, they are Scott Sutherland and Andy Button and 4 members running for 3 director spots, they are Harry Goodell, Neil Searles, Tim Dillon and Shawn Searles. You the members decide who you want running the club so get out and vote January 27th .

We are planning on having a New Years Eve party at the club. It's been a long time since the last one was held at the club. Check in the newsletter for more information. I personally think it will be a good time.

I want to thank Angie Wodarski and Terri Grady for their fantastic job decorating the club for the Christmas season.

I guess that's all for my next to last newsletter, you'll only have one more to suffer through'

Til next time.....See ya!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Shooting Sports and Hunter Safety Education.”**



From the Secretary

Welcome to our new Members

Patrick Cahill, Bonnie Callaway, Joseph O’Brien, Jordan Patric,
Austin Riek and Andrea Rohr

Chili Cook-off and 23rd Annual Cal Dewitt Memorial Rabbit Hunt

The annual Chili Cook-Off will take place at 1:00 pm on Sunday, January 22nd. See page 5 for details. The Rabbit Hunt will be held on Sunday, January 29th. See Rules/Regulations and Application on page 6

ELECTIONS

Annual elections will be held at the January 27th Membership meeting. Mark your calendars and try to come to the meeting and cast your vote for the next President and the three (3) open Director positions.

On the ballot for the 2023 Annual Election of Officers and Directors are:

President: Andrew Button and Scott Sutherland (vote for one)

Vice President: Dave Moravec (unopposed)

Treasurers: Terri Grady, Jennifer Sutherland (unopposed)

Secretary: Dave Hartman (unopposed)

Three Year Directors: Tim Dillon, Harry Goodell, Neil Searles and Shawn Searles (vote for three)

Nominations were officially closed at the adjournment of the regular Membership Meeting on December 30, 2022 and in accordance with our bylaws, there will be no nominations accepted from the floor during the Annual Election of Officers and Directors meeting on January 27, 2023. For those that are unable to attend the Annual Elections, (for reasons described within our bylaws) there is a copy of the 2023 Absentee Ballot included on page 4 of this newsletter.

Sunday Euchre

Partner drawings at 12:45 pm and games begin at 1:00 pm.

Facebook Member Page

There is a Seneca Lake Duck Hunters “Members Only” page on FB. If you want to join that group, go to Facebook and search Seneca Lake Duck Hunters, go to the group page and submit a request to join. The page provides timely updates and reminders for various events at the club.

Dave Hartman

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TRAP & SKEET NEWS

January 30th we will be having a Brown Jug meeting in Shortsville to work on dates for next year's Little Brown Jug League.

Hopefully we should have those dates set and then we can set our dates for the Summer League that should start in April of 2023. Yep, that's right 2023. Hard to believe huh?

NYSDEC camp registrations will begin March 10th at 1pm. If you have anyone interested between the age of 12 and 16, please contact Andrew Button or Terri Grady and we will send you in the right direction.

Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

See you all in January

Andrew R Button

DONATIONS

Rochester Regional Health (Home/Hospice Care)....\$100

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Wings 5:00 - 8:00 pm

- Jan. 13 5:00 -7:30 pm **Fish Fry**
- Jan. 22 1:00 pm **Chili Cook-off**
- Jan. 23 6:00 pm **Director Meeting**
- Jan. 27 7:00 pm **Member Meeting**
- Jan. 29 3:00 pm **Rabbit Hunt Weigh-In deadline**



Have One on the House - January Winners

Chris Christensen, Bill Griffiths, Scott Hafleigh, Tim Japp, Anthony Marchionda



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2023 ANNUAL ELECTIONS
OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT

PRESIDENT - - Vote for One (1)

- Andrew Button
 Scott Sutherland

VICE PRESIDENT
(Unopposed)

Dave Moravec

SECRETARY
(Unopposed)

Dave Hartman

TREASURERS
(Unopposed)

Terri Grady
 Jennifer Sutherland

3 YEAR DIRECTOR - - Vote for three (3)

- Tim Dillon
 Harry Goodell

- Neil Searles
 Shawn Searles

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**Envelope must be clearly marked "ABSENTEE BALLOT" on the outside front,
lower left of the envelope**

Member name and return address **MUST** be included to determine voting eligibility

Absentee ballots **MUST** be received by January 27, 2023 (Annual Election Night)

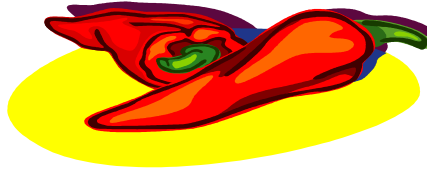
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BY-LAWS, Article 9, Section 2a: Annual Elections of Officers and Directors – Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots shall only be accepted from Members who are outside the State of New York at the time oif the elections or who are physically unable attend the meeting on election night. (For reasons such as, but not limited to; e,mployment, hospitalization, or enlisted in the Armed Services

SENECA LAKE DUCK HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF



Sunday, January 22, 2023

BEFORE NOON – Deliver Chili to Club

Sorry, entries delivered after noon will not be accepted.

1:00 pm –Tasting/Judging begins!

- *Entry fee: \$5.00 (sign-up & pay bartender—only first 20 entries will be accepted!!)*
- *All entries must arrive in crockpots. Please try to make sure that all entries are large enough for a second tasting in the case of a tie-keep in mind there are usually 50 -75 tasters!*
- *Feel free to bring corn bread, biscuits, etc.*
- *As in past years, all leftover chili will be donated to the club to be used at the Annual Rabbit Hunt.*

Any questions, call Reita Roberts 315-694-2229 or
Pat Moravec 315-374-2022

Seneca Lake Duck Hunters Association
23rd Annual Cal Dewitt Rabbit Hunt
Application
Sunday, January 29, 2023

Rabbit Hunt Rules & Regulations

- 1) The event will be known as the Cal Dewitt Memorial Rabbit Hunt, and will be held on all New York State lands on January 29, 2023. Entry fee shall be \$10.00 per participant over the age of 16, Entry fees for hunters 16 and under will be waived. Hunt applications and entry fees MUST be delivered (or received by mail) to the Seneca Lake Duck Hunters Club no later than 6:00PM on the evening prior to the Hunt. There will be no exceptions made.
2) The Rules and Regulations of the N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation will govern the event.
3) Rabbits, Squirrels or Grouse from any New York State lands are eligible, and must be taken only on the day of the hunt and prior to the absolute weigh-in deadline of 3:00PM on Sunday.
4) Hours of operation for official weigh-in at the Club are from 11:00am to 3:00PM on Sunday. There will be no exceptions.
5) Seneca Lake Duck Hunters Association, Inc., and/or the Rabbit Hunt Committee will render final judgment regarding the legality of any animal being entered.
6) One monetary prize per contestant.
7) Once an animal is weighed and/or entered in the Hunt, it will become property of the Seneca Lake Duck Hunters Association, Inc. All winning entries may be cut and examined for foreign matter. Any animal found containing foreign matter will be disqualified, and the entrant will be barred from future participation in the Hunt.
8) The Seneca Lake Duck Hunters Association, Inc. appreciates and accepts donations of animals for the Annual Game Dinner
9) Seneca Lake Duck Hunters Association, Inc., the Rabbit Hunt Committee, and/or Sponsors of the Hunt will not be held liable for any accident or injury sustained during this event.
10) Cash Prizes will be awarded immediately following the weigh-in deadline of 3:00PM Sunday. Total prize money will be determined by the number of entrants, minus expenses: Rabbit, 1st -3rd place; Squirrel, 1st -3rd place and Grouse, 1st place only.
11) Each individual entrant may weigh in any number of Rabbit or Grouse and up to 2 Squirrel.
12) Dependent upon circumstances and at the discretion of Seneca Lake Duck Hunters Association, Inc and/or the Rabbit Hunt Committee, entrants may be required to present photo ID at weigh-in.
13) Questions? Contact the club @ 315-536-9889 or Scott Sutherland @ 315-759-9790

DIRECTIONS TO OUR CLUBHOUSE
2188 Rt. 14 Penn Yan NY (1.5 miles south of the intersection of Rt. 14 & 54 in Dresden)
Look for LARGE SIGN at our driveway entrance.

Clip & mail w/check for entry to: SLDH RABBIT HUNT - c/o Scott Sutherland - PO BOX 15 - DRESDEN, NY. 14441
Hunters: \$10.00

Seneca Lake Duck Hunters Association, Inc.

23rd ANNUAL RABBIT HUNT OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Age _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____



Phone _____

Check this box if your address has changed within the last year

I will comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Seneca Lake Duck Hunters Rabbit Hunt as defined in the Entry Application.

Signature: _____



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