

6931 Ducks Raced on the Incoming Tide for the 2016 Allens Pond Duck Derby, and "Leah" Took First Place!

SOUTH DARTMOUTH, MA— 2016 was indeed a "Lucky 13th" year for the Allens Pond Duck Derby — with a record number of ducks — 6931 — racing on the incoming tide at Barney's Joy. Lee Tripp adopted Leah along with 17 other ducks and boy, did her little racer do well! Now, Lee has *quite* the decision to make...actually, a couple decisions to make. 1. What her dream vacation destination will be and 2. Who she'll be travelling with! Her duck, 'Leah' won the 2016 Allens Pond Duck Derby — and from all accounts, that duck was determined and pulled ahead of the pack to claim her victory.

Let's take a few steps back from the grand prize winner and start on Saturday, August 13th, when 6931 rubber ducks entered the water and raced through the channel at Barney's Joy to win the grand prize of dinner for two, anywhere in the world with round-trip airfare and 2 nights' lodging, and 45 other fantastic prizes. It was hot and humid; with loads of enthusiastic race volunteers, viewers and staff present for the big event.

Sunday's festival was phenomenal, with loads of activities and educational exhibits from Allens Pond and partner organizations, a delicious \$5 BBQ with amazing homemade desserts, and live music. A successful silent auction and live plant auction, with plants generously donated and auctioned off by Fred Dabney of Quansett Nursery topped it all off. All in all, the event was a major success and showed great support for the Sanctuary and its conservation efforts, educational programming and environmental advocacy.

Endless thanks go out to all of the volunteers who supported the event. Their hard work and dedication made the entire weekend an amazing event.

Thanks to all of the prize donors - 43 in all; with special thanks to the grand prize sponsors - Sylvan Nursery, The Bayside Restaurant, Nye Synthetic Lubricants and Oppenheimer, as well as Buckley and Moniz, Village Travel and Austin Limousine Service. The Ducky Dash 5k, previously run on August 7th was also a success. Festival sponsors were Watchman Waterproofing, Fiber Optic Center, Inc. and Whaling City Sound of New Bedford. Tents generously donated by Sperry Tents and food for the event by Coastal Roasters, Eva's Garden and the Bayside Restaurant. It is with this combined support that makes it possible for all duck adoption funds to go directly to Allens Pond.

Here is the official list of winners for the 2016 Allens Pond Duck Derby in descending order from Slacker Quacker (last duck in) to the grand prize winner – if you have won a prize, please call the field station at (508) 636-2437 or email us at duckderby@massaudubon.org:

Prize #	Prize	value	Duck Name	Winner Name	town & Zip
****	Slacker Quacker One free duck entry for 2017 Duck Derb	10		Jen Wimmer	Hyde Park, MA 02136
****	Stealth Duck "Box of 13 Quackers" for 2017 Duck Derby	100	Valentina	Valerie Murolo	Mattapois ett, MA 02739
44	Westport Apothecary Gift Certificate	50	Lucia	Kathy Aisenberg	Dartmouth, MA 02748
43	Village Merchant Gift Certificate	50	Calliope	Gabrielle Cyr	Linden, NJ 07036
42	Sail Loft Gift Certificate	50	Martha	Tess Raymond	Dedham, MA 02021
41	Peckham's Greenhouse Gift Certificate	50	Duck 7	Jordan Hitch	Wellesley, MA 02481
40	Partners Village Store Merchandise & Gift Certificate	50	Squeaky	Zachary McLane	Swansea, MA 02777
39	Norton Gallery Gift Certificate	50	Emily	Brad Lauderdale	Neenah, WI 54956
38	DNRT Family Membership	50	Tabors2	Richard Tabors	Cambridge, MA 02138
37	Head Town Landing Store Gift Certificate	50	Pastie	Cecelia Barratt	Rochester, MA 02770-2200
36	Folia Gift Certificate	50	Mitty11	Mitty Shaughnessy	No. Dartmouth, MA 02747
35	A.S. Deams Gift Certificate	50	Halbercobb13	Amanda Cobb	Onset, MA 02558-0872
34	Dartmouth Building Supply Gift Certificate	50	Sponsor	Fiber Optic/Whaling City	New Bedford
33	Dartmoor Gifts	50	Freebie 1	Susan Charette	Fall River, MA 02720
32	The Comfort of Touch Gift Certificate	60	Andy	Rose Trahan	Acushnet, MA 02743
31	New Bedford Whaling Museum Four Admission Passes		Frank	Elena Sands	Dartmouth, MA 02748
30	Sisters of Solace Holistic Healing Gift Certificate	65	Duck 10	Christine Lojko	Woburn, MA 01801
29	New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! Membership		Becky	Angie Roy	Westport, MA 02790
28	Flora Gift Certificate		Maggins	Maggie Boyce	Dartmouth, MA 02748
27	Compton Clambakes & Catering Lobster Rolls for 6		Grayson Thomas	Kelly Enix	Santa Cruz, CA 95062
26	Cape Cod Cupola Gift Certificate		Dixie	June Doliber	Cambridge, MA 02138
25	The Back Eddy Gift Certificate		Felicia	Peter Donnelly	Portland, ME 04101
24	WRWA Membership, Tote Bag & Book		Lady Di	Linda Lopes	New Bedford, MA 02740
23	Carabiner's Personal Belay for Four		Hey	Mark Lavallee	New Bedford, MA 02745
22	Wind Drift Studio Sharon's Murals & Faux Finishes		cheese & quackers	Arthur Gittleman	Brighton, MA 02135
21	Westport Concerts on the Point Four Tickets		dasher	Molly Keenan	Cambridge, MA 02140
20	Beehive Salon Cut & Color with Caite		Joan	Peter Kastner	Savannah, GA 31411
19	Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures Gift Certificate		Freebie1	Betty Slade	Westport Point, MA 02791
18	Mass Audubon Family Membership & Gifts		Clarabelle	Kenneth & Kate Walker	Brooklyn, NY 11215
17	Little Moss Gift Certificate		Kelsey	Marie McRae	Dartmouth, MA 02748
16	16. Country Woolens Gift Certificate		noname	Liz Martin	Dartmouth, MA 02748
15	Ace Hardware Gift Certificate	100	Jen	Jennifer Methot	Fairfax, VA, 22031
14	Westport Art Group Membership & 6 Classes	125	Lindsey	Leslie Tripp	Gaithersburg, MD 20878
13	Salt Marsh Pottery Gift Certificate	125		Mark Lavallee	New Bedford, MA 02745
12	Tripp's Boatyard & Marina Three Life Jackets	135	Huntertoo	Gigi Priebe	New Canaan, CT 06840
11	Allendale Country Club Golf Twosome with Cart		Petey	MaryBeth Noonan	West Roxbury, MA 02132
10	Allendale Country Club Golf Twosome with Cart	140	Freebie	Eleanor Lash	Dartmouth, MA 02748
' 9	Yoga On Union 10 Yoga Classes at Stone Barn in 2016	150	lan	Tom Mello	New Bedford, MA 02745
8	Carol Veiga Original Artwork	150	Rosie	Eleanor Lash	Dartmouth, MA 02748
7	Lloyd Center Family Membership & Kayak Tour for 2	150	Liz	Jason Buck/ Liz Micale	Norton, MA
6	Residence Inn One Night Studio Stay & Breakfast		Duckhut II	Peter Ouellette	Dartmouth, MA 02748
5	Paquachuck Inn One Night Stay		Billybee	Barbara Reideler	Dartmouth, MA 02748
4	Sylvan Nursery Gift Certificate		Doug 1	Doug Hlousek	Fall River, MA 02720
3	Lees Wine and Spirits Gift Certificate		Louie	Andrea Raymond-Macha	
2	Dartmouth YMCA Two Youth Memberships		Duck #13	Robert Powel	Dartmouth, MA 02748
1	Grand Prize: Dinner for Two with airfare & hotel	price	Leah	Lee Tripp	Westport, MA 02790