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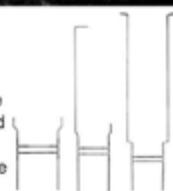
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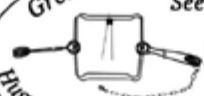
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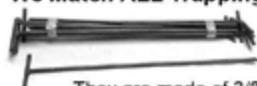
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Trapping season will be well underway for many by the time they receive this issue.

Remember to be safe, have fun, and take a camera (or a cell phone with a camera) and take pictures. Not only is this a perfect way to immortalize or at least remember the 2019-2020 trapping season, but it also allows you to enter the Photo Contest at the 2020 Rendezvous. Regardless of what type of camera is used, just make sure that your pictures are of the highest quality possible. When composing your images, remember to show zero to little blood, have the animal and people fully visible in the frame (no one likes to see an animal or person with limbs out of frame) and that the animals were treated humanely.

Take some shots with the camera/phone horizontal (landscape) and then some with it vertical (portrait). Look for distracting objects like tree limbs or wires growing out of the subject's head and body and remember to shoot from multiple angles (high, low, from the left,

then from the right, etc.)

While I'm on the subject of taking trapline pictures, let me also put out this reminder - **just because you can, doesn't mean you should**. Whilst there is a lot of truth to this statement, it especially rings true when it comes to posting images to social media. It's pretty safe to say that images posted to social media have done more to hurt trapping than they have to promote it.

By no means, does this mean I don't feel individuals shouldn't take and post pictures. Rather, I'm advocating to post images that are either trapping positive or at least trapping neutral. Before posting any images, think about how anyone opposed to trapping may think about them.

Thinking of images I've seen, ask yourself if the image be viewed as if the animal was in distress. Does it clearly show the trap on the animal and if so, does it show an injury? Is there blood in the image and if so, is there a lot of it?

There are a lot of images we see that as trappers, we know the truth about. But for those who don't know, ask what stories will they make up to go with the image?

While many of us may enjoy seeing trapping images, I recommend staying away from posting trophy shots, large accumulations of animals, and skinning at a minimum. And don't think that just because you're posting in a "private" group that the image is safe.

There are quite a few programs these days that allow anyone to save what is being displayed on their phone or computer screen and used elsewhere. Which reminds me, don't think that posting a video is any safer either, it isn't. In fact, one of the new operating systems has a built in feature that allows you to record video as you're watching!

When it comes to social media, the old adage that *an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure* still rings true. Regardless if you're posting to Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Pinterest, Tumblr, Google+, Reddit, or any other social media site just think about how the image may be used to help or hurt trapping.



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To THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on putting out such a great magazine. I feel FTA has a tremendous stable of writers and contributors that give it a nice consistency throughout the year. Your efforts on coordinating all this material is appreciated. I know it's a lot of work.

I currently live in Pennsylvania, but for 35 years was a Trapper Ed instructor in New York state. And NY does have a trapping component included in their Hunter Ed program. It's only about 30 minutes, unless the instructor wants to devote more time to it, but it is in the syllabus. I was asked on several occasions by different instructors to give a trapping overview to their classes. The classes were always very attentive, and it was a good way to make them aware of trappers possibly being in the same areas they were hunting.

I can also relate to your mention of people concerned their children would get caught in traps. I remember one landowner in particular where I asked

permission to trap his pond for muskrats. Even though I said I wouldn't be trapping until late November/early December, and there might even be ice by that time, he was afraid that his grandkids might get caught, so I didn't get permission. The next August I got a call from him asking me to come trap the 'rats as soon as possible because while he was mowing around the pond on his tractor one of the wheels went through a tunnel the muskrats had burrowed up into the bank and he almost went over with the tractor on top of him. Whenever people have a conflict with animals, they want them out, now! Anyway, I told him I would be glad to do it when the season opened if he was willing to wait. Otherwise he'd have to pay a nuisance trapper to take them out. He waited and I wound up trapping there many years and no adverse incidents that he was initially concerned about.

Yours in trapping,
Jerry L., PA.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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This time of year has the cottonwoods in my area dancing with new color; the bright yellow leaves begin to rustle. The Cheyenne called the cottonwood "Talking Trees," and those trees are certainly chatting now. The doves are flocked in preparation for their migration, and the mornings remind me that I will be needing a jacket to go out. We are on the cusp, or the early stages, of the fur harvest. Most of the northern tier states will be busy as this magazine arrives; by now, fur sheds are alive, traps are in the field, and wrists and backs are sore from tugging fur and pushing a fleshing beam. Our time has come.

The people who would put an end to trapping are also passion-

ate, motivated, and persistent. They operate in the same sense of personal dedication as we do. They believe in their cause much like we believe in ours ... much like a Baptist, or Methodist, or Catholic does; or like the coach of a competitive team, or a family believes in their family mission. They do not rest as a result; we cannot rest either.

Those who believe in animal rights to an excess, those who believe that no animal should die by human hands, evolve. When they try the courts, it will work for a while, and then diminish. They adapt and go to the Ballot Initiative process, until it diminishes. They use friendly senators to legislate their agenda. They lean on DNR directors. Today, the new target in

several western states is to do away with Game Commissions entirely; or at least remove the folks who traditionally run those programs. If that fails, they find ways to circumvent the science and data they are hired to produce.

As we speak, Colorado, Connecticut, New Mexico, California, and several others are seeing direct, persistent action to end trapping as we know it. California has perhaps been the most successful and touts itself as the model for others. What might best be described as the strategy

would be "Political maneuvering." Science, data, and the fact that traditional harvest management has obviously successfully produced abundant wildlife are not part of the discussion.

We have, I'm sorry to say, multiple examples, but New Mexico is maybe more obvious than some. The process allows for the rules of harvest of wildlife to be reviewed on a regular schedule. Since trapping regulations are up for discussion in New Mexico this year, the animal rights folks in New Mexico are insisting that there be no trapping of Mountain Lion. (There are more anti trapping initiatives, but let's focus on this one for a moment.) As is the case with public processes, there were several meetings statewide to allow for public input. In those meetings, trappers pointed out that the lion population is scientifically proven as stable or increasing; that the lion population is not at risk; that incidents of livestock damage, and human risk, will surely increase if populations are not managed.

The folks holding the meetings for the Fish & Wildlife are put into a very tough position. Their job is to explain the intent of such a restriction, and to allow for public input ... to listen and answer questions. The one question trappers asked over and over was, "What data, what science supports the stopping of the trapping of lion in New Mexico?" And of course, the answer, carefully worded, has to be that there is no science to support ending lion trapping in New Mexico. It is a tough spot for people who spent their careers gathering data and collecting facts. But the office of the Game and Fish is no longer driven by data and science. If the anti harvest crowd succeeds, data will not be needed; just political maneuvering.

So, what do we do? We respond by contacting senators, fish

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and wildlife commissions, governors ... whoever is the target and encourage them to consider fact and science. We have to help by reacting, and maybe even "hold their feet to the fire" on the issues, but "fire" is complicated.

To fight a fire, fire is sometimes used, but more often, water is a better choice. An even better choice is to practice future fire abatement and prevention. How do we do this?

I believe that the animal rights folks succeed most often because the public, being far divorced from the land, from agriculture, and from wildlife in general, simply either doesn't know or care that science is being ignored. The animal rights folks have succeeded in telling the story. I would guess that many Americans would put the word "trap" in the same list as the word "cruel" if asked. Science, fact, data, logic ... those don't matter if the public whim can be captured and focused for a particular mission.

It is time.

So once again, I return to the mantra: we must get out in front of this concerted effort to convince people that management is evil; that trapping and hunting are cold, malevolent acts; that if we care about animals, we must end these endeavors. If trappers accomplish nothing else in the next few years, I will say that being dedicated to this mission, telling our story, is "job one."

This will take leadership. It will take money. It will take sacrifice. And it will require the help of every person in the country who values the North American Model for Wildlife Management.

Complacency now will certainly result in this outcome: Our grandchildren will not be

allowed to hunt, fish, and trap. They will not participate in the extremely successful methods of wildlife management that we have all come to love and appreciate.

If this were compared to the onset of the American Revolution, the old North Church Tower would not have one lamp in the tower, or two ... it would be wreathed in lamps. They anti's are coming, and from all sides.

Think of this as you are working the fleshing beam. Think of it as you drive between sets. And to misquote Kennedy, don't ask what the trapping associations can do for you ... ask what you can do for the associations ... for us all.

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I do want to make an announcement about a recent development in the FTA—we have contracted with a "Customer Service Representative" Becky Peters. Becky is thorough, friendly, and dedicated to the cause, and will be doing double duty as her office of FTA Secretary will begin on January 1, 2020. Our plan is to have phone, mail, and email available to answer questions about FTA, to direct inquiries to the proper place, help folks with quick, friendly customer service. Please welcome her aboard!



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Wow, each year summer seems to fly by quicker and quicker. By the time you read this report, most of us will be either trapping or planning the line for the new season. It's simply our time of year, and I for one can't wait to get into it. During the season, there's always the not enough time factor, and a lot of us get caught up in the matters at hand. It's easy to do earlier than normal mornings, later nights in the fur shed. I always say that trappers are the only group that the harder we work, the more work we make for ourselves. With all of this going on, it's easy to get disconnected with everything else happening around us. I just want to remind everyone to stay alert to anything that may be stirring in your state, and let's not let all national awareness off the table until spring. If you hear of any political rumblings regarding trapping in your state, make sure you connect with us immediately.

I should also mention that while you're out there on the trapline, make sure you take a camera with you. Everyone always mentions taking a kid with you, I say take both the kid and the camera. For most of you, times are changing, and you already have a camera in the phone that is in your pocket. For the rest, just carry a small camera with you to make sure you get some tasteful shots to use in the FTA Photo contest next year at the convention. It seems early to remind everyone, but if you don't get photos while you're out there during the season, you won't have

any to enter. I have to go back to the word "tasteful." For many of you, the photos you take may also end up on social media. My simple advice is to think before you post. Social media is a very powerful tool used by millions, that can be our best friend or worst enemy. Used as a tool to promote and distribute facts, there is no way to reach more people faster. This also works against us in the same fashion.

I also want to give a shout out to all of the Chapters and Affiliates that we have across the country. This fall, I have seen lots of pictures of meets, mini rendezvous, etc. It's great to see thousands of trappers gathering with one solid principal in mind. It is very humbling to see so many volunteers giving their time, and at many times their own money

to all of these events. Many of these groups have found creative ways to support the FTA and our programs, grants, and other projects. We have some others working with creative ways to increase memberships. It's an awesome opportunity to get to work with all of the creative thinking throughout the country. Sometimes, this is a thankless job, but I just want to add a sincere thanks to all of you who work so hard across the country for the betterment of trapping. I know I'm biased, but there's not a better group of people anywhere. Have a great season!



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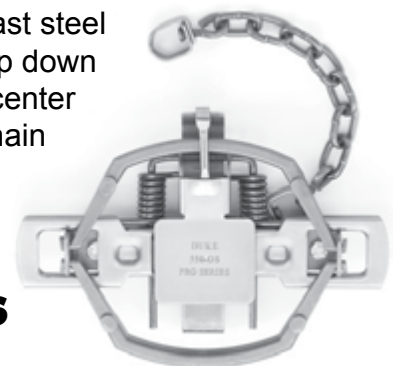
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Glen Ray Sterling of Hulett, Wyoming, March 3, 1942 - October 2, 2019

Glen Sterling, 77 of Hulett, Wyoming, was born on March 3, 1942 in Colorado Springs, Colorado to Joe and Dorothy (Austin) Sterling and he went home to be with his Lord, October 2, 2019 surrounded by his loving family.

Glen crammed many careers into his short life. He began bull riding while he was still in high school and rodeoed for 10 years. In 1970, he settled down in Schuyler, Nebraska where he began trapping and making trophy saddles. He also invented the Sterling Trap while living in Nebraska and made and sold thousands over the years. In 1986, he moved to South Dakota and began his career with the South Dakota Game and Fish Department where he stayed for 30 years.

In 2003, he met and married the love of his life, Connie Erie. After his retirement from the South Dakota Game and Fish Department, they moved to Hulett, WY, where he continued his fur trapping and hunting. He also began building airplanes. He has built and sold twelve to this date. All are still in service today around the country, as well as in Africa where a doctor uses it to fly to his patients in remote areas.

Glen is survived by his wife, Connie; son, Glen Jr. "JR." and his wife Sissy from Huron, SD; daughter, Audra Jedlicka and her husband Dale from Schuyler, NE; and stepdaughter, Tara Burnham and her husband Gerald from Cedar Rapids, IA; grandchildren, Clint Jedlicka and Ashley (Jarett)



Andersen, Toby Sevyn, Brady (Karen) Andrews, Lacey (Dave) Rohe; great-grandchildren, Haley, Eli, Kasey, Maddie, Waylon, Halie, Dawson & Carson; and many numerous and wonderful nieces and nephews. Glen is preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Dorothy Sterling; sister, Ruth Noe from Weatherford, Texas; brothers, Duane Sterling from El Paso, Texas, and Larry Sterling from Hot Springs, Arkansas. Memorials have been established to benefit either the Hulett Senior Citizens Center or the Hulett Ambulance Service.

Our husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother will be greatly missed. The family wishes to give a special thank you to Lesa, Kim, and Heidi of Sharon's Home Health Care. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at the Greater Hulett Community Center in Hulett, Wyoming. Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts

& Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com.

The loss of anyone we care about can be a tough blow, but when we lose someone like Glen, the loss is marked far and wide. Finding the words to address that loss is a tough job. Men like Glen leave a legacy behind, both in in what they accomplished, but more important, who they are.

His quest for the best trap (meaning most reliable, practical, humane, efficient, and maintenance free) coupled with his lack of concern for cost or marketability, led him to the trap that defines high quality. And yes, you can buy cheaper, but you cannot buy better. Producing it free from issues like cost of production and price-point margins, he simply approached that the way he approached everything he did: he made it the best he could conceive and ignored all other input and complications.

For decades of my involvement with the Trapping BMPs project, trap characteristics and performance became a very focused study, and most of the innovations that proved to be humane, practical, and efficient in that 40-million-dollar project were already incorporated into the MJ 600, decades ahead of the BMP process.

It is one thing to create something of remarkable quality, but another thing altogether to produce an airplane, and to do it so well and with such confidence that you get in it and fly it all over the country; which he did. As testimony to his character, he was not the least bit arrogant about his work, but at the same time, he did not give a second thought to testing his work at 5,000 feet.

Traps and airplanes, of

course, were only a couple of the products Glen created. In all of his endeavors and careers, he simply excelled. Few coyote callers will ever compare to Glen's ability to not only coax in the wily livestock killing coyote, but to take that killer out at distances that will boggle most riflemen.

That was, in fact, not just how he made and did things, it was how he lived. Whether he was making a saddle or riding a bull or making a friend, his focus and his passion for the best produced only one kind of outcome: the best.

Men like Glen are so straightforward that it only takes a couple of minutes to know exactly where they stand. He didn't have a political bone in his body, and was not patient with anything but the plain and simple truth.

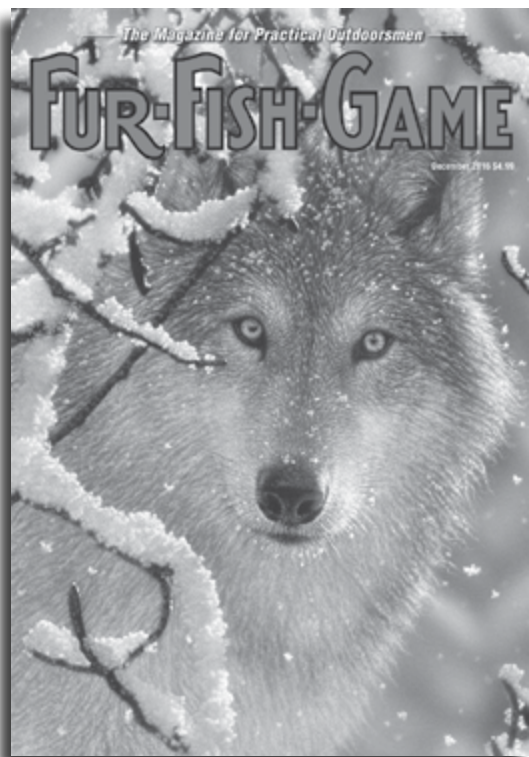
The fact that the FTA recognized Glen with the Hall of Fame plaque so recently has doubled in its meaning; so glad

Glen was with us to receive it.

Glen will clearly live on in the hearts and minds of us who knew him; and certainly, so in the artful way he created things like his traps. And his innovations will last far beyond us all. Glen's goal was never to be a person famous for inventing or creating something. He just wanted the best of himself. But the results have, and will, benefit us all for decades to come.

We will miss him deeply.

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TRAPPERS I HAVE KNOWN (PAST & PRESENT)

by Gary Jepson



ALBERT ROURA

I met Albert when he attended the Fur Taker Trappers College. Albert hails from Spain where he was born and raised and had been trapping for 23 years. He arrived at the in Indianapolis airport in Indiana and then proceeded to Tim Julien's house. They had already established a good friendship through e-mail correspondence. Albert spoke English, but it left something to be desired. As we got acquainted, I found out he had very little knowledge of foot traps and absolutely none about firearms. The socialistic regimes of some of the EU countries have not only disallowed guns but have kept the citizens ignorant concerning them. Based on the interview, Albert was placed into our class. Although he was very knowledgeable about most furbearers, especially canines, due to his lack of experience with foot traps, we spent extra time with him on set construction.

Albert was a very adept student. It did not take very long for



Albert with a wolf captured with a foot snare.

him to get the understanding of any ideas. After our lessons on set construction and discussion of traps, lure, etc., we went out to put in sets for real. As is normal at the college, we checked the sets we'd made the next day. Albert had the first set to have a catch, it was a 'coon.


I drew my .22 Ruger revolver to dispatch the 'coon and Albert ran for the pickup. Nobody under-

stood his action for doing so, but we waited for someone to go get him in case he wanted a picture with his catch. He came back but was very fearful. Later, he explained that he learned to speak English by watching old western movies and whenever they pulled a gun, somebody got shot. This shows how many who aren't exposed to guns, think they are only used to harm people and didn't realize they were used to dispatch animals.


The second time he came to the college, his wife Carmen came along. Albert was once again in our group. We took a little time to allow them both to shoot a few rounds and gain some knowledge on gun handling. As I said earlier, Albert was a very good student and asked some questions that no one else would have thought of. His first concern when using any trap was not the function of the trap but rather whether or not the trap was legal. He was so regulation conscious that it preceded all his other thoughts. His English had greatly improved, and he was much more relaxed about what he could or could not do. My assistant instructors and I were much better acquainted with him at this time.

As it was, he was the only one in our group that smoked cigarettes. Everyone started giving Albert grief about this. It was suggested that he should not be smoking around his equipment and surely not around his sets. Someone proposed that Copenhagen would be a good alternative to cigarettes while he was trapping. Prompted by this, Albert proceeded to take his first chew, but the results were not good. By the time he had spit it out, he was already feeling the effects. I don't think he repeated on that deal.


The first animal Albert caught, a red fox, was at age fourteen. He has since extensively trapped wolves, jackals, fox, mink, 'coon, and beaver. He has trapped in Spain, Portugal, France, Romania, Russia, Yugoslavia, South




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Albert and his wife Carmen.

Africa, Germany, Austria, and the United States. His trapping has been done for predation control and for scientific studies. Albert proclaims that he has had to pass up a lot of very nice animals strictly because it was not legal to trap for fur.

His favorite trapping is for wolves. One of his projects involved trapping wolves in Yugoslavia for radio collar research. His observation is that they have very nice fur. The traps he has access to in the EU countries are dog proof traps, foot snares, and the Collarum®. The dog proof traps of course are mainly for 'coon. The foot snares are a spring-loaded device with a base plate and pan that function very much like a foot trap except, instead of restraining the animal, they throw a snare around the animal's foot to do so. The Collarum® is a species specific, live capture device for canines. When triggered, the Collarum® throws a secure, non-choking loop over a canine's head and around the neck. Triggering the Collarum® requires a "bite and pull" response making it canine specific. The end of the trigger mechanism has a bait holder (bite-piece) mounted on it that when a proper food based bait is applied, the target canine will bite and pull, activating the trigger system and launching



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the cable loop over the animal's head with the result being similar to having a "dog on a leash."

In South Africa and the US of course, he used the same traps as everyone else does. Albert, while in the US, has paid a lot of attention to the function of trapper associations, namely the Fur Takers of America. He has worked very hard to start a similar organization in the EU countries.

He had gotten far enough to have a meeting with representatives from several European countries. Tim Julien and Alan Huot attended this meeting in an advisory position to help them get started. One of the goals of the association is to reinstate the use of foot traps and open the EU countries to fur trapping and private depredation control work. At this time, they have not accomplished their plans, but they seem to be making progress.

Raccoon and mink are not native to Europe but have been released from captivity so often that they are now very numerous. If fur harvesting was legal, they would be a very good fur resource and as a result solve a lot of depredation problems.

Among furbearer species, red fox and muskrat abound everywhere as well as wolves. The wolves are limited to continental Europe but are, and have been, a serious depredation problem on livestock and big game where they

occur. In the northern latitudes, sable, Siberian and Canadian lynx, and wolverine are also plentiful. There seems to be support for depredation work, but people do not understand fur harvest as being beneficial to the animals as well as to the people.

Albert does his trapping as a government employee and does a very good job. He recognizes that not being allowed to harvest fur is a waste of a valuable resource and damage control can be a great expense to the taxpayer. The ban on foot traps is a great hindrance to whomever is trying to take the animal. It would be the final goal of organized trappers in the EU countries to correct that situation. In countries where the mainstream citizenry has not been allowed to use wildlife, weapons, or traps for a very long time, this is quite a task. A lot of misinformation has to be overcome, and a lot of public reached out to, but if anyone can do this, it would be Albert and his associates.

Albert has overcome a number of obstacles including language barriers. Albert, I much appreciate working with you and knowing you. You have honed your trapping skills to a fine point as well as your ability to communicate with others, sometimes at a very high political level. Great job and keep going.



ONE MAN'S QUEST FOR 1,000 COYOTES: Pt. III

by Robert Waddell

I routinely have trappers ask how you decide where to trap in a faraway state and how do you do your scouting? Generally, I hear something word of mouth about a coyote population then I start looking into it. This is done in two ways.

Generally, my first step is to contact local Game Wardens in a county by phone, asking about the coyote numbers and how much local trapping activity there is. My goal is to learn if there are any heavy hitters working the area (trappers catching large

numbers) and how much aerial gunning (if any) Wildlife Services has done. Then I ask if there are any resident landowners suffering damage that the agent knows of that he can refer me to. I also ask if the state wildlife agency collects harvest information that is publicly available, I can review.

Next, I start looking at a state Gazette or Atlas looking for any National Forest, National Grasslands, or BLM land in the area. This public land always helps the first year in a new area until enough permissions are

acquired with private landowners. Most state wildlife agencies publish booklets showing private land open to sportsmen, these are utilized as well. I also use plat books that can be purchased at most county courthouses or Chamber of Commerce offices. These plat books show who owns each parcel of land in the county and generally list the phone numbers for these landowners if they reside in the county.

The most valuable tool for me the last few years is the OnX Hunt app. This is a subscription-based app, but it can be used on any smart phone, tablet, iPad, or computer. A Premium subscription, your choice of any single state, is \$29.99 a year or you can get the Elite, all 50 states, for \$99 for a year. This is a state or nationwide directory (based on choice of subscription) showing property boundaries, acreage, owner name and tax address, and your current location. You can add waypoints, mark locations, get weather forecasts, and much more. Also, maps can be downloaded to your device for areas without cellular service. Sometimes it may not be updated if a property has recently changed ownership, but that's true for plat books as well. I use this app in multiple states, and it is worth every penny it costs!

These plat books and the OnX Hunt app help me find ground without having to waste time with guided tours. I often run into situations with landowners where they forget to mention additional parcels that show up in the plat book or on the app. A quick phone call asking about it gains me

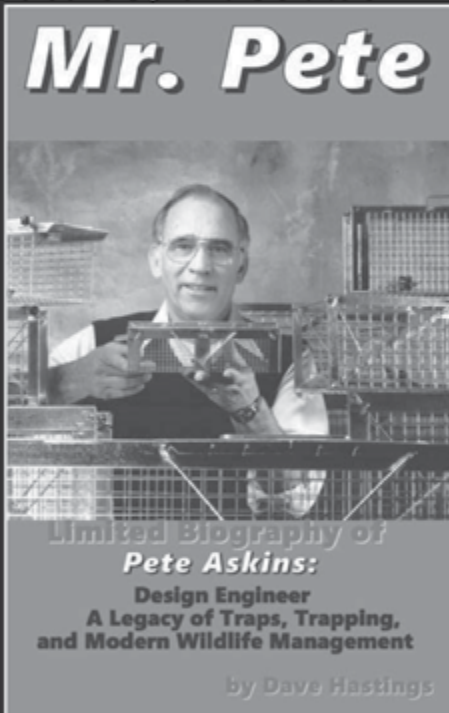
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access.

I want to discuss something no one talks about, yet we all know to be true. Physical conditioning for the trapline is the single most important thing a lot of trappers fail to be prepared for. You can't go from working at a computer terminal all day long to running up and down ditch banks 12-hours a day wearing hip boots or chest waders while carrying coon and beaver out without it taking a toll! Being physically prepared isn't something that can be achieved in a short amount of time. Generally, it is a lifestyle for the most successful trappers. Trappers that work physically demanding jobs year-round like concrete work, trimming trees, or working construction are generally conditioned to this type of hard physical activity. Being able to physically deal with this continuous level of activity is very important for a trapper's mental state as well.

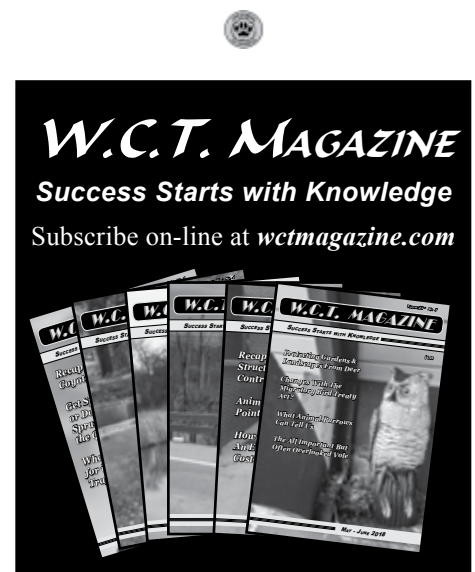
Keeping a positive attitude and not being worn out makes it so much easier for a trapper to stay motivated and to push themselves the extra distance needed. When you think you just can't go any more and want to quit, the mental drive to push yourself (being conditioned to it) to set just one more location is so important. These additional sets become what I consider exponential producers. I'm not talking about doing this just once in a while, this needs to be a mental effort that you practice daily! Don't worry about the load of fur in the back of the truck, you have all night to skin. When a trapper finds themselves procrastinating and putting off setting traps until tomorrow and calling it a day, I believe it is generally a sign of not being in good enough physical condition for the trapline.

I consulted with two Doctors and a Veterinarian who actively trap. In a nutshell, all three basically recommended the same thing. A healthy diet (stay away from sugar and fats) along with a

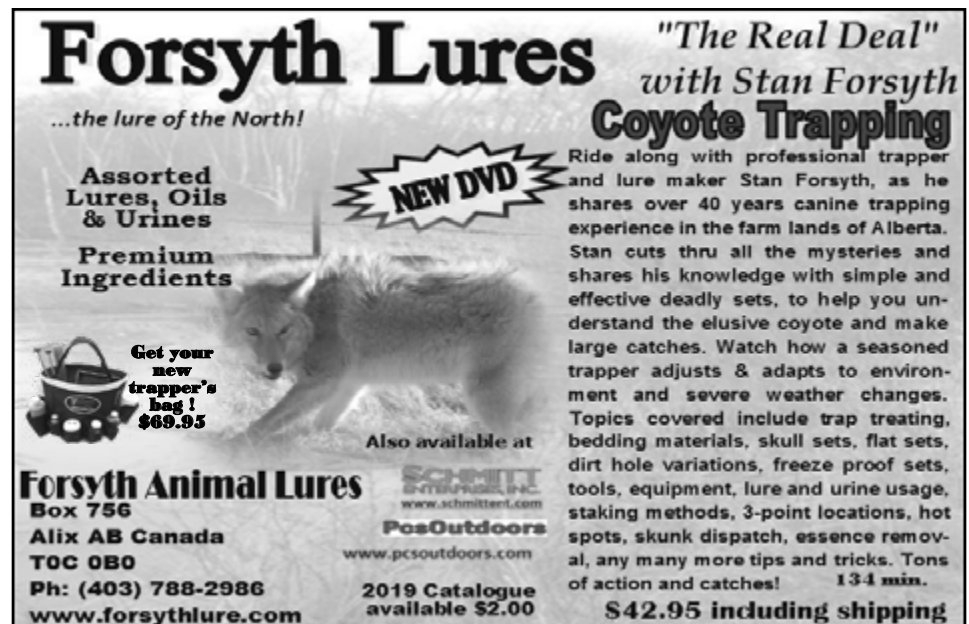
physical conditioning program that was started (and maintained) at least 4-8 weeks prior to trapping season to be the most beneficial. While workouts with weights in a gym do have some value, cardio workouts have greater value. Swinging a mall splitting firewood, walking and running up inclines, anything to get the heart rate up and keeping it up for an extended amount of time daily will increase a trapper's endurance and keep you in a more positive frame of mind.

Keep in mind that everyone has different goals and values concerning their trapping experience. Achieving your

personal goals is all that matters.



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TRAPPER'S GUIDES

by Darrell Medlock

Abraham Fur Co.

Since I sent in the article on *Trapper's Guide* by Abraham Fur Co. of St. Louis, I have found one more they put out. This is titled *Fur Facts for Trappers* and was printed in 1916. It is paper back, green in color, and has a picture of a bear on the front. It is 8 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches and has 32 pages.

The first 12 pages are a history of the company, one brother buying fur in Illinois and the other in Germany before he came over here before 1900. They joined in buying in Illinois before moving to St. Louis. It has several pictures of their fur handling rooms and office space. There are a couple of pages describing the steel trap, Stop Thief, and Tree Trap. It also describes deadfalls and snares and has a half page about the animal lure they sold. Twelve pages are devoted to methods for every furbearer found in North America. These are mostly very good sets that are easy to understand.

The center two pages have pictures of the Abraham Brothers



and other department heads in the company. It lists trapping season and cost of license for every state and Canadian province. It is a very good trapper's guide and contains a lot of history about the

fur trade. It is well worth the \$15 to \$20 a copy in good condition will cost.

Recently, a friend in Montana found another Abraham Fur Co. *Trapper's Guide*. While it's not exactly a trapper's guide, it does have a lot of useful information about how to handle fur.

It was published in 1920 and is 4 x 5 1/2 inches and has 32 pages. This has a soft tan colored cover and is titled *The Trapper's Manual*. The first 12 pages talk about the different grades of fur and then there are five pages on skinning and stretching furs. These are followed by 10 pages listing the open season in each state along with a paragraph about the quality of fur and how well trappers in that state handle fur.

It also has a page about the Abraham Smoke Pump and two pages about their lure. The information about skinning and stretching is as relevant now as it was - except fur stretching coons square. A copy in good condition will cost about \$10 if you can find one.



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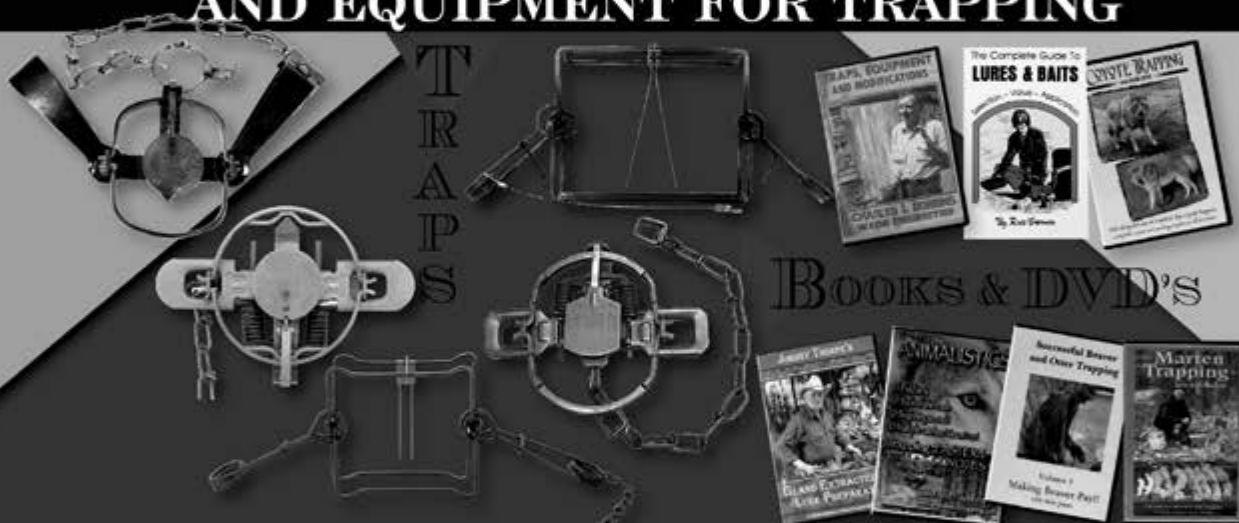


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2019 FTA TRAPPERS COLLEGE

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This September marked the 40th Anniversary of the Fur Takers of America Trappers College. To help celebrate this significant event, it seems only proper to discuss the college's history many members may not be familiar with.

The concept for the Trappers College goes back to the late 1970s. Joe Tennyson, Major Boddicker, and several other FTA board members were looking for educational projects the FTA could provide. In 1978, Major Boddicker, who was the elected Conservation Director for the FTA, introduced the idea to the FTA's Board for a college-credited trapper's course, which would associate with universities around the country. The course would be taught by the FTA's best trappers and moved each year to make it available to all FTA members and wildlife agency personnel. While there was some pushback on the idea, the majority of board members supported the proposal, which was then developed during the next couple of years.

The basic outline for the course came from the Trapping Rocky Mountain Furbearers book by Major Boddicker, specifically Chapter 6, pages 154 to 176.

- Introduce and cover the basics in lecture programs
- Follow up with professional demonstrations at trapping sites in the field with equipment. FTA



Group 1



Group 2



Group 3



Group 4



Group 5

teaches all students how to trap at a professional level

- Students then practice the demonstrated methods to make or simulate catches repeatedly, and are specifically critiqued on them
- All aspects of trapping for fur or ADC are covered often several times including killing, skinning, finishing fur, marketing products, and handling as a small business
- When students leave for home, the FTA knows they can arrive home and do every step, so gives them credentials they have earned – FTA's certificates.

The first Trappers College was held in Colorado in 1980 at Pinegree Park and was a joint effort of the Colorado Trappers Association and the Colorado State University. The college was taught by Marvin Miller, Marion Davie, Kelly Peterson, John Sollo, Keith Gregerson, Dick Hane and George Stewart. Attendees to the college included Joe Tennyson, Charlie Park, Jerry Joe Barnett, and others.

Charlie Park volunteered to set up an eastern college in Indiana. The original colleges were overseen by Major Boddicker and George Stewart who acted as both instructors and administrators.

Funding for the Trappers College was provided by the Colorado Division of Wildlife, Colorado State University, Extension Services and the Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Crit'R•Calls (Rocky Mountain Wildlife Products), the Colorado Trappers Association, and the Fur Takers of America.

The second Trappers College was held in Kentucky at the Land Between the Lakes in 1981. In 1982, the third Trappers College was held at Limberlost Camp, Indiana, with the field work taking place at the Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area.

In subsequent years, the college was held at Racquette Lake, New York, the Land Between the Lakes, and Northern Indiana. The college found a permanent home at Limberlost Camp in 1986 through 2003 when circumstances out of

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the FTA's control dictated it be moved. In 2004, Charlie Park and Kimm Hunt, College Director, decided on moving the college to the YMCA Camp Potawatami, South Milford, Indiana. This location still allowed the college to use the Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area for the field work and the college has continued using the Camp since.

Knowing the importance of quality instructors needed for the college's success, the FTA originally selected Charlie Park, Pete Askins, Kermit Stearns, George Stewart, Odon Corr, Keith Gregerson, Jerry Joe Barnett, Red Edgemon, James Lee, and several others. Since that time instructors have changed and have included individuals such as Tom Miranda, Robert Waddell, Roy Greenfield, Charlie Davis, Tim Julien, and Ron Leggett. For 2019, the head instructors included E.J. Kelly, Doug McKenzie, Mike Mazur, Dave Hastings, and Gary Jepson. The assistant instructors included Dean Bartz, Robert Colona, Dave Eckels, Kimm Hunt, Charlie Masheck, Dan Schweisthal, Bob Sheppard, Lee Steinmeyer, Cory Van Driel, Dwight Gillock, and Bill Applegate.

Unfortunately, I couldn't track down the exact number of trappers and agency personnel that have attended the college since it was first offered in 1980. However, what I can say is, the very conservative number of, more than 1,000 individuals have attended. This type of success doesn't just happen. It requires not just an excellent team of instructors, but also dedicated program administrators and staff to pull it off. Since 2017, Todd Lang, a 1999 graduate, has been the college director. He has been supported in his mission by assistant director Kevin Echterling, and a support staff that has included Bob Duff, Jim Mahoney, Justin Jett, and others. As a feature component to its structure, the Trappers College has had a long history with Purdue University. Brian MacGowen, an Extension Wildlife Specialist with





the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources and graduate of the Trappers College, has been the FTA/Purdue University liaison since 1999.

During all this time, the college has evolved to meet the needs of the students incorporating changes to the curriculum in regard to equipment, technology, and public relations. Students today can expect to having exposure to a host of topics including, but limited to, professional trapping techniques, public perception of trapping, natural history and management of furbearers, avoiding non-target species, wildlife diseases and human risk, using GPS technology, fur handling and grading, nuisance wildlife control services and business related issues, and of course tips, techniques, and suggestions from some of today's top trappers.

The number one suggestion instructors offer to anyone considering attending the Trappers College is to come with an open mind. Regardless of trapping experience, use the time to ask questions, learn new ideas, confirm existing beliefs, network with fellow students and instructors, and take lots of notes. Also, to get the most out of the experience, make sure to honestly answer the interview questions so that you are placed in the proper group. Anyone that is interested in learning more about trapping is welcome at the college, but it can be especially beneficial to agency personnel that have zero to little trapping experience. The information and hands-on experience gained at the college will help with any duties related to trapping regardless if it is enforcing laws or dealing with the public.

It's been a long and at times challenging run for the Trappers College, but just like fur harvesting in general, results are directly related to the effort put into it. The success the college has had wouldn't be possible if it weren't for all of the effort made by the administrators, instructors, and attendees. Here's looking at another 40 years of success for the Trappers College.









CHARLES & PAT PARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Charles Park was a life member of the Fur Takers of America and one of the first students of the Trappers College during its inaugural year in 1980. For the next 25 years, Charles served as the Director of the College and then as Assistant Director for another nine years prior to serving as "Director Emeritus." His wife, Pat, also played a significant position with the college handling registrations, answering questions from prospective students, and preparing registered students for the upcoming course.

Over the years, Charles and Pat's passion and positions at the Trappers College impacted numerous individuals lives both in, as well as out, of the trapping community. Charles believed in education and that everybody should be given a chance to pursue it.

Before his passing in November 2017, Charles was delighted to learn that his family was creating a scholarship to provide financial support to cover tuition, room, and board at the Trappers College. The scholarship would ensure Charles and Pat's passion and legacy to continue and impact those in the

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The scholarship is awarded to a single individual that is selected from the submitted applications.

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Todd Lang (r), Director of the Trappers College with 2019 scholarship awardee Robert Goodfellow (l).

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by The Trout Whisperer

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He opens the door on the smoker as I walk up to him. Tossing into the offset wood box,

he piles on wet apple wood chips, the small fire hisses.

He then closes the door really quick, he points at me, "That right there, that's the good smoke, the smoke you sure don't want to lose."

I ask him, what he has in the smoker. He smiles, his reply is, "On the upper most shelf, is a

nice big fat beef. The second shelf down he has a spatchcocked chicken." He says, "I been brining that chicken for two and a half days, its gonna soak up that apple wood smoke, and I bet I get a good smoke ring in

that beef too."

Little clouds in the yard, soon join the ones floating above. And after several hours of not doing too much, he says, "I think it's time to take a look."

He opens the smoker door; a vaporous billowing cloud swells out and for a few seconds he and the smoker disappear. When the air clears, he probes first the chicken, then the beef with a meat thermometer, he says, "Yup, they're done."

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I had to ask.

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NORTHWEST PREDATOR & WILDLIFE CONTROL

by Scott Phillips



With the changing of the seasons coyotes make a transition. The sheep and cattle move down out of the high country, hopefully before the bad weather. They may still be there in Western Montana after that big storm they had. That much snow will make it hard for those ranchers to get out of that country. I hope they needed the water! With that much snow the deer and elk will be pushed down also. As the food source goes so goes the coyote, and now we have to include the wolf as well.

Snaring good fences is a great way of controlling coyotes. I want to detail a few points about fence snaring. Make sure you are following the laws that you have

where you are snaring. Can you use a dispatch lock? Do you have a regulation about a breakaway device snare, also known as a (B.A.D.)? Do you have to have a swivel on you snare? Do you have a length restriction? Does your snare have to be staked solid? There are different regulations for different states that must be considered when making a choice of what snare you will use. For instance, if I am snaring in a non-lethal state that only allows a cable restraint or a relaxing lock, I would not use 1/16-inch cable. A larger cable like the 3/32-inch would be a much better choice. But thankfully I am setting a lethal or non-relaxing lock.

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great products, these are just two favorites of mine. I have heard of other dealers who will custom make what you want and get it done in a hurry. This makes more sense to me than making them myself. The time it takes me to make 120 snares is a lot longer than someone who does it for a living. I want to spend that time out setting and running equipment.

The Deathblow snares I use are 1/16-inch, 1x19 cable. They start with 84-inches of cable with a swiveled end that I attach to the fence with a quick link. There is a poly collar for a snare support on them, that fits several sizes of support wire. They have a mini lock which dispatches the coyotes quickly. I really like the torque spring on them a lot better than some others. It is a smaller spring and hangs very nicely whether on a fence or on a support. These snares come pre-loaded. The 1x19

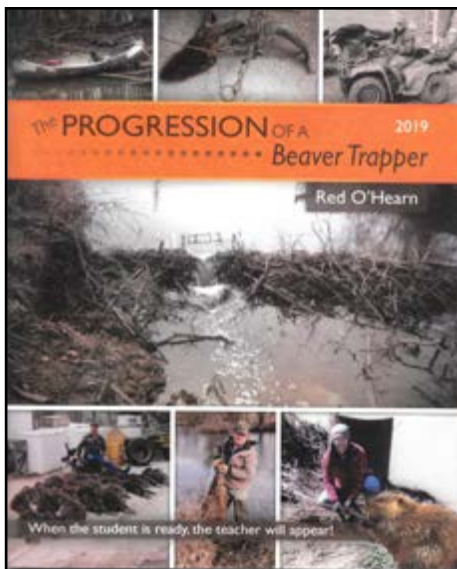
is stiffer than 7x7 cable. The 1/16-inch cable is small but gives you a very nice loop. I like to use an 8-inch loop, so I get a neck catch. The smaller cable does not take as much abuse as the larger cable. A swivel will greatly help keep the cable from kinking and unraveling. I want to have a snare that is not easily seen when set. A larger cable is easier to see and therefore you have more refusals when the coyotes become snare shy. Larger locks, springs, and other hardware make it easier for the coyotes to notice. Some kind of camo on your snare will help to paint a more natural picture where your snare is set and will result in more catches. There are many ways to achieve this - boiling your snares, letting them age naturally before setting, or painting are good ways. When painting, choose colors to match the surrounding area (green, brown, white, etc.). I always like to

run the lock closed several times after applying camo to them to make sure they close quickly and are not sticky.

Whatever you use, keep your snares in good working condition. I do not reuse snare parts. I know that a lot of trappers do, but I do not. I would not want a part failure and have a coyote escape once I have caught it. Too much work goes into catching a coyote to let it get away and maybe not be caught again. Experience is what makes trapping easier and teaches lifelong knowledge.

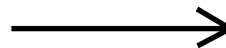


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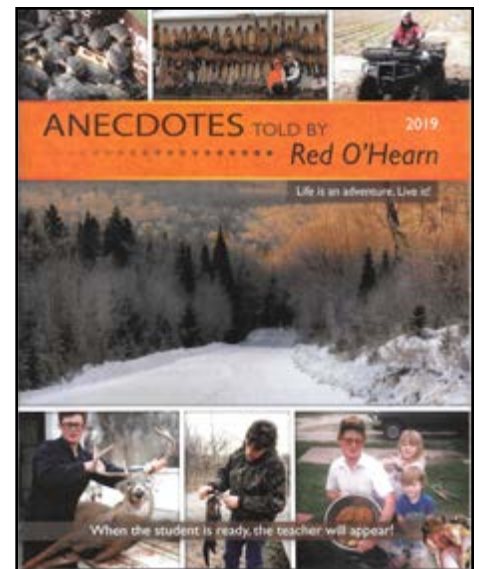


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COYOTE TRAILS

With Tom Beaudette



It seems I like all guns. But I like some guns more than others. I guess when it comes to handguns, its user determines what he or she is going to need it for. I get several magazines on handguns. One in particular is called the *American Handgunner*. I have always liked the magazine and it has a long, colorful history. The magazine's main focus is on the gun industry's newest handguns.

Over the years though, I have grown bored with their content. It seems nowadays it's all about

semi-automatic pistols. I think what started the trend was self-defense and the dangers we face today as a nation. I do get that. And I do own several autoloading pistols. What I don't get is that it seems the industry is turning out thousands of different varieties of the same old flavor. These pistols are high-capacity guns, shooting 15-17 rounds of the same boring, low velocity calibers. I mean, what is the romance in a 9mm, .40 or a .45 auto? This is especially true for a hand loader because the pistols will only take so much pressure.

Okay, I know what you're thinking. "If you're going to gripe, write the magazine and don't tell us about it." Well, yeah, but I've got more to add.

A little while back, my two dogs woke me up out of a dead sleep at 3:00 am. I could tell by their barking there was trouble. I keep my hound chained and the little cow dog takes turns with him running loose in the yard. I thought the coyotes might be coming in on the little one. I went outside and the

dog led me to the back of the garden where the grapes grow over the fence. As I rounded the corner, the dog weaseled her way into the thick maze of vines and then all Heck broke out. A big raccoon had decided it was going to fight the dog and claim the grapes and the garden for itself.

I had my semi-auto .45 ACP with a light mounted on it. I managed to get the dog out of the way and proceeded to shoot two rounds at the raccoon. The critter looked like he was hit, jumped up and ran into the corn rows. I went around to the other side of the garden, opened the gate and told the dog to "Git it!" She flushed it out and I shot two more rounds as it stopped along the fence. The dog went to work again, and the raccoon showed no signs of being wounded. I got the dog out of the way and fired two more rounds into the coon. Finally, I heard and saw the raccoon react to those shots. Again, the dog went after him and the raccoon was growling and fighting the dog under the grape vines. By now, my family was up and concerned with all the commotion. My wife came out with another flashlight. I handed her the pistol and told her I was going to get the catch pole, rope this SOB, and pull him out of the grapes. I returned and managed to pull him out as he latched onto the pole. I told my wife to put another round into the critter. She did just that, but this coon from hell showed no ill effects. She said, "I think these bullets are just bouncing off of him!" By now, I am mad and muddy because our irrigation system was running in the garden. I repositioned the loop and drug this overweight monster into the driveway. At this point, I figured it had to be "hand-to-hand combat." With the coon still breathing and clutching the catch pole, I grabbed the pistol from my wife and emp-

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tied what was left in the magazine at point blank range into this monster. It stopped moving.

Now, I realize to try and evaluate exactly what happened and how that pistol round failed on the raccoon is somewhat abstract, but I will try. First of all, it happened at night. I did not skin the raccoon to find out how many of the bullets connected or if they hit any vital spot. Secondly, to tell the truth, I have not used many rim-less pistol rounds on too many critters to get any solid results. I do know velocity and bullet construction play a key role on terminal effect.

The trend nowadays for any autoloading pistol or defense gun is frangible bullets that open up quickly, so they don't ricochet. That's a good thing because a ricochet in a defense situation could hurt an innocent bystander. A bullet that opens up too quickly upon impact, especially moving at under 1,000 fps could be stopped or slowed down by a coat or, if shooting a critter by its fur or fat.

My good friend, Gary Hansen, used to run dogs for lion and bear depredation for the USDA. I called and asked him what he thought about using semi-auto pistol rounds on game. He reinforced what I had been thinking and said, "Low velocity of any semi-automatic rounds, coupled with poor bullet construction will cause trouble." Gary then referenced one example when they had a black bear treed. He said the hunter with him pulled out a .45 auto and shot the bear multiple times with no effects at all. They put away the autoloader and finished the bear with a rifle.

We talked about jacketed pistol bullets, autoloaders and velocity. The bottom line is, stay away from autoloaders for anything that might hurt you or for trapline protection. Gary then said, "Revolver rounds are best," emphasizing



Gary Hansen with some of his dogs.

the .44 magnum and .45 Colt." He also emphasized hard cast bullets for deep penetration. And, if jacketed bullets need to be used, they must be constructed so they will penetrate and hold together when they enter game.

Here is part of a story of a bear hunt and a great example of what a well-constructed bullet and a large caliber revolver round can accomplish. This story was told to me by Hansen. An article about this was written by him long ago entitled "The Fire Mountain Bear."

Hansen and his supervisor were both government hunters.

They were called in to kill a bear that was killing domestic sheep in the mountains of Colorado. When they arrived, they skirted the perimeter of the sheep herd with their dogs to try to pick up the bear's scent. Within half an hour the dogs had the scent. They cut the dogs loose, mounted their horses, and the chase was on.

"It didn't take long and we heard the dogs fighting the bear. Overlooking a large draw, my supervisor saw the bear running

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from the dogs and fired at the bear with a .243 rifle, hitting the bear in the stomach. We mounted again, spurred the horses, and continued to follow the pack. The going was rougher now. As the bear ran up a steep rock-laden mountain, we had to leave the horses. By the sound of the dogs, they had the bear treed somewhere up ahead. I dropped another round into the .45 Colt revolver. This gave me six rounds. I was using a Sierra, 240 grain bullet backed by a heavy charge of Winchester Western 296 powder in my rounds. When I arrived to where I thought the bear was treed, I had a terrible time trying to locate him. It was a big, red spruce surrounded by brush and berry bushes. The dogs were not acting right and circled the tree in a wide circle. It was hard to think with the dog's frenzied barking, but I began to focus and kept looking for the bear. Then it happened. I began to turn around and looked only to see a mad bear charging straight at me. I knew I was in trouble. It's true what they say about your life flashing before you. I thought about my wife and my two children if the worst happened. There was a small

aspen tree between me and the bear. This would slow him down somewhat, but it was also in my line of fire when I pulled the pistol up. I had time for one shot which hit him in the back. That 240 grain bullet hit him hard and turned him all the way around. I missed the next shot and fired three more, two in the bear's ribs and one in the neck. The bear hit the ground at my feet and the dogs were all over him. It was a big bear, 300 pounds or more. My last three shots never exited the bear. As I think back on this hunt, it's nice to have a pistol that will do its part if you do yours."

I am not sure how many bears and lions Gary has killed with big bore pistols or revolver cartridges. I have heard stories of upwards of 300 bears. Gary is a very humble man and it would be hard pressed to get him to brag on himself. One thing for sure, I'm going to leave my autoloaders for maybe rabbit hunting or rattlesnakes. If I hear the dogs barking again, I'm going to be carrying something a little more substantial.

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URBAN ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL

With Rob Erickson



Well folks, it's that time of the year again. It's starting to get cold and the skunks are going to be grubbing heavy. The raccoons are going to start rolling the sod back and trying to get into dwellings looking for a warm place. Squirrels are going to be more active and storing food for the winter. The weather plays a big role in how busy we are. This year it was extremely wet. That should affect the skunks on the golf course.

Normally by July and August our lawns are brown from the heat. This year, it is now early October and the grass is still green and needs to be cut at least once a week because of the large amounts of rain that we've been receiving. Normally in the urban areas, when the mid-summer heat turns the grass brown, the grubs go deeper down with the night crawlers and the skunks are forced to move to areas where the grubs are higher. The golf courses water on a nightly basis to keep the golfers happy, so they create their own problems. This year might be a little different because the skunks can grub in any yard since the grass is still green and with the amount of water that we've received, homeowners are going to be experiencing those problems in late fall. With that in mind, it's going to be an interesting year for skunk control on the golf courses.

There's also the thought that with the large amounts of rain we received, many of the dens that were in low-lying areas might have been flooded out and that could possibly have killed many of the young. Our skunk populations

in the Midwest have been high for the last five to seven years. Normally, disease sets in after a certain amount of time because skunks are communal denners; one sick skunk in a den with multiple animals can infect them all. This spring I didn't notice as many as normal. We did have some distemper, but not as much as I would have expected. That being said, it's time to clean the .22 rifles, stock up on the CCI segmented hollow points, and hope for the best.

Golf courses are unique in the way they are designed and run; it makes them perfect for urban wildlife. Large mature trees around the roughs are attractive for both squirrels and raccoons. Courses like to plant willow trees by the water holes to soak up the rainwater to get the golfers

back on the course as soon as possible. The overhanging willows attract beaver to the ponds. The fountains and aerators keep the water open in the winter attracting waterfowl and muskrats, who love to chew the wires on the pumps, and feed on the roots of the grass causing cave ins on the banks. I have heard that in Colorado, it's common for bull elk to be fighting on the greens, destroying them.

For the course superintendent, it's a constant battle with wildlife. Perchance a trapper needs to help design a golf course and sit next to the golf pro who has no idea of what attracts wildlife, or the damage they can cause. Maybe in the future they will catch on, but I kind of doubt it! Oh well, job security.



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When I came to work as a new Game Warden there were only two main seasons that we concerned ourselves with, hunting season and fishing season. Just about the time you got tired of working on one, the season would change, and it was time to concentrate on the other.

There were some fishing laws that I always wondered about and why they were the way they were. For example, why could you use trot and throw lines in the southern half of the state and not in the northern half? Didn't make sense to me, especially if you were fishing along a section of river where

the dividing line started. On the south side of that imaginary line you could use fifteen hooks and on the north side just two hooks. My first assignment was in southern Iowa where I had the Des Moines River as the boundary line between Iowa and Missouri. Missouri allowed thirty-three jugs when jug fishing along the Des Moines River, Iowa only allowed two jugs.

During the summer months I spent a lot of time on the water enforcing our fishing laws. Aside from checking for licenses, one of the things I worked the most on was trot and throw lines. Iowa

law allowed the use of five lines and up to fifteen hooks on those lines. Every line was required to have a tag with the owner's name and address and the line was required to be attached to the shoreline above the water line. Many people fudged on those rules, especially when the fishing was good.

One day I found a trot line with fifteen hooks about a quarter of a mile above a boat ramp. Nothing wrong with it, it was perfectly legal. It was early in the day, a beautiful day, and I planned to be out all day. About ten miles up the river I found another trot line set just as the one ear-

lier. Same name and address. Guess the owner never thought that a Game Warden would go more than one boat ramp from where he put in. I continued up the river for another ten miles to another boat ramp. Above it I found another trot line set the same as the other two. I pulled it and removed the three catfish and let them go. I put the trot line in a bucket and then started heading back downstream. When I got to the next one, I pulled it too and let go another catfish that was on it. When I got back to the first one, the owner was there checking it. At first, he was all smiles when I pulled up to his boat. Said he had his line all tagged and legal like it was supposed to be. I asked him if he had read the law and understood what it said. He said that he had and that he understood. I asked if he knew that he could only have one trot line with fifteen hooks, and he said that he did. His mouth dropped when I showed him the other two trot lines that I had picked up. As I wrote the ticket, he commented that he was only trying to fill his freezer for the winter.

Early one morning I was checking a bunch of ditty poles that all had tags on them. They were set across the river from a tent that had a smoking fire going and a boat tied up close. There was no one in sight so I figured they were all sleeping. They were obviously made by the same person but did have a different first name for every five lines as was required. After checking twenty lines, the next four didn't have any names attached. There was still one left to check and as I got close, I could see it had a tag attached. When I read the tag, I laughed out loud. It said "The Devil Made Me Do It." I took a picture of it and still have that picture. Of course, I pulled those five and

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headed over to the campfire. By that time a guy was up and sitting there waiting for me with a big grin on his face. He offered me a cup of coffee as I wrote him the ticket and said his kids would get a big kick out of it. He then got up and went and roused the three kids sleeping in the tent. Guess it doesn't take much to make some people happy.

This next one wasn't quite so happy. I had been working the Iowa River a couple miles above where it dumped into the Mississippi River. I found quite a few lines tied off log jams and overhanging tree branches, which wasn't legal. Some of them were tagged with just a nickname, "Shorty," but no address. As normal with illegal lines, I cut them and threw them into a bucket in the bottom of my boat. I also found about ten more ditty poles set on some small islands out in the river with no tags.

Several days later I was at home taking care of our three-year-old son while my wife was out grocery shopping. There came a knock at the door and when I answered it, I observed a pipsqueak of a man with a surly look on his face. He said he came to pick up his poles. I was puzzled because I had never seen him before and didn't know what he was talking about. I asked him what poles and he said, "The ones you stole from the river three days ago." Before I could say anything more, he also told me to step outside so he could kick my butt (different words.) At that exact instant I caught some motion out of the corner of my eye and saw another guy peeking his head around the corner of my house. As I stepped out the door, I laughed at him and told him if he was going to kick my butt, he had better take that so and so with him and go to town and get more help ... "Now get off

my property." It was laughable, how quickly they departed and hopped into their car and drove away.

Just before dark one evening, I was working out of a boat on the Des Moines River below Ottumwa with my neighboring Officer Dave Arp. This was his territory and I was just working with him. It had been a long day and we had pulled lots of illegal lines. We were still about half a mile below our take-out point and we saw some more ditty poles that we pulled in to check. There were no tags on them and as we pulled the first one into the boat, a shout came from the other side of the river. A man yelled at us to put it back. We didn't and as we were pulling the next one, a boat came roaring across the river at high speed. He was yelling the whole way over for us to get away from his lines. He quit yelling as soon as he saw who we were and sat quietly as Dave wrote him a ticket for untagged lines. Later, Dave smiled when he told me that in his territory, people just come to him and turn themselves in.

My first day working with Les Nieland, State Waters Officer, was certainly a good educational day for him. Les was new to the area

and I was just transferring to Louisa County but agreed to show Les around before I left. We met at Keosauqua and took my boat heading upstream. I planned to go as far as the county line and point out areas of interest along the way. It should take most of the day.

We didn't get very far before we found two guys fishing out of a boat below a huge snag. There wasn't too much right about the two guys. Neither one of them had a fishing license and there were no life jackets in the boat. The boat wasn't even registered. Les wrote three tickets and I wrote two. I should tell you that Waters Officers were mainly concerned with navigation matters and all things pertaining to water. We were actually each in a different Division within our Department. Game Wardens were in the Division of Fish and Game and Waters Officers were in the Division of Lands and Waters. That all changed several years later but at this time that is the way it was.

We continued up the river and started finding lots of illegal trot lines and ditty poles. I showed Les a trick for finding trot lines that were fastened underwater and

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Tricks, Tips, and Musings
with Mike Marchewka

Let me start this column out by saying that my Fur Taker 17-I chapter has been hit hard by losses to our trapping family this year. First, we lost Maryann Schirmer (Irv's wife), then John Hoffman, then just recently Nick Bernardi. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families.

Education stuff...

There is an old saying that the high school counselors throw around, "No one gets a high school diploma alone." In other words, students need help and direction to take the correct classes to graduate. I believe that same advice applies very well to trapping. We trappers have several excellent resources available at our fingertips. These resources can help us learn as much as we want about the animals, equipment, and methods of our sport. I believe the many trapping meets, conventions, and gatherings we hold along with our Fur Takers College are excellent examples. As well as this magazine and the Fur Taker website. The opportunities for education are there for those that want to learn.

How true...

NRA's Executive Vice President Wayne La Pierre made this comment in the October 2019 magazine, "These gun control groups must be aware that the most dangerous places in America today are consistently those with the most stringent gun control laws." How true! I live near Chicago where on average there are more shootings and gun related deaths on a weekend than in most war zones in the world per day. Yet, we are inundated with gun regulations and are about to legislate a pile more. We are broke and need fixin'.

Will they use anything?

If you've been around long enough trapping beaver, you might have seen this strange scenario. A dead beaver that you caught in a trap being used to repair a leaky dam. I couldn't believe my eyes when I first witnessed it. After all, we consider the beaver to have a somewhat suspicious nature when it comes to new or unusual things in its environment. And we've seen the footage on TV of the tight bond the beaver family demonstrates on the nature shows. But there it was, a body gripper dispatched beaver that I caught near the dam pushed into the dam break that I created the day before.

What beaver in its right mind would approach a member of its family, discover it was dead, and then use it to fix the dam? It didn't seem right. Not to mention that it was still in the trap. Lots of questions were buzzing around in my head. Then it occurred to me that I had read a story in one of the trapping magazines of a beaver trapper witnessing that a carcass of a dead deer was neatly positioned to fix a leaky dam.

I guess we'll never know until we can chatter and whimper like a beaver. Just another example of when you think you've got things figured out ... Ol' Ma' Nature throws you a curve ball.

More coyote stuff

Lots of recent "coyote versus people" footage has been happening. There have been at least three videos of coyotes approaching/chasing people in the news. Two of them involved children being chased by coyotes in their neighborhoods. The technology we have today has shown footage of these animals chasing people and is just more ammunition for the message that we trappers and hunters have been preaching.

WILDLIFE NEEDS TO BE CONTROLLED.

Always learning...

We were fortunate to have Tom Larson from Indiana put on a predator demo for our Fur Taker chapter a couple years back. After the demo was over, Tom was answering questions and one of our members asked about trapping coyotes in grassy conditions. Tom smiled and commented that he traps in some of those same conditions and quickly demonstrated a simple flat set that he likes.

Tom grabbed a beaver back foot, walked up a two-track trail and staked it down in some boot high grass. He then blended a foothold trap in front of it. You couldn't see the trap as he lightly covered it with fine grass clippings. He was also careful about mentioning that some state laws demand that bait (animal parts) are to be covered so he lightly covered the beaver foot. He commented that his main set, a deep trench set, is made to be a very bold visual set and smells of a strong bait. But the beaver foot flat set is very subtle and since it is made along the two-track trail that the coyote is traveling along, it will often pick up other coyotes that are in the area that won't work the bolder trench set.

I'll add to Tom's set, that the tough webbing of the beaver's back foot adds to the set's effectiveness. It is easy to stake the foot down making it difficult to remove so the coyote (predator) has to pull and tug. While it's pulling at the foot, it is shuffling it's paws on the ground and will often come in contact with the blended STABILIZED trap. Note: I have also had good luck using a coyote paw. Thanks Tom!

Shut the front door!

I heard a story of an ADC trapper that had a squirrel, he and a fellow worker had removed from a home, in a cage trap. They were going to release the animal at a site where they had been granted permission by the landowner. Somebody forgot to close the truck

door and upon opening the cage to release the squirrel, it promptly ran into the truck.

The two looked at each other and spent the next hour trying to get the rodent out of the truck. Finally, the animal ran out of the vehicle. Relieved, the two trappers jumped into the truck and began the drive out of the woods. About a mile down the road, one of the men felt an itch on his neck. Soon the other man also felt something crawling on his arm. Yep, fleas from the squirrel had invaded the truck. By the time they arrived back at the shop, they were “ate up” and were red from scratching. Sometimes it’s the simplest things one forgets to do that causes us the most headaches.

Odds and Ends

Little tidbits of information can be valuable when first attempting to modify traps. Like most I blundered and screwed up a pile of traps initially when I first started to modify my traps ...and I wasn’t even welding!!

Filing a pan notch.



One of the simplest ways to improve the function of your foothold traps is to properly adjust your pan and dog operation. In this picture, the trap pan has been removed from the trap and positioned in a vise tightly secured. While this might seem like a simple “no-brainer” a lot of trappers attempt to file their trap pans with the pan still on the trap. Usually, a poor uneven cut by the file takes place and will not be satisfactory. Take the time to remove the screw and nut and lock that pan down the correct way ... then file. Be

sure to start with even light strokes so not to remove too much metal, you can always file more later.

We’re going to do this next pictorial in REVERSE as I think it’ll help to understand the process better.

3/16-inch reinforcing rod welded to the trap base and chain centered swiveled.



Reinforcing a foothold trap’s base plate with a piece of heavy steel rod is very popular today. The heavy rod is usually 3/16-inch diameter or larger. The rod helps strengthen the trap by reinforcing the base. Also the rod acts to center up the swiveling for the chain. This system helps to keep the captured animal’s paw from moving and helps to reduce injuries. So how do you correctly shape the reinforcing rod so that it is shaped correctly?

John Shuke’s set up for his rod bending utilizing his press.



Note how the heavy bolts are positioned.



The 3/16th rod is ready to be formed by the press.



Rod formation complete. Be sure to insert your trap chain BEFORE welding rod to base.



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MODIFIED CAGE PROVES DEADLY ON OTTER

by BA Coonburger

I am no stranger to getting calls from the local Conservation Agent requesting my help with nuisance animals. Most often they are farms with coons or difficult beaver situations, but the marina otters proved to be a challenge. Originally, he called me about a beaver family that took up residence under the marina store between the floor and the foam the building floats on. His last words were, "I hope you know how to scuba dive." Well, that was encouraging. He also mentioned in passing that they have an otter problem too.

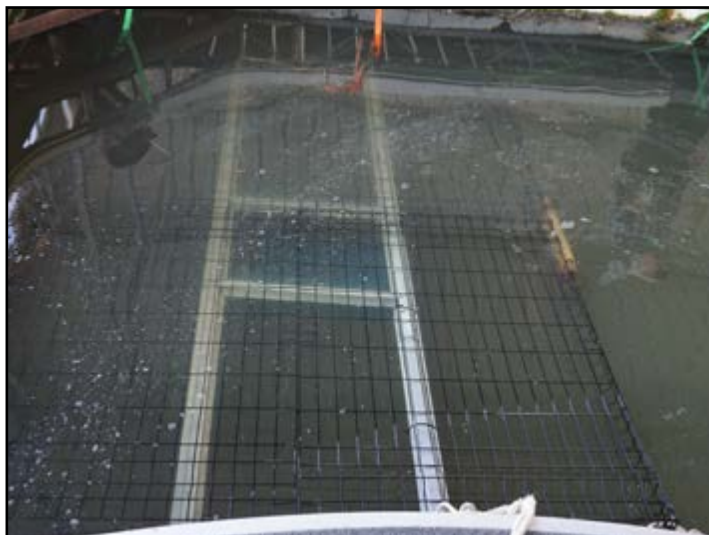
I arrived at the marina and met owners Rick and Lisa. They explained to me that the beaver under the marina are so loud it sounds like someone moving furniture, and they did not like the beaver smell. However, the bigger problem was the otters. They talked of otters getting in customer's boats as they gassed up and stealing their fish baskets. They also reported otter feces on the docks so bad that they came in at 4:30 AM every day to power wash it off before customers arrived. It was obvious they were distressed, so we decided to work on otter

also.

I quickly realized that this job was going to be one of my most challenging yet. The water all around the marina was 15 to 20-feet deep and that depth increased quickly outside of that area, so bodygrip use was limited to a float. I deployed a float for the beaver but was unsuccessful. Footholds out of water were not an option given the pets and people there daily. Drowning sets were not practical either, because the water level in the lake fluctuated by 3 to 6-inches daily, making trap placement an issue. I needed to get creative.

I decided to try to come up with a modified cage trap that was designed more for otter. As with most other things, it took multiple versions before I got one I felt comfortable with, but they all caught at least one otter. Version

1 was huge and not very practical. It was a 5x5-foot square box made of wire yard fencing. Embedded mid-way on each side were two 330s stacked. All the traps were anchored in with wire and beaver sticks. Inside the box was a hanging basket with large catfish heads. This trap was



Version 1 of the modified cage trap deployed in the marina.

deployed in a boat slip and caught one smaller male otter the first night, but nothing for the rest of the week. I pulled it and used it to make smaller cages.

Version 2 was what I call the aquarium trap. This trap is a 45x16x16-inch rectangle with one open end. About 1-1 1/2 feet back from the open end is a piece of clear plastic anchored in, creating an enclosed area in the back of the trap. A live fish is placed in the enclosed area, and a 330 is placed in the open end of the trap. I chose to anchor the trap in with rebar since that is pretty prevalent around the marina and should not spook the otter. I deployed it about 2-3 feet underwater in a boat slip by suspending it with cable and nylon rope. The traps were cabled to the dock in case they somehow came out of the cage. Two days later, I had a nice female otter. I did not get anything for a couple more days, so I moved the trap to another nearby location and caught two more (a male and female) back-to-back. It then went another three days empty, then



Version 3 all set and ready to be placed in the water.

caught two more (two females) back-to-back. One thing I noticed about the trapped otter was that they were caught a little farther back on their bodies than usual, suggesting that they hit the trap with some speed.

Version 2 was successful, but I wondered if it would be more successful if I made the enclosed area with the fish in the middle and placed a 330 on each end. Otherwise, Version 3 was made identical to Version 2. This trap was deployed about three feet underwater near the fish cleaning station. Over the next five days, the remaining two otter (one female and one male) were caught here. Since then, the marina owners report seeing no otter or otter feces around the marina and docks.

If you intend to use this cage for other situations like ponds and creeks, I suggest placing the trap lower in the cage frame so that the entire cage does not have to be submerged. Otter are curious by nature and I suspect in murky waters exposing the trap encourages exploration of the trap. I used this cage in a pond situation recently, but the otter population is hit or miss, making it difficult to compare its effectiveness in this situation. I hope to experiment more with it this season while trapping another area known to have a substantial otter population.

I hope this gives you something to think about if you are faced with trapping a difficult otter situation. Do not be afraid to think out of the box and try new designs, baits, lures, etc. This advice holds true no matter what animal you target. When you find success in something, continue to try to make it better. This is how we trappers advance our knowledge and help each other solve difficult situations. Have a good season!



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OUTDOOR LIVING

With Ron Cauble
The Old Woodsman



Time is slipping by pretty fast and the leaves on most trees are falling a month early. Ginseng has been yellow for a week already. A rain would put the leaves down and cover up the ginseng and golden seal. I've been doing okay and dug 8 pounds this month and 15 pounds yellow root.

This brings to mind a story about digging on Hoosier land before they bought it up. I was digging lots of ginseng and everyday I'd find acres of golden seal that had never been dug. I decided I'd dig some at night. So, I'd dig ginseng all day, go home, and wash my roots. After supper, I told mom what I was going to do. She said, "OK, but don't stay later than 11:00 pm." I took my lantern, flashlight, two sacks, and headed out. I sat my lantern at the top of the patch and as I dug out, moved it down each time closer. I worked good and by 11:00 pm had two sacks full and headed home. When I got home, mom said, "You're a bit late," but after she saw two bags full, she didn't say anymore. She asked me if I was going back. I said, "As long as it's okay." She said, "Keep it up, but be careful." I ended digging 248 pounds golden seal that summer and 50 pounds dry ginseng. I did this for years before they bought the land. When I left, the whole High Land was still covered. Most of the golden seal was 50 or more years old with several stalks on one root. My old fur buyer D. N. New paid me \$2.85 a pound. Not bad.

I've always been a go getter whether it's rooting or trapping. Me and a buddy of mine trapped 14 lakes one winter and just like the rooting, we ran traps all night. We mainly set conibears and would pull a lake the next day then move to another. We'd go back in a month and set it again. At one

lake we caught 121 'rats the first night and 52 more the next day. We ended the season with 2,000+ 'rats and 14 mink. We also caught 57 mink on Blue River. It's full of mink and otter now. If the price was right, a man could do okay on mink.

I've been hampered some since I fell twice, but I'm still going as long as I can. I've got some maple trees to cut that the storms broke the tops out of along with several uprooted oaks. There's also a big cherry that was blown down into a big hickory uprooting it. The two trees have about 1,500 feet of lumber in them.

I've been a logger all my life and hope to have a few more years. One guy asked me how you do all you do and still keep going. I told him I was raised by a full

blooded "Mother of Quaker Faith." She taught me to never give up. If you get tired of one thing, change what you're doing and break the monotony. Some days when I was growing up, I'd mow the yard with a push mower and then go fishing for a while for a change. The old Lost River dry bed had a waterhole full of cats and 'gills and I'd catch a mess for supper.

Better close and get this in the box. Hope to see you old timers next year.



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unseen from most eyes. Wendell Simonson, an older and experienced Officer, had shown me the trick. You could run slowly, close to shore, and watch closely at the stern where the boat sucked the water away from the edge of the river as you passed by. With the right speed and right distance from shore, about ten to twelve inches of underwater bank would be exposed. People who fastened their trot lines underwater normally did it just under the surface of the water. They were easy to find by using this method.

I showed Les a spot behind an island where a certain person liked to put out hoop nets for catfish. I showed him several places where I had made some fish trap cases and pointed out the cabins where some of those people operated out of. Then there was the stretch of river where a lot of hand fishing takes place. When we came to a couple cabins with docks Les wanted to get close to see if the required dock permit was attached. They weren't, so now he would have to follow up with finding the cabin owners and helping them apply for the permit. After a reasonable period of time had elapsed, Les would check to see if they had complied. If not, they would then get a ticket.

At one of the cabins I noticed a bathtub upside down under water several yards below the dock. I explained to Les that it was a hand-fishing tub and showed him how it was used. He was amazed to learn about hand-fishing and how they did it. We hooked onto the bathtub and dragged it nearly half a mile downstream to a deep hole and let it loose. I'm sure the hand-fisherman was getting ready to place that tub right where he wanted it to get some big flat heads.

The highlight of the day, for Les, was near the end of our upstream trek. There we found a bulldozer just pushing some large trees into the river. The landowner had hired the dozer to clear some land so he could farm right up to the riverbank. Normally you find these things after the fact, but this time we caught the culprit in the act. Needless to say, the guy got a ticket; but more importantly, he was required to pull all of the trees back out of the river and pile them up along the bank. From the amount of work that had already been done, it would take several days for them to remove those trees. That case didn't end right there but continued on for over a year. The Des Moines office and Environmental Protection got involved and it became a very big case.

The highlight of the day, for me, was on our way back down the river. I had permission from a landowner to hunt artifacts on his land along the river. He had a big cornfield and the corn was up about two inches. I asked Les if he ever hunted artifacts and he said he had never done it and didn't know how. I told him that I would show him. We tied up to the bank adjoining the field and went up

over the bank. I hadn't hunted that field yet that spring and there had been several heavy rains after the field was planted. I showed Les that I normally walked down the center of a row and would watch that row and the one on each side of it. That way I could cover three rows at a time. He asked how I could tell an artifact from a rock. I told him he would know the instant he saw one. Turned out that he didn't because I saw a super nice spear point ahead of where Les was walking. I didn't think there was any way he could miss it, but he just walked right on past it. I stepped over into his rows and called him back. It was sitting very plainly in the open on a tiny pedestal of dirt. Rainwater had eroded the ground around it away and it was easy to see. I said that is what you are looking for and I pocketed it after he saw his mistake. That field produced several more for me that day and Les finally found his first arrowhead there too.



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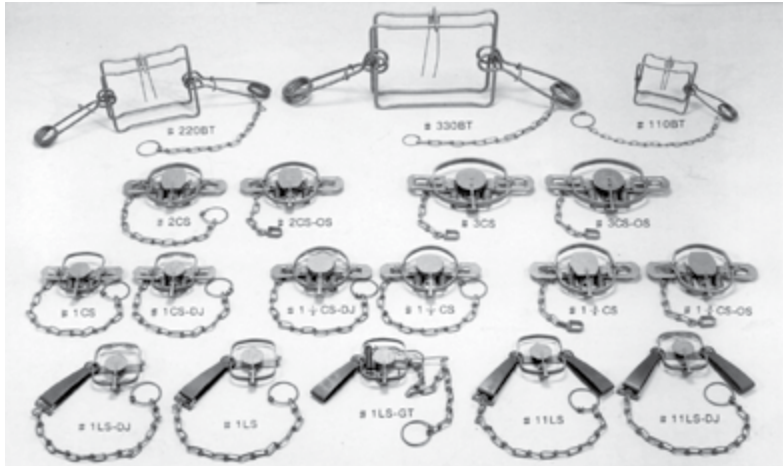
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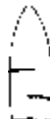
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IDAHO TRAPPERS ASSOC. 5-C

Greetings from Idaho! Always excited to write these president reports and let you all know what is going on in Idaho. Since I'm a high school head football coach my days now got busier but I always have time for ITA issues.

We had a fantastic banquet on Sep 7th. We had representatives from Idaho Houndsmen Association, East Idaho Houndsmen Association, Nevada Trappers Association, Idaho Conservation Officers Association, Idaho Fish and Game director, Idaho Fish and Game commissioners, governor's office, State Reps, State Senators, Farm Bureau, and Idaho Cattlemen's Association. Everyone had a great time at the banquet and we raised some much needed money but developing these relationships with these other groups is critical when we have a anti trapping ballot initiative. We can NOT do this alone!

A big thank you to our gun sponsors: Colorado Trappers Assoc., Montana Trappers Assoc., Foundation for Wildlife Management, Idaho Conservation Officers Assoc., Idaho Cattlemen Assoc., Intermountain Fur Harvesters, Harris Traps, Shelby Schofield, Wild River Taxidermy, Falls Brand Meats, Rusty Kramer, Bruce Bartow, Wild River Taxidermy, Idaho Houndsmen Assoc., Michael Stewart, Randall Burr, Rodney Gonzales, Jay and Becky Faulkner and Neil Helmick.

A big thank you to Keisha Tran and the FBU. We could not have done this banquet without a great partner like the FBU. Fur Bearers Unlimited is the ITA's fundraising group. We should all support both of those organizations. It was

only two short years ago that they halved a \$75,000 bill we had with the lynx lawsuit. We cannot go at another anti-trapping lawsuit without partners! Also, thank you to all of the volunteers and gun sponsors!

The Idaho Trappers Association has secured a bid for the 2020 NTA Western at the Elmore County Fairgrounds on June 5 and 6, 2020. I have a goal of making this the biggest NTA Western ever! I have some new ideas to make it a great event. We are going to have a banquet dinner with big auction, kids events, bonfire activities and a band on Saturday night. Motels are limited in Glens Ferry but Mt Home is only 20 minutes away and they have a bunch of motels. My phone is already blowing off the hook with vendors and people doing demos. Trust me, this will be the biggest collection of wolf trapping demos ever assembled as well as marten trapping, water trapping and coyote calling. I am trying to assemble some of the "living legends" to have a round table discussion as a demo. Some of these legends won't be around forever so I want to get a group of them gathered up for a great story and Q & A session. Vickie Wright with the NTA is taking care of vendor tables though. Her contact info is 231-907-0977 vwright@national-trappers.com.

We have some changes to the fur sales this year. It will be in the same location (Glens Ferry) and the same times (third weekend of January and second weekend of March). People have asked about the dates and the dates will be set and never change. The reason for this is I don't want the fur buyers having to choose whether to go

to Glens Ferry or Fallon Nevada sale or Prineville Oregon sale or cat tagging event in Elko Nevada. I want there to be one option for that weekend.

Some of the changes will be behind the scenes to try and speed up the sale. The other change will be that we are lengthening out the days we will take fur and fur buyers can grade. This way we won't run into the problem we had last year on too much fur to grade in one day. It will be ran as one sale on Saturday but graders will grade fur on Friday and Saturday. Check in on fur will be on Thursday night, all day Friday and Saturday morning until 10 AM.

I need to have as much fur as possible by Friday night so fur buyers have a chance to grade it early. They cannot grade 2,000 coyotes in one day. With the projected high prices on cats and coyotes I don't want to unexpectedly run over a day like last year. I will have the buyers at the sale, get as much prime well-handled coyotes and cats as you can. As always all well-handled fur will have value but those two species are really in demand. Last year the Idaho Trappers Association fur sale had the highest average of any coyote state sale in the US. But we need the fur there! More fur = more buyers = more competition for your fur. Of course it will be an all-around great event. Trapping demos, fleshing demos, fish and game will be tagging bobcats, live auction with the legendary George Kortum auctioneering, and general membership meeting. Even if you don't have fur to sell you will want to come over and check it out.

Thank you
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NEW MEXICO TRAPPERS ASSOC. #19

The season will be on us when you're reading this. The NMTA is busy trying to keep our lion trapping and holding off a bunch of proposals to the Game

Commission that will adversely affect your ability to run traps. It seems the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) is trying to appease the groups that are against us by coming up with these proposals. They even admitted at the commission meeting in Santa Fe that there is no biological or any reason for eliminating cougar trapping other than it's not socially acceptable.

A Game Commission meeting will be held November 21 at 9 AM at the NMDGF office. These are public meetings so we need representation. Some meetings have already taken place by the time this is published; at Santa Fe my wife and I were the only trappers present, we were vastly outnumbered. Even if you don't testify, just having you there would help.

I'm looking forward to this season as I've got some new things to try and I'm seeing rabbits again after a couple of years of very few. To those of you who copied the lure formula that I handed out at the fur sale, let me know how you do with it. The one ingredient I use and can no longer get I substituted an artificial stink, it seems to work on beaver so will see how it goes.

Mandatory trapper training is coming! From what I understand it will be online and EVERYONE will have to pass it, whether or not you have held a trapping license before. With all the new regulations being proposed the trapping course may leave a lot to be desired.

To find out what is going on go to www.wildlife.state.nm.us and check out proposals under consideration to comment and also comment to the game commissioners whose info is on that site as well.

Enjoy the season. It's a good time to be a trapper!

Tom Fisher



DECEMBER

December 15—Central Main Chapter Annual Fall Fur Auction.

Palmyra Community Center, Palmyra, ME at 8:00 a.m. For more information contact Ted Perkins at (207) 947-5106.

December 20-22—MO FTA Ch. 20 Trapping School.

Dubbert Auction Center, 72320 Weber St., Fortuna, MO 65034. Sleeping accommodations (bring a cot) and meals are included. Donations gladly accepted. Contact Jim Homan (573) 378-9005 or Don Knaebel (573) 286-7088 with questions.

JANUARY

January 17-18—Idaho Trappers

Assoc. Fur Sale. Elmore County Fairgrounds, Glenns Ferry, Idaho. Contact Rusty Kramer at (208) 870-3217 with questions.

January 18—Pennsylvania Trappers Association District 10

Live Bid Fur Auction. Stockertown Rod & Gun Club (205 Le Fevre Rd. Stockertown, PA 18083). Doors open at 8 am, auction starts at 9 am. PTA membership and furtaker license required. Contact: Bob Counterman 610-759-9203.

FEBRUARY

February 8—Indiana State Trappers

Association Fur Sale. Miami Co. Fairgrounds, 1079 W 200 N, Peru, IN 46970. Doors open at 7 AM. Sale at 9 AM. Contact Byron Tiede (219) 863-3803.

February 15—FTA Chapter 7 Fur

Sale. LaGrange County Fairgrounds, LaGrange, IN. Will start grading fur at 7:00 a.m. Sale starts at 9:00 a.m. Call Gary Walchle (260) 463-1529 or Joby Morr (260) 242-4140 with questions.

MARCH

March 13-14—Idaho Trappers

Assoc. Fur Sale. Elmore County Fairgrounds, Glenns Ferry, Idaho.

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JUNE

June 18-20—FTA Rendezvous.

Clark County 4-H Fairgrounds, 9608 Highway 62, Charlestown, IN 47111. Contact Charles Davis (812) 801-3033 with questions.

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