

# N.M.T.A. Newsletter

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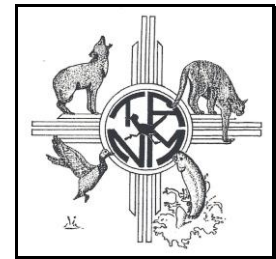
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## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

2014 NMTA ANNUAL CONVENTION  
MAY 15 – 18, 2014  
LAS CRUCES, NM



## President's Message

Hello everybody, I hope this message finds you all well and that everybody is getting their mounts ready for competition! We are all so excited about this year's show, we have a beautiful and spacious venue this year and we have some great things planned for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New Mexico Taxidermy Association! We will be raffling off a Ruger .243 at the show this year and all of the attendees will get a raffle ticket for every mount that they bring to enter into the competition, so bring whatever you can, we would love to have a packed showroom this year! We have two great judges

coming this year, so I am sure that there will be many opportunities to learn something new. As always we will be having a live auction at the banquet and that auction brings in a lot of the revenue for the NMTA so please remember to bring in your donations-every little bit helps! We also want to remind you that you can save on all of those shipping charges and pre-order from the vendors coming to the show, so be sure to check them out and see what they have to offer! We are also going to be having the live-mounting seminar again this year, and the challenge for the year is antelope. We had a great

time last year and it would be great to have a whole bunch of taxidermists competing in this challenge and all learning from each other-so come give it a shot! If you are new to the taxidermy world- or are just wondering if you could improve your technique- what a better way to learn than to mount an animal in a room full of other taxidermists- I know I learned a thing or two! You can check out the rules and information about this challenge on the website. It promises to be an excellent time we hope to see everybody there and tell all your friends!

**Josh Jensen - NMTA President**

## 2014 NMTA Convention Highlights...

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### 2014 Judges:

**Jeff Mourning -**  
Birds, Fish, & Reptiles

**Troy Rose -**  
Gameheads & Lifesize

### 2014 Challenges:

Live Seminar Challenge –  
Pronghorn

Taxidermist Challenge –  
Elk

Best Pronghorn Challenge

### 2014 Seminars:

**Jack Emory –**  
Whitetail Seminar

**Ralph Ramos -**  
Turkey Calling Seminar

**Jeff Mourning –**  
Fish & Birds Seminar

**Troy Rose –** Tricks of  
the Trade Seminar

**Josh Jensen –**  
Kids Seminar

### 2014 Suppliers:

**TRUFITT**

**JETZ Taxidermy  
Supply**

**T-Basix**

**Sew What?  
Embroidery**

**WILDLIFE GALLERY**



GO TO OUR WEBSITE:

[www.nmtaxidermy.org](http://www.nmtaxidermy.org)

For all 2014 NMTA

Convention Information

- Registration Form
- Raffle Info
- Competition Rules
- Schedule
- Judges Bio's

## 2015 NMTA Convention Location Bids

Where in New Mexico should we go next? That will be the question being asked and voted on at this year's members meeting at the end of the 2014 Convention. If you have a Great idea for a convention location, we invite you to gather information and bids from the ideal facility, and bring it to the NMTA members meeting to be held on Sunday, May 18,

in Las Cruces, NM. These are some of the needs of our Association and things to keep in mind when asking for a bid.

Space & Rates Needed for the following:

Room for Competition Area with ability to be closed while judging

4-5 Seminar Rooms

Supplier's Room

Social Hour Menu & Rates

Banquet Menu & Rates

Guest Hotel Room Rates

For more information regarding specific needs of the NMTA Convention space please contact the NMTA President, Josh Jensen or Vice President, Robert Major.

## 2014 RAFFLE'S & FUNDRAISERS

### **NMTA Annual Raffle**

\$10 ea. - Only 700 Available - Drawing date 5/18/14 - Don't forget to Buy and Sell your 2014 Raffle Tickets. Tickets are available through current NMTA Members or contact Nathan Boylan at 505-901-9505.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** – Oryx Trophy hunt on private land

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** – Aoudad Ram Management Hunt on Private Land

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** - Complete Cooking Disco System

### **BANQUET RAFFLES**

**50/50 Raffle** - Buy tickets at the banquet - \$1 each Winner gets ½ & the NMTA gets ½ of the funds raised.

**GUN RAFFLE** – Buy Tickets at the banquet for a Savage .22-250

### **ENTRY RAFFLE**

Every 2014 Competition Entry will receive 1 ticket for the raffle as follows:

**Adults:** Ruger .243

**Youth (14 & under):** Daisy Powerline 880 BB/Pellet Rifle.

### **AUCTION- Please Consider Bringing Donations!**

Any and All donations are appreciated for the Saturday night NMTA fundraising auction and silent auction. Here are some Ideas of items to donate:

- Spare Forms
- Tools
- Supplies
- Reference Books
- Wildlife Arts/Crafts
- Items for Kids & Ladies are also much appreciated for the silent action

## 2014 Major and Special Awards

2014 Taxidermist Challenge – **ELK**

Best Antelope  
Best of Category  
Best All-Around  
Judge's Choice  
People's Choice  
Taxidermist Choice  
Polystranspar Award

Jonas Best African  
Van Dykes Award  
President's Award  
McKenzie Best Lifesize  
McKenzie Best Fish  
McKenzie Best Bird  
McKenzie Best Whitetail  
Orginal Art  
Roy Cogburn Award  
WASCO Award

Best Youth  
Best Amateur  
Best of Category:  
(Professional & Masters)  
Reproduction  
Reptile  
Fish  
Bird  
Gamehead  
Small Lifesize  
Larae Lifesize

## 2014 Live Competition – Pronghorn Gamehead Seminar

NMTA Members are Invited to participate in  
a the Live Competition / Seminar

This year's competition is  
"Pronghorn Gamehead"

### RULES:

- Seminar Purpose - To provide a hands on Seminar that is fun and entertaining
- Entry Fee: \$20 (All Entry Fees placed into the pot for the winner)
- Eligibility: 2014 NMTA Registered Members Only
- Timed Event: 4 Hours (30 min Re-check will be allowed the next day before judging)
- 2014 Gamehead: Pronghorn (Buck or Doe)
- Pre-Seminar Prep: Hide prepped including ear cartilage removed, Form roughed to prevent messy foam prep at seminar, Horns Set
- Tools: Bring your own box of tools (Air Compressors optional, will have 1 available)
- Judges Criteria: Best Visual Commercial Pronghorn Mount
- Competition Winner takes all Entry Fees
- Winner will choose next years Live Gamehead Seminar Specimen
- Friday Night 5pm to 9pm during Social Hour
- Last Year's Seminar was a BLAST, So Come Join in on the FUN!!!

Hotel Encanto de  
Las Cruces



### Hotel Amenities

- Luxury Spanish Decor
- Free WiFi
- Cable/Satellite TV
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- In Room Coffee Maker
- Fitness Center
- Outdoor Pool
- Valet Service
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Salon & Day Spa
- Pets Welcome -\$25/dy



## 2014 NMTA Convention

May 15-18, 2014  
at  
Hotel Encanto de  
Las Cruces

### Host Hotel

Hotel Encanto de Las  
Cruces

705 South Telshor Blvd,  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

**1-866-383-0443**

[www.HotelEncanto.com](http://www.HotelEncanto.com)

Book by May 1<sup>st</sup> and be  
sure to mention the  
NMTA group rate of  
\$90/night + tax  
Single/Double

### **Shuttle Service:**

Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces offers complimentary shuttle transportation to Las Cruces attractions from 7am to 8pm daily. Guests can schedule shuttle transportation at the Front Desk.

### **Dining:**

Savor the distinct flavors of Southwest cuisine at delicious Las Cruces restaurants. Many delicious Las Cruces restaurants are located within walking distance of Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, or dine at the hotel restaurant Gardunos of Mexico. Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces is also home to the popular Azul nightclub and lounge, the only upscale bar and lounge in Las Cruces featuring a brand new luxury outdoor patio garden.

### **Area Attractions:**

- \* Las Cruces Museum of Art, 5 mi.
- \* Historical Old Mesilla Plaza, 5 mi.
- \* White Sands Missile Range, 60 mi
- \* Dripping Springs Natural Area, 10 mi.
- \* New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage, 3 mi.
- \* Stahmen Pecan Farm and Gift Store, 12 mi.
- \* Fort Selden Stage Monument, 12 mi.
- \* Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, 3 mi.
- \* Next to Mesilla Valley Mall

## 2014 NMTA Convention Schedule of Events

(Subject to Change without Notice)

### Thursday, May 15, 2014

- 10:00 am to 12:00 noon Set-up Display Boards and Tables-Any and all help is appreciated!!
- 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Supply room and Vendor set-up
- 12:00pm to 6:00pm Registration and set-up of mounts
- 6:00pm to 9:00 pm Social BBQ @ Major Taxidermy- Everyone is Invited! Come Visit and Get to know everybody!

### Friday, May 16, 2014

- 8:00 am – 10:00 am - Registration, final setup of mounts, photos  
(NO mounts will be accepted after 10:00 am)
- 10:00 am - **Judging Begins**
- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm - Supply Room Open
- 10:00 pm – 12:00 pm - Seminar: Jack Emory Whitetail – Jack won World Champion Whitetail
- 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm - Seminar: Turkey Calling by Ralph Ramos
- 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm - **Live** Competition / Pronghorn Seminar & Social Hour

### Saturday, May 17, 2014

- 8:00 am – 4:00 pm - Show Room Open to the Public
- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm - Supply Room Open
- 9:30 am – 12:00 pm - Seminar: Jeff Mourning – Fish and Birds
- 9:30 pm – 11:00 pm - Kids Seminar: Josh Jensen – Guaranteed to Creative, Exciting and Fun!!!!
- 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm - Seminar: Troy Rose – Tricks of the Trade
- 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm - Family Time – Go see Las Cruces
- 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm - Banquet, Live Auction and Awards Presentation  
Don't miss it and be sure to purchase your tickets at Registration,  
Also, Please bring donations for Live and Silent Auctions!!

### Sunday, May 18, 2014

- 8:00 am – 10:00 am - Show Room open to the public – Award photos
- 8:30 am – 10:00 am - NMTA Meeting: All members are invited to attend;  
Raffle Ticket winners will be announced
- 10:30 am - Breakdown and releasing of mounts (Help is appreciated)

WELCOME TO THE  
**2014 NMTA CONVENTION**  
AND HAVE A GREAT SHOW !

# 2014 NMTA Convention Registration Form

*Membership in the NMTA is Required To Register and attend.  
Use the form below for membership, registration or both.  
Spouses and children (under 18) included with a registration.  
(PLEASE DO NOT SEND PAYMENT – PAYMENT COLLECTED AT THE CONVENTION)*

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (If Attending): \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names (under 18, if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

**1. NMTA 1-YEAR MEMBERSHIP** (New or Renew) \$15.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE**  
(Includes Seminars, Door Prize Drawings & 1 Competition Entry) \$25.00 each..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**3. 1 DAY SEMINAR REGISTRATION FEE** (Not eligible to compete) \$15.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**4. COMPETITION ENTRY FEES** \_\_\_\_\_ Entries @ \$10.00 each..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Best All-Around Entry \$10.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Collective Artist Entry \$10.00 (Each Contributor Pays) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Entries 14 years and under w/registered guardian No Charge \_\_\_\_\_ entries

Live Competition/Seminar (Pronghorn Gamehead) \$20.00 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**5. NMTA AWARDS BANQUET**...Dinner, Auction, Major Awards Presentation, Door Prizes

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$22.00 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (12 and under) \$15.00 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**6. KID'S SEMINAR** \_\_\_\_\_ Children ..... \$ N/C

**7. MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHARLIE FLEMING EDUCATION FUND**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL** (DO NOT SEND PAYMENT – PAYMENT COLLECTED AT THE CONVENTION) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIES	CATEGORY	DIVISION
Example: Mule Deer	Example: Game Head	Example: Professional

Registration forms accepted at the convention - Submit questions to:  
NMTA Secretary \* Tara Jensen \* PO Box 1260 \* Ruidoso \* NM \* 88346 \* Phone: 575-378-1278  
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## About our Association

The Purposes of the NMTA is to:

- Promote the art of Taxidermy and related fields.
- Promote the high standards in the art of taxidermy and to strive to produce high quality work.
- To foster understanding in the general public about the field of taxidermy and other related outdoor sports industries.
- To assist members of the NMTA and the general public in their understanding of the Federal and State Game and Fish Laws.
- It will be the objective of the NMTA to assist in any way possible the conservation of all our natural resources for future generations.
- To engage in such civic, charitable, educational, and business activities that the NMTA shall deem appropriate.

## Become an NMTA Member - \$15/year

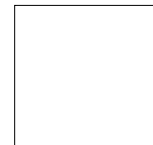
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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