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# MEMBER

## Spotlight

### JERRY REDDINGER



Hello everyone. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jeremiah Reddinger. Most people call me Jerry. I am 33 years old. I started taxidermy at a very young age but my work wasn't very good so I decided to go to PA Institute of Taxidermy in 2004. Just out of school, I opened my own shop and have been part time ever since. As for my full time job, I am a carpenter and work with my father and uncle. As of right now, I am happy with both my jobs but in a few years from now I hope to be a full time taxidermist.

Since I've gotten out of taxidermy school, I have never missed a State Show which is where I give most of the credit to my success as a taxidermist. I have also competed at every single one of them. I will always find myself competing just to better myself. I strongly recommend to everyone that they should compete. Not for the ribbons or

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the fame but for the learning experience. I've always said, "You will only be as good as you want to be". So set your sights high; compete every chance you get, to better yourself.

Aside from taxidermy, I enjoy hunting. I like archery most of all. I spend countless hours practicing long range out to 100 yards. In the spring and early summer is when I spend every chance I can chasing after Musky. To me there is no greater rush than to catch these monster fish.

I am blessed to have a wonderful family. My wife Jen and my two children Parker and Paisley all enjoy the same things I do.

In closing, I want to say thank you to everyone who has helped me out in any way to get me where I am today, and I hope to help others the way they have helped me.

