



# South Dakota Trappers Association

Winter 2023 Newsletter

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## President's Report

Hello Trappers

Gun and Show season are well underway. Thank You to all who are volunteering. Getting our message out is important. NEVER ceases to amaze me how many people at the stock show ask to see the traps with teeth as we have our BMP displays out.

As we look forward we need to really start to focus on the NTA National in Sioux Falls July 2024. If you add up attendance at the stock show, numerous gun shows, expos, parades (thanks Charlie & Arlis Bode!), as well as classes and other educational events, we have access to over 400K members of the public.

The ETHICS program, youth educations, Rodeo Queen support, Wounded Warrior In Action Guide school, and our conventions (which 369 school kids LOVED last year) to name a few are all proof that WE DO THINGS. Now it is time for us to show the rest of the country what we do and how well we do it. It will take a lot of volunteer help to ensure success. Volunteers do NOT need to be SDTA members. So if you want to work 4-6 hours at the event somehow with 4-5 of your non-SDTA coworkers who want a free cool t-shirt, Heck Yeah we will say YES! Contact ANY Director!!!

It will take well over 100 volunteers to pull this off. We have 300+ members. My goal is to have every member who volunteers to bring along 4-5 additional volunteers. We are hosting the NTA National Convention and Outdoor Show. I want as many of you as possible to actually be able to ENJOY this as well. Good chance it will not be back in South Dakota for years. So unless you really enjoy driving to Michigan, Ohio or somewhere else far away, take the opportunity to volunteer with friends here in South Dakota and enjoy first class demos, vendors you see and read about in trapping books, and meet people who trap things we do not have.

Finally we need to have FUN at this convention. If I know our Master Food Director Dave Hermanson and his crew of house chefs they will ensure some fantastic food and festivities in the campground every night. We are hosting the convention but lets also host a real old fashioned Rendezvous ever day-night in the campground as well. Hoping to see lots of kids, fur hats and possibly a best mountain man getup contest in the campgrounds! You earned the right to host this event based on all your hard work over the years and now it is time to show everyone else who we are, what we do, and why we do it, By working hard AND playing harder.

Enjoy your lines and take a kid with you

John Hopple, SDTA President

## LOOKING AHEAD 2023

**Spring SDTA Rendezvous**

**April 29, 2023,**

**Spink County 4-H Grounds,**

**Redfield, South Dakota**

**8:00 a.m. Doors Open**

**9:00 a.m. Adult Demo**

**10:00 a.m. Adult Demo**

**11:00 a.m. Membership Meeting**

**12:00 Noon Lunch**

**1:00 p.m. Director's Meeting**

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**Fall SDTA Rendezvous**

**September 8-9, 2023**

**Turner County 4-H Grounds**

**Parker, South Dakota**





**Join/Renew SDTA Membership**

To become a member please print this page and mail to the address below.

Please accept this as my application in the South Dakota Trappers Association Inc. I have never been convicted of a felony, am in good moral character and will work to promote the interests and betterment of trapping.

----- **NEW** ----- **Renewal**

**Name:** -----

**Address:** -----

**City:**-----

**State:** ----- **Zip:**-----

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**Occupation:** -----

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\_\_\_ **Non-Resident Lifetime Membership (No Trapper's Post) \$350.00**

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**HEY, LOOK! SDTA NOW OFFERING LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS!**

(no Trapper's Post with any lifetime membership)

**\$300.00 Lifetime Membership**

**\$325.00 Lifetime Membership with patch**

**\$350.00 Non-resident Lifetime Membership**

**\$375.00 Non-resident Lifetime Membership with patch**



NOTICE: PLEASE BRING ANY OLD ANTLERS (even old white ones) TO THE SPRING RENDEZVOUS IN REDFIELD FOR DONATION TO THE SDTA. PROCEEDS USED TO BENEFIT THE ASSOCIATION!

**Financial update:**

A financial update will be available at the Rendezvous in Redfield, Due to gun shows, etc., not all deposits have been made and accounted.

**Trina Lien**  
**SDTA Treasurer**



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**Tanned Fur Report -**

Greetings SDTA Members,

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Tanned fur is in demand! We are low on many species right now. We need full stringers going into gun show season. I have already received some very nice member donations since taking over the Tanned Fur Project. Special thanks to **Greg Bruinsma, Craig Hoffman, Steve Doyle and Jason Landis** for their generous donations. We always need more skunk, badger, weasel, fox and coyote to tan.

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We are continuing The Best of The Best program at the Spring convention in Redfield. There will be a \$50 Youth Prize awarded for the best weasel and a \$50 adult prize for the best badger. Also get those skinning knives sharpened up because there will be a \$100 cash prize awarded at the Fall Rendezvous in Parker. The member donating the most finished furs (stretched and dried or tanned) before the business meeting will receive \$100 cash from the SDTA! We all know that an extra \$100 at the convention adds up to more fun! All finished fur donations will go toward your total number. Mix or match species. From weasel to coyote and everything in between all are gratefully accepted.

If you have carcass or grease fur donations you can drop them at Peterson Furs, with John Hopple or Matt Bennett. I will also be accepting fur at the spring convention!

Thank You, Steve (Pete) Peterson

SDTA Tanned Fur Coordinator

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**Wanted:** Paying top dollar for trapping and predator caller patches. Especially old NTA, FTA, South Dakota, ND, CA and WY patches. Email or text pics. Rusty Kramer 208-870-3217 [idahotrapguy@hotmail.com](mailto:idahotrapguy@hotmail.com)

## RAPID CITY STOCK SHOW

Your SDTA had a very successful presence at the Rapid City Stock Show. Many people stopped at the booth to look and talk. Many furs and fur items were sold to help raise money for the Association.

One gun board was started at the show and all squares sold and the winner drawn at the show.



Lennon Lindsay from Rapid City is one happy new lever action 410 winner!!!



# WANTED

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## It's just one dam project after another.

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**NANCY SEZ:**

Our Gun Show season kicked off January 14th - 15th at the Swiftel Center in Brookings.

The SDTA booth was well represented. We had a good selection of tanned fur, hats, ear muffs, and headbands. It was great to visit with fellow trappers and all the youth that want to learn everything they can about trapping! Our goal is always to make sure the Trapping Tradition is going to be carried on through our Youth!

Thank you to **Russ Cambern, Seth Shriver, Aaron Doyscher, and Matt Bennett** for working the SDTA booth, both Saturday and Sunday!

We encourage anyone that would like to volunteer to work the gun shows with us to please get in touch with a Director! If you have a day or even a couple hours to spare, we would appreciate any help we can get.

Nancy Bennett

SDTA Secretary/Asst. Treasurer



**NOTICE:** Raffle tickets for this year will not be mailed out in the newsletter; however, they will be available at the Gun Shows and our Spring and Fall Conventions. If you would like several packs to sell please let me know and I can get those sent to you. Thanks for your understanding and if you have any questions please contact one of the Directors.

*Trina Lien*

*SDTA Treasurer*



Left: Director Matt Bennett speaks with Jake Hanson and his son Kamden at the Brookings Gun Show.





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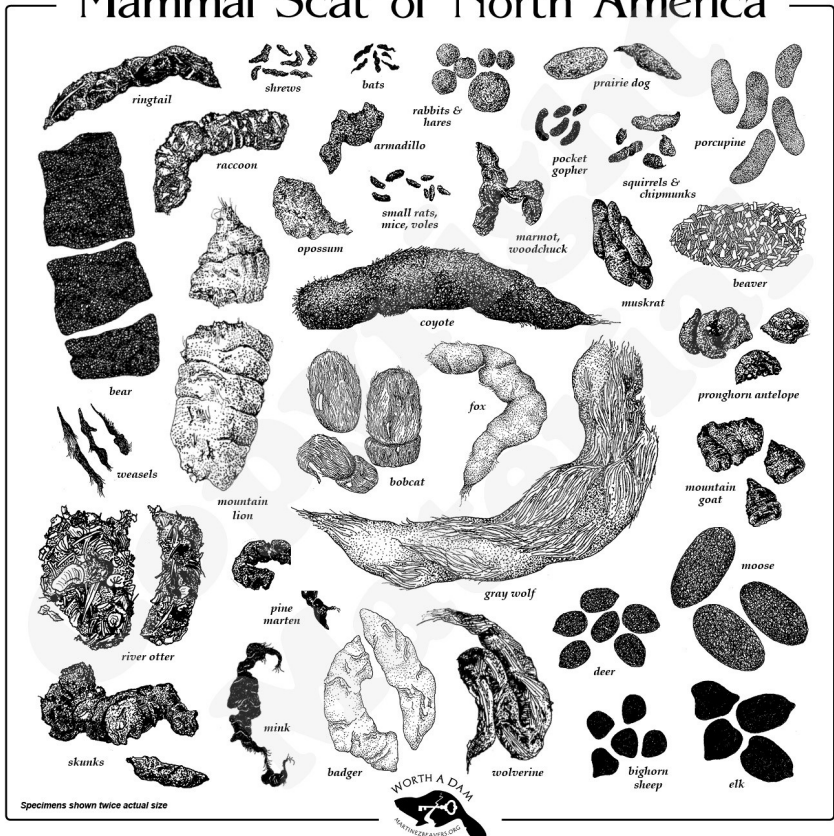
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## In Memoriam

**Ronald "Ron" Baker**, 68, Mt. Vernon, S.D., died Friday, July 29, 2022 in Dougherty Hospice House, trapper and SDTA member.

**Orlynn Walter Piehl**, 88, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of October 27, 2022., trapper and SDTA member.

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