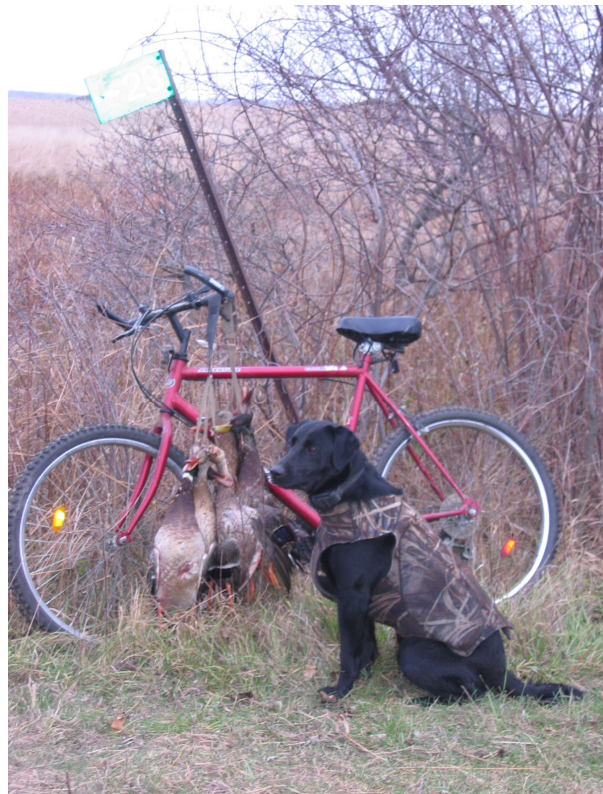


Section 2.0 A-Zone Opening Day Procedures

The fourth (4th) Saturday of September is traditional opening day for the Rondeau waterfowl hunting season. The following procedures are for the opening day allocation of the 'A-Zone' blinds at the Rondeau Waterfowl Management Unit.

Prospective opening day hunters should note the following:

1. Opening day blind allocation will be conducted by the means of the traditional lottery draw to be held at 2:00 pm sharp on the Saturday previous to opening day. The draw will take place at the Unit office within Rondeau Provincial Park.
2. Prospective hunters may make an application to enter the blind allocation lottery draw between Noon and 2:00 pm on this Saturday. Application forms will be available at the Rondeau Waterfowl Unit Office. Applicants will be required to enter names, addresses, licenses and permit numbers and the number of hunters.
3. In order to be eligible for the lottery, applications must be prepared to show possession of a valid Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and your Ontario Outdoors Hunting Card.
4. Upon completion of the application form, a number will be issued to the applicant. This is the number that will be used in the lottery draw.
5. After 2:00 pm on Saturday of draw no additional applications will be received. At this time the lottery draw will begin. No duplication of applications / names will be accepted (meaning two different names of same party hunting together on the opening day) and any such misuse of the system will result in the application(s) being removed from the lottery.
6. At 2:00 pm sharp on Saturday the lottery draw for the opening day blind allocation will commence. The first party selected will be given the first



opportunity to choose an available blind; the second party selected will be given the second opportunity and so on until all available blinds are allocated, and all parties represented in the lottery have received a blind choice standing (either through initial allocation or for the resale of blinds <the blinds that become available after the initial hunters have vacated the blind>).

7. Once a blind has been allocated a daily waterfowl permit will be issued for each person who was successful in obtaining a blind for the initial shoot on opening day.
8. The reselling of blinds for opening day will be allowed for those who where not successful in obtaining a blind allocation from the initial lottery. Hunters expecting to participate in any resale opportunities must notify the waterfowl unit office upon their arrival on opening day and be in the immediate vicinity of the waterfowl unit office at the time of resale. Any blinds not occupied because of 'no-shows' for the initial shoot will be resold no sooner than 8:00 am on opening day.
9. The reselling of blinds will follow the lottery ranking of those who are present and the ranking of the party will not be affected by passing / rejecting or missing any particular resell opportunity (you don't loose your place in line if you don't want to hunt the blind up for resale).
10. There will be **no first – come – first – served hunting on opening day until all lottery participants** have been accommodated.
11. The Rondeau Bay Waterfowl Unit Office will be open at 4:00 am on opening day.