

LTAHA 2016 Convention Schedule April 2, 2016

- 8:00 am : Meet and greet.
- 8:30 am : Skinning Demo Ryan Schafer Sterlen Kirschman
- 10:00 am : Youth education demo Client Johnson
- 10:00 am : David Gore
- 11:00 am : Kenny Prince
- 12:00 am : Lunch
- 1:00 pm : General meeting and vote for board members
- 1:30 pm : Board meeting and seating of officers
- 1 30 pm : Youth speed race Wesley Blanchard and Quinten Morris
- 2:00 pm : Beaver speed skinning contest.
- 3:00 pm : Silent Auction ends Live auction begins.

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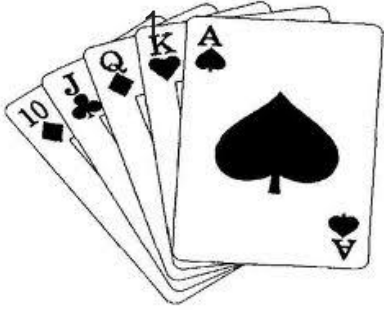
From I-49, take exit 73 (Woodworth exit) and go west on Robinson Bridge Rd. approx. 2 miles. Look to the left.

At this time we would also like to open the nomination floor up to all members for new Board of Directors and officers. Any member in good standing can be nominated and serve on the Board. It is a three year term. The Board votes on the budget and sets the direction which the association will go for the year. The Board also seats the officers. We are a total volunteer group and we are begging for help at every turn. We have big ideas and many plans but without willing and able bodied people nothing will happen. Please if you wish to nominate someone or be nominated fill out the sheet below and return it the day of the convention or mail back to Tony Howard, 170 Thomas St. Sarepta. La 71071.

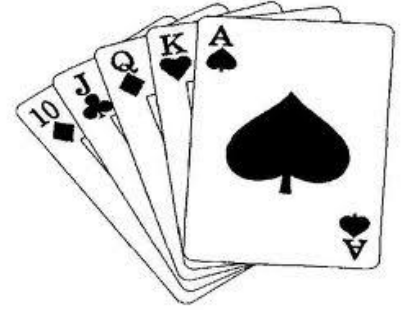
If you are nominating someone other than yourself please insure that you speak to and receive that person's permission. All nominations will be contacted before they are voted on to ensure they approve of their nomination.

Nominations name: _____

Position nominated for: _____ Telephone number _____



Stud Poker Gun Raffle 2015



We will be raffling a Henry .22 cal lever action rifle this year at the annual convention. We will be selling one playing card from two decks (red/blue) for \$10 a card. There will be 108 cards sold counting the jokers from each deck. We will draw mid-way through the live auction or when all the cards are sold. The rifle will be on hand and a bill of sale transfer made. You will tear the card in half put one half in the hopper and the other half you keep. You can put your name, address and phone number on the card if you wish. There may be more items donated to the raffle as we get closer. Anyone wishing to enter the drawing who will not be present please contact Tony Howard for more information. 318-423-7860

Please remember to bring donations for the auction. The live auction is always a fun time and this year we will have a kid's corner auction. These will be items that only kid's 18 and under will bid on. We will also have a kid's only silent auction. We are trying to change things up some this year and hope to have something for everyone. So please make plans now to stay for the auction.

Trappers Race

This year we will have a 65' x 20' inflatable obstacle course for the kids. We will be holding trapper's races in this obstacle course for many age groups (young and old). After last years event several of older members in the race were hurt, bruised and crying. Since I am writing this letter know that Tony Howard was not one of them.

NAFA Truck

Sterlen Kirschman will be demoing fur put up and picking fur after 4 pm at the convention this year. Please, no pick ups before 4 pm. We want everyone to have time to enjoy the other demos and events at the convention. If you have any question you can contact Sterlen for more detailed information at 501-760-7635 or 5021-627-4327
You have all your proper paper work to ship fur.



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Dear member this year convention date is set for April 2, 2016. The convention is again going to be held in Woodworth Louisiana at

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This convention holds significant importance as we will have a ballot vote on the future of Trappers Education in the state and the roll that the LTAHA will play in it. We are asking all current members participate in this vote by mail or in person the day of the event. I will try to outline the proposed plan the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries is asking the trappers of the state to enter into.

We will also be asking all life members about converting their magazine subscription from the "Trapper and Predator Caller" to the "Trappers Post" same as the general membership.

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On March 7, 2016 Tony Howard, President and Ryan Schaefer, Secretary were asked to meet with representatives from the Wildlife Division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) in New Iberia. In the meeting LDWF asked the LTAHA to officially request help and financial support from the Department through the Fur Advisory Council (FAC) and begin a joint venture on trapper's education in the state. There was much discussion on the content and format of such education including the ability to secure competent and willing volunteer instructors for the hands on level classes. The goals of this education program are to ensure that new trappers would have training on the ethics, moral responsibly and laws of trapping to give them the educational material with which to promote the trade in the public in a positive way. It is also to cut the learning curve by introducing new trappers to equipment and equipment usage through a class room setting instead of by trail and error. Tony Howard is promoting an on line course which could be taken by trappers with a paper version available if needed. This on line course would cover the Best Management Practices (BMP) which is already published and ready for use at little to no cost. The on line course would be self instruct and could be taken at the trappers own pace. This class would be much like the boater safety course already in place. If such a class is put into place we have asked for records to be kept and certificates to be issued for completion.

The question being asked of the LTAHA is two fold.

Number one who would be willing to volunteer to become and instructor and teach a hands on trapping class under the guide lines set for by the coalition of LTAHA, FAC and LDWF at two events per years?

Number two does the LTAHA wish to move forward with a standard format trapper's education program which has our input?

Volunteer? Name _____ Phone number _____

Should the LTAHA request in writing a joint venture for trappers education?

Yes _____

No _____