

2012 COMPETITION AND CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, August 3, 2012

- 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.
- 9:00 am - 11:00am - **Larry Schumaker-Whitetail Anatomy**
- 11:00am – 1:00pm - **Jimmy Lawrence- Painting a Smallmouth Bass**
- 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 - 5:00 pm - **Dan “Psycho” Hudzik- - Mounting a Snapping Turtle**
- 6:00 pm - 11:59 pm - Hospitality Room Open (help needed to run & donations accepted).

Saturday, August 4, 2012

- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Late Registration-*NO entries accepted.* There is a one-day registration; \$50 registration fee is due.
- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - **Vendors Open**
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - **Dan Helmer- Skin Mounting a Crappie**
- 12:00pm – 12:30pm - **Competitors’ Voting** for favorite mounts in competition area.
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - **Carmen Helmer-Mounting a Standing Duck**
- 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm - **Vendors Open**
- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - **Cole Cruickshank-Casting a Fish from Bondo Mold-Anyone who attended the winter workshop and wishing to participate in my seminar please contact me ahead of time so we can go over the mold prep that must be completed before arriving at the show.**
- ??? - 5:00 pm - Doors open to competitors and the public when judging is completed. Ribbons will be in place in competition area.
- 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 5, 2012

- 8:00 am - 11:00 am - Competition area open to public and judges’ critiques until meeting begins.
- 8:30 am – 10:00 am - **Award Winners Photos w/mounts** location to be announced.
- 8:00 am - 11:00 am - **Vendors Open?**
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am - **Mitch Webb- Mounting a Bobcat**
- 11:15 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

MTA 2011 Competition & Convention Information

Our state show will soon be here. If you haven't started your pieces yet, **START NOW!!** This year our competition will be held at the **Country Club Hotel & Spa-301 Carol Road-Lake Ozark, MO, 65049. Phone: (800) 964-6698.**

Directions from Jefferson City, MO; 38 miles on US54 West, Right on Bagnell Dam Blvd. (US Bus.54W) go 2.5 miles, then right on Horseshoe Bend Pkwy 1.9 miles, right on Carol Dr. 0.7 miles to Country Club Hotel & Spa. From Kansas City, MO; 100 miles on I70 East, turn right at exit 101 on MO5 South go 39 miles, turn left on MO52 East go 33 miles, turn right on US 54 West go 7.6 miles, right on Bagnell Dam Blvd. (US Bus.54 W) go 2.5 miles, then right on Horseshoe Bend Pkwy 1.9 miles, right on Carol Dr. 0.7 miles to Country Club Hotel & Spa. From Springfield, MO; 45 miles on I44 East to Lebanon, turn left at exit 129 Jefferson St. (MO-5 North) go 1.7 miles, turn right on US54 East go 13 miles, turn right onto Osage Beach Pkwy south and go 2 miles, turn left onto Bagnell Dam Blvd (US Bus.54 W) go 2.5 miles, then right on Horseshoe Bend Pkwy 1.9 miles, right on Carol Dr. 0.7 miles to Country Club Hotel & Spa.

A block of rooms has been set aside for the Missouri Taxidermist Association. These rooms are open to us for reservation until **July 2nd 2012**. There are 20 deluxe rooms, 6 of which have 2 Queen beds and the rest are Kings the price will be **\$75.00 + tax**. There are also suites which are large and have a King bed, sofa sleeper, wet bar, and mini fridge. These are **\$92.00 + tax**. They also have 10 two bedroom villas and 5 three bedroom villas available. Ask for details when you call to reserve. There is no guarantee of price after the 2nd; so **call for your room NOW!!**

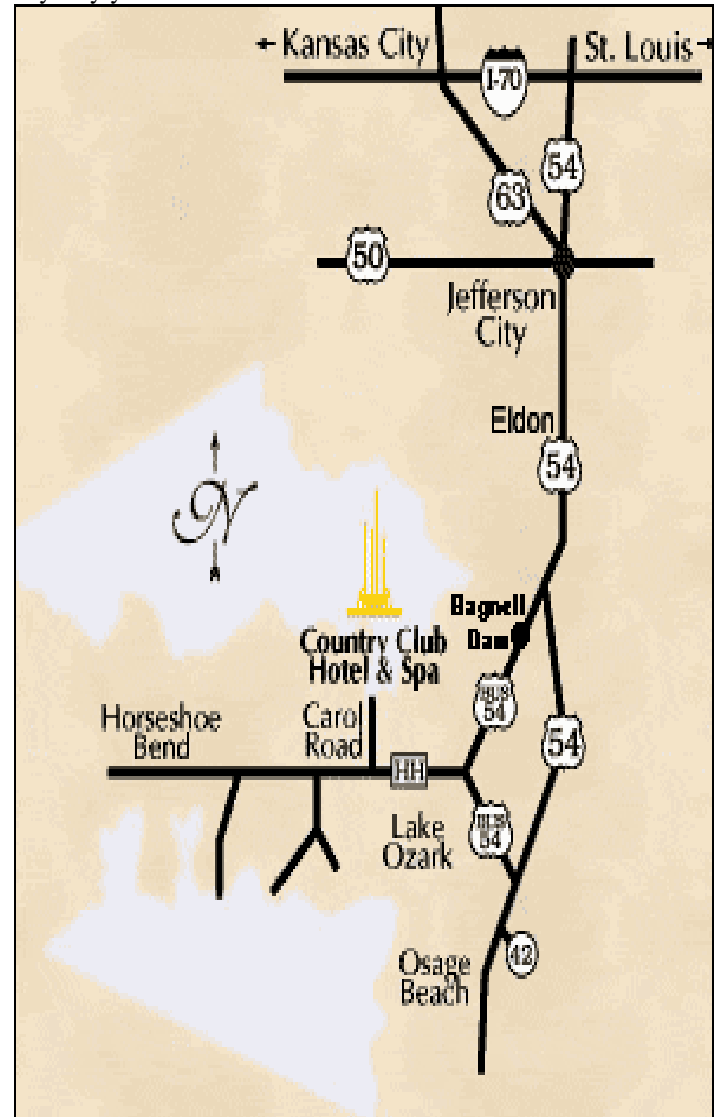
The **Competition Early Registration rate is \$75.00** when postmarked by or before **July 15th, 2012** this year. Be sure you have your form in the mail by or before that date to ensure this rate rather than \$100.00 for late registration.

Everyone who can is urged to come early on Friday morning, August 3rd, 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**

Anyone who is planning on attending the competition for more than a day should stay at the Country Club Hotel & Spa. We are getting the convention rooms for a LOW, LOW PRICE with the understanding that the Hotel will be making their money from RENTED ROOMS and the BANQUET MEALS SOLD. Please help keep the cost of the competition low by staying at the host Hotel and buying a banquet ticket. Thank you.

We have a great line up of seminars this year. Check the schedule for listing. As last year, **EVERYONE NEEDS 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 show. (Schedule may change; check for any changes at 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.) We have several different vendors signed up to come. Suppliers & Vendors coming are: Research (be sure to call Randy to place an order for him to bring free of shipping) and Ohio Taxidermy Supply, UTA, and McKenzie/Vandyke's.

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.



2012 MTA JUDGES

We have invited four very accomplished judges to be with us this year. Each has won honors and judged at every level of competition. Competitors will have a great opportunity to get “one-on-one” information from an expert in each category.

Our judges for the 2012 MTA Competition & Convention are:

- **Larry Schumaker** (Whitetails) – Larry has been a taxidermist for 37 years. His area of special interest is Whitetails. He has won over 100 ribbons and awards at the state, national, and world levels over the years. His most recent win was Best of Category and Best of Show 2007 in Missouri State competition. 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. We are happy to have Larry back as a judge this year.
- **Mitch Webb** (Game heads & Mammals) - Mitch hails from Arkansas and has been running his own taxidermy shop since 2001. He is currently the president of the ATA. Mitch has won 19 best of categories. He is the two time Southern Regional Champion with both life-size and whitetail. He has three peoples' choice awards and one Breakthrough Award. Mitch has judged numerous state shows around the south including Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Kansas. He will be a nice addition to our judging lineup and we welcome him again to the lineup.
- **Dan (Fish) & Carmen Helmer** (Birds) – In 1985 Dan and Carmen began their career in taxidermy and since then have created award winning masterpieces in waterfowl, game head, and fish categories. Today they are ranked among the top taxidermist from around the world and compete at the state, national, and world level taxidermy shows, winning countless blue ribbons in the Master category. They have been awarded numerous Best of Show awards and a total of twelve Wasco awards; Dan with four and Carmen with eight. Welcome to you both!
- **Randy Pike** (Amateur Division) - Randy is one of our Missouri Taxidermist Association's founding fathers. He has 33 years of experience in taxidermy. He is an expert in all areas of taxidermy. He has won World Champion- Master's Div. Fish, 2nd in World with a short hair whitetail, and many other major awards at all levels. Randy has judged at all levels of competition and is well known for his talent as a judge and teacher.

All four (5) of these judges come highly recommended, from competitors who have met them and had pieces judged by them and been privileged enough to set in on their seminars. We are truly blessed to have all five with us as our judges this year. **Welcome to you all!**

AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, August 4th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This year's meal includes Smokey BBQ Beef Brisket, Rosemary Pork Loin, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Corn, Green Salad, & Cole Slaw, along with assorted desserts. 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 15th; 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, & game head-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 and will also receive the Breakthrough Award. *(Judge's decision final)*

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, skin mount, fish, game heads, turkey, whitetail, game heads, 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, game head/whitetail, and life-size mammal. All must ribbon 3rd or higher with at least one being blue. This is a once in a lifetime award.

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:

Artisan Award-Taxidermist Choice; which mount best represents what taxidermy should aspire to be.

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

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

Lifetone Award - goes to the highest scoring fish or reproduction of a fish in the competition.

Matuska Competitor's Award- one will be given in the Professional Div. and one will be given in the Master Div. Each will be accompanied by a \$50 gift certificate. The competitor must enter (4) four pieces in one of the two divisions; one piece in each of these categories: Bird, Fish, Gamehead/Whitetail, & Life-sized Mammal. The combined highest scoring mounts will win in each division.

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.

McKenzie's Taxidermist's Overall Choice Awards – Master's Division; are sponsored by McKenzie Taxidermy Supply Company. These award winners are chosen by your peers.

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.

Muddy Outdoors State Champion Awards- an award is given to the highest scoring entry in each of these six (6) categories: Fish, Whitetail, Reptile, Bird, Life-size Mammal, & Gamehead.

National Wild Turkey Federation – a winner is chosen & an award is presented in all 3 divisions by a representative of the NWTF.

Research- is sponsoring two (2) gift certificates: a \$50 gift certificate will go to the highest scoring Amateur mount and a \$200 gift certificate will go to the highest scoring Professional mount.

Starfish Award – is given to the highest scoring reproduction mount in the competition.

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

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.

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

Whitetails Unlimited- a winner is chosen & an award is presented in all 3 divisions by a representative of Whitetails Unlimited.

Woody Award – Taxidermy Today is sponsoring this award, which is chosen by the judges and goes to a mount in Pro or Masters that exhibits good artistic competition and craftsmanship. This is presented to a mount that is NOT the Best of Show winner, as that mount generally receives much attention.

Awards may be added or dropped. The competition committee reserves the right to adjust awards as the show conditions dictate.

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, score sheets, 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 open art: Taxidermist Choice will choose 1st, 2nd, 3rd, place ribbons. 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 “different” specimens.
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 65-69, Third Place 70-79, 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, and 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.

THE CHALLENGE IS BACK!!!

Last year it was decided to revive “The Challenge”. The competition is open to all competitors regardless of division; *however, the judge will chose the best mount from those entered.* 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 by last year’s winner is the **River Otter**. The winner is ultimately the **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!!** *A special Challenge Entry space has been provided on the registration form.*

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 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 15, 2012), **AND**
- One ticket for each mount entered into competition.



2012 MTA COMPETITION AND CONVENTION

REGISTRATION FORM

August 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2012

Country Club Hotel & Spa

301 Carol Road

Lake Ozark, MO 65049

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

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Birth Date _____

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

REGISTRATION\$ _____

(\$75--If postmarked by July 15th \$100--If postmarked after July 15th or on-site registration)

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

River Otter CHALLENGE (\$15 to enter).....\$ _____

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).....\$ _____

NOTE: Missouri resident taxidermists must pay dues to enter competition. Out of State Competitors MUST show proof of membership in their own state. 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
15030 Reel Avenue
Altamont, MO 64620

For additional information, call Stephanie at (660) 749-5757.

Please indicate entries by category and division then provide species name in last column, if needed. Also, specify age, if competitor is under 16 years old.

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)				
FISH**				
ART open				
FREEZE DRY				
GAMEHEADS				
MAMMALS (large or small life-size)				
REPRODUCTION / RECREATION				
MIXED GROUP (two or more 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.

***Please identify if you used Lifetone/Hydromist paints on fish entries in these categories.

****Please identify if you used Walnut Creek Hardwoods panels or bases in your entry.

***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 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 _____ Age _____ Date _____

Competition Committee Member Signature _____