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New England Association of Taxidermists Annual Convention and Competition 2016 Show schedule for June 3th, 4th & 5th @ The Double Tree by Hilton Windsor Locks, CT

President's Message

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone and their families are doing well. I've had some personal and work schedule changes that has limited my time for the association. Matt and Cathy have been very supportive and have stepped up and taken on more than their share of responsibility to keep things on track for the association and our upcoming show. All the board members have each been doing their part as well to make our association one of the best around. I am very grateful to have such an awesome group of hard working people to help me out...I can't Thank You enough!!

We have a new location for this year's show:

The Double Tree by Hilton
16 Ella T. Grasso Turnpike
Windsor Locks, CT 06096
1-860-627-5171

As far as the show, the seminars are all set, the judges are in place and the vendor room will be full. McKenzie Supply, Tohickon, Sivko Fur and a few others will be there. We will also be selling raffle tickets for a Cross Bow and a 'Butch Bragg' mounting stand

As always, I strongly suggest that you pre-register for the show, and I encourage you to register online thru our website. Pre-registrations help the BOD out significantly when planning the show and also can save you money as well. It is a huge help for us especially when we are planning for the banquet. As a reminder, when you pre-register you only have to do so for dues, show registration and banquet. You can register your mounts when you arrive at the show on Friday...you have until 5PM unless other arrangements have been made with me or another board member.

At this time, I'd like to encourage people to consider being nominated for a board position. There will be a several positions coming up this June and it's a great time for you to become involved in "YOUR" association.

Hope to see many of you there as we make our 2016 show a success!!,

President
Mike

Hi Everyone!

I hope you all had a good winter. It sure was mild, in fact, we never even hitched our plow to our tractor this year. Seriously, in Vermont?! I guess the ice fishermen and snowmobile riders may be annoyed, but I wasn't. This year's show is looking great. We have a super line-up of judges, a new hotel that did a wonderful job for our workshop, and some must-see seminars.

Our board members have been busy selling raffle tickets for the crossbow (be sure to get one!) and painting and repairing backboards and other equipment so they can bring you a super show. Pre-registering is helpful and important! So if you pre-register, either by mail or at our online store on the website, you will be entered into a drawing for a Cabela's gift card.

Thanks for all your support, and I can't wait to see all the great mounts and all of you in June!

Cathy Gearwar, V.P.

!!!!!!2016 PRESIDENT'S CUP!!!!!!



BASS!!!!

Convention Schedule

Friday, June 3rd:

- 8AM – 5PM** Registration and competition pieces received and checked in.
****NO MOUNTS RECEIVED AFTER 5PM FRIDAY****
- This Schedule may be subject to change.**
- 10:00AM – 1PM** Supply area open.
- 10:00AM - 11:30AM Seminar #1: Bob Noreau (Reynolds) Molding and casting.
- 12:30PM – 2:30PM** Seminar #2: Richard Christoforo – Sawdust Squirrel, don't miss this one.
- 3:00PM – 5:00PM** Seminar #3: Pete Lajoie – Mounting a whitetail, Part 1
- 5:00PM – 5:30PM** Competition Room opens for viewing and voting for McKenzie Taxidermists Award (4), People's Choice Award, Artisan and Old Timers Award.
- 6:00PM – 8PM** Seminar #4: Phil Helms (McKenzie Supply) Habitat rock.
- 6PM - ??** Judging begins – Competition Room will be closed.
- 8PM – 11PM** **NEATZA Party!** – Networking with fellow taxidermist
Have a snack, ask questions or just have a good time!!
Bring items to swap or sell.

Saturday, June 4th:

- 9AM – 3:30PM** Supply area open – Ongoing seminars.
- 9:00AM – 10:30AM** Seminar #5: Pete Lajoie – Mounting a whitetail Part 2, second day work.
- 10:30AM** Competition Room will open for viewing ribbons and critiques.
- 12:30PM – 2:00PM** Seminar #6: Frank Kotula – Mounting a cold water fish.
- 2:30PM – 4:30PM** Seminar #7: Greg Cuvelier – Mounting a Coyote Pedestal.
- 3:30PM – 5:00PM** Break down supply area and set up for Banquet and Awards Ceremony
(*** any and all members help during this time is greatly appreciated ***)
- 6PM – 6:30PM** Cocktail Hour with 'CASH' bar
- 6:30PM - ??** Dinner Banquet - Awards Ceremony - Auction.

Sunday, June 5th:

- 9:00 - ??** **Membership Meeting** - ****It is very important that everyone attend**** Voting for new officers, evaluate the show, new and old business, ideas and/or suggestions for next year including fundraising, suppliers, judges, etc...

This schedule is subject to change

Competition pieces may be removed AFTER the Membership meeting
****Please plan to stay and help break down the Competition Room****

CLASSES OF COMPETITION

- AMATEUR:** Anyone in business less than a year, or does not do any commercial work, or who has never won a first place ribbon in any taxidermy competition.
- PROFESSIONAL:** Anyone who is not an Amateur or a Master.
- MASTERS:** Any Professional who has won three first place ribbons on a state or national level in a given division or category must move up to the Masters class in that category only. Any Professional may enter into the Masters class at any time.
- DIVISION OF EXCELLENCE:** Any competitor who has won two 1st place masters ribbons in that category, or who has achieved the NTA award of excellence in that given category.
- YOUTH:** Anyone 16 years old or under and must be registered as a family membership. An essay explaining what inspired the piece may be added, but is not mandatory.
- COMMERCIAL:** Any average customer's piece.

Categories of Competition

1) Amateur, Professional, Masters Classes & Division of Excellence:

- Whitetail deer heads: open and closed mouth categories.
- Game heads: open and closed mouth categories.
- Life Size Mammals:
 - Small: Coyote and smaller, juvenile large mammals, fawns, cubs, etc will be included as small mammals determined by body mass as to coyote size.
 - Large: Any mammal larger than a coyote.
- Birds: Upland birds, Waterfowl, Turkeys – allow freeze dry heads.
- Reptiles: Skin Mounts.
- Reproductions: Fish, Reptiles, Amphibians, replica antlers, etc.
- Fish: ALL fish are judged as a two-sided mount. The only one-sided fish is in the commercial, youth and amateur divisions. The judge will need to see two eyes and a finished area to blend the seam to score the fish. Please specify the category on the entry sheet. The competition committee will classify anything questionable into the commercial division.

2) Wildlife Art:

- Wildlife art will be any open category—to include but not exclusive of sculpture, painting, photography, carving, casting, or flat art. (The judges will choose the winner.) Nothing will be allowed that is lewd or offensive to the public (i.e. traps, blood, arrows, and NO LIVE AMMO).

3) Commercial Category:

- The reason for having a commercial class is for the average customer's piece to be critiqued" The commercial category will follow all previously stated rules. This will be an open class. Each piece will be judged without the use of a flashlight and physical touch. Judges will critique and place a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place ribbon. A Best of Category ribbon will be awarded in each category to the best blue ribbon entry (category judge's choice). All judges will then judge Best of Category winners in the commercial division for Best of Show Commercial. Commercial pieces will be eligible for Taxidermist's Choice, President's Trophy and the WASCO Awards.

4) Freeze Dry:

- This will be an open class. Entries must be designated for this category. No other freeze dry will be in the general competition other than turkey heads.

5) Novelties:

- All classes together.

6) Open Class:

- This will be a combination of all pieces. Amateur, Professional and Masters in one class (freeze dry, commercial, wildlife art, and novelty categories only).

7) Best of Category:

- These ribbons will be awarded in each class for categories listed above in 1. The Best of Category ribbon will go to the highest blue ribbon entry. If a class has no blue ribbon, it will not receive a Best of Category ribbon.

RULES OF COMPETITION

- 1) All attending must be dues paying members of NEAT and must be registered at this convention or before. Registration badge must be worn at all times.
- 2) All competition pieces should be pre-registered at the cost of \$25.00/piece.
- 3) Pick up your packet before entering competition pieces. All competition pieces must be delivered to check in area by 6:00pm on Friday June 4, 2008. Any final grooming is to be done only in the check-in area prior to the official judging session. Pieces may not be removed until the end of the board meeting on Sunday June 6, 2010. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Anyone wanting someone else to transport their competition pieces on Sunday will need to supply a written document to the competition committee with both signatures for release.
- 4) No one is to be allowed in the competition area prior to, or during, judging other than authorized competition committee personnel.
- 5) Pieces may be used to compete only one time in a NEAT competition.
- 6) **HANGERS.** Please place all hangers so that they extend above the panel on backer. If two hangers are required, space on full inches apart for pegboard display. (You can move them back down after the show).
- 7) A competition piece can be rejected from competition if members of the committee judge it to be lewd or offensive to the general public (i.e. blood, trap, arrow, and also **NO LIVE AMMO** allowed).
- 8) Any plaques or signs identifying the taxidermist or customer must be removed or obscured before judging. All glass cases must be removed by the competitor only before judging. This will be done in the grooming area.
- 9) Multiple ribbons will be awarded in most categories, according to quality of work. In the event of a tie, duplicate ribbons will be given.
- 10) Score sheets will be given to competitor. Raw score will be used for the ribbon placement in all the classes. Judges will be notified of the class.
- 11) Any un-sportsman like behavior will result in loss ribbon.
- 12) Animals hunted legally in the world are allowed with proper permit including transport permits. Hawks, Owls, Songbirds, or Eagles will have state and federal paperwork. The competitor is responsible for knowing and following all such laws pertaining to species on federal or state protected or threatened lists.
- 13) **JUDGE'S DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.**
- 14) All competition pieces will be entered at the competitor's own risk. NEAT is not responsible for any liability due to damage, theft, fire, or natural causes.
- 15) Any competitor 16 years old and under will receive a ribbon and may register under family membership, but must still pay the entry fee.
- 16) If you bring any animal that does not conform to the score sheet or category, you must submit photos and reference pictures for the judge to determine if it was correctly interpreted in the mount. There will be no best of category ribbon.
- 17) Competitors will be expected to abide by a decision of the NEAT board on any circumstances not covered by the above rules.

A mount can only be entered in one division in the competition, i.e. you cannot enter the same mount in the masters and commercial division at the same time.

JUDGES:

Greg Cuvelier - Mammals and Gameheads

Greg Cuvelier and his wife Janis live in Aplington, Iowa. He has two children and three grandchildren. Greg started taxidermy in 1990 and has been doing it full-time since 1994. He began competing in 1992 and has been fortunate to win some prestigious awards throughout his competitive career. Greg has won "Iowa's Best All-Around Taxidermist" 4 times. He is also a two-time "National Best All-Around Taxidermist": in 2010 and 2014. Greg was a "National Champion" in 2005 and "North American Champion" in 2014 with life-sized mammals. He is also a 2 time award winner at the International Taxidermy Competition and the World Taxidermy Championships with game heads and life-sized mammals. Greg has 11 "People's Choice Best of Show", 8 "Taxidermist's Choice Best of Show", several Van Dyke's awards, McKenzie Taxidermist's Choice awards, Wasco Award, and the Breakthrough Award. Greg enjoys judging shows and meeting new people, this will be NEAT's first opportunity to Host Greg as one of our judges.



Frank Kotula - Fish and Birds

Frank got his start in taxidermy in 1998 attending the Pennsylvania Institute of Taxidermy. He went on to join the Pennsylvania State Association where he further refined his skills through this talented network of taxidermists. He has spent years working with World & National Champions to learn the art and produce the most accurate mount he can. Frank has gone on to win numerous major awards including many Best of Categories, Best All Around Taxidermist, National Championships and World Championship titles. Frank has judged shows around the country providing countless seminars helping advance the art of taxidermy. He has judged the show for NEAT several times and we look forward to having him back for another educational opportunity.



Pete Lajoie - Whitetails

Is owner and operator of Gameheads LTD taxidermy founded in 1987. Pete trained under the whitetail master Mike Adams of Stowe, Vermont. He began competing in 1993 at the New York taxidermist show and went on to win many Best of Category awards in whitetail, gameheads and lifesize at the state level. Pete has also won 4 Wasco awards, 2 Breakthrough awards for Best of Show and several Best of Show awards before the Breakthrough was given. Pete went on to win the NTA Award of Excellence in both whitetail and gameheads and was awarded the North American Champion for whitetails in 1997 along with the NTA Bruchac award for best whitetail. In 2013 he was awarded 2nd best in the world for large gameheads at the World Taxidermy Championships. Pete has judged shows from Oklahoma to Minnesota, Canada and the NRA Nationals in Lubbock, TX. Through judging and giving seminars, he promotes quality taxidermy as he was taught by his mentor, Mike Adams.



The Double Tree by Hilton in Windsor Locks, CT

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1-860-627-5171

Make your room reservation now!

We have a block of rooms reserved for NEAT

****Be sure to say you are with the New England Association of Taxidermists****

The room rates are \$99.00 per night

All pre-registrations can check in from 8-10pm Thursday night.

"There is no fee to make a reservation, so make them early and don't miss out on a great rate."

From points South:

I-84 East, or I-95 North to I-91 North to exit 40, Route 20 (to Bradley International Airport). Follow Route 20 for 2 miles to the second exit, Route 75. Turn Right at top of exit. The Hotel is .1 mile ahead on the left.

From Points North:

I-91 South to exit 40, Route 20 (Bradley International Airport). Follow Route 20 for 2 miles to second exit, Route 75. Turn right at top of exit. The Hotel is .1 mile ahead on the left.

From Points West:

The Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) West to exit 6. Take a left onto I-291 to I-91 South. Follow I-91 South to exit 40, Route 20. (to Bradley International Airport) Follow Route 20 to second exit, Route 75. Turn right at top of exit. The Hotel is .1 mile ahead on the left.

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2016 Annual Show/Competition Registration

JUNE 5th, 6th & 7th, 2015

ENTRY FEES: NAME _____

NEAT Dues _____ **\$35.00**

Single Youths under 16-----Free

Registration—Before May 31-Family-----\$40.00 _____

Registration---at the door ----- \$50.00 _____

of Entries _____ @ \$25.00/entry _____
(Fifth entry free)

Habitat Entry _____ \$10.00 _____

Best All Around (4 pieces-different categories). \$25.00 _____

President's Cup Challenge (Bear) \$20.00 _____

Most Distinguished Taxidermists (5 pieces) _____ \$25.00 _____

Old Timers Award (age 60 and older) _____ \$10.00 _____

TOTAL _____

BANQUET

Adult Buffet--\$35.00 _____ **Children Buffet (15 & under)- 20.00** _____

(Children 5 & under eat free: Chicken tenders & French Fries)

Adult Buffet registered at the door—45.00 _____

Please fill out the other side and mail to NEAT address!



2016 Show Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you want to have demographics listed in newsletter and web site: YES _____ NO _____

Species Division (Amateur; Professional; Masters; Division of Excellence) Wall/Table

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10. _____

NEAT Address:

Mr. Matt Marulli, Treasurer
145 Coppermine Road; Oxford, CT 06478
Phone: (203) 734-3263 Email: huntdeerinct@sbcglobal.net

If you don't know what you want to bring PRE-REGISTER & pay for entries at the door.

No late fee for entries will be charged if pre-registered before June 1!



2016 Membership Application

Send to: Matt Marulli – Treasurer
145 Coppermine Road
Oxford, CT 06478

Membership Dues: \$35.00
Please make your check payable to:
'N.E.A.T.'

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

This year's Raffle at the banquet



Multi-position tactical Bull-Pup Stock Design:

Positions trigger mechanism 4" forward when compared with conventional crossbows to create a more comfortable balance point. Complete with 1" recoil pad for personalized length of pull.

Multi-position Picatinny Rail System, including Finger Grip with foldable foregrip and internal storage compartment:

9" multi-position adjustable rail system is perfect for mounting accessories. The forearm is fully adjustable and features 6 positions for optimal shooting position fit and comfort.

Compact Profile, with Low Profile Foot Stirrup:

Slim line 13.5" limb design with Bull-Pup trigger and one-piece aluminum low profile foot stirrup that provides a compact weapon for all hunting situations.

Precision-Engineered Aluminum Alloy Cam Sets:

Provides maximum speed and kinetic energy. Tunable synthetic bow strings and power cables deliver smooth, accurate shooting and extended performance.

Gun Caliber Machined Trigger Pull (3.5lb pull weight) w/Anti Dry Fire System:

All-metal trigger and safety provide smooth, consistent performance, while the anti-dry-fire mechanism is designed to reduce chances of mishaps in the field for both left- and righthanded shooters.

4x32 Glass Etched Reticle Lighted Scope:

Deluxe multi-reticle lighted scope with red/green dual illumination for varying light conditions.

KIT INCLUDES:

Rope Cocker, Quick Detach 3 Arrow Quiver, 3 Maxima Hunter® 20" Crossbolts, Rail Lubricant, 3 Practice Points, 4x32 Glass-Etched Reticle Lighted Scope.

What's New?

1. **NEAT Trophy Page:** We would like to add a page to our next newsletter to include photos of your successful hunts, fishing expeditions, time spent in the outdoors, nature photos or of a commercial taxidermy piece that you have completed and are proud to show. Please email digital images to Andy Malinowski at realgreenacres@frontiernet.net

2. **Member Input Page:** Anyone interested in writing a story, sharing a recipe or describing a tip or technique in taxidermy or the outdoors should also email submissions to Newsletter Editor Andy Malinowski at: <mailto:realgreenacres@frontiernet.net>

This is YOUR page!

Please send me your Photos, Tips, Stories, recipes, etc.

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