

# Virginia Taxidermist Association 2nd Quarter Newsletter

## July 2024



### OUR MISSION

The mission of the Virginia Taxidermists Association is to promote a standard of quality, fairness and conduct for all of the Virginia Taxidermists and our associates. To this end we shall encourage all interested parties through education and example to better themselves and their practices for the benefit of our customers, ourselves, and the general public.

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## Welcome to the July 2024 Newsletter

### A Message from your President Matt Jones



Hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far, and starting to think about their next competition mount! We look forward to seeing what you all bring this coming year. We are getting geared up for Rick Krane's Summer Seminar, July 12-14! This is a great opportunity for all the fish guys so get signed up if you haven't already.

-Matt

### A Message from your Vice President David McKinney

Hope everyone is doing well, and progressing through their work. Reach out to me or the board if you are in need of anything that we can help you with.

-David



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## A Message from your Secretary/Treasurer Robbie Anderson



Hey Everyone I hope your Summer is starting off well. Your board is already working on next year's show. It's hard to believe that its almost July already. Don't forget that we have our First ever Summer Seminar with Rick Krane at the hotel July 12th-14th so get signed up and don't miss out on this Very Rare opportunity. We also had a strong showing at the West Virginia Show by the Virginia crew that took home some nice Awards including State Champions and Breakthrough By our own Mrs. Amanda Robinson. (Congratulations) and some others. it was great seeing all of ours VA Guys and Girls at the show hope to see some in the North Carolina Show.

-Robbie

## Board Member Messages

**Hope everyone is getting those creative juices flowing and already thinking about next year's show piece! Start now thinking, studying reference and get those next pieces in the works! March will be here before you know it!**

**-Amanda & Jarvie**



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## 2024 Board of Directors

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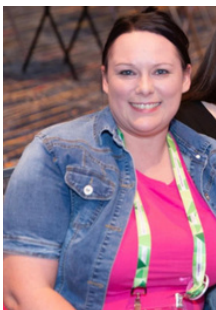
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# **Virginia Taxidermist Association 2nd Quarter Newsletter**

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## **VTA Board Meeting Schedule**

**Next Board Meeting: SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**\*Please have special award nominations  
in by this meeting**

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**January 2025**

**Annual Member Meeting  
March 2025 at the Show.**

**Scan the QR Code below with  
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the board contact sheet**



**Use this form to submit any comments,  
concerns or questions that you would like  
to be read to the board at the next meeting**

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**Not Pictured: Shawn & Genii Powell, Scott Hawley**



**Amanda Robinson**  
Breakthrough Best of Show  
BOC Professional Small Mammal  
Best Native Furbearer  
Most Promising Professional



**Jarvie Robinson**  
State Champion/BOC Master Whitetail  
Cary Cochran Master's Choice  
Whitetail  
Taxidermist Choice Best Whitetail  
Pro - 1 Award  
Taxidermist Choice Best Gamehead



**Wyatt Propp**  
State Champion/BOC Master  
Bird  
NWTF Award



**Scott Hawley**  
BOC Master Waterfowl  
Duck's Unlimited



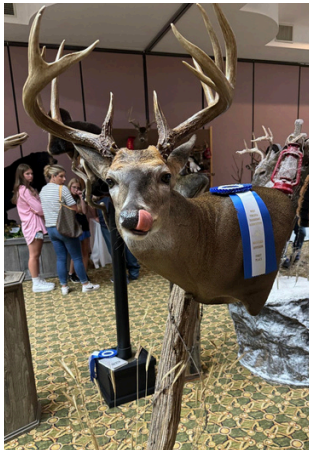
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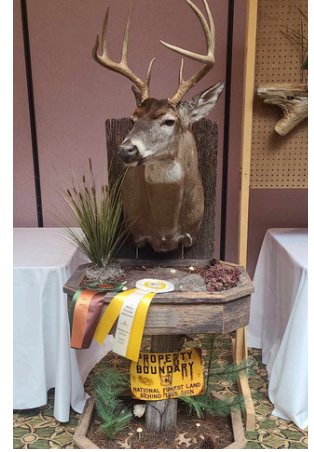
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BOC Professional Whiteail  
Bob Cline Best Professional  
Deer  
Professional Pro - 1 Award



**Derrick Clinedinst**  
Blue Ribbon Masters Deer



**Ferrin Sipe**  
Blue Ribbon Professional Deer



**Jason Burner**  
Yellow Ribbon Professional  
Deer



**David McKinney**  
Red Ribbon Professional  
Small Mammal



**David McKinney**  
Red Ribbon Professional  
Gamehead



**Ferrin Sipe**  
BOC Amateur Gamehead  
Judge's Choice Best Amateur



**James Thompson**  
Red Ribbon Amatuer  
Gamehead

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## Members News

Membership is the key to our association. Without our members we could not be here so thank you all that become members every year. Even if you did not or do not attend the annual show, please still join the association. We are planning things throughout the year.

We have Individual, Family and Business memberships available.

If you would like to become a member please reach out to

Robbie @ 540-765-8479

## Don't forget to renew your Taxidermy Permits before July 31, 2024

If you attend any other state shows please submit your photos to the FB Page so that we can put it in the next newsletter!

If you have any taxidermy tips or ideas for the newsletter please submit those also!

Don't forget to Submit Photos of what you've been up to since the show

Newsletters will go out quarterly and be available on the 1st of April, July, October, January

We have also set up a form that you can use to submit ideas & comments for the newsletters and to the board.

Each submission sent to it will be read to the board. We want to hear from you!

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### NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

#### MCKENZIE DISTINGUISHED TAXIDERMIST AWARD

Awarded to an individual in recognition of outstanding contributions toward professionalism, education and the advancement of The Art of Taxidermy.

#### VTA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Awarded to an individual who during their lifetime has made a creative and significant contribution to the Virginia Taxidermist Association.

#### VTA Service Award

Awarded to an individual for outstanding service to the Taxidermy Community.

#### BEEFY COLLINS AWARD

Awarded to an individual who shares Beefy's qualities of creativity, hard work, dedication, willingness to share and educate fellow taxidermist.

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## VTA Annual Convention and Competition

### 2025 Show Update!

Date: March 6-8, 2025

Where: Best Western 109 Apple Tree Ln, Waynesboro, Va

Judges: Awaiting contracts to be returned

Seminars: Still being determined

Vendors: Accepting vendor applications

### What's NEW for the 2025 show

 The show will be kicking off on THURSDAY EVENING this year!

We will have the registration desk open on Thursday evening for those that pre-registered to pick up their packets and those that want to beat the line and get theirs done.

 We will have Taxidermy Business 101 with Q&A seminar on Thursday evening and also possibly another seminar that's to be determined.



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## Upcoming State Taxidermy Conventions

Tennessee JULY 11 - 13, 2024 in Pickwick, TN

Ohio JULY 12 - 14, 2024 in Mansfield, OH

North Carolina AUGUST 1 - 3, 2024

WORLD SHOW AUG 6 -10, 2024 CORALVILLE IA

## *Taxidermy Conventions across the country...*

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# 2024



**CANADA** MARCH 14-17 TORONTO  
**NATIONAL SHOW, NTA**  
MAY 2-4 Columbia, MO  
**WORLD SHOW**  
AUGUST 6-10 Coralville, IA

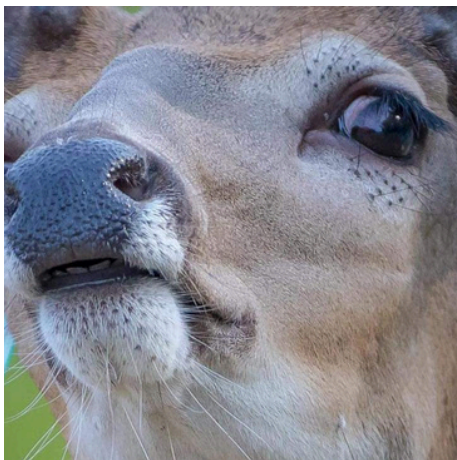
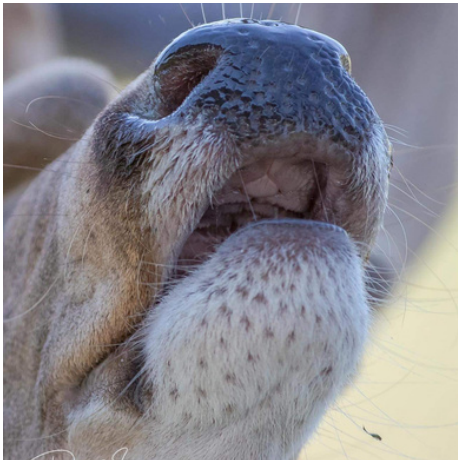
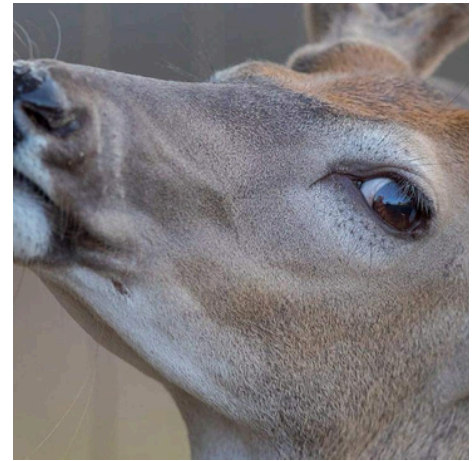
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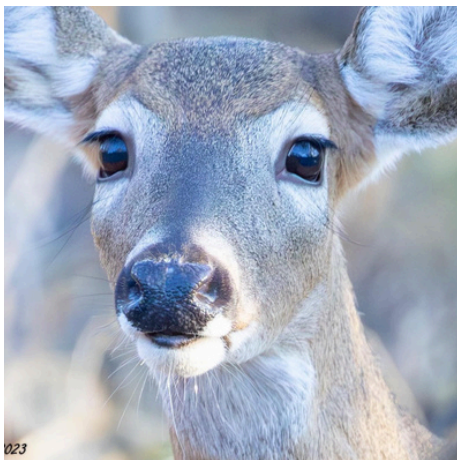
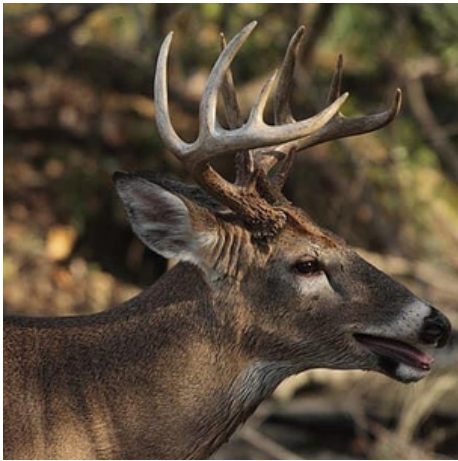




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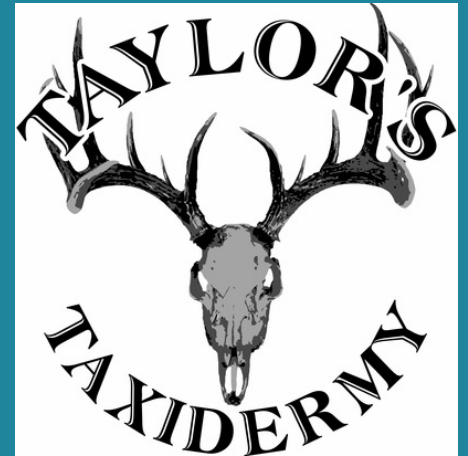




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540-765-8479



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**Special Thanks to all our Vendors and Sponsors that help make all the awards, auction items and show a success!**

**If you would like to Sponsor the VTA's show or set up a vendor space next year please reach out to**

**Robbie Anderson at 540-765-8479 or  
email him at anderson2655@gmail.com**

## Sponsors of the VTA

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

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Pro-1 Proformance Chemicals

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Wildlife Gallery

Robins Nest Animal Rugs

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Dallas Taylor

Matt & Kayla Jones

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David & Jessica McKinney

## Vendors at the 2024 show

Pro-1 Proformance Chemicals

McKenzie Taxidermy Supply

Ohio Taxidermy Supply

Kip Hughes Forms

Wildlife Gallery

Robins Nest Animal Rugs

Tad's Taxidermy: War Birds

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