



# TAXI TIMES

## NCTA Newsletter

Winter 2024

### Letter from the President

Hello NCTA!

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season and set new goals for the new year. Also, I hope everyone had a successful hunting season this past year. Our board is working very hard on having another great show for you again this year packed full of fun and educational seminars.

We have lots of awesome judges and seminars lined up for everyone, so invite someone new to the taxidermy industry or a seasoned taxidermist and get them involved with our association so that we may continue to grow, and let's have fun and fellowship together!

The NCTA each year reaches out to our membership to fill board positions and guide the NCTA in making decisions and presenting new ideas. They can be a new first time board member or a former board member wanting to serve again. Positions needed for 2025 are: President, Secretary, Coastal, Piedmont, Mountain. Please reach out to Paul Willis at (336)410-1588.

The President's challenge this year is the Rainbow Trout.

Please remember to pre-register for our show which helps everything run smoother at the show for you and our board! Just a reminder, show registration this year is \$45 if you pre-register or will be \$65 if you pay at the door, so please pre-register! Also Banquet tickets will be \$40 again this year. Pre-registering for yearly shows is becoming a major priority due to higher demands and requests set forth by all hotels.

It is time to start reserving your rooms for the 2024 summer show. Show dates are August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The room rate this year is \$98.00 plus tax which equals \$110.74 per night. Our summer show will be held at Village Inn 6205 Ramada Dr, Clemmons NC 27012 again this year. Be sure to book early because rooms will fill up fast! We will keep the same show schedule timeline as 2023 starting on Thursday and ending the show Saturday evening at 6pm.

Switching things up a little this year, our competition room will be up front beside the hotel bar where our auction is usually held and that classroom will be where our competition room was.

We will be giving away \$100 cash again this year!! For every 2 items you donate to the live auction on Friday night you will receive 1 raffle ticket. So spring clean those shops and bring all those dusty forms that are not being used and enter for your chance at \$100 cash.

Don't forget to reach out to other taxidermists in your community and invite someone new to come join the NCTA and fellowship, learn and grow with us!!

Sincerely your President,

Paul Willis

[www.nctaxidermist.net](http://www.nctaxidermist.net)

**NCTA OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBERS 2024**

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**We need Nominations for upcoming Officer and board member seats.**

- President
- Secretary
- 1 Piedmont
- 1 Coastal
- 1 Mountain

**2024 Board Members**

MOUNTAIN BOARD MEMBERS Ed Laurner 23-24 Van Draper 24-25

PIEDMONT BOARD MEMBERS Andy Speer 2024 Craig Wyrick 24-25

COASTAL BOARD MEMBERS Manny Reiner 23-24 Paul Miller 24-25

***Nominations are needed for 2025  
President, Secretary & Board Members!***

*Please email nominations to [dougshores@crescentford.com](mailto:dougshores@crescentford.com)*

## Award of Excellence...

Have you earned your Award of Excellence? The cut off is June 1st so to in order to receive your award at next years show let Paul Willis know by June 1, 2024.

If you have accumulated your 21 points and earned a best in category in the professional division in N.C. you are eligible to receive your award of Excellence. You must reach out to Ryan Garrison by June 1<sup>st</sup> to receive your award at the show.

Scoring:

1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon = 3 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place = 2 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place = 1 point

## ALL STAR JUDGE LINE UP FOR 2024 CONVENTION

*Main judges:*

*Whitetails - Wes Mote*

*Fish & Reptiles - Jimmy Lawrence*

*Birds - Dennis Wessner*

*Lifesize & Gamehead - Frank Williams*

*Habitat & Original Art - Kurt Ainsworth*

*Youth & Amateur:*

*Whitetails Brandon Brown*

*Fish & Reptiles - Ed Launer*

*Birds - Brian Stillwell*

*Lifesize & Gamehead - Manny Reiner*

*Habitat & Original Art- Kurt Ainsworth*

### ***Distinguished Service Award Nomination!***

*Every year we award the McKenzie Distinguished Service Award to any member in good standing with the state, who has showed professionalism in their business, advanced the art of taxidermy, depict taxidermy and hunting in a positive image, share knowledge of taxidermy techniques, improve the quality of their taxidermy work , promote the goals of the state association. Chosen by the board and members of the association.*

*Please Email [dougshores@crestford.com](mailto:dougshores@crestford.com) or contact Paul*

# NEW AWARD FOR 2024

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TAXIDERMY SUPPLY



**AWARDED TO THE COMPETITORS WITH 4 OF THE HIGHEST SCORING ENTRIES IN THE MASTER'S (GOLD EAGLE) AND PROFESSIONAL DIVISION (SILVER EAGLE). ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE A 1ST OR 2ND PLACE RIBBON WITH A COMBINED SCORE OF 350 OR GREATER.**

To be eligible to win the Matuska Award there is a separate \$25 dollar registration fee on top of the registration fees of your other entries.

## *Are you a NC Certified Taxidermist?*

Did you know there is a North Carolina Taxidermist Association (N.C.T.A) Certification Program? Here's how to become a NC Certified Taxidermist....

- Must be a NCTA Member in good standing & meet one of the three following qualifications in Professional Division
  - One 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Ribbon & Best of Category
  - One 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Ribbon Plus 5 other points
  - Two 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red Ribbons Plus 5 other points

Points System:

1<sup>st</sup> Place = 4 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 3 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 2 points

If you have Questions about the NCTA  
Certification Program, Please Contact  
D Price

***NC Certified Taxidermist Dues are due for 2024.***

***Dues are \$25 Please make checks payable to: NC Certified Taxidermist***

***Mail to: D. Price 5228 New Oaks St. Youngsville, NC 27596***

*Only NCTA members who have met All qualifications can display the  
NCTA Certified Taxidermist Logo on their website.*



# NORTH CAROLINA TAXIDERMISTS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

*D. Price* • Chairman

D. PRICE  
5228 NEW OAK ST.  
YOUNGSVILLE, NC 27596

*919-562-4280*

## UPDATE FORM

If you are not presently certified in all 6 categories (W.T. Deer-Reptiles-Birds-Sm. Game-Fish-Open) and have had additional winnings in competitions that will qualify you for a category or categories not presently listed on your certificate please give the needed information below. For NCTA certification you must have received in that category (1) One Blue Ribbon and Best of Category or (2) One Blue Ribbon plus 5 other points or (3) Two Red Ribbons plus 5 other points.

(Please indicate change in address if needed)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you have been awarded the NCTA award of excellence.

### PLEASE CIRCLE CATEGORIES YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

	W.T. DEER	REPTILES	BIRDS	SM. GAME	FISH	OPEN
Name of competition						
Date						
Category						
Placing						
Pts. Earned						
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						

For certification you must show  
1 Blue & Best of Category or,  
2 Seconds' plus 5 other pts. or  
1 1st Place plus 5 other pts. or  
First - 4  
Second - 3  
Third - 2

I declare to the best of my knowledge that the above information is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

*Make check payable: NC Certified Taxidermist*



### 6TXWP - Texas Semi-Sneak Wall Pedestal Series

Here's the latest series sculpted by  
Dennis Behn!

- Proportioned for Texas deer
- Nice sweeping turn
- Newly designed neck wrinkles

After our recent introduction of the new Texas whitetail deer by Dennis Behn, now comes the Semi-Sneak Texas Wall Pedestal. This wall pedestal form features a beautiful sweeping turn with finely designed wrinkles that naturally use up any extra skin on the inside turn. The extra skin just disappears!

# McKenzie

*Taxidermy Supply*

# North Carolina Taxidermists Association

## Application For 2024 Membership

The NCTA is a non-profit educational organization in the State of North Carolina to further contacts and better understanding among taxidermists and related industries, unite into one organization all interested taxidermists and taxidermy suppliers, disseminates information, aid the profession as a whole by lobbying for fair legislation on the State and Federal levels.

To join the NCTA please fill out the following membership application and return the form along with your check made payable to the North Carolina Taxidermists Association and mail to: Daniel Nicholson 1912 Snowy Egret Dr. Morehead City,NC 28557

North Carolina Taxidermists Association Membership

NEW  
RENEWAL

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL

\$75 Single Membership

\$95 Family Membership

Please Check Appropriate Line that applies to your section of the state.

COASTAL (area East of interstate 95)

PIEDMONT (Area East of Hwy 52 to Interstate 95)

Mountain (Area West of Hwy 52/Mt. Airy to Winston-Salem to Lexington to Salisbury to Albemarle to Wadesboro)



**Registration for the  
North Carolina Taxidermist's Association  
42nd Annual Summer Show Convention & Competition**

August 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in Clemmons, NC at the Village Inn & Event Center

To Pre-Register for the **NCTA 42nd Annual Summer Show Convention & Competition** please fill out the following pre-registration form along with your check made payable to the **North Carolina Taxidermist's Association** and mail to:  
Daniel Nicholson 1912 Snowy Egret Dr. Morehead City,NC 28557

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- Register** \$45 for pre register only, \$65 after June 1,2024
- Friday Kids Movie & Pizza Night** (Sponsored by the NCTA) \_\_\_\_\_ # Children
- Friday Children's Seminar** July 28<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ # Children
- Saturday Night Banquet Tickets** July 29<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults/Children \$40 per ticket



# Head Quarters Taxidermy Supply

A DIVISION OF THE TAXIDERMIST'S ASSOCIATION

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

866-365-0130

We are going to change up some things this coming convention so that we do not fall into the that is the way we have always done it. New and fresh ideas that makes the most of the event center that we are at and make it better and better.

WANTS TO  
THANK

NCTA

SAY  
YOU



### CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT!!!!

Thursday evening after the meet and greet.  
This year we will be doing individual sign ups and teams will be drawn.  
\$10 per person to enter.  
Double elimination.

# WEBSITE UPDATE!

The team working on the website are working diligently to get our website up to date and all the bells and whistles working. THANKS TO THE TEAM!

Remember to get your NC Certified Taxidermist credentials!!!!!!!!

we re on the vweb!

See us at:

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