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POLAR BEAR ALERT PROGRAM

by Bob Windsor

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CEO's Report

I write this report with a great feeling of pride and satisfaction having just completed the most successful season in our history. Having surpassed the record sales OTA set in the early 80's has FHA ending the year with record profit margins as well.

The last 2 years FHA has issued 5% commission rebates each season back to our shippers through our exclusive RPC program. Trappers have always had the option of cashing their RPC's in, but since 1992 with each RPC issuance, 90% have opted to retain the money in the company.

As of now FHA has paid 50% interest to all our RPC investors just over the past two years alone. Simply put a trapper with $2,000.00 in RPC's with our company has been paid $1000.00 in interest these past two consecutive seasons!!!! This was always our intention and what better way to reward our shippers and this proves the power of OWNERSHIP.

Our shippers over the long haul that retain RPC's in this company now basically sell their skins through FHA COMMISSION FREE. Since taking over as CEO in 2001 my goal was to pay off all our debt so when the time came and we experienced a rising market and strong profits we would be in a position to really make it count. Ask yourself, where can I get a 50% cash return on my investment over 2 short years? These benefits to producers are truly unprecedented in the fur business, and have positioned FHA as the clear frontrunner in giving back to producers.

In January of 2013 FHA bought a 12,500 sq/ft warehouse in Cambridge, Wisconsin. This warehouse was leased for one year previously and run as a grading and collection facility under the management of Greg Schroeder. After a one year review, it was evident that this facility was very viable. It was decided to take on this operation permanently and the warehouse and land was purchased outright last January. Greg Schroeder has done a great job in running this facility and has greatly assisted building our shipper numbers in the mid west. Greg has a 30+ year history in the business having worked for NAFA's Wisconsin operation for many years. This operation will be of great benefit to supporting the number of shippers we are generating from the mid west.

The most significant news to be delivered is our 2014 selling program, as we have formed an alliance with Saga Furs of Finland, and American Legend of Seattle, WA.

This year's global fur calendar made this marketing agreement an extremely favorable move. Saga is the world's largest marketer of ranch fox, handling easily 90% of the world's ranch fox, as well as several million European ranch mink. ALC has the finest short nap black ranch mink, and the most recognized label in the world. Add in our superior collection of northern wild goods under one roof and you have

an event that no fur buyer in the world can afford to miss. This alliance now makes us the largest fur auction venue in the world. Visit http://fur-auctions-of-the-century.com

To say this alliance has been received favorably by the world's fur trade is a huge understatement. The upside for the world's fur buyers are huge. This year they travel to one sale and can buy their wild fur, ranch fox, and ranch mink, all in one stop. Rather than fly to three different locations around the world, saving a fortune in airfare, hotels, and meals, let alone the wear and tear on the mind, body and dealing with jet lag.

Our two middle auctions will be held in Finland under this marketing alliance, which the fur trade has now dubbed the "Fur auctions of the century". Our January 7th and June 21st auctions will be as always, conducted here in North bay.

The convention date is set for April 11th and 12th, 2014 and attendance is expected to be very strong as the timing seems preferable to mostly everyone.

It is a pleasure to welcome Mr. Mark Taylor back on permanent staff. Many of you will remember Mark as he was employed with FHA several years ago after graduating from Sir Sanford Fleming's Fish and Wildlife Program. Mark is a highly knowledgeable trapper and professional fur handler and is the perfect man for dealing with trapper relations. He will be heading up and coordinating all trapper meetings and conventions, as well as operate as Field Editor of our FHA magazine. He will also be highly involved in organizing our annual convention. Mark is a very competent fur grader as well and we are all very happy to have him back in North Bay.

As you drive north and south into North Bay, watch for your new billboards that are attracting a lot of positive feedback.

In closing, I ask you all to be safe this trapping season and wish you great success on your lines.

Thank you for you continued support and trust, and spread the word about your auction house to others. IT IS A WISE INVESTMENT.

Respectfully,

Mark Downey
Chief Executive Officer
Fur Harvesters Auction Inc.

Saga Furs' Auction Room

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2013-2014 Auction Schedule

LAST RECEIVINGDATES	SALE DATES
December 15th, 2013	*January 7th, 2014
January 19th, 2014	**March 13th-14th, 2014
April 13th, 2014	**June 4th-5th, 2014
May 25th, 2014	*June 21st, 2014

***Sales will be held in Finland in conjunction with Saga Furs & American Legend.*
**Sales will be held in North Bay, Canada. Selected goods.*

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Polar Bear Alert Program

by Bob Windsor

Churchill Manitoba is known as the Polar Bear Capital of the World, and rightfully so. Manitoba is home to some of the approximately 1,000 polar bears of the Western Hudson Bay sub-population, and people from all corners of the world flock to Churchill for an opportunity to see the great white bears.

Churchill is built on the bear's natural migration path, and as a result, it's not uncommon to see polar bears in the community or skirting along the nearby Hudson Bay Coast. The people of Churchill have learned to co-exist with the bears and have had success in doing it to a degree not found anywhere else in the world.

But it wasn't always this way. In the late 1960s, the number of bears waiting for Hudson Bay to freeze around Churchill in the fall was as high as 80, and up to 40 bears at a time could be seen in the local waste disposal grounds.

At this time, polar bears posing a threat to human safety or personal property were generally shot. In 1963, 1966 and 1967 there were serious human-bear confrontations in and around the community, and in 1968 there was a fatal attack on a small boy. This led to calls for a program to better manage polar bears in this area.

In 1969, the Polar Bear Control Program was created. The program had three main objectives: to protect human life, to protect personal property from damage by polar bears and to ensure polar bears were not unduly harassed or killed.

During the 1970s there continued to be human-bear encounters, although none were fatal. Persistent and aggressive bears had to be euthanized for the protection of the people, as there was no other way to handle bears that consistently returned to town. An average of 15 polar bears were destroyed each year in the area.

In 1976, 24 problem polar bears were relocated by DC3 airplane from Churchill to the Kaskattama River area, close to the Manitoba-Ontario border on Hudson Bay. This endeavor was very expensive, and some of the bears returned quickly and had to be destroyed.

It was decided that a holding facility for polar bears would moderate the need to euthanize bears. In 1979, construction started on the facility, which was designed to hold 16 single bears and four family groups. The holding pens are built of concrete bricks with steel bar doors and ceilings.

Polar bear holding facility in Churchill, MB.

While the facility was under construction, the Polar Bear Alert Program was established in 1980. The priorities of this program include:

- Protecting human life from polar bears.
- Protecting polar bears from harassment or the need to be euthanized .
- Minimizing damage to property from polar bears.
- Minimizing the potential of food conditioning and/or human habituation of polar bears.
- Ensuring the safety of Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship staff working with the Polar Bear Alert Program.

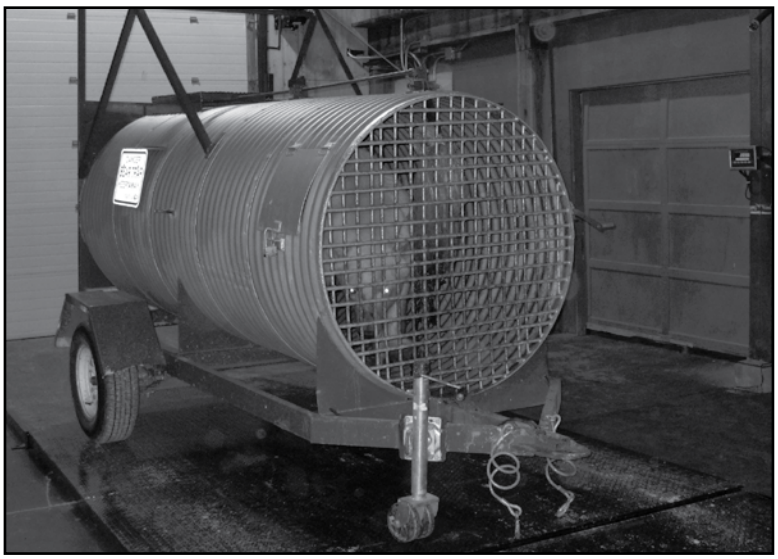
The Churchill area was divided into three control zones: the living/working area in the community (Zone 1), the inhabited perimeter area (Zone 2) and the remote area (Zone 3). The level of tolerance for the presence of polar bears is lowest in Zone 1, where all bears are immediately removed.

In 1982, the Polar Bear Holding Facility was put into use and has held over 2,000 bears to date. Most bears captured are housed at the Polar Bear Holding Facility.

The facility was upgraded in 2006 and currently has 28 holding pens, five of which have air conditioning for warm weather use. The amount of time each bear spends in the facility varies, and depends on the amount of space available and the location and frequency of capture.

Bears captured in Zone 1 are held for a minimum of 30 days, with the exception of family groups that are relocated as soon as possible. This 30-day rule was to lessen the chance of a polar bear returning to Zone 1, and also prevents the bears from having the opportunity to become conditioned to human food sources.

The bears are provided with water or snow, but are not fed, as polar bears do not normally feed until they are able to hunt for seals on the frozen Hudson Bay, and survive on the fat stores from the previous season. Also, feeding the bears could condition them to associate man with food, which could lead to the bears returning to Churchill in future.



Live traps are baited with seal meat and fat, which is attached to a trigger in the front of the trap.

Today's Polar Bear Alert Program is staffed with two natural resource officers and three resource management technicians with additional staff during the peak season. The program involves public education, minimizing bear attractants and removing bears from a defined area in and around the community.

Staff monitors a 24-hour emergency bear line. Anyone seeing a bear in or near the community can call 204-675-BEAR and staff will respond. It is not uncommon during the peak period of mid-October to mid-November for staff to be called out five or six times a night. As the weather gets colder and the ice is closer to forming, the bear activity escalates. Just before freeze-up, staff has chased more than a dozen bears along the edge of town in one day.

The removal of bears from the community or an area where they pose a danger is accomplished by hazing. This involves shooting scare cartridges from shotguns or pistols that cause loud bangs or screams, and following the bears with vehicles.

Bears that do not respond to noise stimulus are sometimes shot with rubber bullets (which don't harm the bear) or a paint ball gun to encourage them on their way. Particularly stubborn bears are sometimes pushed away by helicopter. If a bear continues to return and will not enter a live trap, it will be immobilized with the use of a tranquilizer gun. This is done by either shooting from the ground, or darting the bear from a helicopter.

To prevent bears from entering the community, staff will establish a "trap line" around the perimeter of the community to intercept the bears. Bears are captured by use of culvert traps, which are large culverts with metal screens on one end and doors on the other. They are baited with seal meat and fat, which is attached to a trigger in the front of the trap. When the bear enters the trap and pulls on the bait, the door is released and locks. The trap is permanently mounted onto a trailer, which allows the bears to be transported to the Polar Bear Holding Facility.

In 2011, staff responded to 341 polar bear occurrences and handled 61 bears. The most common age class of bears handled is sub-adults (between two- and five-years old).

Each bear is weighed when entering and exiting the Polar Bear Holding Facility, and is measured for length and girth and checked for overall health before it is released.

If not previously handled, each bear will receive ear tags and lip tattoos. The lip tattoo is a number matching their ear tags, and becomes the bear's permanent "name". Information such as the date and location of capture, as well as the bear's health information is recorded on a data sheet, which is later entered into a data base.

Each year the data base is updated and every bear that has ever been captured will be on record. Many of the bears handled have been tagged previously, some of which have been handled numerous times.

Before freeze-up, bears that are released from the holding facility are tranquilized, and then transported by helicopter in a sling approximately 70 kilometers north of Churchill. They are then released along the coast of the Hudson Bay. Most of the bears will continue moving northward looking for the first ice to form.

At the time of release the bears are marked with a green cattle marker spot on the top of their shoulder. This spot allows for easy recognition of released bears during that season, but wears off within a month or two. Very few bears return to Churchill during the same season. Those that do return and are able to be recaptured are held until the end of the season.

After ice forms on the Hudson Bay, the remaining bears in the facility are released directly onto the ice of Hudson Bay by vehicle. The bears are loaded into culvert traps and hauled to the coastline and released. When the bears see the ice they are more than happy to get out on it, and to start hunting for seals.

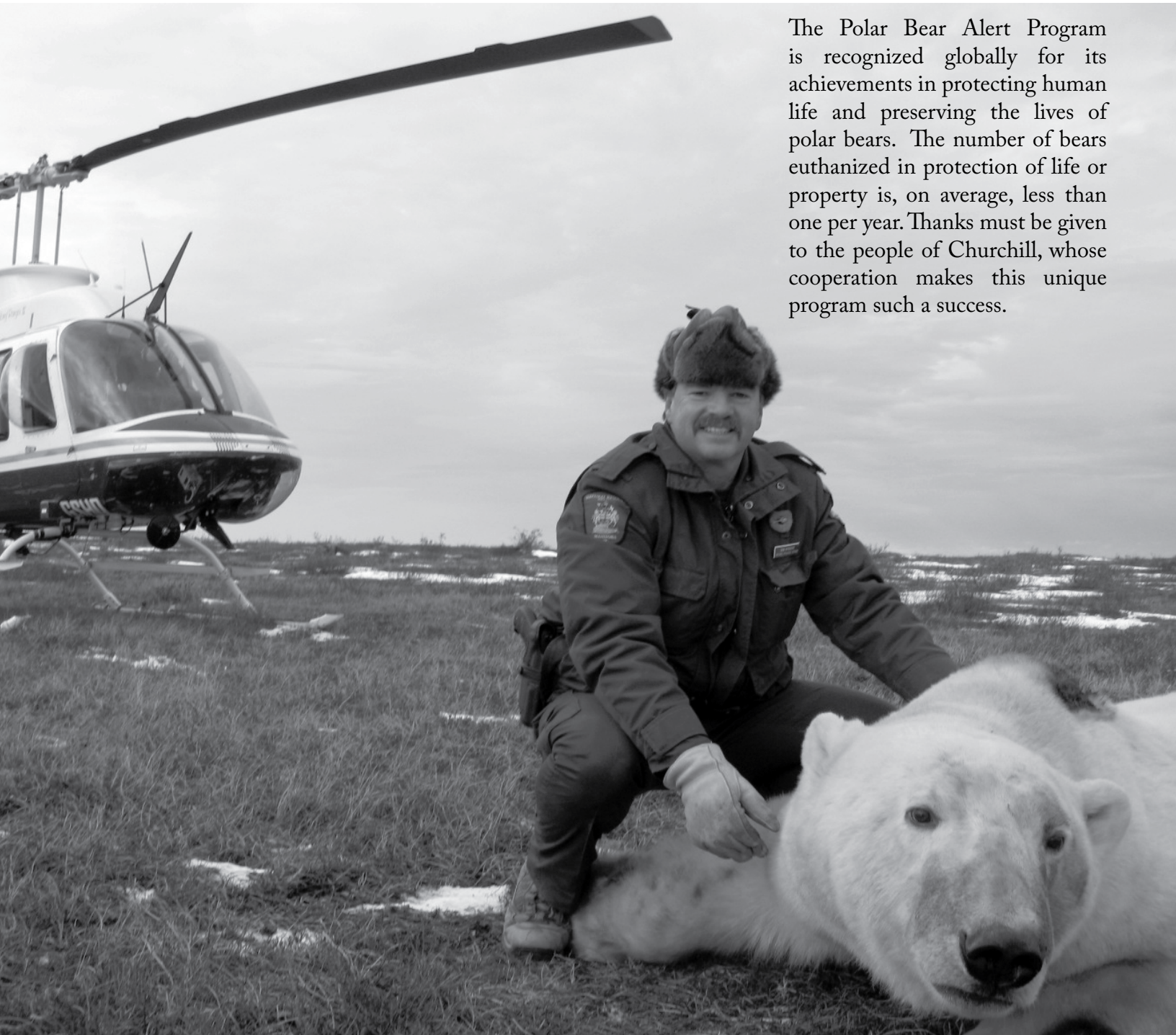
The Polar Bear Alert Program is unique, and receives a large number of media and group presentation requests each year. Requests are accommodated as time permits, with the priority given to those that promote public education.

Three tranquilized bears being transported by helicopter in a sling approximately 70 kilometers north of Churchill.

The most publicized and dramatized night of the entire bear season is Halloween. The safety of children trick or treating is a very real priority, and warrants special preparations. A helicopter patrol is done before dark and any bears found near town are hazed away. At least 12 two-person units are established from various agencies including Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, R.C.M.P., Parks Canada, Canadian Rangers, the fire department, emergency medical services and Manitoba Hydro.

Some units take up strategic vantage positions while others form mobile patrols. Several media film crews and numerous photographers roam around the community to record the event. Experience has proven the best way to avoid any "tricks" is to carry a good supply of "treats" to share from your patrol vehicle.

The staff who administer the Polar Bear Alert Program in Churchill are fortunate to experience the privilege of working with these magnificent predators. Nowhere else in Manitoba offers the unique experiences that the staff in Churchill come to enjoy.



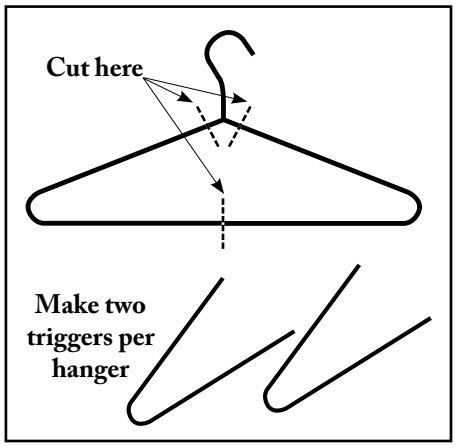
The Polar Bear Alert Program is recognized globally for its achievements in protecting human life and preserving the lives of polar bears. The number of bears euthanized in protection of life or property is, on average, less than one per year. Thanks must be given to the people of Churchill, whose cooperation makes this unique program such a success.

Tricks of the Trade

by Mark Taylor

For many of us pinning the tail on a long haired animal such as a fox, coyote or raccoon involves a bit of time and lots of push pins. Here is a little trick I learned years ago that will save you time and push pins.

After pinning the butt of the animal off square, pull the tail down and place a pin in the end. Then take a long thin strip of wood and insert a push pin in the middle. Slide the strip of wood down the tail with the pointy end of the pin towards the side of the tail. When you get the strip lined up simply fold it over onto the fur and stick the pin into the board. Repeat for the other side and you are done in seconds using only 3 pins for the tail.

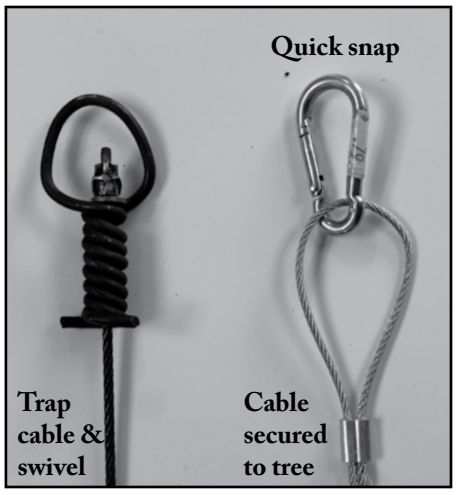


Trigger repair is necessary chore around my house every year before trapping season. It never failed though, that I wouldn't have enough replacement triggers for all my broken ones, or time to order new ones. My solution was simple and inexpensive.

First raid your closet and get all the metal coat hangers you can find. Cut the hangers on each side of the hook and in the middle of the flat bottom. This will give you two triggers. Drill out the rivets of the damaged trigger and replace trigger with the new one and secure with a new bolt and nut. Some brands of traps have a nut and bolt already, simply undo and replace the trigger. Finally and most important, go to Walmart and replace your spouse's hangers with plastic ones.

Out of nails or trap holders for running pole sets? Here's an easy way to secure traps without them.

Cut a small green sapling about 2-3 feet long and ¾" on the thick end. Put the trap on the running pole and pull the springs towards the ground. Shove the stick through the spring loops so that it clamps the trap to the pole. Once the stick is in you may have to push the springs upward to get more clamping pressure.



When trapping marten and fisher it never fails that an animal is frozen in the trap. Trap and all must be taken home to thaw and the trap replaced at the set. To save time setting and resetting traps try this:

Using aircraft cable make up some lengths with a loop at one end and a quick snap on the other. Wrap the cable around the tree or branch and pass the snap through the loop end. Now attach the snap and cable to the swivel of the trap. When you catch an animal simply undo the trap from the snap and replace the trap. These cables can be left on the tree from year to year as long as they are in good condition. Also you will have less chance of losing traps due to wire breakage by using airplane cable and a snap which attaches to a swivel. They can usually be purchased for under a dollar a piece and will pay for themselves in time and ease of setting.

Teaching an Old Dog Old Tricks

by Mark Taylor

When I moved south from North Bay a decade ago I took with me my love of catching fishers. My standard set was just to catch them in a marten box on a tree either vertically or horizontally, which worked extremely well. So naturally when I went to start trapping fisher I set out my marten boxes and waited. Well I waited a long time. I found fishers in Southern Ontario reluctant to enter the smaller boxes. Not having the time or resources to make larger boxes to fit 220's I had to come up with a new plan. The solution was to revert to a set I had seen described in manuals for decades. The Running Pole Set.

There are probably as many variations of the running pole set as there are trappers but this is the one that works for me. The principals of the set need to remain the same no matter which way you set it.

1. Use the proper sized pole. I like one around 4-6 inches in diameter

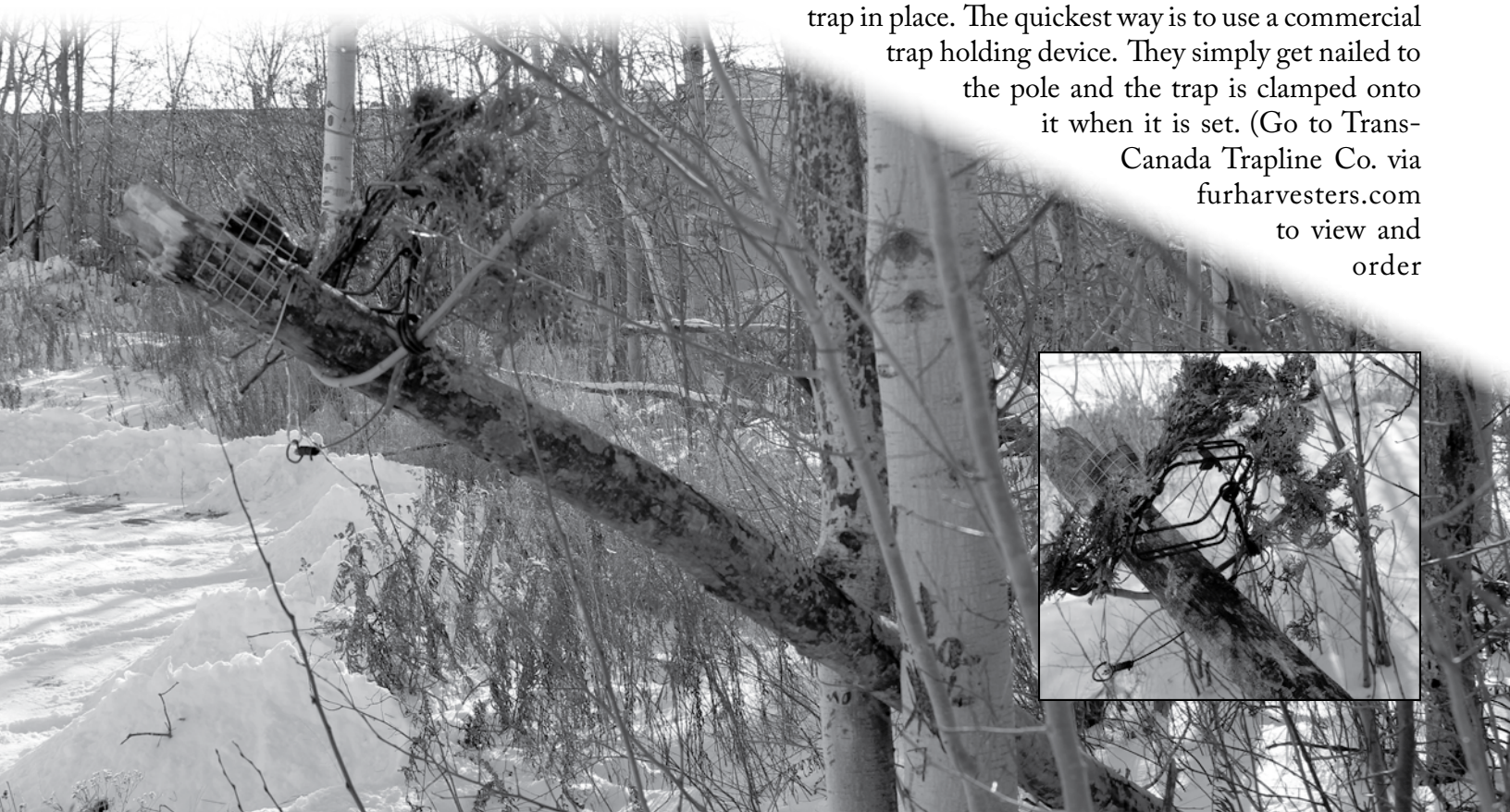
2. Secure the pole to a tree so the upper end is about 5-6 feet off the ground. This way when the fisher is caught it will hang and not touch the ground. This reduces the chance of pelt damage due to mice and freezing to the ground.

3. Make sure the only way the fisher can get at bait is through the trap and they are not able to jump onto the pole from another tree or branch.

To make the set you can either find a natural leaning tree or cut your own pole and make your set. When making an artificial pole set I like to find a pair of trees growing together. Cut the pole long enough so it extends about 4 feet past the tree and jam it into the crotch of the trees. This way the fisher cannot jump from the tree onto the bait bypassing the trap. Make sure the pole is sturdy and will not tip when the fisher walks out on it. You may have to wire it to the tree.

Next I like to add a fairly large piece of beaver meat such as a whole leg or tail to the outermost end of the pole. Before securing the bait I like to rub it on the tree and up the pole. With some mesh and wire cover the bait which will keep the birds and other fisher from eating all your bait. Many times I have seen a fisher caught in the trap and fresh tracks on the pole going up to the bait.

Using a 220 set the trap back from the bait just far enough so that when the trap fires it will not catch the bait. There are several methods you can use to hold the trap in place. The quickest way is to use a commercial trap holding device. They simply get nailed to the pole and the trap is clamped onto it when it is set. (Go to Trans-Canada Trapline Co. via furharvesters.com to view and order



trap holders). The second method is to drive 4 nails into the pole so and set the trap on them. The third method is to use a small green sapling run through the spring loops to clamp the trap to the pole (see. Tricks of the Trade on Page 7). I like to have the trigger on the top in a "^" shape closest to the fishers approach.

Once the trap is set tie it to the pole with a cable, snap and swivel. Then I like to take some evergreen bows and stick them through the springs so they stick above the trap and makes it so there is only a hole visible through the trap. This will camouflage the trap and discourages the fisher from jumping over the trap.

Finally I like to take a dab of my favorite fisher lure, pure skunk essence and put it on the bait.

Running poles are more labor intensive to set but are a deadly set to add to your arsenal. I have since added fisher boxes to my line but I still like to set the occasional pole. I have several locations that consistently catch 3-4 fishers a year, with my best year being 10 from 1 pole. I am sure a box would catch them just the same but if something works why fix it.

Now that I am back trapping in the north the majority of my fisher come from marten boxes, but it's still nice to have some old tricks up my sleeve.

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The Fur Auctions of the Century

The American Legend - Fur Harvesters - Saga Furs March and June auctions in Helsinki will offer the most diverse selection of quality furs the world has ever seen.

This unique alliance will make sourcing easier for the buying community by putting the best of the best under one roof: the finest North American and European mink, the world's best foxes and the top quality of North American wild fur.

The most widely recognized names in fur from two continents

Working together the three partners will create an unprecedented dynamism at fur auctions. Each company brings into the alliance individual strengths and the values of a respected heritage based on quality. Mutual support among the auction houses remains the core value of this unique alliance.

Benefits to fur suppliers and the trade are the alliance's driving forces

Saga Furs auction house in Helsinki was the unanimous choice. The house draws a diverse mix of major buyers due to its traditional ties to China/ Hong Kong as well as its European location close to Russia, Italy, Greece, Turkey and other key markets.

One-stop shopping means variety and savings

The fur trade has welcomed the idea of central auctions as a great saver of time and money. Fur buyers are comparing the auctions to a department store where everything they could conceivably need is in one place. It will also facilitate sourcing for fashion companies while providing them innovation and know-how.

Each independent company will sort, grade and catalogue its respective products, which will later be sold in logical sequence at the Saga Furs auction house.

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FROM BUYERS

Sang Pyo Kong
Kyung In Co Ltd, Seoul

I like this idea very much. It will save me time; at one auction I can buy everything, mink, fox, wild fur. And it will save travel time. Not so many long flights, less jet lag, and it will save me money.

Frank Zilberkweit
Polar Furs, London

We at Polar Furs were surprised and delighted to learn of the co-operation between Saga Furs, American Legend and Fur Harvesters. The first offering in March will be a unique opportunity to buy a complete range of fur skins. We wish you all every success.

Peter Georgiades
Stalllion Inc, New York

Brilliant, it's just brilliant. In fact, I never imagined something like this could happen because the logistics seemed so impossible. Things will be challenging, but it's brilliant and I wish you luck.

CEOs expect epic March and June auctions

Saga Furs is happy to host the auction events of a lifetime in March and June 2014 and we are proud to be chosen as the preferred partner by American Legend and Fur Harvesters.

The two sales bring together the best European and North American fur to create the finest, most diverse collections ever offered in one place.

We believe the deal will bring great benefits to the international trade by providing efficient one-stop shopping opportunities for the whole industry. As all three companies have a strong focus on quality, the joint sales create a unique sourcing opportunity for anyone looking for high quality skins.

Similarly, the concept offers a unique opportunity for all quality producers to sell their production along with the best pelts in the world.

Pertti Fallenius
CEO of Saga Furs Oyj

Fur Harvesters Auction and American Legend have enjoyed a very positive collaboration over many years, and we believe that our new cooperation with Saga Furs is a logical progression of this.

Mark, Downey
CEO of Fur Harvesters Auction Inc.

In looking at a very crowded auction and fur fair calendar for 2014, being able to provide the fur trade with one-stop shopping for the very best collections of wild fur, North American mink, and European mink and foxes simply makes good sense.

The ability to showcase our premier offering of North American wild fur to international buyers who may not have previously had direct access to our product is especially appealing to us. The response from the trade and from our shippers has been overwhelmingly positive.

American Legend Cooperative is very excited to be selling alongside of Saga Furs and Fur Harvesters. Collectively our three companies will be bringing together the world's finest fur for auction.

The diversity of fur available, combined with the impressive quantities, will attract global buying power to one location in a way that has never before been done. Blackglama is the most sought after mink brand in the world, with high demand coming from Greece, Russia, Korea, and China. The American Legend brand continues to gain more consumer demand every year throughout the world, but especially in China.

We explored different alternatives to find a logical solution for the partners and the trade. We believe the concept of combining our strengths is a perfect fit.

Joe Morelli
CEO of American Legend Cooperative

PRELIMINARY OFFERING 2013/14

AUCTION	DECEMBER Saga® only	MARCH	MAY-JUNE	SEPTEMBER Saga® only	TOTAL
Selling Days	19-22	11-21	1-11.6.	19-22	
Inspection Days	16-18	4-10	26-31.5.	14-18	
MINK Saga Furs®					(thousands)
Black	70	350	330		750
Mahogany	60	360	330		750
Brown	200	900	800		1900
Glow	100	400	300		800
Sapphire	25	65	70		160
Silverblue	60	240	300		600
Pearl	50	130	140		320
White	100	220	230		550
Black Cross	35	150	115		300
Div. Crosses		120	80		200
Palomino		65	55		120
Pastel			30		30
Other minks			20		20
TOTAL Saga® mink	700	3000	2800		6500
East European mink	300	150	50		500
MINK TOTAL Saga Furs	1000	3150	2850	0	7000

MINK American Legend®					(thousands)
		MARCH	MAY-JUNE		TOTAL
Blackglama® and all Black		1000	600		1600
American Legend® Mahogany and all Mahogany		500	200		700
American Legend® Ranch Wild and all Ranch Wild		400	100		500
American Legend® Mutation and all Mutation		400	100		500
Breeder Type			200		200
Section III Type			500		500
MINK TOTAL American Legend	0	2300	1700	0	4000

MINK	DECEMBER	MARCH	MAY-JUNE		TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	1000	5450	4550	0	11000

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FOX Saga Furs®					(thousands)
Blue fox	200	470	350	300	1320
Blue Shadow fox	20	50	30	30	130
Silver fox	10	100	65	65	240
Blue Frost fox	40	80	60	60	240
Shadow Blue Frost fox	1	14		7	22
Arctic Marble Frost fox	1	18		6	25
Golden Island fox	2	22		8	32
Fawn Light fox	1	10		4	15
Various Mutation foxes		6		4	10
Gold fox, Gold Cross fox	1	17		6	24
Various Silver foxes		8		4	12
FOX TOTAL	276	795	505	494	2070

OTHER Saga Furs®					(thousands)
	DECEMBER	MARCH	MAY-JUNE	SEPTEMBER	TOTAL
Finnraccoon	15	35	25	20	95
White Finnraccoon	3	6		4	13
Arctic Finnraccoon	1	1			2
Karakul	300	50			350
Chinchilla/Rex, dressed	2	2	2	2	8
OTHER TOTAL	321	94	27	26	468

WILD FUR Fur Harvesters					(thousands)
		MARCH	MAY-JUNE		TOTAL
Beaver		65	60		125
Mink		20	12		32
Sable		80	30		110
Otter		5	5		10
Fisher		7	6		13
Lynx		4	5		9
Lynx Cat		8	7		15
Muskrat		150	120		270
Raccoon		175	120		295
Red fox		10	8		18
Grey fox		4	2		6
Arctic fox		1	2		3
Cross fox		1	1		2
Coyote		10	15		25
Ranch fox, North-American		5	2		7
WILD FUR TOTAL	0	545	395	0	940

We reserve the right to change the quantities and dates.

For updates and final offering information, please check: www.sagafurs.com and click, AUCTIONS

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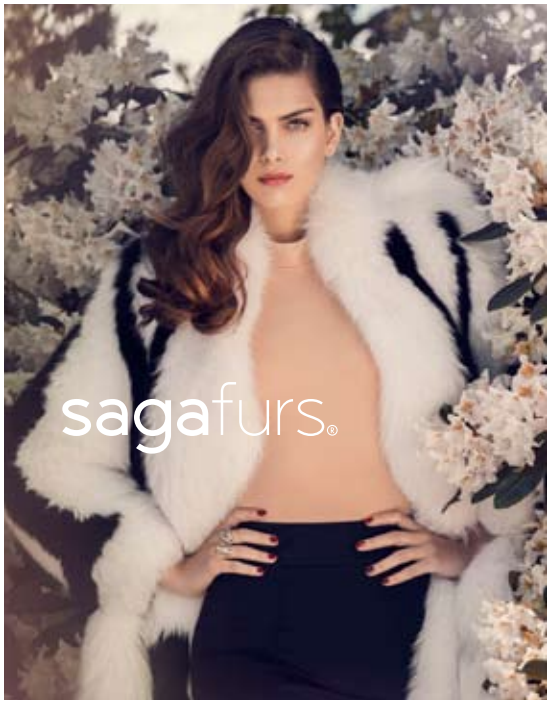

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Skinning Competitions

Mink - Philipe Giroux Award
1st - James Pecarskie
2nd - Eric Bolton
3rd - Bob Desbiens

Best Bundle - MNR Award
1st - Gerald Turenne
2nd - James Pecarskie
3rd - Mike Pecarskie

Fox - FHA Award
1st - Gerald Turenne
2nd - Mike Pecarskie
3rd - James Pecarskie

Wolf - Andy Tyson Award
1st - Réjean Desjardins
2nd - Gilbert Desjardins

Otter - Lyle Hurst Award
1st - Gerald Turenne
2nd - Terry Sands
3rd - James Pecarskie

Front Row (left to right):
Bradley Cole, Gerrald Turenne, James Pecarskie, Mike Pecarskie, Justine Desbiens, Mylene Desbiens, Bob Desbiens, Eric Bolton, Hunter Anderson, Michel Vézina, Michel Fortin & Marilyn MacKay.

Youth Muskrat - Don Ward Award
1st - Rebecca Guse
2nd - Justine Desbiens
3rd - Hunter Anderson

Guiding Hand
1st - Michel Lachapelle & Bob Desbiens
2nd -Kevin & Bradley Cole
3rd - Blake Maracle & Price Morris

Adult Muskrat - FHA Award
1st - James Pecarskie
2nd - Mike Pecarskie
3rd - Terry Sands

Fisher FHA Award
1st - Gerald Turenne
2nd - James Pecarskie
3rd - Jim Gibb

Lynx - Magnus Nyman Award
1st - Mike Pecarskie
2nd - Bob Desbiens
3rd - Arthur Dussault

Marten - Alex Shieff Award
1st - Gerald Turenne
2nd - Bob Desbiens
3rd - Yvon Arsenault

Beaver - FHA Award
1st - Gerald Turenne
2nd - Terry Sands
3rd - Mike Pecarskie

Kids Best Bundle - OCOA Award
1st - Hunter Anderson
2nd - Bradley Cole

FHA Coyote Award
1st - Kevin Cole
2nd - Terry Sands
3rd - Mike Pecarskie

Women's Beaver Skinning -No Time Limit - MNR Award
1st - Bec Tamlin
2nd - Mylene Desbien

Raccoon Skinning - No Time Limit - FHA Award
1st - James Pecarskie
2nd - Ryan Tamlin
3rd - Kevin Cole

Raccoon Skinning Timed- Lloyd Cook Award
1st - Ryan Tamlin

Raccoon Skinning - At home Elmer Trick Award
1st - Terry Sands
2nd - Mike Pecarskie
3rd - Kevin Cole

Best Handled Otter - FHA Award
1st - James Pecarskie
2nd - Mike Pecarskie
3rd - Bob Desbiens

Beaver Skinning Timed - FHA Award
1st - Gilbert Desjardins
2nd - Bob Desbiens
3rd - Michel Vézina

Beaver Skinning - No Time Limit - Con Ducharme Award
1st - Gilbert Desjardins
2nd - Mike Pecarskie
3rd - Ryan Tamlin

FHA Adult Trap Setting Contest
1st - Michel Vézina
2nd - Brian Mohn
3rd - Ryan Tamlin

Mark Downey Youth Trap Setting Contest
1st - Bradley Cole
2nd - Logan Frederick
3rd - Blake Maracle

Best Council Booth
1st - Cree Trapper's Association
2nd - Elliot Lake
3rd - Burks Falls

Back Row (left to right):
Kevin Cole, Yvon Arsenault, Biran Mohn, Bev Tamlin, Ryan Tamlin & Blake Maracle.

FHA Northern Workshop in Ulukhaktok, NWT

by Andy Chartrand

Fur Harvesters Auction has always led the way in getting the trapper the best dollar for their furs. As part of the agreement between FHA and the NWT pelt preparation and fur handling workshops are essential to encourage the trapper to make a better final product. Although most trappers have a good handle on pelt preparation there is always a little trick here or there that could make a difference in the end result. I always said there is a 100 ways to skin an animal and if you had 100 trappers skinning the same animal in a room you could have 100 different styles to do it.

Having said that in March 2013 Francois Rossouw from the NWT Industry, Tourism & Investment department contacted FHA to have a demo on seal handling in Ulukhaktok NWT. This small hamlet nestled off the west coast of Victoria Island is home to about 500 residents. The workshop was organized by ENR Colin Okheena. When we arrived at the community centre to set up we were greeted by a group of ladies who were working on making traditional seal skin ceremonial shoes. Mary Kudlak's grandmother Helen Kalvac was the last known lady in the village to have made these traditional shoes. The intent of the workshop was to pass on this tradition to the younger generation. It was to say the least an interesting sight to see how these shoes were made traditionally. However more important is the fact that this tradition has been passed on to a younger generation who can continue to pass this on in the future.

Traditions that are part of one's heritage must be passed on. Like trappers we have to pass on our experiences and knowledge so that our younger generations can carry the fur to the shed in the future.

The seal pelt handling and grading demo was presented and with many in attendance we were able to show a few different ways to skin, pelt and market a seal skin hide. By the time our workshop was over a pair of traditional shoes were finished and we were given a small ceremonial dance that went with them. What a great way to finish off a workshop.

To cap off our trip to Ulukhaktok we were invited to the Helen Kalvac school to give a demo on trapping and the fur industry. There we met Peter Garrett (teacher) who introduced us to his students. We presented for about an hour about the trapping program in the NWT and where the furs went once they were skinned and dried.

I would like to thank Francois and Colin for inviting FHA to their Territory. I would also like to thank all the people that I met while in Ulukhaktok for their hospitality. I hope our trails will cross again.

Left to right: Mary Akoakchion,Kate Kanayole, Zakkery Manok Kudlak, Adam Kudlak.
Front left to right: Emily Kudlak, Mary Kudlak, Kendra Mona Kudlak
Picture on wall: Mary Kudlak's grandmother Helen Kalvac

Love - Pride - Peace of Mind

by Mark Downey

I have two sons and they are my greatest treasures, my eldest Brandon, and my youngest, Kurt. Raising them didn't come with a playbook and you just do what you think is best most times and try to keep calm when the train leaves the tracks.

During my life I have been very fortunate to have had a great mother that supported my wild ideas and the direction I chose to take my life. As well I had several great male role models that were all rough and tough older men that made me understand that the best way to influence someone is to lead by example.

The fur sales demands a lot from those working here and the winter leaves little time for anything else. I felt guilty years ago that I never had my sons in hockey as I had played at their age. The travel and time demands on hockey made it impossible for me to do! Since they were old enough to walk, I have hauled them to countless trap camps, hunt camps, and fishing trips, and did my best to show them what has been so important in my life.

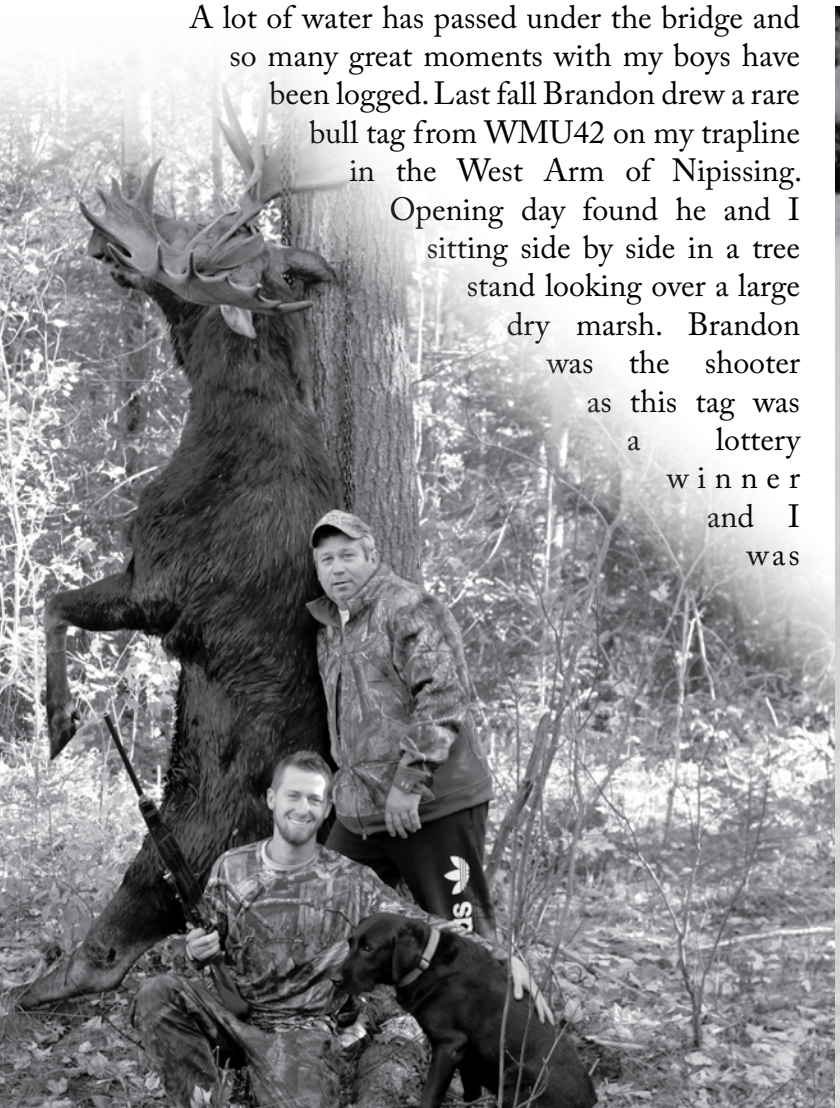
Brandon was 4 years old when I took him to the caribou hunting / arctic char fishing lodge I was managing in Ungava Bay Eastern Arctic for 4 months. He actually celebrated his 4th birthday there. He fit in quickly and within a short time was even speaking a little Inuit. He ate everything the young Inuits ate; beluga whale, seal, walrus, and tons of dry caribou meat. When the guides returned to the fish cleaning house at the end of each day, Brandon and a couple of Inuit kids his age could be found sitting on the fish table eating fresh char livers and eyes. I encouraged this as I have great admiration for the Ungava people. Their kids are so very healthy and happy. He did everything they did for the 4 months he was there and I knew he would have a long and deep commitment to like the outdoors.

Brandon was in grade 5 or 6, and in the fall the public school teachers went on strike. I was running full tilt trapping and I decided to take Brandon and his buddy Kevin Loy to the camp rather than stay home and play video games for however long the teachers would be out.

Kevin's Dad was good with the idea and off we went. I gave them a canoe and two milk crates of 1 1/2 long springs and helped them set the marsh out in front of my camp. Their job was to run those traps each day, and to skin and stretch the rats. Other jobs included doing the dishes and keeping the camp clean. All money for the muskrats was theirs to split. They worked like a real team and my camp had never been so clean. They caught alot of rats and come sale time they split a few hundred dollars. Both had rosy cheeks every day rather than blurry eyes compared to the countless other kids that had likely sat home and watched tv.

When he was 13 years old, I left him and his 7 year old brother home alone one January day. I had to be away all day and be home around dinner. It was a cold and stormy day and roads were bad which made me late getting home. As I came into our small town, I quickly realized the hydro was out as no lights were shining through the windows as I drove up our country road. I began to worry as to how long the power had been out as my house was oil heated at the time. As I pulled into the driveway, some lights were on in the lower level of our house and smoke was coming from out of the chimney. I ran in and found Brandon and Kurt on the couch watching a movie and eating Kraft dinner. The small wood stove in the basement, which I never used, was snapping hot. You guys ok, I asked. They said "ya, we took the trap camp generator and hooked it up, ok dad?" I thought about that moment and realized our house was the only one that was lit up and those responsible were 13 and 7 years of age.

A lot of water has passed under the bridge and so many great moments with my boys have been logged. Last fall Brandon drew a rare bull tag from WMU42 on my trapline in the West Arm of Nipissing. Opening day found he and I sitting side by side in a tree stand looking over a large dry marsh. Brandon was the shooter as this tag was a lottery winner and I was the caller. In time a nice bull appears across the marsh and proceeds our way stopping to smash and trash a few trees along the way. At 20 yards with my arm around him, Brandon drops the bull in his tracks and brought tears to my eyes. Twenty plus years of such adventures with Brandon.



My youngest Kurt has a fire in him for the outdoors seldom witnessed. His passion for hunting, trapping and fishing is rare and we have shared hundreds of moments together that most people cannot comprehend.

When Kurt was 6 years old he wanted to catch a fox he had seen in our back yard. I gave him a dozen snares in his Christmas stocking and boxing day he waded into the bush with 6 snares and a beaver carcass as big as him. Three days later he races through the house covered in snow carrying a big male red fox. Six years old and did it all alone, it still has me stunned. I had it tanned and it hangs in his room.

At 10 years old he and Carl Monk, a retired CO and my trapping partner at the time, were in a canoe checking rat traps in the marsh in front of my camp. I was cooking dinner and was enjoying a drink on the deck when I heard geese. I watched a small flock fly their way. Once they were directly overhead a shot echoed across the marsh and I watched the leading bird fall and the water burst from impact. Seconds later, another shot and another bird falls from the sky. I was surprised as I didn't think Carl had taken his shotgun to check those few muskrat traps.

A short time later the two of them came through the door, Kurt carrying a pair of geese. Carl looked at me shaking his head saying; you won't believe this. Kurt shot two geese with that old Iver Johnson single shot .410 within seconds of each other. Kurt and Carl were inseparable after that day as Kurt has logged hundreds of hours in the truck with Carl on the trapline.

Another time when Kurt was in grade 9 he was on the football team and only had one weekend to hunt deer with a rifle. I made arrangements with Don Rumford to hunt his property on a Saturday morning before Kurt's afternoon football game. Kurt and I went to separate tree stands and as noon approached, I messaged him to meet me out on the trail. Upon meeting up with him, I could tell he was upset. Seems the chair he was sitting on was rusty and it made a loud squeak spooking the buck he was lining up on. I told him to shake it off and focus on his afternoon football game. Kurt and his team ended up wining that game and were crowned the Regional Champions. Sunday morning before first light, found Kurt, Don Rumford and I back in the deer woods, in separate stands once again. A few hours passed and as I'm having a coffee, a shot came from the direction of Kurt's stand, and startled me making me spill my coffee. A few moments passed and I got a text message from Kurt saying that he had just shot that same buck he had missed the day before and that it had ran over the ridge. I messaged him back telling him to wait 30 minutes and I would come help him find it. I had no sooner hit the send button and I got a reply. No need Dad, its a 10 point buck and I'm sitting on him. Again, tears came to my eyes; you cannot buy such moments.

Well Kurt is now 19 years old and starts Forestry School at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Lindsay in January 2014, the same college I graduated from in 1985. This past spring and summer Kurt worked for a local arborist company and in mid August he informed me that he was quitting. I asked him why the hell would you do that? He replied: "Well Dad, in September we are going north for our 2 week archery moose hunt and I am moving into the trap camp when I get back in October and I am going to trap until Christmas. I though for a moment before replying. When will be the next time he will have that opportunity to live alone at the trap camp for three months, and the fur he catches will go towards his college.

So I smiled and the deal was done, with only one rule, he must stay in touch and let me know that he is ok. Cell service is sketchy but a few locations you can get service. I would go on weekends and take all his pelts home and put them in the freezer for later put up.

So around mid week of opening of trapping season I was awakened by my cell phone at 10:45 p.m. It was Kurt letting me know he is ok. I could not make him out well as there was a loud roaring in the background. I asked him what the noise was, suddenly the noise stops. Sorry Dad, it was the outboard, I'm out on Nipissing checking traps. He had gotten 12 rats, 4 beaver and an otter so far. I told him to get the hell to camp it was 11:00 p.m. He laughed and said, ok Dad, all is great and don't worry, call ya tomorrow. Well I did worry as did my mom for 40 years of me doing the same thing.

Brandon spent 2 weeks trapping with Kurt, and I hooked up on weekends. We are now just putting up his fur and he is around 50 beavers, 20 otter, 100+ rats, 6 fox and a couple dozen fisher and marten.

In time we all get to a point that hockey, baseball, soccer and such are beyond our capabilities. However, I'm sure that both my boys will be fishing, hunting and trapping in to their old age and be masters of the game.

I love my sons, I'm proud of my sons and I have peace of mind. Knowing they are independent, self reliant, and confident in the ways of the outdoors and can look after themselves in a manner very few human beings can.

A plaque hangs on the door to my gun room in our home.

A son's Prayer
"Dear God make me the kind of man my Daddy is"

A father's Prayer
"Dear God make me the kind of man my son thinks I am"

Revenue Participation Certificates (RPC)

We have had many inquires this season from our large increase in new shippers about our Revenue Participation Certificates (RPC) program. The following information should help clarify what RPCs are all about.

Fur Harvesters Auction Inc. is a shipper owned international fur marketing company that shares its success with its shippers. When our company makes an operating surplus we share the result with our loyal shippers. At the end of each selling season the board of directors review the audited results and decide with the input of the CEO whether we will issue RPCs and/or interest on outstanding RPCs. This meeting occurs in late October or early November. Each shipper's RPC is based on the amount of fur sold in the previous selling season. RPCs are issued to all frontline producers that pay full commission.

The RPCs are presented to shippers as a rebate on the commission each shipper paid the previous selling season. For example, this year we have issued RPCs in the amount of 5%, thus putting the commission of said season at 6%. On years of profit, we also issue interest payments to all shippers who have left these RPCs invested in the company. This year we will be issuing a 30% interest payment. So if a trapper has $1000 in RPCs, he or she will be getting a cheque in the amount of $300.

RPCs do not expire and are not transferable. They will remain on your account until they are redeemed by the shipper, or paid out by the company. If you wish to redeem your RPCs, you must request it by letter and include the original certificate. If you have lost or misplaced a certificate, you will have to fill out and sign a form in order to redeem them.

RPCs are paid out once per year, at our fiscal year end (August/September). In order to be paid out at this time, you must have your request submitted to FHA before January 1st of that year.

If you have any more questions regarding our RPC program, do not hesitate to call us at (705) 495-4688.

Over the past two consecutive years, FHA has paid 50% interest on all RPC holdings. Ask yourself, how many companies do this? These benefits to producers are truly unprecedented in the fur business. Spread the word, Fur Harvesters Auction Inc, A WISE INVESTEMENT!

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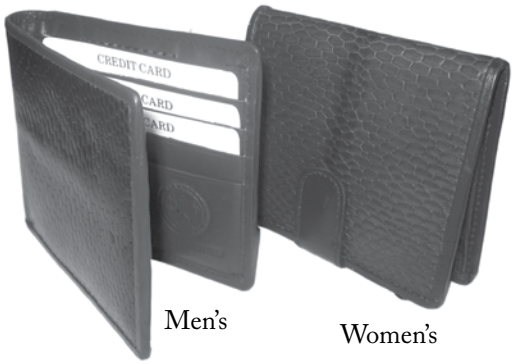

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Admission
$6.00 per person - 16 years old and under are free
(Admission covers both days and Friday's night's entertainment)

Trapping, Fur Handling and Fur Grading Demonstrations both Friday and Saturday, ALL DAY!

Convention Schedule

Thursday, April 10th, 2014

5:00 pm	Booth set-up / Trapper's lounge opens

Friday, April 11th, 2014

9:00 am	Registration begins.Various demonstrations and contests held throughout the day!
4:00 pm	Warehouse closes
7-8:00 pm	Cocktail hour
8:00 pm	Fur fashion show
9:00 pm	Dance
10:30 pm	Live auction

Saturday, April 12th, 2014

7-9:00 am	Trapper's breakfast
9:00 am	Warehouse opens. Various demonstrations and contests held throughout the day!
9:30 am	CEO's welcome (auction room) FHA's Annual General Meeting
11:00 am	Regional Meeting - Zone 4B (auction room)
4:00 pm	Warehouse closes
6:00 pm	Cocktail hour
6:30 pm	Dinner here at the convention
7:30 pm	Guest speaker
7:45 pm	Entertainment
8:15 pm	Awards presentation
9:00 pm	Dance
11:00 pm	FHA raffle draw

Sunday, April 13th, 2014

9:00 am to 12:00pm	Booth Removal

IMPORTANT TIPS WHEN SHIPPING FUR!

Pre-printed Receipts
This year, many FHA shippers will receive a pre-printed receipt with their fall mailing. The receipt will have the same information that your pre-printed shipping tag has on it. Name, address, account number and in Ontario, trapping license number. All you need to do is fill in your quantities of your different species and deliver it with your fur to your local pickup location. The driver or authorized receiving agent will sign it and give you back a copy, indicating that he has received your shipment. As usual, your counts will be verified once the shipment arrives at our receiving warehouse. The pre-printed receipts will increase accuracy, and speed up the whole shipping process.

Identifying Your Fur Shipment
Clearly identify your shipment both inside and out with name, address, licence number, postal code and telephone number. If more than one (1) bag is shipped at the same time, mark bags "1 of 5", "2 of 5", etc.

Shipping more than one bag
If you have more than one bag, fill in one (1) shipping tag for each bag. The quantities written on the tag should reflect the quantities of pelts **in each bag.**

Please ensure that your beaver pelts are **placed flat** in the bag, fur to fur, leather to leather. Try to keep beaver pelts of the same size together. Also ensure that pelts are free of nails or staples.

Your bag should be tied with string. Avoid using staples or wire.

Castoreum should be dried and packaged in a paper bag or cardboard box, **never** in plastic bags or plastic containers.

Shipping bags and tags are supplied by FHA free of charge to FHA shippers and are available at pick-up points. You can also contact your local agent or FHA head office in North Bay.

If fur is being sold under a **special account**, remember to write the account no. on the outside of the shipment and on the shipping cards as well (ie. trapper education).

Any notes, direct deposit applications, etc. enclosed with the shipment should be placed in a small plastic bag and secured to one of the pelts.

For special instructions for processing your fur cheque (ie. if you will be picking it up, etc.) please inform us for each sale (instructions will not be carried forward from one sale to the next.)

If you would like to receive our **magazine** in a different language (french or english), please advise us.

For **advances**, clearly mark an "X" in the box on the back of your shipping card.

We only have a market for red squirrels. We do not accept black squirrels, grey squirrels, flying squirrels or fox squirrels. We do not accept rabbit fur, bear gall bladders, teeth or claws detached from the bear hide.

Bear pelts from any jurisdiction must be complete (head and claws attached to the hide) in order to be sold in Ontario.

ONTARIO SHIPPERS
Do not forget to write your 10 digit trapper licence number: ex. NB12345678. Please write your 9 digit Hunters Outdoor Card number for skunk, raccoon, fox, coyote or wolf if taken under that licence (ie. 708158 **123456789**).

Out-of-province shippers, please ensure that fur shipped directly to Ontario is accompanied by an export permit or contact your local agent.

USA SHIPPERS
Please keep CITES species (Otter, Bobcat and Lynx) in a separate bag. All pelts must be correctly tagged with the CITES tag through the pelt and properly sealed. Please inform your agent of ALL CITES ARTICLES when shipping. Packaging them separately from your other goods will make it much easier. Improperly tagged pelts or untagged pelts will be immediately returned to the shipper, or may be subject to seizure.

THE TRAPPER

Re-printed from the Canadian Trapper publication December 1976

When your ears feel the nip
Of the frost in the air
And the mercury's way below
The sharp crack of the trapper's whip
And the dog team's rarin' to go.

From November through the winter
Till the early spring in May
A trapper has his hardships
Each and every day.

He travels through rain and snow
O'er lakes valley and hills
By canoe, snowshoe and dog team
Through a wilderness white and still.

The signs of game are plenty
Of Fisher, Otter and Mink
Also tracks, of Moose and Wolves are seen
And the odd one of the Lynx.

The Beaver now are nestled
In their house beneath the snow
And the trapper sets his traps for them
When the mercury's way below.

He sets his traps to catch them
These creatures of the wild,
With caution and care he makes his sets
And travels mile after mile after mile.

At last he is rewarded
With pelts, he's handled with care
For the toil and rewards of the trapper
Are his alone to share.

Frank Legace
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BEAVER JERKY

submitted by Tim Bennett of L'ause, MI

Slice fresh caught beaver meat into 1/4 inch thick stripes.

In a sauce pan, mix the following ingredients:

- 2 table spoons of canning salt
- 1/2 tea spoon of pepper
- 1/4 tea spoon of cayenne pepper
- 1 tea spoon of garlic powder
- 1 table spoon of brown sugar

Don't be afraid to vary the quantiy of spices depending on taste. This recipe also works for venison and geese.

Mix ingredients into meat. Lie meat flat in pan and sprinkle lemon juice on meat between layers. Leave in fridge for 24-48 hours.

Place in smoker on low heat for 2-3 hours.

Enjoy!

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. FHA's sales commission is 11%.

2. There are shipping costs for using FHA's pickup services and sending fur through our agents. Please check your appropriate schedule for the applicable amounts.

3. FHA will sell your pelts at its discretion. As always, FHA will continue to protect your interest and obtain the best prices possible for your fur.

4. If not previously paid, royalties will be deducted and remitted to the province in question, when applicable.

5. Your fur shipment is fully insured by FHA when your agent issues you a receipt. Your shipment is also insured if you ship directly to FHA by a common registered carrier. (Canada ONLY - U.S. shippers must send through FHA agent. See U.S. Shipping Info)

6. FHA's sales are conducted in U.S. dollars. If you are a Canadian shipper, your proceeds will be converted and paid to you in Canadian funds.

7. No checks will be issued for accounts with proceeds of $5.00 or less. These proceeds will be kept in your account and forwarded to future sales.

8. Trappers with inactive accounts (accounts with fur but no sales) will not receive a statement in the mail, except after FHA's final sale of the season. Trappers will still be able to view these accounts on-line.

9. Drumming charges will be deducted for all long hair pelts that are drummed. Drumming cleans and improves the appearance of the long haired pelts and increases their value.

10. A shrinkage allowance is calculated on all castoreum shipments. The amount of this allowance is at FHA's discretion.

11. Unsold goods are not returnable. They will be re-offered on subsequent sales until sold or declared to be of "no value" in the case of poor quality skins with no commercial value.

12. Skins that are deemed to have no commercial value will be turned over to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources for disposal. These skins will appear on printout as "no value".

In Memorium

Churchill "Juney" Guye
1934 - 2013

On February 25,2013 Churchill (JUNEY) Guye passed away at Roseway Hospital after battling cancer, with his family by his side.

Juney was an avid hunter and trapper all his life. His pride and joy his father's camp

At Lake George (HUNTERS LODGE) was only second to his family.

Earlier in life he trapped with his long time friend Seldon Bruce and his latter years with his brother George(Mick) Guye and son-in-law Kenny Gregory.

Juney instilled the love and respect of hunting, trapping, fishing and the great outdoors to family and friends.

Juney will be greatly missed but not forgotten by all who knew and loved him.

Ray Gardner
1937 - 2013

Ray was born in Parry Sound, ON. He lived with his parents and four siblings in Pointe au Baril and married and raised three children there also.

He started trapping and hunting with his father and three brothers and continued until 2010. He was a true outdoors man and took great pride in trapping and received several certificates for his fur handling skills from the Fur Harvesters Auction.

When the leghold trap became an issue that animals suffered, ray and Robert Emery took a TV reporter on the trapline. They checked traps that were set under the ice and demonstrated that they only used conibear traps which was a humane way of harvesting fur bearing animals.

He enjoyed staying at his camp with his wife Mona (predeceased February 28th, 2003) and their grandchildren. Ray will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Elmer McCorrister
1935 - 2013

Elmer, formerly of Birch River, passed away on July 29, 2013 at the age of 78 years. A memorial service was held at Turtle Mountain Métis Centre on September 21. Elmer is survived by his wife Jeanette and his children: daughters Colette (Brad) Tweed, Debra (Jim) Cook, Loretta (Donnivan) Cournoyer and sons Earl (Dolores) and Danny (Nicole). Numerous nephews and nieces, grandchildren and great grandchildren also remember him.

Elmer was a member of Manitoba Trappers Association and served a term on the board as director at large. He was an agent for Fur Harvesters Auction and was well known for his pelting and boarding abilities, particularly beaver.

Elmer and Jeanette took part in the Professional Trappers Seminar in Thompson in 2002, and attended the Thompson Fur Table for many years. He also loved music, particularly fiddle playing, and he and Jeanette attended many events at local coffee houses.

Elmer had many jobs in his life, but he particularly loved his trapping and guiding.

Les Watmough
1930 - 2013

Les began shipping to Fur Harvesters Auction in the early 1990's and even before he became a receiving agent, Les would convince his fellow trappers to ship their catch along with his shipment. We then knew that Les would be an excellent receiving agent.

Les had a big heart and he always gave his trappers excellent service. It was a pleasure to work with Les and he will be dearly missed.

Les is survived by his wife of 52 years Dianne and his four children, Alice, Marilynn, Katherine, and Albert. An open house in honour of Les was hel at the Christ Lutheran Church.

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FHA's 2013 Annual Convention

Bradley & Kevin Cole preparing for a skinning competition.

Roger Redner providing his excellent knife sharpening services.

Bob Desbiens giving a skinning demo to a packed room.

Gilbert Desjardins doing an immaculate job on his beaver.

Guy Sauvageau promoting one of the best traps on the market.

George Thompson's beaver snaring demo, a great success.

FHA's receiving department in full swing.

Bob Desbiens passes on his skinning skills to his daughter Justine.

Bev & Ryan Tamlin preparing skins for competition.

Future trapper enjoying one of many conventions to come.

Thank you to all who participated in last year's convention, we look forward to seeing you again on April 12 &13, 2014!

Michel Vézina skins a beaver during a timed competition.

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January 19th, 2014	**March 13th-14th, 2014
April 13th, 2014	**June 4th-5th, 2014
May 25th, 2014	*June 21st, 2014

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***Sales will be held in North Bay, Canada. Selected goods.**

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