

# PELT HANDLING COMPETITIONS

One of the highlights of the BCTA annual Convention is the Pelt Handling Competitions. A variety of species of pelts are submitted in a range of categories. ALL pelts are scored on the quality of their fur preparation, not the primeness, grade or quality of fur. Claws are to be removed on all pelts except wolverine and wolf.

Senior competitions are divided into Novice and Pro. Once you win a Novice completion, you may enter the Pro category. Junior trappers may enter the senior competition but not if they have a pelt in the junior competition. Junior pelt categories (15 and under): Muskrat, Marten, Mink, Ermine or Squirrel, Beaver.

You must be a current paid up member of the BCTA. All decisions of the judges are final and binding. Deadline for entries will be 10am Saturday morning. Don't forget to enter your beaver tail into the Beaver Tail Contest!

## ***Best Handled Bundle of 5 Furs - Woodstream Trophy***

Pelts entered for the Woodstream Trophy (Bundle of 5) are not eligible for individual categories. Woodstream total is judged on percentage of available points obtained (ie: 175 out of 200 is 87.5%). Five (5) furs together, one (1) from each category (bundle must contain 5 different pelts):

1. Beaver
2. Mink, otter, fisher
3. Coyote, fox, bobcat, lynx, wolverine, raccoon or wolf
4. Squirrel, ermine, muskrat, marten or skunk
5. Trapper's choice of any pelt from above list not yet used.

<p><b>Coyotes and Fox: Fur-out</b>            Shape of nose: 10            Tail bone removed: 10            Cleanliness - fur: 10            Cleanliness - leather: 10            Ears - cartilage out: 10  <b>Total points: 50</b></p>	<p><b>Otter: Fur-in</b>            Shape: 10            Cleanliness - fur: 10            Cleanliness - leather: 10            Vent: 20            Tail – shape: 10  <b>Total Points: 60</b></p>
<p><b>Lynx &amp; Bobcat: Fur out</b>            Shape: 10            Cleanliness - fur: 10            Cleanliness - leather: 10            General appearance: 20            Ears - cartilage out: 10  <b>Total points: 60</b></p>	<p><b>Mink: Fur-in</b>            Shape - pelt: 10            Grease removed: 10            Cleanliness - fur: 10            Cleanliness - leather: 10            Vent: 20  <b>Total Points: 60</b></p>
<p><b>Marten and Fisher: Fur-out</b>            Shape - head: 10            Shape - body: 10            Cleanliness - fur: 10            Cleanliness - leather: 10            Tail split - bone out: 10  <b>Total Points: 50</b></p>	<p><b>Raccoon: Fur-in</b>            Shape: 20            Cleanliness - fur: 10            Cleanliness - leather: 10            Vent: 10            Tail split: 10  <b>Total Points: 60</b></p>
<p><b>Timber Wolves, Wolverine: Fur-out</b>            Handling - shape: 20            Claws on: 10            Cleanliness: 10            Grease removed: 10            Ears - cartilage out: 10            Tail bone removed: 10  <b>Total points 80</b></p>	<p><b>Beaver</b>            Shape: 20            Cleanliness - fur: 10            Cleanliness - leather: 10            Nose off: 10            Legs sewn: 10            No false cut: 10            Eyes and ears sewn: 10  <b>Total Points: 80</b></p>