



South Dakota Trappers Association

April 2016 Spring Newsletter

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President's Report

I would like to start by thanking everyone for all they have done in helping out with the gun shows and the stock show. A special thank you to John Hopple for coordinating and taking over the Black Hills Stock Show booth. I hope everyone has had good trapping season. Also many thanks go to John Guest for leading the efforts on yet another successful ice fishing tournament.



I've had some questions on the trapping regulations this year. This year we will not be meeting with the Game Fish and Parks as trapping regulations will not be up for proposal each year as they had in the past. We should expect no real changes in trapping regulations this year. Additionally, we were fortunate to have a quiet legislative session over the last year. This winter we were able to get a set of tanned fur in the Nature Center in Brookings.

Last year was a great year for us. We hosted the Western National convention and it was a great fundraiser for us. Our fundraising last year was so successful we were able to place another \$10,000 in our defense fund. This was in this year alone. Last year we placed, \$12,000 if I recall right in our defense fund. This was accumulated over 3-4 years versus what we were able to do in the last year alone. This is a great accomplishment for us. As an organization you should be proud of this accomplishment. This is important as when the Anti's come in defending ourselves can be expensive. The cost to trapping associations runs over \$50,000 to defend ourselves. As a result, as of 10-15-16, our checking account had a balance of \$32,748.43 and our CD had a balance of \$32,209.77.

I'd like to remind everyone our Spring Meeting is coming up May 7th in Howard. I look forward to seeing everyone there. Also please keep in mind that many educational events will be coming up this spring and summer.-Anna Hermanson, President

2015 Tanned Fur Donors: THANK YOU

Russ Cambern	Craig Hoffman	Jeff Clark
Jason Manaveren	Steve Doyle	Anna Hermanson
Mike Wiedebush	Robin Ash	Bud Hart
Larry Yumker	John Hopple	Galen Sichmeller
Mark Yetter	Terry Olson	Aaron Doyscher
Ken McDonald	Peterson Furs	Georgia Sichmeller
Ray Maize	Dennis Tilden	Rich Vochrodt
Glen Gehlrer	Orlynn Piehl	Rob Fuller

2015 Grubstake Donors: THANK YOU

Weiser Western Lures	Montgomery Traps & Supply
Lyons Enterprises, LL	Peterson Furs
Western Cats Inc	Sterling Fur
Camtrip Cags	Moyle Mink & Tannery
Derrick's Lures	Petska Fur
Tom Lohr	We Trap 'Em
Allen Minear	Teton Trap Co.
Halseth Lures	Keg Creek Baits
Northwest Predator Control	L & B Trapping Adventures
High Country Lures	M&M Furs
R& K Trapline Products T	op Lot Stretchers
Odon Corr	Dead Coyote Snares
Dakota Line Snares	5H Trading Post
John Schroeder Cage Traps	Dakota Prairie Bait
Kampeska Lodge	

2016 SDTA Spring Meeting

May 7 @ Howard, SD
County Fairgrounds

Saturday

9:00 Doors Open
10:00 Demos Start
1:00 Membership Meeting
3:00 Skinning Bee at M&M Furs

Photo Contest- Bring your best trapping photo
Best of the Best- Bring your best put up badger
Lunch will be

2015 NTA Trapper of the Year West: Jerry Westphal

Jerry Westphal has been doing the tanned coat program for Ms Rodeo SD, but has also taken on on his own heading up the fur coat program for Ms. Rodeo America. Many years when he couldn't get enough funding, Jerry would cover the rest. For all he has done he was recognized by the NTA. The NTA now took on the Ms. Rodeo America fur coat program and is thankful for all Jerry has done.



2015 David Carlson Most Improved & Professional Young Trapper: Ashlynn Monnet

Ashlynn has dedicated her time to trapping. She keeps her grades up so she can keep doing the thing she loves. She asks all the time to come to more than 1 convention. She caught her first coyote this year with some help from the Herigon family. One of the times she was with her dad, they saw a big cottonwood tree and she knew it would be a good set and sure enough the coons were there.



2015 Koffler Award Winner: Charlie Bodie

Charlie has volunteered over the years at many conventions. He always attends and is never afraid to roll up his sleeves and dig in, literally. He even went so far as to build us a demo pond at our last convention in Parker. Charlie is happy to help us plan and prepare our conventions and even enters a float in his community parade each year advertising our convention. He is truly dedicated to the promotion and betterment of trapping.



Volunteer Award Winners: Russ Cambern, Steve Doyle, Dave Hermanson, Martha Poppenga.



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Trapper John Almquist to be featured on new outdoors TV program

South Dakota trapper John Almquist will be featured on an upcoming episode of Northland Outdoors TV, an outdoors-focused television program that premieres region-wide this summer.

Filming for the episode took place on Feb. 5 in northeastern South Dakota, where Almquist has trapped for more than five decades. Cameras followed Almquist on his coyote trap line for a day, and he was accompanied by his daughter, Mary Jo Hotzler, an executive producer for Northland Outdoors TV as well as the vice president of content for Forum Communications Company. Both father and daughter will be featured in the trapping episode, which will emphasize the importance of educating the next generation about responsible furbearer management. The episode also will profile Almquist and his long trapping career.

Northland Outdoors TV begins airing the last week of June on Fox Sports North, a regional sports network owned by Fox Cable Networks. An exact date and time will be announced this spring. Fox Sports North broadcasts coverage of major sporting events, with a focus on professional and collegiate sports teams based in Minnesota, as well as outdoors programming. Northland Outdoors TV is a product of Forum Communications Co. based in Fargo, ND. The episode featuring Almquist is scheduled to air sometime in the fall of 2016.

More details about Northland Outdoors TV as well as outdoors-related content from around South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin can be found at www.northlandoutdoors.com. Additionally, Northland Outdoors magazine launches in March. To get a free subscription go to



Farm Products Promotion

For those of you that couldn't make the Fall convention, you missed a good one. The Clark Fairgrounds was a perfect location for a convention. Saturday was a busy day with perfect weather. Much thanks to the guys that did the cooking Friday and Saturday night and the ladies that worked in the lunch room.



Right now I would like to thank all those that contributed to FPP (a division of the SDTA dedicated to the billboard projects) this year. John Karlen and Dennis Tilden made large monetary donations that helped keep us going. The Minnesota Trappers Assoc and NAFA two of our loyal supporters also made monetary donations. Doug Hoftizer, Dave Jellis, Tom Lohr and Danny Waite helped with the billboard at Kransburg this summer.

I also need to thank all those who played in the poker tournament. To all those who came up to me after the general membership meeting with kind words of support for the FPP, I appreciate it. – Bud Hart

