

# The Trapper Celebrating 30 Years Anniversary

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With this issue we celebrate 30 years of grassroots communications and I would like to extend a warm hello to my trapping friends in Saskatchewan and across Canada.

What began as the *Saskatchewan Trapper* quickly became a hit across the country and grew to include association news from across Canada. Many of the messages made in those first few issues still ring true today.

Over the years, trappers in Saskatchewan and across Canada have shown loyalty by not only keeping memberships and/or subscriptions current, but also by contributing to the features and stories that round out the association news. Few magazines are reader-driven editorial.



There are many individuals that play a key role in bringing you an issue. I salute those people from member associations across Canada that submit reports, gather and send the information, take photos of activities

and events or maintain memberships lists. Your ongoing commitment to contribute is key to this publication.

In honour of 30 years of publishing the news of fur industry and the trappers themselves, let's continue to celebrate this history. Send us your photos and stories and we'll document your participation in the issues ahead. We will also dig into the archives and bring you the highlights of the past 30 years.



Coyote Communications archives.

## Saskatchewan Trapper Vol. 1, No. 1—Fall 1986

Alcide Giroux, Trappers International Marketing Service, North Bay, Ontario wrote:

"It gives me great pleasure in congratulating your association executives with the first publication of the *Saskatchewan Trapper*. I am confident it will serve as a means to communicate with Saskatchewan trappers on major issues of importance to trappers. With the situation of the world today in regard to animal rights and anti-fur, and the many changes occurring, one cannot emphasize enough the need to inform trappers on various aspects of the fur industry including the most efficient and humane trapping practices."

The Honourable Paul Schoenhals, Minister of Tourism and Small Business, wrote:

"Historically, the trapper was one of the first small business entrepreneurs in our province. With the long tradition of the fur industry, it is encouraging to see modern business practices such as this publication being employed."

## Saskatchewan Trapper Vol. 1, No. 2—Winter 1986

Anne Thiessen, STA Secretary/Treasurer, says:

"First of all a big thank you goes out to McIntosh Publishing Company for the fine job on our magazine. Many phone calls and letters have come in congratulating us on it. It is a good feeling. We worked hard all summer. A lot of credit goes to our president, Craig Hamilton and Wayne Runge (DPRR), and we thank them both."

## Saskatchewan Trapper Vol. 1, No. 3—Spring 1987

Annual Saskatchewan Trappers Convention Report: *Fur Sales Up in 1986 by a Million Dollars*  
Cam Scheelhaase, a supervisor of land owners assistance and fur, of the Saskatchewan Department of Parks and Renewable Resources, reported the province's fur sales brought over \$5 million to trappers in 1986, up almost \$1 million from 1985, but down from the all-time peak of \$10 million in 1978. The department estimates that 330,000 pelts were harvested and sold in 1986.

## Saskatchewan Trapper Vol. 1, No. 4—Summer 1987

Editorial by C. Irwin McIntosh, Managing Editor:

"It was a good year for trappers. Wayne Runge, Saskatchewan's hard-working fur supervisor, says it's too early to talk in particular detail about the harvest or the money earned. But, he said, there is little doubt that trappers enjoyed a record harvest and record returns.

There is a growing demand for quality. The trapper who prepares his furs for market must use all the expertise he can muster. Produce a quality product and that quality will be reflected in your selling price."