

Andover Residents Get Lucky In Annual Moose Hunt Lottery

The adventure of a lifetime is in store for 675 people who have been offered permits to hunt moose in New Hampshire this October. They are the lucky winners in the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's annual moose permit lottery drawing, held on June 22. The names of the 2007 winners are posted on Fish and Game's website, HuntNH.com. The sites lists the following winners from Andover:

- Richard E. Adams, Jr
- Arty E. Bousquet
- Justin L. Wright

The winners, randomly selected by computer from a pool of 16,779 applicants (about two-thirds of them from New Hampshire), will be offered permits to hunt moose during moose season, which runs from October 20 to 28. Each winner is allowed to enlist one friend or relative and a guide to help on the hunt.

Nearly 150 people showed up at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord to watch the drawing and swap hunting stories. Four people present in the crowd were selected for the hunt, and cheers broke out around the room as their names were read.

The first winner in the room was State Representative Bob LHeureux of Merrimack, a 17-year veteran of the House Fish and Game Committee. LHeureux won a permit in the state's first moose lottery back in 1988, but has not won since until this year.

Coincidentally, Bob was the Representative who introduced the legislation

that, since 2004, has allowed people applying for the lottery unsuccessfully in consecutive years to earn bonus points to improve their chances. New Hampshire residents who have earned bonus points each year since the change went into effect had a 1 in 12 chance of winning today, compared to odds of about 1 in 18 for other residents, and 1 in 57 for out-of-staters without bonus points.

Another winner present at the drawing, Charles H. Beckley of Tilton, got a big hug from his excited 8-year-old son Dylan when his name was called. Beckley's brother will travel from Ohio this October to be his partner in the hunt.

"All I can say is, wow!" said Beckley. "My two sons will be a part of things, too. It's going to be a family event."

Thanks to the recovery of moose populations, New Hampshire has had an annual moose hunt since 1988. That year, 75 permits were issued for a three-day hunt in the North Country. The availability of 675 hunting permits this year, with some issued for every area of the state during the nine-day season, has been made possible by careful management of moose populations and good moose habitat. The resulting sustainable annual harvest of moose helps to regulate moose numbers and provides a unique recreational opportunity.

In 2006, hunters took 449 moose, a statewide success rate of 68%. The regional success rate for moose hunters last year ranged from 80% in the far north to 25% in southeastern New Hampshire.

Becoming An Outdoors-Woman Workshop

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) is a workshop that provides a chance for women to learn outdoor skills in a fun, relaxed, noncompetitive setting. This year's BOW workshop will take place Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 7 to 9, at Rockywold/Deephaven Camps on Squam Lake in Holderness. The BOW weekend includes more than 30 outdoor skills courses to choose from, including archery, fly-fishing, hiking, canoeing, handling firearms, outdoor survival, kayaking, campfire cooking, and much more.

You must be 18 years of age or older to apply. The cost is \$295, which includes lodging, meals, instruction, and equipment use. Sign up as soon as you can, because this weekend workshop fills up fast.

The Becoming an Outdoors-Woman fall workshop brochure and registration form are now available to download at NHBow.com. You can also call 271-3212 or e-mail aquatic-ed@wildlife.state.nh.us to request an application by mail. Applications are accepted by mail or in person at the NH Wildlife Federation office at 54 Portsmouth Street in Concord.



Andover Historical Society

Clean up and help the Historical Society - donate items to Andover's Old Time Fair auction and flea market.

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Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County (FNRT), held on June 19, 2007 at the Danbury Community Center

Present: The FNRT Board members plus an audience of approximately 27 other guests.

Bob Ward welcomed and introduced the FNRT to the audience and gave a short overview of our trail work, grants, events, and future plans.

Board member Charles Martin introduced the speaker for the night, Ken Cushing, author of a book in progress on the Northern Railroads. Ken spoke about many aspects of the railroad in Danbury, Grafton, Andover, and nearby regions. The audience heard informative and humorous stories of life when the railroads were central to the people

in our towns. After a break for refreshments, the Board held a short meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Charles Martin reported a balance of \$13,329.98

Election of Directors

There are 10 directors currently ready for re-election. Alphabetically: Alex Bernhard, Peter Crowell, Tom Frantz, Craig Heim, Lindy Heim, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Peter Southworth, Phyllis Taylor, and Bob Ward. It was moved to re-elect them, seconded, and passed.

Election of Officers

The current officers up for re-election are Bob Ward as President, Alex Bernhard as Vice President, Myra Mayman as Secretary, and Charles Martin as Treasurer. It was moved to re-elect them, seconded, and passed.



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 Sundays 1-3 pm.
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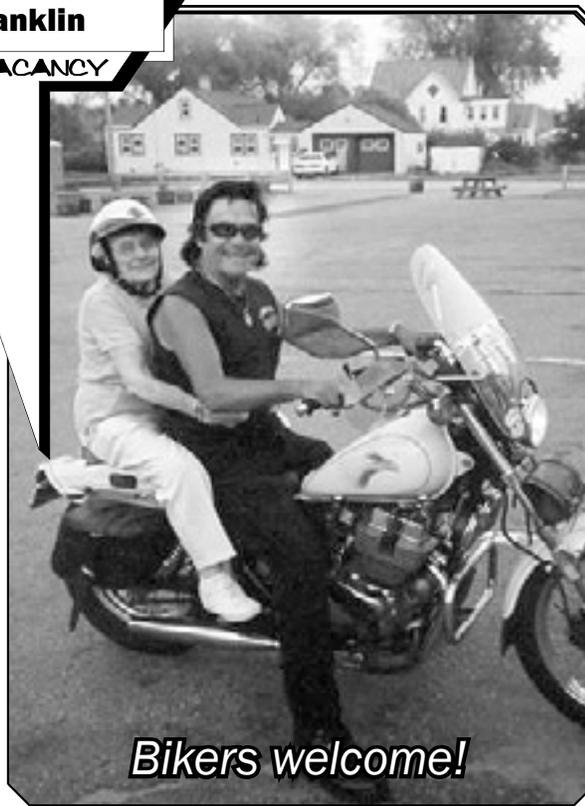
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