



# Minnesota Decoy & Wildfowl Carving Club

Monthly Newsletter

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## January Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by V.P. Frank Beery and a motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the December 2008 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance of \$XXXX. Bruce brought latest issue of Wildfowl Carving Magazine. Also he had some Black Duck painting guides.

**Librarian's Report:** Bring back books for rechecking.

**Secretary/Editor Report:** Nothing new

**Program:** Marv Meyer brought basswood heads and tail pieces for Black Duck project. Jim Bonham handed out 3 different patterns. **February program** will deal with the Black Duck project. Members are encouraged to bring in their finished decoys. Some of them

## Program— Black Duck cork decoy

Once again Jim "I hate to paint" Bonham stepped up to the podium and led us in a discussion about the carving of a cork Black Duck decoy. Members quickly joined in and shared their different techniques. Some had already done a lot of work on their decoys and their input was very helpful.

The subject of how to carve cork came up, and most members agreed it can get quite messy once you start using power grinders.

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will be entered in the **Minnesota Decoy Show** to be held at the Bloomington Marriot Hotel from Feb. 5-7. Steve F. mentioned that he will have a discussion with the Pususta brothers about a possible fish decoy program. Marv Meyer agreed to contact Bob Sauer about the MDWCC renting a table at the MN Decoy Show. **New members: Matt Gouette and Dave Jackson** joined at the Jan. meeting— WELCOME!

**Old Business:** Game Fair 2009 looks like a go once again.

**2009 Memberships are**

**DUE NOW**

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**Next Meeting: 7:00 PM**

**February 3rd**

**Program: Black Duck II**

Hope Lutheran Church

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Mpls. MN





# Show & Tell

## Marv Meyer

Canvasback-1/2 size, standing on round wood base. Basswood, osage orange legs. Oils

## Jim Bonham

Canvasback -2 white pine, unpainted. Harlequin Duck-2 wh. Pine, partially painted. Mallard drake-wh. pine, painted

## Frank Beery

Black Duck decoy -cork body, basswood head, cedar tail.

## Rich Bistodeau

3 cork Black Duck decoys. Doweled heads. Tupelo heads, cedar keel. Unfinished

## Matt Gouette

Mallard, Wood Duck drakes, 1/2 silhouettes, basswood, acrylics

## Donn Mattsson

Red-necked Phalarope female ( shorebird ) - tupelo, acrylics, unfinished

## Steve Froelich

Black Duck decoy, 'Shang' Wheeler Connecticut style, oils.



Harlequin: Prescott, WI 2009

**“ 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name “**

**TIME TO PAY**

**2009 DUES**

# January Show and Tell



Frank Beery



Rich Bistodeau



Jim Bonham



Rich Bistodeau



Steve Froelich



Show and Tell con't.



Matt Gouette



Matt Gouette



Steve Froelich



Marv Meyer



Donn Mattsson



What kind of a keel and how to attach it? was discussed. Several different examples were proposed as seen on the right. Inlays and bottom boards were two types that were used on the decoys. Sealing the cork was another thing that members had to deal with. Some used a sanding wood sealer, others used a marine shellac. There obviously is more than one way to produce a cork decoy. A lot of it seems to be personal preference. Probably the subject of most interest to the group dealt with the actual painting of a Black Duck. What seems like a fairly simple, straightforward task ( it's a **black** duck! ), obviously isn't as easy as we would like to think. There are color subtleties even on a **black** duck. The February meeting should be very interesting because we will see the variations that members have incorporated into their **black** ducks.



Paperwork



Discussion