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2025 HUNTING HERITAGE DECOY RIG COMPETITION

The Pacific Flyway Decoy Association (PFDA) is excited to announce the 8th annual **PFDA Hunting Heritage Decoy Rig** competition sponsored by **California Waterfowl Association (CWA)**. The hunting rig selected for 2025 will be three scoter decoys, surf scoter, white-winged scoter, or black scoter.

When & Where:

This is a two phase competition that begins on **June 7, 2025 at the CWA Day in the Marsh held at CWA'S Grizzly Ranch, Suisun CA**. All rigs entered will be judged in an open water competition. Judges will narrow the entries down to the best five rigs.

Final judging will be on **July 12, 2025 at the PFDA Classic in Sacramento CA**, where the top five rigs they will be ranked first place through fifth place. Pairs from the remaining rigs will be judged in the (200-230) competition. All entries will be transported to the final judging and competition by PFDA.

REQUIREMENT: All rigs that do not place in the top five will automatically have a pair (hen & drake) entered in the (200-230) Billy Pinches Traditional Hunting Decoy Competition on July 12, 2025 with no additional entry fee.

Awards:

1st Place is a \$1500.00 purchase award with the winning rig going to CWA.

2nd Place is \$600.00 3rd Place is \$400.00 4th Place is \$300.00 5th Place is \$200.00

How to enter:

Entry Fee for this competition is \$25.00

Hand carried entries accepted on June 7, 2025 at Grizzly Ranch from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM at the PFDA booth. Judging will begin at 10:00 AM. Entries may be picked up at the PFDA Wildfowl Art Classic on July 13, 2025 at 3:00 PM.

Mailed entries must be received on or before June 6, 2025.

**Pacific
Flyway
Decoy
Association**

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2025 PFDA HUNTING HERITAGE DECOY RIG COMPETITION (CONTINUED)

Rules:

The decoy rig will be three scoter decoys (surf, white-winged or black or any combination the species). There must be at least one hen and one drake. No hybrids of these species.

The competition is open to all carvers.

PLEASE NOTE: A carver may enter only one decoy rig for this competition.

Decoys will be judged by the (200-230) Billy Pinches Traditional Hunting Decoys rules: Decoys are handmade of wood, cork, or canvas. Carving & Painting shall be functional enough to be used as tools for hunting. No fragile wing tips, bills, or tails. No burning or stone texturing. Chip carving & rasping techniques are acceptable. Paint & finish with practical simplified patterns shall be preferred. No feather splits or hand vermiculation. Decoys with developed decorative painting must be entered in other categories. Entries are not required to self-right but must have an anchor attachment and float in a lifelike stable manner. Ballast weights, keels, and anchor attachments are part of the decoy & will be judged as such. Decoys will be judged for sound workmanship in carving and finish & for an unmistakable likeness to species. Judging will be in hand, while floating, and from approximately 15 feet while floating.

Entries contrary to the rules or exhibiting any deterioration of paint or structural integrity during or at the completion of the judging shall be disqualified.

Decoys will be rigged with anchor lines and weights by judges for the open water competition.

Decoys shall be numbered 1, 2, & 3 with paint or indelible ink. The number 1 decoy shall be a hen; the number 2 decoy shall be a drake. Decoys number 1 and number 2 shall make up the pair for the (200-230) Billy Pinches Traditional Hunting decoy competition.

Mailed entries:

Entries may be picked up at the PFDA Wildfowl Art Classic on July 13, 2025 at 3:00 PM or they require a prepaid printed return label. Entries shipped must include a completed registration form and hunting heritage rig entry fee of \$25.00. All entries shall be shipped by UPS, Federal Express or USPS. It is the carver's responsibility to insure their entries. No C.O.D.s will be accepted. We will attempt to contact carvers if entries arrive damaged. No repairs will be attempted. See pacificflyway.org for packing instructions.

More Information: Rick Banko (707) 601-4850 summerspaniel1@gmail.com or Aaron Freitas (541) 274-1950 claybreaker390@hotmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you at Grizzly Ranch and Sacramento!



2025 GRIZZLY RANCH DECOY COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

CWA HUNTING HERITAGE RIG - SCOTER (BLACK, SURF, WHITE-WINGED)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I certify that entries submitted herewith are handmade by me, and have not previously been entered in a PFDA show. PFDA and Grizzly Ranch are not responsible for loss or damage to entries due to conditions or events beyond their control. I agree that all entries will remain on display until the conclusion of this competition. If my entry is contrary to the rules, I agree to forfeit any award.

Signature

Date

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

PHONE (_____) _____

IF YOU WANT YOUR MAILED-IN ENTRY TO BE TAKEN TO THE PFDA SHOW HELD IN JULY, YOU MUST INCLUDE A RETURN SHIPPING LABEL COMPLETE WITH RETURN POSTAGE AND A COMPLETED 2025 COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM.

_____ USPS _____ UPS _____ FedEx

Pre-paid Return Label _____ \$ _____

Entry Fees _____ \$ _____

Membership _____ \$ _____

PFDA Member?

Yes _____

No _____