

# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand National NWTF Turkey Call Competition – Decorative Division 2010 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 - 25. 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 2010 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 2009.
3. **All entries will be required to remain at the Convention until Sunday, February 21, 2010. BUYER'S WILL BE ALLOWED TO PAY FOR AND PICK UP CALLS BOUGHT BEGINNING SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21 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 2010 Competition. The registration form deadline for all entries should be received at NWTF National Office no later than February 1, 2010.**
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 outside the Exhibit Hall – Ryman C on Wednesday, February 17, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday, February 18, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.**
  - A. **Call makers unable to attend the convention may mail their pre-registered entries to be received by NWTF National Office no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.** All entries will be opened at the convention site.
  - B. **If you are mailing your calls to NWTF National Office, please DO NOT place your registration form inside the package you are mailing.** Instead place your registration form in an envelope and tape it to the outside of the package and mail to: NWTF Grand National Decorative Turkey Call Competition, 770 Augusta Road, Edgefield, SC 29824. Packages can be sent Priority, UPS or Fed Ex **OR**
  - C. **If you are not mailing your calls,** please send your registration form to: NWTF Grand National Decorative Turkey Call Competition, PO Box 530, 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 20th.**
11. **\*\*\*\*\*Bidding on ALL Silent Auction Calls will begin on Friday, February 19, 2010 and will close starting at 3:00 P.M., Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.**
12. All calls will be sold to the highest bidder or will be considered sold when the “Buy It Now” price is bid.
13. It is the call maker’s responsibility to place an acceptable insurance value on the entry for shipping purposes.
14. The NWTF will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to entries that are beyond the control of the contest.
15. Callmakers wishing to place business cards near their pieces may do so following the completion of judging and the placement of ribbons.
15. Winners of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual NWTF Grand National Custom Call Maker Competition will be announced Saturday, February 20, 2010 at approximately 9 a.m. at the Seventh Annual Premier Custom Call Auction in Presidential Ballroom B.
16. Call Makers must sign and date their entry.
17. 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, 2010.**
18. All calls entered must be in total compliance with all Tennessee laws, rules and regulations.
19. **Cases and/or presentation displays are not required for calls entered in categories 1-25. However, they are required in categories 26 & 27 and judged together as one.**
20. **Outstanding Youth Decorative Turkey Call Maker of the Year Award.** This award will recognize an outstanding youth call maker 17 years of age or less at the time of the convention. The winner will receive a Youth - National Champion Medallion with ribbon. In addition, all youth call makers will receive an Honorable Mention medallion with ribbon for participating. Call maker must indicate on their registration form that they are entering as a youth contestant.
21. **Rookie Decorative Turkey Call Maker of the Year Award.** This award will recognize an outstanding call maker who enters the Grand National Call Competition for the first time. The winner will receive a Rookie – National Champion Medallion with ribbon. All other first time call makers will receive an Honorable Mention medallion ribbon for participating. Call makers must indicate on their registration form that this is the first time they are entering a call in the Grand National Call Competition.
22. Judges will be asked to be available to meet with contestants and answer questions from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Friday, February 19th.

### **III. Judging Criteria for Decorative Calls**

- 1) Eye appeal, artistic beauty. Scored from 1 to 20 possible points, 20 (twenty) being perfection.
  - 2) Craftsmanship, sanding, gluing, finish, etc. Scored from 1 to 20 possible points, 20 (twenty) being perfection. 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 20 possible points, 20 (twenty) being perfection.
  - 4) SOUND, must be capable of producing realistic turkey sounds, i.e. include yelp, cluck, etc. Scored from 1 to 10 possible points. Ten (10) being highest. Highest score obtainable is thirty five (70) 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 are 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. ( 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> H.M., 5<sup>th</sup> H.M. and 6<sup>th</sup> H.M.)
- Step 8. Next the judges will determine the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Best of Class for:  
Best of Class I - Box Calls Categories 1-9.  
Best of Class II - Air Operated Calls Class 10-15, 24, 25.  
Best of Class III - Friction Calls Class 16-22.
- Step 9. NWTF staff will separate and group together the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in:  
Categories 1-9 Box Calls. The judges will independently score all 9 - 1<sup>st</sup> place Box Calls to determine Best of Class I winner.  
Now the judges will re-score the remaining 8 - 1<sup>st</sup> place calls and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place call from the category that won Best of Class I to determine the 2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Class I winner. If the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place call wins, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place call is eligible for consideration for 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Class I.
- Step 10. NWTF staff will separate and group together the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in:  
Categories 10-15, 24, 25 Air Operated Calls. The judges will independently score all 8 – 1<sup>st</sup> place Air Operated Calls to determine the Best of Class II winner. Now the judges will re-score the remaining 7 - 1<sup>st</sup> place calls and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place call from the category that won Best of Class II to determine the 2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Class II winner. If the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place call wins, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place call is eligible for consideration for 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Class II.
- Step 11. NWTF staff will separate and group together the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in:  
Categories 16-22 Friction Calls. The judges will independently score all 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Friction Calls to determine the Best of Class III winners.  
Now the judges will re-score the remaining 6 - 1<sup>st</sup> place calls and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place call from the category that won Best of Class III to determine the 2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Class III winner. If the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place call wins, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place call is eligible for consideration for 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Class III.
- Step 12. Next the judges will select the Earl Mickel Award winner from the above 3 1<sup>st</sup> Best of Class winners.
- Step 13. NWTF staff will group together the 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Best of Class winners.  
Judges will independently score all 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Best of Class IV for categories 26 and 27.
- Step 15. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place calls in Categories 26 and 27 will be eligible. Judges Will independently score all 6 calls. The 3 calls that score the highest will be the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Class IV Winners.

- Step 16. All calls entered by Youth Call Makers will be identified and the Judges will Select the Outstanding Youth Maker of the Year. In addition, Judges will Award Honorable Mention medallion ribbons to all youth entries.
- Step 17. All calls entered by first time call makers will be identified and the Judges will Select the Rookie Call Maker of the Year. In addition, Judges will Award Honorable Mention medallion ribbons to all first time entries.

#### **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 more 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 more 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 – 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 – carved and or carved and painted only (slate, glass or other material)**

Entries must include 1 friction call and 1 striker only.

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

**Category 17 – Friction Call – solid one piece pot of natural wood, not glued, painted or carved (slate, glass or other material)**

Entries must include 1 friction call and 1 striker only.

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

**Category 18 - Friction Call – open category, other than Cat. 16 and 17; acceptable entries**

include laminated, woodburnt, checkered, painted only with slate, glass or other sound boards.

Entries must include 1 friction call and 1 striker only.

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

**Category 19 – 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 20 – 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 21 – 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 22 – 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 23 – Striker**

Entries must include 1 striker – open to any design.

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

**Category 24 - 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 25 – 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 26 – 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 27 – 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.”*

**NOTE: Categories 1-25 – Only call will be judged.**

**\*\* NEW - Category 28 – Hunting Collectibles - entries are not eligible for trophies or cash awards.**

New category for hand made items that accompany the hunt such as fancy turkey/bird totes, lanyards, gun slings, bird decoys, gun cleaning boxes, shooting sticks. **Entries will be judged as a people's choice competition.**

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### **V. Decorative Awards by Class & Category for Cat. 1 – 25**

Best of Show - The Earl Mickel Purchase Award (from Best of Class I – III)  
\$3,000 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion w/ribbon

Best of Class I - Box Call Categories 1-9.

Best of Class II - Air Operated Calls Categories 10-15, 24,25.

Best of Class III - Friction Calls Categories 16-22.

1<sup>st</sup> Best of Class (each class) - \$250 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion with ribbon

2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Class (each class) - \$150 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion with ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Class (each class) - \$100 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion with ribbon

1<sup>st</sup> Place (each category) - \$150 Cash Award, Award medallion with ribbon

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon

4<sup>th</sup> Place Honorable Mention (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon

5<sup>th</sup> Place Honorable Mention (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon

6<sup>th</sup> Place Honorable Mention (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon

### **Decorative Awards by Class & Category for Cat. 26 -27**

Best of Class IV - Matched Set and Best Overall Presentation Categories 26 – 27

1<sup>st</sup> Best of Class IV - \$500 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion with ribbon

2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Class IV - \$250 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion with ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Class IV - \$125 Cash Award, Trophy, Award medallion with ribbon

1<sup>st</sup> Place (each category) - \$150 Cash Award, Award medallion with ribbon

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon

4<sup>th</sup> Place Honorable Mention (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon

5<sup>th</sup> Place Honorable Mention (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon

6<sup>th</sup> Place Honorable Mention (each category) - Award medallion with ribbon

2010 Outstanding Youth Decorative Turkey Call Maker of the year Award –  
Youth – National Champion Award Medallion with ribbon

All youth call makers will be awarded -

Honorable Mention Medallion with ribbon

2010 Rookie Decorative Turkey Call Maker of the Year Award-  
Rookie – National Champion Award Medallion with ribbon

All first time competitors will be awarded –

Honorable Mention Medallion with ribbon

### **Decorative Awards for Category 28 (People's Choice)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Award medallion with ribbon

2<sup>nd</sup> Place -  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place -

Award medallion with ribbon  
Award medallion with ribbon