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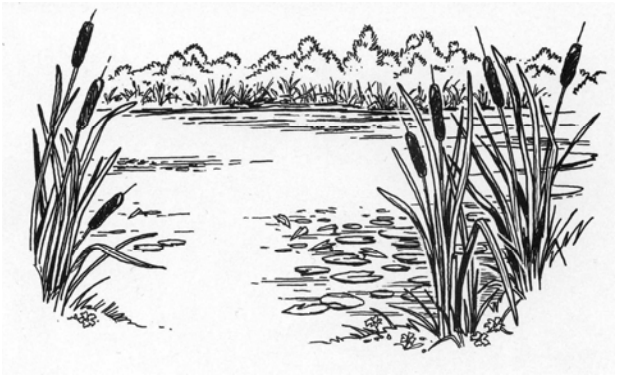

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Convention & Sportsman's Show 2011

The New York State Trappers Association would like to invite you and your family to attend the 2011 Convention and Sportsman's Show, September 1-3, 2011 at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY. There will be trapping & outdoor demonstrations starting at noon on Thursday and continuing throughout the weekend. There will be a NYS Trapper Education course on Sat., September 3rd starting at 8AM, please pre-register at the NYSTA booth or by calling Wayne Jones at (315) 768-8115. The annual President's Dinner will be held on Friday evening followed by a large merchandise auction with the general membership meeting to be held on Saturday followed by a Chinese auction. There will be raffles, games and contests for all ages and kids only demos. Please check the NYSTA website at www.nystrappers.org/conventions for additional information about camping, tailgate and vendor opportunities. Auction donations are greatly appreciated and can be sent to: Wayne Jones at 9152 River Road, Marcy, NY 13403.

Wayne Jones (315) 768-8115 / iluvny2@roadrunner.com

Sept. 1st, 2nd, 3rd - Starts Thursday at 12pm

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NEW YORK STATE TRAPPER'S Association

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President's Report

It has been awhile since NYSTA provided the ***Traplines*** newsletter to our members. We usually plan on sending out newsletter quarterly, immediately following our Directors Meetings. I had to cancel our April Directors Meeting due to a report of potentially dangerous driving conditions across parts of NY and also because several of our voting members of the Board had to be excused due to personal conflicts on that date. We rescheduled that meeting for June, but our attendance of voting members left us short of a quorum so there was little to report from that meeting. Our July meeting provided us with a quorum and much was accomplished.

I am going to bring up the fact of how committed and dedicated an individual must be to remain a member of the NYSTA Board. Meetings are scheduled quarterly, usually a year or more ahead of time. It is extremely important that Board members attend those meetings. We cannot vote on any issues that require a vote of the Board if we don't have a quorum. We have some very, very dedicated men and women on that Board. However, we do have some openings for Director positions in three large Regions of the state. NYSTA is looking for responsible, dedicated, qualified members to fill the position of Director in Regions 5N, 9N and 9S. It is very important that these individuals be able to attend the four quarterly Board of Director Meetings held annually at the Herkimer Fairgrounds Office in Frankfort, NY. New York State is a very large state and at this time these Regions are not being adequately represented in Board discussions. If anyone has a desire, and is qualified, to fill one of these vacancies, I urge you to please contact me so we can discuss the possibilities.

I have to take a little space here to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Dave Miller for taking on the responsibilities of managing the FTA National Rendezvous at Dunkirk in June. This successful event was the culmination of two years of work. Dave, I know that doing that was NOT in your job description but you sure did an excellent job of designing, managing, and overseeing that entire event. Thank you!

Jim Carmody deserves our praise and gratitude for not only all the hours he put in helping at the FTA Rendezvous but also for the hours and days he spent on the phone and the computer scheduling all the excellent demos. Lining up and scheduling all the demos for any event is usually not only time consuming but at times a virtual nightmare. Jim has done this for every NYSTA or NYSTA hosted event for a long time now and he does one heck of a job at it. Thanks Jim !

NYSTA would especially like to express our greatest appreciation to the many volunteers from the Erie County Trappers Assoc., the Cattaraugus County Trappers Assoc., and to the many other trappers that pitched in and helped with all the on-site work necessary to ensure the success of this FTA National Rendezvous. Our hats are off to you fine folks and we could not have done it without all your help. From the depths of our hearts, Thank You !

I also have to mention the dedication and work ethic of our new FTA Director, Ken Hellijas. I don't know if Ken knew about all the work involved when he volunteered for this position or not, but he sure jumped in with both feet and is doing a fine job. We've got a good man for this position. Thanks Ken !

I would like to make sure that all of the NYSTA members reading this take note of the proposed By Laws change that is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. It is very, very important that you take the time to vote on this issue that would allow the NYSTA FTA Director and the NYSTA NTA Director to vote on all issues and motions at the NYSTA Board of Directors Meetings. Please carefully read the proposed change, make your decision, and vote accordingly. Thank you.

A few recent changes and additions regarding NYSTA Directors and County Representatives need to be mentioned. These are:

Region 8E Director – Eric Hurd
email: Hurd_em@yahoo.com

Region 7S Director – Ray Nolan
email: ragn@Citlink.net

Oneida County Rep – Stephen Jones
email: Slj8@yahoo.com

Herkimer County Rep – Roger Drake
email: valleytrapper1@earthlink.net

A hearty welcome is extended to these new Directors and Reps. I'm sure they will represent NY's trappers well.

Our Annual Fall Convention at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds is rapidly approaching. The dates are September 1st - 3rd , 2011. I'm sure Vice President Wayne Jones has a full report in this issue of ***Traplines*** so I won't elaborate here. You will miss one of the country's largest and best trapping conventions if you don't go so I'll expect to see you there.

This year the NYSTA has teamed up with the Fulton-Montgomery Fur Harvesters to sponsor a new event. This will be an effort to both take a nostalgic trip back in time to the NYSTA's roots and to provide trappers with a high quality learning experience as well as a chance to view some unique trapping related displays, pick up a few last minute supplies, enjoy some 50 year old trapping movies, and experience a couple of days and evenings of good old-fashioned trapper comradeship. ***The New York State Trappers Adirondack Homecoming: Piseco Lake Rendezvous*** will take place on October 1st and 2nd, 2011 at the Irondequoit Inn, Old Piseco Road, on Piseco Lake in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains of New York. This six hundred acre facility with a bed and breakfast lodge, several cabins, efficiencies, and campsites is a perfect location for this event. Overnight accommodations at the Inn are limited so I would suggest you call early for reservations if you want to stay in the Lodge, book a cabin or a campsite directly on the grounds. There is a website for the Irondequoit Inn at www.irondequoitinn.com where all the information you need can be found. I have also been informed that the nearby DEC campgrounds at Louie Lake and Moffitt's Beach will still be open and accepting reservations as well. While we are still finalizing a lot of the plans for this event, you will be able to find continually updated information at the NYSTA website which is www.nystrappers.org, the NYTrappersForum website at http://nytrappers.proboards.com, or feel free to call me at 315-415-4946 or email to Logger-johnr@aol.com for more information.

I do feel compelled to highlight what I feel will be one of the main attractions of this event. I have lined up several opportunities for semi-personalized trapping instructions to take place during this event. These will be virtual ***On the Trapline*** instructions. You will need your hip boots and to dress accordingly. We have some top name trappers who have volunteered to teach you on an actual trapline simulated excursion for approximately a half day each.

There will be a registration fee charged to help offset the costs of putting on this otherwise free event for trappers. Since we expect that these ***On the Trapline*** instructional seminars will easily be overbooked, we will hold a drawing to fairly determine who the lucky trappers are that get to attend these special excursions.

Please go to page 7, or one of the web-sites listed above or contact me for more information on how to register, the drawing, fees, instructors and programs. Information and registration will be available at the NYSTA Booth at our Annual Fall Convention in Frankfort right up until the time of the drawing as well.

Joe VanHouten will be showing some movies of early NYSTA Conventions at Piseco Lake from back in the 1960s along with footage directly from Johnny Thorpe and OL Butcher traplines of the same vintage.

Johnny will be helping Joey narrate these on Saturday night down the road a bit from the Inn at the Municipal Building. NYSTA conventions outgrew the Piseco Lake amenities around 30 years ago. Going back for a special event such as this one will certainly revitalize those wonderful memories many of us share from that period of time. I'm very much looking forward to it and I hope many of you will plan on attending, too.
See you there.....

John Rockwood, President
New York State Trappers Association
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Executive Director's Report

Finally after all these years the cable restraint legislation saw a bit of light. Though there was no action by the Assembly, the cable restraint bill passed from the Senate Committee on Environmental Conservation to a vote on the Senate floor and was passed by the full Senate with not so much as one no vote. This means that we need to start over again next year, but at least we start with a little extra leverage.

Since the end of this years legislative session I have been working with the office of the Assemblyman Bob Sweeney, chair of the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation, and it appears that with some fairly simple changes his committee may be more willing to consider cable restraints. It is important that each of you, particularly those in ***Regions 1, 2 and 3*** contact your local Assembly member and ask for their support on this issue.

Please don't get into details, just tell them that this a proven safe, effective and humane tool that we trappers need to help play our part in managing wildlife, especially coyotes.

Two very bad pieces of legislation were passed this year and are, as I write this, waiting to be delivered to the Governor and while neither one may appear to directly affect trappers both set very dangerous precedents.

The first sets aside some areas in Regions 3 and 4 as antler restriction areas in which any male deer taken must have at least three points on one antler. This in fact is already included in the draft deer management plan so there is no need for this legislation. Though NYSTA takes no position on either side of the antler restriction issue we are adamantly opposed to allowing the legislature to manage wildlife. Should they (the legislature) take this authority away from the D.E.C. in this case there is little to stop them from legislating management of furbearers or for that matter any of our natural resources. If the Governor should sign this bill we may see the beginning of the end of sound wildlife practices in New York.

The second bit of legislation that concerns me has to do with the sale of bear gallbladders. This too has passed both houses and is on the way to the Governor. Originally this bill would have prohibited any sale or possession of bear gallbladders in N.Y. State.

I did get the bill amended, in fact a couple of times so that handling of this product changes very little and a hunter who legally takes a bear can, with only a little extra effort, sell the gallbladder. As things are at the moment this will not present any great problem; we do need to watch this very carefully though as if such a prohibition were to come about there would be only a short step to prohibiting the sale of other animal parts; beaver castor, muskrat glands, even fur.

It is increasingly important that we be ever watchful.

So, on to other things. Somehow we pulled off the F.T.A. National convention in Dunkirk, N.Y. Everything went well, F.T.A. made some money, NYSTA made some money, everyone had some fun (well except for almost constant rain) and we all went home happy-------- and wet.

Everyone should have received tickets for the raffle sponsored by The Orange County Federation and the Orange County Trappers (for more information on this see page 5. This is a great opportunity for NYSTA. Please get out and sell those tickets and if you need more please contact Jim Peterson (845-778-5126 or me.

Dave Miller,
Executive Director, 607-522-4707
guarddn@empacc.net

NYSTA's Youth Trapping Camp:

Continuing with the success from last year's inaugural Youth Trapping Camp, the New York State Trappers Association (NYSTA) is proud to announce that once again the camp will be held over the Columbus Day weekend at Camp Rushford in Alleghany County in western New York again this fall. In addition, due to overwhelming need, a 2nd youth trapping camp will be held concurrently in the Eastern part of the state at the Twin Rivers Council Rotary Boy Scout Camp. These camps, which are the first of their kind for the northeast United States, are sponsored by The New York State Trappers Association (NYSTA) in cooperation with the New York

Youth Trapping Camps continued...

State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The Youth Trapping Camps will be held October 7th-10th, 2011. All Campers need to plan on arriving between 4-6PM Friday night and they will be released after 1PM Monday afternoon.

NYSTA has designed these Youth Trapping Camps to extend and enhance the State's current 8 hour long Trapper Education Class, which is required of all new trappers regardless of age. The program will allow for in-depth education of various trapping and outdoor related topics; history and ethics, types and correct uses of traps, disease and biology of management of fur bearers as well as the humane treatment of our naturally renewable resource. The DEC will issue permits to set traps and possess fur bearers for processing so youth will have the full experience of trapping. There will be an experienced trapping mentor for every one or two youth to insure close hands-on lessons.

The Youth Trapping Camps is for 12-15 year-olds only and we are pleased to announce that we have a limited number of openings for returning campers at both locations. Those in attendance will not be required to have a Trappers Education certificate before the camp begins, as there will be the chance to obtain it through the scheduled weekend activates.

NYSTA is extremely excited about offering this one-of-a kind opportunity for young outdoorsmen/women at a time when there are so many other activities being offered youths which draw them away from learning about the heritage which founded not only our state, but country.

There is a nominal fee of $40.00 per student to cover the cost of food and supplies. State policy states there is no charge for instruction for the Trappers Education Class given by NYS volunteer instructors. There is a limit of 26 new students for each camp location as well as positions for 11 returning campers. NYSTA is also requesting donations to help defray the costs of running these camps.

The camps will be staffed by NYSTA members, many of whom are certified NYS trapper training instructors, with DEC assistance.

Last year's camp received very positive feedback from not only all the campers in attendance, but the mentors as well. Applications as well as additional information such as directions, where to send donations, or if you would like to sponsor a camper, can be obtained from Patricia Arnold at patriciaarno@gmail.com or by phone at (315) 644-4643.

To all members of NYSTA:

Hi there,

Hope everyone is having a nice summer and enjoying themselves, This note is just a friendly reminder to everyone that the "Big Raffle" goes off in September.

So those of you haven't bought your tickets and those of you who haven't sent them in don't forget. To all of you who did, Thank you!

P.S. I don't know what you are doing with your winnings but, I'm buying my wife a new scrub board and I'm going to let her keep half of what she earns.

How about you? Let us know what your going to do. We'll print it.

Choice of :

400ccPolaris ATV with trailer

OR

Super sweepstakes:
STF 3000 o/u 12 ga. or 20 ga.
Savage 111 Rifle combo
Remington 700 Varmint
Remington 597 22
Rem 870 Scoped Combo rifle barrel
Black Powder 50 Cal
Walkie Talkies (set of 2)
Ammo (12 boxes)
Gun Cases (6)
Gun Cleaning Kit
Camo Outfit
Boots (I pair Rockys)
Fishing Combos (trout & bass)
Dunn Knife
2 tackle boxes w/lures
Game Cam
Cross Bow w/Bolts
Binoculars
Pack Basket
2 1/2 dozen asst. traps
1 trowel
1 sifter
3 pair Gloves
Assorted stretchers
6 bottles lure

OR

$5,000 Cash

Donation of $10.00 each or 5 for $20.00

This page is not a ticket, for tickets please contact: Jim Peterson at 845-778-5126 or Dave Miller at 607-522-4707.

Convention News

Some of the Demos planned to date for the 2011 Convention at Herkimer:

Art Clark - Taking the myth out of K9 trapping
Andrew Hyde - Coons
Darin Freesborough - Winter coyotes
Jim Geffert - K9's something different
Jim Comstock - Comstock cages
Gordie Berndt - Presentation vs. Location
Newt Sterling - Belisele Foot Snare

NYSTA 2011 Fur Handlers Award

16 and under - Muskrats, Weasels, Mink, Red Squirrels
*** No Entry Fee***
Each participant may enter one specimen per species
All entries must be New York Fur Species.

All fur must be at the fall convention before 9AM Saturday September 3.

The owner of the fur is responsible to get his/her fur to the convention and back home following. Your regional director, county rep or fur buyer may be able to help you. Fur may be donated to the NYSTA legislative fund.

Judging will be completed by 11 AM Saturday morning, so your fur must be entered on time or it will not be considered. Ribbons will be placed on the fur directly after the judging and you should pick up your fur anytime after the judging. State" Fur Handler of the Year" trophy will be presented to the winner at the General Membership meeting Saturday evening.

∗Tips on preparation of your fur.
∗Freeze small animals such as mink, squirrels etc. whole. The week before the convention thaw, skin and put up as usual. This will assure that your fur is fresh when presented.
∗ For larger animals, skin, wrap and freeze when caught, then thaw and put up a few days prior to convention so it is also fresh.

Contact Pat Arnold for additional information
315-644-4643 or patriciaarno@gmail.com

Sponsors of the NYSTA/CANY 2011 Fur Handlers award New York State Trappers Association, Conservation Alliance of New York, North American Fur Auction – Ernie Mosher (NAFA), Fur Harvesters Auction – Toby Edwards (FHA) – Rid a Critter Inc. - Mark Schaefer

The New York State Trappers Adirondack Homecoming: Piseco Lake Rendezvous

The New York State Trappers Association has partnered with the Fulton-Montgomery Fur Harvesters to host a special event that will take a nostalgic trip back in time to the NYSTA's roots to the heart of the Adirondack Mountains where it all began in beautiful Piseco Lake, NY. If you're looking for an opportunity for a high quality learning experience, pick up a few last minute supplies, view a historic collection of trapping memorabilia from the past three centuries or just experience a couple of days and nights of good old fashioned trapper comradeship, this is an event you won't want to miss. There will be several opportunities for semi-personalized trapping instructions on Saturday (see below), as well as a full line-up of free demonstrations all day Saturday & Sunday morning. ***Admission is FREE.*** *A chicken bbq lunch will be offered on Saturday. We encourage folks to purchase tickets to the bbq in advance. Tickets are available from Virginia VanSchaik by phone at 518-993-4754 between 6 pm and 8 pm or at the Fulton-Montgomery Fur Harvester's booth during the NYSTA Fall Convention. Food service is also available, by reservation, at the Irondequoit Inn. A Trapper Training class will be held in conjunction with this event. Anyone needing information or to register to attend should call ECO Scott Pierce at 518-548-3228. While the NYSTA conventions outgrew the Piseco Lake amenities more than 25 years ago, this will be a unique opportunity to attend a special event that will certainly revitalize those wonderful memories many of the founding members of the NYSTA share from that period of time. We are truly excited and looking forward to a great event and hope that many of you will join us for this historic event.* ***See you there.***

Personalized Trapping Instruction

- *To date there are 4 confirmed sessions featuring Johnny Thorpe, Mike Vickerson, Doug Lansburg and John Rockwood.*
- *All instructional sessions will take place on Saturday, October 1st, 2011. Times will vary.*
- *All sessions will be approximately 3–4 hours in duration. Dress appropriately for the session/weather*
- *Participants will be required to provide their own transportation to session locations.*
- *Limited number of openings will be available for each instruction session.*
- *Because space is limited and the number of Students will exceed the number of openings, a drawing will be held on Saturday at the annual NYSTA Fall Convention in Frankfort, NY to determine the winners.*
- *You may register for more than one instruction session, but in the event that you are selected for multiple instructions you may choose only one to attend.*
- *The registration costs will be $ 75 for NYSTA members & $100 for non-members which will include a NYSTA membership. After the drawing those who registered and were not selected will have their fees returned to them.*
- *Registration tickets may be purchased by mail from John Rockwood, 114 CR 30A, Williamstown, NY 13493 (must be received by August 28th) or at the NYSTA booth at this year's fall convention by 3 pm on Saturday, September 3rd.*
- *There will be an added opportunity on Friday evening at the NYSTA convention merchandise auction to win one of the coveted session tickets as well.*

For camping & accommodation reservations contact:
Irondequoit Inn:
471 Old Piseco Road PO Box 54 Piseco, NY 12139
www.irondequoitinn.com 518-548-5500

Additional campsites:
Moffit Beach Public Campground
Reservations can be made by calling:
1-800-456-2267 or online at
http://www.ReserveAmerica.com

For more/continually updated info visit:
NYSTA Website: www.nystrappers.org
NY Trappers Forum: nytrappers.proboards.com
Irondequoit Inn: www.irondequoitinn.com
John Rockwood: 315-415-4946, Loggerjohnr@aol.com

Movie Night:
Saturday night Joey Van Houten and Johnny Thorpe have graciously offered to share some one of a kind trapline video footage from the early years of NY trapping history with the likes of O.L. Butcher, Johnny Thorpe as well as probably the only known movie footage showing Art Crane. There will also be some footage of the original NYSTA conventions held at Piseco Lake as well ...

October 1st and 2nd, 2011 at the Irondequoit Inn

County news and Fur Sales

Erie County Trappers

Rachael Smith recently received the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs ***Youth of the Year Award*** at their banquet on March 5th .She was accompanied by her parents and younger sister Abby.

Rachael was nominated by the Erie County Trappers Association (ECTA) for her accomplishments and love for the outdoors. Growing up she would join her dad in the woods checking traps and sitting beside him on spring turkey hunts. Rachael liked to help in the fur shed and by age 10 completed her trapper training course, received the ECTA Herb Eble Award and did 4H presentations on trapping and turkey hunting. At 11 years old she caught her 1st coyote and learned all about putting up furs. Rachael went on to complete the Hunter Safety class, shot her 1st turkey and her 1st buck with a gun at age14. Now she enjoys shooting her compound bow and hopes to continue her hunting success.

Rachael on right holding award jewelry box, sister Abby on left

Rachael has helped out at the trappers booth at the Fair and at Sports Shows for the National Wild Turkey Federation Springville Chapter. Recently, at age 15, she attended the 1st NYSTA Youth Trappers Camp at DEC's Camp Rushford in the fall of 2010. Rachael helped at the Fur Auction and skinned a fox during the ECTA Fur Handling Seminar.

Congratulations Rachael and keep up the good work.

Patti Wattengel

Region 1

Henry Dam, NYSTA Regional Director Region1 was this year's recipient of the ***Owen Johnson Sportsman/woman of the Year Award*** May 21,2011, during the annual Suffolk County Sportsmen's/women's dinner/auction, held at the Stony Brook Yacht Club.

This award is given ***"for outstanding accomplishment, embodying the spirit and devotion of a great American and for a life committed to upholding the values of family, god and country. He is considered, by his peers, to be a leader, in environmental conservation, wildlife preservation and the right to bear arms"***. Further he is a man, who is cherished, by his friends and respected by those whom he serves."

Gary Hungerford –Suffolk County Sportsmen

Editor's Note:

This is a well deserved recognition for Hank for his many, many years of outstanding service.

County News and Fur Sales:

Tioga Trappers Association 2011-2012 Schedule:

September 11 - meeting
September 24 - Trapper Education Course at Club
October 2 - Meeting
November 6 - Meeting
December 4 - Meeting - Election of Officers
January 1 - Meeting, Finalize Fur Sale & Dinner
January 8 - Fur Sale - 9am to Noon at Club
January 14 - Dish to Pass Dinner - 5pm at Club
Feb 12 - Meeting
March 4 - Meeting
April 1 - Meeting

All meetings 7:00pm at the Sportsmen's Club
Carmichael Hill Rd., Owego, NY
Questions call: Bob at 607-687-2196 or Mark at 607 –687-2986

Foothills Trapper Association and Fulton-Montgomery County Furharvesters

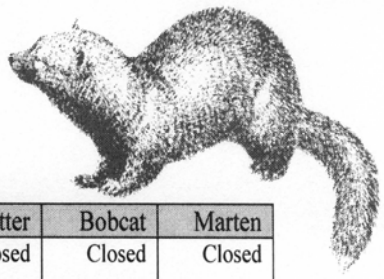
SALE DATES: JANUARY 7th, February 4th, and April 14th, 2012

As always the **January sale** is held at the **4-H Training Center, Middleline Road, Ballston Spa,** NY.

The **February and April sales** are held at the:
VFW Post #4915,
131 Mohawk Street,
Herkimer, NY
located ½ mile from Exit 30 of the NY State Thruway, directly across from the Burger King on State Rt. 5 in downtown Herkimer.

- Fur check-in begins at 6 AM and sale starts at 8 AM.
- There is a 7% commission charged to each trapper that sells fur with 1% of that commission is sent to NYSTA for the Executive Director's salary.
- For info, call Doug Lansburg at (518) 705-7255 or Frank Farrar at (518) 885-6623

New York State Furbearer Harvest Summary, 2010-2011.



Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) Aggregate	Fisher	Otter	Bobcat	Marten
Coastal Lowlands (1A,1C, 2A)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
New York City Transition (3R, 3S)	Closed	0	Closed	Closed
Neversink-Mongaup Hills (3H, 3K)	26	25	29	Closed
Catskills (3A, 3C, 4G, 4H, 4P, 4R, 4W)	190	2[a]	90	Closed
Hudson Valley (3F, 3J, 3M, 3N, 3P, 4B, 4J, 4K, 4S, 4T, 4Y)	50	41	70	Closed
South Taconic Highlands (3G, 4U, 4Z)	1	7	46	Closed
North Taconic Highlands (4C, 4L, 5S, 5T)	49	39	59	Closed
Otsego-Delaware Hills (4F, 4O)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mohawk Valley (4A, 5R, 6R, 6S)	143	Closed	Closed	Closed
Champlain Valley/Transition (5A, 5G, 5J)	292	128	25	9[b]
Central Adirondacks (5F, 5H, 6J)	397	249	43	342
Northern Adirondacks (5C, 6F)	216	138	40	24
St. Lawrence Valley (6A, 6C, 6H)	247	255	60	Closed
East Ontario Plain (6G)	32	29	8	Closed
Tug Hill (6N)	86	34	2	Closed
Tug Hill Transition (6K)	300	50	Closed	Closed
Oswego Lowlands (7A)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Oneida Lake Plains (6P, 7F, 7H, 7J)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Great Lakes Plain (8A, 8C, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8J, 9A, 9C, 9F)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
North Appalachian Hills (8M, 8N, 8P, 8R, 8S, 9G, 9H)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
East Appalachian Plateau (7M, 7P, 7R, 7S)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Central Appalachian Plateau (8T, 8W, 8X, 8Y)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
West Appalachian Plateau (9J, 9K, 9M, 9N, 9P, 9R, 9S, 9T, 9W, 9X, 9Y)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
TOTAL	2029	997	472	375

a Within the Catskill WMU Aggregate, only WMU 3C has an open trapping season for river otter.

b Within the Champlain Valley/Transition WMU Aggregate, only WMU's 5G and 5J have an open season for marten.

Article 6, Section 1: Board of Directors

Old language: The Board of NYSTA shall consist of no less than 13 and no more than 16, Regional Directors, with additional Directors added with the addition of new Regions as the Board deems necessary. The Board shall have 4 Officers and no more than 5 past presidents.

New: The NYSTA Board shall consist of no less than 13 and no more than 15 Regional Directors, the 4 Officers, a NTA Director, a FTA Director, and no more than 5 past Presidents.

Article 6, Section 4: Powers and Duties

D. The Board of Directors shall:

New: 5. Appoint a NYSTA member in good standing to be a NTA Director and a member in good standing to be a FTA Director.

These Directors

a. shall serve a term of office of 3 years with no term limits.

b. will represent and carry NYSTA's voice and views at Fur Taker's of America and National Trappers Association board meetings. Upon their return from those functions they shall give a full report to the Board Of Directors at the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

C. will give a report at the general membership meeting at NYSTA's annual convention (Labor Day)

d. will perform other duties as determined and assigned by the Board of Directors.

Article 7, Section 2A: Voting Members of the Board

New: The Officers, the Regional Directors, ***the NTA Director, the FTA Director***, and no more than five Past Presidents are the voting members of the Board of Directors of NYSTA.

Article 9, Section 1B: Finance

Remove: The Board of Directors of NYSTA shall appoint a Delegate and an alternate for a term of three years, with no term limits, to represent and carry NYSTA's voice and views at Fur Takers of America and National Trappers' Association Board meetings. Upon their return from an assigned function(s) they shall promptly give a full report to the Executive Board and/or the Board of Directors.

New: Prior to attending FTA's or NTA's meetings an approved method of travel and the level of expenses that will be reimbursed by NYSTA will be determined by the Board of Directors in consultation with the respective NTA and FTA Directors. To be reimbursed for those expenses, actual receipts and a trip report must be submitted. A cash advance may be given in consultation with the respective NTA and FTA Directors and the Board of Directors with this final amount determined by the Board of Directors.

NYSTA By-laws Ballot

☐ Yes, I approve these revised by-laws.

☐ No, I disapprove of these revised by-laws.

Deadline: This ballot must be received by October 10, 2011

Please mark your ballot and mail to:

Dave Miller
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Membership Application

New ☐ **Renewal** ☐

Why Not Give, a membership to a friend or youngster, in time for them to get ready for this Fall's Trapping Season?

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Town or City _____ **State**_____

County_____ **Region**_____ **Zip**_____

Ph. No. _____ **E-Mail**_____

Date of Birth _____/_____/_____ **(Required)**

Junior membership	$15.00/yr	_____	Under 16 years of age, magazine included
Basic membership	$15.00/yr	_____	Over 16 years of age; **NO** magazine
General membership	$25.00/yr	_____	Over 16 years of age; Magazine included
Family membership	$30.00/yr	_____	two family members; one magazine included
Lifetime membership	$750.00	_____	

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