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2015



Mount by 2014 Grand Champion
Chris Horne

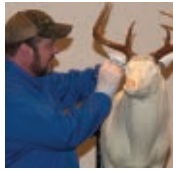
**13 CATEGORIES
5 DIVISIONS**

**\$25,000
IN CASH,
PRIZES &
AWARDS**

**HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BIG ROCK SPORTS EAST DEALER SHOW
JANUARY 8–11, 2015 • RALEIGH CONVENTION CENTER
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**



SEMINARS



GENE SMITH

Thursday, January 8
3:00 pm–6:00 pm

Gene Smith, the only two-time World Champion Whitetail taxidermist and deer sculptor for Head Quarters will be doing a two-part hands-on seminar. During the first part everyone will be provided a whitetail change-out head and a pair of eyes. Gene will then show each participant his techniques for sculpting deer eyes.



FRANK KOTULA

Friday, January 9
10:00 am–12:00 pm

Frank Kotula, 2013 World Champion fish taxidermist will be demonstrating his tips and techniques for molding fish and fish parts. Frank will explain the use of silicone and liquid casting plastics to create the most realistic artificial fish parts.



DALE MANNING

Friday, January 9
1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Dale will demonstrate how to use Habitat Rock panels to produce high-end commercial rocks for taxidermy and share secrets to help taxidermists get the most impressive look out of their habitat.



CLIFF HALES

Friday, January 9
3:00 pm–5:00 pm

Cliff Hales is an in-house sculptor of African forms at Head Quarters Taxidermy Supply. Cliff will be demonstrating alterations using African shoulder forms, turning a slight turn to a 90-degree turn and a slight turn to a browsing pose. He will also show how to turn a shoulder mount into a pedestal and the importance of “reading” a skin.

LEARN TECHNIQUES FROM THE INDUSTRY'S TOP TAXIDERMISTS

Friday, January 9
7:00 pm–9:00 pm

We will host our first open discussion Q & A with the industry's top taxidermists and sculptors.



RICK KRANE

Saturday, January 10
9:00 am–11:00 am

Rick will be custom carving a fish body out of a block of foam to use for a skin mount, teaching his secrets for achieving high-quality skin mount fish.

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9:00 am–11:00 am

Return the following morning for the second half of the seminar and Gene will show you how he sculpts ear butts. You will be provided an ear liner and clay so you can make your own ear butt. The best part is you will be able to take the head home with you with a sculpted-in eye and ear butt to use as reference.



VIC HEINCKER

Saturday, January 10
9:00 am–11:00 am

Vic starts every new sculpture with the original skeleton. This seminar will be on anatomy with a focus on the skeletal structure. You will learn how to prepare and set up a skeleton to use for reference, plus what the skeleton teaches about proper form alterations.



AARON CONNELLY

Saturday, January 10
9:00 am–4:00 pm

World Champion Aaron Connelly will be leading a black bear life-size mounting class. Aaron is well known for his life-size sculpting abilities and now you have the opportunity to help him mount on one of his own popular black bear forms. Or if you choose, you are welcome to sit back and learn while the group puts the bear together.



PAGE NETHERCUTT

Saturday, January 10
1:30 pm–3:30 pm

Page Nethercutt is an expert in waterfowl taxidermy and also sculpts bird bodies and produces waterfowl heads for Head Quarters. He will be mounting a flying duck with emphasis on wing position and how to achieve the best results with flying poses.



RANDY MITCHELL

Sunday, January 11
9:00 am–11:00 am

Randy will show how to create custom habitats that complement a mount using color, line, shape and design and will be finishing the habitat work to Saturday's life-size bear mount. This seminar will also cover how to properly and effectively use habitat materials on the market that will create a customer pleasing design.

2015 JUDGES



Fred Vanderburgh
Whitetail Deer



Wendy Christensen
Gameheads & Life-size Mammals



Jim Kimball
Non-Waterfowl/Upland



Frank Kotula
Fish



Dale Manning
Waterfowl

SCHEDULE**Thursday, January 8**

- 1:00 pm–6:00 pm **Show Registration**
Competition Entries Accepted
- 3:00 pm–6:00 pm **Gene Smith Whitetail Part 1 of 2 Room 305B**

Friday, January 9

- 8:00 am–6:00 pm **Big Rock Sports Dealer Show Floor Open**
(Registered taxidermists are free to browse, no one under 16 allowed)
- 8:00 am–5:00 pm **Show Registration**
Competition Entries Accepted until 3:00 pm
- 9:00 am–5:00 pm **Hands-On Duck Mounting Room 305A**
(Space is limited; you must pre-register for this seminar to participate)
- 9:00 am–11:00 am **Gene Smith Whitetail Part 2 of 2 Room 305B**
- 10:00 am–12:00 pm **Frank Kotula Molding Fish Using Polytek Products Room 306A**
- 11:30 am–1:30 pm **Catered Lunch Upstairs in Ball Room**
- 1:00 pm–3:00 pm **Dale Manning “Using Rock Panels to Create Custom Habitat” Room 305B**
- 3:00 pm–5:00 pm **Cliff Hales Seminar “Altering African Shoulder Forms” Room 306A**
- 5:00 pm–7:00 pm **Competition Area Open for Viewing**
- 6:30 pm–8:00 pm **Sponsor’s Social** *(Complimentary Appetizers and Drinks)*
- 7:00 pm–9:00 pm **Open Forum: Questions and Answers Room 306A**

Saturday, January 10

- 8:00 am–6:00 pm **Big Rock Sports Dealer Show Floor Open**
(Registered taxidermists are free to browse, no one under 16 allowed)
- 8:00 am–5:00 pm **Show Registration**
(No mount entries accepted after 3:00 pm, Friday, 1/9/15.)
- 9:00 am–4:00 pm **Aaron Connelly Hands-On Seminar “Black Bear Life-size” Room 305A**
- 9:00 am–11:00 am **Vic Heincker “Mammal Anatomy” Room 306A**
- 9:00 am–11:00 am **Rick Krane Seminar “Carving a Fish Body” Room 305B**
- 11:30 am–1:30 pm **Catered Lunch Upstairs in Ball Room**
- 12:00 pm–1:30pm **Competition Room Open for Viewing;**
Votes will be cast by the competitors for UTA Artisan Award and Lowrance Best Fish
- 1:30 pm–3:30 pm **Page Nethercutt Wing Seminar Room 305B**
- 5:00 pm–6:00 pm **Competition Viewing, ribbons in place**
Cocktail Reception
- 6:00 pm–8:00 pm **Awards Banquet Dinner**
Door Prize Drawing

Sunday, January 11

- 8:00 am–4:30 pm **Big Rock Sports Dealer Show Floor Open**
- 9:00 am–11:00 am **Randy Mitchell “Habitat Composition and Design” Room 305A**
- 9:00 am–12:30 pm **Competition Viewing and Critiques by Judges**
- 12:30 pm–1:30 pm **Remove all Competition Entries**

**Hotels:**

Special hotel room blocks have been reserved starting at \$79. For details, visit BigRockSports.com/TaxidermyChampionship.

TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE A DISCOUNT ON YOUR HOTEL, RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN 12/5.

McLaurin Transportation

will provide ongoing transportation to and from the airport, hotels and convention center.

Hands-on Waterfowl Class with Page Nethercutt

Friday, January 9 • 9:00 am–5:00 pm



This will be an all-day, hands-on waterfowl class with Page along with help from Jim Kimball and Dale Manning. Each participant will bring a skinned and fleshed bird to mount. All of the materials will be provided by Head Quarters Taxidermy Supply.

The head will be sent to you before the show to paint and bring with you.

Anyone planning to attend this seminar will need to have their mounts checked in Thursday afternoon or plan to have someone else do it on Friday.

Cost \$45

This class has limited openings and spots will fill up fast. Call 866.365.0130 to register for this seminar.

DIVISIONS

Youth Division

Open to children ages 16 years and younger, there will be no cash prizes in this division, only multiple ribbons and a trophy for **Best Youth Entry**.

Amateur

This division is for the beginner taxidermist or someone who is just starting to compete. There will be no cash prizes awarded in this division, only multiple ribbons and a trophy for **Best Amateur Entry**.

Professional

There will be multiple ribbons awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place. The highest scoring piece out of each category will be awarded **Best of Category**. If there are no 1st or 2nd Place ribbons awarded in a particular category then there will not be a Best of Category. Extra points will be awarded for an originally sculpted form, a cast from a carcass, wrapped or carved body. This must be noted on the mount tag. The **Professional Best of Show** will be picked by the judges from the **Best of Category Winners**.

Masters

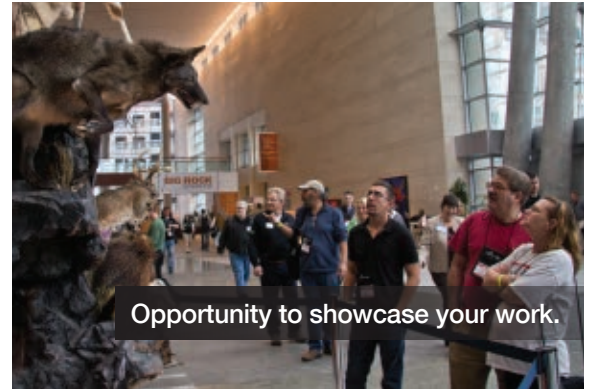
There will be multiple ribbons awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place. Refer to the guidelines and rules at BigRockSports.com/TaxidermyChampionship referring to using artificial parts in the Masters Division.

The highest scoring 1st Place piece out of each category will be awarded **Champion** of that particular category. For example, the highest scoring closed-mouth whitetail will be the **Closed-Mouth Whitetail Champion**. If there are no 1st Place ribbons awarded in a particular category then there will not be a **Champion** for that category.

One **Big Rock Sports Grand Champion** will be picked by the judges from the **Champion** of each category. This will also be the **Best of Show**.

Dealer's Choice/Collective Artists

There will be no ribbons awarded for this category. This division will not be judged. The winner is chosen by **Big Rock Sports Dealers**. These pieces will be displayed outside the competition room. Taxidermists are welcome to advertise their business with their mounts in this category only. No "for sale" signs. This piece can be worked on by one or more individuals.



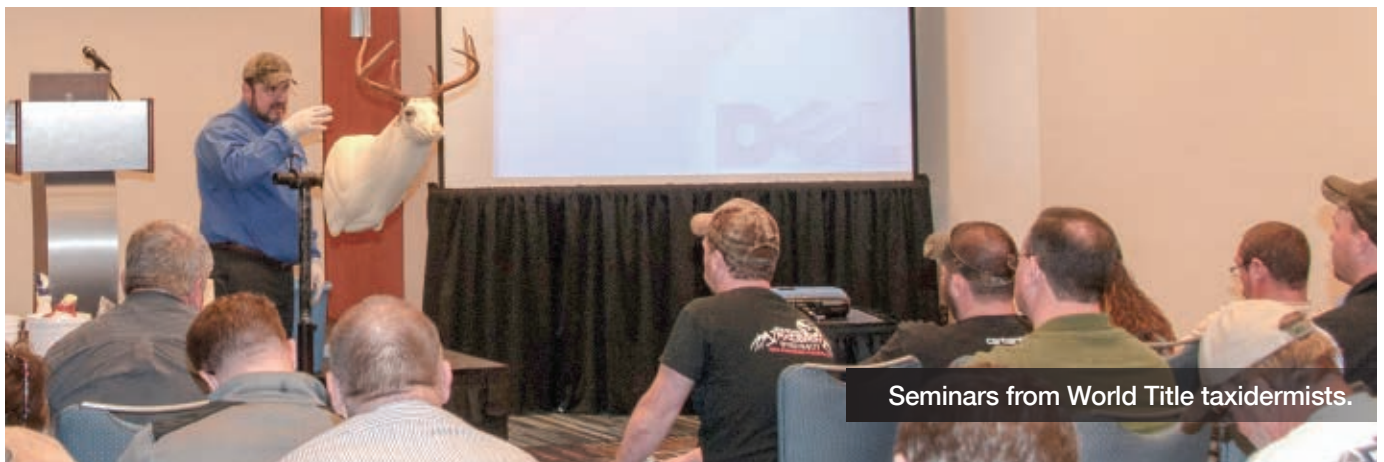
Opportunity to showcase your work.



Networking with the top names in the industry.



Live sculpting demo with audience participation.



Seminars from World Title taxidermists.

PRIZES

In addition to ribbons and trophies...

\$12,000 Prize Fund for Best of Category and Best of Division Winners

Professional Prize Fund:

Check for \$200 will be awarded to the Best of Category winner in each of the 13 categories. Plus Head Quarters Taxidermy Supply will double the winnings on any mammal mounted on a Head Quarters Form for a Best of Category win!

Masters Prize Fund:

Check for \$350 and the title "Champion" for the Best of Category winner in each of the 13 Best of Categories.

Plus Head Quarters Taxidermy Supply will double the winnings on any mammal mounted on a Head Quarters Form for a Best of Category!

Best of Show Professional:

Custom knife trophy, Smith & Wesson M&P handgun in addition to the \$400 or \$200 for Best of Category.

Big Rock Sports Grand Champion & Best of Show:

Custom Knife Trophy, Smith & Wesson M&P handgun in addition to the \$700 or \$350 for the Best of Category.

Dealer's Choice/Collective Artists:

\$2,600 IN CASH AND PRIZES

There will be three winners that will be determined from votes by the Big Rock Dealers plus FIVE winners chosen from a random drawing. These mounts will not be judged. The registration for this division is FREE. Bring as many mounts as you would like—anything from a life-size elephant to a small reptile. Anyone will have a chance to win!

Winners from Votes Cast

1. Barnett Crossbow and \$500
2. Barnett Crossbow and \$300
3. \$300

Plus five names will be chosen in a random drawing to win \$100 just for bringing a mount for Dealer's Choice.

Specialty Awards:

- Lowrance People's Choice Best Fish \$500 and a plaque
- United Taxidermists Association Artisan Award voted on by competitors
- Safari Club International Most Creative Life-size and Most Creative Gamehead entry chosen by the judges



2014 Dealer's Choice Winner
Joshua Hussey

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\$5,000 Prize Fund sponsored by



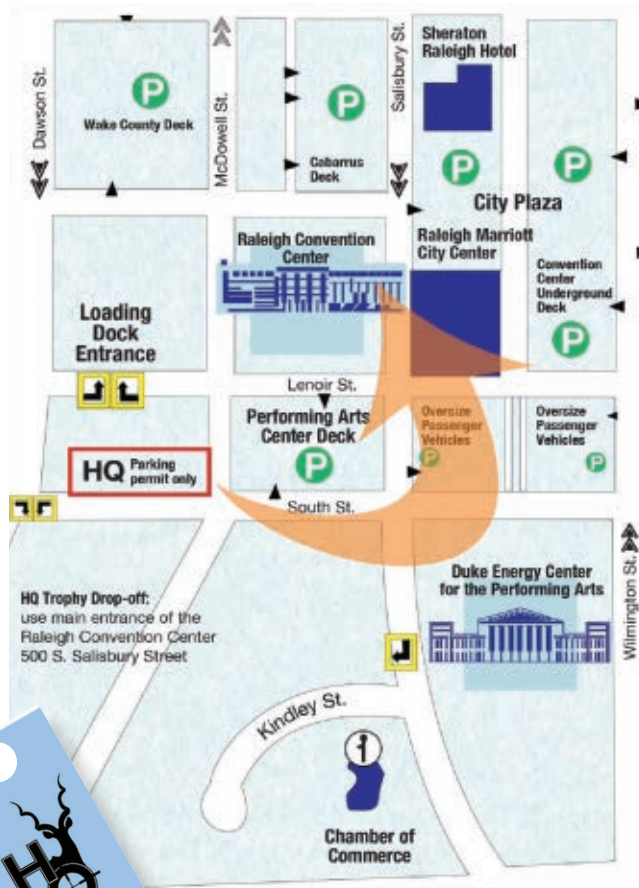
Masters	Professional
1st Place \$1,500	1st Place \$1,000
2nd Place \$1,000	2nd Place \$750
3rd Place \$500	3rd Place \$250

How it works: You are automatically eligible for the Competitor's Triple Threat Challenge when you enter three or more mounts into the competition. The five highest scoring groups in the Masters and Professional Division will be brought forth to the judges. Each judge will then cast a vote for the most deserving group of three.

The level at which you will compete will be decided by the division in which the majority of your mounts are entered. For example, if you bring five mounts, out of the three highest scoring two were entered in the Professional Division and one in the Masters Division, you will go into the challenge at the Professional level. The more mounts you enter, the better your chances of winning.

For rules and more information, visit BigRockSports.com/TaxidermyChampionship

PARKING MAP



Pick up your Head Quarters PARKING PASS at registration and make sure it is properly displayed in your vehicle at all times.

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CATEGORIES

- **Open-Mouth Whitetail Shoulder Mount**
- **Closed-Mouth Whitetail Shoulder Mount**
- **Small/Medium Gameheads**
Gameheads coyote size and smaller. *Example: Coyote, Steinbok.* This category is also for 1/2 life-size small/medium gameheads along with juvenile large gameheads that would weigh 50 lbs. or less.
- **Large Gameheads**
Gameheads larger than a coyote. *Example: Mule Deer, Wild Boar.* This category is also for 1/2 life-size large gameheads.
- **Small/Medium Life-Size Mammals**
Life-size smaller than 51 lbs. *Example: Coyote, Squirrel.* This category may contain juvenile large life-size mammals, such as a bear cub.
- **Large Life-Size Mammals**
Life-size larger than 50 lbs. *Example: Deer, Bear, Mountain Lion.* A juvenile animal of a large life-size may be entered as a Small/Medium Life-Size, that will be up to the competition chairman upon entering the mount.

- **Waterfowl**
- **Turkeys/Upland/Non-Waterfowl Birds**
- **Skin Mount Fish**
Fish that are two-sided skin mounts. Artificial head and fins accepted in all divisions.
- **Replica Fish**
- **Reptiles**
Reptiles that are skin mounted. Artificial reptiles would belong in the Reproductions/Recreations/Rugs/Art/Other category.
- **Reproductions/Recreations/Rugs/Art/Other**
Reproductions/Recreations/Rugs/Art/Other or anything that does not belong in the above categories.
- **Mixed Group**
Mixed Group category is a combination of two or more categories. *Example: a bobcat leaping for a flushing quail.* Each piece will be judged and given one combined score. This category will not be based solely off highest score, but also judge's choice.

RULES AND REGULATIONS CAN BE VIEWED AT
BigRockSports.com/TaxidermyChampionship

REGISTER

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mount registration includes free t-shirt for taxidermist.

Choose size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

First and Last Name of Guests:

1) _____
 2) _____
 3) _____

of lunch attendees: _____ Friday, January 9

of lunch attendees: _____ Saturday, January 10

Number of Mounted Entries:

First Judged Entry \$35.00 _____

Additional Judged Entries \$25.00 _____

(after December 12 all judged entries will be \$48)

Number of Dealer's Choice Entries *(Free of Charge)* _____

I plan to attend but not bring a mount _____

Number of Additional T-Shirts:

_____ @ \$15.00 each = _____

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Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

REGISTRATION

Big Rock Sports Taxidermy Competition

The Big Rock Sports Taxidermy Competition will take place in conjunction with the Big Rock Sports East Dealer Show at the Raleigh Convention Center, 500 South Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27601. The show will be open to registered taxidermists and taxidermy competitors and their guests starting January 8, 2015.

Pre-Register by December 12, 2014

The pre-registration fee is \$35.00 per person if registered before 5:00 pm on December 12, 2014. It includes the competition entry fee for one mount, entrance to seminars and lunch for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Each additional mount is \$25. Pre-Registration is strongly encouraged in order to accurately plan for the number of entries expected. All pre-registered participants must check in at the taxidermy registration desk inside the Salisbury Street entrance when first arriving at the show. There is no registration fee if you plan to attend the seminars but not bring a mount.

Registration AFTER December 12, 2014

After the pre-registration deadline, you can still register for the show up until 5:00 pm on Saturday January 10. You must go to the taxidermy registration desk at the Salisbury Street entrance. The mount registration fee for any mount being entered after December 12 and before 3:00 pm on January 9 will be \$48. There is no registration fee if you plan to attend the seminars but not bring a mount, however, we do ask that you pre-register.

All registered entrants will have a pass good for access into Seminars, the Dealer Show and to view the Competition Area. If you plan to attend the show but not bring a mount, you can register until 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 10.

PRE-REGISTRATION is strongly encouraged even if you are not bringing a mount.

Although not required, we do ask that everyone bring at least one Dealer's Choice Mount. It is free to enter and anyone can win!

Complete the registration form below and include a check made payable to Head Quarters Taxidermy Supply and mail to:
 Head Quarters Taxidermy Supply, Attn: Big Rock Sports Taxidermy Competition, 900 Freedom Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610

Call 866.365.0130 to register and pay with a credit card.
Questions? Email: jmorgan@BigRockSports.com

Head Quarters Taxidermy Supply
Attn: Big Rock Sports Taxidermy Competition
900 Freedom Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610

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*Please make show pre-orders by 1/5