



Friday, Feb. 16 6 – 10 p.m.

6 p.m. - Doors Open

6:20 p.m. - Introduction

6:25 p.m. - Dinner Served

7:15 p.m. - Award Ceremony Begins

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### **HENRY S. MOSBY AWARD**

This award recognizes an outstanding biologist who has contributed to wild turkey management throughout his or her career or made a single significant accomplishment in the restoration or management of wild turkeys.

#### PRESENTED TO:

### Bret Collier, Ph.D.

#### PAST RECIPIENTS

2023	Duane Diefenbach, Ph. D.	2010	John Frampton
2022	Rod Smith	2009	Al Stewart
2021	Jason Hardin	2008	Larry Perrin
2020	Mary Jo Casalena	2007	Vernon Bevill
2019	Steve Barnett	2006	Brian Wakeling
2018	Dennis Sutherland		James Earl Kennamer, Ph. D.
2017	Joe Sandrini	2005	Curtis Taylor
2016	John Fischer, DVM, Ph. D.	2004	Dave Baumann
2015	Bob Eriksen	2003	Dick Kimmel, Ph. D.
2014	Michael J. Chamberlain, Ph. D.	2002	George Wright
2013	Robert K. Abernethy	2001	Les Rice
2012	Warren Ballard Jr., Ph. D.	2000	Gary Norman
2011	Bruce D. Leopold, Ph. D.		

# C.B. McLEOD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award is given in honor of C.B. McLeod to recognize an outstanding NWTF volunteer who has dedicated their life to wildlife conservation and hunting heritage.

#### PRESENTED TO:

## **Chuck Sykes**

#### PAST RECIPIENTS

202	3 Steve Williams, Ph.D.	2011	Dick Kirby
202	2 Vicki Christiansen	2010	Glynn and Marge Shubert
202	Not Awarded	2009	Bev Leigh III
202	O Vern Ross	2008	Sam Crouch
2019	John Millican	2007	Bobby Mead
2018	3 John Larson	2006	Cary Quarles
2017	' Billy Ball	2005	Glenn "Bubba" Harrelson
2016	6 Ron Kistler	2004	Michael Tull
2015	Col. Tom Kelly	2003	Jim Gayton
2014	Ken and Marcia Polhamus	2002	Louis Yount
2013	5 Dale Rohm	2001	Jim Cox
2012	Dale and Kitty Bounds	2000	E. Leslie Sapp

## WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognizes an outstanding state or federal wildlife law enforcement officer dedicated to protecting wild turkey, supporting the rights of hunters and assisting with conservation programs.

#### TO BE ANNOUNCED

#### PAST RECIPIENTS

2023	Audrey Bush	2014	Jeff Berti	2006	Sgt. Christopher C.
2022	Drake Hayes	2013	Darin Clifton		Thomas
2021	Tanner Riley	2012	Bryan Fisher	2005	Brian Southard, U.S. Forest Service
2020	Kenny Lawson	2011	Cpl. Roger Tate	2007	Lt. Gene Newman
2019	Michael Nunnery	2010	Cleggett "Gregory"		
2018	Spencer Grace		Funkhouser	2003	Larry Webinger
2017	Rob Brazie	2009	Bill London	2002	Sgt. Ronald Henry
2017		2000	Di-l	2001	Allan Wright
2016	Leith Konyndyk	2008	Richard "Todd" Campbell		•
2015	Keith Wollard	2007	Shane Fields	2000	Clay Creech

## **ROGER M. LATHAM SERVICE AWARDS**

This award recognizes up to 5 outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions by volunteering their personal time, energy and money working to deliver the mission of the NWTF!

"Conservation of the Wild Turkey and Preservation of our Hunting Heritage."

**Guy Hostutler** 

Joan Fisemann

Ralph Warzecha

PRESENTED TO	:
Eric Olson	

**Garv Stroud** 

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PAS1	RECIPIENTS				
2023	Keith Hickman Gerald & Terri Lively	2020	R.L. Bennett Susan Boarman	2017	Al Bobrofsky Ben Doerge
	Kenneth Moore Jr. Raymond Eriksen		Edie and Marvin Hartley Steve McNeil		Gib Rhodes David and Judy Vaughan
2022	Tom Hindman Terry Thompson Scott Cushing Robin Clark Michael Cambareri	2019	Louis Gambale Carl Kief Dean Schueler Charles Spray David Worwood	2016	Joe Krug Robert Linder Jason Majors Larry Stcynske Bill Wilbur
2021	Richard Plattenberger Ralph Martone Mike Waters Craig White, Richard Williams	2018	Brett Ladeau Gary Reeder Greg Shaffer Dennis Waters	2015	Robert Boarman Earl Duckett Don and Carolyn Going Dave Williamson Lynn Worwood

2014	Lee Johnson	2009	Jim Panaro	2004	Frank Estes
	Robert Spencer		Greg Balch		Donald McDonald
	Rob Stover		Steve Gage		Eldo Meyer
2013	Ken Buchholtz		Kevin Jech		Jody Neece
	Mike Colquett		Jon Leonard		Carl Mowry
	Paul Godwin	2008	Mike Lowder	2003	Craig Fink
	Joe Judd		Harry Wilfong		Dr. Robert Reich
	Terry Smith		Bill Eubank		Robert Eichler
2012	Steve Sams	2007	Dave Burdge		Ron Hopkins
	Roger Demanette		Dave Mahlke II		Larry Smith
	Jim Wescott		Bob and Kim Passeretti	2002	Gary L. Showalter Sr.
	Bryan Perry		Timothy J. Schwent		Robert M. Atkinson
	Tom Howe	2006	John Adams		Darrell C. Francis
2011	Mike Rainwater		Roger D. Bishop		Donald Lantz
	Ron Gleason		Carl Dixon Jr.		Michael L. Larkins
	Larry Becker		Earl "Buddy" Fry	2001	Richard M. Bradish
	David Truban	2005	Charlene Cooper		Jim Williams
2010	Harold Runge		William Marvin		Dale Bounds
	Gary Watts		Don O'Brien	2000	Gary Beatty
	Rick Layser		Bob Stickley		Daniel Zerr
	Robert Scott Cotiaux		Craig and Christi Henry		Michael Kennedy
	Tim Blum				

### LYNN BOYKIN HUNTING HERITAGE AWARD

This award recognizes an individual or organization who has made outstanding contributions in protecting our hunting heritage.

#### PRESENTED TO:

# Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports PAST RECIPIENTS

2023	Toxey Haas	2010	Will Primos
2022	Sara Parker Pauley	2009	Jerry Martin
2021	Richard Childress	2008	Herman "Duff" Holbrook
2020	Rhonda Johnson	2007	National Shooting Sports Foundation
2019	Greg Sheehan	2006	John L. Morris
2018	Jay McAninch	2005	Jeanette Rudy
2017	Carol Bamberry	2004	Mike Hayden
2016	Alvin Taylor	2003	Bill Stevens
2015	Steve Williams	2002	Max Peterson
2014	Bob Model	2001	Joe Foss, Charlton Heston
2013	Beau Turner	2000	Charlie Elliot
2012	Larry and Brenda Potterfield	1999	Curt Gowdy
2011	U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance		

### **DIRECTOR EMERITUS**

This honor is bestowed upon individuals who served on the National Board of Directors with honor and great distinction.

## PRESENTED TO: Robert "Doc" Dettmer, M.D.

#### **PAST RECIPIENTS**

2020 Louis Yount, South Carolina

2019 Jere Peak, Alabama

2017 Ron Fretts, Pennsylvania

2017 Gene Denton, Arkansas

# L.A. DIXON MEMORIAL AWARDS OUTSTANDING STATE CHAPTER

#### **LESS THAN 2,500 MEMBERS**

Ist South Dakota State Chapter2nd Oklahoma State Chapter3rd Arizona State Chapter

#### 2,500 - 4,999 MEMBERS

**Texas State Chapter**2nd Arkansas State Chapter
3rd Iowa State Chapter

#### 5,000 - 7,499 MEMBERS

Ist Florida State Chapter2nd Michigan State Chapter3rd Indiana State Chapter

#### 7,500 - 9,999 MEMBERS

**1st Georgia State Chapter**2nd Virginia State Chapter
3rd Ohio State Chapter

## OVER 10,000 MEMBERS

1stAlabama State Chapter2ndPennsylvania State Chapter3rdTennessee State Chapter

## L.A. DIXON MEMORIAL AWARDS OUTSTANDING LOCAL CHAPTERS

#### **BEST FIRST TIME BANQUET**

1st Lynches River Chapter, SC 2nd Golden Crescent of Texas 3rd Twin Rivers Limbhangers. TN

#### **ONE-TIME PERFORMANCE - HIGHEST NET \$**

1st Piedmont Area Chapter, VA

2nd C.S.R.A. Chapter, GA3rd Beaver Creek Chapter, OH

#### **CUMULATIVE - NET MEMBERSHIP**

1st Full Struts, IL

2nd Stearns County Thunderin' Toms, MN

3rd Genegantslet Gobblers

#### **ONE-TIME PERFORMANCE - ADULT MEMBERSHIP \$**

1st Colquitt County Double Gobble, GA

2nd Stearns County Thunderin' Toms Banquet, MN

3rd Bootheel Boss Gobblers, MO

#### **CUMULATIVE - GROWTH % OF PREVIOUS YEAR**

1st Beaver Creek Chapter, OH 2nd Warrior Trail Gobblers, PA 3rd Genegantslet Gobbles, NY

## ONE-TIME PERFORMANCE - BEST % GROWTH OVER PREVIOUS YEAR EVENT

1stBeaver Creek Chapter, OH2ndWisconsin State Convention3rdVirginia Sponsor Event

## L.A. DIXON MEMORIAL AWARDS OUTSTANDING COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CHAPTER

#### **PERFORMANCE AWARD - HIGHEST NET \$**

1st University of Alabama NWTF Banquet
 2nd Ohio State University Buckeye Turkey Talkers
 3rd Penn State University Spur Collectors, PA

#### **PERFORMANCE AWARD - HIGHEST ADULT MEMBERSHIP \$**

 1st
 Penn State University Spur Collectors Chapter, PA

 2nd
 North Carolina State University Sporting Clays Tournament

 3rd
 Ohio State University Buckeye Turkey Talkers



## Vote for Your Favorite Wildlife Art

Inspired by the outdoors, artists from across the country will display their creations in the wildlife art competition. This year, you get to help crown a winner with the new **People's Choice Award**.

Visit the Gaylord Opryland Events Center to view this year's entries and over 1,200 turkey and waterfowl custom calls on display.

You can vote by scanning the QR code below with your phone and entering your phone number or visit: customcalls.nwtf.org/vote/

Voting starts Thursday, Feb. 15, and ends Saturday, Feb. 17 at 11 a.m.





Winner will be featured in a future issue of **Turkey Call Magazine** 



Or visit: customcalls.nwtf.org/vote/



### **GRAND SLAM CLUB**

#### \$50K to \$75K Overall Annual Net Fundraising

Big Creek Longbeards, KS

Big Sky, MT

Black Creek Chapter

Brandon Boss Gobblers, SD

Bullock County Longbeards, AL

Cabin Creek, IN

Capital City Strutters, MN

Central Florida Strutters

Davidson County Longbeards, NC

East Texas Chapter

Flat River Full Strutters, NC

Four Rivers Chapter, GA

Full Struts, IL

Gauley River Strut Busters

Georgetown Five Rivers Chapter

Golden Crescent of Texas, TX

Hattiesburg MS Chapter

Henry County Longbeards. AL

Highland Lakes Chapter, TX

Houston Chapter, TX

Independence County-Batesville, AR

Kirksville Ridge Runners, MO

Languille Longbeards, AR

Little Switzerland Strutters, VA

Lowndes County, MS

Lumber River, NC

Lynches River Chapter, SC

Mac McEwen Chap.Sumter, SC

Minnesota State Chapter, MN

Morgan Co. Gobblers, AL

North Central, TN

Ocmulgee Chapter, GA

Ouachita River Local, LA Peters Creek Trail, PA

Pricketts Fort Limb Hangers, WV

Putnam County, FL

Red Dirt Roost, OK

Roanoke Valley Longbeards, VA

Rockbridge Chapter, VA

Salkehatchie Longbeards, SC

Sho-Me Chapter, MO

Souris River Basin Longbeards, ND

Spoon River Gobblers, IL

Tar River, NC

Tattnall-Evans County Limbhangers, GA

Tennessee River Longbeards, TN

Tennessee State Chapter, TN

Two Rivers Timber Ghosts, IA

Warrior Trail Gobblers. PA

West Branch Ridge Runners

West Virginia State, WV

## **ROYAL SLAM CLUB**

#### \$75K to 100K Overall Annual Net Fundraising

Bootheel Boss Gobblers, MO

Ft. Myers, Florida, FL

Gator Gobblers, FL

Jerry Zimmerman Memorial, PA

Lake City Longbeards, FL

Magic City Limbhangers, AL

Mingus Mountain Longbeards, AZ

Neil Gobbler Cost, SC

Northeast Florida Sportsmen's Night Out, FL

Robert Higgenbotham Memorial Chapter, MS

Struttin Black Beards, MN

Towaliga River Longbeards, GA

Tri County Longbeards, VA

## **WORLD SLAM CLUB**

#### Over \$100K Overall Annual Net Fundraising

April Awol, TX

East Alabama, AL

Little River. NC

Ocala Strutters, FL

Pine Mountain Longbeards, TN

Southern Maryland, MD

Stearns County Thunderin' Toms, MN

Swamp Fox Local Chapter, SC

Tuscaloosa Chapter, AL

Virginia State Chapter, VA

### **SUPER SLAM CLUB**

Beaver Creek Local, OH

C.S.R.A. Chapter, GA

Colquitt County Double Gobble, GA

Piedmont Area Chapter, VA

## CONVENTION AWARDS PRESENTED PRIOR TO THIS EVENING'S GALA

#### INNOVATION AWARD

This award honors volunteers, staff and/or non-traditional partners who have developed exceptionally creative strategies and novel approaches that encouraged positive impacts to conservation, outreach, education, membership and/or fundraising.

#### PRESENTED TO:

Dave Baron, Baron Technologies

#### **GOVERNMENT PARTNER AWARD**

Recognizes a government employee(s) at the federal or state level, elected officials, or policy professionals who demonstrate outstanding achievement in facilitating habitat conservation, furthering hunting heritage, effective partnership formation or conservation policy influence.

#### PRESENTED TO:

#### Senator Deborah Stabenow

#### **PAST RECIPIENTS**

2023 Louie Perry - Cornerstone Government Affairs

2021 Senator Steve Daines of Montana

2020 Congressman Austin Scott, Georgia 8th Congressional District

2018 Congressman Bruce Westerman, Arkansas 4th Congressional District

2017 Oklahoma Lt. Governor's Hunt

### CORPORATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes the exceptional support and dedication of a corporate partner who has exemplified NWTF's mission of conserving wild turkeys and preserving our hunting heritage while setting an outstanding example of stewardship for others to follow.

#### PRESENTED TO:

## Winchester Ammunition

#### PAST RECIPIENTS

2023 Mossberg 2019 Federal Premium Ammunition

2022Benelli USA2018Plano Synergy2021Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's2017Mossy Oak2020Marolina Outdoor Inc.2016ALPS Brands

2015	Remington Outdoor Company	2007	Bank of America
2014	Nationwide Insurance	2006	Knight Rifles
2013	Anadarko Petroleum Corporation	2005	Bass Pro Shops
2012	The Southern Company	2004	Hunters Specialties
2011	Chevrolet Motor Company	2003	Browning
2010	not awarded	2002	International Paper
2009	The Outdoor Channel	2001	Blount Rocky Shoes & Boots
2008	Cabela's	2000	Haas Outdoors

## **DICK KIRBY AWARD**

This award recognizes an individual call maker, commercial call maker or company that has made significant contributions to the mission of the NWTF.

#### PRESENTED TO:

## Michael Lapp

PASI	RECIPIENTS		
2023	Woodhaven Custom Calls	2019	Fred Zink
2025	and Mike Pentecost	2018	Preston Pittman
2022	Jody "Putt" Rohm	2017	Jim Clay
2021	Mike Dentecest	2016	Allen Jenkins

2020 Primos Hunting 2015 Dale Rohm

## TOM KELLY COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognizes a communicator who has done an outstanding job of sharing the wild turkey restoration story and NWTF's role in conserving the wild turkey and preserving our hunting heritage.

## PRESENTED TO: Rob Keck

#### PAST RECIPIENTS

2023	Ken Perrotte	2012	Ray Eye
2022	The Hunting Public	2011	Kevin Howard
2021	Mike Chamberlain, Ph. D	2010	Cuz Strickland
2020	Slate and Glass, LLC	2009	Col. Tom Kelly
2019	Steve Hickoff	2008	Glenn Sapir
2018	Will Primos	2007	Jim Casada
2017	Michael Waddell	2006	Jim Zumbo
2016	Jana Waller	2005	Grits Gresham
2015	Brenda Valentine	2004	J. Wayne Fears
2014	Steve Rinella	2003	Ron Schara
2013	Andrew McKean	2002	Tom Fegely

#### WAYNE BAILEY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes a wildlife biologist, turkey trapper, or wildlife manager who devoted their career to the restoration and management of the wild turkey.

#### PRESENTED TO:

#### Al Stewart

#### PAST RECIPIENTS

2023	Jimmy Stafford	2014	Wayne MacCallum
2022	William "Bill" Porter, Ph. D.	2013	Dennis Daniel
2021	Gary Norman	2012	Ron Eakes
2020	Rick Hoffman	2011	Mike Widner
2019	Dale Tribby	2010	Steve Backs
2018	Steven Jackson	2009	Gary Myers
2017	Steve Denney	2008	Fred Evans
2016	Steve Conrady		Mike Seamster
2015	William M. Healy, Ph. D.		

## JOE KURZ EXCELLENCE IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes a current employee of a state fish, wildlife or forestry agency for their outstanding wild turkey conservation efforts.

#### PRESENTED TO:

Chris Henline

#### **PAST RECEIPIENT**

2023 Steve Adams

### **LAND STEWARDSHIP AWARD**

This award recognizes companies (including individuals or projects supported by companies) and/or government agencies that promote wildlife habitat management.

#### PRESENTED TO:

Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

#### PAST RECEIPIENT

2023 Elvy Barton, Salt River Project

#### NRCS MAKING TRACKS AWARDS

#### **CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM AWARD**

Jonas Feinstein and Frank Falzone

#### HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AWARD

Larimer Conservation District and Fort Collins Field Office

#### **USDA FOREST SERVICE MAKING TRACKS AWARDS**

#### HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AWARD

Shawnee National Forest

#### PARTNER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM AWARD

Region 5, Klamath National Forest Goosenest Ranger District

#### **DENA HOLMES COLLABORATION AWARD**

USFS - Earl Stewart NWTF - Patt Dorsey
USFS - Jon Word NWTF - Tara Moon
USFS - Kelle Reynolds

#### **ACREAGE AWARD**

Alabama State Chapter

#### **PARTNERSHIP AWARD**

Alabama State Chapter Colorado State Chapter Georgia State Chapter Kansas State Chapter Nebraska State Chapter North Dakota State Chapter Oklahoma State Chapter South Carolina State Chapter South Dakota State Chapter Texas State Chapter

## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM AWARDS

#### MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT

Tenkiller Women in the Outdoors, OK South Dakota State Chapter

#### **ANNIE OAKLEY AWARD**

Stellane King, AZ

#### JAKES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Kimberly Capel, MD

## WHEELIN' SPORTSMEN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Michael Howie, IL

#### **MENTOR OF THE YEAR**

Lance Morgan, MN

## EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR (PRESENTED AT RENDEZVOUS)

Angie Kruger, SC

#### **CONSERVATION FIELD DAY AWARD**

Huachuca Gould's Chapter, AZ

# JAMES EARL KENNAMER NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER (PRESENTED AT RENDEZVOUS)

Ashlynn Kidwell, MD

#### **R3 AWARD**

Henry County Longbeards, VA

Monocacy Valley Chapter, MD

Cleveland County Cutters and Strutters, AR

Y-Bridge Longbeards Chapter, OH

#### **BEST INAUGURAL EVENT**

Maryland State Chapter Northern Arizona Chapter

Tri-County Strutters Chapter, MA

Aitkin Gobblers Chapter, MN

#### **BEST PARTNERSHIP EVENT**

Minnesota State Chapter

Three Forks Wild Turkey Chapter, IL

Kaufman County Double Beards, Cross Timbers, and Cottonwood

Creek Chapters, TX

Franklin County Longbeards, VA

Wisconsin WITO

#### TOP CONTRIBUTING EVENT

WITO

Ohio Women in the Outdoors

Wheelin' Sportsmen

Wolf Creek Chapter, OH

#### HALF MILLION DOLLAR CLUB

These chapters have raised over \$500K in support of the NWTF mission.

Aitkin, MN

Back Road Strutters, OK

Badlands Toms, ND

Chambers County Longbeards, AL

Chuquatonchee, MS

Clinton County Territory, OH

Cortland Limbhangers, NY

Cottonwood Prairie Toms, NE

Douglas County Gobblers, IL

East Metro Full Fans, MN

Jeff Post Memorial Chapter, PA

Lake Shelbyville Strutters, IL

Lexington Longbeards, SC

Mark Twain Forest Longspurs, MO

Martin Brothers Memorial Chapter, WV

Middle Island Longbeards, WV

Mulberry Gobblers, GA

North Country Longspurs, VT

Ochoco Local Chapter, OR

Oxford Chapter, MS

Panola County, MS

Rabbit River Longspurs, MI

Salmon River Strutters, NY

Shelby County, AL

Southern Appalachian, TN

Southern Ozark Longbeards, MO

Tennessee State Chapter, TN

Weld County Yelpers, CO

West Alabama, AL

## **MILLION DOLLAR CLUB**

These chapters have raised more than \$1M in support of the NWTF mission.

Brandywine Thunderin' Toms, PA

Elmore County, AL

Gem State, ID

Little River, NC

Meadow Valley, WI

Ocala Strutters, FL

Piedmont Area Chapter, VA

Pocotaligo Chapter, SC

### **MILLION & HALF DOLLAR CLUB**

These chapters have raised more than \$1.5M in support of the NWTF mission.

Heartland Gobblers, MO

### TWO MILLION DOLLAR CLUB

These chapters have raised more than \$2M in support of the NWTF mission.

April Awol, TX Colquitt County Double Gobble, GA West Virginia State, WV

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