

**THE 29TH ANNUAL
MISSOURI TAXIDERMIST
ASSOCIATION**

Competition and Convention

MISSOURI TAXIDERMIST



2009

**August 7-9, 2009
Capital Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri**

2009 COMPETITION AND CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, August 7, 2009

- 8:00 am - 10:00 am - **Vendors set up in designated area.**
- 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Registration and check-in. Entries may be groomed and placed in competition area.
- 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - **Dave Bartlett-** mounting a small mammal.
- 1:00 pm - ??? - Judging Begins; competition area closes. No entries accepted after 6:00 pm. Competitors will not be allowed in competition area until judging is complete.
- 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Vendors Open**
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - **Cole Cruickshank** – will share a new way to paint a Large Mouth Bass.
- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - **Pat Reed** – Preparing a Whitetail hide for tanning. (Pat comes courtesy of the UTA.)
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Pizza Party in Vendor's Area**
- 6:00 pm - 11:59 pm - Hospitality Room Open (help needed to run & donations accepted).

Saturday, August 8, 2009

- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Late Registration-*NO entries accepted.* There is no one-day registration; full registration fee is due.
- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Vendors Open**
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am - **Don Frank** – Dealing with problem Fish: Crappie scale loss, split fins, eye setting, etc.
- 10:30 am - 12:30 pm - **Tour of Capital** – Those interested should bring COMFORTABLE SHOES & maybe a Small umbrella for rain or sun protection!!! (Quite a bit of walking is involved & it's 2 blocks to the capital building.)
- 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Vendors Open**
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - **Randy Pike**-Study of Anatomy of Birds & Composition
- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - **Marcus Detring-** Anatomy of Mammals; structural, muscular, & skin.
Members are asked to bring bobcat forms to go over differences.
- ??? - Competition area will open for an hour for **competitors to vote** for Taxidermist Choice Awards. (*Time to be announced at show*)
- ??? - 5:00 pm - Doors open to competitors and the public when judging is completed. Ribbons will be in place in competition area. (*Scoresheets to be p/up @ registration desk Sun. am*)
- 7:00 pm - ?? - **Awards Banquet.** Open to all competitors after meal—major awards announcements, Live auction, and door prize give away. Silent & Live Auction Items to be paid for Following banquet. Hospitality Room opens after banquet if time allows (help needed to run & food donations accepted).

Sunday, August 9, 2009

- 8:00 am - 11:00 am - Competition area open to public and judges' critiques until meeting begins.
- 8:00 am - 11:00 am - Vendors Open ?**
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am - **Larry Schumaker-** going over Whitetail problems & solutions
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - **MTA BUSINESS MEETING**
- 1:00 pm - Competition area closes. Mounts may be removed at the conclusion of business meeting And not before. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Convention closes.

NOTE: Schedule and seminars subject to change. Check at registration table for updated information and possible changes

Missouri Taxidermist Association (MTA) Rules for Competition

1. Membership in the MTA must be valid prior to entering MTA Competitions. Out-of-state competitors must be a current member of their home state's association (Must show proof of membership at onsite registration).
2. Multiple entries in a category are allowed.
3. Any mount considered to be in poor taste by the Competition Committee will be removed from the competition.
4. Any out-of-state competitor must compete at or above the level required by their own state association. ***If you must compete in the Masters division in your home state, you must also compete in the Masters division in Missouri.***
5. Protected species must be accompanied by written proof of, or **PROPER**, permits for entry.
6. No mount may be entered that has previously been entered in any MTA competition.
7. **“Masters Division”** is for the taxidermist who wants to compete at the highest and most technically correct level.
8. **“Professional Division”** shall mean a person who receives money for their taxidermy work. You, however, need not be a Professional to compete at this level.
9. **“Amateur Division”** shall mean a person who receives no money for their taxidermy work.
10. The Competition Committee may, at its discretion, move a mount up to the next division after consulting with the Competitor.
11. ***JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.*** We ask the highest quality people to judge our show. Competitors are entitled to a critique by the judge to better understand what went into the decision that was made; however, disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.
12. Major Awards are the decision of the Judges and Competition Committee based upon score and Division.
13. No member may be in the Judging area while judging is in progress other than the Judges, Competition Committee, and Special Guests.
14. No competitor may enter any work that is not of their own doing. *(An exception is made for freeze-dried turkey heads, but all reconstruction and painting must be the work of the competitor.)* If a competitor is suspected of entering a specimen not of their own work, they may be required to pass a proficiency test for the Competition Committee.
14. A) Any mount that is done in a workshop, seminar, or school will be eligible for ribbons, scoresheets, and critiques in their appropriate category, but will **NOT** be eligible for “Best of Category” or any other major awards.
15. Any competitor who has entered a piece, not their own work, or falsified an entry in a Taxidermy Competition **Will Not** be allowed to compete in any MTA Competition.
16. Entries executed by more than one Taxidermist must be entered in the **Competitors (Combined Artists) Category**. Multiple ribbons; not eligible for major awards.
17. **Reproductions/Recreations Category** includes any reproduction or recreation that can be judged on an MTA score sheet. Making all reproductive parts competes in the Master's Division. Using commercial parts on your reproduction will put your entry in the Professional Division.
18. **Art Category** will be broken into 3 Divisions: Bronze, Glass, Flat and Carving. Each division will have ribbon recognition. However, Art Category will not be eligible for any other awards and will not have a Best of Category

19. **Life-size Category** qualifications are as follows: at least one leg on the mount; size qualification- coyote and smaller will be in the small life-size, any species larger, regardless whether full grown or offspring, will be entered into the large life-size category.
20. **Mixed Group:** two or more specimens on the same base in the same mount, regardless of species.
21. In mounts where there is more than one specimen on a base, **the competitor must decide** if the mount will be in the mixed group or judged separately. *The mount cannot be entered into two different categories!*
22. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: **Honorable mention 70-74, Third Place 75-79, Second Place 80-89, First Place 90 and above.**
23. **BEST ALL-AROUND** is open to Missouri Taxidermist Association members only. To compete for this title, the competitor must enter one mount in each of the following categories in the Masters Division:
Mammal--Life-size, Gamehead--Any mammal shoulder mount, Bird--Waterfowl, upland bird, turkey, or protected species (with proper permit), and Fish--Warm or cold water. To place in the Best All-Around competition, each of the four pieces must ribbon. (Reproduction/Recreation & Art Categories do **not** qualify for this award.) One taxidermist who demonstrates talents unsurpassed by any in all four categories will be chosen Missouri's Best All-Around Taxidermist. A special award will be presented to the winner at the Awards Banquet.
24. **Best Out-of-State Award** goes to the highest scoring mount by an entrant from another state; it need not be a blue ribbon.
25. Anyone having received (2) two blue ribbons or **Best of Category** in a given category in (1) one division must enter the next highest division in that category.
26. To be eligible for "**Best Overall Professional**" Award all (4) four pieces must be entered in the Professional Division: Birds, Fish, Gameheads/Whitetails and Life-size. All pieces must ribbon in every category with at least one ribbon being a blue ribbon. (Honorable Mention ribbons do not count.) Also, this is a once in a lifetime award for the Professional Division.
27. If there is no **Blue Ribbon** in a category, there will be no **Best of Category** awarded.
28. Any **Reference materials or instructions for the Judges** must be given to the Competition Committee at the time of entry, and cannot contain any information as to the entrant's identity.
29. All **glass cases and protective covers** must be removed prior to judging.
30. Entries will be released after the MTA Business Meeting or at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
31. Any Competitor who violates, or in the past has violated, any competition rule; in accordance with MTA Bylaws, will be subject to loss of any and all awards. Entry fees will not be reimbursed. Cheating at an event where there is the possibility of financial gain is a criminal act. Cheating that can be documented will be prosecuted as fraud as per state statutes.
32. By signing this registration form, all competitors release the MTA, its Officers, and Judges from all liability for mounts entered in the MTA Competition. The greatest care will be taken, but competitors are advised that accidents or thefts are possible, and that competitors should purchase insurance on their entries through their local insurance agent.

MISSOURI TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

(Revised 1993, 1996, 2008)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Association shall be the Missouri Taxidermist Association, herein after referred to as the Association or the MTA.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

Section A. Mission Statement

The Missouri Taxidermist Association promotes the art of taxidermy and related fields.

Section B. Purposes

1. To promote high standards in the art of taxidermy.
2. To strive to provide high-quality work.
3. To foster understanding in the general public about the field of taxidermy.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Qualifications

1. A member shall be defined:
 - a. A person who is a licensed taxidermist, **or**
 - b. A person engaged in a related field
2. A member must have paid the annual membership dues.

Section B. Fiscal year

1. Begins August 1
2. Ends July 31

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section A. Missouri Taxidermy Association Executive Board are the following officers:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary/Treasurer
4. Four MTA Members at Large
5. Immediate Past President (advisor only- no voting privileges)

Section B. Election Procedure

1. Elections are held during the annual competition
2. Nominations and elections are held at the same meeting
3. Nominations are made from the floor
4. Nominees must give consent before being nominated
5. Nominees are elected by a majority vote

Section C. Term of Office

1. Elected officers are for two (2) years, election to take place at the annual convention in even-numbered years
2. No two offices may be held by the same person
3. Any officer of the Association may be removed at any time by majority vote of the membership.
4. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice President. If there is no Vice President, the Executive Board will appoint a President by majority vote.
5. A vacancy in office, excluding the President, shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section D. Duties of Executive Board

1. **President**
 - a. Shall be MTA chief executive
 - b. Shall preside at all MTA meetings
 - c. Shall perform other duties as specified by the Executive Board

- d. Approves all MTA expenditures
 - e. Appoints standing and special committees
 - f. Appoints a committee to audit the books once a year
- 2. Vice President**
- a. Shall assume the duties of the presidency in the absence of the President.
 - b. Shall perform other duties as specified by the President or the Executive Board
- 3. Secretary/Treasurer**
- a. Shall take accurate minutes of all meetings
 - b. Shall maintain a permanent record of all minutes
 - c. Shall maintain all financial records of the organization
 - d. Shall prepare and distribute a newsletter (including a financial report) after each meeting (4 annually)
 - e. Shall present written and oral financial reports at each meeting
 - f. Shall pay all bills upon approval of the President
 - g. Steps to pay bill:
 - 1) Bills must be presented to the Treasurer
 - 2) President must approve the bills
 - 3) Treasurer shall pay the approved bills
 - 4) Payments are filed for audit
 - h. Shall submit for audit all financial records once a year and at the change of Treasurer
 - i. The Executive Board will determine the banking facility and the types of accounts
 - j. The signature card will have the following names and shall require any one signature for payment:
 - 1) President
 - 2) Vice President
 - 3) Secretary/Treasurer
- 4. Four Members at Large**
- a. Shall consist of four (4) members by a rotation system:
 - 1) Two are elected in even-numbered years
 - 2) Two are elected in odd-numbered years
 - b. All officers will hold office two (2) years
- 5. Immediate Past President**
- a. Serves on the Executive Board for two (2) years
 - b. Serves in an advisory capacity only – no voting privileges
 - c. Performs duties as directed by the President

ARTICLES V – DUES

Section A. Annual Dues

- 1. Determined annually by the Executive Board
- 2. Approved by the membership

Section B. Payment of Dues

- 1. Must be paid at or before the annual competition
- 2. Must be paid to be eligible to compete in competition

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws may be submitted in writing at any regular meeting. Such proposed amendment must be signed by three active members of the Association and shall be read at the meeting by Secretary, laid on the table until the next meeting, and shall be added to the Bylaws by a two-thirds vote of the members present including the written proxy votes.

ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION

Section A. The Executive Board shall determine if dissolution is necessary.

Section B. Dissolution Procedure:

- 1. Executive Board presents the reason(s) for dissolution to the members
- 2. Dissolution is decided upon by a majority vote of the members
- 3. MTA meets all financial obligations of the Association
- 4. Audits and closes all financial accounts
- 5. Assets (cash and equipment) remaining are to be donated to a charity according to the State law.

2009 MTA JUDGES

Our tradition of having nationally-known and respected judges at the Missouri Competition continues this year. Competitors will have a great opportunity to get “one-on-one” information from experts in each category. All of the judges have won honors and judged at different competitions.

The judges for the 2009 MTA Competition and Convention are:

- **Larry Schumaker** (*Whitetails*)- Larry has been a taxidermist for 34 years. His area of special interest is Whitetails. He has won over 100 ribbons & awards at the state, national & world levels over the years. His most recent win was Best of Category and Best of Show 2007 in the Missouri state competition (Pat Wagner as judge). He has judged in the past, and his critiques of whitetails are clear and precise. He is always willing to share his knowledge with others. He is wonderful at explaining techniques, etc.
- **Marcus Detring** (*Game heads and Mammals*)- Marcus has been a taxidermist for 23 years. His specialty is Life-size Mammals. He has competed & won at the highest levels. He has also judged for several different states and the world show on 3 occasions. He commands great respect in the world of taxidermy. Those who have attended his seminars can attest to the fact that he is a very capable instructor and always willing to share his knowledge.
- **Randy Pike** (*Birds & Amateur Division*)- Randy has been a taxidermist for 32 years. He is expert in all areas of taxidermy. He won World Champion-Master’s Div. Fish & 2nd in World short hair whitetail. Randy has done a lot in and for the taxidermy community. He is one of our own association’s founding fathers, and he is well known for his talent as a judge and for helping beginners and others understand what he’s explaining to them.
- **Don Frank** (*Fish*)- Don has been a full time taxidermist for 28 years. His special interest is Fish. Don has competed and won the World Master’s Div. Fish, and the NTA, as well as the NTA North American warm water Replica Championship. Don is also well known for his articles in issues of Breakthrough, etc. He is one of our association’s founding fathers, and he is a wonderful instructor.

We can all look forward with enthusiasm to learning a lot from these judges. Each one is a major competitor and talent in his own right. They have abundant experience judging and teaching. These men all have so many accomplishments they’re too numerous to mention. Our association is truly blessed to be able to name them among our members.

AUCTION AND DOOR PRIZES

There will be a Silent Auction again this year. Members are urged to bring new or used items (taxidermy related or not) for this auction. We will also be having the Live Auction and Door Prize Give Away after the banquet this year. MTA Members are asked to bring donations (new items) valued between \$10 and \$20 for the Silent Auction and/or a larger item for the Live Auction, if possible. Each member who brings an item will be given an entry into a drawing for a Bass Pro \$100 Gift Certificate. Tickets for the door prizes will be given away as follows:

- Two tickets for each registration (four tickets if your registration is postmarked by July 24, 2009), **AND**
- One ticket for each mount entered into competition.

AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, August 8, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This year's meal is undecided at this time. It is very important for the host hotel to know exactly how many will be eating (as well as for seating purposes) so you MUST order your banquet tickets on your registration form. No additional tickets will be sold after July 24th; and there will be NO REFUNDS!!

Following the meal, we will present the major awards for the evening. These include, but are not limited to:

AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE MTA:

President's Award – This is a special award presented to a member chosen by the President of the MTA for their service and dedication on behalf of the Association.

H.A. Nixon Best All-Around - Master's Div.: *is open to Missouri Taxidermist Association members only.* This award goes to the highest scoring competitor who enters & ribbons in all 4 categories (fish, bird, mammal-life size, & gamehead-any shoulder mount mammal). *Reproduction/Recreation, Competitor & Art Categories do not qualify.*

Best of Show – This award is given to the highest scoring mount in the entire competition. (*Judge's decision final.*) This award also comes with a \$100.00 gift card from Bass Pro Shops.

Best of State – This award is given to the highest scoring mount in the entire competition and is ONLY given to members who reside in the State of Missouri.

Best Out of State – goes to the highest scoring mount by an entrant from another state; it need not be a blue ribbon.

Best Overall Whitetail – goes to the highest scoring whitetail in the competition.

Best of Category – are given in both Master's and Professional Divisions to go to the **highest scoring mount with a score of 90 or more** in each category in their respective divisions. The eligible categories are: birds, sm. mammals, lg. mammals, fish, gameheads, turkey, whitetail, reproduction/recreation, mixed group, and reptile.

Best Overall Professional – all 4 pieces must be entered in the Prof. Div. one being in each category: bird, fish, gamehead/whitetail, and lifesize mammal. All must ribbon 3rd or higher with at least one being blue. This is a once in a lifetime award.

Best Professional Mount – goes to the highest scoring mount in the professional division. This award comes with a \$100.00 gift card from Bass Pro Shops.

Taxidermist's Choice Awards- Professional Division; award winners are chosen by your peers.

Best Amateur Mount – is given to the highest scoring mount in the amateur division.

Paul Schwartz – is given to the highest scoring mount in the amateur division by an amateur taxidermist under the age of 16.

SPONSORED AWARDS:

McKenzie's Distinguished Service Award – is given to a member in good standing with the association who fits these criteria: Promotes professionalism in business, Advances the art of taxidermy, Depicts taxidermy and hunting in a positive image, Shares knowledge of taxidermy techniques, Improves the quality of his/her taxidermy work, And Promotes the goals of the state association. To be chosen by a vote among the officers of the association.

Taxidermist's Overall Choice Awards – Master's Division; are sponsored by McKenzie Taxidermy Supply Company. These award winners are chosen by your peers, in the following categories, birds, fish, mammals, and whitetails.

WASCO Polytranspar Award – is awarded to the highest scoring fish mount painted with Polytranspar airbrush paints.

WASCO Award – is selected by the judges for the mount that has the best exhibition of taxidermy; most creative and most artistic merit, and it must be an original idea. It is judged as a 3-dimensional piece.

Competitors Award – (sponsored by Matuska Taxidermy Supply) is awarded to the highest scoring 4 mounts entered by a single competitor, regardless of category.

Starfish Award – is given to the highest scoring reproduction fish mount in the competition. (Substitution may be made, if no fish are entered.)

Breakthrough Award – is selected by the judges. It is given to the mount which has excellent quality and strong artistic impact.

ART.ROCKS Habitat Award – is given to the highest scoring mount using ART.ROCKS in their display.

Vandyke's Award – is to be chosen by the judges for the most original & creative presentation.

Missouri Conservation Agents Association – a winner is chosen & an award presented in all 3 divisions by a representative of the MDC Association.

Missouri Trapper's Association – a winner is chosen & an award is presented in all 3 divisions by a representative of the Trapper's Assoc.

National Wild Turkey Federation – a winner is chosen & an award is presented in all 3 divisions by a representative of the NWTF. *Awards may be added or dropped. The competition committee reserves the right to adjust awards as the show conditions dictate.*

GUIDED TOUR OF MISSOURI'S STATE CAPITAL

Last year we held a scrapbooking seminar for anyone who was interested. This year we are taking advantage of the close proximity of the state capital building to our host hotel. We will be taking a guided tour. We will meet by the waterfall at 10:30am to make our 11:00am tour time; so please be on time. Everyone is welcome to attend FREE of charge! You are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a small umbrella for protection from sun or rain, as it is a 2 block walk to the capital. Please fill in the appropriate blank on the registration form. (*Late joiners are welcome. This is just to get an idea of interest.*)

MTA 2009 Competition & Convention Information August 7-9, 2009

Our state show will soon be upon us. If you haven't started your pieces yet, **START NOW!!** This year our competition will be held at the **Capital Plaza Hotel-Jefferson City, MO, phone: (800) 338-8088**. A block of rooms has been set aside for the Missouri Taxidermist Association. These rooms are open to us for reservation until **July 7th, 2009**. The cost for a single or double occupancy will be **\$79.00 + tax**. Larger rooms are available at a little more cost, but would be ideal for family groups. Ask for details when you call to reserve. There is no guarantee of price after the 7th; so **call for your room NOW!!** Directions & Map are included in this mailing.

The **Early Registration rate is \$75.00** when postmarked by or before **July 24th, 2009** this year. Be sure you have your form in the mail by or before that date to ensure this rate rather than \$100.00 for late registration.

Anyone who is planning on attending the competition for more than a day should definitely stay at the Capital Plaza. We are getting the competition rooms for a VERY LOW PRICE with the understanding that the Hotel will be making their money from RENTED ROOMS and the BANQUET MEALS SOLD. No other establishment has even come close to touching the price Capital Plaza quoted us for this year, and there's a possibility that, if we don't make it worth their while with rooms and banquet tickets, they might not be as generous the next time around. **Please help keep the cost of the competition low by staying at the host Hotel and buying a banquet ticket.** *Thank you.*

Everyone who can is urged to come early on Friday morning, Aug. 7th, to help with the job of setting up backboards & tables for the competitors and vendors. Registration opens at 9am; so we need to begin set-up by 8am at the latest. **Everyone who attends & competes can help on Sunday afternoon with the tearing down process.** Each member & competitor can contribute in some way no matter of age, gender, or infirmities. Please help in any way you can.

We have a great line up of seminars this year. Check the schedule for listing. There will be a few changes regarding the show. **EVERYONE WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR BADGE** to enter the vendors & seminar areas. (This includes: registered members, competitors, judges, & vendors.) This is to help avoid any confusion. No one else is to be allowed in these areas. The vendors will have a schedule for the first time this year at our show. (*Schedule may change; check for any changes at registration desk.*) Scoresheets will be given out Sun. morning. Competitors may pick them up at the registration desk. A schedule for each judge will be placed in the competition area for competitors to sign up for their critique. A fifteen minute time slot will be allowed for each one. (*Judge may extend time if needed.*) A "Meet & Greet" pizza party has been scheduled from 5-6pm Fri. evening in the Vendor's Area. (*This is being sponsored by individuals.*) We have several different vendors signed up to come. Suppliers who may come are Matuska and a couple of others are interested. We will know more at a later date.

THE CHALLENGE RETURNS!!!

Several years ago an individual competition was held to add a little spice to the convention. After some discussion at the Deer Classic this year, it was decided to revive "The Challenge". The competition is open to all competitors regardless of division. A species of animal is chosen for the "Challenge". Each entrant must be a registered competitor as well as pay an extra fee of **\$15** to enter the "Challenge". The animal chosen at the March meeting was a **squirrel**. The winner is **Judge's Choice**. The winner receives the total fees paid in for the challenge and has the honor of choosing next year's challenge animal. *This competition is strictly for FUN!! Enjoy yourself and let others do the same. . .* A special Challenge Entry space has been provided on the registration form.



2009 MTA COMPETITION AND CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

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Capital City Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri

Please print. Sign and Date on the back of this page.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

MTA Dues (\$40 individual; \$50 family).....\$ _____

REGISTRATION\$ _____
(\$75--If postmarked by July 24th \$100--If postmarked after July 24th or on-site registration)

ENTRIES (\$15 per entry--see reverse side)\$ _____

SQUIRREL CHALLENGE (\$15 entry fee)\$ _____

BEST ALL AROUND (MTA MEMBERS ONLY) (\$5)\$ _____

AWARDS BANQUET (Adults-11 and over--\$25.00; Children-under 11--Free)
You must purchase banquet tickets on this form. **NO REFUNDS!!!**..... \$ _____

of Adults: _____ # of Children (under 11): _____

TOTAL (Make checks payable to the MTA).....\$ _____

Capital Tour: # _____ adults _____ children planning to go.

NOTE: Missouri resident taxidermists must pay dues to enter competition. Only registered taxidermists and their immediate families may attend seminars, enter supply area, and attend awards party. *Members who joined in March or before must pay dues again now to attend.*

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO:

MTA Competition & Convention
1659 Little Bay Rd.
Hermann, MO 65041

For additional information, call Debbie at (573) 943-6740.

Please indicate entries by category and division then provide species name in last column, if needed.

CATEGORY*	AMATEUR DIVISION	PROFESSIONAL DIVISION	MASTERS DIVISION	SPECIES (not required if box is shaded)
BIRDS (excluding turkey)				
COMMERCIAL FISH (no divisions; not eligible for major awards)				
COMPETITOR'S CATEGORY (multiple ribbons; not eligible for major awards)				
FIRST HONEST WHITETAIL (no divisions)				
FISH**				
ART includes Multiple ribbons				
FREEZE DRY				
GAMEHEADS				
MAMMALS (large or small life-size)				
REPRODUCTION / RECREATION				
MIXED GROUP (two or more specimens of different species)				
REPTILES/ AMPHIBIANS				
TURKEY				
WHITETAILED				
TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES***				

*Please identify if you used Art.Rocks (any category)

**Please identify if you used Polytranspar paints on fish entries in these categories.

***Multiply the total number of entries by \$15 for the Entries fee on the reverse side.

→→**COMPETITORS MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM!!**←←

I have read a the MTA Competition Rules and certify my entry(ies) meet all the requirements; and I will comply with these rules and the decisions of the Competition Committee.

Competitor's Signature _____ Date _____

Competition Committee Member Signature _____

MAPS & DIRECTIONS:

The Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 W. McCarty, Jefferson City, MO (phone: 1-800-338-8088) is easily accessible in the heart of Missouri. The following directions will assist you when traveling by highway:

FROM ST. LOUIS TO JEFFERSON CITY: Take I-70 west to the Kingdom City exit. At the stoplight, turn left onto Highway 54 West. Follow Highway 54 to Jefferson City. When entering Jefferson City, you will cross the Missouri River Bridge. Proceed in the right lane and stay to the right for the McCarty Street Exit. At the light, make a left on McCarty. The hotel is ahead two blocks on the right hand side of the street.

FROM KANSAS CITY TO JEFFERSON CITY: TAKING HIGHWAY 50 - Take Highway 50 east into Jefferson City. Turn left onto Missouri Boulevard and proceed in the right lane. Turn right onto McCarty Street at the first light. The hotel entrance is on the right.

TAKING I-70 - Take I-70 East to the Highway 63 South exit in Columbia. Turn right and take 63 South approximately 30 minutes to Highway 54 West. Follow Highway 54 to Jefferson City. When entering Jefferson City, you will cross the Missouri River Bridge. Proceed in the right lane and stay to the right for the McCarty Street Exit. At the light, make a left on McCarty. The hotel is ahead two blocks on the right hand side of the street.

FROM COLUMBIA TO JEFFERSON CITY: Take Highway 63 South to Highway 54 West. Stay in the exit lane to the right. Follow Highway 54 to Jefferson City. When entering Jefferson City, you will cross the Missouri River Bridge. Proceed in the right lane and stay to the right for the McCarty Street Exit. At the light, make a left on McCarty. The hotel is ahead two blocks on the right hand side of the street.

FROM SPRINGFIELD TO JEFFERSON CITY: Take I-44 East to Lebanon exit (Highway 5 North). Turn left onto Highway 5. Stay on Highway 5 into Camdenton and make a right onto Highway 54 East at the first light. Once in Jefferson City, take the Missouri Blvd. (Business 50) exit to right. Turn right onto Missouri Boulevard and take another right onto McCarty Street at the second light. The hotel entrance is on the right.

