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Official Communication for September 28, 2016



Lodge Safety Inspection Form - Due this Saturday OCTOBER 1, 2016 - NEW ELECTRONIC FORM

The next Lodge Safety Inspection Form is due no later than October 1, 2016. The form has been converted to an electronic form and is the only form being accepted (**we will no longer accept faxed or mailed forms**). It can be located on the Mooseintl.org website-Members Area-Moose Admin.-Forms-Lodge Safety Inspection Form-October 2016. Once the form has been completed and submitted, a message will display confirming the information has been submitted to Moose International. A confirmation email will be sent to the Lodge's smart mail account ending in "mooseunits.org" within ten (10) business days of receiving the form.

Lodges that fail to submit the completed form by October 1, 2016 will have a Compliance Modifier added to their 2017-2018 Risk Pool Assessment, which will increase the amount the Lodge pays for the Risk Pool Coverages.

If you have any questions regarding the OCTOBER 2016 Electronic Lodge Safety Inspection Form, please contact Ann Price at 630-859-6615 (aprice@mooseintl.org) or Cherie Staples at 630-859-6637 (cstaples@mooseintl.org).

Moose Charities Information for all Lodges and Chapters

Attention: Senior Regents and Governors

Re: Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment Fund – Cradle fundraiser

As October is fast approaching, it is the month the Moose Fraternity celebrates Mooseheart Founders Day. And, in honor of the children of Mooseheart Child City & School, Moose Charities is once again asking every Chapter and Lodge to participate in the Cradle fundraiser. Funds from this go directly to the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment Fund.

Each Lodge and Chapter should have received their packets already.

Please see the instructions. We encourage you to 'work' this fundraiser every day and night through the month of October. Ideas and suggestions are included – let's put some FUN into this FUNdraiser.

Remember – the future of Mooseheart and Moosehaven is in our hands

Moose Riders – President's Information Needed!

If your lodge has an active *Moose Riders* activity group, please email the name and email address of your group's President to the supervisor of this program, Assistant Director of Membership, Cherie Mondrella at: cmondrella@mooseintl.org. This information will quickly streamline communications between Moose International and Moose Riders leaders, who can share it with their Moose Riders members in their meetings. This information will also serve as a valuable aid in updating our list of "Active Moose Riders Groups" on the Moose Riders section of our website. Your prompt attention to this request is greatly appreciated!

Online Registration For The 2017 International Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament Is Now Open!

Effective immediately, access to the online registration system for the 2017 Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament is now available on the Moose International website at www.mooseintl.org, in the 'Member Area,' under 'Activities & Sports'/'International Sports Tournaments'/'Texas Hold 'Em.' The tournament will return to the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, and will take place **January 8 – 12, 2017**. The **deadline to register is Friday, December 2, 2016**. Members may opt to mail in a physical registration form which is downloadable in the same location on the website; but please note that **all mailed entries must be postmarked no later than December 2nd to be accepted**. Please be sure to encourage members to register early; the commonly preferred morning session of the tournament will be given to registrants on a 'first come first serve' basis.

Next Regional Membership Workshop is this Saturday, October 1st at East Aurora New York Lodge 370.

Over the past two years, the Moose Membership Department has been conducting day-long membership workshops in various parts of the country, offering information to lodges and chapters that will help them recruit and retain members. These regional forums were created to make interaction with Moose International staff possible for individuals who may not be able to travel long distances due to time or cost issues.

For 2016, workshops include:

- **October 1 – East Aurora New York Lodge 370**
- **October 22 – East Portland Oregon Lodge 1891**

Previous topics included results from membership surveys; strategies for signing new members; information on why members leave the Moose; details on the Moose Rewards program; and case study examples of successes and failures.

New this year is a presentation on Attracting Younger Members, which proved very popular at the 2016 International Moose Convention.

Presenters for 2016 include Moose International's Director of Membership/Chief Marketing Officer, Kurt Wiebe; Assistant Director of Membership, Field Operations, Dave Smoot; and Assistant Director of Membership, Retention and Recognition, Kim Thompson. Other individuals will also assist on presentations depending upon location.

"These interactive workshops have been well-supported by our members in the past and we have heard good comments about the information and how it is delivered," notes Wiebe. "Any active individual with an interest in membership growth is welcome to attend and the only cost for participating has been a small charge for lunch in the lodge."

Sessions last from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. so members can often get from home to the meeting and back in a single day. Individuals are encouraged to bring questions and success stories; and a summary of the session's information is handed out to all participants at the end of the day so that it may be reviewed by others in the participants' lodges and chapters when they return.

Registration is handled by the Territory Manager for each Workshop location:

- East Aurora - Stan Adams – Territory Manager – sadams@mooseintl.org or 724-699-5776
- East Portland – Mike Hauzenberger – Territory Manager – mhauzenberger@mooseintl.org or 360-606-1534

To register, please provide the following in an email **no later than one week prior to the workshop** you will be attending:

- Name
- Lodge/chapter number
- Member ID number
- Lodge/chapter office held, if applicable
- Cell phone number

Halloween is just around the corner. Catalog Sales has Tommy Moose Halloween bags for trick-or-treat



January 8-12, 2017

Golden Nugget
Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

**8TH ANNUAL
2017 TEXAS HOLD 'EM
POKER TOURNAMENT**





The 8th Annual Moose International Texas Hold 'Em Tournament will once again be held at the historic Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in beautiful downtown Las Vegas. The event continues to highlight the annual Moose sports tournament schedule. 706 players took to the tables for the 2016 event, once again requiring

the opening day to be split into two sessions to accommodate the crowd. When the final hand had been played, Michael Woodland (right) of Peninsula, WA Lodge 2362 was crowned champion and walked away with the top prize of \$15,000.

The Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino features more than 1,900 guest rooms and suites in its 3 towers. There are six restaurants and a swimming pool complex, complete with 3-story waterslide and private cabanas. The Golden Nugget also offers top-notch entertainment, including impressionist/singer/entertainer Gordie Brown. And, readers of Casino Player magazine have awarded the Golden Nugget with the distinctions of Best Overall Hotel/Casino, Best Casino, Luckiest Casino, Best Casino Promotions and Best Service.

Registration: The registration fee for the 2017 Moose International Texas Hold 'Em Tournament is \$525 for a single player or \$850 for two players sharing one room. There is a maximum of two players per room. The registration fee includes the tournament buy-in and four nights lodging. There is also an option for those wishing to participate in the tournament, but not requiring lodging. The cost for an entry with no lodging is \$350.

Confirmations: Attendees will receive a confirmation letter in late December/early January. The letter will outline hotel check-in and on-site tournament check-in procedures.

Additional Nights: Beginning December 12, 2016, you may contact the Golden Nugget directly at (800) 634-3454 to book additional room nights, up to three days prior to January 8, 2017, and/or up to three days following January 11, 2017. Extra room nights will be made available at a special reduced Moose rate, on a first-come first-serve basis, as inventory permits. All rates do not include hotel occupancy tax, currently at 12%. ***Additional fees apply to any requests to upgrade from Carson Tower.**

Day 1 of Tournament (Monday, January 9): Due to the anticipated size of the tournament field, Day 1 of the tournament will be played in two shifts: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM. When completing the registration form, please make sure to note which shift you prefer. Players will be scheduled for Day 1 in the order in which entries are received. Once a shift is completely filled, all additional entries will be scheduled to the shift with seats remaining.





In order to participate, you must be a member of the Loyal Order of Moose or Women of the Moose.

Your membership must be current at the time of registration and at the time of arrival for the tournament. Membership cards will be checked. **Registration Deadline – December 2, 2016. Cancellation Policy: Cancellations through December 2, 2016 will be refunded in full. Cancellations after December 2, 2016 will be refunded 50% of package price. NO REFUNDS after January 6, 2017. All refunds are at the discretion of Moose International.**

Questions? Please contact Member Services at (630) 906-3658.



ANSWERS TO SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: Is airfare included in the package price?

A: No – the registration fee includes the tournament buy-in and four nights lodging.

Q: When should I plan to arrive in Las Vegas and when can I depart?

A: Tournament play will begin on Monday, January 9, 2017. Plan to arrive on Sunday, January 8. You should plan to depart on Thursday, January 12, as your package includes four nights lodging.

Q: I would prefer not to stay in the Carson Tower. Can I upgrade my room, and if I do, is there an additional fee?

A: You can upgrade your room by contacting the Golden Nugget at 800-634-3454 beginning December 12, 2016. Fees to upgrade will vary, depending on which tower you select. Individual will be responsible for paying for upgrade fees at checkout.

Q: A fellow member and I are traveling together. We're both playing and want to share a room? Can we?

A: Yes – this would be a double registration for \$850.

Q: What if we bring our wives with us?

A: If they are not playing, everyone may stay in one room. However, if all four people are going to play, two rooms will be required. There is a maximum of two registered players per room.

Q: My wife is not registered for the poker tournament, but wants to play in the slot tournament. Is that OK?

A: Yes – the slot tournament is open to any member of the Loyal Order of Moose or Women of the Moose, even if they are not participating in the poker tournament.

Q: Are there re-buys or add-ons?

A: No – once you are out of chips, you are out of the tournament. There is also no “chopping the pot”. Play will continue until there is one player remaining.

Q: What is the prize pool?

A: The total prize pool and number of places paid will be determined by the number of entries received. First prize will not be less than \$10,000.

Q: When will my credit card charge post to my account?

A: Due to a recent change in credit card companies your charge may not post until after September 1, 2016. Therefore it is recommended that payments be made by check prior to September 1, 2016.



2017 MOOSE INTERNATIONAL TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT

Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino — Las Vegas, Nevada

JANUARY 8 - 12, 2017

DEADLINE FOR ALL REGISTRATION IS DECEMBER 2, 2016

LIMIT 2 PLAYERS PER ROOM — MAXIMUM!

600 MOOSE REWARDS BONUS POINTS FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BEFORE 8/31/16.

REGISTRATION: 1 PLAYER (Tournament only) 1 PLAYER with room 2 PLAYERS sharing room
 (PLEASE PRINT) **\$350** **\$525** **\$850**

Player 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____ Moose ID# _____

Name/Nickname on Badge _____ 24 Karat Club Member# _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Prov. _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Telephone (Including Area Code) Day _____ Evening _____

Lodge/Chapter Name _____ State/Prov. _____ Lodge/Chapter# _____

Dues Expiration Date _____ **Membership Cards WILL Be Checked Upon Registration!**

Day 1 Preference:** Morning Session (9am-3pm) -OR- Afternoon Session (4pm-10pm) **Day 1 Sessions will be filled on a first come-first served basis.

Player 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____ Moose ID# _____

Name/Nickname on Badge _____ 24 Karat Club Member# _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Prov. _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Telephone (Including Area Code) Day _____ Evening _____

Lodge/Chapter Name _____ State/Prov. _____ Lodge/Chapter# _____

Dues Expiration Date _____ **Membership Cards WILL Be Checked Upon Registration!**

Day 1 Preference:** Morning Session (9am-3pm) -OR- Afternoon Session (4pm-10pm) **Day 1 Sessions will be filled on a first come-first served basis.

Commemorative Shirts (Please indicate quantity per size on second line)

Men's Size	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X	5X	6X
Qty.									

1 PLAYER (Tournament only)	\$350	\$
OR		
1 PLAYER with room	\$525	\$
OR		
2 PLAYERS sharing room	\$850	\$
Polo Shirts Qty. _____ x \$30		\$
Slot Tournament Reg. _____ x \$20		\$
GRAND TOTAL		\$

- I would like a shirt WITH A POCKET.
- I would like a shirt WITHOUT A POCKET.

Please Select Room Preference:

LIMIT 2 PLAYERS PER ROOM — MAXIMUM!

- King Bed
- 2 Double Beds
- Smoking
- Non-Smoking

Other _____

Please specify handicap, etc.

Mail registration form together with check made payable to:

Moose International, 2017 Texas Hold 'Em Entries, 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1173

OR—If you choose, provide the following credit card information (Accepting VISA, MASTERCARD & AMERICAN EXPRESS)

Name as it appears on Credit Card _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date (Month/Year) _____

Signature _____

CREDIT CARD* USERS MAY REGISTER ON-LINE AT WWW.MOOSEINTL.ORG IN THE SPORTS PORTAL OF THE 'MEMBERS AREA'

***Charges may not post until after September 1, 2016. Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations through December 2, 2016 will be refunded in full.

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No refunds after January 6, 2017. All refunds are at the discretion of Moose International. **QUESTIONS? Please contact Member Services at (630)906-3658.**

HALLOWEEN TREAT BAGS

Tommy Moose Halloween treat bags make the festivities safe for everyone!



-BAG FEATURES LOTS OF SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING

-ORDERS COME IN QUANTITIES OF 50 PER BUNDLE (CATALOG # 185)

-\$10.50 PER BUNDLE PLUS SHIPPING & HANDLING*

PLEASE SHIP THE FOLLOWING ORDER, FOR WHICH YOU WILL FIND ENCLOSED CHECK NO. _____ FOR \$ _____
 (ALL ILLINOIS ORDERS ADD 7% SALES TAX)

NAME _____
 STREET NO. _____ BOX NO. _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
 CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____
 SIGNATURE _____

Send Check or Money Order-No COD's
 CATALOG SALES DEPARTMENT
 Mooseheart, Illinois 60539-1171
 CATALOG # 185
 Phone: 630.966.2250 Fax: 630.859.3505
 Web: catalogsales@mooseintl.org

SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER—NO CDS

PACKING & SHIPPING CHART	ORDERS	ADD
PLEASE USE THIS CHART TO COMPLETE YOUR PACKAGING/SHIPPING COST.	Up to \$15.00	\$6.30
THESE CHARGES REPRESENT ONLY PART OF THE ACTUAL COST...WE PAY THE REST.	\$15.01-\$25.00	\$9.50
ILLINOIS RESIDENTS PLEASE INCLUDE 7% SALES TAX.	\$25.01-\$35.00	\$12.35
	\$35.01-\$50.00	\$13.75
	\$50.01-\$75.00	\$15.75
	\$75.01-\$100.00	\$18.50
	\$100.01-\$125.00	\$20.25
	\$125.01-\$150.00	\$22.75

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