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RENEWAL TIME!

DUES IN THE STATE REVENUE SOCIETY ARE PAYABLE AS OF JANUARY 1, 1979.

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= \$4.00

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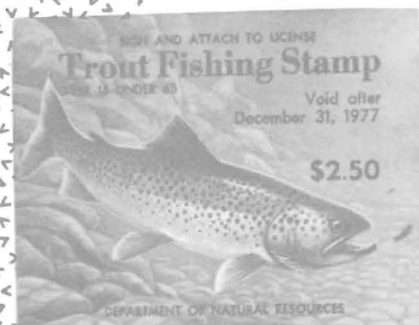
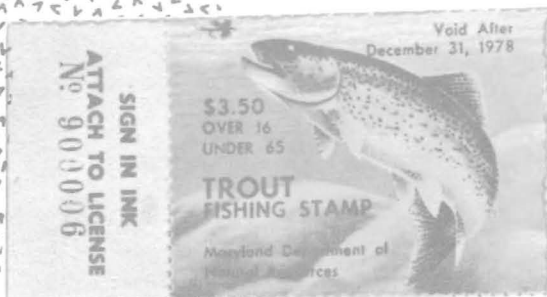
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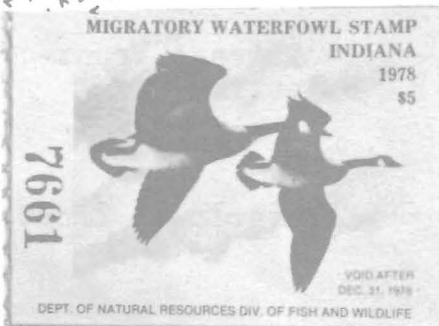
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THIS IS YOUR BEST BUY IN STATE REVENUE INFORMATION. SEE THE INSERT IN THE CENTER OF THIS ISSUE. MAIL YOUR RENEWAL TODAY SO YOU WILL NOT MISS ANY FUTURE NUMBERS.

RECENT FISH & GAME

Numerous announcements of F & G stamp availability have appeared in these pages in the past several issues. Because of space limitations we were not always able to run the photos provided by Kenneth Pruess of these new issues. Below are cuts of the items which are probably still offered for sale by the various agencies across the country. Following the pictures is a checklist of offers made by various agencies that have appeared in the NEWSLETTER for the past two years.





INDEX OF STATES THAT HAVE MADE THEIR REVENUE STAMPS AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS

Compiled by Harold A. Effner, Jr.

The following is an index of all the states/municipalities that have appeared in the State Revenue NEWSLETTER since January, 1976. This index is meant for reference only. It is not a guarantee that these offers are available. Any member interested in any of these offers should send an inquiry first with a SASE enclosed.

If this index proves to be a good idea, it will be updated and published annually. All comments, additional states/ information should be forwarded to the Secretary for inclusion in this list.

<u>State</u>	<u>Offer</u>	<u>When Made</u>	<u>Address**</u>
Arizona	Fish and Game	#134, 5/78	Arizona Game and Fish Department; PO Box 9099 Phoenix, Arizona 85068

Delaware	Trout Stamps	#132, 1/78	William C. Wagner, Dir. Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife Edward Tathall Building Dover, Delaware 19901
Guam	Hunting	#134, 5/78	Aquatic and Wildlife Re- sources Division Guam Dept. of Agriculture PO Box 2950 Agana, Guam 96910
Illinois	Duck & Salmon	#134, 5/78	Hal Davis License and Permit Section Ill. Dept of Conservation 605 State Office Building 400 S. Spring Street Springfield, Illinois 62706
Illinois	Chicago Trans- action Tax	#122, 5/76	Dept. of Reveuue City of Chicago Room 107, City Hall Chicago, Illinois 60602
Indiana	Waterfowl, Trout	#132, 1/78	Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources 607 State Office Building Indianapolis, IN 46204
Louisiana	Soft Drink Tobacco Tax	#128, 7/77	Manager, Beverage and Tobacco Tax Section Department of Revenue Box 201 Baton Rouge, LA 70821
Maryland	Waterfowl, Trout	#132, 1/78	Licensing and Consumer Services Md. Dept. of Natural Resource PO Box 1869 Annapolis, MD 21404
Massachusetts	Waterfowl	#127, 5/77	Cheryl Smith Mass. Div. of Fisheries and Wildlife 100 Cambridge Street Boston, MA 02202
Michigan	Duck, Trout	#132, 1/78	Mich. Dept. of Nat. Resource Box 30028 Lansing, MI 48909
Mississippi	Conservation Stamp	#122, 5/76	Endangered Species Box 451 Jackson, Miss. 39205
Missouri	Trout	#132, 1/78	Fiscal Section, Missouri Dept. of Conservation Box 180 Jefferson City, Mo. 65101

Nebraska	Upland Game Bird Stamp	#127, 3/77	Neb. Game and Parks Comm. Upland Game Bird Stamps PO Box 30370 Lincoln, Neb. 68503
New Hampshire	Pheasant	#132, 1/78	N.H. Fish and Game Comm. 34 Bridge Street Concord, NH 03301
New Mexico	Trout	#120, 1/76	Mrs. Casandra Prokopiou Dept. of Fish and Game State Capitol Santa Fe, NM 87501
North Dakota	Waterfowl	#132, 1/78	N.D. Game and Fish Dept. Bismark, ND 58501
Pennsylvania	Hunting License	#133, 3/78	Penn. Game Commission Division of Administration PO Box 1567 Harrisburg, PA 17102
Rhode Island	Real Estate Conveyance Tax	#123, 7/76	Office of the Town Clerk N. Kingston, RI 02852
South Carolina	Wild Turkey	#125, 11/76	Wild Turkey Stamp PO Box 467 Edgefield, SC 29824
South Dakota	Migratory Water- fowl	#127, 5/77	S.D. Dept. of Fish Game and Parks Attn: License Section Pierre, SD 57501
Texas	White-winged Dove Stamps	#127, 3/77	Texas Park and Wildlife Department License Sales 4200 Smith School Road Austin, Texas 78744
Wisconsin	Trout	#132, 1/78	Trout Stamps. Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707

**Those addresses that reference names--it might be a good idea not to use that name if the address is old. The mentioned person may have resigned, been transferred, etc.

If an offer had an expiry date, it is indicated in this list; however the normal purge from this list is anticipated at being 3 years.

MORE ON THE CALIFORNIA SUCTION DREDGE STAMP

Member Charles Hermann submits to us a full copy of a permit to "mine" gold using a suction dredge as well as two short articles that appeared in the Sacramento Bee. The first article is from the May 27, 1976 issue and the second appeared August 9, 1977.

GOLD DREDGING IN NORTHERN SIERRA STREAMS GETS 6-WEEK EXTENSION UNDER DFG ORDER

Looking for a place to spend a weekend or summer vacation that would interest not only yourself but some adventuresome youngsters?

You can still pan gold all through the Mother Lode country of California. It's an inexpensive, easy-to-learn process. A lot of fun--you're sure to get the "color" occasionally. A thin pencil line of gold on the edge of the pan.

Skin divers do well in the rivers and streams, too, using a suction pump in deep holes the Forty-niners didn't reach.

Rivers and streams in all or parts of 11 northern Sierra counties will be open to suction and vacuum dredging for an additional six weeks this year beginning June 1, thanks to an administrative order from the State Department of Fish and Game.

Affected by the order are waters in so-called Zone C, the center of the gold mining country, where dredging has been permitted between July 1 and Sept. 30. The new dates are June 1 through Oct. 15.

Permits to operate suction dredges are required under Section 5653 of the Fish and Game Code, and persons operating dredges without permits are subject to fines of up to \$500 and jail terms of as much as six months or both.

The code section directs the DFG to issue such permits if the dredging work is determined not to be deleterious to fish.

In order to administer the permit system, the state is divided into five zones. Zone C comprises the Counties of Butte, Alpine, Plumas and Sierra and parts of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer and Tuolumne east of Highway 49.

An estimated 1,500 or more permits have been issued for the dredging in northern Sierra waters during the open season.

The permits, which may be obtained from any regional office, or headquarters office of the DFG, is for operating a dredge with an intake diameter of 12 inches or less in waters open to dredging. For dredges with an intake diameter larger than 12 inches or for any that would be operated in waters normally closed to dredging, a special permit is required. Only regional offices may issue these permits.

The change was made to provide additional recreational opportunities to dredger operators.

GOLD. . . DOWNIEVILLE ISN'T DIGGIN' THE RUSH

The drought and oversight have created a gold rush here, where miners are taking \$1,000 a day in nuggets and flakes from the river right in the middle of town.

The rush got so bad the sheriff had to put a limit on how many miners could work the river, now low because of two dry winters.

When the county supervisors revised the county code last spring the inadvertently rescinded forbidding dredging inside the town site.

PREPARE IN DUPLICATE
PLEASE PRINT

FEE: \$5.00
(Submit with application)

RESOURCES AGENCY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

APPLICATION FOR STANDARD PERMIT* TO OPERATE
VACUUM OR SUCTION DREDGE
FOR
Calendar Year 1977, or Remaining Portion Thereof

I hereby make application for a standard permit to use a vacuum or suction dredge.

NAME Louis D. Lusiani
ADDRESS 951 S. Del Mar
Stockton CA 95205
City State Zip

Telephone No. (209) 465-6505
Area Code Number

Type of Operations: (check one) Gold Mining ☒
Explain "Other" if checked: _____

Sand & Gravel ☐

Other ☐

I hereby certify that I have read the provisions of Section 5653 of the California Fish and Game Code and Section 228, Title 14, California Administrative Code, (see reverse side for copy of these sections), and that I understand and agree to be bound by all the terms set forth in the permit issued to the above-named sections.

April 27, 1977
Date of Application

Louis D. Lusiani

*A Standard Permit is valid only for use of dredges with an intake diameter of 12 inches or less and in waters open to dredging. A standard permit may be issued by any one of the regional offices or by headquarters office. (See reverse side for list of offices.)

DO NOT WRITE IN THE SPACE BELOW - FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

VALIDATION

FEE \$5.00 No 2167
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
1977
SUCTION DREDGE PERMIT
EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 1977

April 27, 1977 2,167
DATE ISSUED and PERMIT NUMBER
1977
PERMIT VALID DURING

When permit stamp has been permanently affixed above, the applicant is authorized to operate a vacuum or suction dredge with intake diameter of 12 inches or less in waters of this state in accordance with the attached list of open and/or closed waters. Such list is a part of this permit.

NOTHING IN THIS PERMIT SHALL AUTHORIZE THE PERMITTEE TO TRESPASS ON PRIVATELY OWNED LAND, OR TO USE A DREDGE IN WATERS PASSING OVER PRIVATE LANDS WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE LANDOWNER. THE LISTING OF WATERS OPEN TO DREDGING DOES NOT MEAN THAT SUCH WATERS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE PERMITTEE SHALL CONFORM TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL STATUTES AND ORDINANCES. SUCTION OR VACUUM DREDGES SHALL NOT BE USED WHERE DREDGING IS PROHIBITED BY ORDINANCES, STATUTES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT THERETO. THIS PERMIT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE DREDGING IN ANY NATIONAL FOREST, NATIONAL PARK, STATE PARK, COUNTY PARK, MUNICIPAL PARK OR OTHER SUCH AREA IN WHICH DREDGING IS PROHIBITED BY THE AGENCY IN CONTROL OF SUCH AREA. PERMITTEE SHALL CONTACT THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE FOR APPROVAL IF DREDGING IS TO BE DONE ON FOREST SERVICE LANDS.

Signed: *Robert W. Jensen*

Title: Regional Manager

So it was somewhat startling and disturbing to local residents to see scores of miners operating small floating dredges in the North Yuba River which runs through downtown Downieville.

It seemed like they had a real, old-fashioned gold rush on their hands.

They still might, but for the moment only 11 miners are at work on the newly found riches, while the others have returned to their old, less-lucrative claims.

They returned to work today after being barred from the riverbed by Sheriff's officers who feared the crowd would get out of control.

"It's either let the original 11 dredges in there and everybody else stay out, or we'll have to divide the diggin's up like they did in the old days--give every man five square feet and let'em have at it!" shouted one miner at a meeting in the courthouse here Monday.

Maybe 100 miners and other interested parties attended the meeting, trying to work out some agreement that would allow the mining to resume, without creating out-of-control crowds.

Acting Sheriff Albert Johnson had resurrected an old ordinance that requires miners to have a permit from the sheriff before they can disturb a stream bed.

He used the ordinance to close down the diggings in the face of swelling crowds, and with miners threatening to return to work today with or without permits, he agreed to issue permits for the 11 dredges that were in the water when the operation was shut down.

The dredges are small gasoline-powered units that float on inner-tubes, sucking gravel from the stream

bottom and washing it over riffles to trap the heavier gold.

Unlike gold rushes of the 49er days, there is more involved in the present discovery than a simple finding of a nugget.

The present saga began about 10 years ago when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers did flood control work in the channel of the North Yuba River just downstream from its confluence with the Downie river and right under the bridge between the Sierra County courthouse and the rest of Downieville.

Stream flows were high even in the summers after that, so no one could even "snipe" in the newly moved gravel. (Sniping involves probing crevices by hand in search of gold in a stream bed)

Besides, there was an ordinance on the books that forbade running dredges within the Downieville town site.

But with two dry winters, flows in the river this year are much smaller than usual, and last week a swimmer uncovered a large nugget on the riverbed.

"We went down and started sniping and we found a pocket so rich we went right back and got a dredge," said Ed Brauneisen, one of the miners who followed up on the swimmer's find.

"Well, by the end of the day, the word was out and it seemed like everybody in town turned up the next morning," he added.

Barney Green, president of the Sierra County Mining Council said last Friday: "It looked like pictures from the old days--people lined up on both banks. I let a couple of tourists borrow a shovel and pan and have a go at it. It was getting crazy.

"Finally, at 4 o'clock, the sheriff came in and shut everything down."

Explained Sheriff Johnson, "I had to; it was getting completely out of hand.

"We turned away 14 pieces of heavy equipment Saturday. They were coming here from everywhere."

Even Johnson's 14-year-old son, Charlie, was one of the early ones in the act. Using only a tiny dredge capable of moving nothing larger than a large pebble, he managed to take out 3 1/2 oz. in two days, working alone.

The price of gold hovered at about \$146 an ounce this week on the New York Market. It has fluctuated between \$100 and \$200 over the past five years.

"Some of those guys are having \$1,000 days," said Green as he stood on the riverbank near where his dredge was floating in midstream.

"We haven't gotten a nickel here yet, but an old timer told me the Tin Cup seam crosses right through where we're working," he said.

(The Tin Cup diggings were said to be so rich each miner left work each day after he had filled a tin cup with gold).

"We're either going to get nothing here, or we're really going to hit it big.

"It's just a shame there has to be all this fuss. Just give us three weeks and there won't be enough gold in this stretch of river to even worry about."

He added, matter-of-factly, "We're going to get it all."

MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACCESS STAMP ELUDES THE EDITOR

No less than three SRS members--Charles Hermann, C.R. Pendl and Dr. William Halliday--drew attention to the 1977 \$1 Michigan Public Access Stamp. The editor, getting these notes almost simultaneously, carefully put them aside right where he knew where to put his hands on them. Right! Wrong.

Fortunately, Secretary Harold Effner knew the material has been sent to the Editor and asked where it was. It was where it wasn't supposed to be. So belatedly, here's the data on this F & G item.

The Public Access Stamp is required of all hunters seeking game in Zone 3(southern Michigan). The purpose of the stamp is to lease land for hunting use, thus opening up previously restricted areas for the sport.

The stamp is required to be affixed to the reverse side of hunting

licenses and signed across the face by the user. Senior citizens, residents of the farm or land in use and military servicemen on furlough are specifically exempted for purchasing one.

About September 1 hunters may secure lists of lands leased for use from the Department of Natural Resources.

The stamp appears in green on white paper with blue serial numbers.



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WANTED

Alaska Game Stamps and Permits,

Harry L. Borkowski
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1935 Chene
Detroit, MI 48207

WANTED--State Ducks, Resident or non-resident. Mint or used. Especially desire early South Dakota or recent North Dakota. Also Federal Duck plate number singles.

Wallace Mitchell
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Watertown, MA 02172

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Institute,
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NEW MEXICO TROUT

ERROR IN SEPTEMBER ISSUE

During preparation of the Sept-
ember number, the informational
material that is usually found
just below the headline on the
front cover of the issue was
accidentally dropped during the
printing process. If you noted
the front page looked a little
"bare" you are right.

The mistake was discovered too
late to do anything but re-run
the entire page. This was not
done in the interest of trying
to get our printing schedule
back where it belongs and pro-
longing production of this num-
ber would have affected the forth-
coming schedule.

For those of you who wish to
know the precise data to mark your
copy for future accuracy what
should have appeared is this:
Volume 18, No. 5; September,
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Guy Rossi has sent along a
copy of the 1977-1978 New Mexico
Trout Stamp. Careful examination
will show that the original \$3.00
fee has been marked out and a \$4.00
figure surcharged onto the face.

This change was caused by a
rise in the price of the stamp
on June 1, 1977. The vending
cost also rose from 20¢ to 25¢
per stamp.

Rossi notes that the stamps are
printed in sheets of 10 (5 x 2) with
a large margin at the bottom and
a thin edge at the left and right.

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The STATE REVENUE NEWSLETTER is published bimonthly as the official organ of the State Revenue Society. Information on membership may be obtained by writing the Membership Chairman as listed below.

Articles, information on new issues and news of interest to the Society's members are solicited. Send such items or other editorial correspondence to the Editor.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Members:

#562 Bylen, Peter
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Chicago, IL 60641

2, 3; all revenues by all
states. Proposed by Charles
Hermann.

#563 Bachorik, Edward
8 Woodland Road
Highland Mills, NY 10930

New to field. Proposed by
Charles Hermann

#564 Uss, Stanley F.
60 Homecrest Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10703

City, State, Federal Motor
Vehicle, Drivers Licenses,

Registration(all types), In-
spection stamps and license
plates. Proposed by Ed
Miles.

#565 Rivinus, Edward F.
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Selected bird and animal
stamps. Proposed by Kenneth
Pruess.

Address Changes:

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Hines, Terry M (#137)-Effective 1-
15-1979
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Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Previous Membership Total	197
New Members	4
Reinstatements	2
Resigned	0
Deceased	0

Current Membership Total 203

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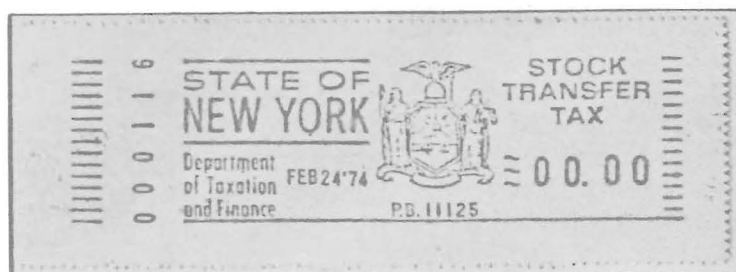
With the rush of the Christmas
holidays out of the way, how about
sending in that short squib of in-
formation you've been intending to
mail to the Editor?

Our supply of material is low at
the moment. Give us a hand!

NEW YORK STOCK TRANSFER METERS

This 1966 example is the first stock transfer meter which I have seen that has actually been used. It is in red ink on yellow safety paper. I also have in my collection a "proof" impression (00.00 value) of P.B. meter No. 11125 in black on white gummed tape with pink "Pitney Bowes" underprint which is dated February 24, 1974

--E.C. Kettenbrink, Jr.



ARIZONA HONEY SEAL

This imperforate stamp is Hubbard H02. Size of design is 30 x 30 mm. (not 30 x 300 mm. as reported) and it is printed in black on poor quality white paper.

--E.C. Kettenbrink, Jr.

RENEW YOUR SRS MEMBERSHIP NOW!!

OTHER PLACES DO IT TOO!

Lest we all think that the various political entities of the U.S. are the only ones who indulge themselves in issuing assorted types of revenue stamps, member Harry L. Borkowski recently informed us he recently acquired some stamps from Victoria, Australia for the years 1973-1977. Included were such values as \$10 Rusa Deer, \$10 Tallow Deer, \$10 Sambar Deer, \$10 Hog Deer, \$2 Stubble Quail, \$2 Painted Quail, \$3 Grey Teal, \$3 Mountain Duck and \$3 Blue Winged Shoveller.

Obviously, we don't have a corner on the hunting stamp market. Undoubtedly other members may have revenues issued in foreign countries and short notes on them will be welcome for these Pages. The Editor would especially like those that are "off-beat" taxes or exemplify some characteristic of the issuing government. Please note that there is not sufficient space to illustrate any foreign examples, nor to print lengthy articles about such. Keep it short and to the point.

NOTES ON WISCONSIN WATERFOWL STAMP

SRS member Bill Smiley recently sent the Editor a copy of the 1978 Migratory Bird & Waterfowl Regulations as printed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. In addition to outlining the regulations for hunting within the state the booklet also included a short article on the purposes and uses of the waterfowl stamp and the monies it brings to the treasury. That short item appears below.



As a Wisconsin waterfowl hunter, you should be concerned that across the state there are 250,000 acres established for waterfowl production which are not currently being managed for that purpose. That's a quarter of a million acres of prime Wisconsin wetlands and uplands spread throughout most counties which could be used to propagate more birds--but aren't. Why? There's simply not enough money available in the state budget to develop and maintain these lands in a condition best suited to waterfowl production.

Every hunter knows how important wetlands are to duck habitat. But just as vital are the surrounding uplands needed by nesting puddle ducks. Not just any uplands will do. Only uplands with nearby wetlands for brood water can accommodate duck nesting. Without brood water, there will be no ducks! Uplands must also furnish dense protective ground cover in which ducks can build their nests and hatch their young.

Part of the need for waterfowl breeding grounds is met by the money you pay for your federal Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp, or more familiarly tagged, "the duck stamp." Revenue from the sale of these stamps is put to use by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to buy lands to provide more ducks.

Federal duck stamp dollars are spent here in Wisconsin. During the last five years, these funds have been used to buy thousands of acres of wetland and upland "Waterfowl Production Areas." Sportsmen throughout the nation have paid the nearly \$4 million for these Wisconsin lands through their purchase of federal duck stamps.

Unfortunately, the law bars the use of federal stamp funds for management and upkeep of these needed wetland and upland areas. To complement federal stamp funds, the Wisconsin Legislature has initiated a State Waterfowl Stamp. Unlike the federal program, funds raised through the State Waterfowl Stamp will be put to work refurbishing and maintaining waterfowl habitat in Wisconsin and on neighboring Canadian breeding grounds. Major work activities will include water impoundment development, nesting cover establishment and territorial pond site construction to increase breeding waterfowl densities. Thus, Wisconsin sportsmen will reap direct benefits through the purchase of a State of Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp. . . .

Approximately one-third of the funds raised by state duck stamp sales will go toward developing Canadian Waterfowl habitat. Waterfowl produced in Canada are vital to the waterfowl resource of the United States, as well as Wisconsin. Nearly 70% of North America's waterfowl originate in Canada. Each year Wisconsin harvests around 600,000 ducks, 50,000 geese and 150,000 coots. Virtually all Wisconsin geese and coots, and 60% to 70% of our ducks come from Canada.

In light of these facts, a State Waterfowl Stamp Program would be short-sighted if it did not provide for the vital breeding habitat of Canada

The DNR is encouraged that the State Waterfowl Stamp will be one way of improving and insuring Wisconsin waterfowl hunting in the years to come.

NEW MEXICO EGG INSPECTION STAMPS

Member Guy Rossi notes that the New Mexico Department of Agriculture discontinued use of egg inspection stamps "four or five years ago" and burned all copies they had in their possession. He discovered, however, that about a half a roll of the blue and black Medium AA stamps had turned up in the office and he was able to procure 5 of these. Even after insisting he had no intention of putting any on egg cartons, his request for the remainder was declined except for the 5.

12¢ MISSISSIPPI TOBACCO

The 12¢ Mississippi tobacco, a part of that seemingly endless series, has recently been reissued in an orange-red color. This denomination was originally in brown and later appeared in purple. Until this latest printing the 12¢ had not been seen in some years.

-- Charles Hermann





MASSECHUSETTS QUESTION

Pictured here is a beer label bearing the inscription "60 Cents Massachusetts". Charles Hermann, who submitted the item wants to know what it is and how it was used. As far as he knows, Massechusetts had no beer stamps.

Can anyone shed any light on this question?

NEW T.A.B.C. CONTROL STAMP

Members Guy Rossi and Ed Kettenbrink both report the sighting of a new Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission Control Stamp. This stamp is required on all bottles in bars and restaurants where liquor is sold by the glass. The bartender is supposed to destroy the stamp as he opens the bottle. The control numbers are in purple, the printing in red and the map outline, as well as the background of small dots, is in light blue. Ed notes that the first one he saw was in Decdmber, 1977.



RICHARD M. BILEK
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