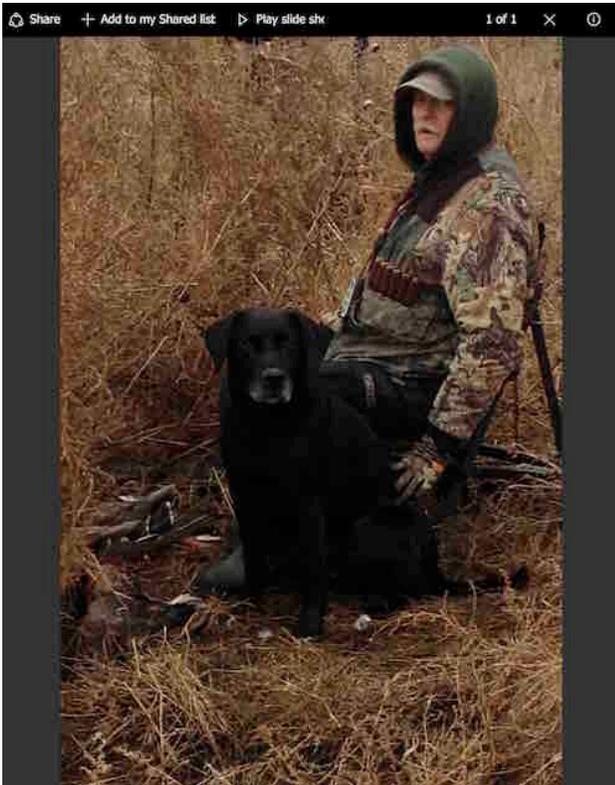




South Saskatchewan Wildlife Association News Letter 2017



A new hunting season has arrived and I would like to wish everyone good luck, be safe and remember always respect our resources. Also ice fishing will be in full swing soon. The Walleye have been hit and miss this year and the perch have been small, so please release these and only keep the ones that are decent for the frying pan. ""Upcoming Events for the SSWA."" Our Annual Gun Show April 28 & 29 2018 will be held at the Convention Centre 250 Thatcher Dr. East (Moose Jaw Exhibition Grounds). Mar.17 2018 the SSWA Awards Banquet. Tickets are available from any of our Directors. In closing enjoy the outdoors with your family and friends, take them ice fishing and good health and happiness in the New Year

President SSWA
Gregg Timms

Executive

Past President Bill Betts	President Gregg Timms	1stVice Don Park	2nd Vice Carolyn Bowler
Treasurer Tim Yates	Secretary Barry McLafferty	Director At Large Al Dyck	

Committee Chairs

Social Lounge	() Barry Mclafferty	Raffles Range	Harry Horejda Al Dyck
Awards Night	()	Youth Biathlon	Don Park
Firearm Safety	Harry Horejda	Fin	Tim Yates
Wakamaw	Carolyn Bowler	Fur	Paul Moerike
Signs	Ted Nagel	Feather	Barry Mclafferty
Sick+Visting	Barry McLafferty	Trophies	Dwayne Law
News Letter	Ron Lancaster	Memberships	Ron Lancaster
Social Media	Jesse Chase	Game Advisory	Paul Moerike
Fish Advisory	Tim Yates	alt	Russ Becker
Alt	Mike Coupland	Habitat Protection and Improvement	Kelly Martin

Directors

Russ Becker	Bill Betts	CarolynBowler	Jesse Chase
Al Dailey	Al Dyck	Harry Horejda	Joel Charron
Barry McLafferty	Bob McLarty	Ted Nagel	Don Park
Tim Yates	Gregg Timms	Ron Lancaster	William Ernest
Paul Moerike	Kelly Martin	Dwayne Law	John Cooper
Todd Smith	Mike Coupland	Marc Coupland	Leonard Davey

Senators

Al Campbell, Ken Cornell, John Hales, Jim Hall, Wayne Hall, Maxine Leitch, Gene Ward, Gordon Ward, Howie Johnson, Gord Paice, Bill Pritchard, Kevin Tondevold, Glenn Chernick

Any member interested in attending a Director's meeting is more than welcome. These meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Sportsman Centre.

Any member interested in becoming a director of the SSWA or interested in participating in any wildlife projects, please contact us at sswa@shaw.ca

Please remember to check your membership and don't forget to renew
You can purchase a membership from any Director or down load a membership form from our website (sswa sites)

Committee Reports



It is with profound sadness, the family of Barry Lee McLafferty of Moose Jaw, SK announces his sudden and unexpected passing on Thursday, August 10th, 2017 at the age of 67 years. Barry was an avid hunter and was very involved in the South Saskatchewan Wildlife Association. He served as a Director and as secretary of the club for many years. He was especially proud of his involvement with the Pheasant Release Program.

FEATHER COMMITTEE REPORT

The SSWA continued in 2017 with its long standing project of the purchase of ring necked pheasants for raising and release. 400 day old pheasants were purchased in May and placed into brood houses with Tony Oberding, Jerry and Angela Deaust and Bert Green. In addition 100 eggs were purchased and incubated by Director Bob McLarty for the Club and raised for release.

The birds are released in early August in various locations where there is good habitat and a low predation problem. Our success rate for the raising of these birds has been excellent this year with minimal losses.

Thank you to all of our supporters for their assistance with this important project as there is nothing more exciting in the wild than the sound of the crowing of a rooster (male pheasant) or the sight of this beautiful colored bird.

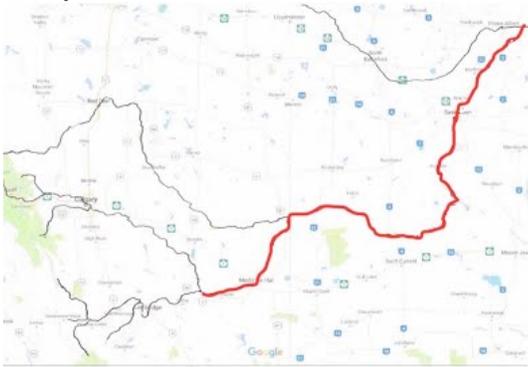
The South Saskatchewan Wildlife Association is proud and honored to have the Ring Neck Pheasant as the Club logo.

FEATHER COMMITTEE:
BARRY MCLAFFERTY
BOB MCLARTY
CAROLYN BOWLER

Fin

The South Saskatchewan River

Have you ever wondered where the South Saskatchewan River comes from? Although it is made up of many contributories, there are seven main creeks and rivers that join together to form the South Saskatchewan River that flows through our province.



Starting its journey from the bottom end of Banff. The Old Man River begins its' flow southeast, where it is joined by the Pincher Creek flowing north from Waterton National Park. Shortly after the emergence of Pincher Creek into the Old Man River, the Willow Creek that started in the foothills of Southern Alberta also joins the Old Man River, which is now flowing East. While this is going on, another major river the Bow River is forming in Northern Banff at Bow Lake. It begins its flow south and is joined by the Ghost River west of Calgary that also started in Banff. They continue east to Calgary where the Elbow River, which also started in southern Banff flows into the Bow at Calgary. This convergence of rivers now continue to flow in a southeast direction until it joins the Old Man River at Askow between Taber and Medicine Hat. It is at this point where the South Saskatchewan River is created. Flowing northeast through Medicine Hat then into Saskatchewan where one more major river, the Red Deer River also started in Banff but took a more northerly route joins the South Saskatchewan River near Estuary west of Leader. The South Saskatchewan River continues to flow on a northeast direction until it joins the North Saskatchewan River east of Prince Albert, which now creates the Saskatchewan River. The Saskatchewan River flows east into Lake Winnipeg, from there it flows into the Hudson Bay and finally the Arctic Ocean. RWL

Fur

Our motto is "Wildlife needs your help". The SSWA has proudly worked with Saskatchewan Environment and other organizations to assist in the understanding of wildlife habitats, populations, herd structures and other species specific issues. Big game hunting is an extremely important part of our heritage and part of our objective is to aid in preserving it for future generations, whether they are observers, outdoor enthusiasts, hunters, fishermen, or nature lovers.

The SSWA emphasizes conservation, education, promotion, management and protection of habitat. One important thing that every hunter can do to assist in tracking herd size/populations is to fill out their "Hunter Harvest Survey" and send it into Saskatchewan Environment, via your H.A.L. account. This information is imperative to keeping herd populations at a healthy sustainable level for all future generations to enjoy.

Paul Moerike

S.S.W.A. YOUTH FISHING DERBY

Next Years Derby

June 02 2018 11am to 2pm Buffalo Pound Provincial Park
Trout Pond

Fishing is from 11am - 2pm with presentations to follow.

Lunch provided from 11:30-1:00

Age groups are: 3-7, 8-11 and 12-15

Prizes will be awarded for each age category.

All anglers are asked to bring their own fishing gear and a life jacket is required.

We ask that an adult accompany all children for safety reasons. Anglers will fish from shore.

Catch and release facilities will be available for any anglers wishing to return their catch to the river.

Registration is free but is limited to 24 participants

To register for the derby or if you have any further questions feel free to contact

Tim Yates 693-4929 or timyates@sasktel.net

Membership

Why should I have a membership to the SSWA? There are many answers to this question. The most important is by supporting any wildlife group you are helping to support conservation. The SSWA motto is wildlife needs your help. Through our projects and programs and a lot of hard work we are able to achieve this goal. We supply a place to take firearms safety and hunter ed. We also have a range to shoot, a place to train for the biathlon and many more reasons why you should have a membership to the SSWA. I guess the question should have been where would we be without the SSWA. So make sure you get your membership. Email us at sswa@shaw.ca also checkout our website. Google (sswa sites) RWL

Youth Biathlon

Biathlon combines precision shooting and cross country skiing. Our club teaches fundamentals of the sport including safe handling of firearms. We welcome youth of all skill levels and provide opportunities to compete in provincial and inter-provincial competitions. If you are interested in enjoying the outdoors, learning to shoot and ski come give this sport a try. For more info contact: Don Park donpark454@gmail.com

Target

In 2015 the Saskatchewan Target Shooting Association was formed. This provincial sport body replaced the former Saskatchewan Handgun Assn. and from this point on will represent both handgun and small bore rifle shooting in the province. This was an opportunity to add Target Rifle shooting to our existing Air Pistol program. Athletes here learn the fundamentals of rifle marks men ship and safety in a competitive setting. Our young members range from 9yrs to 17yrs and have competed in provincial matches and some attending Canada Winter Games tryouts. Shooting 10s is what this sport is about!



The SSWA Air Pistol club has been quietly operating for many years. It is still popular with most lanes full on practice nights. We continue to teach Olympic style shooting fundamentals and safety. Our athletes vary from grass roots to more competitive levels.. Saskatchewan Winter Games 2018 on the horizon. We practice Monday nights 6:30-9:30, September to May. For more info contact: Don Park donpark454@gmail.com



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Busy Season and Exciting Times Ahead

This year, our target shooting program is off to a great start with 12-15 youth shooting on Monday nights. Both rifle and pistol disciplines are represented . We have several first time shooters on the line learning the basics of safety and marksmanship.

Our high performance shooters started off their season with the first match in Calgary October 28-29. Austin Ellis won gold in Men's Rifle, Talia Park won bronze in Women's Pistol and Clarisa Welsh took gold in Junior Women's. Talia and Austin are members of the Saskatchewan Shooting Team and will continue wearing Sask colors this next season.

Our younger shooters will be heading to Saskatoon for Sask Winter Games play downs in January with hopes of being chosen to represent Team South West at the games in North Battleford February 18-21.

Our Biathlon program is also off to a great start with many athletes returning and preparing for Sask Winter Games. We have a few parents interested in joining in and trying this exciting sport. Once again on the high performance side we have Nathan Kuntz wearing green and skiing with the Provincial Biathlon team. We wish him the best in his competitions this winter. Our youth programs continue to evolve and improve with great results from our little club from Moose Jaw.

Don Park

SSWA Biathlon and Target Shooting Chair



Daniel Comben- Saskatoon, Austin Ellis- Moose Jaw,
Michael Kommes- Nova Scotia



Talia Park- Moose Jaw, Lynda Kiejko-Calgary,
Audrey Le Sieur-Quebec



Clarisa Welsh

SSWA Predator Rifle Raffle



THE Winner Of SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION 2016-2017 PREDATOR RIFLE RAFFLE. SASK PROV LICENSE SR15-2166 is Roland Larsen from Preeceville Official draw date: Mar 26, 2017. THE PACKAGE CONSISTS OF: TIKKA T3L SS rifle with bipod and a Vortex Diamond back scope . Full set of snow camouflage cover ups tops and bottoms Snow camo gloves, balaclava, Hi Viz vest, hat and other assorted sundries.

THE SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION 2017-2018 PREDATOR RIFLE RAFFLE. SASK PROV LICENSE (SR16:2980)



THE PACKAGE CONSISTS OF: TIKKA T3x SS rifle with bipod and a Vortex Diamond back scope . Full set of snow camouflage cover ups tops and bottoms Snow camo gloves, balaclava, Hi Viz vest, hat and other assorted sundries.

This years package also includes Vortex Diamondback 8x42 binoculars Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 3 for \$10.00 (Official draw date: May15,2018.) Tickets are available from any SSWA director or contact raffle coordinator Harry 306 693 1324

Signs



The SSWA fully promotes good relations between hunters and landowners. If you are a landowner or know of one who wishes to promote hunting on foot or hunting with permission on their property we can help you. Our

organization has prepared signs that you can get and post on your property which make it clear to hunters how they can have access to your property. Contact Ted Nagel or any Director for appropriate sign.

Range

Gun Show

April 28 & 29 The Moose Jaw Gun Show Will Be Held at The M.J Convention Centre Exhibition Grounds 250 Thatcher Dr.E Saturday 10 am to 5 pm Sunday 10 to 3pm For Further Info Contact Allen at 306-631-6601 or Email aodyck@sasktel.net or Don Park at 306-631-5047

Range Officers

Range Officers for the SSWA are Allen Miller, Kelly Martin, Allen Dyck, Don Park, Paul Moerike, Jesse Chase

South Saskatchewan Wildlife Association Range Rules

All firearms and ammunition must be approved by range officers.

Only rifles allowed are rim fire .22

Black powder firearms, Centre fire rifles and Shotguns of any kind will not be allowed..

1) Allowed ammunition to be fired on the range are cartridges with solid lead and lead core copper jacketed bullets.

A) Reloaded ammunition is allowed. It is the shooter's responsibility to ensure the safety of such ammunition. **The SSWA will not be held responsible.**

b) No military ammunition allowed.

2. Ammunition being fired must not have a muzzle energy exceeding 600 ft lbs., Velocity squared times bullet weight(in grains) divided by 450240= ft lbs. muzzle energy.

3. Commands of the range officer will be obeyed at all times.

4. Guests will be allowed only once. **(for insurance, a SSWA membership is required to be on the range)**

5. Hearing and eye protection must be worn on firing line.

6. When the Red range light is on, firearms may be uncased, loaded and discharged at the target down range.

7. No handling of firearms when the Green light is on. Magazine or cylinder may only be loaded when the firearm is in use. **(one firearm and one magazine allowed)**

8. One firearm is allowed to be on the table at each firing point. Other firearms must remain in the shooters gun chase, or be left in a locked gun case off the firing line.

9. Holsters or speed rigs are not permitted on the range.

10. If there is only one member on the firing line, another individual must be present.
11. During a power failure and if the emergency backup lights fail. These procedures must be followed.
 - a) Do not Panic
 - b) Remove your finger from the trigger immediately.
 - c) Do not move from fire line position.
 - d) Keep firearm pointed down range.
 - e) Do not try to disarm your firearm.
 - f) A range officer equipped with a flashlight will instruct each shooter on the firing line.
 - g) Shooters on the firing line will disarm their firearm with the assistance of the range officer.
12. Standing position only. Shooting with a bench rest or sitting position will be at the discretion of the range officer.
13. When the **Green Light** is on, do not handle your firearm and stand back from the fire line.
14. Do not load your firearm until the range officer gives the command. (**a maximum of five cartridges for each set**)
15. A firearm is considered loaded if there is a cartridge in the chamber or in the magazine.
16. All uncased revolvers must have the cylinder open and unloaded. All semi-automatics must have the slide locked open and the magazine removed. This rule should be followed when showing the firearm.
17. On completion of firing at the target, the shooter must make their firearm safe and set it on the table pointing down range with the cylinder open or the slide locked open and the magazine removed. Stand back from the firing line and wait for the green light before you move forward.
18. Keep your finger off the trigger when raising and lowering the firearm to or from your shooting position. This is to avoid accidentally shooting anything other than the target. **Contact the trigger only when your firearm is pointing at the target.**
19. No food, beverages or smoking allow on the range.
20. No alcohol or drugs allowed.
- 21 Safe operation of the range is the responsibility of the range officer.
22. Club guns will be used for orientation to shoot and training or for Guests.(**as per article #4**)
23. If there are a large number of shooters using the range, a time limit of 30 minutes or less per shooter may be imposed at the discretion of the range officer.
24. All incidents or accidents that occur at the SSWA range will be reported to the range officer immediately. They will investigate and submit a report to the executive of the SSWA within 48 hours of the incident or accident.

Firearm Safety

CDN FIREARM SAFETY/SASK HUNTER ED COURSE INFO

THESE COURSES CONDUCTED BY THE MJFAS/HED INSTRUCTOR GROUP.

CFSC: CDN FIREARM SAFETY COURSE : successful completion will fulfill the requirements for obtaining a Federal Firearms License (PAL).

Must be 18 years of age to apply for the license. YOUTH PASSING THIS COURSE WILL RECEIVE DOCUMENTATION

FOR PARENTS TO SAVE UNTIL 18TH BIRTHDAY.

SHED: SASK HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE: successful completion of the course will enable the student to legally hunt in Sask. **Anyone born after Jan 1, 1971 must complete the Sask Hunter Education Course or a recognized course from another Province or State to hunt in this province.

Minimum age to take the courses is 12.

Cost: Both courses 100.00 CASH. NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED The cost to take only one course is \$50.00. **YOUTH MUST TAKE BOTH COURSES****AS HANDS ON FIREARM TRAINING IS DONE IN THE CFSC.

IDENTIFICATION: PROOF OF AGE AND IDENTITY MUST BE PROVIDED: SASK HEALTH CARDS, DRIVER LICENSES, SIN CARDS, CAF ID ALL WORK WELL.

CLASS LOCATIONS

SOUTH SASK WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION (SSWA) 276 HOME ST EAST

LOWER LEVEL OF THE SPORTSMAN CENTRE

ANY QUESTIONS ON FIREARMS LICENSING : , OBTAINING RESTRICTED PAL STATUS, ADULT ONE DAY COURSE OPTIONS FEEL FREE TO CALL HARRY at 306 693 1324 email hshorejda@shaw.ca) or Al at 631 0833 email

daileya@sasktel.net or TIM at 693 4929 email timyates@sasktel.net or Don at donpark454@gmail.com or Todd at smith@cefsk.ca NY

ALSO CONSULT THE SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE TO SEE A LIST OF INSTRUCTORS WHO OFFER THESE SERVICES AND FOR NEXT YEAR COURSES.

Awards Night

Awards Night will be held on March 17 2018 at the Sportsmen Centre. Doors open at 5:30 pm a Roast Beef supper at 6:30. There will be an Auction, Dart Board, Bucket Draws and Door Prizes. Tickets are \$25 each these are available from any director or email us at sswa@shaw.ca ,last year we were full so get your tickets early.

TROPHIES

All Trophy forms must be mailed by January 15

FISH

WHITE FISH	Curly's Baits	Ron Lancaster	2lb 15oz
PERCH	Colby Kivol Family	Tarry Bulwer	1lb 10oz
WALLEYE	Mercury Service	Curtis Novak	12lb 15oz
NORTHERN PIKE	South Hill Fine Foods	Ron Lancaster	9lb 10oz
LAKE TROUT	SSWA		
BROOK TROUT	SSWA		
RAINBOW TROUT	Sam Letch Memorial (Clark Supply)	Tarry Bulwer Ron Lancaster	3lb 14oz
Jr CHAMP	C & E Mechanical	Brady Novak	Pike 9lb
NOVICE CHAMP	Jiggy Joe		
ADULT CHAMP	Hub Meat Market (Bryce Downey)	Ron Lancaster	Rain 3lb14oz Wall10lb 3oz Pike 9lb14oz total 23l15oz

BIRDS

DUCK	Stan Kivol Memorial (Al Kivol)	Marc Timms	3lb 11oz
GOOSE	Jiggy Joe	Jiggy Joe	12lb 6oz
PARTRIDGE	SSWA		
SHARPTAIL GROUSE	Al Dailey	Jiggy Joe	1lb 15oz
PHEASANT	Barry McLafferty Memorial	Bart Timms	3lb

BLACK POWDER

WHITETAIL	Great West Auto Electric		
N/T WHITETAIL	Allan & Olive Dyck		
MULEDEER	Letchers		
N/T MULEDEER	Hugh Somers Memorial (Russ Becker/ Daryl Metz)		
ANTELOPE	Tony Oberding		

RIFLE

WHITETAIL	Brent Deets Memorial GlennChernick/TarryBulwer	Tarry Bulwer	149 7/8
N/T WHITETAIL	Gerald Wicharuk Memorial (Kevin Wicharuk)		
MULEDEER	Long Hall Trucking Conn's Corner Service	Don Higgins	182 1/8
N T MULEDEER	Paice Construction (Bob Nelson)		
ANTELOPE	Jim Luther Memorial (Orion Taxidermy)		
MOOSE	Marc Timms & Jimmy Kaytor	Garth Timoruski	151 2/8
ELK	Gary Vieser		
BEAR	Crackmasters Auto Glass		

BLACK POWDER	All Star Awards & Graphics		
RIFLE	Constable Automotive	Don Higgins	182 1/8
WHITETAIL By Jr.	Collier Electric	Tyson Ray	117 2/8
BEST BIG GAME BY LADY	Akura Autobody		
WHITETAIL WITH BOW	Scott Striha Memorial (Karen Striha)		

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR	David Schmidt Memorial SSWA	David Maydanich	
DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR	Benton Searcy Memorial SSWA	Gregg Timms	

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR AWARDS

[Click Here For Entry Forms](#)

1. Must be a current member prior to the catch or kill of trophy
2. All trophies entered must be taken within Saskatchewan in the current year. Fish caught in border lakes that recognize a Saskatchewan Licence also count as caught within Sask.
3. It is the responsibility of the owner, to enter their trophy to the SSWA's Awards Committee.
4. All fish and game birds taken must be weighed on a digital scale by a neutral person.

5. Big game animals must be scored by Boone & Crocket, Henry Kalsey and Pope & Young standards.
6. Big game must be scored by a official scorer.
7. Best Big Game Animal taken with a Rifle. (Rifle Trophy), Best Big Game Animal taken with a Musket (Black Powder Trophy)
 - : minimum score divided into actual score, multiplied by 100 = percentage eg. (165/173x100=104.84%).
8. Jr. Champion Angler
 - : Must be 12 years of age or under when fish is caught.
 - : One Fish Best Weight.
9. Novice Champion Angler
 - : Must be 13-16 year of age when fish is caught.
 - : One Fish Best Weight
10. Adult Champion Angler
 - : 17 years of age and over
 - : The total weight of three fish with a combination including only 1 pike, 1 walleye , 1 lake trout, 2 whitefish, 2 rainbow trout, 2 brook trout or 3 perch.



The SSWA is looking for pictures like these so that we can put them in our newsletter and display them at Awards Night. Yes, we want trophy pictures but we are also looking for pictures showing that you enjoy the great outdoors. Whether it be hunting, fishing, hiking or bird watching, send us your pictures.



We are also interested in hearing from you if you have an opinion on any topic pertaining to wildlife, conservation or the SSWA.

South Saskatchewan Wildlife Association

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 Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 4N8
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 Phone 306 692 2775

Species:	Date	20
Place Shot or Caught		
Weight:	Length:	Girth:
Weight Official		
Witness		
Official Score:	Non Typical or Typical:	
Members Name	Age	
Address:		
Phone No	Email:	
Membership #	License #	

Measure fish with pinch tail
 Measure birds tip of beak to longest tail feather
 SSWA members only, membership must be valid before trophy is taken.
 Membership number must be on this form.
 Big game must be scored by official scorer, who keeps official score sheets.

I certify that the above trophy was taken legally by me in fair chase.

Signature _____

I/we, the above signed, grant to South Saskatchewan Wildlife Association, its representatives and employees the right to take photographs of me and my property in connection with the above-identified subject. I authorize South Saskatchewan Wildlife Association, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I/we agree that South Saskatchewan Wildlife Association may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

Moose Jaw Gun Show

M. J. Convention Centre Exhibition Grounds

250 Thatcher Dr. E.

APRIL 28 & 29 , 2018

Set up will Be APRIL 27 from 10 AM to 5 PM and
Saturday APRIL 28, 8 AM to 10 AM

Show times will be Saturday 10:00 AM – 5 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tables will be 8 ft tables , and will cost \$35.00 each. Please make cheques payable to the South Saskatchewan Wildlife Association.

Application for table Reservation (Please Print)

Name : _____ Phone # _____

Address : _____

Email : _____ Postal Code : _____

Number of tables _____ x 35.00 = _____

Please return the application with payment to
Allen Dyck P.O.Box 65 Caron Sask S0H-0R0

Allen Dyck 306-631-6601 email aodyck@sasktel.net