



SASKATCHEWAN
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BRANCH MONTH END

In Memory

It is with heavy hearts that the family of **ED BEGIN** announce his passing on April 27, 2021.

Ed worked for the SWF for 28 years, as the Executive Assistant from 1970 - 1973, and then the Executive Director until he retired in 1998.

(see Pg 7 for an excerpt from his obituary)

Habitat Trust Golf Tournament has unfortunately been cancelled for 2021.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in 2022!

Outdoor Conservation Camps

*A decision on whether or not the camps will go forward for 2021 will be made by **mid May**. Notifications will be sent out to all branches at that time.*



Mike Haydon - Swift Current Branch

IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ We bid Chelsea Walters a fond farewell and welcome our new Director of Communications (see Pg 2)
- ✓ Our Backyard Biodiversity Challenge has returned for 2021. [Click here to get yourself some free native wildflower seeds](#) and to take part in the challenge.
- ✓ SWF has 5 pond dipping kits at the Palliser Regional Library to be rented out throughout their library network.
- ✓ Government replies to resolutions passed at the 2021 Convention are attached (see Pgs 3-4)
- ✓ Check out the 2020 Henry Kelsey and Provincial Angling Awards presentation on the SWF web site (**by mid May**)... (<https://swf.sk.ca/programs/awards>)
- ✓ Thanks to all the branches for submitting their memberships in April - we are back above our totals for last year at this time - well done! Remember that sold memberships must be turned into SWF Central Office at least once a month. Cut-off for the July/ Aug Outdoor Canada magazine is May 15th.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 30-May 7	Preeceville Wildlife Federation's online auction
May 5	Angling Season Opens - Southern Zone
May 15	Angling Season Opens - Central Zone
May 25	Angling Season Opens - Northern Zone
June 12	Moose Jaw Wildlife Federation Annual Walleye Tournament
June 13	Lake Diefenbaker Walleye Classic
July 10	3rd Annual Sporting Clay Shoot @ Hanley in support of SWF Education Programs

Remember to submit your branch events to be posted on the 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: <http://swf.sk.ca/events>

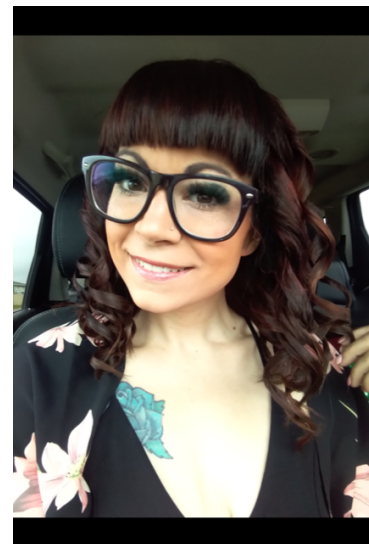
SWF Director of Communications

Chelsea Walters has left our ranks to take a position with the Ministry of Environment. She did an excellent job and took the SWF communications to a new level over the last 4 years. We will miss her smiling face and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

We would like to introduce our new Director of Communications, starting May 17/21 - **Courtney Devins**.

Courtney was born and raised in Saltcoats, SK. They are a hunting and fishing family, so typically love to get out to Lake of the Prairies, Last Mountain Lake and Buffalo Pound on their weekends for outdoor activities.

We look forward to getting to know Courtney more in the next few months and are excited to welcome her to the SWF family - welcome aboard Courtney!





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Darrell Crabbe
Executive Director
Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation
(sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca)

Dear Darrell Crabbe:

Thank you for your letter regarding resolutions passed at the 2021 Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) annual convention. I am pleased to offer the following responses:

1. First-Time Youth Hunters Entering the Big Game Draw

Be it resolved that the SWF request that first-time youth hunters entering the Big Game Draw, who apply as single applicants, be placed into A Pool.

The ministry recognizes the vital role of youth hunters in the province. Beginning at age 12, youth who have completed a recognized hunter education and firearm safety course are able to acquire a number of hunting licences. This includes all regular season hunting licences and also the opportunity for youth to hunt big game and game bird with their parents or guardians. For either-sex white-tailed deer and game bird, youth licences are available at a reduced price.

The big game draw process is used to allocate the province's premiere hunting opportunities. These are highly valued by hunters, and applicants frequently far exceed the number of available licences by a significant margin. This has resulted in a highly competitive draw and long wait times for applicants to be successfully drawn. For antlerless mule deer, 25 per cent of the quota is allocated specifically to youth through the youth draw. This option gives youth opportunities with increased likelihood of being drawn. With these considerations, there is no current consideration to change the starting priority status for new youth applicants.

2. Draw Antlerless Mule Deer

Be it resolved that the SWF petition SK Ministry of Environment to move draw antlerless mule deer to a regular antlerless mule deer season for Saskatchewan residents only, to coincide with regular whitetail deer seasons.

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Darrell Crabbe

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A recent analysis of antlerless draw mule deer seasons and allocation across Saskatchewan found the current draw system is working as desired in the majority of zones across the province, where demand for draw antlerless licenses outweighs the number of licences available. However, in those zones where the number of draw licences available has outweighed demand for consecutive years, the ministry is considering options to allocate licences outside of the draw system. Season dates will be set in accordance with the existing game management frameworks.

3. Two-Bear Season

Be it resolved that SWF petition SK Ministry of Environment to implement at two (2) bear season in all applicable zones, including the forest zones.

The Ministry of Environment added a second black bear licence for Saskatchewan residents in many agricultural and forest fringe wildlife management zones for the 2020 hunting season. In order to properly evaluate the impact of the additional black bear licence, including its effect on populations and hunter utilization, several years of information is typically required. The need for additional data is amplified by the potential for 2020 to have been a unique year, given the COVID-19 pandemic. Ministry of Environment staff continue to evaluate the possibility of enhanced harvest opportunities for black bear while ensuring populations remain sustainable.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your resolutions and look forward to working with the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation to achieve our common goals.

Sincerely,



Warren Kaeding
Minister of Environment

cc: Brant Kirychuk, Fish, Wildlife and Lands, Ministry of Environment

SASKATCHEWAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION

April 2021

Active Since	REGION THREE (30)	2021	2021	2021	2021
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1975	Beaver Hills	271	126	132	258
1957	Buchanan	105	18	24	42
1957	Canora	208	81	79	160
1970	Delwood	112	51	39	90
2021	Donwell	15			0
1979	East Shore	164	77	74	151
1990	Endeavor	18	7	9	16
1959	Esterhazy	673	290	189	479
1980	Foam Lake	383	163	116	279
1980	Fort Qu'Appelle	110	17	18	35
1973	Hudson Bay	242	104	119	223
1947	Kamsack	145	22	16	38
1974	Kuroki	137	27	32	59
1966	Langenburg***	197	104	157	261
1986	LeRoy	57	11	14	25
1977	Loon Creek	515	88	69	157
1939	Melville	811	310	205	515
1949	Norquay	237	76	112	188
1980	Parkland	128	43	37	80
1990	Pheasant Creek***	62	35	39	74
1966	Preeceville	416	183	211	394
1989	River Ridge	211	51	68	119
1977	Sturgis***	161	96	117	213
1990	Timberline	88	10	10	20
1967	Touchwood Hills	731	348	363	711
1980	Valley View	144	56	81	137
1964	Watson-Englefeld	312	128	97	225
1980	Whitesand	125	26	51	77
1988	Willowbrook	312	102	119	221
1947	Yorkton	219	79	101	180
	Regional	7309	2729	2698	5427

Active Since	REGION SIX (11)	2021	2021	2021	2021
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1953	Assiniboia	236	151	55	206
1988	Buffalo Lake	15	3	1	4
1965	Deep South***	26	15	12	27
1999	Dirt Hills	1142	459	295	754
1996	Great Sandhills	117	62	23	85
1953	Maple Creek	284	104	54	158
1947	Moose Jaw	487	184	165	349
1961	Shaunavon	211	63	82	145
1947	Swift Current	648	351	299	650
2009	Willow Bunch	16			0
1987	Wiwa Creek	75	10	5	15
	Regional	3257	1402	991	2393

Active Since	REGION FOUR (16)	2021	2021	2021	2021
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1993	Boggy Creek	158	50	50	100
1953	Broadview***	169	80	95	175
1952	Estevan	977	365	253	618
1970	Grenfell	150	54	57	111
1977	Indian Head	287	125	76	201
2002	Moose Mountain	186	66	84	150
1987	Qu'Appelle	28	9	4	13
1967	Radville	121	50	54	104
1962	Redvers	414	113	134	247
1981	Regina	1187	345	227	572
2020	Rocanville***	536	237	304	541
1982	Save-A-Goose	486	158	249	407
1990	Souris Moose Creek	305	101	94	195
1987	Wapella	328	109	155	264
1968	Wawota	226	103	117	220
1950	Weyburn	355	131	145	276
	Regional	5913	2096	2098	4194

Active Since	REGION FIVE (18)	2021	2021	2021	2021
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1978	Arm River	68	30	35	65
2016	Bear Hills	340	205	84	289
1947	Biggar	85	31	19	50
1983	Brightwater Blackstrap	124	24	31	55
1961	Central Butte	223	75	78	153
1971	Eagle Creek	176	59	67	126
1983	Elbow	87	26	21	47
1981	Kerrobert	105	50	47	97
1955	Kindersley	356	142	54	196
1957	Kyle	354	132	177	309
1989	Luseland	0			0
1971	Outlook	169	58	23	81
2017	River City***	52	34	51	85
1950	Rosetown	54	8	1	9
1980	Snipe Lake	43	27	6	33
2000	Viscount	32	15	8	23
1993	Watrous	299	96	61	157
1979	Young	56	29	8	37
	Regional	2623	1041	771	1812

APRIL 2021 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

Active Since	REGION ONE (27)	2021	2021	2021	2021	Active Since	REGION TWO (16)	2021	2021	2021	2021
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual			Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1954	Basin Lake***	34	21	17	38	1939	Battlefords	303	123	100	223
1971	Bruno	274	117	146	263	1987	Beaver River	54			0
1951	Carrot River	241	57	68	125	2012	Cater Lake	186	78	78	156
1961	Creighton	158	61	38	99	1979	Cut Knife	115	18	9	27
1989	Cub Hills	356	140	147	287	1992	Dorintosh	82	1	2	3
1967	Cudworth	111	64	45	109	1954	Fielding	174	50	75	125
1947	Humboldt	435	196	143	339	1947	Lloydminster	1657	808	380	1188
1968	La Ronge	164	43	36	79	1983	Macklin	349	83	138	221
1952	Lake Country	695	258	259	517	1947	Meadow Lake	148	50	19	69
1970	Lake Lenore	174	85	67	152	1980	Redberry	91			0
1957	Lucien Lake***	157	104	83	187	1973	St. Walburg	214	79	31	110
1975	Mallard	222	81	103	184	1981	Thickwood Hills***	162	78	93	171
1958	Marcelin Leask***	245	124	156	280	1980	Turtle River	149	67	58	125
1955	Melfort	411	126	126	252	1951	Unity	227	43	71	114
1980	Mistatim***	38	65	50	115	1947	Wilkie***	32	34	9	43
1970	Naiverdale	107			0	1972	Witchehan	381	178	108	286
1944	Nipawin***	187	107	88	195		Regional	4324	1690	1171	2861
1980	Park View***	171	76	98	174	OTHER BRANCHES					
2010	Porcupine	93	21	25	46			2021	2021	2021	2021
1947	Prince Albert	452	192	137	329			Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1977	St. Peters	161	65	58	123	SK Falconry Association		29	17	4	21
1994	Stony Rapids	36	15	16	31	SK Falconers Club		24			0
1966	Struthers Lake	398	150	171	321	SAFTA (SK Amateur Field Trial Assoc)		27	15	16	31
1945	Tisdale	650	241	189	430	GBHT (SK Game Bird Habitat Trust)		16	5	4	9
1982	Valley Trails	633	230	202	432	SUMMARY					
1985	Wakaw***	30	24	8	32	Branches exceeding their 2021 target					18
1976	Weldon***	136	58	93	151	Regions exceeding their 2021 target					0
	Regional	6769	2721	2569	5290	Regular Members					11,716
						Affiliate Members					10,322
						Provincial Members					97
						2021 Memberships to April 30, 2021					22,135
						2020 Memberships to April 30, 2020					21,672
						INCREASE					463

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

In Memory of ED BEGIN



It is with heavy hearts that the family of Edward Alphonse Begin, (1932 – 2021) announce his passing at the age of 88 on Tues. April 27, 2021.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Shirley of 64 years; son, Rod (Helen); daughters, Shelly (Ben Dombowsky), Susan (Seth Larson), grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews, life long friends and colleagues.

Ed volunteered with the Moose Jaw Wildlife Federation from 1960-1969. In 1970 he was hired as the Executive Assistant of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation and in 1973 he was hired and remained the Executive Director until he retired in 1998.

During his career he was awarded the Ducks Unlimited Canada Conservation Service Award in 1982 for the launching of Heritage Marsh Program, and the CWF Outdoorsman of the Year in 1989. In 1997 he was awarded the Gordon Lund Memorial Conservation Award – presented to the person who, by thought, effort, and deed, is considered to have contributed the most towards the conservation of Saskatchewan's renewable natural resources. In 1998 the Ed Begin Conservation Project Award was established in his honour and is presented annually to an affiliate branch of the SWF for the most outstanding fish or wildlife habitat project completed in the current year.

Ed was an avid hunter and fisher and hosted many hunts in Saskatchewan. Ed's vision and dedication to the SWF and to Saskatchewan's wildlife resource was legendary throughout Canada.

Other than family, few things meant more to Ed than spending time tramping through Saskatchewan's native grasslands chasing his beloved upland game birds. The whirring wings of a busting covey of partridge or the sudden clucking of a flock of rising Sharptails was music to Ed's ears; especially if it was followed by the report of his trusty Smith and Wesson twelve gauge.

His keen marksmanship was talked about by all of those that had the privilege of spending time with him, either hunting upland or big game in the province he so dearly loved. Ed was a gentleman sportsman and a legend in the sporting community.

A service will be announced at a later date when we can gather with family and friends and remember Ed's life.

Donations in Ed's memory can be made to the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, 9 Lancaster Rd., Moose Jaw, S6J 1M8, 306-692-8812 or online at swf.sk.ca.

(Condolences can be sent to Shirley Begin, 215 - 1801 Meier Drive, Moose Jaw, SK S6J 0C3)