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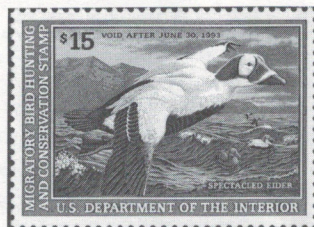
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First Day of Sale

by Cecil Daniels

Just about everybody who is anybody in duck stamps was in attendance at Jackson, New Jersey for the first day of sale for the 1992-93 Federal Duck Stamp. The stamp features the Spectacled Eider.

This is the second day of a two day celebration honoring the winning artist of the yearly Federal Duck Stamp Contest. It



Spectacled Eiders by Joe Hautman

is also one of the first opportunities to purchase a 1992 Federal Duck Stamp.

The National Duck Stamp Col-

lectors Society had a booth manned by President Nick Oglesby, Ed Ambrogi and myself; when I wasn't off trying to scoop news for **Duck Tracks**. Governors of the Society that were involved in the presentation ceremonies were Norma Opgrand, Chief Federal Duck Stamp Program; Bill Webster, CEO and Founder of Wild Wings, Inc. and Jeanette Rudy, Federal Duck Stamp Judge and owner of the First Duck Stamp ever sold.

Other notables such as Joe McCaddin, author of *Duck Stamps and Prints*, Hon. Frank Brahen, Deputy Secretary of the Dept. of the Interior and Hon. John Michael Hayden, Ass't. Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and

Parks.

Artists in attendance were Rob Leslie, 1988 and 1992 New Jersey duck stamps; Tom Hirata, 1984 and 1991 New Jersey duck stamps; Tom DeLuca, national duck stamp dealer, and of course Joseph Hautman, 1992-93 Federal Duck Stamp artist. (see related story pg. 3.)

The ceremony began with an introduction by Joe McCadden and remarks by Mike Hayden. The highlight of the day was the unveiling of the 1992 artwork showing off the masterful paint strokes by Joseph Hautman.

Mr. Hautman has shown the Spectacled Eider rising in flight over gentle rolling waters, a scene all but too familiar to diving duck hunters. The native Alaskan mountains are featured in the background. The painting depicts the blanket of soft feathering over the base of the bill and full flight plumage of the male sides with a mature green feathered "mane" distinctive only to the Spectacled Eider.

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You Are Invited to Attend the
**First Annual Meeting of the National
Duck Stamp Collectors Society.**
Sunday, November 8, 1992, Noon
Main Auditorium, Department of Interior.
Plan now to attend.
Federal Duck Stamp Contest follows on
November 9 & 10.