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**ILLINOIS STATE
AWARDS BANQUET**

January 7, 2012



Team NWTF Welcomes You!

Illinois State Awards Banquet

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4:00 PM

Social Hour with Ray Eye

5:00 PM

Doors Open – Social Hour

6:15 PM

A Welcome from Illinois State Chapter President – Mike Lowder

Land of Lincoln Scholarship Awards – Dr. Robert Reich

A Message from Kent Adams - IL NWTF Regional Biologist

6:30 PM

Veteran Recognition, Invocation & Dinner

7:30 PM

Closing of Silent Auction

Illinois State President's Award

Recognition of Special Guests

Introduction of NWTF Staff, National Board Member

Illinois State Board Members, Coordinators, and District Directors

A Message from – Michael Cleary,

SVP of Marketing & Field Operations

8:00 PM

*Upper Level Membership Awards
Outstanding Chapter Awards Program
Marvin Henderson Award*

8:30 PM

Special Auction – Auctioneer-Keith Jackson

9:00 PM

Keri Butt - State Field Editor and Outdoor Writer

9:15 PM

Special Entertainment – Ray Eye and Ralph Duren

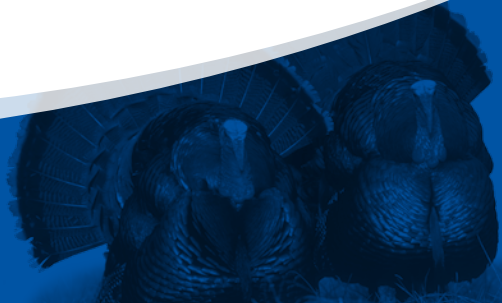
10:00 PM

*Raffle and Silent Auction Winners Announced
Social Time!*



*Thank you for all you do for
the Wild Turkey and our Hunting Heritage!*

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UPPER LEVEL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Diamond Life Sponsor – Steve Lathrop

ILLINOIS OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARDS

50 - 59% GOLDEN GOBBLER BANQUETS

Big Muddy Longbeards	50%
Northern IL Thundering Toms	50%
Sterling-Rock Falls Gobblers	50%
Palisades Fantails	50%
Belleville Boss Gobblers	50%
Big Sandy Spurs	50%
Mackinaw Valley Gobblers	50%
Western IL Longspurs	50%
Douglas Co Gobblers	51%
Flatlanders Chapter	52%
Kishwaukee Valley Gobblers	52%
Prairieland Longbeards	53%
Woodford Co Sharpshurs	53%
Skillet Fork Chapter	53%
Little Egypt Longbeards	53%
Lake Shelbyville Strutters	54%
Lewis & Clark Sportsman Chapter	55%
Spoon River Gobblers	57%
Rend Lake Limbhangers	58%
Jo Daviess Longbeards	58%
Edgar Co Longbeards	58%

50 - 59% GOLDEN GOBBLER BANQUETS CONTINUED

Midwest Gobblers	58%
Lincoln Trail Turkey Chapter	58%
Cumberland Co Longbeards	59%

60% CLUB GOLDEN GOBBLER BANQUETS

Clay Co Cutters & Strutters	60%
Mississippi Valley Gobblers	60%
Creek Bottom Strutters	60%
Will Co Cutters	61%
Silver & Shoal Creek Strutters	62%
Trail of Tears Chapter	62%
River Valley Gobblers	62%
Mississippi Valley Gobblers North	63%
Monroe Co Longbeards	63%
Forbes Lake Limbhangers	64%

BEST NET-TO-GROSS BANQUET AWARD –TOP 3

3rd Place	Shiloh Spurs Chapter	73%
2nd Place	Big Bend Longbeards	75%
1st Place	Little Wabash Longbeards	78%



10 YEAR PLUS GOLDEN GOBBLER BANQUETS

Clay Co Cutters & Strutters	10
Kendall Co Gobblers	10
Lawrence Co Longbeards	10
Northern IL Thunderin Toms	11
Cumberland Co Longbeards	11
Richland Co Longspurs	11
Central IL Fantails	11
Brown Co Boss Gobblers	11
Kaskaskia Longbeards	12
Rend Lake Limbhangers	12
Forbes Lake Limbhangers	12
Spoon River Gobblers	12
Silver & Shoal Creek Strutters	12
Kishwaukee Valley Gobblers	13
Monroe Co Longbeards	13
Mackinaw Valley Gobblers	13
Pyramid Golden Gobblers	13
Turkey Bluffs Chapter	14
Saline Valley Strutters	14
JoDaviess Longbeards	14

15 YEAR PLUS GOLDEN GOBBLER BANQUETS

Flatlanders Chapter	15
Skillet Fork Chapter	15
Western IL Longspurs	15
Shiloh Spurs Chapter	16
Big Muddy Longbeards	16
Trail of Tears Chapter	17
Palisades Fantails	19

20 YEAR PLUS GOLDEN GOBBLER BANQUETS

Mississippi Valley Gobblers	20
Little Egypt Longbeards	21
Midwest Gobblers	22
Little Wabash Longbeards	24

TOP JAKES MEMBERSHIP

3rd Place – Skillet Fork Chapter	401
2nd Place – Rend Lake Limbhangers	500
1st Place - Shiloh Spurs	663

TOP WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS MEMBERSHIP

3rd Place – Shiloh Spurs Chapter	85
2nd Place – Little Wabash Longbeards	93
1st Place – Randolph Co Cutters & Strutters	113

TOP REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

3rd Place – Pyramid Golden Gobblers	127
2nd Place – Mississippi Valley Gobblers	143
1st Place – Little Wabash Longbeards	175

TOP SPONSOR MEMBERSHIP

3rd Place – Little Wabash Longbeards	63
2nd Place – Shiloh Spurs	87
1st Place – Big Bend Longbeards	133



MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER

Lincoln Trail Turkey Chapter

IL CPO OF THE YEAR

Tony & Laura Petreikis

BEST NEW CHAPTER

Creek Bottom Strutters

BEST WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS EVENT – MEMBERSHIP

3rd Place - Mississippi Valley Gobblers – <i>Rock Island</i>	24 memberships
2nd Place - Tri-County Callers – <i>Essex</i>	36 memberships
Co-hosted by Kankakee River Valley	
1st Place - Big Sandy Spurs – Chillicothe	50 memberships

BEST WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS EVENT – NET DOLLARS

3rd Little Wabash Longbeards – <i>Effingham</i>	\$3,033.00
2nd Big Sandy Spurs – <i>Chillicothe</i>	\$3,141.00
1st Place - Tri-County Callers - Essex	\$3,175.00
Co-hosted by Kankakee River Valley Chapter	

WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS GOLDEN HEN EVENTS

(Had at least 50 memberships and raised a minimum of \$1,000.00 net/net dollars)

Big Sandy Spurs – Chillicothe

RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS FOR HOSTING AN EVENT:

DeWitt Co. Longbeards
Lawrence Co. Longbeards
Lincoln Trail Turkey Chapter
White Co. Wild Turkey Chapter

LARGEST BANQUET

Little Wabash Longbeards	335
Adams Co Sharpshooters	335

HIGHEST NET DOLLARS

Little Wabash Longbeards - \$51,814.00

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Forbes Lake Limbangers

BEST OVERALL CHAPTER AWARD (UNDER \$12,000 NET)

3rd Place – Western IL Longspurs
2nd Place – South Central Wild Turkey Chapter
1st Place – Pikeland Spurs & Feathers

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BEST OVERALL CHAPTER AWARD (OVER \$12,000 NET)

3rd Place – Little Wabash Longbeards

2nd Place – Shiloh Spurs Chapter

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NATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Best Extreme Jakes Event in the Nation – Forbes Lake Limbhangers

1st Runner-up Best State Event in the Nation – IL State WITO Event

Best State Chapter, 10,000 to 19,999 Members – IL State Chapter

Total Membership Achievement – Little Egypt Longbeards

THE MARVIN HENDERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is presented annually by the Illinois Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation to an outstanding volunteer member – A member with a passion for the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting tradition, and who has true commitment to that purpose. The Marvin Henderson Memorial Award is the most prestigious individual state award given to a volunteer.

The award originated to memorialize a man for his unselfish commitment and lifelong support of the NWTF and its mission. Marvin Henderson, affectionately named “Mountain Man” was a charter member of the Little Wabash Longbeards and a life member of the NWTF. While not a wealthy man, Marvin gave generously of both time and effort to the cause of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Marvin unfortunately died at an early age due to cancer. He was buried by his fellow chapter members, dressed in camouflage, with a turkey call around his neck.

The cost of producing this annual award is underwritten by a trust fund maintained by the late Marvin Henderson's local chapter, the Little Wabash Longbeards. In presenting this award each year we honor an Illinois volunteer member of the NWTF who has exemplified Marvin Henderson's attributes.

We are privileged again tonight in presenting this award to another great Illinois volunteer.

Past Recipients are:

1989 – Doyle Loadholtz
1990 – Dick Rosenlieb
1991 – George Lozzi
1992 – Blake Pazero
1993 – Dave Camp
1994 – Dave Good
1995 – Mark Lowder
1996 – Glynn Shubert
1997 – Dennis Burk
1998 – Jack Robertson
1999 – Neil Waters
2000 – Mike Lowder &
Marge Shubert
2001 – Jerry Garver

2002 – Dr. Robert Reich
2003 – Terry Banks
2004 – Jim Dykema &
Harold Runge
2005 – Frank Coble &
Randy Edmonds
2006 – Bob Pratt
2007 – Ron Esker &
Eugene Stearns
2008 – Lew Wade
2009 – Ron House
2010 – William “Slim” Boente
2011 – Don Bald
2012 –

Thanks to all the dedicated NWTF volunteers that make this the greatest conservation success story of all time!





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