The Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife’s Hunting Photo Contest aims to showcase hunting activities throughout Delaware. The statewide photography competition has just completed its twelfth year. The theme for the 2023/2024 contest was “Adventures in Hunting.”

Entries were judged by Fish and Wildlife’s Wildlife Section Administrator Rob Hossler, along with Wildlife’s Deer Biologist Sam Millman, and Hunter Education Coordinator Robert Brennan. Below are the top five. The first-place photograph is also featured on the cover. The 2024/2025 contest for next year’s guide will open on September 1, 2023, and entries are due by January 31, 2024. Visit http://de.gov/fwphotos for details.

1st Place
“Icy Morning…Memories in the Making”, taken by David Ross of Clayton featuring his son Huntley who were hunting in Little Creek, Delaware.

2nd Place
“First Deer of the Year”, captured by Victoria Herndon of Middletown to commemorate her first deer harvest of the season.

In addition, three honorable mentions were selected and are presented here:

“End of the Day…”, by Julie Humphreys of Frederica of Mark Humphreys and their son Wyatt.

“First Turkey”, taken by David Ross of Clayton, featuring his daughter Hailey and her first turkey harvest.

“Jacob’s 1st Drake Mallard”, by Jeremy M. Decento of Houston of his son Jacob and his first mallard harvest.

Congratulations to all the winners!