

# Huntresses in North Karelia, Finland

Introduction to the activities



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# Background

- North Karelia is a region in East Finland
- Hunting culture is important part of way of life
- Organised hunting associations from 1950's
- About 300 hunting associations and 18 000 hunters
- Hunting associations play important role in vitality of the countryside

# Challenges

- Members of hunting associations are ageing
- Association's way of working is outdated
- Land ownership is shifting from countryside to towns
- Recruitment of new members is challenging

# Huntresses role

- Total of 300 000 hunters in Finland, about 8% women
- 2-3 active groups, no national coordination yet
- About 25% of new hunting licenses are done by women (2016)
- In North Karelia, number of huntresses has doubled in last 16 years
- In 2016 there were 1260 hunting licenses by women in North Karelia (total 18000 hunting licences)

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North Karelian Huntresses' association



- Established in summer 2014
- About 60 members
- Operates in region of North Karelia
- Organises activities and training in game keeping, hunting, shooting and education for girls
- No (not yet) own hunting grounds
- Low joining and annual fees (20€ / 30€)

# Members

- More than 60% of members are under 40 years old
  - Mothers (69%), 1-3 children (58%), working regularly (69%)
  - Most members have hunting dog in family (78%)
- Most interested in training in shooting and game keeping



# Why being a member?

- Doing activities together with other huntresses, exchanging ideas and experiences
- Education and training
- Dogs

# Training camp for girls (first in Finland)

Program includes  
education e.g in:  
game keeping,  
shooting,  
outdooring skills,  
hunting culture



Youth education and training







Women only practices at  
shooting range

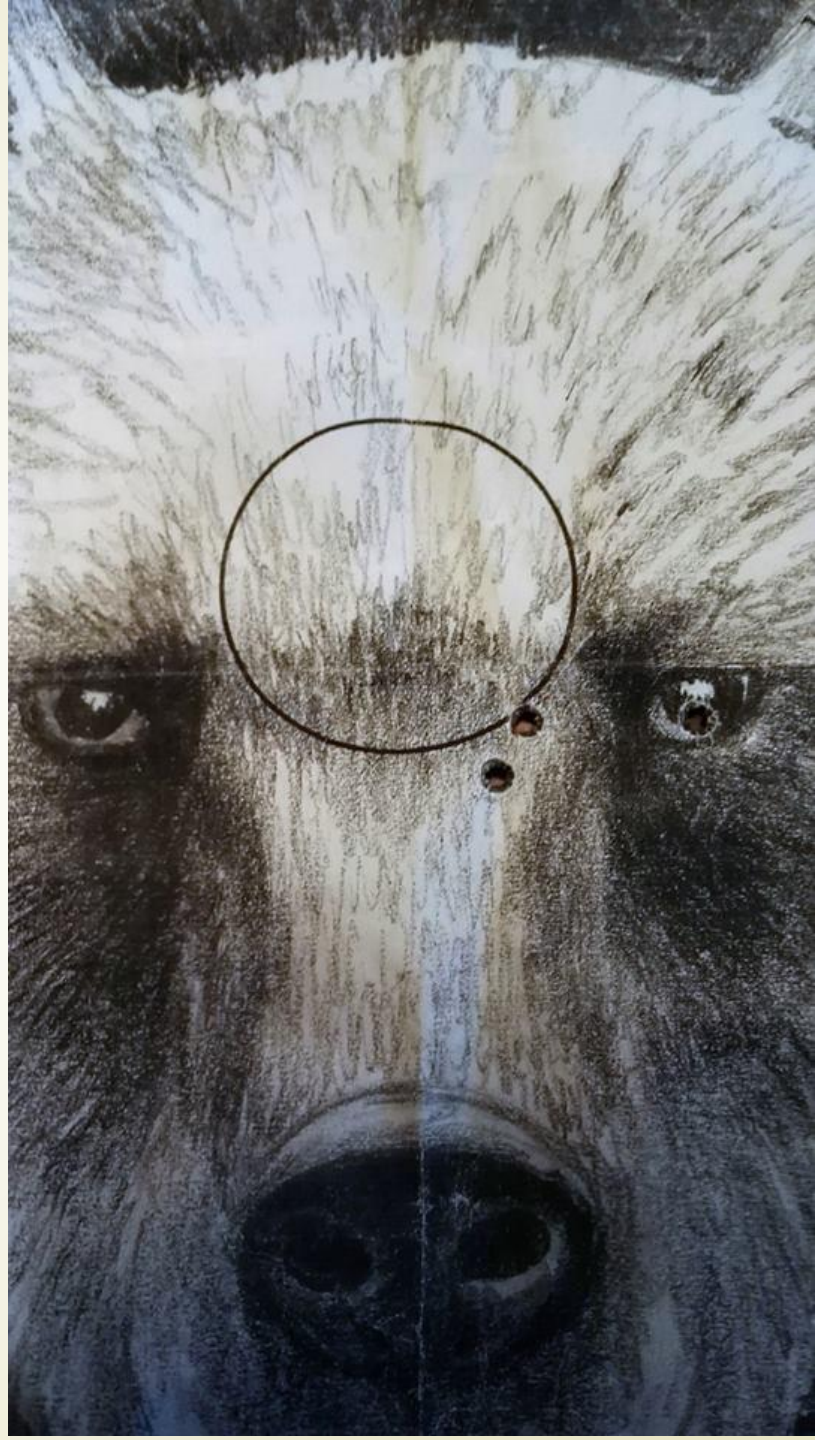
ABC training on hunting  
weapons (Finnish Hunting  
Association)

Events

**Shooting**







Moose hunting in  
rented hunting grounds

Opportunities to take  
part in organised  
hunting (invitation)

**Hunting activities**









Workshops for dog's  
wellbeing and  
handling

Match Show

Training of hunting dogs

Dogs







# Woman and Sustainable Hunting – conference 2018

Place: Ilomantsi, Finland

Time: 18-20<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Theme: Woman and Bear

Post conference program:  
opportunity to take part in bear  
hunting

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# Thank you and welcome to Finland 2018!

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