

# MINERS AND TRAPPERS BALL



## **COSTUME AND BEARD CONTEST INFORMATION** 2007

### **REGISTRATION:**

All COSTUME and BEARD contestants must register in order to participate in the contests. Registration for all contests is located in the foyer outside the contest room and begins immediately after the doors are opened and ENDS at 9:00 p.m. for costumes and 10:15 p.m. for beards. In Beards or Costumes, contestants may enter ONLY ONE category and individual are not allowed to separate from a group or couple unless... by specific request of the judges for unique circumstances. When Categories are large this slows down the judging considerably. The judges along with the M&T advisor have the final say in all awards. If you are unsure about which category to compete in, talk it over with the people at the Registration table. If you compete, please read the rules and specifics outlined below.

### **IN GENERAL...**

### **WHAT TO DO AS A CONTESTANT:**

Be on time for the beginning of the contest especially for your category. It is difficult to accurately estimate the length of time it will take to judge due to varying sizes of groups so contestants must stay in the contest room until they have competed or risk missing their categories judging.

There will be sign Carriers displaying each Category as the time for their judging nears. Announcements will be made in other areas of the Ball as best as possible to notify guests of judging and times. Line up behind your category's sign Carrier. Contestants will be paraded across a stage for Judging. When you walk across the stage follow the pace set by the leader, be sure to let the judges get a good look at your costume or beard. Please do not stop or hesitate on stage unless judges request you to do so as you pass in front of them. It is important to keep the lines moving. Judges will have someone sticker contestants as they pass by if they wish to see them again. Follow the MC's directions.

### **JUDGING PROCEDURE:**

The judges begin eliminating contestants after their first pass over the stage. Selected contestants follow

the Sign Carriers back to the entry ramp and across the stage a second time as requested. During this pass-by, contestants still in contention, will be tagged by an official helper with bright stickers, a sticker indicates you are to return before the judges again for further consideration. Contestants will continue to follow the Sign Carrier around one more time for final judging. If you did not get a sticker you will be thanked for participating and asked to follow the helpers directions out of the staging/ judging area.

### **WHEN AND WHERE TO BE:**

For an accurate schedule (where applicable) refer to your Program "***THE GAZETTE***" and listen for announcements of contest beginnings or be in the room from the beginning of the scheduled time for contest starts. Contestants are responsible for being on hand for judging as schedules do not always fit the level of participation in any given category. \*(see specifics for your contest below)

### **WINNERS:**

All winners will be awarded trophies or special recognition and will be asked to provide their names, addresses, and phone number(s) for our records and publicity purposes.

## **CONTEST RULES AND SPECIFICS**

### **IN COSTUMES**

The M.C. will announce the start of the COSTUME contest typically around 9:00 p.m. (refer to program) in the Costume Room. Contestants are responsible to be in the contest room at the beginning of the contest and close enough in the gathering area to hear their category called for Judging. It is important to allow for some categories finishing quickly (some are more popular one year and less another or taking longer if they seem quite full). When it is time to begin, Contestants are to line up behind the Sign Carrier holding the sign for their specific category.

The judging in each category begins with all the GROUP entries being judged first, followed by the COUPLES and INDIVIDUALS being paraded together yet judged separately. Any changes to this order will be announced to minimize confusion and when in doubt check with the sign carriers who are there to direct traffic. There will still be awards for a BEST GROUP, a BEST COUPLE... a BEST MAN &... a BEST WOMAN in each category, and when judges see wish to add a special recognition there will be other judges' choice awards.

## **COSTUMES CATEGORIES**

### **STORYBOOK LAND**

Any costume that is based on books, legends, fads, or myths or nursery rhymes.

### **MEDIA MAKERS**

Any costume depicting local international news and political events or issues of the last 10 years.

### **GOLD RUSH & PERIOD COSTUMES**

Any costume depicting the Alaska Gold Rush era & anything from caveman spaceman eras

### **CAMERA CRAZY**

Any costume depicting of events, persons, or aspects of specific movies, TV to shows, movies or commercials.

### **ANYTHING GOES**

If you don't fit in any of the other categories. This is where you belong!

### **THEME OF THE BALL**

Any costume(s) that best depict the theme of The Current Ball.

### **JUDGES' CHOICE**

Includes any costumes the Judges feel are outstanding in some significant way (that perhaps didn't fit their category to win) and they wish to acknowledge them.

### **GRAND PRIZE WINNER**

The costume, be it a group, couple or individual which Stands out the most, above all the others in the Judges opinion will win the this honor. Being chosen the most Outstanding, they may be asked to represent Miners & Trappers Ball in the Rondy Parade or for PR purposes and will join the other winners for a parade around the entire facility for dancer and all to appreciate.

### **PARADE OF WINNERS**

Immediately follows Judging and awards

## **CONTEST RULES AND SPECIFICS**

### **IN BEARDS**

This contest is for the purpose of promoting and judging real beards grown by the individuals participating, FAKE BEARDS will be NOT considered for competition.

Announcements of the pending start of the Beard Contest will be made in the Main Ball Room and in the contest room by the M.C's just prior to the scheduled starting time and again around 10:30 p.m. starting time in the designated Area \* see the schedule of events in "THE GAZETTE" program. In BEARDS... Please\***NOTE:** Specific times for judging each category have been eliminated and judging will be on-going. Since we never know how many contestants each category will have to

estimate the time each might take, judging will simply progress as one category ends, the next will be called and given sufficient time to gather and get ready the contest will proceed. MC's will do their best to keep everyone informed both main rooms of what's going on in the contests but it is up to the contestants to be where they can see or hear when it's time to be on hand.

Contestants will line up on left side of stage (left meaning when viewed from the audience) behind the Sign Carrier holding the sign for their category. The judging in Beards is done on INDIVIDUAL entries in separate categories, (one for every color or type of beard style imaginable) and a First and Second place prize will be awarded in each category. The first place winners in each category will compete for the prized, Grandest Beard of the night, the "**MR. FUR FACE TITLE**" and will be crowned by the President of the Miners and Trappers Ball, Inc. or his/her designee.

## **BEARD CATEGORIES**

### **BROWN BEAR**

Brown beards only

### **BLACK BEAR**

Black Beards only

### **HONEY BEAR**

Blond Beards only

### **RED FOX**

Red Beards only

### **POLAR BEAR**

White beards only

### **POLECAT**

White or gray is the predominate color

### **MOUNTAIN GOAT**

Any color or length, nose to chin, not connecting side burns.

### **PTARMIGAN**

Strictly for the birds! thing goes - even decorated!! (but they must be REAL beards)

### **SOUPSTRAINERS**

Moustaches Only

### **WOLF**

Most suave, debonair, and well groomed

### **MR. FUR FACE**

To be chosen by the judges from among the winners of all categories and following a list of criteria they outline prior to judging which will include but not be limited to: length, texture, thickness, color, health of hair, shine, richness or uniformity of color, grooming and its appearance and other characteristics and as the final result of their evaluation, it will be deemed...The grandest Beard of the Ball & Alaska's State Beard Champion. The winner will also be asked to help represent Miners & Trappers Ball in the Rondy Parade or for PR purposes to help promote the great tradition.