

# Awards and Prizes for the 2016 Best of the West Taxidermy Championship

**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 painted with 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 Membership meeting.

**McKenzie's Taxidermists Choice Awards:** Competitors choose for best bird, fish, mammal, and whitetail of the show.

**People's Choice:** Voted on by the viewing public for their favorite piece of the show.

**Taxidermist's Choice Best of Show:** Voted on by participating taxidermists.

**Breakthrough Award (Judges Choice Best of Show):** Voted on by all judges.

**The Artisan Award, sponsored by the United Taxidermists Association:**

**Three Hour Bird Challenge:** UTA Ribbon

**Three Hour Mule Deer Challenge:** UTA Ribbon

**Three Hour Pronghorn Challenge:** UTA Ribbon

**The Avian Challenge:** Judges choose the best Wood Duck mounted like picture provided.

**Highest Scoring Professional Antelope, sponsored by Eastmans':**

**Highest Scoring Masters Antelope, sponsored by Eastmans':**

**Highest Scoring mammal on any research form, sponsored by Research Manikins:** \$200.00 Gift card to Research Manikins

**Highest Scoring Youth, sponsored by Research Manikins:** \$100.00 Gift card to Research Manikins

**Highest Scoring Novice, sponsored by Research Manikins:** \$100.00 Gift card to Research Manikins

**Velvet Mule Deer (in any category), chosen by sponsors Wilde Arrow Archery Shop and Hoyt Archery:** Hoyt Defiant Bow - valued at over a grand!  
**Robbert Williamson of North Slope Grips** will be making a custom set of bow grips for the winner of the Hoyt bow.

**Highest Scoring Mule Deer, sponsored by Utah Taxidermists Association:**  
Montana Silversmith Buckle

**Best All Around, sponsored by Utah Taxidermists Association:** Montana Silversmith Buckle

**Judges Choice Best of Show, sponsored by Utah Taxidermists Association:**  
Montana Silversmith Buckle

**Any Mount on a Dave Ferguson Form, chosen by sponsor Dave Ferguson:**  
\$100 cash

**Highest Scoring European Mount, sponsored by Skull Max:**

**?, sponsored by Stagg Transportation:** Free mule deer sized animal delivery to the lower 48 states.

**Highest Scoring Mount Using Pro1 Hide Paste, sponsored by Pro1:**

**?, sponsored by Vortex Optics:** Binoculars and a Range Finder.

**Best Youth Entry, sponsored by Wood Floors Inc.:** \$100.00 Trufitt gift card, \$100 cash and ribbon/plaque.

**Best Upland Habitat, sponsored by UCWF:** \$150 cash and ribbon/plaque.

**?, sponsored by Sportsmans Paradise Hunting Club:** Andy Parker - 2 Person Fly Fishing for trophy trout on private waters.

**Highest Scoring Turkey, sponsored by NW Turkey Foundation:** \$100 cash and ribbon/plaque.

? , sponsored by John Evans Caliber Dog Food: 500 pounds of dog food.

? , sponsored by Steve Sydall of Paradise Press: 500 custom Business cards.

? , sponsored by Steve Boeholder: One day duck hunting trip on the North Point Duck Club.

? , sponsored by Brady's Custom Pedestals: 2 bird pedestals.

**Peoples Choice, sponsored by Trufitt Life Forms:** \$200.

? , sponsored by Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation:

? , chosen by sponsor Ducks Unlimited: A Decoy.

**Youth Waterfowl, chosen by sponsor Delta Waterfowl:**

**Novice Waterfowl, chosen by sponsor Delta Waterfowl:**

**Professional Waterfowl, chosen by sponsor Delta Waterfowl:**

**Masters Waterfowl, chosen by sponsor Delta Waterfowl:**

**Best Waterfowl Habitat, chosen by sponsor Delta Waterfowl:**

**3 Hour Bird Challenge, sponsored by H&E Equipment:** \$250 for 1st Place and \$150 for Second and \$100 for Third.

? , sponsored by Big Fat Cat Daddy Guide Service: 2 people, 2 hogs each Texas hog hunt

**Sponsored by Deadwood Displays**: Will choose deadwood bases to be auctioned.

**Ryan Richard donated \$250 for Team entries.**

1st place gets \$100

2nd place gets \$75

3rd place gets \$50

Any award in which the "sponsor chooses the winner," any mount from any Division qualifies, unless it is specified otherwise (such as Best Professional, etc.).