

14th Annual Grand National NWTF Turkey Call Competition – Decorative Division
Sponsored by Cardiac Diagnostic Services of Virginia
2007 Rules, Announcements and Categories

I. Charter

The Decorative Turkey Call Competition is a **Supportive Division**. This is a chance to **Support the NWTF** and gain **National Recognition** by competing in exciting and challenging categories. The **Earl Mickel Purchase Award** will be selected from the **3 Best of Class** winners in categories **1 - 23**. It will become the property of NWTF, will be put on permanent display at the National Headquarters and NWTF reserves the reproduction rights. All other entries will be sold by means of silent or live auction at a 50/50 split (unless entry fee waiver is elected) at the 2007 NWTF National Convention. The 50/50 split entitles the artist or craftsman to 50% of the auction bid and the remaining 50% goes to support the NWTF. Name recognition and competition placement (if applicable) will be displayed with each entry at the auction. Checks will be mailed out from NWTF Headquarters following the convention. A panel of well-known wild turkey call experts will judge the Grand National NWTF Turkey Call Competition.

II. Rules and Announcements

1. All entrants must complete and sign a Grand National NWTF Turkey Call Competition registration form.
2. Entries must be completed since March 2006.
3. **All entries will be required to remain at the Convention until Sunday, February 25, 2007. BUYER'S WILL BE ALLOWED TO PAY FOR AND PICK UP CALLS BOUGHT BEGINNING SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 25 AT 10:00 A.M.**
4. The entry fee is \$20 per call. Please note all entries are 50% supportive unless the artist specifies the entry is to be a 100% donation to the NWTF. If so, **entry fee is waived**.
5. Call makers are responsible for selecting the category in which they wish to enter each piece. The NWTF reserves the right to place any call in a different category than the one designated by the entrant if the NWTF believes the new category better fits the rules.
6. It is necessary for you (the call maker) to list the estimated fair market value for all entries. Please provide this information on the registration form. The contest committee will utilize the information you provide in order to establish a "Buy it Now" price for the silent auction bid sheets.
7. All call makers WILL BE REQUIRED to pre-register with NWTF National Office all entries they plan to enter in the 2007 Competition. **The registration deadline is February 1, 2007.**
8. **Call makers who are unable to attend the convention or are concerned that their call (s) may sell for less than market value are encouraged to use the Absentee Bid Form. If a call maker uses the Absentee Bid Form, the value of the absentee bid will be the starting value placed on the call. In the event that the call does not get a bid higher than the absentee bid, the call maker will be purchasing the call back at that price. (see Absentee Bid Form for additional information.)**
9. **The call maker or their designated person may deliver pre-registered calls in person to the Grand National Custom Call Registration Desk on Level 1 outside of the Exhibit Hall on Thursday, February 22, 2007 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.**
 - A. Callmakers unable to attend the convention may mail their pre-registered entries to arrive at National Headquarters no later than February 1st. All entries will be opened at the convention site.
 - B. Registration forms are to be mailed separately to the address on the registration form. Please DO NOT place your registration form inside the package you are mailing. Either place your registration form in an envelope and tape it to the outside of the package and mail to the address below or mail your registration form separately to the address on the registration form.

**MAIL ENTRIES TO: NWTF Grand National Decorative Turkey Call Competition
770 Augusta Road
Edgefield, SC 29824**

10. **A Special Live Auction will be held on SELECT Calls. This prestigious event starts at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 24th.**
11. *******Bidding on ALL Silent Auction Calls will begin on Friday, February 23, 2007 and will close starting at 3:00 P.M., Saturday, February 24th.** All calls will be sold to the highest bidder or will be considered sold when the "Buy It Now" price is bid.
12. It is the call maker's responsibility to place an acceptable insurance value on the entry for shipping purposes.
13. The NWTF will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to entries that are beyond the control of the contest.
14. Callmakers wishing to place business cards near their pieces may do so following the completion of judging and the placement of ribbons. Winners will be announced Friday, February 23, 2007 at approximately 12 noon in the exhibit hall.
15. Call Makers must sign and date their entry.
16. Call makers are limited to no more than two (2) entries per category ***** REMEMBER ALL CALLMAKERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRE-REGISTER THEIR ENTRIES WITH NWTF NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OFFICE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2007.**
17. All calls entered must be in total compliance with all Tennessee laws, rules and regulations.
18. **Cases and/or presentation cases are not required for calls entered in categories 1-23. However, they are required in categories 24 & 25 and judged together as one.**

III. Judging Criteria for Decorative Calls

- 1) Eye appeal, artistic beauty. Scored from 1 to 10 possible points, 10 (ten) being perfection.
 - 2) Craftsmanship, sanding, gluing, finish, etc. Scored from 1 to 10 possible points, 10 (ten) being perfection. **New for 2007, in the air-operated categories 10-15, the inside of the bell will also be included in the judge's evaluation of the call.**
 - 3) Ingenuity, originality, creativity, uniqueness in design. Scored from 1 to 10 possible points, 10 (ten) being perfection.
 - 4) SOUND, must be capable of producing realistic turkey sounds, i.e. include yelp, cluck, etc. Scored from 1 to 5 possible points. Five (5) being highest. Highest score obtainable is thirty five (35) total points.
- A. The process of how calls are judged is as follows:
- Step 1. A panel of 5 judges are given clip boards, current year rules and regulations and required to sign ethics statements.
 - Step 2. As a group, the judges inspect all categories to ensure that all calls are in the correct category. If 3 of 5 judges agree that a call is placed in the wrong category they are required to inform the NWTF Chairman who will place it in the category the judges agree upon.
 - Step 3. Each judge will independently score each call in a category and when he/she completes the category return the category score sheet to NWTF staff.
 - Step 4. Judges are not permitted to talk with other judges until they have completed judging all categories.
 - Step 5. Once all judging is completed, NWTF will drop the high and low scores and tally the remaining three scores. The highest possible combined score is 105.
 - Step 6. In the event of a tie score, the calls in question will be re-scored to determine placement.

- Step 7. Once the winners are determined, the 5 judges will place award medallions on the winning calls.(1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th H.M., 5th H.M. and 6th H.M.)
- Step 8. Next the judges will determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Best of Class for:
 Best of Class I - Box Calls Categories 1-9.
 Best of Class II - Air Operated Calls Class 10-15,22,23.
 Best of Class III - Friction Calls Class 16-20.
- Step 9. NWTF staff will separate and group together the 1st place winners in: Categories 1-9 Box Calls. The judges will independently score all 9 - 1st place Box Calls to determine Best of Class I winner.
 Now the judges will re-score the remaining 8 - 1st place calls and the 2nd place call from the category that won Best of Class I to determine the 2nd Best of Class I winner. If the 2nd Place call wins, the 3rd place call is eligible for consideration for 3rd Best of Class I.
- Step 10. NWTF staff will separate and group together the 1st place winners in: Categories 10-15, 22, 23 Air Operated Calls. The judges will independently score all 8 – 1st place Air Operated Calls to determine the Best of Class II winner.
 Now the judges will re-score the remaining 7 - 1st place calls and the 2nd place call from the category that won Best of Class II to determine the 2nd Best of Class II winner. If the 2nd Place call wins, the 3rd place call is eligible for consideration for 3rd Best of Class II.
- Step 11. NWTF staff will separate and group together the 1st place winners in: Categories 16-20 Friction Calls. The judges will independently score all 5 – 1st Place Friction Calls to determine the Best of Class III winners.
 Now the judges will re-score the remaining 5 - 1st place calls and the 2nd place call from the category that won Best of Class III to determine the 2nd Best of Class III winner. If the 2nd Place call wins, the 3rd place call is eligible for consideration for 3rd Best of Class III.
- Step 12. Next the judges will select the Earl Mickel Award winner from the above 3 1st Best of Class winners.
- Step 13. NWTF staff will group together the 3 – 1st Best of Class winners.
 Judges will independently score all 3 – 1st Best of Class winners.
 The call with the highest score will be the Earl Mickel Award winner.
- Step 14. Next the judges will determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Best of Class IV for categories 24 and 25.
- Step 15. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place calls in Categories 24 and 25 will be eligible. Judges Will independently score all 6 calls. The 3 calls that score the highest will be the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Best of Class IV Winners.

IV. DIVISION I – CATEGORIES OF DECORATIVE TURKEY CALLS

Category 1 – Decorative Box Call (glued box and glued lid design, other than categories 2 – 8).

Entries must be hand made of wood or other materials. Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 2 – Decorative Box Call (solid one piece box and lid of natural wood, not glued, painted or carved)

Entries must be hand made of wood or other materials. Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 3 – Decorative Box Call (carved and painted)

Entries must be hand made of wood or other materials. Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 4 – Decorative Box Call (carved, not painted)

Entries must be hand made of wood or other materials. Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 5 – Decorative Box Call (painted not carved)

Entries must be hand made of wood or other materials. Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 6 – Decorative Box Call (laminated only)

Entries must be hand made of wood or other materials. Layers of wood or other material glued together to form a laminate. Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 7 – Decorative Box Call (inlaid only)

Entries must be hand made of wood or other materials. Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 8 – Decorative Box Call (wood burnt only)

Entries must be hand made of wood or other materials. Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 9 – Decorative Box Call (open)

Entries must be hand made of wood or other materials incorporating two or more art forms.

Example: carved and wood burnt, laminated and carved, etc.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 10 – Wing bone Yelper (thread wrapped only)

Entries must include 1 yelper, constructed of 2 or 3 wing bones only.

No painting, scrimshaw, inlays or other embellishments on calls.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 11 – Wing Bone Yelper (open)

Entries must include 1 yelper, constructed of 2 or 3 wing bones only.

Yelper can be painted, thread appliques, scrimshaw, inlay etc...

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 12 – New for 2007, Turned Barrel Trumpet Style (no carving and/or painting)

Entries must include 1 turned yelper with 1 or 2 mouthpiece inserts.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 13 – Turned Barrel Trumpet Style (carved and/or painted)

Entries must include 1 turned yelper with 1 or 2 mouthpiece inserts.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 14 – Air Operated Yelper (open, other than categories 10 – 13)

May include **wing bone**, animal bone, ivory, horn, cane, metal or other type of material.

Must include 1 yelper and 1 or 2 mouthpiece inserts. May be carved and or painted.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 15 – Tube Call

Entries must include 1 tube call – open to any design.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 16 – Friction Call (slate, glass or other material)

Entries must include 1 friction call and 1 or 2 strikers - open to any design.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 17 – Trough Style Call (slate, glass or other material)

Entries must include 1 trough style call and 1 or 2 strikers – open to any design.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 18 – Scratch Box

Entries must include 1 scratch box and 1 to 2 strikers – open to any design.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 19 – Terrapin Shell

Entries must include 1 shell shaped call (made of any material other than natural

Terrapin and material to be identified), and 1 or 2 strikers – open to any design.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 20 – Push Button Design

Entries must include 1 push button call – open to any design.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 21 – Wood Striker

Entries must include 1 striker – open to any design.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 22 - Locator Call

Entries must include 1 locator call (i.e. owl, crow, coyote, etc.) – open to any design.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 23 – Owl Hooter Call

Entries must include 1 Owl Hooter call – open to any design.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

Category 24 – Matched Set/multiple calls

Entries must include minimum of three (3) different turkey calls in any combination, i.e. locator, box call, friction, tube, wing bone, etc. – open to any design.

Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

“Must have a display base or other presentation case which will be included in the judging.”

Category 25 – Best Overall Presentation

Open to any design. Call must be signed and/or numbered by the call maker.

“Must have a display base or other presentation case which will be included in the judging.”

V. DECORATIVE AWARDS by Class & Category for Cat. 1 – 23

Best of Show - **Grand National Champion Call Maker of the Year**
Grand National Championship Ring (Sponsored by: Kanati Calls)
The Earl Mickel Purchase Award (from Best of Class I – III)
\$2,500 Cash Award, Award medallion w/ribbon

Best of Class I - Box Call Categories 1-9.
Best of Class II - Air Operated Calls Categories 10-15, 22,23.
Best of Class III - Friction Calls Categories 16-20.

1st Best of Class (each class) - \$250 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion with ribbon
2nd Best of Class (each class) - \$150 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion with ribbon
3rd Best of Class (each class) - \$100 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion with ribbon
1st Place (each category) - \$100 Cash Award, Award medallion with ribbon
2nd Place (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon
3rd Place (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon
4th Place Honorable Mention (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon
5th Place Honorable Mention (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon
6th Place Honorable Mention (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon

Decorative Awards by Class & Category for Cat. 24 -25

Best of Class IV - Matched Set and Best Overall Presentation Categories 24 – 25

1st Best of Class IV - \$500 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion with ribbon
2nd Best of Class IV - \$250 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion with ribbon
3rd Best of Class IV - \$125 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion with ribbon

1st Place (each category) - \$100 Cash Award, Award medallion with ribbon
2nd Place (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon
3rd Place (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon
4th Place Honorable Mention (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon
5th Place Honorable Mention (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon
6th Place Honorable Mention (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon