
THREE MEN FINED \$3,000 FOR HUNTING DUCKS USING BAIT

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Three Minden men have been fined a total of \$3,000 for hunting ducks in a baited area.

David Byrnes, 26, Ronald Stevens, 24, and Chad Pentney, 24, pleaded guilty to hunting waterfowl in a baited area. They were each fined \$1,000 and had their licences to hunt migratory game birds suspended for one year.

The court heard that on the morning of September 20, 2008, Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers heard shooting and investigated an area near a pond north of Little Gull Lake in Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park in Lutterworth Township.

After officers checked the three men at their vehicles, the officers examined the pond and found kernels and particles of corn in the area of the duck blind the hunters had used.

Justice of the Peace Diane Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on January 15, 2009.

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