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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope everyone had a great holiday season, with plenty of opportunity to get outdoors with your loved ones.

TIME TO GET BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS!

We hope to see you at the 94th Annual Convention in February.



94TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

FEBRUARY 23-25, 2023

Hosted by the Estevan Wildlife Federation

Registration form can be found here:

<https://swf.sk.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/94th-Annual-Convention-Registration-Form.pdf>

BRANCH MONTH END



Photo by: Mary Jacobs, Estevan Wildlife Federation

IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ Branch fish entry deadline date for Provincial Awards is Jan 16/23. The fish entry form is [available for download here](#).
- ⇒ Photo Contest: 8x10" or 8.5x11" photos, with the branch and photographer name on the back, must be submitted to Central Office by February 6, 2023, or brought to Convention. To review photo contest guidelines, [click here](#).
- ⇒ Review the Annual Convention Checklist, [located here](#), or on Page 3.
- ⇒ Convention Resolutions can be found on Page 7.
- ⇒ The SWF is asking Saskatchewan Hunters for their opinion on the 2022 hunting seasons. To complete survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQBYTFV>.
- ⇒ **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Branches should have received their 2023 membership books and Mark's cards. If you did not, please contact Dianne at Central Office @ 306-692-8812. Any sold memberships must be sent in to Central Office at least on a monthly basis, as per the constitution. If you have any questions or issues, please let us know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◇ **Jan 1:** Weyburn Wildlife Federation's 1st Annual Nickel Lake Fish Derby, from 1-4pm
- ◇ **Jan 9:** Save-A-Goose Wildlife Federation Branch Meeting
- ◇ **Jan 16:** Weldon Wildlife Federation Annual General Meeting, 7-9pm @ the Weldon Silvertone Building
- ◇ **Jan 26:** Moose Jaw Wildlife Federation Awards Night, @ the MJWF Hall
- ◇ **Feb 13:** Save-A-Goose Wildlife Federation Branch Meeting
- ◇ **Feb 23-25:** 94th Annual Convention in Estevan, SK
- ◇ **March 5:** Weyburn Wildlife Federation's 2nd Annual Mainprize Fish Derby, from 1-4pm
- ◇ **March 11:** Moose Jaw Wildlife Federation Youth & Family Ice Tournament @ Buffalo Pound Lake
- ◇ **March 16-18:** Moose Jaw Wildlife Federation Fish Fry
- ◇ **March 18:** Rocanville & District Wildlife Federation Annual Awards, Supper, and Fundraiser
- ◇ **April 15:** Moose Jaw Wildlife Federation Fundraising Supper, @ the Heritage Inn
- ◇ **April 15:** Annual Fred Garner Memorial Banquet and Trophy Night, McKenna Hall, Weyburn, SK
- ◇ **April 22:** Fort Qu'Appelle & District Wildlife Federation Hunter Raffle Draw, Annual Awards Night & Banquet @ the Balcarres Lions Hall



Remember to submit your branch events to be posted on the SWF website! Email Dianne at sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca, and be sure to visit the calendar of events page on our website for further event details.

SWF 94th ANNUAL CONVENTION CHECKLIST

Convention is just around the corner (February 23 to 25, 2023)! Are you ready? Have you...

- ✓Booked your hotel
- ✓Sent in your [registration form](#) (Early Bird Deadline is Jan 21, 2023)
- ✓Reminded delegates to bring their 2023 membership cards
- ✓Emailed photographs of your branch activities over the past years to Central Office (Clay Shoots, Scoring Nights, other fundraisers)
- ✓Provided Central Office with your raffle/auction donation information by completing the fundraising form and returning it to Central Office
- ✓Packed your winning photos with the photographer's name and branch on the back
- ✓Reviewed the resolutions and discussed at the branch level

If you are unable to send a representative to the Convention, please have the photographs and fundraising items to Central Office by February 6, 2023

CONVENTION FUNDRAISING

Once again, we are calling on the generosity of our branches to contribute to our fundraising efforts at the Annual Convention, by sponsoring \$50 or more to support the purchase of items to fill the raffle and auction tables. Additionally, branches are welcome to provide items with a value of \$50 (see example list below). All proceeds from this evening go directly to the Habitat Trust Fund, Education, and Conservation programs. Please complete the form on the next page and return to Central Office.

Some suggested items could include: 2-person Tent, Paddle Board, Outdoor Stove/Travel Grill, Sleeping Bags or Sleeping Pads, Solar Charger, Camping Hammock, LED Lantern, or things along this line.

Other items of interest could be one of a kind items.

Things that are unique and that draw attention. Of course guns, and fishing equipment. We would love to see our tables loaded, so please consider donating.

PARADE OF CHEQUES

If you want to be included in the parade of cheques at Convention, but for some reason cannot send a delegate, please contact Central Office at 306-692-8812, and we will read out your donation.

CALLED VOTE

A called vote can be called by any member on any issue at Convention. In the case of a called vote, the procedures are, as per the constitution: Every branch is entitled to one vote for the first 50 members, or fraction thereof over 15, and one additional vote for every 50 members over the first 50 members, up to a maximum of five votes. The number of votes would be based on the membership numbers as of December 31, 2022.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Don't forget to bring your photographs to Convention! Each branch may submit one per category (Wildlife and Scenery) and the delegates will vote for their favorites. Photos are to be 8 x 10" (or 8.5 x 11") and cannot be framed, or matted. Please include the photographer's name, and branch on the back of each photo.

SWF ANNUAL CONVENTION FUNDRAISING

The Raffles and Auctions at the SWF Convention are an important segment of our annual fundraising, and once again, we are calling on the generosity of our branches to donate to these efforts. All proceeds from the fundraising evening go directly to the Habitat Trust Fund, Education, and Conservation programs.

We are asking all branches to donate \$50 or more to support the purchase of an item for the raffle tables, and/or \$150 or more for an item for the live or silent auction. If preferred, branches can provide items of their choice for the raffles/auction, and bring them with them to Convention. Branches will be recognized for their sponsored/donated items, and will be listed in the evening's program.

As in previous years, we will be grouping items together to make a hunting package for one raffle table, a fishing package for another, and a variety of quality items for 4 other tables. In order for us to ensure we have wonderful, full tables, and to make things a little easier on the staff doing the preparations prior to Convention, we ask that your branch let us know ahead of time what you will be donating.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Dianne at 306-692-8812, or email Central Office at sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca.

Please complete the form below and return it to Central Office by February 6, 2023.

Thank you for your continued support!!

YES! Our Branch will support the SWF Annual Convention fundraising efforts

Branch Name: _____

Branch Contact: _____

☐ Please purchase an item(s) from us.

Amount donated: \$ _____ Cheque enclosed: _____ or Bill our Account _____

Our Branch will be donating the following item(s):

Please return this form to Central Office by February 6, 2023

Fax: 306-692-4370 or email sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca or mail to 9 Lancaster Road,
Moose Jaw, SK S6J 1M8



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Convention Awards

Presented at the 94th Annual Convention in February!

Careful consideration should be given towards choosing worthy recipients for these most prestigious awards. **Please send your submissions into Central Office by January 1.** Your branch or any interested individual can make submissions. Judging panels prior to Convention vote on all awards, except the Ed Begin Conservation Project Award. The Project Award is voted on by the Convention delegates – all that is required by the January 1 deadline is the branch, and the name of the project – the presentation by the branch is done on the Convention floor, and time will be set aside on the Convention agenda for the project presentations.

CLAYTON YOUNG MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented to individuals whose lifetime volunteerism has had a profound positive influence towards fulfilling our Federation's mission statement "to ensure the wild life legacy we leave to our children surpasses that which we inherited." These activities would include branch and membership support, wildlife and habitat conservation and education. The SWF would like to thank the branch executive and individual members who continually support the Federation's many pro-grams. We would be in dire straits without our dedicated volunteers who give freely of their time and expertise, to say nothing of the money spent out of their own pockets.

Although we can't individually thank each and every one of our volunteers, every branch has a core few that do the majority of the work or someone who has stepped up to the plate and taken on a major project. **The branches are responsible for nominating their key volunteers** and we will honor 6 recipients per year, one from each region.

ED BEGIN CONSERVATION PROJECT AWARD

Presented to the SWF Branch for the best fish or wildlife habitat project, contributing to the conservation, improvement and or public awareness of Saskatchewan's fish or wildlife habitat. Many projects undertaken by the branches of the SWF are certainly worthy of nomination. If your project was worth the hours of volunteer time, money and effort it took to complete, it is certainly worth the effort it takes to nominate it for this award. Judging on this award depends on how well the submission is done up. Branches make presentations on their projects (power point, pictures, newspaper clippings, etc.) on the Convention floor. The Convention delegates vote on the projects and the award plus \$500 is presented to the winning branch at the Convention.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSERVATION AWARD

Presented to the professional employee in the conservation and/or resource management field, who has demonstrated dedication, courage, ability and expertise above and beyond the normal course of duty in managing and preserving Saskatchewan's natural heritage. There are many employees in the resource field that are well deserved of this nomination. Consider for example your local conservation officer, local biologist (fisheries/wildlife), personnel from Ducks Unlimited, Ministry of Environment, Nature Saskatchewan, Nature Conservancy, or your own SWF, etc.



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GORDON LUND MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented to the person who, by thought, effort or deed is considered to have contributed the most towards the conservation of Saskatchewan's renewable natural resources. Again, there are many people across the province that should be nominated for this award. This could be your neighbor, wife, husband or local conservationist – anyone who you feel has contributed to the conservation of our natural resources (i.e. some-one who spends countless hours teaching our youth about wild-life and conservation, a certain person who has spearheaded an ongoing project and has stuck with it from beginning to end, etc.) It is very important how you present your nomination. Just because you or your branch know of all the good things this person has done, remember the judges don't.

BILL MCDONALD YOUTH CONSERVATIONIST AWARD

Presented to the youth (18 and under), who by thought, effort, or deed, is considered to have contributed the most towards the conservation of Saskatchewan's Renewable natural resources. Any youth, 18 years of age or under, can be nominated for this award. This could be someone who has initiated programs for the local youth group or branch in general; has grown with your youth group and now has taken over a leadership role in teaching others; shows a great concern for our natural resources and is taking an active role in conservation; started a group with their friends or at their school etc., etc. There are many young people out there who deserve the recognition and encouragement to continue on with their efforts. They are the future!

LORNE TOPLEY MEMORIAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

This new award is sponsored by the SWF Branches in Region 2 to honor the memory of Mr. Lorne Topley, who was a passionate leader in land stewardship. First presented at the 2015 SWF Convention, it will be presented annually at the SWF Convention to an individual, group, or family whose actions exemplify excellence in wildlife land stewardship, enhancement and securement.

Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation
2022 Resolutions to be presented to the 2023 SWF Convention

1. WALLEYE (Nipawin)

WHEREAS, due to the increased fishing pressure caused by the pandemic, and
WHEREAS, due to the lower population of eatable fish in the river system of Tobin Lake, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the Fisheries Branch look at:

- Reducing the limit of walleye to two per angler, from Francis Finlay Dam to EB Campbell Dam,
- Changing the kept size range to between 45 and 55 cm,
- And that the Provincial Fisheries Branch revisit this resolution in five years.

2. ELK SEASON (Nipawin)

WHEREAS the regular archery elk season in Zone 50 was changed to bulls only, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the archery elk regular season in Zone 50 return to either sex designation.

3. MOOSE SEASON (Nipawin)

WHEREAS the regular SK Resident Moose Season in WMZs 60, 61 & 62 was closed under the Cumberland Delta Moose Management Plan, due to high calf mortality, and
WHEREAS the program still allowed SK Resident draw, non-resident guided, and First Nations hunting opportunities, and
WHEREAS there are 25 draw bulls-only tags available in either of the above-mentioned WMZs for SK, which is the model for all forest WMZs, and
WHEREAS there have been no changes to the number of guided allocations in WMZs 60,61,62, as well as the First Nations hunting opportunities continue, as respected by the agreement, and
WHEREAS this is causing added hunting pressure to the surrounding WMZs that still have a regular bulls-only season, and
WHEREAS SK Residents that hunt moose in this forest area are wanting the opportunity to go hunting once again, as they have in the past, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Moose Bulls-only season in WMZs 60, 61, 62 be reopened.

4. DRAW ANTLERLESS MULE DEER (Touchwood Hills)

WHEREAS CWD is not going away, and there are large numbers of mule deer in our province, and
WHEREAS this would give our young hunters an opportunity to harvest a mule deer, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the SWF encourage SK Ministry of Environment to move Draw Antlerless Mule Deer season to a regular Antlerless Mule Deer season for SK Residents only, to coincide with regular Whitetail Deer seasons.

5. TWO-BEAR SEASON (Touchwood Hills)

WHEREAS the number of bears are increasing in the Forest and Farmland areas, and
WHEREAS the moose and elk populations are being depleted in the forest areas, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the SWF urge SK Environment to implement a two (2) bear season in the forest for SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENTS ONLY.

6. YOUTH DRAW (Estevan)

WHEREAS the current youth antlerless mule deer draw requires applicants to be at least 12 years of age at time of submitting their draw application, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that youth applicants be permitted to apply that are 11 years of age at the time of submitting their draw application for youth antlerless mule deer, provided they are 12 years of age on or before the regulated season dates.

7. PROGRESSIVE PRIORITY DRAW SYSTEM (Lloydminster)

WHEREAS the present pool system of license allocations is inherently unfair for applicants year after year, and

WHEREAS a Progressive Priority Point Draw System makes it fair for everyone, where an applicant's priority would increase for each year of an unsuccessful draw, and

WHEREAS electronic data exists as to how many times an applicant has been unsuccessful since being drawn for each species category, and

WHEREAS this data could be used, given the will, to convert the pool draw system to a progressive priority point system,

BE IT RESOLVED that Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation petition SK Ministry of Environment to study and implement a Progressive Priority Point Draw System that is fair for all applicants.

8. BIG GAME DRAW POOL STATUS (Weyburn)

WHEREAS draw seasons, particularly pronghorn antelope, are subject to closure for various reasons, and

WHEREAS hunters value their pool status particularly when it reaches the higher levels and they can anticipate a reasonable chance of being drawn, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that in the event a draw season is closed for any reason, that all hunters' pool status for that species be frozen for the duration of the closure, and when the season reopens their pool status will resume from the level it was prior to the season closure.

9. CWD (Moose Jaw)

WHEREAS CWD is on the rise across Saskatchewan, and

WHEREAS the government has set a goal to increase testing for CWD to determine prevalence province wide, and

WHEREAS hunting and angling contribute an estimated 700 million dollars to the economy annually, and

WHEREAS the government retains 70% of licence revenue, and

WHEREAS the FWDF portion of licence revenues is 30%, and

WHEREAS the government has directed hunters not to consume animals that test positive for CWD, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a hunter's HAL account be credited the government's 70% of the licence fee for each animal that tests positive for CWD.

DECEMBER 2022 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Check your totals to this sheet every month. If there are discrepancies, please contact Central Office.

Active Since	REGION ONE (27)	2022	2022	2022	2022	Active Since	REGION TWO (16)	2022	2022	2022	2022
TargetRegularAffiliateActual						TargetRegularAffiliateActual					
1954	BASIN LAKE***	39	18	24	42	1939	BATTLEFORDS***	271	174	159	333
1971	BRUNO***	271	127	156	283	1987	BEAVER RIVER***	34	40	67	107
1951	CARROT RIVER***	246	117	140	257	2012	CATER LAKE***	183	99	117	216
1961	Creighton	157	100	56	156	1979	Cut Knife	117	46	44	90
1989	CUB HILLS***	298	146	160	306	1992	DORINTOSH***	13	44	60	104
1967	CUDWORTH***	133	117	100	217	1954	FIELDING***	140	63	91	154
1947	HUMBOLDT***	433	251	184	435	1947	Lloydminster	1606	1062	519	1581
1968	La Ronge	147	87	45	132	1983	Macklin	329	108	180	288
1952	Lake Country	670	295	328	623	1947	MEADOW LAKE***	119	113	50	163
1970	LAKE LENORE***	219	113	119	232	1980	Redberry	77	42	31	73
1957	Lucien Lake	200	99	97	196	1973	ST. WALBURG***	200	174	106	280
1975	Mallard	238	104	125	229	1981	THICKWOOD HILLS ***	243	143	171	314
1958	MARCELIN LEASK***	280	130	162	292	1980	TURTLE RIVER***	130	65	84	149
1955	Melfort	397	192	167	359	1951	Unity	240	87	132	219
1980	Mistatim	115	63	49	112	1947	Wilkie	53	38	10	48
	NAIVERDALE***	25	70	109	179	1972	WITCHEKAN***	393	257	154	411
1944	NIPAWIN***	206	123	115	238		Regional	4148	2555	1975	4530
1980	Park View	172	64	69	133	SUMMARY					
2010	PORCUPINE***	110	76	88	164	OTHER BRANCHES		2022	2022	2022	2022
1947	PRINCE ALBERT***	476	313	216	529			Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1977	ST. PETERS***	157	86	84	170	SK Falconry Association		25	15	7	22
1994	STONY RAPIDS***	34	29	15	44	SAFTA (SK Amateur Field Trial Assoc)		33	11	15	26
1966	Struthers Lake	346	152	173	325	GBHT (SK Game Bird Habitat Trust)		25	11	2	38
1945	TISDALE***	549	344	429	773						
1982	VALLEY TRAILS***	627	371	329	700	Branches exceeding their 2022 target		72			
1985	WAKAW***	32	24	18	42	Regions exceeding their 2022 target		3			
1976	WELDON***	153	64	89	153	Regular Members		17044			
	Regional	6730	3675	3646	7321	Affiliate Members		14947			
						Provincial Members		164			
						Corporate Members		2			
						2022 Memberships to December 31, 2022		32,157			
						2021 Memberships to December 31, 2021		30,570			
						INCREASE		1,587			

*** Indicates Branches that have met or exceeded their Membership targets. Congratulations!

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