

Bird Mounting Contest and Calcutta

There will be a Bird mounting contest and Calcutta Thursday night at the Convention. The following is an explanation of the event and contest rules:

Entry Fee for Contestants:

1. \$50.00
2. Winner will receive 2/3 of the entry fee money and the runner-up will receive the remaining 1/3.
3. Winner will also receive a Live Mounting Champion Belt Buckle
4. Deadline for entry is May 25th. Contact Mark Pontius at 918-279-0442 or 918-978-5664 or Steve Abbott at 405-392-5597 to register for the contest.

Calcutta/Auction:

There is no minimum bid. Individuals or groups may bid. 100% of the prize money goes to the individual or group who bid upon the winning taxidermist, as chosen by the 4 competition judges.

Judging:

During the day Friday, each competition judge will cast their secret voting to the OKTA Secretary. Each will determine their top three choices in order and a numerical score will be awarded. 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, and 3rd = 1 point. The OKTA Secretary and the judges will tally the scores and the winners will be announced at the banquet Friday night. Competition judges are not allowed into the Calcutta/Auction, during the mounting contest, or any time prior to judging/voting. Contestants cannot discuss any portion or events of the Calcutta or mounting contest to a competition judge prior to judging/voting.

Contest Rules:

1. Each participant will have 3 hours to complete a bird mount of their choice. The President will record the start time for the contest.
2. The actual mounting of the specimen must occur on site. No form preparation can occur in advance, including form alterations.
3. Feet can be wired, injected and painted before the competition.
4. Heads can be painted before the competition but the eyes must be set at during the competition.
5. Neck and wing wiring must be done during the competition.

6. Base must be a single piece of driftwood, no habitat.
7. Each competitor must bring their own tarp, tools, material, etc. and be responsible for cleaning up their area.
8. On Friday, from 9:00am to 9:30am each participant will be allowed to complete any final grooming.
9. Any violation of the rules, the competitor will be disqualified and not allowed to compete. Any questions that arise during the contest will be decided upon by the competition committee, excluding participating committee members in the contest.

Contact Mark Pontius to register or questions at:

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