TWO MONTHS DUCKING SEASON

BAG LIMIT REDUCED FROM 15 TO 12

SEASON IN MARYLAND NOV. 16 TO JAN. 15

Open seasons for hunting waterfowl, coot, and jacksnipe in the United States this fall and winter will again comprise two months in each of six zones, reports the Bureau of Biological Survey in summarizing amendments to the regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act adopted by the Secretary of Agriculture and approved by the President, September 11.

The daily bag limit on ducks has been reduced from 15 to 12, of which number not more than 8 of any one, or 8 in the aggregate, may be canvasbacks, redheads, scaups, teals, shovelers, or gadwalls.

Possession limits are reduced from 30 to 24 on ducks and on the excepted species, above named, from 20 to 16.

No open season for hunting brant on the Atlantic coast is provided by the amended regulations. On the Pacific coast the regulations will permit shooting of these birds, but investigations conducted by the Biological Survey have shown that on the eastern coast a shortage of eelgrass, the principal food of brant, has reduced the numbers of these waterfowl to such a degree that maximum protection is necessary.

For the first time since 1930 the new regulations include cackling geese in the list of birds that may be hunted during the waterfowl seasons.

A new provision in the regulations limits to 12 the number of woodcock that one person may have in possession. The season on this bird has been changed in Maryland to November 15, December 15.

The new regulations also establish possession limit for waterfowl lawfully imported from foreign countries.

The Department is greatly concerned over the present status of migratory waterfowl and has adopted these measures to reduce still further the numbers of birds kiled anually in this country. Long- noctineutddugrhoshrh country. Long-contiued drought on the principal breeding areas in the Prairie Provinces of Canada and in the Northwestern United States, together with overshooting, had reduced the supply of wild fowl in 1931 to the lowest point that these birds had ever reached. Conditions on the breeding grounds early in the spring of 1933 were much more favorable, but since the first of June they have been only a little better than in 1931, and the Biological Survey considers it possible that when the wild fowl arrive this fall their numbers may prove to be no greater than two years ago. In this event further restrictions may be necessary. The Department urges sportsmen to cooperate with the Federal and State game conservation authorities during the present emergency. It should be realized that an adequate breeding stock must be saved if the sport of wild-fowling is to continue.

Copies of the amended regulations, being printed as Service and Regulatory Announcement No. 78, of the Biological Survey, may be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Dates of Open Seasons

In detail th new open seasons for ducks (except wood duck, ruddy duck, and bufflehead duck), gees (except Ross's goose and snow geese in Florida and all States north thereof bordering on the Atlantic Ocean), brant (except on the Atlantic coast), coot, and jacksnipe are as follows:

In New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Arizona (except in the five northern counties), and in the southern zones of Texas and New Mexico, November 16 to January 15; In Florida, November 20 to January 15; and in Alaska, September 1 to October 31.

In Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Nevada, and in the five northern counties of Arizona, October 1 to November 30.

In Masachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York (except Long Island), Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Utah, Washington, Oregon, Idaho (except in the five northern counties), and the northern zone of New Mexico, October 16 to December 15.

In Wisconsin, North Dakota, and the five northern counties of Idaho, September 21 to November 20.

In that part of New York know as Long Island, and in Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, California, and the northern zone of Texas, November 1 to December 31.

Anti-Baiting Question Postponed Till Close Of Waterfowl Season

Further action by the U. S. Department of Agriculture on the proposal to prohibit wild-fowl shooting near baited areas has been postponed until after the close of the open seasons approved by the President on September 11, states W. C. Henderson, acting chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey. The proposal was the subject of a conference held by Secretary Wallace in Washington, D. C., on August 28.

The postponement, Mr. Henderson explains, should not be considered as a final indication of the Department's attitude toward the regulation of waterfowl baiting. Regardless of the merits of such a restriction, promulgation of a regulation of this nature on the eve of the shooting season, he says, would cause much confusion and add heavily to the difficulties of game-law enforcement.

The question of baiting was discussed at length last month and action postponed. This question is of great interest to sportsmen of Kent County. . The following is taken from the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Down on the flooded lands of Eastwick and across the way in Delaware county game violators are killing wild ducks by the scores.

"The duck season does not start until the middle of October, but the slaughter of birds has been going on morning and evening for several weeks.

"Attention of the Federal and State authorities has been called to the matter and game wardens will be assigned to the district to make arrests. Otherwise most of the ducks now using the flooded areas will be slain before the legal shooting season begins.

"A few wild ducks, mostly black and true mallards, have been visiting the marshes for many years, but this year the numbers have been greatly increased. Starting with the breaking of the dikes last spring flocks of black ducks were seen on the marshes.

"Following the new flood, at the time of the hurricane, the ducks increased. These birds migrate from the New Jersey meadows to the Tinicum and Bow creek marshes daily. Flocks of from 20 to 60 ducks have been seen.

Violations Increase

"Illegal shooting started about two weeks ago and since then poaching has been increasing. During the past few days the number of game violations grew so rapidly that residents in the locality made complaints. In one day three persons sent protests. They declared that unless something was done not only the ducks, but other marsh birds, would be wiped out."

KENT HORSES PLACE AT CENTREVILLE SHOW

In th 13th annual horse show at Centreville last Saturday, the following Kent County horses took paces in the various events.

Pony Race—E. Bonwill, owner and rider took second place.

Standard bred half mile race—Silver Bow, James A. Mason, of Worton, owner with Joiner up, took 2nd place. Cupids Choice, James Williams owner up took 3rd place.

Half bred half mile race—Brownie, William Loller owner and Joiner up, took 1st place. Jimmy Duke, Nancy Shakespeare owner and up, took 2nd place.

Three-quarter mile race—Brownie, William Loller owner and Joiner up, took 1st place.

Steeple Chase—Jimmy Duke, Nancy Shakespeare owner and up, took 1st place.

Yearlings by thoroughbred sire—Roosevelt, Wilbur Ross Hubbard, took 3rd place.

Ladies Saddle Class—Brownie, William Loller owner and Nancy Shakespeare up, took 2nd place. Silver bow, James Mason, owner and Joiner up, took 3rd place.

Green Hunters over jumps—Lady of Providence, Meredith Gardner, of Chestertown, owner and Nancy Shakespeare up, took 1st place. Silver Bow, James Mason owner with Joiner up, 2nd place. Cupid's Choice, James Williams, owner and up, 3rd place.

Open Saddle Class—Brownie, William Loller, owner and W. H. Godwin up took 2nd place. Silver Bow, James Mason with Joiner up, 3rd.

Open Hunter Class—Soupscon, W. R. Hubbard, owner and up, 2nd. Imalone, William Loller, Warner up, 3rd.

Pairs of Hunters—Soupscon and Leading Lady, W. R. Hubbard owner and Wilson Dukes and owner up, 2nd.

Touch and out—Bobby Arlington, James Williams, owner, Ben Williams, up, 1st. Brownie, William Loller, Warner, up 2nd.

BASE BALL SEASON OVER

The Rock Hall base ball season has ended after a successful season. The season's record is only six losses out of thirty games played.

CHESTERTOWN DEFEATS QUEENSTOWN

In one of the final games of the season Chestertown won one game of a double header and tied the other against Queenstown last Saturday. The summary follows:

Queenstown	Ab	R	H	O	A	E
H. Allen, 2b	5	0	1	2	3	1
B. Allen, cf	4	1	2	0	0	0
J. Dodd, lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
D. Roe, c	4	0	1	12	2	0
Hunter, 3b	4	0	2	0	1	0
I. Anthony, ss	4	0	0	1	0	0
Carter, p	4	0	1	0	2	0
C. Anthony, 1b	4	0	0	8	2	0
Metzdorf, rf	4	0	2	1	0	0
Totals	37	1	10	24	10	1

Chestertown	Ab	R	H	O	A	E
Russell, lf	5	1	1	0	0	0
Rhinehart, 3b	5	1	2	2	3	0
Nicholson, cf	5	3	2	4	0	0
LeCates, ss	5	2	4	3	3	0
Bennett, 1b	4	0	1	10	0	0
O. Porter, 2b, c	4	0	2	5	2	2
Seward, rf, 2b	4	0	1	1	3	0
Wright, c	0	0	0	2	0	0
C. Porter, p	4	0	1	0	1	1
M. Porter, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	39	7	14	27	12	3

Runs batted in—LeCates 2, Bennett 2, O. Porter 2, Nicholson 1. Two base hits—LeCates 2, Nicholson 1, Hunter 1. Three base hit—Nicholson 1. Stolen bases—Russell 1, Rhinehart 1. Sacrifice hits—Rhinehart 1, Bennett 1. Double play—LeCates to Rhinehart. Struck out—by Carter 1, by C. Porter 6. Hit by pitcher—by Carter, (Bennett.) Umpires—Spencer Miles and Thompson. Time of game 1:45.

Queenstown	Ab	R	H	O	A	E
H. Allen, 2b	4	1	1	3	0	1
B. Allen, cf	4	0	2	3	0	0
J. Dodd, lf	3	1	1	2	0	0
D. Roe, c	3	2	2	6	1	0
Hunter, 3b	4	0	2	1	1	1
J. Anthony, ss	4	0	0	0	1	1
Carter, 1b	4	1	1	5	0	2
C. Anthony, p	4	0	2	0	4	0
Metzday, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	33	5	11	21	7	5

Chestertown	Ab	R	H	O	A	E
Russell, lf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Rhinehart, 3b	4	2	4	1	1	0
Nicholson, cf	4	1	0	2	0	0
LeCates, ss	4	0	3	3	0	0
Bennett, p, 1b	4	0	0	4	1	1
O. Porter, c	3	1	1	6	1	2
Seward, 2b	3	1	0	0	0	0
M. Porter, rf	3	0	0	2	0	0
C. Porter, 1b, p	2	0	1	0	1	1
Totals	31	5	9	21	4	4

Runs batted in—LeCates 3, Nicholson 1, R. Allen 1, J. Dodd 1, Hunter 1, Carter 1. Two base hits—LeCates 1. Stolen bases—O. Porter 1, Seward 1, D. Roe 1, Carter 1. Sacrifice hit—Bennett 1. Base on balls—off Anthony 1, off Bennett 1. Struck out—by Anthony 5, by Bennett 2, by C. Porter 2. Double play—Roe to Carter. Hit by pitcher—J. Dodd, O. Porter. Umpires—Spencer, Miles and Thompson. Time of game, 1.40.

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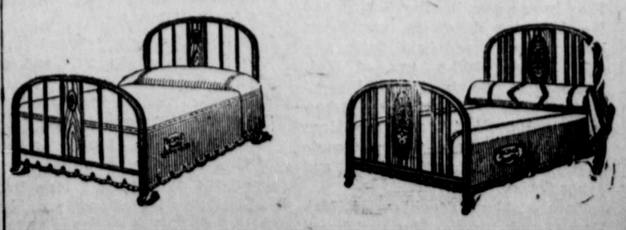
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