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OLD SQUAW DUCKS TO FEATURE 1967-68 DUCK STAMP

A pair of Old Squaw ducks resting on a northern ice floe was the design chosen today for the 1967-68 Federal Duck Stamp. Leslie C. Kouba of Minneapolis, Minnesota, created the winning entry, a black and white wash drawing.

The Department of the Interior announced the selection of Kouba's design from 170 entries received in the 18th Federal Duck Stamp Design Contest, which is conducted annually by the Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Selection was based on anatomical accuracy, artistic composition, and suitability for engraving.

This is the second time Kouba has won the contest. His drawing of Canada Geese won the 1958-59 competition.

Second place in this year's contest went to Daniel Feaser of Alexandria, Virginia, for his drawing of White-Winged Scoters. Kouba took third place also, with a drawing of Scaup Ducks.

Judging this year's contest were Daniel A. Poole, Secretary, Wildlife Management Institute; Thomas L. Kimball, Executive Director, Nation Wildlife Federation; Carl Scheele, Curator of Philately and Postal History, Smithsonian Institution; and Reuben K. Barrick, Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

A new Duck Stamp is issued each year by the Post Office Department. The 1967-68 stamp will go on sale July 1, 1967, and will be valid through June 1968. Every migratory-waterfowl hunter 16 years or older must purchase this $3 stamp in addition to a regular State hunting license.

All revenue from Duck Stamps, other than the cost of printing and distribution, is used for acquisition of wetlands for waterfowl. More than one and a half million stamps were sold last year.

Artists from 35 States and Canada competed in this year's contest. New York had 20 entries from seven artists. Maryland was second with 17 entries.

Stanley Stearns of Stevensville, Maryland, designed the current stamp which features two whistling Swans. Information on other designs since the stamps were first issued in 1934 is contained in "Duck Stamp Data," a publication available for $.25 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402.

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