



# NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF TAXIDERMISTS

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## New England Association of Taxidermists Annual Convention and Competition 2014 Show schedule for June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> @ The Holiday Inn Enfield/Springfield Enfield, CT

### President's Message

Hello Members!

Wow! I can't believe it, 4 years already. It seems like I just took over as President yesterday. And here we are again with competition season approaching fast. Thank you to the board for helping make the last 3 years fun and successful, let's make this year the best one ever!

**Great News!** Our new website is up and running and it looks Great!

Well the stage has been set and all the judges are secured, I hope you are all getting ready. This year is lining up to be one of our best shows ever. Our vendor room is filling up nicely with McKenzie, OTS, Tohickon and Heads of State already on board. As more Vendors check in, I will keep you updated via the website and taxinet. We have a great line up of seminars for you from some of the best in the industry, not to mention the famous NEATZA Party on Friday night. We will also have a photographer on hand this year for some nice quality photos of your pieces. We hope you can make it and we look forward to seeing you all.

Matt Marulli  
President

## Convention Schedule

### Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>:

- 8AM – 5PM** Registration and competition pieces received and checked in.  
**\*\*NO MOUNTS RECEIVED AFTER 5PM FRIDAY\*\***
- 9AM – Ongoing all weekend.** Seminar #1: Dave Whitney – Large Lifesize, member participation welcome.
- 10:00AM – 1PM** Supply area open.
- 12:30PM – 2:30PM** Seminar #2: Brian Noody – Skin Mount Fish
- 3:00PM – 5:00PM** Seminar #3: Bruce Rittel – Tanning Basics for the Beginner
- 5:00PM – 5:30PM** Competition Room opens for viewing and voting for McKenzie Taxidermists Award (4), People Choice Award, Artisan and Old Timers Award.
- 6:00PM – 8PM** Seminar #4: John Janelli, History
- 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 7<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:00AM – 11:00AM** Seminar #5: Fred Barilla - Bird Mounting, Speciman TBD
- 9AM – 3:30PM** Supply area open – Ongoing seminars.
- 11:30AM – 1:30PM** Seminar #6: Bryan Eppley – Whitetail Reference.
- 1:30PM** Competition Room will open for viewing ribbons and critiques.
- 3:00PM – 5:00PM** Seminar #8: Frank Kotula - Casting
- 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 8<sup>th</sup>:

- 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...

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

***This schedule is subject to change***

## **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

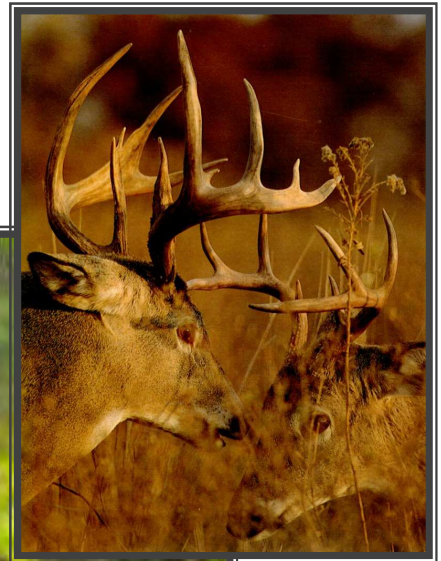
- 1) All attending must be dues paying members of NEAT and must be registered at this convention or before. Registration badge must be worn at all times.
- 2) All competition pieces should be pre-registered at the cost of \$25.00/piece.
- 3) Pick up your packet before entering competition pieces. All 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:**

Frank Kotula - Fish  
Fred Barilla - Birds and Lifesize  
Brian Eppley - Deer and Gameheads

**!!!!!!2014 PRESIDENT'S CUP!!!!!!**



**Whitetail**

## **The Holiday Inn in Enfield, CT**

ONE BRIGHT MEADOW BLVD.  
1-860-741-2211

### **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 \$92.00 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 and East:** Take I-95 to I-91N in New Haven. Head North on I-91 to Exit 49 Enfield. Make a right on Enfield Street (Route 5) and make next right onto Bright Meadow Blvd. Hotel is on the left.

**From Points North:** Take I-84/Mass Pike to I-91 South. Get off at Exit 49 Enfield. Make a left on Enfield Street (Route 5) and make next right onto Bright Meadow Blvd. Hotel is on the left.

**From Points West:** Take I-84 east to I-91 North to Exit 49 Enfield. Make a right on Enfield Street (Route 5) and make next right onto Bright Meadow Blvd. Hotel is on the left.

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## 2014 Annual Show/Competition Registration

JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**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 (Deer) . . . . . \$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* \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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



## 2014 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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6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

NEAT Address:

Mrs. Cathy Gearwar, Secretary  
289 Stage Road; Benson, VT 05743  
Phone: 802-537-2145 Email: fourgears@shoreham.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!



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## 2014 Membership Application

Send to: Jessica 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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A 1 1/2 day trophy seaduck hunt for eider and scoter in RI  
or a 1 day Oldsquaw hunt in CT with Steve Hackett



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VISA and MasterCard accepted



## **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](mailto: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.*

If you have a particular reference photo that you have the copyrights too and would like to share, please send it and I will include it for everyone to benefit from.