

## **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 95th Annual Convention in February.



# 95TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Hosted by the River City Wildlife Federation

FEBRUARY 15-17, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND HERE:

https://swf.sk.ca/2024 -conv-reg-form-1/

## **BRANCH MONTH END**



Photo by: Wendy Riglin, Kyle Fish & Game League

#### IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS

**Branch fish entry** deadline date for Provincial Awards is Jan 16/24. Please send in your branch's top entries as per the rules and regulations, using the attached fish entry form found on Page 4, or email all pertinent information to sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca.

**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, 2024, or brought to Convention. To review photo contest guidelines, click here.

Don't forget to review the Annual Convention Checklist, <u>available</u> here, or on Page 5.

Convention Resolutions can be found here, or on Page 6.

We are asking all branches to please donate an item worth \$50 or more to the Convention's Annual Fundraising evening. If you could please let Central Office know what your branch will be donating before Feb 6, 2024, it would be greatly appreciated! Even if your branch can't attend the Convention, we are asking you to support this annual fundraising effort - the proceeds from the raffle tables go to the Habitat Trust Fund, and the auction proceeds go to SWF programming. Thanks for your support! Fundraising form is available here or on Page 10.

If your branch is planning to present your 2023 project at Convention for the **Ed Begin Conservation Project Award**, please let us know, and send a video or PowerPoint to sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca.

**Awards Plaque Order Form** for your branch awards is attached on Page 11.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** 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**

- January 6: Weyburn Wildlife Federation Nickle Lake Fish Derby
- January 6: 2nd Annual Naiverdale Ice Fishing Derby @ Kipabiskau Regional Park
- ♦ **February 3:** Wapella Pipestone Wildlife Federation 35th Annual Banquet @ Moosomin Conexus Centre
- ♦ February 11: Tisdale Wildlife Federation Fish Fry
- ♦ **February 15-17, 2024**: 95th Annual Convention, Saskatoon, SK
- March 2: Weyburn Wildlife Federation Mainprize Fish Derby
- April 4: Valley Trails Wild Game Awards Banquet & Fundraiser
- ♦ April 13: Fred Garner Memorial Banquet And Trophy Night
- ♦ April 13: Save-A-Goose Wildlife Federation 2024 Trophy Night
- ♦ April 13: Provincial Angling & Henry Kelsey Awards Banquet, Nipawin, SK

Remember to submit your branch events to be posted on the SWF website! Email Dianne at <a href="mailto:sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca">sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca</a>, and be sure to visit the calendar of events page on our website for further event details.

## **FISH IN SCHOOLS (FINS) PROGRAM**

The Fish in Schools (FinS) program provides Saskatchewan students with a firsthand look at fish and aquatic habitats in their very own classroom. The program involves raising trout from eggs to fry before releasing them in a provincially stocked waterbody. Over 3 to 4 months, students care for their fish by monitoring and maintaining the conditions required for their trout to thrive. In May/June, the trout are ready to be released by the students.

The SWF Central Office staff were hard at work in December, collecting and delivering equipment for the

FinS Program. This year, there are 8 new schools, and 38 returning schools to the FinS Program.

During the month of January, participating schools will be busy setting up their aquariums, and cycling water through their equipment. At the end of January, SWF staff, along with two Canadian Conservation Corps (CCC) program participants will deliver 100 trout eggs to each school.

Thank you to the SWF Board of Director's for helping the SWF staff to deliver equipment to schools within their Regions.

Stay tuned for more FinS updates in June!





#### PROVINCIAL ANNUAL FISHERIES COMPETITION

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation Provincial Angling Awards are open to all members fishing in Saskatchewan. Anglers can enter a fish whether they keep it or release it.

Only entries with weights will be accepted from members and branches for released fish. The fish can and must be weighed using a handheld <u>digital</u> scale.

The SWF strives to continually improve its programs for members and branches. The competition rules are listed below. Should you have any questions, please contact the SWF Central Office at (306) 692-8812 or sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca

#### **Rules & Regulations**

- 1. Competition is open from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Branches are responsible for forwarding their top entries in each category to Central Office by January 15<sup>th</sup> for the previous competition year.
- 2. Fish must be legally caught in Saskatchewan waters during regular open seasons.
- 3. Trophies are only given out to current members of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation. The membership must be purchased before the fish being entered was caught.
- 4. Besides keeper trophies for the largest fish in each category, trophies will also be given out for Master Angler and Fly Fishing Award.
- 5. SWF Provincial Fisheries Awards will be given out for the following species: Arctic Grayling, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Burbot, Goldeye, Lake Trout, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Perch, Rainbow Trout, Sauger, Smallmouth Bass, Splake, Tiger Trout, Walleye, Whitefish, and Junior awards (16 years of age and under) for Brook Trout, Goldeye, Lake Trout, Northern Pike, Perch, Rainbow Trout, and Walleye.
- 6. Entry forms are available from SWF Central Office. 9 Lancaster Rd., Moose Jaw, SK S6J 1M8, sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca
- 7. Fish taken by spear fishing will not qualify for any SWF awards.
- 8. Catch and release will be in the same category as kept fish for SWF awards. *All entries (Kept and Catch & Release) are required to be weighed on a digital or government scale*, and be witnessed where possible.
- 9. Fish must be caught with a rod, reel, and/or line (or ice fishing apparatus) and must be played only by the person listed as the angler.
- 11. Fish caught in private waters, artificially raised to maturity or illegally transplanted from waters outside of Saskatchewan are not eligible for awards.
- 12. It is the responsibility of the angler to correctly identify the fish. Incorrectly identified fish will be disqualified.
- 13. *All entries must be accompanied by a photo of the fish*. Photos become the property of the SWF and the SWF retains the rights to use the photos.
- 14. The entrant must provide further information if requested by the SWF officials.
- 15. In its decision, the SWF reserves the right to accept or reject any entry and all decisions of the SWF officials are final.



Picture Enclosed \_\_\_

## Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation FISH COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

(Please PRINT Clearly)



Fish Species		Date of Catch		Catch Method							
Weight (lbs/oz or grams)		Catch & Release	Yes / No	Fly Fishing	Yes / No						
Location Caught			Witness Name								
Angler's Name				Angler's Age (if 16 or under)							
Address											
City			Postal Code								
Phone #			E-mail Address								
Branch Name			Membership #								
I hereby attest to and swear that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, by taking or catching & releasing the aforementioned fish, all rules of the Saskatcheward Wildlife Federation's Provincial Annual Angling Competition were followed and complied with.											
Signature of Ano	gler:		Date:								
Branch Rep's Na	ame:										

## **SWF 95th ANNUAL CONVENTION CHECKLIST**

Convention is just around the corner (February 15 to 17, 2024)! Are you ready? Have you...

- √ Booked your hotel
- √ Sent in your registration form (Early Bird Deadline is Jan 26, 2024)
- √ Reminded delegates to bring their 2024 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, 2024

#### **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, 2023.

#### 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.

## Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation 2023 Resolutions to be presented to the 2024 SWF Convention

#### 23-1. MIGRATORY BIRDS – Region 4 (Weyburn)

WHEREAS only a few rivers, lakes and reservoirs within the province have the possibility of open water to the end of December, and

WHEREAS the water bodies often have semi-permanent flocks of geese and other migratory game birds, and

WHEREAS the current season runs for 107 days opening on September 1 and closing on December 16, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the SWF urge the Canadian Wildlife Service to extend the annual migratory bird hunting seasons to a duration of 121 days to allow the fall waterfowl hunting season to open on September 1 and close on December 31.

#### 23-2. ELK DRAWS – Regions 3 & 6 (Yorkton & Shaunavon)

WHEREAS elk populations in the farmlands are very high, and

WHEREAS the prevalence of antierless elk is becoming a problem in certain zones, and

WHEREAS the application numbers for antlerless elk tags in these particular zones has significantly decreased, and

WHEREAS the harvest of antierless elk in these zones has also dropped significantly to the point the elk herds are growing exponentially beyond carrying capacity of the habitat in which they occupy, and WHEREAS access during these draw seasons is greatly affected by weather, and

WHEREAS antierless elk draw tags show lower levels of licence purchase and utilization compared to either sex elk draw tags, and

WHEREAS this will bring in a large number of experienced elk hunters that don't put in for the antlerless draw, and

WHEREAS this would allow hunters to maintain their pool status in one or both pools, and

WHEREAS antlerless mule deer and either-sex mule deer draws are operated in the province as two separate draws, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment separate the application pools for antierless elk and either-sex elk into two separate draws, allowing the opportunity to be drawn for both in the same year.

#### 23-3. COW ELK SEASON – Region 6 (Shaunavon)

WHEREAS the harvest of antlerless elk in southwestern zones has drastically decreased, and WHEREAS access during the season dates of this Saskatchewan resident draw are severely affected by weather, and

WHEREAS the carrying capacity of the herd in these zones are beyond the carrying capacity of the habitat in which they occupy, and

WHEREAS both the natural mortality and hunter harvest of these animals is no longer keeping the herd numbers in check, and

WHEREAS extending the cow elk seasons would allow for sufficient harvest of game animals from the tags allotted in these zones, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the ministry of Environment extend the antlerless elk seasons in the south-western WMZs to run from November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### 23-4. <u>USE OF CROSSBOW IN ARCHERY SEASON</u> – Region 3 (Touchwood Hills)

WHEREAS traditional and modern compound bows share the same season, and WHEREAS crossbows have little or no advantage over modern compound bows, and WHEREAS there are numerous people who cannot pull an archery bow, and could get a Doctor's Certificate to use a crossbow in archery season, and WHEREAS crossbows are allowed in the archery season in the 3 urban zones, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment allow the use of a crossbow in archery season.

#### 23-5. REINSTATING RIFLE CALIBERS TO HUNT BIG GAME – Region 3 (Touchwood Hills)

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment says it is unlawful to hunt big game with a .25-20 Winchester, .30 Carbine, .32-20 Winchester, .357 Magnum, .41 Remington Magnum, 44-40 Winchester, or .45 colt, and WHEREAS historically, these firearms met the minimum set caliber established by the government in the hunting regulations for big game, and

WHEREAS these firearms have been used to hunt big game in Saskatchewan for centuries, therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment reinstate these calibers to hunt big game in Saskatchewan.

#### 23-6. BIG GAME RECOVERY WITH LEASHED<sup>1</sup>TRACKING DOGS – Regions 1, 3, 5

WHEREAS "it is unlawful to: Injure or kill a game bird or animal without making every reasonable attempt to retrieve it"<sup>2,3</sup> and

WHEREAS dogs have 300 million smell receptors<sup>4</sup> and can follow efficiently not only i) blood but also ii) microscopic cells shed regularly by animals and iii) soil disturbance<sup>5</sup> created by a hoof, and WHEREAS tracking ability is greatly influenced<sup>6</sup> by a dog's inherited<sup>7</sup> will to track and in addition, 58% of Canadian families have pet dogs at least some of which could be trained to follow simple tracks<sup>8</sup> and WHEREAS four Canadian Provinces (Nova Scotia<sup>9</sup>, Quebec<sup>10</sup>, Ontario<sup>11</sup>, and British Columbia<sup>12</sup>) and 44 U.S. states have amended regulations to allow tracking of wounded ungulates with leashed dogs, that can serve as practical examples for appropriate legislative amendments, therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation encourage the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment to amend its regulations to enable hunters<sup>13</sup> to use leashed dogs to recover legally shot big game.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>1</sup> To have a dog on leash while tracking is important for several reasons. i) It makes compliance with hunting regulations easy to enforce and ii) greatly enhances tracking success. Even experienced tracking dogs are prone to move too fast on the track. Hasty tracking can cause dogs to miss changes in track direction, be unable to notice fading amounts of blood from a closing wound and not shift to tracking hoof impressions instead, be misled by hoof prints from healthy ungulates, and so on. Slow and concentrated tracking is crucial. iii) Leashed teamwork also means that dog and handler arrive at the animal at the same time, and iv) the handler can ensure the safety of the dog throughout.

<sup>2</sup> Saskatchewan Hunters and Trappers Guide. (2022) Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, 3211 Albert

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In 2015, the Versatile Hunting Dog Federation of Canada (VHDF-Canada) and the Saskatoon Gun Dog Club (SGDC) sought the advice of Conservation Officers and Ministry of Environment biologists, and began to offer workshops and field tests on how to train and handle a leashed dog on an artificial blood track (venison or beef blood, or minced hamburger diluted with water) simulating the recovery of shot big game. This was in keeping with an old tradition in Europe and rapidly growing practice in North America, beginning about 1980s. Permitted blood tracking increases hunter satisfaction and helps those hunters who have used their dogs to retrieve birds, and unknowingly were in breach of the law when their dogs helped them recover big game. In addition to shot big game, Conservation Officers or their designates can track and humanely dispatch game crippled in traffic accidents (e.g. Nell McKim (2020). "Scent sense: The need to let leashed tracking dogs recover lost big game. Outdoor Canada: 12.) Unrecovered big game animals often lead to continued hunting and underreported kill statistics distorting harvest data used in management. Unrecovered game may attract wolves and bears to kills, possibly compromising people's safety.

- <sup>4</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dog\_sense\_of\_smell
- <sup>5</sup> Instead of a hoofprint, Police- and Rescue dogs can follow a human shoe print in a park and even on pavement.
- <sup>6</sup> Contrary to a human searching for blood, rain or snow does not automatically preclude tracking success when a dog is used. For blood or any other trigger to stimulate scent receptors, the trigger has to go into solution first anyway. All physiology of animals or plants is water-based physiology. As with bird hunting, moisture actually favours scenting. Only a flash flood washing away all scent or tightly packed and driven snow would provide a hindrance to tracking dogs.
- <sup>7</sup> Matsumoto, Yuki, et al. (2023). "Genetic dissection of behavioral traits related to successful training of drug detection dogs." <u>Nature Portfolio</u> **13**: 13:7326.
- <sup>8</sup> While some breeds have been bred for and excel in tracking, many dogs are attracted to a blood trail. With modest training by a hunter, there is a good chance that many of the pet dogs owned by 58% of families in Canada, from Shih tzu to Dalmatian, could be useful for the simple tracks that humans would spend hrs to follow, especially in the snow-free season.
- https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/widog.htm (8) Despite subsection (7), a person may use a dog to track and recover a wounded deer, moose or bear if: (a) the deer, moose or bear was wounded by a person hunting it pursuant to a valid hunting licence for that species and in accordance with the Act and regulations; (b) the hunter who wounded the deer, moose or bear is the dog's handler or accompanies the dog's handler during the tracking and recovery of the wounded animal; and (c) the dog is on a leash that is held by the dog's handler at all times when the dog is in a wildlife habitat. Subsection 9(8) added: O.I.C. 2004-222, N.S. Reg. 162/2004.
- https://www.quebec.ca/en/tourism-and-recreation/sporting-and-outdoor-activities/sport-hunting/general-rules/searching-game#c80580 What the Act and regulations say (Computer translation). The Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife now provides a framework for the search for injured game while hunting with a bloodhound. A pilot project will document the activities of bloodhound handlers (in French only) and develop new regulations that will govern the search and killing of injured game. It should be noted that the Act prohibits the use of dogs in areas where large game is found. A dog used to find injured game must therefore always be kept on a lead rope. In addition, a dog used in a search is not roaming, because it is following its master's orders to perform a specific task, i.e. finding a big game animal that has been injured and is probably dead. Consequently, a dog trained for this purpose may be used in these circumstances. The Hunting Regulations specify that hunting with dogs is only permitted for small game hunting. Therefore, it is prohibited to use a dog to hunt white-tailed deer, moose or black bear. You may also use a dog at night or after the end of the hunting season, provided you comply with the rules set out in the section entitled Searching for big game at night.
- https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/980665#BK11 Section 86 (4) For the purposes of subsection 25 (2.1) of the Act and despite subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section, a person may use or be accompanied by a dog while hunting bear, elk, deer or moose in any part of Ontario without a licence issued in respect of the dog if, (a) the person is using the dog only to search for a bear, elk, deer or moose that has already been wounded during the hunt; (b) the dog is kept on a leash that has a maximum length of 10 metres; and (c) the dog is under the physical control of the person at all times. O. Reg. 544/17, s. 9; O. Reg. 38/20, s. 10 (1, 2).
- <sup>12</sup> An excerpt from the 2023 British Columbia Hunting Synopsis states: "The use of dogs is permitted in the hunting of all game, but dogs must be on a leash when used to hunt deer, elk, moose, mountain sheep, mountain goat and caribou. Unleashed dogs may be used to hunt small game, lynx, bobcat, black bear, or cougar. Any person may train dogs by allowing them, under supervision, to pursue game birds from Aug 1- Apr 30." Additional details are provided in Section 78 of the BC Wildlife Act and related statutes."
- <sup>13</sup>The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation could invite hunters, police- & rescue-dog handlers and kennel-club members who track for sport to provide information for interested SWF members including how-to workshops. A complete guide is provided by Jeanneney, J. (2015). "Tracking dogs for finding wounded deer." <a href="http://www.amazon.com/Tracking-Dogs-Finding-Wounded-Deer/dp/0972508929">http://www.amazon.com/Tracking-Dogs-Finding-Wounded-Deer/dp/0972508929</a>

<sup>14</sup> The following organizations in Saskatchewan have indicated their support for a legislative changes to enable tracking (Nell McKim, personal communication): Saskatchewan Bowhunters Association, Saskatchewan Black Powder Association, Saskatchewan Trappers Association, Saskatoon Gun Dog Club, Saskatoon Retriever Club, Nature Saskatchewan, Versatile Hunting Dog Federation of Canada.

#### 23-7. ENCASED FIREARMS ON ATVS - Region 2 (Thickwood Hills)

WHEREAS many areas north of Highway #40 have heavily forested areas, resulting in reduced hunting opportunities due to poor accessibility, and

WHEREAS encased firearms can be transported on ATVs in the forest fringe zones, therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment allow encased firearms to be transported on ATVs (including snowmobiles) in all zones.

#### 23-8. ATV ACCESS – Region 3 (Watson-Englefeld)

WHEREAS outfitters have different rights than general hunters for access to land in certain Provincial Parks using ATVs, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that outfitters and SK hunters have the same ATV access in provincial parks.

#### 23-9. LAND ACCESS – Region 3 (Watson-Englefeld)

WHEREAS land access for resident hunting has been greatly reduced due to the enactment of the Saskatchewan Trespass Legislation, and

WHEREAS the number of resident hunters has decreased substantially over the past 2 years, and WHEREAS the most effective tool to control wildlife populations is hunting, and WHEREAS the Provincial Government owns hundreds of thousands of acres of prime wildlife habitat in Agricultural leases that are in most cases not accessible to the hunting public, therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the SWF request that the Provincial Government revise Provincial grazing leases to make it mandatory to allow hunters access for the regulated hunting seasons.

#### 23-10. REPLACEMENT TAGS – Region 3 (Hudson Bay)

WHEREAS previous legislation allowed replacement tags to be issued for game deemed unfit for human consumption, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, when an animal is taken and is found to be unfit for human consumption, after the tag has been filled, that a replacement tag be issued by the Minister of the Environment.

#### 23-11. WILDLIFE MITIGATION LANDS – Region 4 (Moose Mountain)

WHEREAS the Wildlife Mitigation Lands (WMLs) were planned, designated, developed, and protected to mitigate the loss of important natural habitat and wildlife populations that occurred when the valleys of Moose Mountain Creek and Souris River were flooded by provincially operated dams in southeastern Saskatchewan

WHEREAS the current management regime for the WMLs is operating in a manner opposite to the original intent of the WMLs in that public access to the lands is being denied and wildlife habitat, acquired or created at great public expense, is being degraded by overgrazing WHEREAS the SWF played an integral role in having the lands legally designated, and partnered with Saskatchewan Water Security Agency in the development of the Rafferty – Alameda Crowns Lands Management Study 2012 which was intended to protect habitat and encourage public used of the lands

- a) BE IT RESOLVED that the SWF strongly request that the Water Security Agency and Ministry of Environment collaborate with the SWF to properly manage the Wildlife mitigation lands according to their original and legislated intent.
- b) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local SWF branches and members be fully involved in management of the land through the formation of an advisory committee which would meet at least once annually for the purpose of developing and implementing conservation plans.

#### SASKATCHEWAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION

## 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 <a href="mailto:sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca">sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca</a>.

Please complete the form below and return it to Central Office by February 6, 2024.

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) f Amount donated: \$		or Bill our Account	
Our Branch will be donati	ng the following item(s):		

Please return this form to Central Office by February 6, 2024

Fax: 306-692-4370 or email <a href="mailto:sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca">sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca</a> or mail to 9 Lancaster Road, Moose Jaw, SK S6J 1M8

#### **AWARD ORDER FORM**

(Please use or if you prefer to email the information, please ensure all this information is included)

Year for which Award is being presented:								PLAQUE SIZE & PRICIN					
Name of Federation or Organization:												& Black 9.00	
Date Awards are Required:									6x8 7x9	_	\$21.0	0	
Date Awards are Required:  Name of Contact Person:										_	\$23.0 \$30.0		
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Phone #(s) of Contact Person:Email and/or Fax#:										Custom Pics on Plaque			
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## **DECEMBER 2023 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

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

Active Since	REGION ONE (27)	2023	2023	2023	2023	Active Since	REGION TWO (16)	2023	2023	2023	2023
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual			Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1954	BASIN LAKE***	42	22	34	56	1939	Battlefords	333	140	126	266
						1987	BEAVER RIVER***	107	47	63	110
1971	BRUNO***	283	142	184	326	2012	CATER LAKE*** CUT KNIFE***	216	95	122	217
1951	Carrot River	258	109	109	218	1979 1992	Dorintosh	90	<b>52</b> 29	<b>41</b> 29	<b>93</b> 58
1961	CREIGHTON***	156	100	68	168	1954	Fielding	154	53	79	132
1989	CUB HILLS***	306	150	159	309	1947	Lloydminster	1640	856	510	1366
1967	Cudworth	217	120	91	211	1983	MACKLIN***	288	111	182	293
						1947	Meadow Lake	163	70	8	78
1947	Humboldt	435	226	154	380	1980	Redberry	73	43	27	70
1968	La Ronge	134	87	43	130	1973	St. Walburg	280	154	110	264
1952	Lake Country	623	223	266	489	1981	THICKWOOD HILLS***	314	146	180	326
1951	LAKE LENORE***	232	121	147	268	1980	Turtle River	149	52	46	98
1957	LUCIEN LAKE***	196	108	109	217	1951	UNITY***	219	103	156	259
						1947	Wilkie	48	30	8	38
1975	Mallard	229	97	88	185	1972	Witchekan	411 4589	235 2216	156 1843	391 4059
1958	MARCEL- IN_LEASK***	292	134	169	303		Regional	4569	2210	1043	4059
1955	Melfort	359	185	153	338		S	UMMA	RY		
1980	MISTATIM***	112	60	57	117	ОТН	ER BRANCHES	2023	2023	2023	2023
	NAIVERDALE***	179	89	136	225	014.5		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1944	Nipawin	238	125	105	230		Iconry Association  A (SK Amateur	22	16	10	26
1980	Park View	133	56	70	126		rial Assoc)	26	13	20	33
2010	Porcupine	164	88	75	163		(SK Game Bird t Trust)	38	7	4	11
1947	Prince Albert	529	257	158	415						
1977	ST. PETERS***	170	88	120	208	Branch	es exceeding their 20	23 target		54	
1994	Stony Rapids	44	17	16	33	Region	s exceeding their 202	3 target		0	
1966	STRUTHERS	325	179	197	376	Regula	r Members			15,998	
	LAKE***					Affiliate	Members			14,9	23
1945	TISDALE***	773	490	632	1122	Provinc	ial Members			24	7
1982	Valley Trails	700	289	249	538		ate Members			3	
1985	Wakaw	42	22	15	37	_	lemberships to Decer			31,1	
1976	Weldon	153	34	32	66	2022 M	lemberships to Decer		22	32,1	
	Regional	7324	3618	3636	7254		DECREAS	SE		-98	6

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

Active Since	REGION THREE (29)	2023	2023	2023	2023	Active Since	REGION FOUR (15)	2023	2023	2023	2023
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual			Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1975	BEAVER HILLS***	306	161	166	327	1993	Boggy Creek	164	84	65	149
1957	Buchanan	128	46	52	98	1953	BROADVIEW***	239	125	128	253
1957	CANORA***	110	60	68	128	1952	Estevan	1194	628	460	1088
1970	Delwood	114	63	43	106	1970	GRENFELL***	172	87	123	210
1979	EAST SHORE***	183	101	102	203						
1990	Endeavour	31	8	12	20	1977	Indian Head	313	171	111	282
1959	Esterhazy	727	355	287	642	2002	Moose Mountain	199	99	91	190
1980	Foam Lake	418	191	156	347	1987	RADVILLE***	139	106	116	222
1980	FORT QU'APPELLE***-	36	80	87	167	1967	Redvers	388	137	210	347
1973	Hudson Bay	294	126	147	273	1962	REGINA***	982	641	475	1116
1947	KAMSACK***	151	81	79	160	1981	ROCANVILLE***	618	252	380	632
1974	KUROKI****	136	72	99	171	1301	ROOANVILLE	0.10	202	000	002
1966	Langenburg	305	102	134	236	1982	SAVE-A-GOOSE***	517	242	356	598
1986	LEROY***	55	28	32	60						
1977	Loon Creek	447	171	161	332	1990	Souris Moose Creek	260	91	68	159
1939	Melville	848	439	291	730	1987	Wapella	298	121	155	276
1949	NORQUAY***	267	129	208	337	1968	WAWOTA***	240	168	255	423
1980	PARKLAND***	129	72	62	134	1950	WEYBURN***	339	212	220	432
1990	PHEASANT CREEK***	69	38	44	82	1950					
1966	PREECEVILLE***	500	243	270	513		Regional	6062	3164	3213	6377
1989	RIVER RIDGE***	239	116	146	262						
1977	STURGIS***	226	120	147	267						
1990	Timberline	83	27	46	73	Active Since	REGION FIVE (17)	2023	2023	2023	2023
1967	Touchwood Hills	841	403	416	819			Toward	Deguler	A ffiliata	Actual
1980	VALLEY VIEW***	203	84	125	209	1978	Arm River	Target 130	Regular 49	Affiliate 41	90
1964	WATSON-	307	170	139	309	2016	Bear Hills	393	218	107	325
1980	ENGLEFELD*** WHITESAND***	83	41	58	99	1947	Biggar	53	1		1
1988	Willowbrook	210	77	95	172	1983	BRIGHTWATER		56	60	116
1947	YORKTON***	270	161	122	283		BLACKSTRAP***	97		60	
	Regional	7716	3765	3794	7559	1961	Central Butte	241	110	130	240
	1119111111					1971	EAGLE CREEK***	139	88	110	198
A -4i						1983 1981	ELBOW*** KERROBERT***	42 84	28 65	15 51	43 116
Active Since	REGION SIX (11)	2023	2023	2023	2023	1955	Kindersley	324	168	71	239
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual	1955	Kyle	373	151	210	361
1953	Assiniboia	247	166	57	223	1971	Outlook	289	160	97	257
1988	Buffalo Lake	25	4	1	5	2017	RIVER CITY***	126	128	75	203
1965	Deep South	31	13	15	28	1950	ROSETOWN***	35	27	9	36
1999	Dirt Hills	1121	549	392	941	1980	SNIPE LAKE***	30	22		30
1996 1953	Great Sandhills Maple Creek	104 289	44 156	4 104	48 260	2000	Viscount	52	24	9	33
1953	MOOSE JAW***	613	369	262	631	1993	Watrous	280	128	125	253
1961	SHAUNAVON***	259	118	173	291	1993	Young	98	31	123	43
1947	Swift Current	681	317	259	576	1070	Regional	2786	1454	1130	2584
2009	Willow Bunch	25			0		. tograndi	2.00	. 10 1	. 100	200 1
1987	Wiwa Creek	77	9	6	15						
	Regional	3472	1745	1273	3018						