

SEAN MANN

Easton, Maryland

Professional Guide World Goose Calling Champion World Goose Calling Champion of Champions Mason-Dixon Duck Calling Champion Eastern US Open Duck Calling Champion World Championship Duck and Goose Call Maker

Sean Mann is a native of Easton, Maryland. His father took him on his first goose hunt when he was 5 years old. Sean got his first flying goose that year, with a .410.

He grew up near the Walsh family. Joe Walsh and Sean were classmates until 10th grade. Joe's Dad Dr. Harry M. Walsh wrote "The Outlaw Gunner" and founded the Waterfowl Festival in Easton, Maryland. Sean and Joe Walsh spent a great deal of time under Doc's wing and learned the importance of proper stewardship and conservation of the resources of Chesapeake Bay.

He began working for a guide service as a "Go-Fer" when he was 13 and started guiding goose hunters on Maryland's Eastern Shore when he was 15.



Sean entered his first World Goose Calling Championship contest in 1981 on a dare. He placed fourth in 1981 and fourth, again, the next year. However, in 1983, Sean finished third. Dissatisfied with "store-bought" goose calls, Sean began designing a call of his own which began the "long call revolution". Sean took his prototype goose call to the World Goose Calling Championship in 1984. Although Sean and his goose call did not place in the top six contestants that year, he took many orders for calls from his fellow callers and professional guides. "The Eastern Shoreman" goose call was born.

He found another contest as soon as possible, and in March of 1985 won the Mid Atlantic Goose Calling Championship in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Sean won the World Goose Calling Championship in 1985. He repeated his championship performances in 1986 in both the Mid Atlantic Goose Calling Championship and the World Goose Calling Championship using "The Eastern Shoreman", the long goose call he developed.

These accomplishments paved the way for many of today's goose call makers.



In 1997 Sean Mann's Outdoor Adventures opened a waterfowl guide service in Alberta Canada, which Sean operated through 2012. That experience necessitated the development of Sean's Shorty Reed Canada Goose Calls, for various Canada Goose Sub-species and Sean's White Out Snow Goose Call and White Front Specklebelly Goose Call. All of these calls have added titles to Sean's World Championship Call Making credentials.

Since 1985, Sean's Canada Goose, Snow Goose, Specklebelly Goose, and Duck Calls have won over 40 World and International Titles, with over 150 State, Regional and Local Titles. They were the first to win the World Goose Calling Champion of Champions Title also the first to win the International Goose Calling Champion of Champions Title. Sean's calls have been used by more winners of the World Game Calling Challenge than any other calls.

In 1994 Sean won the Mason-Dixon Regional Duck Calling Championship with his own duck call. Sean repeated his victory in the Mason-Dixon Regional Duck Calling Championship in 1995.

In 1995 Sean was the first-ever winner of the prestigious "World Goose Calling Champion of Champions" competition held at the Waterfowl Festival in Easton, Maryland. As the victor of this competition, Sean was automatically and officially retired from World Goose Calling competition.

In 1997 Sean won the Mason-Dixon Regional Duck Calling Championship for a third time, officially retiring him from that competition as well. In fifteen years, Sean was a finalist in 12 World Goose Calling Championships and 9 Mason-Dixon Duck Calling Championships, an unprecedented record.

For the year 2021 Sean was the first Caller or Call Maker to ever be inducted into the Waterfowl Festival Hall of Fame.

Prior to taking on the Chairman's role, Sean was the first and only person to ever be officially retired from all adult division calling contests at the Waterfowl Festival.

Even being retired he continues to help with the World Championship Calling Contests, and Youth Calling Clinics.

To keep the Sport of Competition Calling going strong in the East, Sean founded and ran:

- The Maryland State Duck and Goose Calling Championships
- The Chesapeake Bay Open Duck and Goose Calling Championships
- Upper Chesapeake Bay Goose and Duck Calling Championships
- The Susquehanna Flats Classic Goose and Duck Calling Championships
- The Old Time Barnegat Bay Two-Man Team Waterfowling Competitions,
- The World Live Duck Calling Championship
- The World Live Goose Calling Championship.

He served on the Waterfowl Festival Board of Directors for 3 terms and served for many years as Chairman and Master of Ceremonies of the World Goose Calling Championship, The World Live Duck Calling Championship, The Mason-Dixon Duck Calling Championship, and the World Live Goose Calling Championship.