

MINERS AND TRAPPERS BALL

COSTUME AND BEARD CONTEST INFORMATION

2011

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. In Beards & Costumes, Contestants may enter ONLY ONE category and individuals are not allowed to separate from a group or couple unless... by specific request of the judges for unique circumstances because this slows down the judging considerably if Categories are large. The judges, along with the M&TBall advisor have the final say in all awards. If you are unsure about which category is right for you, 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:

1. 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.
2. Follow the signs... 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, follow their lead as judging begins. 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 indicating 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.

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 around 10:00 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 in that category being judged first, followed by the COUPLES and INDIVIDUALS (Men and Women) being paraded together yet judged separately (*unless requested otherwise by the judges*). 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 *contestants*. There will be 1st place Trophies for a BEST GROUP, a BEST COUPLE... a BEST MAN &... a BEST WOMAN in each category, and for 2nd Place there will be a certificate and *when judges wish to add a special recognition, there may be "JUDGES CHOICE" awards.*

COSTUMES CATEGORIES

STORYBOOK LAND

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

MEDIA MAKERS

Any Costume includes local, *national* or international news, Fads, Political events or issues of the last 10 years.

GOLD RUSH & PERIOD COSTUMES

Any costume depicting events of the Alaska Gold Rush era or anything from caveman to spaceman.

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 1st Place Winners of each category will compete for this Trophy. The costume, be it a group, couple or individual which Stands out the most, above all the others in the Judges' opinion will win this honor. Being chosen the most Outstanding, they may be asked to represent Miners & Trappers Ball in the Rondy Parade or for PR purposes.

PARADE OF WINNERS

Immediately follows judging and awards, the winners from every Category will join the Grand Prize Winner and follow the sign carrier to parade around the entire facility and be presented on the Main Band stage for guests and all to see and appreciate. This includes the 2nd Place winners.

CAMERA CRAZY

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

ANYTHING GOES

If you don't fit in any of the other categories, this is where you

THEME OF THE BALL

Any costumes best depicting this Year's Theme of the Ball.

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IN BEARDS:

Announcements of the pending start of the Beard Contest will be made in the Main Ball Room and in the contest room by the Emcee's just prior to the scheduled starting time and again around 8:00 p.m. starting time in the designated Area. In BEARDS... Please ***NOTE:** Specific times for judging each category have been eliminated and judging will be on-going. Since it's difficult to know the number of 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 & the judging will proceed. MC's will do their best to keep everyone informed in 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 and follow his or her lead past the judges for review. The judging in Beards is done on "individual" entries in separate categories, (there should be a category for every color or type of fuzzy face imaginable). 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

WOLF

Most suave, debonair,

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 Rony Parade or for PR purposes to help promote the great tradition.

MOUNTAIN GOAT

Goatee only (connecting moustache and chin hair; NO Sideburns)

PTARMIGAN

Any color or length, nose to chin, not Strictly for the birds! Anything goes - even connecting side burns. Decorated (must be real beards)

SOUPSTRAINERS

Moustaches Only

PYRITE

Fake Beards only

ALASKA WHALER

Full Beard and NO Moustache.