

# CANADIAN WILDLIFE CARVING CHAMPIONSHIP

## Class Levels & Carving Subject Categories

### Class Levels

In Divisions I, II, and III, all carvings must be entered by Class.

The carving competition is open to all woodcarvers in the following classes. The artist must choose his own class based on the descriptions below.

### Novice Class

Open to any carver who has yet to win 5 first place ribbons in previous recognized competitions. Pre-cast feet will be accepted at this level.

### Intermediate Class

For those carvers who have advanced beyond the Novice stage and who have yet to win 10 first place ribbons or Best of Class in previous recognized competitions. All parts of the carving must be hand made, preferably of wood (bills, feet and feathers cast from real birds will not be accepted).

### Open Class

For those carvers or professionals who have won a Best of Show/Division or Best of Class, or a total of ten First Place ribbons at the Intermediate level at previous recognized competitions. All parts of the carving must be hand made, preferably of wood (bills, feet and feathers cast from real birds will not be accepted).



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### Carving Subject Categories

Only Wildlife Themes are accepted -unless the category description permits (categories 17&20). The same carving may not be entered into more than one category!

### Division I (Decorative, Flat-bottomed, Floating Decoys)

All entries must be realistically painted. All entries will be floated in a tank for judging.

Categories 1 - 4 do not require keels nor are they required to be self righting.

Category 1 Diving Ducks

Category 2 Puddle Ducks

Category 3 Miscellaneous (Geese, Loons, Coots)

Category 4 Decorative Smoothie

This category is for carvings that are realistically painted but have no texturing, burning or cast body parts.

Category 5 Gunning Decoys - ( Keels are required )

All entries in Category 5 must be made from wood, cork or canvas (no plastic or styrofoam). Entries must be self-righting and properly balanced for rough or calm water usage. They must ride evenly in the water. All weights and/or keels used for ballast must be practical, permanent and nonfouling in design. Entries must have facility for anchor line attachment. No detailed carving such as undercut primaries, separate tail feathers or delicate bills will be permitted. Gunning decoys must be sturdy and well constructed.

Category 5a Puddle Ducks

Category 5b Diving Ducks

Category 5c Other

### Division II (Wildfowl)

Category 6 Full-bodied Waterfowl

Category 7 Full-bodied Upland Game

Category 8 Songbirds

Category 9 Birds of Prey

Category 10 Shorebirds and Sea birds

Category 11 Miniature

Entries must be 1/2 size or less, with a maximum head-to-tail length of eight inches



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### Division III (Other)

- Category 12 Aquatic**  
This category includes fish, water mammals and amphibian reptiles.
- Category 13 Natural Finish Wildfowl**  
Entries may be flat bottomed or full body. Woodburning is accepted in this category
- Category 14 Wildlife in-the-round**  
This category encompasses all other wildlife subjects not defined in any other category, and may have painted, textured or natural finish.
- Category 15 Stylized**  
This category is to be of any wildlife topic allowing for freedom of artistic expression and may include or consist of other mediums.
- Category 16 Relief**  
Entries are limited to hanging or to freestanding pieces that are of an outdoor, wildlife or conservation theme. Carvings that are a part of furniture cannot be accommodated. Please supply a stand to display your relief carvings.
- Category 17 Chip Carving**  
Traditional geometric patterns as well as wildlife themes are acceptable for this category.
- Category 18 Intarsia/Marquetry**  
Work entered into this category should be of an outdoor, wildlife or conservation theme.
- Category 19 Pyrography (Woodburning)**  
Subjects in this category should be of an outdoor, wildlife or conservation theme.
- Category 20 Other**  
This category includes any wood carving of a non-wildlife theme that does not fit into the other categories listed.



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### Special Interest Categories

The following categories have no class distinction. All entries will be judged together. Winning entries in these categories will not be eligible for competition in the “Best of Class” or “Best of Division” judging.

- Category 21 Senior**  
Open to carvers over 65 years of age. All entries should be of an outdoor, wildlife or conservation theme.
- Category 22 Junior**  
Open to carvers under 16 years of age. All entries should have an outdoor, wildlife or conservation theme. **Note: There is no entry fee for this category!**
- Category 23 1st Year Carver**  
Open to carvers who have been carving for less than one year (from the competition date). All entries should be of an outdoor, wildlife or conservation theme.
- Category 24 Caricature/Whittling**  
Entries should have an outdoor, wildlife or conservation theme.
- Category 25 Paddles and Canes**  
Entries should display carved relief or woodburning techniques and should have an outdoor, wildlife or conservation theme.

### Purchase Awards

While the Purchase Awards are open to all carvers, they are intended for those whose work has reached a high level of expertise. To assure the Sponsor of a quality carving a first prize may not necessarily be awarded (this will be at the discretion of the Judges). Entries are to be made of wood and realistically painted. Other materials are permitted for Habitat and/or structural purposes; however, they are to be hand formed with the exception of the eyes.

- Category 26 The Co-operators Purchase Award: Pair of Indigo Buntings with Habitat**  
The winning entry becomes the property of the Midland office of The Co-operators (Harry Huizinga) including all legal rights and copyrights.
- Category 27 The Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre Purchase Award: Miniature Red-Tailed Hawk**  
The winning entry becomes the property of the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, including all legal rights and copyrights.
- Category 28 The Midland Home Building Centre Purchase Award: Miniature American Bittern w/Habitat**  
The winning entry becomes the property of the Midland Home Building Centre, including all legal rights and copyrights.
- Category 29 The Midland Canadian Tire Purchase Award: Pair of Yellow Warblers with Habitat**  
The winning entry becomes the property of Canadian Tire Midland, including all legal rights and copyrights.



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