

WILD TURKEY BOURBON/NWTF  
GRAND NATIONAL CALLING CONTEST

# MEDIA GUIDE

# 2007





**About the NWTF:** In 1973, when the National Wild Turkey Federation was founded, there were an estimated 1.3 million wild turkeys and 1.5 million turkey hunters. Thanks to the work of wildlife agencies and the NWTF's many volunteers and partners, today there are more than 7 million wild turkeys and nearly 3 million turkey hunters. Since 1985, the NWTF and its cooperators have spent more than \$230 million upholding hunting traditions and conserving more than 11.3 million acres of wildlife habitat.

The NWTF is a nonprofit organization with 545,000 members in 50 states, Mexico, Canada and 14 other foreign countries. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private and corporate lands as well as wild turkey hunting as a traditional North American sport.

For more information on the National Wild Turkey Federation, call (803) 637-3106 or visit our Web site at [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org).



## **WILD TURKEY<sup>®</sup>** **BOURBON**

As the title sponsor of the Wild Turkey Bourbon/National Wild Turkey Federation Grand National Calling Championships, Wild Turkey Bourbon is proud to be an integral part of the tradition of excellence represented by the many callers gathered each year.

Our legendary bourbon was given its name by a gentleman named Thomas McCarthy, who brought it on a wild turkey hunt with good friends back in 1940. Since then, Wild Turkey Bourbon has come to symbolize many of the qualities that make this sport - and this country—great: patience, tradition, craft, and a refusal to compromise. Please enjoy Wild Turkey Bourbon in moderation.

2007 WTB/NWTF GRAND  
NATIONAL CALLING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
**COMPETITORS**

**NAME: J.R. ADKINS**

**HOMETOWN:** Rogersville, Tenn.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Laura, (Child) Blake

**OCCUPATION:** Forestry management

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Yelp and kee kee run

**NAME: MARK ALONZO**

**HOMETOWN:** Topeka, Kan.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Paige, (Children) Addison and Myles

**OCCUPATION:** Real Estate Appraiser

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: DOUG BENEFIELD**

**HOMETOWN:** Newnan, Ga.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Marlo, (Children) Hunter and Sidney

**OCCUPATION:** Owner of Auto Service Center and Illinois Connection Outfitter

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 7th (Twice), Team challenge champion (Twice), Owl hooting champion (One time) and gobbling champion (Three times)

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: RICKY JOE BISHOP**

**HOMETOWN:** Warm Springs, Ga.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Trena, (Children) Cody and Macy

**OCCUPATION:** Owner of Bishop Hunting Supplies DBA: Bobbles Gone Wild.com

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 1st (Twice)

**BEST CALL:** Purr or yelp

**NAME: GEORGE BENNY BRIGGS**

**HOMETOWN:** Harlem, Ga.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Lynda, (Child) Kelli

**OCCUPATION:** Owner of Lightning Game Calls

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 6th

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: GLENN BUFKIN**

**HOMETOWN:** Forest, Miss.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Bridgett, (Children) Zan, Avery, Kolton and Bracklin

**OCCUPATION:** Tax appraiser

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** All

# COMPETITORS

**NAME: CHAD CAMPBELL**

**HOMETOWN:** Viper, Ky.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Linda

**OCCUPATION:** Retired

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 4th (One time) and runner up in gobbling (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Gobbling

**NAME: TODD CLEMENTS**

**HOMETOWN:** Eufaula, Ala.

**FAMILY:** N/A

**OCCUPATION:** Coach/school

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** Finals (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Cutting and yelp

**NAME: STEVE COBB**

**HOMETOWN:** Union, S.C.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Becky, (Child) Michael

**OCCUPATION:** U.S. Forest Service and Pro Staff Hunter's Specialties and Realtree

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 5th (One time) and 3rd in Team Challenge (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: DOUGLAS CRABTREE**

**HOMETOWN:** Mansfield, Ohio

**FAMILY:** (Child) Trisen

**OCCUPATION:** Lieutenant, Dept. of Corrections

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 7th (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Excited hen yelp

**NAME: DAYMON DAVIS**

**HOMETOWN:** Danville, Pa.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Denise, (Child) Samantha

**OCCUPATION:** Nuclear health physics instructor

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 4th (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Cackle

**NAME: JOE DRAKE**

**HOMETOWN:** Fortson, Ga.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Patty

**OCCUPATION:** Retired firefighter

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 2nd (Three times), Team challenge champion (One time), Top 5 finishes (Nine times)

**BEST CALL:** Purr

**NAME: RODNEY ECKSTINE**

**HOMETOWN:** Greencastle, Pa.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Janine, (Children) Amanda and Christopher

**OCCUPATION:** Applications analyst

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 8th (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Cutting

**NAME: JASON EDNEY**

**HOMETOWN:** Hendersonville, N.C.

**FAMILY:**

**OCCUPATION:**

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:**

**BEST CALL:**

**NAME: SCOTT ELLIS**

**HOMETOWN:** Mulberry, Fla.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Kim, (Children) Zachary and Jake

**OCCUPATION:** Production manager

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Fly down cackle

**NAME: JIM FINK**

**HOMETOWN:** Rockford, Iowa

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Jodie, (Children) Nick, Zach and Mike

**OCCUPATION:** Dog trainer and taxidermist

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Cluck and purr

**NAME: JEFF FREDRICK**

**HOMETOWN:** Mindoro, Wis.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Kim, (Children) Rachel and Robbie

**OCCUPATION:** Art director

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** Made cut (Three times)

**BEST CALL:** Kee kee run

**NAME: CURTIS GOETTSCH**

**HOMETOWN:** Ogden, Iowa

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Sara

**OCCUPATION:** Habitat specialist and outdoor writer

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Adult hen assembly call

**NAME: JOSH GROSSENBACHER**

**HOMETOWN:** Seville, Ohio

**FAMILY:** N/A

**OCCUPATION:** Mason and taxidermist

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 14th (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Assembly yelp

# COMPETITORS

**NAME: BRIAN GULVAS**  
**HOMETOWN:** Vandergrift, Pa.  
**FAMILY:** (Wife) Jackie  
**OCCUPATION:** Pa. Air National Guard  
**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A  
**BEST CALL:** N/A

**NAME: BLAKE HAITHCOAT**  
**HOMETOWN:** Florence, Ala.  
**FAMILY:** N/A  
**OCCUPATION:** Sheet metal worker  
**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A  
**BEST CALL:** Gobble

**NAME: JAMES HARRISON**  
**HOMETOWN:** Hillsboro, Mo.  
**FAMILY:** (Wife) Ronda, (Children) Cody and Carter  
**OCCUPATION:** Machinest  
**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 8th (One time)  
**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: SHANE HENDERSHOT**  
**HOMETOWN:** Zanesville, Ohio  
**FAMILY:** (Wife) Kathie, (Children) Shalene and Devon  
**OCCUPATION:** Hunting guide and film crew for Backland Outdoors  
**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 11th (One time)  
**BEST CALL:** Plain yelp

**NAME: DOUGLAS HERMAN**  
**HOMETOWN:** Hosquins, Neb.  
**FAMILY:** (Wife) Kari, (Child) Gracie  
**OCCUPATION:** Locksmith  
**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A  
**BEST CALL:** Cluck and purr/kee kee run

**NAME: JAKE HINDMAN**  
**HOMETOWN:** Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
**FAMILY:** N/A  
**OCCUPATION:** Outdoor skills specialist for the Mo. Dept. of Conservation  
**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A  
**BEST CALL:** Cluck/purr

**NAME: CHRIS JANNAKS**  
**HOMETOWN:** Gray, Ga.  
**FAMILY:** (Wife) Susan, (Child) Leah  
**OCCUPATION:** HVAC Technician  
**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A  
**BEST CALL:** Cutting and fly down cackle

**NAME: MITCHELL JOHNSTON**

**HOMETOWN:** Purlear, N.C.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Ashley, (Child) Sarah

**OCCUPATION:** Teacher

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 12th (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Cluck and purr

**NAME: ARNIE JONATHAN**

**HOMETOWN:** Lockport, N.Y.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Vicki, (Children) Savannah and Alaina

**OCCUPATION:** NY State Corrections Sergeant

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Fly down cackle

**NAME: JR LANHAM**

**HOMETOWN:** Bunker, Mo.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Jamie, (Child) Landon

**OCCUPATION:** Sawmill foreman

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Excited hen yelp

**NAME: JEFF LOVAN**

**HOMETOWN:** Willow Springs, Mo.

**FAMILY:** N/A

**OCCUPATION:** Guide/outfitter

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Cutting

**NAME: RAY MALLORY**

**HOMETOWN:** Oakland Park, Fla.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Nancy, (Children) David and Zachary

**OCCUPATION:** Carpenter

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Owl hoot

**NAME: JESSE MARTIN**

**HOMETOWN:** Mt. Sterling, Ky.

**FAMILY:**

**OCCUPATION:**

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:**

**BEST CALL:**

**NAME: EARL MASSEY**

**HOMETOWN:** Cleveland, Ga.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Paula, (Child) Josh

**OCCUPATION:** Shuler's Great Outdoors (archery department)

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

# COMPETITORS

**NAME: MIKE MAYFIELD**

**HOMETOWN:** Flowery Branch, Ga.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Debbie, (Children) Madison, Conner and Chandler

**OCCUPATION:** Safety and Environmental Manager

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Cutting/Fly down cackle

**NAME: VAUGHN MAYLE**

**HOMETOWN:** Ionia, Mich.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Shoni, (Child) Russ

**OCCUPATION:** CMM Technician

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Tree call

**NAME: SADLER MCGRAW**

**HOMETOWN:** Camden, Ala.

**FAMILY:** N/A

**OCCUPATION:** N/A

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** Runner up (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Kee kee run

**NAME: DAVID METCALF**

**HOMETOWN:** Bourbon, Mo.

**FAMILY:** N/A

**OCCUPATION:** Carpenter

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 1st (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: JONATHAN MILLER**

**HOMETOWN:** N. Wilkesboro, N.C.

**FAMILY:** N/A

**OCCUPATION:** Hunting guide

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: STEVE MORGENSTERN**

**HOMETOWN:** Edina, Mo.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Kari, (Children) Michael and Cody

**OCCUPATION:** Local co-op and Illusion Game Systems

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 3rd Runner Up in Friction Division (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: MATT MORRETT**

**HOMETOWN:** Harrisburg, Pa.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Heidi, (Child) Madison

**OCCUPATION:** Hunter Specialties Pro Staff

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 1st (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Kee kee run

**NAME: JEFF MURPHY**

**HOMETOWN:** Rayle, Ga.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Maria, (Children) Jessica and Mary Ellen

**OCCUPATION:** Fievet Pharmacy DME Manager

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 4th (1 time) and 5th in Gobbling (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: DALE PALMER**

**HOMETOWN:** Harrisburg, Ill.

**FAMILY:** N/A

**OCCUPATION:** N/A

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 1st in Owl hooting (Three times)

**BEST CALL:** Owl hoot

**NAME: JEREMY PALMER**

**HOMETOWN:** Harrisburg, Ill.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Crystal, (Child) Deacon

**OCCUPATION:** Physician assistant

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 1st in Owl hooting (Three times)

**BEST CALL:** Owl hoot

**NAME: CHRIS PARKER**

**HOMETOWN:** Quinton, Okla.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Danna, (Child) Gunnar

**OCCUPATION:** Wildlife technician

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: JIM PARKER**

**HOMETOWN:** Clarksville, Tenn.

**FAMILY:**

**OCCUPATION:**

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:**

**BEST CALL:**

**NAME: CHRIS PARRISH**

**HOMETOWN:** Centralia, Mo.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Kathleen, (Child) Rusty

**OCCUPATION:** Plant manager for Knight & Hale

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 1st (Two years in a row), Five-time defending Champion of Champions

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: WALTER PARROTT**

**HOMETOWN:** Smiths, Ala.

**FAMILY:** N/A

**OCCUPATION:** Co-host of Right Place Right Time TV Show and Pro Staffer for Realtree and Bass Pro Redhead Hunting Team

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 1st (Five times)

**BEST CALL:** You better have them all right!

**NAME: TIM PENNINGTON**

**HOMETOWN:** Cumberland, Ky.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Joy, (Children) Cade, Kenny and Autumn

**OCCUPATION:** Plant foreman

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 2nd runner up in owl hooting (One time)

**BEST CALL:** N/A

**NAME: ROD PETTIT**

**HOMETOWN:** Olathe, Kan.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Suzanne, (Children) Riley and Cade

**OCCUPATION:** Owner of an excavating company and Knight & Hale Pro Staff

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Fly down cackle

**NAME: PRESTON PITTMAN**

**HOMETOWN:** Petal, Miss.

**FAMILY:** N/A

**OCCUPATION:** Game calls

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 1st in Spit, Drum and Gobble, Champion of Champions and Team Challenge

**BEST CALL:** Any

**NAME: JIM POLLARD**

**HOMETOWN:** Fort Smith, Ark.

**FAMILY:** (Child) Jimmy

**OCCUPATION:** Archery technician

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 1st (Three times)

**BEST CALL:** Cluck -n- purr

**NAME: ROBERT PROWELL**

**HOMETOWN:** Princeton, Ky.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Annie, (Children) Ashley and Hayley

**OCCUPATION:** Factory worker

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** Top 10 in owl hooting (One time)

**BEST CALL:** N/A

**NAME: MARK PRUDHOMME**

**HOMETOWN:** Georgetown, S.C.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Michele, (Child) Clay

**OCCUPATION:** Wildlife manager

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 3rd (One time),

1st in Team Challenge (One time) and 1st in Owl Hooting (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Cluck and purr

**NAME: STEPHAN RICHARDSON**

**HOMETOWN:** Springdale, Ark.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Tricia, (Children) Dakota, Danielle, Taylor, Faith and Sarah

**OCCUPATION:** Account manager

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Gobble

**NAME: JUSTIN SAVAGE**

**HOMETOWN:** Gainesville, Ga.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Sherry

**OCCUPATION:** Estimator/project manager for Pittman Hwy. Contactors

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 1st in Friction Division (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: JEFF SIPE**

**HOMETOWN:** Conover, N.C.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Kimberly, (Children) Roxanne and Sierra

**OCCUPATION:** Asst. Superintendent for Hickory Construction Co.

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Purr

**NAME: JOE SLATON**

**HOMETOWN:** Linden, Ca.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Theresa, (Children) Tiffany, Jennifer and Joey

**OCCUPATION:** Physical Therapist

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Gobble

**NAME: DANE STAHLMAN**

**HOMETOWN:** St. Clair, Mo.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Angel, (Children) Preston, Terrance, Alyssa and Alexis

**OCCUPATION:** Self employed machinest

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Owl hooting

**NAME: BUDDY STANG**

**HOMETOWN:** Ellwood City, Pa.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Missy, (Children) Tyler, Katie and Cody

**OCCUPATION:** Call maker

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Fly down cackle

**NAME: STEVE STOLTZ**

**HOMETOWN:** Oakville, Mo.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Dawn, (Children) Alyssa and Shelby

**OCCUPATION:** Firefighter and Prostaffer for Knight & Hale Game Calls and Mossy Oak

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 1st place in Champion of Champions (One time), 3rd runner up in Senior Division (One time), 1st runner up in Team Challenge (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Cluck and purr

**NAME: PAT STRAWSER**

**HOMETOWN:** Millersburg, Pa.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Beth, (Children) Bailey and Mallory

**OCCUPATION:** Carpenter

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 2nd in Owl Hooting Division (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: KERRY TERRELL**

**HOMETOWN:** Brooklet, Ga.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Angie, (Children) Justin and Dustin

**OCCUPATION:** Georgia Ports Authority

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: WILLIAM TERRY**

**HOMETOWN:** Van Wyck, S.C.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Shannon

**OCCUPATION:** Call manufacturer

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 13th (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Cluck and purr

**NAME: MATT VAN CISE**

**HOMETOWN:** Chicora, Pa.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Marcie

**OCCUPATION:** Forester

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 1st (Two-time defending champion)

**BEST CALL:** Assembly yelp

**NAME: KEITH WAHLIG**

**HOMETOWN:** Villa Ridge, Mo.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Julie, (Children) Kelly and Randy

**OCCUPATION:** Electrician and Knight & Hale Pro Staffer

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 3rd runner up (One time), 3rd place in gobbling contest (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Kee kee run and yelp

**NAME: RICK WHITE**

**HOMETOWN:** Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Bridget, (Children) Maggie, Caroline and Daniel

**OCCUPATION:** Prostaffer for Hunter's Specialties

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 10th (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Kee kee run

**NAME: TERENCE WILLIAMSON**

**HOMETOWN:** Gordo, Ala.

**FAMILY:** N/A

**OCCUPATION:** Land surveyor/engineering with Ala. Dept. of Transportation

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Cutting of an excited hen

**NAME: CRAIG WOLFE**

**HOMETOWN:** Auburn, Ala.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Maribeth

**OCCUPATION:** Contractor

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** N/A

**BEST CALL:** Yelp

**NAME: BOBBY WOODS**

**HOMETOWN:** Dante, Va.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Amy, (Children) Joshua, Caleb and Amber

**OCCUPATION:** Lead man for Steel Fab Inc.

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 5th (One time)

**BEST CALL:** Cutting of an excited hen

**NAME: BILLY YARGUS**

**HOMETOWN:** Ewing, Mo.

**FAMILY:** (Wife) Nanette, (Children) Stephanie, Ashley, Katie, Justin and Kamron

**OCCUPATION:** Setup man for Titan Wheel International  
and WoodHaven Custom Calls

**HIGHEST FINISH/HOW MANY TIMES:** 3rd (Twice)

**BEST CALL:** Plain yelp or cluck and purr

# PAST GRAND NATI

## SENIOR DIVISION

- 1977** Terry Rohm, Pa.
- 1978** Terry Rohm, Pa.
- 1979** Bill O'Daniel, S.C.
- 1980** Robby Rohm, Pa.
- 1981** Tom Stuckey, Va.
- 1982** George Bausinger, Pa.
- 1983** Denny Gulvas, Pa.
- 1984** Richard Kirby, N.Y.
- 1985** Paul Butski, N.Y.
- 1986** Paul Butski, N.Y.
- 1987** Walter Parrot, Mo.
- 1988** Paul Butski, N.Y.
- 1989** Walter Parrott, Mo.
- 1990** Matt Morrett, Pa.
- 1991** Dempsey White, Miss.
- 1992** Walter Parrott, Mo.
- 1993** Richard Kirby, N.Y.
- 1994** Ricky Joe Bishop, Ga.
- 1995** Ricky Joe Bishop, Ga.
- 1996** Walter Parrott, Mo.
- 1997** Walter Parrott, Mo.
- 1998** Chris Kirby, N.Y.
- 1999** David Metcalf, Mo.
- 2000** Chris Parrish, Mo.
- 2001** Chris Parrish, Mo.
- 2002** Jim Pollard, N.Y.
- 2003** Jim Pollard, Ala.
- 2004** Jim Pollard, Ala.
- 2005** Matt Van Cise, Pa.
- 2006** Matt Van Cise, Pa.

## CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

- 1997** Tucker Crisp, Miss.
- 1998** Steve Stoltz, Mo.
- 1999** Walter Parrott, Mo.
- 2000** Preston Pittman, Mo.
- 2001** Dick Kirby, N.Y.
- 2002** Chris Parrish, Mo.
- 2003** Chris Parrish, Mo.
- 2004** Chris Parrish, Mo.
- 2005** Chris Parrish, Mo.
- 2006** Chris Parrish, Mo.

## TEAM CHALLENGE

- 1997** Ricky Joe Bishop, Ga.  
Michael Waddell, Ga.
- 1998** Chris Parrish, Mo.  
Preston Pittman, Miss.
- 1999** Walter Parrott, Mo.  
Joe Drake, Ga.
- 2000** Don Shipp, Ark.  
Larry Shockey, Mo.
- 2001** Ricky Joe Bishop, Ga.  
Michael Waddell, Ga.
- 2002** Chris Parrish, Mo.  
Preston Pittman, Miss.
- 2003** Doug Benefield, Ga.  
Daymon Davis, Pa.
- 2004** Mark Prudhomme, S.C.  
Kerry Terrell, Ga.
- 2005** Chris Parrish, Mo.,  
Walter Parrott, Ala.
- 2006** Doug Benefield, Ga.  
Daymon Davis, Pa.

# ONAL CHAMPIONS

## OWL HOOTING DIVISION

- 1979** Terry Rohm, Pa.
- 1980** Ray Eye, Mo.
- 1981** Dale Dixon, N.C.
- 1982** Paul Butski, N.Y.
- 1983** Mike Millar, Pa.
- 1984** Tucker Crisp, Miss.
- 1985** Jeff Propst, Mo.
- 1986** Tucker Crisp, Miss.
- 1987** Paul Butski, N.Y.
- 1988** Jeff Propst, Mo.
- 1989** Paul Butski, N.Y.
- 1990** Billy Macoy, Ala.
- 1991** Jeff Propst, Mo.
- 1992** Tucker Crisp, Miss.
- 1993** Tucker Crisp, Miss.
- 1994** Jason Morrow, Okla.
- 1995** Tucker Crisp, Miss.
- 1996** Tucker Crisp, Miss.
- 1997** Doug Benefield, Ga.
- 1998** Tucker Crisp, Miss.
- 1999** Dale Palmer, Ill.
- 2000** Dale Palmer, Ill.
- 2001** Don Lauderdale, Ala.
- 2002** Jeremy Palmer, Mo.
- 2003** Dale Palmer, Ill.
- 2004** Jeremy Palmer, Ill.
- 2005** Jeremy Palmer, Ill.
- 2006** Mark Prudhomme, S.C.

## GOBBLING DIVISION

- 1988** Alex Rutledge, Mo.
- 1989** Von Eubanks, Ark.
- 1990** Von Eubanks, Ark.
- 1991** Preston Pittman, Miss.
- 1992** Tucker Crisp, Miss.
- 1993** Tucker Crisp, Miss.
- 1994** Preston Pittman, Miss.
- 1995** Ralph Duren, Mo.
- 1996** Tucker Crisp, Miss.
- 1997** Preston Pittman, Miss.
- 1998** Preston Pittman, Miss.
- 1999** Alex Vendrinski, Ohio
- 2000** Ralph Duren, Mo.
- 2001** Preston Pittman, Miss.
- 2002** Doug Benefield, Ga.
- 2003** Chris Walls, N.C.
- 2004** Alex Vedrinski, Ohio
- 2005** Doug Benefield, Ga.
- 2006** Doug Benefield, Ga.

## FRICTION DIVISION

- 2006** Justin Savage, Ga.

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2007

### SENIOR DIVISION FRICTION COMPETITION

Preparation Meeting & Competition in The Governor's Ballroom

Preparation Meeting at: 2:00 p.m. - Competition Time: 2:30 p.m.

**TO QUALIFY:** Must be a 1st place winner in an NWTF sanctioned open, state or friction division contest between January 1, 2006 and January 26, 2007

**ENTRY FEE:** \$200

**AGE:** Must be at least 21 years old on February 22, 2007

**PRIZES:** \$2,200 will be divided among the top five winners along with a beautiful trophy

**TIME LIMIT:** There will be a one-minute per call time limit. The NWTF reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and there will be a 5-point penalty from final score for anyone going over the time limit.

**CALLS:** the contestants will be judged on a minimum of four calls in the contest.

Calls will be posted in front of the calling contest stage at 5 p.m. the day before the contest.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2007

### SENIOR DIVISION PRELIMINARIES

Preparation Meeting & Competition in The Governor's Ballroom

Preparation Meeting at: 8:30 a.m. - Competition Time: 9:00 a.m.

**TO QUALIFY:** Must be a 1st place winner in a NWTF sanctioned open, state, national or world contest between January 1, 2006 and January 26, 2007 \*Top 12 finalists, the World and the GN Champion from the previous year compete in the GN Senior Finals\*

**ENTRY FEE:** \$240

**AGE:** Must be at least 21 years old on February 23, 2007

**TIME LIMIT:** There will be a one-minute per call time limit. The NWTF reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and there will be a 5-point penalty from final score for anyone going over the time limit.

**CALLS:** the contestants will be judged on a minimum of four calls in the preliminaries and five calls in the finals. Calls will be posted in front of the calling contest stage at 5 p.m. the day before the contest.

## **SPIT, DRUM AND GOBBLING SHOW**

Preparation Meeting & Competition in The Delta Ballroom

Preparation Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the front of the stage - Competition Time 7:30 p.m.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$100

**AGE:** Must be at least 21 years old on February 23, 2007

**PRIZES:** \$750 will be divided among the top three winners along with a beautiful trophy

**TIME LIMIT:** There will be a two-minute time limit for each contestant. The NWTF will use a clock showing the time remaining for each performance.

**CALLS:** Each performance will be judged on its entertainment value. Participants are encouraged to strut, gobble, drum and do a wild turkey dance for the audience. The contestants are allowed to use an object or person as the subject of their performance (everyone on stage must be at least 21 years old). The contestants are not allowed to talk as part of their performance. Contestants are encouraged to employ creative costumes. Conduct should be conducive to a family audience, no vulgarity permitted. No firearms or incendiary devices are to be used at anytime.

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2007**

### **GOBBLING DIVISION COMPETITION**

Preparation Meeting & Competition Room: The Governor's Ballroom

Preparation Meeting: 12:30 p.m. - Competition Time: 1:00 p.m.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$100

**AGE:** Must be at least 21 years old on February 24, 2007

**PRIZES:** \$1,450 will be divided among the top five winners along with a beautiful trophy

**TIME LIMIT:** There will be a one-minute time limit for each contestant. The NWTF reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and disqualify anyone who exceeds the time limit.

**CALLS:** The contestant will be judged on their ability to imitate the gobble of the wild turkey.

### **OWL HOOTING DIVISION**

Preparation Meeting & Competition Room: The Governor's Ballroom

Preparation Meeting: 12:30 p.m. - Competition Time: Immediately following the Gobbling competition

**ENTRY FEE:** \$100

**AGE:** Must be at least 21 years old on February 24, 2007

**PRIZES:** \$1,450 will be divided among the top five winners along with a beautiful trophy

**TIME LIMIT:** There will be a one-minute time limit for each contestant. The NWTF reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and disqualify anyone who exceeds the time limit.

**CALLS:** The contestant will be judged on their ability to make the sound of a barred owl.

## SENIOR DIVISION FINALS

Preparation Meeting & Competition Room: The Governor's Ballroom

Preparation Meeting: 12:30 p.m. - Competition Time: Immediately following the Owl Hooting competition

**PRIZES:** \$11,500 will be divided among the top five winners along with a beautiful trophy. The champion will also receive a custom champion ring and a spring turkey hunt.

**TIME LIMIT:** There will be a one-minute per call time limit. The NWTF reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and there will be a 5-point penalty from final score for anyone going over the time limit.

**CALLS:** the contestants will be judged on a minimum of five calls in the finals. Calls will be posted in front of the calling contest stage at 5 p.m. the day before the contest.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2007

### TEAM CHALLENGE

Preparation Meeting & Competition Room: The Governor's Ballroom

Preparation Meeting 10:30 a.m. - Competition Time: 11:00 a.m.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$200/Team

**AGE:** Must be at least 21 years old on February 25, 2007

**PRIZES:** \$6,000 will be divided among the top three winning teams along with a beautiful trophy

**TIME LIMIT:** There will be a two-minute time limit. The NWTF reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and there will be a 5-point penalty from final score for anyone going over the time limit.

#### CALLING SITUATIONS:

##### 1) EARLY SPRING-DAYBREAK-GOBBLER WITH HENS

You are on a ridge top in northwestern Nebraska. You've roosted several gobblers the evening before in the canyon below you. Three gobblers are gobbling at each other and the hens are responding all around them. You know the hens will lead the gobblers away from your aggressive calling.

**OBJECTIVE:** Call one of these gobblers away from the hens.

**APPROXIMATE DISTANCE:** 200 yards

**COMPULSORY CALLS:** Gobbling, aggressive fight purr, excited yelps and cutting

##### 2) LATE SPRING-EARLY MORNING-LONE GOBBLER

You are set up on a gobbler that you've been working off and on all season. He was further away than you expected at daylight and is already on the ground when you set up. This gobbler knows your calling and has heard your diaphragm far more than the rest of your calls.

**OBJECTIVE:** Trick this smart old gobbler into shotgun range.

**APPROXIMATE DISTANCE:** 200 yards

**COMPULSORY CALLS:** Clucks, yelping and cutting, aggravated purrs, and drumming

### **3) FALL SEASON-MID AFTERNOON-SCATTERED FLOCK OF HENS AND JAKES**

Something has scattered this flock, you don't know exactly when or how well. You heard hens and jakes calling to each other from several directions as you topped the open hardwood ridge. You can only harvest gobblers.

**OBJECTIVE:** Call in one of the jakes before the old hen does

**APPROXIMATE DISTANCE:** 200-400 yards

**COMPULSORY CALLS:** Jake yelps, kee kee run, assembly yelps and caller's best call

### **RARE BREED CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**

Preparation Meeting & Competition Room: The Governor's Ballroom

Preparation Meeting 10:30 a.m. - Competition Time: Immediately following Team Challenge Competition

**ENTRY FEE:** \$200

**AGE:** Must be at least 21 years old on February 25, 2007

**PRIZES:** Replica of the Champion Trophy Cup and \$1,500 cash

**TIME LIMIT:** There will be a five-minute time limit for each contestant. The NWTF reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and there will be a five point penalty from the final score for anyone going over the time limit.

**CALLS:** The contestant will be judged on the performance of each required call and the use of each instrument. The required calls are gobble, yelp of the excited hen, kee kee run, assembly call, and cluck and purr. All contestants must use a box call, slate and peg, diaphragm, tube and wing bone. One referee will ensure all required calling devices were used. There will be a 24-point deduction penalty (from the final score) for each device that a contestant fails to use

### **JUDGING**

A minimum of five judges will be selected by the NWTF. An effort will be put forth to select judges with high personal integrity and reputation as well as excellence in interest and knowledge about turkeys and turkey calling. The identification of the members of the judging panel will be announced at each contest, just prior to competition. From the minimum of five judges' scores awarded to each contestant, the highest and lowest score will be thrown out with only the remaining mean scores being counted.

### **REGISTRATION**

In order to compete in the Grand National Championships, one MUST PREREGISTER and pay registration fees via mail or fax by January 26, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. EST.

The National Wild Turkey Federation retains the right to modify or change any portion of the rules and guidelines.



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