

{ Tried And Tested }

Banded Premium Waders

Well-seasoned waterfowlers of my ilk remember when waders were rubber from top to bottom, not warm and never comfortable. Times have changed, but nobody's made the radical advancements in waders like Banded Brands has. Banded put the insulation (PrimaLoft) in the wader legs and uppers, instead of just the boot. The boot itself contains a choice of 1,000 or 1,600 grams of Thinsulate protection. Welded seams throughout prevent leaks. These waders are waterproof yet breathable for max comfort. They are light in weight and work! Hunters can choose between Red Label or Black Label models, depending on uses, with a range of amenities such as fleece pockets, shell belt, leg and shin guards, side-zip adjustments and even an internal device pocket. Banded.com; 888-992-6299. *J.S.*



* BANDED BLACK-LABEL WADER

Go-Devil Quality

The sign that a great brand has arrived happens when consumers call most everything like it by the original brand's name (think Band-Aid). Until recent years, when consumers got a bit more exposed to them, most anything that was a mud motor was referred to as a "go-devil." That's because Go-Devil was such a strong pioneer in mud boats and mud motor innovation. And Go-Devil's superior products continue to win over duck hunters today. I personally ran a Go-Devil rig on many a hunt and was mightily impressed. Its hulls, stamped out of thick plate, skate over obstacles, and may be the toughest in the industry. The company's mud motors continue to evolve the belt-drive system using the latest in new EFI power heads. And its boat blind concepts are second to none. Godevil.com; 888-490-3254. *J.S.*



* GO-DEVIL FLOATING DUCK BLIND

Kent Keeps Innovating

Years ago I picked up several boxes of Tungsten Matrix by Kent Gamebore and was shocked by its high performance on mallards. The stuff seemed to have the knockdown power of lead. Not long after, I went to Montana to hunt honkers with friends using Kent Fasteel, and I mark that hunt as the first time I truly became a convert of well-loaded steel ammo. For years I'd avoided steel, preferring Ely's bismuth along with other branded tungsten products to counter what I considered subpar steel shotshells. The problem was, I happened to be stuck in the past. Times had certainly changed, and reasonably priced, quality loads like Fasteel had turned the tide. This year, Kent delivered on its promised revolutionary bismuth with a new proprietary pellet it has developed. No doubt many of us will be shooting it regularly! Kentgamebore; 888-311-5368. *J.S.*



* KENT BISMUTH