

Awards and Prizes for the 2014 Western Regional Taxidermy Competition

(Last updated January 13)

Best Base: Awarded for the best habitat base at the show.

Natural History Award: Awarded to the best portrayal of a natural history subject.

Van Dykes: Most original and creative.

WASCO Award: Chosen by the judges to be the most artistic taxidermy entry of the show.

Best All Around Taxidermist: Awarded to the taxidermist who has the best average combined score of a game head, life-size mammal, bird, and fish/reptile/amphibian.

Competitors Award: Awarded to the taxidermist who has the highest combined average score on any four pieces in any four categories.

Polytranspar Award: For the best fish reproduction using Polytranspar paints.

McKenzie's Distinguished Service Award: Voted on by members for distinguished service to the UTA. Voting for this will take place at the banquet held on Friday night. If you do not plan on attending but would like to vote on someone for their distinguished service to the UTA, please contact one of the show officials and we will get your vote counted.

McKenzie's Taxidermists Choice Awards: Taxidermists Choice for: Best bird, fish, mammal, and whitetail of the show.

People's Choice: \$100 cash, voted on by the viewing public for their favorite piece of the show.

Taxidermist's Choice Best of Show: \$200 cash, voted on by participating taxidermists.

Breakthrough Award: Voted on by all judges as Judges Choice Best of Show

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW) Award: Chosen by members of SFW for the best Coyote in the show.

* A-bolt rifle

Mule Deer Foundation (MDF) Award: Chosen by members of MDF for Utah's best mule deer.

* Rifle

Three Hour Bird Challenge Award: An award of \$150 cash for the most votes on a bird mounted at the show in three hours. Voting will be from participants and attendees of the challenge

Three Hour Mule Deer Challenge Award: An optics award (provided by Vortex Optics) for the most votes on a mule deer mounted at the show in three hours. Voting will be from participants and attendees of the challenge.

United Taxidermist Association Artisan Award: Bronze award for most artistic entry chose by competitors of the show

The Western Regionals Challenge: For best Lifesize Whitetail Deer, any alive pose.
* Acrylic Award

The Avian Challenge: Judges choose the best chukar mounted like picture provided.
* \$250.00 Cash

The Fish Challenge: Judges choose the best walleye within challenge rules.
* \$300.00 Cash

12 gauge shotgun for highest scoring Professional Bird

12 gauge shotgun for highest scoring Masters Bird

Kings Camo: Ryan Fouts and his team are sponsoring the "Best Horned Mount" any horned animal qualifies for this and other awards. The winner chosen by Kings Camo will receive (in addition to a ribbon) a

4-piece Kings Camo package:

Lone Peak Jacket \$149.99

Transition Jacket \$119.99

L.S. Birdseye poly tee \$29.99

Pro Hunter Pants \$54.99

Total=\$355.00 value

Safari Club International, Utah Chapter: SCI is sponsoring the "Best African/Exotic" award for our show. The winner chosen by SCI Utah will receive (in addition to a ribbon)

\$300.00 cash award

Laser engraved plaque

Trufitt Forms: Trufitt is sponsoring the "Best Game Head on a Trufitt Form" for the Trufitt award this year. The highest scoring game head on a Trufitt from will receive (in addition to a ribbon)

\$200.00 gift certificate

Buckles for: Judges Choice Best of Show
Best All Around Taxidermists
Best Mule Deer

Tri-City Ducks Unlimited Best Waterfowl Award Novice: Decoy with Emblem, chosen by members of the Tri-City Ducks Unlimited Chapter for Best Novice Waterfowl.

Salt Lake City Ducks Unlimited Best Waterfowl Award Professional: Decoy with Emblem, chosen by members of the Salt Lake City Ducks Unlimited Chapter for Best Professional Waterfowl.

Utah State Ducks Unlimited Best Waterfowl Award Masters: Decoy with Emblem, chosen by members of the Utah State Ducks Unlimited Chapter for Best Masters Waterfowl.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) Award: Knife and box, chosen by members of RMEF for Utah's best Elk mount.

Delta Waterfowl Habitat Award: A Delta Waterfowl Sculpture for best waterfowl habitat as chosen by Delta Waterfowl.

Utah Waterfowl Habitat Award: \$100 cash for best waterfowl habitat as chosen by Utah Waterfowl Association.

National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) Award: \$100 Cash and Plaque, chosen for the highest scoring turkey.

Wasatch Wing and Clay for Best Upland Game Bird: Free Membership and Birds

Utah Chukar and Wildlife Foundation Award: \$100 Cash and Plaque, chosen by members of the Utah Chukar and Wildlife Foundation for the best portrayal of upland habitat.

Most Original Art: \$100 cash

Most Creative Fur Bearer/Predator Life Size: Knife and Box, sponsored and decided by Headquarters Taxidermy Supply.

Flyrod and Reel: Highest scoring Professional Fish

Flyrod and Reel: Highest scoring Masters Fish

Best Team Entry Award

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Utah Waterfowl Association Best Youth Mount: \$100 cash or \$100 Sportsman's Warehouse Gift Card for any animal (mammal, bird, etc) mounted by a youth (under 18 years), chosen and sponsored by Utah Waterfowl Association.