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1962-63 FEDERAL DUCK STAMP DESIGN SELECTED; MINNESOTA ARTIST WINS CONTEST

A black-and-white wash drawing showing two pintail drakes coming in for a landing will be the design for the 1962-63 Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Stamp, the Department of the Interior announced today.

For the first time in the history of the annual contest, an artist has won for two consecutive years. He is Edward A. Morris, 6824 38th Avenue, North, Minneapolis 27, Minn. The winning design, which the artist calls "Pintails," was selected from 124 drawings submitted to this 13th annual "duck stamp" contest conducted by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service. Emphasis on "Let 'Em Come In Close" and "Be Sure Before You Shoot" were special requirements for this year's contest. Mr. Morris' sketch of a mallard hen and ducklings, which won last year, appears on the 1961-62 stamp.

Members of the judging committee for this year's contest were: Thomas L. Kimball, Executive Director of the National Wildlife Federation; Joseph W. Penfold, Conservation Director, the Izaak Walton League of America; Francis J. McCall, Associate Curator, Division of Philately and Postal History, Smithsonian Institution; and Don McLeod, Chief, Office of Engraving and Plate Manufacturing, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, all Washington, D. C.

Entries for the contest were received from 28 States, the District of Columbia, and from Canada. Fourteen Minnesota artists submitted 18 entries to lead the field. South Dakota had seven entrants, and California, Illinois, and New Jersey had six entrants each. Four previous winners entered this year's contest.

A new duck stamp is issued each year by the Post Office Department which is in charge of the distribution and sale. It goes on sale on July 1 and expires the following June 30. Every person who has attained the age of 16 and who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to carry a stamp. The stamp is not valid unless the name of the hunter is written across its face. The duck stamp is required in addition to a State hunting license.

All revenue from the sale of the stamps, other than funds needed to reimburse the Post Office Department for the actual cost of printing and distribution, is used in selecting and acquiring migratory bird areas under the provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act. Normally more than two million stamps are sold annually.

This will be the 29th stamp of the Federal duck stamp series which began in 1934. It is the fourth stamp of the \$3 series.

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(NOTE: Glossy prints of the winning duck stamp design are available on a loan basis for reproduction in newspapers and magazines from the Office of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.)