



Central New York Chapter
NWTF

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Northeastern Wild Turkey Calling Contest Championship

On Saturday January 25th, 2003, Turkey Callers came from Ohio, and Pennsylvania, and all over New York State to compete in the Northeastern Sport Show Turkey Calling Contest! Competitors braved the winter weather to strut their stuff to see who would win the slot for the 2004 Wild Turkey Bourbon Championship Contest held by the National Wild Turkey Federation at their National convention. Awards and prize money was presented to the top 3 callers.

Award winners in the Open Category:

- 1st Place (\$150) Scott Benson - Wooster, Ohio
- 2nd Place (\$100) Stephen Hook - Jamestown, New York
- 3rd Place (\$50) Arnie Jonathan - Lockport, New York

A youth contest was also held for ages 16 and under. Awards were presented to the top 3 callers:

Award winners in the Youth (16 and under) Category:

- 1st Place Marshall Kise – Syracuse, New York
- 2nd Place Cody Hoag – Cato, New York
- 3rd Place Taylor McElwain – Auburn, New York

About the Central New York Chapter NWTF: Founded in 1989 as a Local Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. The Central New York Chapter represents NWTF members in and around Onondaga County, the City of Syracuse, and surrounding communities. Each year the Chapter hosts Jakes (youth) events, Women In The Outdoor (WITO) events, facilitates wildlife habitat projects in conjunction with NYSDEC & Cornell Cooperative Extension, sponsors seminars & calling contests, and distributes over 1,500 lbs of corn to be left standing for wildlife each year. The Central New York Chapter works together with the New York State Chapter and National to benefit the wild turkey resource.

For more information on the Central New York Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation, call (315) 633-0365; check out our web site at www.turkey-talk.com/cnyntwf or e-mail questions to fsorrell@twcny.rr.com

For more information on the New York State Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation, call (607) 753-8420; check out our web site at www.turkey-talk.com/nys-nwtf or e-mail questions to nyschapter@turkey-talk.com

About the NWTF: In 1973 when the National Wild Turkey Federation was founded, there were an estimated 1.3 million wild turkeys and 1.5 million turkey hunters. Thanks to the work of wildlife agencies and the NWTF's

many volunteers and partners, today there are an estimated 5.6 million wild turkeys and approximately 2.6 million turkey hunters. Since 1985, more than \$164 million NWTF and cooperator dollars have been spent on over 21,000 projects benefiting wild turkeys throughout North America.

The NWTF is a 450,000-member grassroots, nonprofit organization with members in 50 states, Canada and 11 foreign countries. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private and corporate lands as well as wild turkey hunting as a traditional North American sport.

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