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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I am writing this, we are all feeling the effects of COVID-19. We were very lucky with the timing of our state convention, which allowed us to proceed before the statewide shutdown. I am very thankful and grateful for the overwhelming support of our convention during those uncertain times. We were able to host taxidermists from 20 states and Canada. It was nice to see old friends, and to make new ones, as well as see some faces that I had not

seen for some time. It was also nice to see everyone interacting and having a good time, particularly at our corn hole tournament/pizza party. We had an excellent group of judges, seminars, and over 30 vendors for our members. We had also seen a significant rise in competition pieces from the previous year by nearly 30%, as well as gained 36 new members. We were also able to come together as a taxidermy family and help one of our members in need. With an overwhelming outpouring of generosity, we were able to donate approximately \$9,000 to the Zimmerman family. Thank you again for everyone's contribution to make our 41st state convention a success.

As many already know, we will be moving our state convention to a new location next year. The board and officers have been working toward this move for the past several years. We are pleased to announce that after scouring the state with many site visits and many many discussions we will be moving to the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex in Indiana Pennsylvania. We feel that this is the best fit for our organization financially as well as for our members. It is a beautiful modern location with plenty of room for our convention to grow. It is also in a college town that offers our members many choices in regard to hotels and restaurants in the immediate area. There will also be concessions available in the Kovalchick Complex, so if our members choose they will not have to leave the facility. We are excited to begin a new chapter in the history of our state convention and hope that you will join us for the 42nd state convention at the Kovalchick Complex on February 25, 26, and 27th 2021.

Normally at this time of the year I would be discussing the details of the upcoming Cabela's show, however I regret to inform our members that we will not be able to have our Cabelas show in 2020 and possibly into the future as well. With Bass Pro recently acquiring Cabela's there are many changes taking place. After speaking with their management, the space that we generally utilize will be remodeled in June. It was brought to our attention that there may not even be a space for us to utilize moving forward. With COVID-19 upon us, their remodeling timeline is also in jeopardy. We have decided with so many unknowns in the future for this venue we will not be able to proceed for 2020. Logistically, with so many variables, we would not want to jeopardize our organization with a financial loss due to the potential lack of organization

As always we are continuing to work toward improving our organization and growing it into the future. If anyone has any input or suggestions please feel free to contact myself or any of the board members and officers.

Sincerely, Vince Spellane



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Pennsylvania Taxidermist Association, Inc. General Membership Meeting — March 14, 2020 — Seven Springs, PA

<u>Board Members Present</u> — Bob Evans, Vince Spellane, Crystal Confer, Ray Kowalski, John Czerniakowski, Heather Miller, Ashley Barrett, Jamie Cameron, Chad Horst, Bob Gray <u>Board Members Absent</u> — Jens Jorgensen

• PA State Show

- This is our last year at Seven Springs.
- We have looked at around 45 locations. The biggest barrier that we came across was finding a big enough space within a cost range that the association could afford.
- The 2021 show will be held at the Kovalchick Center in Indiana, PA. This location will give our members options for hotels and dining. There will be a food vendor set up at the center so that you don't have to leave the center for food if you don't want to.
- The show will take place the last weekend of February and will start on Thursday.
- Treasury Report John Czerniakowski gave a report. We have over \$25,000 in a reserve account. In total, we have around \$35,000 in the bank coming into the show.
- 2021 Judges Verbal Commitments from Cory Caruthers Birds, Mike Rohanna Whitetail, Jason Krause small mammals, Josh Hunt large mammals, Matthias Fahmi fish, Hutch Habitat
- Hands-On Seminar We would like feedback on the hands-on seminars.
 - A new member was interested in it, but didn't want to miss out on the other seminars since it was her first year.
 - A suggestion was doing a shorter one and having it start at 7:00 am 8:00 am one morning and only lasting the morning.
 - We have talked about offering hands-on seminars throughout the year rather than just at the state show.
- Silent Auction for Matt Zimmerman Ray gave a brief overview of the silent auction that is out to support the Zimmerman family.

Seminars

- It was asked if we have thought about having a seminar videoed and projected while it's happening so that everyone at the seminar can see what is going on. It has been tried, but with the lights on it is hard to see on the screen. There may be more options for this at the Kovalchick Center.
- Having a business seminar that the members leave having a plan in place for themselves. This may potentially be in the summer.
- Could there be more time allotted for the business seminar in the future? The schedule is very full so it is hard to make it longer.
- Suggestions: In-house tanning, a basic business seminar and an advanced business seminar, a roundtable business session where there are multiple people available for questions and answers and discussion, advertising (what has worked and hasn't worked, how to make the most of social media), habitat, children's seminars that are more hands-on, taxidermy based
- **Number of show pieces** this year is 180 pieces. We are up from last year's number.
- Volunteers Volunteers are always needed. If you are willing to volunteer during the state show or any other time, please let a board member know.

Getting Information Out During the Show

- One member felt there was less interest in the vendor cash raffle this year. He wasn't sure if it was lack of knowledge or something else.
- Some members didn't realize that there was a cutoff time on the cornhole sign-up.
- One of the board members also noticed that people weren't aware of some of the things going on during the show.
- A thought for next year is having an introduction at each seminar stating what all is going on.
- Another thought is having an informational session on the first day letting members know what all is going on.
- At the Kovalchick Center there will be tvs throughout the building that we can use for announcements.
- Emailing out/posting on Facebook a list of items such as vendor tickets, raffles, auctions, cornhole tournament, etc.
- **Cornhole** There was a recommendation to have some type of fundraiser during the cornhole tournament. The board had talked about it and wanted that time to be just for socialization. If members are interested, we would consider doing it next year. One member stated that he enjoyed not having a money maker during that time.
- **Board Meetings** All members are welcome to attend board meetings.

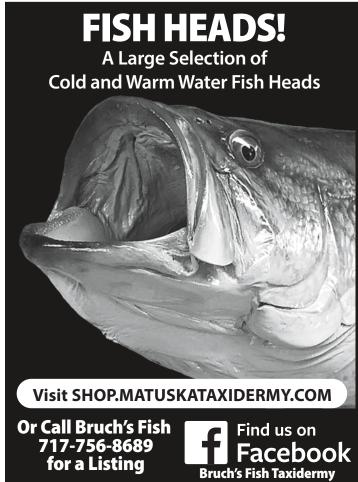
Meeting adjourned at 9:18.



From the cover . . . A huge THANK YOU to our 2020 Judges!
Greg Pollauf from Oregon, Ohio receiving his Best of Show from the Judges

(Carolin Brak-Dolny, Tim Gorenchan, Clint Rickey, Kent Stryker, Paul Czarnecki; Absent - Ken Zimmerman)





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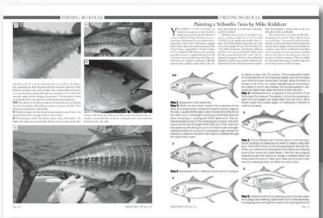
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Vince Spellane	Vince Spellane 107		94
Brian Claar	2	Jason Krause	89
Paul Czarnecki	ki 1 Bob Evans		79
Cam Ream	1	Heather Miller	72
	111	John Peslis	44
		Jamie Cameron	44
		Dan Swanson	30
VICE PRESIDENT: #	# of Votes:	Landon Martin	23
	# 61 Votes:	Dylan Dowey	18
Ray Kowalski Bill Gouba	110	Chad Henry	1
Ashley Barrett	1	Shane Zimmerman	1_
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professional division,

but the knowledge I left

with and the desire

I had to improve my

work was

worth more than any

ribbon I could have

received.

Hello, my name is Lylan Dowey, owner of Dowey's Taxidermy. I have been a part-time taxidermist for nine years now, but did not join the association until 2019. Growing up I always found myself looking at mounts anywhere I went that had them. I could always tell between quality mounts and mounts that did not look that great. This lead to a desire of wanting to learn what all went into a quality mount, and boy

did it turn out to be more then what I thought! With only needing three credits to graduate high school going into my senior year, I spent most my days in the school library and being a student aid for my ag teacher. After discussing with him my desire to go to school for taxidermy, and already in contact, and knowing what school I wanted to go to, The Pennsylvania Institute of Taxidermy, he approached the school board about letting me start school before graduation, and so it happened. In April I started taxidermy school Monday thru Thursday, and spent Fridays at my high school catching up on work.

After graduating taxidermy school with the basic understanding of taxidermy I started my own business in hopes of going full time. This ended up being a slow process for myself and I began to get bored with taxidermy and was slowly doing less and less. Then in the fall of 2019 I seen a jump in business and a new fire was lit. I decided to join the association and attend my first state taxidermy competition. This was a real eye opener for me to the world of competition taxidermy, and all the perks of belonging to an association. I only entered one deer that year and received a third place ribbon in the professional division, but the knowledge I

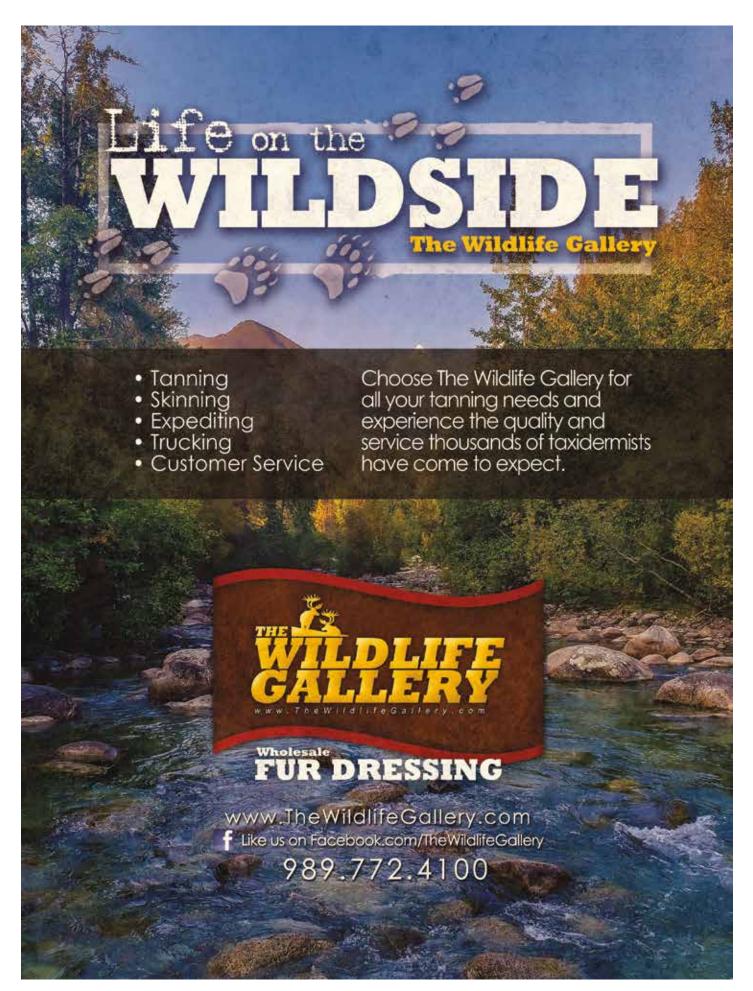
left with and the desire I had to inprove my work was worth more than any ribbon I could have received. I decided at that point if I wasn't able to go full time with taxidermy I still wanted to learn how to produce an outstanding mount.

I have always had a love for fishing, and the challenge to produce a quality fish mount was where my interest was. After seeing Frank Kotula's tiger trout at the 2019 state competition, it inspired

me to really take a look at my fish and improve them. I entered a skin mount rainbow trout at the Cabela's competition later that year and received a second place, and a reproduction brown trout at the state competition this year and received a second as well. I left each competition with more knowledge on how to improve my work, and got to meet some really nice people that I look forward to seeing at each competition.

Nothing is possible without God, and the support of family and friends. I owe a lot to my wife and son who deal with not seeing me very much from an already demanding full time job and a growing taxidermy business as well. My wife even let our first wedding anniversary be spent at Cabela's! Talk about love.

As everyone who is reading this probably already knows you cannot beat the connections and friendships you will make by joining the PTA. My only regret is that I didn't get involved nine years ago. Just makes me wonder what level my work would be at now! I hope everyone is being safe and healthy and by the time this gets published COVID-19 will be a thing of the past. Look forward to seeing everyone at the 2021 state competition.



Best of Show & Breakthrough Award Winner - \$1500 – Taxidermy

Greg Pollauf - Pacific Eider

Taxidermy Today Woody Award

Brian Hendricks - Horned Toad

WASCO Award

Grea Pollauf - Pintail Drake

Competitors Best of Show Artisan Award

Sponsored by the UTA

Ron Blinsky - Whitetail

Taxidermist of the Year

Greg Pollauf - Pacific Eider

Taxidermy State Champions:

- Whitetail Ron Blinsky
- Small Mammal Brian Hendricks Bobcat
- Bird Landon Martin Dove
- Waterfowl Greg Pollauf Pacific Eider
- Reptile/Amphibian (Skin) -Brian Hendricks — Horned Toad
- Habitat Greg Pollauf

Competitors \$\$\$ Awards

Sponsored by McKenzie, Tohickon, Head Quarters, Wildlife Gallery, PRO-1, Payer Eyes & PTA

Master Division:

- First Place \$2000 Greg Pollauf
- Second Place \$1000 Brian Hendricks
- Third Place \$500 Ron Blinsky

Professional Division:

- First Place \$1000 Tyler Coleman
- Second Place \$500 Chad Horst
- Third Place \$250 Fritz Birkhimer

Best All-Around Taxidermist

Sponsored by Tohickon Glass Eyes Leon Lapp

Best Professional Entry

Sponsored by Tohickon Glass EyesHeather Miller — Coyote

Best of Category

Professional Division Winners:

- Whitetail Clair Weaver
- Large Gamehead Dennis Hedrick Black Bear
- Small Mammal Heather Miller Coyote
- Bird Daniel Parmer Ruffed Grouse
- Waterfowl Chad Horst Ruddy Duck
- Habitat Tyler Coleman
- Miscellaneous Crystal Halfhill

Best Amateur Entry

Sponsored by Research MannikinsBlake Yoder — Woodduck Drake

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Best of Category Amateur Division Winners:

- Whitetail Tim Cloak
- Large Mammal Bobby Miller Ibex
- Small Mammal Tim Cloak Coyote
- Waterfowl Blake Yoder Woodduck Drake
- Reptile/Amph. (Skin) Brannon Usko Black Rat Snake
- Habitat Bobby Miller

Rising Star Award

- First Place \$100 Gabrielle Kobaly - Grey Squirrel
- Second Place \$75 Blake Yoder - Whitetail
- Third Place \$25 Jens A. Joraensen - Perch

Best of Category – Jr. Amateur Division Winners:

- Whitetail Blake Yoder
- Small Mammal Gabrielle Kobaly Grey Squirrel
- Fish (Repro) Jens A. Jorgensen Perch

PTA Taxidermist Choice Award

Greg Pollauf - Pintail Drake

People's Choice Awards:

- First Place Schaun Mack Black Bear
- Second Place Larry Smith Elk
- Third Place Jason Martin & Clair Weaver -Moose & Bear

Collective Artists Awards:

- First Place (Perry Klein Memorial Award) -Ashley & Fallon Barrett - Whitetail
- Second Place Daniel Parmer & Tyler Coleman — Brewers Duck Hybrid
- Third Place Chad Horst, Landon Martin & Scott Lengel Ringneck Ducks
- **Honorable Mention** Brian Wagner & Darrick Bantley Whitetail

PA Game Commission Award

Ron Blinsky - Whitetail

PA Fish & Boat Commission Award

Tom Crafton — Smallmouth Bass

Jack Wilson Memorial Award

Landon Martin - Dove

Ducks Unlimited Award

Greg Pollauf - Pacific Eider

National Wild Turkey Federation Award Leon Lapp

Safari Club International Award

Darrick Bantley - Black Bear

PA Trappers Association Award

Brian Hendricks - Bobcat

Ruffed Grouse Society Award

Daniel Parmer

PGC Commissioner's Award

Brian Hendricks - Bobcat

Best Bear Award

Sponsored by Hughes FormsDarrick Bantley

Best Gamehead Award

Sponsored by Research Mannikins Dennis Hedrick - Black Bear

Best Skin Mounted Reptile/Amphibian Award

Jason Krause – Timber Rattlesnake

Best Wildlife Photograph

Chad Horst - Canvasback/Redhead Hybrid

Best Replica Award

Brian Harness — Horned Toad

Ozark Woods Brian Harness Memorial Award

Heather Miller — Coyote

Van Dyke's Most Original & Creative Award

Heather Miller - Coyote

Rick Burkholder Memorial Award

Heather Miller - Coyote

Polytranspar Award

Brian Hendricks — Horned Toad

McKenzie Taxidermist Choice Awards:

- Whitetail Deer Ron Blinsky
- Life-size Mammal Heather Miller Coyote
- *Bird Greg Pollauf* Pintail Drake
- Fish Tom Crafton Smallmouth Bass

Buckshot Tannery Award

Heather Miller - Coyote

Pro-1 Performance Chemicals Award

Brian Hendricks — Bobcat

The "Mounted In Alaska" Award

Heather Miller - Coyote

President's Challenge Cup -

"A Mount That Tells A Story"

Heather Miller - Coyote

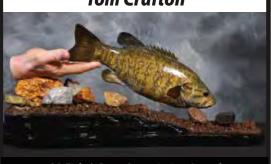
McKenzie Distinguished Service Award

Jason Krause

Pre-Registered Winner

Brandyn Schimpf

Tom Crafton



PA Fish & Boat Commission Award McKenzie Taxidermist Choice Award - Fish

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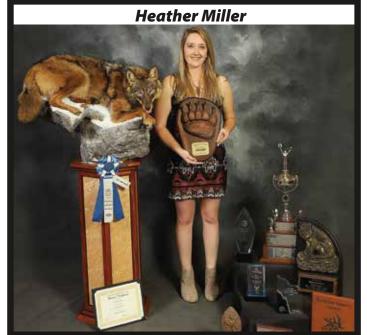




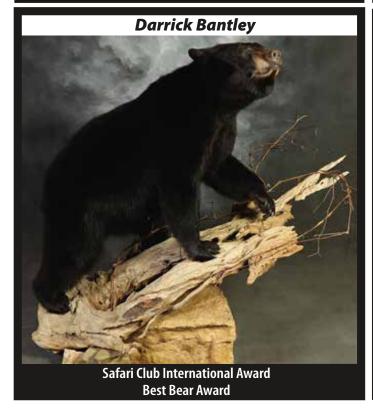
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Best All Around Taxidermist • NWTF Award



Best Professional Entry Buckshot Tannery Award Best of Category - Small Mammal - Professional Division **Ozark Woods Brian Harness Memorial Award** Van Dyke's Most Original & Creative Award **Rick Burkholder Memorial Award** McKenzie Taxidermist Choice Award - Lifesize Mammal The "Mounted In Alaska" Award President's Challenge Cup - "A Mount That Tells A Story"







COMMERCIAL DIVISION



Thomas E. Ranker - PA Black Bear



Tim Patton - OH Whitetail



Mark Van Leuren - NJ Whitetail

MASTER DIVISION

Whitetail



Ron Blinsky - OH Whitetail



Ron Blinsky - OH Whitetail



Ronnie Hall - MD Whitetail



Dave Cottrell - OH Whitetail



Dave Cottrell - OH Whitetail



Ron Blinsky - OH Whitetail

Mark Van Leuren - NJ Whitetail

Waterfowl



Greg Pollauf - OH Pacific Fider

Grea Pollauf - OH Pintail Drake



Blue Greg Pollauf - OH **Aleutian Greenwing Teal**

Grea Pollauf - OH Pacific Eider Hen

Blue Greg Pollauf - OH

Aelutian Greenwing Teal

Reptile-Amphib (Skin)



Jason Krause - PA **Timber Rattlesnake**

Jason Krause



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Gellow Mark Van Leuren - NJ Iguana Mark Van Leuren - NJ

Lizard

Reptile-Amphib (Repro)



Brian Hendricks - MI **Horned Toad**

Mammal (Small)



Brian Hendricks - MI **Bobcat**



Brian Hendricks - MI **Bobcat**



Brian Hendricks - MI Arctic Fox Brian Hendricks - MI



Bobcat Brian Hendricks - MI



Covote Gellow Dave Cottrell - OH

Otter

Mammal (Large)



Darrick A. Bantley - PA Black Bear



Black Bear (Cinnamon Phase) Jason Krause - PA



Black Bear Dave Cottrell - OH





Greg Pollauf - OH Blue



Habitat on Greenwing Teal Grea Pollauf - OH **Habitat on Eiders**



Tom Crafton - IN **Smallmouth Bass** Tom Crafton - IN



Smallmouth Bass Mark Van Leuren - NJ Whitetail Habitat



Mark Van Leuren - NJ Icelandic Ram Habitat

Chad Horst



Best Wildlife Photograph

Gamehead (Large)



Jeremiah Reddinger - PA **Black Bear**



Jason Krause - PA Aoudad



Ron Blinsky - OH Mule Deer



Jason Krause - PA Red Stag

Fish (Skin) WW 3-D



Brian Claar - PA Large Mouth Bass

Fish (Repro)



Tom Crafton - IN Smallmouth Bass *Tom Crafton - IN*

Smallmouth Bass



Landon W Martin - PA

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

Wildlife Art (Photography)



Chad Horst - PA Canvasback/Redhead Hybrid

Wildlife Art (Miniature)



Edward C. Korinko - PA Grouse



Edward C. Korinko - PA Eagles

Wildlife Art (3-D)



Michael Zook - PA Eagle

Whitetail



Clair Weaver - PA Whitetail



Shane L. Corle - PA Whitetail



Jens E. Jorgensen - PA Whitetail Chris Skacan - PA



Fritz Birkhimer - OH Whitetail



Leon S. Lapp - PA Whitetail



Jeremiah Reddinger - PA Whitetail Chris Skacan - PA



Whitetail Kevin A. Crowe - PA Whitetail



Fritz Birkhimer - OH

Whitetail

~ 7Springs, PA ~								
	Red	Schaun P. Mack - PA	Blue	Chad Horst - PA	Ped	Clair Weaver - PA		
	Red	Whitetail Leon S. Lapp - PA	1	Wood Duck Chad Horst - PA	Ped	Bobcat Kristy Antoniato - PA		
	2000	Whitetail	Ped	Lesser Scaup		Red Fox		
	Red	Jason Stoltzfus - PA	Ped	Tyler Coleman - PA	100	Kristy Antoniato - PA		
		Whitetail		Bufflehead	7.	Red Fox		
	12ed	Travis Millard - OH	Ped	Tyler Coleman - PA		Kristy Antoniato - PA		
	74	Whitetail	34	Greenwing Teal		Arctic Fox		
	Red	Travis Millard - OH	Ped	Chad Horst - PA		Timothy M. Barnes - PA		
	7	Whitetail John J. Czerniakowski - PA		Pintail	100	Pine Marten		
	12ed	Whitetail	Ped	Leon S. Lapp - PA Lesser Scoup Drake		Mark Van Leuren - NJ Cougar		
	Ped	Fritz Birkhimer - OH	12ed	Leon S. Lapp - PA		Mark Van Leuren - NJ		
		Whitetail		Lesser Scoup Hen	498	Cougar		
	Ped	John J. Czerniakowski - PA	Yellow	Jason Krause - PA	Mammal (Large)		
		Whitetail		Ringneck Duck	Ped	Leon S. Lapp - PA		
	Red	Schaun P. Mack - PA	Yellow	Brian Claar- PA		Black Bear		
		Whitetail	70	Black Scoter		Schaun P. Mack - PA		
	12ed	Suzette Mack - PA Whitetail	Honorable Mention	Mark Van Leuren - NJ	The same	Black Bear Suzette Mack - PA		
	Ped	Chad Housworth - PA	Turkey	Harlequin		Mouflan		
	Zea	Whitetail	Ped	Leon S Lapp - PA	184	Jeff Frisby - NY		
	Ped	Larry J. Smith - PA		Turkey		Mountain Goat		
		Whitetail	Red	Chris Skacan - PA	Red	Jamie L. Cameron - PA		
	72ed	Fritz Birkhimer - OH		Turkey		Desert Bighorn		
	***	Whitetail	Yellow	Jason Martin - PA	Habitat	-		
	Ped	Kevin A. Crowe - PA	The How	Turkey		Tyler Coleman - PA		
	Red	Whitetail Taylor Smith - PA	Yellow	Taylor Smith - PA Turkey	120	Habitat for Eider Leon S. Lapp - PA		
	Zea	Whitetail	Miscellan			Elk Habitat		
	Yellow	Hunter Bowman - VA	Blue	Crystal Halfhill - PA		Leon S. Lapp - PA		
		Whitetail		Rattlesnake Skin and Euro		Striped Bass Habitat		
	Yellow	Robert Gray - PA	Blue	Crystal Halfhill - PA		Leon S. Lapp - PA		
		Whitetail		Coyote Euro	70	Black Bear Habitat		
	Yellow	Crystal Halfhill - PA	Mammal		Blue	Brian J. Wagner - PA		
	Yellow	Whitetail Ronald D. Wenner - PA	Blue	Heather Miller - PA	74	Habitat on Whitetail		
		Whitetail	Blue	Coyote Heather Miller - PA	Red	Schaun P. Mack - PA Habitat on Black Bear		
	Yellow	Tim Patton - PA	Bille	Skunk	Ped	Leon S. Lapp - PA		
		Whitetail	Blue	Dennis E. Hedrick - PA	Zen	Whitetail Habitat		
	Yellow	Timothy M. Barnes - PA		Bobcat	Ped	Caleb Ocker - PA		
	74	Whitetail	Blue	Scott A. Wilshire - PA		Habitat on Brook Trout		
	Gellow	Dylan Dowey - PA	74	Bobcat	Ped	Mark Van Leuren - NJ		
	Yellow	Whitetail	Blue	Ronald D. Wenner - PA	71	Habitat For Harlequin Duck		
	49	Doug Biddle - PA Whitetail	1	Whitetail Fawn Jason Confer - PA		Tim Patton - PA Habitat On The Whitetail		
	Waterfow		Ped	Gray Fox	100	Timothy M. Barnes - PA		
		Chad Horst - PA	Ped	Taylor Smith - PA		Whitetail Habitat		
		Ruddy Duck		Gray Fox	100	Kevin A. Crowe - PA		
	Blue	Tyler Coleman - PA	Ped	Parker Argot - PA		Habitat For Whitetail		
	-	Eider Eider Colonia in DA	70	Coyote	Gamehea	d (Small)		
	Blue	<i>Tyler Coleman -</i> PA Pintail	Red	Timothy M. Barnes - PA	Ped	Schaun P. Mack - PA		
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Otter

Coyote

Pintail

Reuben Wayne Lapp



~ 7Springs, PA ~

Bella Byrd







Youth Participation Award

Gamehead (Large)



Dennis E. Hedrick - PA Black Bear



Jason Martin - PA Black Bear



Jens E. Jorgensen - PA



Mule Deer



Larry J. Smith - PA Elk



Leon S. Lapp - PA Elk



Travis Millard - OH

Wild Boar



Travis Millard - OH

Antelope



Mark Van Leuren - NJ Antelope



Timothy M. Barnes - PA 7ebra

Fish (Skin) WW 3-D



Austin Brewer - PA Largemouth Bass

Fish (Skin) WW 1-S



Leon S. Lapp - PA **Striped Bass**

Fish (Skin) CW 3-D



Yellow

Jeff Elliott - PA **Brown Trout** John G. Peslis - PA Brookie

Fish (Skin) CW 1-S



Jenalee Kostella - PA Palomino Trout

Fish (Repro)



Bob Evans - PA Smallmouth Bass Dylan Dowey - PA **Brown Trout**



Mark Van Leuren - NJ Queen Trigger Caleb Ocker - PA **Brook Trout**

Bird



Daniel Parmer - PA **Ruffed Grouse** Shane Zimmerman - PA **European Starling**

AMATEUR DIVISION

Whitetail



Timothy Cloak - PA Whitetail Brandyn Schimpf - PA Whitetail

Waterfowl



Ped

Blake Yoder - PA Woodduck Drake Blake Yoder - PA Old Squaw Blake Yoder - PA Ded Woodduck Hen



Blake Yoder - PA Old Squaw Blake Yoder - PA Ped Common Eider Brandyn Schimpf - PA

Surf Scoter Reptile-Amphib (Skin)



Brannon Usko - PA Black Rat Snake

Mammal (Small)



Timothy Cloak - PA Coyote Brannon Usko -PA

Gray Squirrel

Brandyn Schimpf - PA Raccoon

Mammal (Large)



Bobby Miller - PA lbex

Habitat



Blue Bobby Miller - PA Habitat for Ibex Blake Yoder - PA Old Squaw and Eider

JUNIOR AMATEUR DIVISION

Whitetail



Blue Blake Yoder - PA Whitetail

Mammal (Small)



Gabrielle Kobaly - PA **Grev Squirrels** Gabrielle Kobaly - PA Fox Squirrels

Fish (Repro)

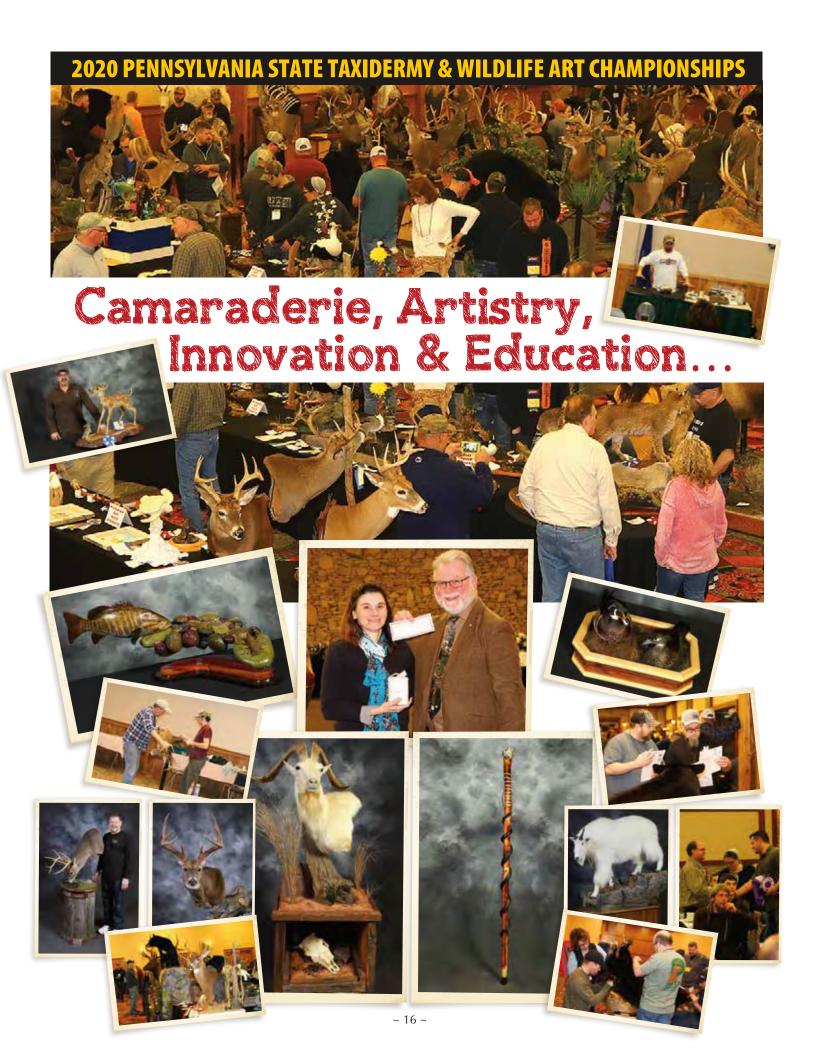


Jens A. Jorgensen - PA Perch

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Bella Byrd - NC Sea Turtle Wayne Lapp - PA Deer Jayden Lapp - PA Béar







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McKenzie Taxidermist Choice Award - Bird





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Hello, my name is Scott Wilshire and I opened Wilshire's Taxidermy in 2008. We live in Cranberry, PA in Clarion County. The first couple years I worked part time while driving truck, but eventually was able to do this full time and I love it. I love the time it gives me at home with my wife, Jess, and our daughter, Morgan. Jess and I have been married for almost 16 years. Morgan just turned one in December 2019 and keeps us busy. She's starting to talk and really showing her personality (I think I'm going to be in trouble as she gets older!). We love to go camping and doing activities outside. I can't wait until Morgan is older and we can teach her to hunt and fish. My wife and I always argue over who harvested the biggest buck, and I enjoy spending time with my dad and uncles during the seasons. We look forward to sharing these memories and traditions with Morgan.

Coming from a family of outdoorsmen, one of the

things I enjoy most about the industry is the opportunity to bring trophies back to life for my clients and enabling them to preserve their memories. The artistic side of the business definitely doesn't get enough recognition.

I joined the Association in 2015 and started going to the state show that year. The information and knowledge you learn not only in the seminars but just by talking to others in the industry is invaluable. The first year I attended, I did not enter any pieces and just went to take it all in. After that, I've entered at least one competition piece every year. If you have not done so, I highly recommend entering something. Being critiqued by some of the best and getting the opportunity to learn from them is priceless.

I want to thank the Association and board members for working so hard to make the shows a success and something we can all take advantage of and enjoy.

Pennsylvania Taxidermist Association, Inc. Membership Application NEW PTA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING!! _____First Name _____ Last Name___ _____Spouse _____ Address _____ City______ State______ Zip _____ County______Business Name _____ Home Phone ______ Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email Licensed Taxidermist? Yes No PTA Certified Taxidermist? Yes No Single Membership - \$50.00 **MEMBERSHIP PLAN:** Family Membership - \$75.00 (Check One) DUES \$ Life Membership - \$800.00** **Life membership may be paid in installments – but must be paid in full within 2 years. \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 No, Thanks Legal Fund Donation: \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 No, Thanks Camp Compass Donation **TOTAL DUES / DONATION ENCLOSED** WEB-SITE LISTING: Please check one of the following: Yes, I want included on the WEBSITE. No, I do not want included on the WEBSITE. Make checks payable to: PA TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION & mail with form to: Dee Carley, 628 N. Fraley St., Kane, PA 16735 Credit Card Payments Accepted - Give Dee Carley a call at 814-837-9309 or 814-366-0424. YOU MUST BE A PAID MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO COMPETE.

WELCOME ABOARD!

The PTA would like to give a hearty welcome to the following new members who have joined this organization for the first time in 2020. As with any PTA member, your opinions are highly regarded. Please feel free to contact any PTA Officer or Director if you have any questions or comments.

Kristy Antoniato - Quakertown, PA Adam Barker - Warren, PA Gene Bartosiewicz - Pittstone, PA Jeff Beyer - Columbia Cross Roads, PA Fritz Birkhimer - Cortland, OH Timothy Cloak - Philadelphia, PA John Connelly - Clinton, PA Dave Cottrell - Riverside, OH Alan Cunningham - Jane Lew, WV Steve Edwards - Lakefield, ONTARIO Daryl Folk - Rome, PA Crystal Halfhill - Scottdale, PA

Matt Harris - State College, PA Colby Hendrix - Lewisburg, PA William Houtz - Lewisburg, PA Andrea Huntley-Sawinski - Newaygo, MI Neal Kerschner - Harrisburg, PA Robert Krug - St. Marys, PA Mike Lanham - Moores Hill, IN Blaine Leister - Telford, PA Travis Millard - Carlisle, OH Bobby Miller - Mifflinburg, PA Lee Moore - Wilmar, AR Robert Perrone - Glen Campbell, PA

Greg Pollouf - Oregon, OH Taylor Smith - Rimersburg, PA Zach Southall - Fredricksburg, PA Kat Timotin - Shippensburg, PA Greg Tronetti - Smethport, PA Mark Van Leuren - Sussex, NJ Doug Walraven - Elkton, MD Rick Watt - Columbia Cross Roads, PA Alison White - Columbia Cross Roads, PA Yosef Zanfir - Southampton, PA Michael Zook - Gap, PA

We also want to welcome back any previous members who renewed in 2020.

I'm sure I've missed someone so I apologize now.

If you have renewed and haven't received your membership cards and certificate or newsletters, give me a call. Please keep your addresses current to help avoid non-delivery problems. ~ Dee Carley, Membership Secretary



The PTA would like to thank the following vendors for their participation at our recent event.

- Buckshot Tannery
- Dan Bantley
- East Coast Capes & Tannery
- Fatheree Mounting Stands
- H & H Fur Dressing
- Head Quarters **Taxidermy Supply**
- Hilton Eppley Forms, LLC
- Jim Allred Taxidermy Supply
- Jordan's Bear Den
- Little Mountain Woodworking
- Matuska Taxidermy Supply
- McKenzie Supply
- Natures Art
- Noonies Taxidermy
- Supply & TASCO
- Ohio Taxidermy Supply
- Outlaw Skulls
- Pine Acres Tannery LLC
- PRO-1 Performance Chemicals Tohickon Glass Eyes
- Research Mannikins
- RIMBAK Products
- Robin's Nest Animal Rugs
- Ruozzi & Son Supply · Scenes-N-Nature by Woodland
- Tad's Taxidermy
- Wall Hangers
- Whitetail Woodcrafters · Wildlife Gallery
- Wildlife Unlimited

In addition to those listed above the following supported us through donations.

- Advanced Tanning Solutions
- Aves Studio
- · Ben Mears Whitetails

• McKenzie Supply

• Tohickon Glass Eyes

Dee Carley

- Hazel Creek Inc.
- Jason Krause
- Moyle Mink & Tannery
- Payer Eyes

- Second 2 Nature
- Stephen Davidson
- The Taxidermists Woodshop
- Walnut Hollow



Diamond Level - \$1,000

Silver Level - \$500

• Head Quarters Taxidermy Supply

• The Wildlife Gallery

Bronze Level - \$250

Payer Eyes

• PRO-1 Performance Chemicals

Our show would not of been successful without the support from ALL these folks!

Pennsylvania Taxidermist Association, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting – March 15, 2020 – Indiana, PA

Board Members Present – Vince Spellane, Ray Kowalski, Jens Jorgensen, Ashley Barrett, Bob Evans, Bob Gray, Heather Miller, Chad Horst, Crystal Confer, John Czerniakowski, Jason Confer, Jason Krause

Board Members Absent - None

Guests – Dan & Becky Snyder, Patti Czerniakowski, Dee Carley

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 am.

• The treasurer's report was presented by John Czerniakowski. John went through the revenue and expenditures from January 16, 2020 through March 9, 2020. Checking Account total - \$33,892.21, Savings Account total - \$25,048.52. We currently have a total of \$58,940.73. We need to reserve \$1452.20 for legal funds, \$1267.00 for PTACT, and \$65.00 for Camp Compass out of the funds we have. Jason Krause motioned to send \$65 to Camp Compass and to accept the treasurer's report. Ashley seconded. Passed unanimously.

• Cahela's

- > Bob is still waiting to hear on the dates of their remodeling to see when we could have our show. We will make a decision by April 15th.
- > Sponsorships for awards are in place.
- > Judges are being worked on.

State Show

>2020 State Show

- We received a lot of positive feedback on our show from vendors and members.
- Live feed on Facebook We discussed the impact of live feed video in the competition room prior to pieces being judged. Nobody should be doing live feeds in the competition room before ribbons are placed and they shouldn't be doing close ups. We are going to create a guideline document for posting on social media.
- · Profits:
 - General Raffle \$800; Public Viewing \$395; Envelope Game \$639; Heads and Tails \$160
- Judges Paid out \$6701.20 total for judges fees and travels. The average cost for a judge was \$1100.00. The average cost for the judges based on the competitive piece entered was approximately \$37.00 per piece entered.
- Spent close to \$5000 on ribbons and awards.
- Pizza party at the cornhole tournament cost \$1199.05.

> 2021 State Show

- There was discussion on whether or not we should have premium vendor spots which would cost more to reserve than a regular vendor spot. These spots would be right inside the door and at the ends of rows. We think that we need to wait until after the first year at our new location to see how the vendor room will be laid out.
- We discussed ways to pull in the local community. One idea is having an art show that they can enter and they would just get a People's Choice award. It would just be up during the public viewing time. Becky will gather the information from when they did something similar at the Altoona show years ago.
- Seminars
 - 2 Business seminars
 - Suggestions from members: airbrushing, taking photos of mounts, predator mounting, in-shop tanning methods, hands-on competition detail, carcass casting, mounting birds, mounting big game, form alterations, turkey seminar, how to use social media, roundtable discussion with people representing different aspects (beginner taxidermist, advanced taxidermist, advertising, etc)
 - Children's Seminars We are going to try to work on the seminars being more taxidermy related. Jason Confer is going to set these ups. Ideas: setting eyes on changeout heads and using eyes to show expression, painting replicas realistically.
- Judges Verbal Commitments from Cory Caruthers Birds, Mike Rohanna Whitetail, Jason Krause small mammals, Josh Hunt large mammals, Matthias Fahrni fish, Hutch Habitat
- Our schedule will have to be adjusted because we will not have Wednesday to set up.
- Contracts are signed with Kovalchick and the hotel. We are going to look into a multi-year contract with the Kovalchick Center.
- President's Challenge Cup Theme: "Snow and Ice".
- Policies and Procedures need updated.
- Convention Coordinator It was recommended that this position get broken into committees due to the amount of work that is involved.
- Great American Outdoor Show We are not going to pursue this show for next year.
- Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve We could do a mini class for the members and at the same time a public interest event if we do it at the reserve. We are going to try to set a date for this summer.
- Trailer The person that hauls the trailer will continue to do so once we move to the Kovalchick Center. The trailer does need inspected and needs a new battery. Jason Krause motioned for Hutch to get the trailer inspected and buy a new battery for it. Bob Evans seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- $\bullet \ \textbf{PTA Website} \ \ \textbf{Schuan Mack will be assisting Heather Miller to keep the website updated} \\$
- PTA Facebook Page -We have been working on trying to post something every day to keep the interest in our page. We are going to look into setting up an Instagram account and linking it to our Facebook page.
- Committee Reports
 - > Raffles & Merchandise Ray Kowalski and Bob Gray will continue to be the co-chairs.
 - > Elections 39% of the ballots were submitted this year. Ray Kowalski will continue to be the chair.
 - > Security Vince Spellane will continue to be the chair.
 - > Setup Committee Bob Evans will be the chair.
 - > Convention Balloting Kim Kowalski will be the chair.
 - > Cabela's Bob Evans will continue to be the chair.
 - > Backboards Hutch will continue to be the chair.
 - > Camp Compass Jason Krause will be the chair.
 - > Legislative Change Jason Krause and John Czerniakowski will continue to be the chairs.
 - > Seminars Ashley Barrett will continue to be the chair.
 - > Promotions and Social Media Hutch, Jamie Cameron and Vince Spellane will continue to be the chairs.
 - > Parliamentarians Dan Snyder, Paul Czarnecki, John Czerniakowski will continue to be the chairs.
- Next Meeting: July 11, 2020 at 9:00 am at the Kovalchick Center pending their availability.

Ashley Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm.

Votes Conducted Through Email Since the Last Meeting:

- Ray Kowalski made a motion to approve January's meeting minutes. Ashley Barrett seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- John Czerniakowski made a motion on the spending of no more than \$25 for trophies and spending \$150 on X-stand for raffle items. Ray Kowalski seconded. Passed unanimously.

~NOMINATIONS~

The P.T.A. Elections Chairman is now accepting mail-in nominations for the following 2020-2021 positions:

Deadline for nominations is: Dec. 31, 2020 Please submit your nominations to: Ray Kowalski

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My Name is Brandyn Schimpf, I am 19 years old and I live in Landingville, Schuylkill County PA. I am honored to carry on the tradition from my father, and have been hunting since the age of 8. Hunting and Fishing has truly formed me into the young man I am today. As a former cyber school kid, I have spent many days standing in the creek, and all day tree stand sits during the rut. My passion for hunting and fishing has spread and created my passion for Taxidermy. I attempted my first piece when I was 16 years old, and haven't stopped since. I am thankful that I became involved with the Association that same year. I have attended all shows since then. I am very thankful for the seminars that I have attended, which I feel have given me a major jump step in the right

direction. The opportunity to compete has also been a great opportunity. Hearing the critique from the judges is a great way to Improve.

I am currently leaping full force into the industry, I am committed to being successful in this industry. I am in the process of a full remodel to suit a full time Taxi Service. I am slowly gaining reliable clients who I am making great relationships with. I favor mounting game heads, but I also enjoy mounting predators, and painting replica fish. I am also mounting waterfowl, but not for clients at this time. I continue to look forward to being a member of The PTA, I am thankful for all the opportunities it has brought, and all the friends it has made. If anybody has any opportunities for me, please reach out @ 570-449-5668

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