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## JUNIOR

### ***S: Junior 12 and under (all sizes)***

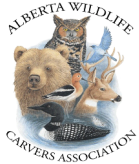
#### **Category    S1: Waterfowl**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Austin Cowtan	38	Golden Plover

### ***T: Junior 13-17 (all sizes)***

#### **Category    S6: Other**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Rhys Puhlmann	3	Green Sea Turtle - Wave Rider



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### **A: Decorative Life Size Waterfowl (flat Bottom, non-floating)**

#### **Category    B3: Songbird Smoothies**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Barbara Mikaluk	77	Nut Hatch
2	Barbara Mikaluk	78	Black Capped chickidee

### **C: Super Slick (flat/full body non-floating ) All Smoothies**

#### **Category    C4: Other**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Marcel Pelletier	56	Woodcock

### **D: Decorative Lifesize under 7"**

#### **Category    D1: Song Birds**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Janis Chapman	25	House Wren
2	Denis Boutin	59	Downy Woodpecker

### **E: Decorative Lifesize 7" & over**

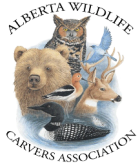
#### **Category    E1: Songbirds Life Size 7" & Over**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Tom Smyth	53	Stellar's Jay pair
2	Tom Smyth	54	Stellar's Jay
3	Xander Puhlmann	1	Stellar's Jay - Coastal Stump

### **F: Decorative Miniature**

#### **Category    F2: Shorebirds**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Peter Bull	13	Long Billed Curlew



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### **Category    F3: Seabirds**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Leo Storrier	36	Loon
2	Enter #14 belongs in F6		
3	Barbara Mikaluk	76	Pelican

### **Category    F6: Raptors**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	George Zwack	55	Minature Barn Owl
2	Peter Bull	14	Red Shouldered Hawk
2	Marguerite Hampton	20	Barred Owl

### ***H: Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles***

#### **Category    H1: Freshwater Fish**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Denis Boutin	57	Walleye

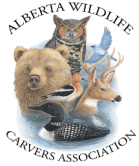
### ***I: Sculpture/Stylized***

#### **Category    I1: Painted**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Wayne Hughes	41	Swans (2)

#### **Category    I2: Unpainted**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Wayne Hughes	41	Swans (2)
HM	Wayne Hughes	40	Polar Bear/Seals

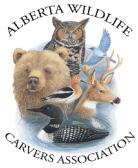


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### Category    J2: Non-Hooved

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Jim Morton	5	Red fox
2	Denis Boutin	58	Grizzly Bear
3	Janis Chapman	26	Brown bear and cub
HM	Marguerite Hampton	19	Red fox
HM	Wayne Hughes	40	Polar Bear/Seals



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## INTERMEDIATE

### ***A: Decorative Life Size Waterfowl (flat Bottom, non-floating)***

#### **Category    A1: Marsh Ducks**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Jeff Toering	21	Drake
2	Ross Rigby	91	Blue Winged
3	Ross Rigby	89	Hen
HM	Ross Rigby	87	Cinammon

#### **Category    A3: Geese and Confidence**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Ross Rigby	86	Puffin

### ***C: Super Slick (flat/full body non-floating ) All Smoothies***

#### **Category    C2: Dving Duck**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Will Simpson	35	Female Bufflehead

### ***D: Decorative Lifesize under 7"***

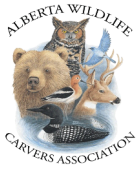
#### **Category    D1: Song Birds**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Murray Griffiths	52	Vermillion Flycatcher

### ***E: Decorative Lifesize 7" & over***

#### **Category    E1: Songbirds Life Size 7" & Over**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	John Stevenson	32	Loggerhead Shrike
2	Ryan Puhlmann	2	Steller's Jay - Forest Beauty
3	John Stevenson	31	Hooded Oriole



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### ***F: Decorative Miniature***

#### **Category F1: Waterfowl**

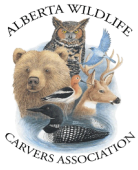
<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Steve Ewashko	7	Pintails male/female on base

#### **Category F2: Shorebirds**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Murray Griffiths	50	Eastern Meadowlark

#### **Category F4: Songbirds**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Murray Griffiths	50	Eastern Meadowlark



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### ***B: Champagne Waterfowl (floating) Miniature Smoothies & Others***

#### **Category    B1: Champagne Waterfowl**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Don Young	61	Harlequin Hen
2	Don Young	62	Harlequin Drake

#### **Category    B2: Miniature Smoothies**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Don Young	63	Ruddy Turnstines & Dowitcher

#### **Category    B3: Songbird Smoothies**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Brenda Mitchell	10	Red Breast Nut Hatch (textured lightly)

### ***C: Super Slick (flat/full body non-floating ) All Smoothies***

#### **Category    C2: Dving Duck**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Al Spiller	29	Ruddy Duck

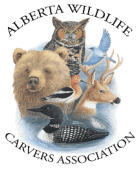
#### **Category    C3: Geese, Confidence, Shorebirds**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Bob Lavender	70	Sandhill Crane
2	Bob Steele	15	Miniture Curlew

### ***D: Decorative Lifesize under 7"***

#### **Category    D1: Song Birds**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Don Young	64	White-winged crossbill
2	Al Spiller	30	Chickadee



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### ***E: Decorative Lifesize 7" & over***

#### **Category    E3: Raptors**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Wayne Olsen	18	Sharpshin Hawk

### ***F: Decorative Miniature***

#### **Category    F1: Waterfowl**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Carmen Steele	17	Minutire Flying Pintail Drake
2	Russ Mann	80	Flying Pintail Drake

#### **Category    F2: Shorebirds**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Carmen Steele	16	Curlew

#### **Category    F4: Songbirds**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Don Young	65	Blue Jay

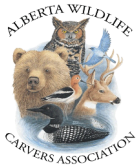
#### **Category    F6: Raptors**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Brenda Mitchell	8	Barred Owl (1/3 size)
2	Russ Mann	79	Short eared owl
3	Jim MacLachlan	11	Red Shouldered Hawk

### ***H: Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles***

#### **Category    H1: Freshwater Fish**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Don Young	66	Rainbow Trout
2	Don Young	67	Brown Trout
3	John Frye	42	Walleye



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### **Category    H2: Saltwater Fish**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Thomas Parkes	72	Scurpien Fish

### **Category    H4: Reptiles**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Dave Johnson	46	Indian Cobra

## ***I: Sculpture/Stylized***

### **Category    I1: Painted**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Thomas Parkes	74	Totem (Various species)

### **Category    I2: Unpainted**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Wayne Seabrook	83	King Trout
2	Dave Johnson	45	Vine snake on rope
3	Russ Mann	81	Stylized songbird pair

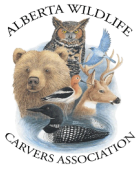
## ***J: Mammals***

### **Category    J1: Hooved**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Diane Sharkey	60	Grizzly Bear
2	Brenda Mitchell	9	Red Fox
3	Kathleen Norton	12	Red Fox

### **Category    J3: Ocean**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Dave Johnson	49	3 Orca Whales



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### ***K: Wildlife Carving (other than wood)***

#### **Category    K1: Stone**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Dave Johnson	43	Octopus
2	Thomas Parkes	73	Escape Rabbit/Fox
3	Dave Johnson	44	Bison

### ***L: Busts***

#### **Category    L1: Birds**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Russ Mann	82	Common Loon

### ***N: Other Carvings***

#### **Category    N4: Other**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Dave Johnson	48	Painted Monarch Butterfly

### ***O: Traditional Decoys***

#### **Category    O1: Marsh Ducks**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Don Young	69	Wood duck drake

#### **Category    O2: Diving Ducks**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Susan Cowtan	39	Goldeneye drake

#### **Category    O3: Geese and Confidence**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Carving Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Don Young	68	American Avocet