



Central New York Chapter
NWTF

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2003 Spinning Wheel Spring Turkey Contest

The 2003 Spinning Wheel Spring Turkey Contest, co-hosted by the Central NY Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), ran the NY spring turkey season from May 1st to May 31st. An awards dinner was held on Wednesday, June 4th at the Spinning Wheel Restraunt in North Syracuse, NY. There where 91 successful entries out of the 174 entrants. Awards where given for the following:

Open Category NWTF Member total score:

Date Taken	Name	Weight		1st Spur	2nd Spur	Beard	Total
		lbs	oz				
5/13	Mike Garbinski Sr Kirkville, NY	18	2	1 5/8	1 1/2	10 9/16	70.5000
5/21	Louis Naples Cicero, NY	22	7	1 1/4	1 1/4	10 3/4	68.9375
5/24	Bob Martino Liverpool, NY	21	2	1 3/8	1 3/8	9 3/4	68.1250

Open Category NWTF Member Non-Typical total score:

Date Taken	Name	Weight		1st Spur	2nd Spur	Beard	2nd Beard	Total	Non-Typ Total
		lbs	oz						
5/9	Fred Servello Canastota, NY	19	2	1 1/4	1 1/16	9 3/16	9 3/4	60.6250	80.1250

NWTF Woman Member total score:

Date Taken	Name	Weight		1st Spur	2nd Spur	Beard	Total
		lbs	oz				
5/1	Dr. Mildred Irizarry Cazenovia, NY	19	12	15/16	15/16	8 3/4	56.0000

NWTF Youth (12-17) Member total score:

Date Taken	Name	Weight		1st Spur	2nd Spur	Beard	Total
		lbs	oz				
5/29	Kyle Dulan Baldwinsville, NY	16	3	1 3/16	1 1/8	8 1/2	56.3125

Heaviest Bird: 23lbs 8oz- Mark Rossi
Longest Spurs: 1-5/8" Mike Garbinski Sr.

Longest Beard: 11" Steve Garbinski

Turkeys are scored based on the following formula: weight x 1 + beard length(s) x 2 + Spur Length(s) x 10. All measurements are to the 1/16" or oz., and converted to decimal. **Example Score:** Weight - 20.5000 + Beard - 10.5000 + Spur (L) -1.2500 + Spur (R) -1.2500 **Total Score Results:** 20.5000 + 21.0000 + 12.5000 + 12.5000 = **66.5000!**

Non-Typical Turkeys are classified as having more than one beard(s), and or having more than one spur on one or both legs

Beards consist of hair like feathers that resemble a long beard, which protrudes from the chest of male turkeys (can also occur in a small percentage of hens). This characteristic is what causes male turkeys to be also known as a "Longbeards" and is a sought after characteristic of trophy class wild turkeys

Spurs are bony protrusions on the back of the legs, and are used for fighting & defense. Older birds typically to have long curved spurs (in excess of 1") and is also a sought after characteristic of trophy class wild turkeys

The New York State Chapter NWTF keeps records based on the national system, and the addition of new entries each year. For more info, go to: http://www.turkey-talk.com/nys-nwtf/record_submission.htm

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/cnynwtf or e-mail questions to fsorrell@twcny.rr.com

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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 cooperators 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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