

Duck Season Starts October 12 Thru November 30

For most of upstate New York, this fall waterfowlers can unlimber their shooting irons on October 12. The regular duck season starts then, and runs 50 days straight to November 30, both upstate generally and in the Lake Champlain area. Special scaup seasons are scheduled for specified waters following the close of the regular seasons. In the upstate waters of the Great Lakes, Finger Lakes, Oneida, Chautauque, Canadatego, Otsego and Saratoga Lakes, Allegheny Reservoir, and in the Niagara and St. Lawrence Rivers, and in the Hudson River south of Dunn Memorial Bridge at Albany, the special scaup season will run for 16 days from December 14 thru 29. In the Lake Champlain region (which takes the same season as Vermont), the dates for special scaup hunting are December 1 thru 16.

The Lake Champlain area is the same as it has been for three previous years — that is, a zone lying east of the main line D & H railroad tracks from the Canadian border to Whitehall, and north of the D & H branch line, which runs from Whitehall to the Vermont border.

The Goose and brandt season for most upstate areas (except Lake Champlain) opens with ducks on October 12, but runs for 70 days to December 20. In the Lake Champlain region (again tied to Vermont), goose hunting will be legal from October 5 thru December 13. This opening for geese before ducks will provide an opportunity to study many facets of goose migration, harvest and hunting methods — so that it might be possible to extend such an earlier goose opening to other specified areas next year.

For the Long Island region, including that portion of Westchester County south of the Hutchinson River Parkway, duck, goose and brandt seasons begin together on November 18. The regular duck season winds up 50 days later, on January 6, while geese and brandt may be hunted until January 26. This year, for the first time, the Long Island region has been allowed to select a season without regard to upstate New York or other neighboring states. This was in recognition of the flexibility needed to provide waterfowl hunting seasons at times when conflicts with other users of Long Island's wetlands would be at a minimum. The Island's waterfowlers were willing to forego some early shooting in order to maintain a hunting tradition and quality experience while not placing additional pressure on a resource that is highly valued. The special scaup season in the Long Island area will be from January 11 thru 26, 1969, and will be limited to tidal waters only.

The special sea duck season for scoters, eiders and old-squaws will also be continued in the Long Island region, from September 25 thru January 10. The boundaries of this area were extended this year, and now include Long Island and Block Island Sounds, and associated bays eastward from a line running between Miamogue Point in the town of Riverhead to Red Cedar Point in the town of Southampton, and including any ocean waters of New York lying south of Long Island. (This is the same area in which crippled waterfowl may be shot from a boat under power, as a conservation measure in preventing wastage of a resource).

The basic bag limit on "regular" ducks is 3 per day and 6 in possession after the first day. Within these limits, however, there are more restrictive regulations for some species. For black ducks, mallards and wood ducks only 2 per day or 4 in possession are allowed. For canvasbacks or redheads only 1 bird of either species (not one of each) is allowed per day or in possession.

Mergansers, which are outside the basic bag limits, may be taken at the rate of 1 per day or 10 in possession. Hooded mergansers, as before, are limited to one a day and 2 in possession, within the merganser limits.

The bag limit on geese is 2 per day and 4 in possession; for coots,

Cornell's Newest Wheat Variety Is Going Commercial

This fall, many New York wheat growers will plant Yorkstar, a brand new white wheat variety developed by Cornell University.

New York farmers plant wheat from mid-September through the rest of the month, and Yorkstar is going into commercial production for the first time since intensive seed production got under way three years ago.

The volume of certified seed is enough to cover 25 percent of New York's wheat acreage of about 220,000 acres, according to Prof. Neal F. Jensen at the N. Y. State College of Agriculture, Cornell.

Commercial adoption of the new wheat climaxes more than 15 years of research, development, and field trials by Jensen in the College's plant breeding department.

Yorkstar out-produces other popular varieties such as Avon and Genesee by about 10 per cent; the state average has been about 40 bushels an acre the past two years.

The new variety is thus expected to boost wheat yields in New York by three to five bushels an acre on the basis of state yield averages for recent years.

Under favorable conditions, 60 to 75 bushels from an acre are possible, says Prof. Jensen. Because of its higher yield, Yorkstar should become the leading wheat variety in New York in a very short time.

"It probably will replace all of Genesee and most of Avon in the future," he notes.

Yorkstar was developed by back-crossing Genesee to short wheats from Japan. Seven inches shorter than other varieties, Yorkstar has better resistance to lodging.

"It's too tall to be called semi-dwarf, but it's a step toward short-straw varieties being developed at Cornell for the Northeast," says Jensen.

In three years of tests at the Federal Soft Wheat Quality Laboratory in Wooster, Ohio, Yorkstar met and surpassed the high milling quality standards expected by the soft wheat milling industry.

The Cornell variety was lower in flour protein and had finer flour granularity, two characteristics desired by wheat millers. Lower flour protein is desired by the milling industry, and finer granularity means improved cake and cookie potential.

10 daily and 20 in possession; for brant, 6 daily and in possession; for scoters, eiders and old-squaws 7 daily and 14 in possession.

During the special scaup seasons (when only greater and lesser scaup may be taken), the daily bag is 5 and the possession limit is 10. These special scaup seasons are temporary concessions by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and all hunters are warned to be extra careful in duck identifications at that time. There are other duck species in these waters which not only cannot be shot legally but should not be shot because of their semi-endangered status. It is found that appreciable numbers of ducks other than scaup are taken, we will lose this season.

Shooting hours for all seasons and all species (except for the special scaup seasons upstate) are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. During the scaup season upstate shooting will begin at sunrise and run to sunset.

Certain aids are available to help sportsmen identify their game. This is a problem of no mean proportions, when so much depends upon accurate identification. More and more the waterfowler must know his birds, and we cannot advocate too strongly using binoculars, a good bird book and some experience on the water with the birds before the season starts. A good rule is: "Know your bird before you shoot — or don't shoot at all!"

"Ducks at a Distance" may be obtained for 25c from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. In addition, a "Black and White" journal, "Ducks at a Distance" and "Tables of Sunrise and Sunset" will be available at most New York State Conservation Department Fish and Game Offices.

October 1st Deadline For Game Licenses

The State Conservation Department reminded sportsmen today that October 1 marks the beginning of the 1968-69 license year and that anyone planning to hunt or fish after that date must obtain a new hunting and fishing license.

The Department also pointed out that this year for the first time, free big game licenses will be issued to citizen-residents who are age 70 or over and free hunting licenses will be available to honorably discharged veterans with 60 percent service-connected disability. Both of these licenses will be good for one year only. These changes were approved by the 1968 Legislature and signed into law by Governor Rockefeller.

The new additions to the list of those eligible for free licenses came too late in the legislative year to be included on the new license forms. Certain information on the forms is in error because of the addition of this new legislation, particularly in regard to the period for which the license is good. However, agents have been instructed on how to issue these licenses.

Under previous legislation the Department has extended the following free license privileges:

- Free hunting licenses good for one year to citizen-residents age 70 or over;
- Free fishing licenses good for life to citizen-residents age 70 or over or blind;
- Free fishing licenses good for one year to honorably discharged veterans with 60% service-connected disability.

Hunting, fishing and trapping licenses are available at Conservation Department Regional Offices, most county, city, town or village clerk offices and at many sporting goods stores.

Legal Notice

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT LOCAL LAW NO. 4 of 1968 was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on September 13, 1968 and became effective in accordance with its provisions. The text of the law is as follows:

A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR DELEGATION OF POWER TO CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF SUPERVISOR TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES AND SCHOOLS BY COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Allegany as follows:

1. There is hereby delegated to the Chairman of the Allegany County Board of Supervisors the power to authorize any county officer or employee paid from county funds to attend an official or unofficial convention of conference of municipal officers or employees, or to attend any school conducted for the betterment of municipal government, if believed to be of benefit to the County of Allegany, in accordance with Section seventy-seven-b of the General Municipal Law.

2. This Local Law shall take effect upon the date it is filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York. MANLEY C. ACKERMAN, Clerk Allegany County Board of Supervisors. Dated at Belmont, New York, this 16th day of September, 1968. 39

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Archers Afield From October 11 Thru October 24

Archers — that dedicated group of hunters who like to do things the hard way — were reminded today by the Conservation Department that the special archery season for deer and bear is approaching. In the Northern zone, bowmen having both a big game license and an archery stamp will be afield for 14 days before the gunners — from October 11 through October 24. The regular big game season in the Northern Zone runs from October 25 thru December 3.

In the rest of the State, archers get a 16-day lead on gunners. The bowhunting season is from November 2 through November 17, giving the archer an opportunity to hunt for three weeks. Gunning for big game in the Southern Zone runs from November 18 through December 3.

During the special archery season bowmen may take deer of either sex. They must do so with a longbow capable of shooting a legal hunting arrow at least 150 yards. A legal hunting arrow is one with two or more cutting edges measuring not less than 3/8 inches at its widest point.

Camouflage clothing is quite common among archers for this early season hunting while no big game gunners are afield. While the typical green and brown mottled camouflage color is still the most commonly used, the new red-background camouflage is gaining in popularity. It is said to be equally difficult for the colorblind deer to see, yet is readily visible to other hunters.

Although the odds are against the archer taking a deer — about 24 to one, in fact — the unsuccessful archer may still hunt during the regular season with either bow or firearm. However, once the special archery season is over, only deer with antlers three inches or longer may be taken, regardless of the weapon used.

Original Art Works To Be On Display

Interested area residents will have an opportunity to examine and purchase original prints by modern and old master artists Oct. 1, 1968 (one day only). A sales representative from the Ferdinand Roten Galleries of Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Wynn Ruff, will be at the Fine Arts Center,

State University College of Arts and Science at Genesee from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

On view will be approximately 800 original etchings, lithographs and woodcuts by such artists as Picasso, Chagall, Lautrec, Renoir, Rouault, Goya, Piranesi, Baskin, and many others. There will also be a selection of outstanding manuscript pages from works of the 13th-16th centuries.

Prices for items of the collection to be displayed range from \$5 to \$2,000, with the majority in the under \$100 range. All works are for sale and purchases may be charged or paid for over a three-month period. However, visitors to the exhibition are under no obligation to purchase any of the works to be shown.

Wellsville Charged With Air & Water Pollution


Albany — The Village of Wellsville in Allegany County has been ordered by the State Health Department to reply to charges of air and water pollution over a period of more than two years. A public hearing on the charges were held September 24 at the State Health Department, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany.

Dr. Hollis S. Ingraham, state health commissioner, said the village is charged specifically with violations of the State Sanitary Code and of the State Air Pollution Control Rules at a refuse disposal area in the town of Wellsville.

The Department's complaint, based on investigations and inspections by the State District Health Office at Hornell, charges 26 individual violations at the disposal area. They include failure to confine dumping to a workable area, failure to provide daily compacted cover, failure to confine papers to the disposal area, permitting refuse to be deposited in a manner that allowed refuse or leachings to enter a watercourse, and burning plastic waste and other refuse in open fires.

If the village is found in violation of the State Sanitary Code, a penalty up to \$250 may be assessed for each violation. If it should be found in violation of the Air Pollution Control Rules, as order to cease air pollution may be issued. Failure to comply with such an order could result in a penalty up to \$1,000, and an additional penalty up to \$200 for each day of continued violation.

Formal notice of hearing has been served on Robert Gardner, mayor and Fred Gould, village clerk.



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