



**NORTH CAROLINA
TAXIDERMY ASSOCIATION
2026 STATE CONVENTION
& COMPETITION**

**INFORMATION BOOKLET
& EVENT PROGRAM**

JULY 30-AUG 1, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome, and thank you for attending the North Carolina Taxidermy Association's Annual Competition and Convention. We're excited to have you with us for a weekend of learning, craftsmanship, and fellowship.

This year's event features a stellar lineup of world-class judges who will be presenting seminars in their specialized categories. We've also scheduled sessions designed specifically for beginning and novice taxidermists to help support growth at every skill level.

On Thursday, we invite you to join us for the Meet and Greet, which will run alongside the Speed Mount Competition. On Friday at lunchtime, we'll be hosting a cookout, and we welcome everyone to come out and enjoy a meal with us.

We've made a few changes to Saturday's schedule from how we have done in previous years. There will be a viewing period with ribbons in place prior to the banquet, and judges will be available for critiques following the awards ceremony.

I would also like to thank the NCTA's board and officers, committees, and individuals behind the scenes who have helped put this show on. without them none of this could have happened. The Shores family, John Cranford, and Haley Ward have been exceptional in their service to this association and I would like to publicly thank them for all that they have done for the NCTA. Our association is truly blessed to have such an outstanding membership and I am very grateful and proud to have such outstanding people willing to serve.

**With all of my heart, Thank y'all!!
Brian Piro, President NCTA**

THE NCTA 44TH ANNUAL SUMMER SHOW & COMPETITION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH

9:00AM - 12:00PM	Board Meeting and Set up Competition, Vendor and Registration Areas (<i>Board Room, EFGH, hallway</i>)
1:00PM - 6:00PM	Registration Open- Competition Entries Received- Vendor Room Open (<i>Hallway, EFGH</i>) (<i>pre-registered late check-in after 6:00 PM</i>)
3:00PM - Until done	Seminar #1 Frank Williams- Painting Gameheads (A) Seminar #2 Steve Tugwell - Creating Habitats (B) Seminar #3 Tyler Whisner - mounting a Turkey (C)
6:00PM - Until done	HQ Taxidermy Supply Meet & Greet in Supply Room- (D)
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Speed Mount Competition Sponsored by HQ- (D)



FRIDAY, JULY 31ST

8:00AM - 11:00AM	Registration Open - Competition Entries Received
8:00AM - Until Done	Seminar #4 John Mulder – Whitetails 101 (A) Seminar #5 – Manny Reiner – Casting jawsets (B) Seminar #6 Tyler Whisner - mounting a Turkey (C)
10:00AM - 10:30AM	Speed Mount Competition Adjustments- (D)
12:00PM - Until done	Cookout Sponsored by McKenzie- Triad Park Shelter #7
3:00PM - Until Done	Seminar #7 John Mulder – Whitetails 101 (A) Seminar #8 Cory Foth - Fish Tips, Trick & Techniques (B) Seminar #9 Brad Domangue - Mounting a Duck (C) Children's Seminar All Ages - Mel Lopez - (Cardinal)
3:00PM - 6:00PM	Registration Open - Competition Entries Received- Vendor Room open (<i>pre-registered late check-in after 6:00 PM Friday, miss out on voters' awards</i>) (<i>Hallway, EFGH</i>)
6:30PM - 8:00PM	Competition Room Viewing & People's Choice Voting- (EFGH)
8:00PM - 10:00PM	Kids Movie Night (Bring Sleeping Bag / Blanket & Pillow to Watch Movie) (Cardinal)
8:00PM - Until	Auction & Door Prizes (auctioneer - Mr. Andy Kearns) & silent auction



SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

8:00AM - Until Done	Seminar #10 Ronnie Galliard - Judging Whitetails (A)
8:00AM - 10AM	Seminar #11 Ken Smith - Taxidermy Business (B) Seminar #12 OPEN (C) Vendor Room Open
10:00AM - 12:00PM	General Membership Meeting, Vote for Officers & Board Members- (D)
12:00PM - Until	Competition Room Open - Ribbons in Place - (EFGH)
2:00 PM - Until Done	Banquet - Awards Presentation- (DEFGH) <i>Critiques following the banquet.</i>

If you have not purchased a Banquet Ticket, please wait to enter the Banquet room until the Awards Ceremony begins.

***Everyone available
PLEASE Attend!***

**!!No Mounts Removed Until After the
Awards Presentation is concluded!!**

Thank You TO OUR QUEST JUDGES

Masters and Pro Judges:

Ronnie Galliard - Whitetails

Brad Domangue - Birds

Cory Foth - Fish/Reptiles

Frank Williams - Gameheads & Lifesize

Steve Tugwell - Habitats/Art

Youth and Amateur Judges:

Brandon Brown - Whitetail

Manny Reiner - Gameheads & Lifesize

Tyler Whisner - Birds

David Beamon - Fish/Reptiles

**By Attending the North Carolina Taxidermist Association
Competition & Convention, you are agreeing to the
following Honor Code below, as well as the NCTA
Competition & Convention Rules**

North Carolina Taxidermist Association Honor Code Agreement

I agree that I have read and understand the North Carolina Taxidermist Association Competition & Convention Rules and agree to follow them as written. I am entering my competition piece(s) into the NCTA Competition with integrity and high moral standing, fully aware that I am confirming to have prepared the piece(s) completely on my own with no outside assistance. If I am entering any piece(s) that I have had assistance with I agree to enter said piece(s) into the correct corresponding category. I understand that if I am found in violation of the NCTA Competition & Convention rules I will adhere to the consequences of such offenses.

**North Carolina Taxidermist's Association Competition &
Convention Rules can be found at registration desk**

For full rules, bylaws and more info on divisions, visit
www.nctaxidermist.org

HAPPENING THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE SHOW!



**WINNER GETS A ONE OF A
KIND BUCKLE FROM
HEADQUARTERS
TAXIDERMY SUPPLY!**

**2026 NCTA
SPEED MOUNT
COMPETITION
& MEET & GREET**

**COME HANG OUT AT THE
MEET & GREET, ENJOY SOME
FOOD AND WATCH THE FUN!**



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Triad Park

9652 W. Market St
Kernersville, NC 27284

FRIDAY COOKOUT

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***Shelter #7**

Key

- Carolina Field of Honor
- Vendor Shelter 1
- Vendor Shelter 7
- Park Office
- Amphitheater
- General Shelters
- Enclosed Facility
- General Gazebo
- Wetland Overlook
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Fishing
- Disk Golf Course
- Rope Course
- Volleyball
- Horseshoe Pits
- Playground
- Soccer Field
- Softball Field
- Golf Disc - Red Tee
- Golf Disc - Blue Tee
- Golf Disc - Basket
- Paved Trail
- Nature Trail
- Park Property
- Streets
- Pond/Lake



Trail/Path Key

- Nature Trail A - 0.47 miles
- Nature Trail B - 0.95 miles
- Nature Trail C - 0.22 miles
- Nature Trail D - 0.54 miles
- Roadway Segment - 0.63 miles
- Upper Loop - 0.68 miles
- Sports Fields Loop - 0.46 miles

