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Editor's CORNER

Remember when our grandparents, great-grandparents and such stated that, "They only had an 8th grade education?" Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade back in 1895?

This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, KS, USA. It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, KS, and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

8TH GRADE FINAL EXAM: SALINA, KS - 1895

- GRAMMAR (Time, one hour)
1. Give nine rules for the use of Capital Letters.
 2. Name the Parts of Speech and define those that have no Modifications.
 3. Define Verse, Stanza and Paragraph.
 4. What are the Principal Parts of a verb? Give Principal Parts of lie, lay and run.
 5. Define Case, Illustrate each Case.
 6. What is Punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of Punctuation.
 - 7-10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

ARITHMETIC (Time, 1.25 hours)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3,942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1,050 lbs. For tare?

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Texas Dream Hunt

December 12, 2002 began the *Sixth Annual Texas Hunter Education "Dream Hunt"* for two lucky youngsters who each had been nominated by their instructor as the "Most Outstanding Student." The drive was one of anticipation and excitement to Telegraph, Texas. Most of the participants for this year's "Dream Hunt" had already arrived and were in front of the Telegraph General Store at 4 p.m. This was a small but very quaint place with a proprietor that was certainly one of the friendliest women in that part of the state. Well, almost everyone was there with the exception of Keith and Brian Wilkinson. They were scheduled to arrive at a later time. The group caravanned and traveled about six more miles to the ranch and began to settle in.



Rick Ensor, Amy Potts and Terry Potts show their plaques received during the Texas Dream Hunt.

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4. District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find cost of 6,720 lbs. coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20 per meter?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance around which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note and a Receipt.

U.S. HISTORY (Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided.
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

ORTHOGRAPHY (Time, one hour)

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication?
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, sub vocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals?
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.'
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

GEOGRAPHY (Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America.
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.
7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

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Also notice that the exam took approximately **five hours** to complete. Gives the saying, "she/he only had an 8th grade education," a whole new meaning doesn't it? At this time in our lives, no matter how educated we are or have become, could any of us even come close to answering many of the questions above? Read over them and give it a try. Makes one think!!

When we are engaged in educating our students in safe, responsible and knowledgeable outdoor activities, we must make sure their levels of knowledge, skill and ability (including attitude) are such that it helps them and others remain as safe as possible. Remember, when dealing with students, especially those who are less fortunate and have literacy problems, learning difficulties or language barriers, we have to go that extra distance to provide a good learning environment. Take the basic hunter education standards as set out by the IHEA and deliver them to the very best of your ability. The new Instructor Manual has the Standards listed in Section III. If you haven't secured your new manual, please contact Jack Nasworthy at 1-800-792-1112 + 63.

NOTE: You will not remember all of your students, but your students will always remember you and what you taught them.

Always be safe...
Terry Erwin

NOTICE

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Texas Dream Hunt, continued

The ranch where the “Dream Hunt” was held was the **CSta**. It belongs to the family of Coke R. Stevenson, former Texas Governor. It is located in Kimble County, just south of Junction and has the Llano River running through it. “Dream Hunt” winners were allowed to hunt for white-tailed deer and/or exotics and possibly hogs.

David Baxter of the **Christian Outdoor Alliance** hosted the hunt. The **COA** is a non-profit charitable organization whose mission is “to get people involved in hunting and fishing, while taking time out to realize that God created this for us.” The **COA** also conducts hunting and fishing Adventure Camps for youth during the summer. For more information, please contact them at COA, P.O. Box 701648, San Antonio, Texas 78270, call (210) 240-3290, or look on their Web site at: www.adventureoutdoors.tv.

Instructor, Rick Ensor nominated Amy Potts, who is a senior at Belton High School. Amy is President of her FFA Chapter in school, and is certainly an outstanding young lady. She brought her dad, Terry Potts, who is general manager of the Stage Coach Inn and Restaurant in Salado.

Bob Ratcliff, Area Chief instructor from Harker Heights, nominated his student, Keith Wilkinson of Temple. Keith and his dad, Brian, were supposed to arrive later due to Keith being ill

from a stomach virus. As it turned out, Brian indicated that Keith was too ill to bring to the hunt even the next day. They missed an unusual opportunity, but hopefully will have a chance next year. Bob delivered their “goodie bags” upon his return, and they were quite pleased at the contents.

Karen Loke, Video News Release Producer for TPWD, was available to film the event. Karen, Amy and Terry went to one location, and saw some deer but none that were what they were looking for. The trio hunted hard for two days but, on Saturday afternoon, Karen had to leave. After that, Amy took her first deer, a nice 7-point buck and her first turkey.

Amy’s dad took his first turkey too. The bonding between a father and daughter was quite evident with these two as each had harvested a “first.” Terry was a very proud father.

Rick and Bob held out for something better, and never did see the right one come their way. It is not the harvest that shows success, but rather the companionship and quality time shared by all that meant the most. The group developed a relationship that was very memorable. David Baxter did a fantastic job in hosting and guiding the group.

Thanks to all who participated and to those who contributed to the success of this hunt. See you next time.



Keith and Brian Wilkinson

New Sporting Goods Store Offers Discount

Instructors in the San Marcos area or those traveling through are invited to stop at **Barkley’s Wildlife Sportsman** opening on May 3. The Grand Opening ceremony and celebration will be on June 7. The store is owned and operated by Brooks Barkley, hunter education instructor from Boerne. The store will be located just south of San Marcos on IH-35 on the west side feeder road just across from the San Marcos Outlet Mall. Come on in and show your instructor card and receive a 10% discount on most any product except bows. The store will carry most all hunting accessories, but will not carry firearms at the present time.

Area Chief Instructors Meet at Camp Buckner

More than 55 individuals were present for the annual Area Chief meeting at Camp Buckner near Burnet. This meeting brought some new faces together for a continued improvement of hunter education goals and a sharing of teaching ideas and methods.

A new hunter education manual was introduced called "*Today's Hunter.*" The Area Chiefs were instructed to review the publication, make any suggested changes and return them by March 1. With all due consideration, we want to have a manual that will serve our purpose and present the recommended "Standards" as set forth by the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA). It looks as though we might



make a transition to this new manual within a couple of years. It will be a slow process and one that has been well thought out. Our current manual, originally written by Education and Outreach Director, Steve Hall, has served us well since 1989, and has gone through five revisions or updates. It will still be available over a period of time so we make a smooth transition for those of you still wanting to use it.

This also was a time for recognizing some special folks, and having an opportunity to share some training methods with each other. Shown here are those Area Chiefs who earned some of the top awards in the incentive program.



(L-R) **Jim Haynes** - 2500 Point handgun; **Dr. Leroy Freeman** - 2500 Point handgun; **Gilbert Graves, Jr.** - 3500 Point shotgun; **Billy Holt** - 3500 Point shotgun; **Russ Greiner** - 3000 Point rifle; **Tom Stashak** - Hall of Fame Award; **John Meekins** - 2500 Point handgun; **Don Evans** - 2500 Point handgun and 3000 Point rifle.

Area Chief instructors not pictured but receiving a significant top award were the following individuals: **Bernie Heer** - Hall of Fame Award; **Jim Parker III** - Hall of Fame Award; **Velma Parker** - 3000 Point rifle and 3500 Point shotgun; **Bob Ratcliff** - 3500 Point shotgun; **Jimmy Fort** - 2500 Point handgun; **Roger O'Dwyer** - 2500 Point handgun; and **Ken Grau** - 2500 Point handgun.

Congratulations to you all!

During the Area Chief meeting Terry Erwin received an Expo print signed by former TPWD Commissioner and Baseball Hall of Fame member, Nolan Ryan. The print was originally given to Bob Ratcliff, Area Chief (left) during one of the Texas Hunter Education Dream Hunts. However, Bob's wife suggested he place the print into other hands, due to limited space in their house. Area Chief, Gene Norton (right) handmade the frame and then they had all participants at the workshop sign the print on the back. *Thanks folks!! It is already in my living room.*



Texas Youth Hunting Program



Now is The Time to Help Our Youth by Becoming a HUNTMASTER!

- Join an elite group of trained volunteers who run safe and educational youth hunts.
- We will provide the training to certify you to plan and run TYHP hunts.
- All you need is a weekend and we will provide the rest... food, lodging, etc.
- Detailed information is available at www.texas-wildlife.org

2003 Huntmaster Workshop Schedule

April 11-13	San Angelo	May 2-4	San Antonio Area (Seguin)	June 6-8	Fort Worth/Dallas
April 25-27	Houston	May 16-18	Amarillo Area	TBA	Rio Grande Valley
April 25-27	Laredo	June 6-8	Amarillo Area	TBA	Lubbock Area

Complete and return the form, and as it gets closer to the date of the event, we will send you details of the workshop you would like to attend.

To help cover the cost of the training workshop and Huntmaster manual, which is yours to keep, we ask that you submit a fee of \$40. You may send us a check or money order, you may call us at 1-800-460-5494 and charge the fee to a credit card, OR you can give us your credit card information (Visa, MC or American Express).

Complete, Clip and Return or Fax to TWA

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Day phone () _____ Evening phone () _____

Location & date of workshop you can attend: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

HUNTER EDUCATION LOSES INSTRUCTORS

Harold Bryan

Harold Bryan, Area Chief Instructor from Houston passed away in July 2002 after a long bout with Alzheimer's disease. He was very active from the mid 1980s, and was one of the Sportsmen's Conservationists of Texas' first Volunteer Instructor of the Year. He was also selected as a finalist for the Winchester Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor of the Year in North America.

Harold was inducted into the Hunter Education "Hall of Fame" in 1991. He taught and shared his expertise with 3,293 students in 253 courses. He became an Area Chief Instructor and taught over 20 Program Orientation courses certifying 83 new instructors and recruited many more. He attended more than 35 in-service workshops gaining NRA-IHEA Academy Certification.

Harold was a legend in the ranks of instructors, a true friend and will be missed by all.



Velma's Philosophy for Happiness

Bill Bryant

Bill Bryant suffered a massive heart attack and passed away recently. Bill always helped team teach muzzle loading in hunter education courses. He was certified in 1977, and taught 119 students in over 20 courses, but contributed a great deal more to his "team" of instructors. He will be missed by all of us on the team.

Charlie Preslar, Garland

Bob Tonkin

Instructor and outdoor writer, Bob Tonkin, passed away December 28, 2002. Bob was one of the few instructors in the lower Rio Grande Valley (Brownsville) area. According to his daughter, Carolyn Albert, of Chama, New Mexico, teaching hunter education gave him a great deal of pleasure and a strong sense of having contributed important information to his students. Bob was certified in 1984, and had taught 744 students in 72 courses. He will be missed by all of us, and especially those in the Lower Rio Grande Valley area.

Velma Parker

Velma Parker, Area Chief from Malakoff, is shown with her 3000 Point rifle and 3500 Point shotgun. Due to medical conditions, she was unable to attend the Area Chief meeting. She had this picture taken on her 74th birthday after her husband, Jim, returned from Austin picking up the awards. Congratulations Velma, although she will never see this recognition.

On March 17, 2003, Velma passed away. This was the last photo taken of her. At her funeral on March 19, her husband Jim read her recipe for happiness. Please remember her and all she did for TPWD, Hunter Education and the State of Texas, and remember to use her recipe.

1 cup of love

1 cup of smiling

1 cup of giving

1 cup of insight

1 cup of understanding

1 cup of caring

1 cup of sharing

1 cup of fairness

1 cup of wisdom

1 cup of thoughtfulness

Season with laughter, mix well, top with a prayer and serve daily.

Welcome New Area Chiefs

JOHN RODRIGUEZ, of Pipe Creek, will cover Bandera County and the surrounding area. He was certified in 1998, has taught 20 student courses and certified 97 students. John is retired and stated he has a lot of time on his hands to help out. We are certainly glad he has placed his hat in the ring. His assistance is an asset we plan to capitalize on. Congratulations and Welcome aboard.

BRYANT TRUITT, of Hunt, will cover Kerr County and the surrounding area. Area Chief, Bill Mildner welcomes Bryant into the ranks and will certainly appreciate his help there. Bryant just received a grant from Friends of NRA, and is preparing and equipping a mobile trailer to assist with Hunter Education Skills Trail and Live-Firing exercises. He is also a Huntmaster, and will utilize the training trailer in those activities. Congratulations, glad to have you aboard.

JAMES HAYNES, of Houston, will work with his wife, and Area Chief, Kitty Haynes in Harris County and the surround-

ing area. It has become a “family affair,” while they include their son, Jamie, in on all the training. Jim was certified in 1999, has taught 54 courses and certified 579 students during that time. He has attended 53 advanced in-service workshops or special events. Welcome aboard Jim. Glad Kitty “twisted” your arm to come and be with her during all her teaching activities. We appreciate your support. Congratulations and welcome!

GEORGE BRENZOVIK, of El Paso, will work in El Paso County and the far west Texas area. He is the Head Rifle Coach for UT-El Paso. He was previously certified in Pennsylvania, where he was involved in training instructors as well as students. He moved to Texas and was certified in 2001. He will be a welcome addition in that part of the state. His wife, Debbie, is working on her Area Chief application in order to give him a helping hand. Congratulations and welcome to the team!

Welcome New Instructors

November

Brad Atkeisson	Kerens
James Arceneaux	Deridder
John Sharber	Terrell
Robert Smith	Canton
Clinton Oliver	Gilmer
Dale Cox	Houston
Roger Dolle	New Braunfels
Gerald Rutkowski	San Antonio
George Westervelt	San Antonio
Melody Rutkowski	San Antonio
David Hellard	Montgomery
Robert Hollins	Houston
Randy Farris	Robstown

December

Lauren Opperman	Stephenville
Mitchell Starnes	Mansfield
Brittany Lewis	Grand Prairie
Rodney Gregory	Mt. Pleasant
Darren Smiley	Dallas
Wendell Barberee	Crowell
Don Gross	Diana
Edgar Paz	Houston
Billy Hunter	Whitehouse
Gary Christmas	Kingsville

January

Phillip Muzquiz	San Antonio
Gina Woody	Dike
Brandon Hein	Brookshire
Glen Impelance	Houston
Reynaldo Torres	Sinton

Adam Graham	Latexo
Ruben Pena	Weslaco
Jean Pena	Donna
Rick Robbins	Seguin
Curtis Rogers	Colorado City
Jeffery Bowery	Pilot Point
Robert Brand	Plano
Louis Doak	Jones Creek
Patrick Pry	Huntsville
Charles Coker	Baytown
Clark Withers	Mathis
Marilyn Seidlitz	Duncanville
Guy Nichols	Dickinson
Henry Farroux	Bacliff
Roger Williamson	Alvin
James Melton	Bacliff
Garrett Prcin	Waxahachie
Nathan Munchrath	Ft. Worth
Derek, Sims	Murchison
George Jacobs	Ft. Worth
David Taylor	Springtown
Kaleb Pool	Granbury
Jon Coker	Waco
Randi Sump	Tyler
Aaron Baker	Stephenville
Matthew Krueger	Tolar
Brad Clement	Jacksboro
Michelle Shahan	Seguin
Luke Anderson	Stephenville
Reagan Merchant	Stephenville
Clint Tunnell	Blanket
Jerry Overfelt	Georgetown

February

Shelly Vega	Ivanhoe
Juanita Lance	Ravenna

Raul Torres	Corpus Christi
Gabriel Azcarate	El Paso
Scharla Taylor	Katy
Gordon Barrow	Uvalde
Jacob Hetzel	Brenham
Michelle Mikeska	Temple
Jennifer Morris	Bryan
Laura Hilton	College Station
Mark Bedgood	College Station
Megan Dominguez	College Station
Lance Hanson	Smithville
Aubrey Moore	Forney
Jeffrey Jacobson	Midland
Ernest Roney, Jr	San Antonio
Maria Villarreal	Rio Grande City
John Keller	Salado
Beth Warrick	Lindale
Amber Holland	Mabank
Katherine Gering	Gatesville
Phyllis Dyer	Cross Plains
Patricia Henley	Arlington
Bradley Obenhaus	Chillicothe
Regina Whitaker	Natalia
Barclay Jenkins	Stephenville
Lochie Darling	Stephenville
Jill Harris	Stephenville
Sarah Kirkle	Stephenville
Jessica Greenway	Stephenville
Shanna Ewing	Killeen
John Bearden	Mission
Stacy Schertz	Sanger
Robert Wilkes	San Antonio
Martin Carroll	Boerne
Kyle Johnson	College Station
Andres Aguilar	Houston

Archery Equipment Recall

Firearms retailers carrying archery equipment take note, Bear Archery LLC, of Gainesville, Fla., is voluntarily recalling about 2,250 compound bows. These are junior-sized compound Bear Archery bows sold under the model names Warrior and Buckmaster/Warrior. They are camouflaged or black, and "Warrior" or "Buckmaster" decals were included in the packaging to put on the bows. Hunting and sporting goods stores, mass merchants and catalogs nationwide sold the bows from September 2002 through October 2002. The limbs of these bows can break during use, causing impact injuries to consumers. Bear Archery has received about 200 reports of these bows breaking during use with reports of seven minor injuries, such as cuts and bruises to the face and chest. Customers should stop using the recalled bows immediately, and contact Bear Archery for a free replacement. For more information, contact Bear Archery at (800) 342-4751 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday - Friday; visit their Web site at www.beargoldeneagle.com.

HEVI-SHOT Gets FWS Approval

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced in mid February that it has given final approval to the use of ENVIRON-Metal's HEVI-SHOT as a non-toxic shot for waterfowl hunting. The shot received temporary approval this summer, pending completion of toxicological studies and other evaluations. After reviewing the application and supporting data and evaluating public comment, the Service has determined this shot does not pose a significant danger to migratory birds and other wildlife or their habitats. "This will give waterfowl hunters another option for hunting," said Service Director **Steve Williams**.

Anti-Hunting Groups' Budgets Published

Animal People recently released the budgets of the top animal rights and anti-hunting groups in the nation. The anti's have hundreds of millions of dollars at their disposal that they can spend to eliminate our outdoor heritage. The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance asks that you invest in protecting America's outdoor heritage by joining our organization or renewing your membership to the Alliance and encouraging others to join the organization. Contact them at www.ussportsmen.org.

Women Are On Target For 2003-Early 2004 Hunting

The NRA announced that the schedule for their Women On Target hunts for 2003 and early 2004 are available on the NRA Web site. Women On Target features women-only instructional shooting clinics and charity shooting events, in addition to hunting excursions mentioned. For information about all 2003-early 2004 Women On Target events that have been scheduled to date, visit their Web site www.nrahq.org/women/wot.asp.

GOOD NEWS...CWD Not in Texas

So far, over 1,757 deer samples in Texas have been tested for Chronic Wasting Disease and they have all come back negative. At White Sands Missile Range, (N.M., close to the Texas border), three mule deer have tested positive for the brain disease, bringing the total there to four. Those reports came in late February.

For Your Information

F.Y.I.

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Social Security Number Requirements

Recently, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department started to require a Social Security Number to be furnished as a requirement of purchasing a license. **The collection of the Social Security Number is a new requirement mandated by the federal government.** TPWD has no option but to comply with federal law and collect the numbers from the purchasers of licenses. To help deal with these questions, we are providing answers to some commonly asked questions regarding the sale of licenses:

Q What if I refuse to provide my social security number?

A TPWD cannot force you to provide your social security number, however under federal statute we cannot sell you a license. **Note: If a student refuses to provide a SS# during his/her Hunter Education class, do NOT worry about it; don't force the issue and leave that space blank on the "Temporary Card."**

Q What federal law are we talking about here?

A Your social security number is required to be collected for the purpose of child support collection enforcement under Federal Statute 42 U.S.C.A. 666 and Texas Family Code, Section 231.302.

Q Do I have to provide my child's social security number in order to purchase their license?

A A child under the age of 17 years is not required to furnish a social security number.

Q I want to buy a license for a friend or relative, am I required to furnish their social security number?

A Yes, the law requires that the purchaser provide the social security number of the person holding the license.

Q What if I do not have a social security number?

A In the rare instance that a U.S. resident does not have a social security number, they are asked to fill out a sworn affidavit that no number exists.

Q I am very unhappy with this law, and its effect on me. Who can I talk to about this?

A While staff at TPWD is willing to listen to your concerns, by the nature of the problem they are not in a position to effect any change. We would suggest contacting your state and U.S. Senator or Representative and communicating your concerns.

Kudos

Additional Hall of Fame Member

Lonnie Ward received three of the top awards last year including the Texas Hunter Education Hall of Fame Award. Lonnie not only earned the top honor, but also earned the 3000 Point rifle and the 3500 Point shotgun awards last year for his extraordinary efforts in conducting 73 hunter education structured and home study courses. He has certified over 1,880 students since becoming an instructor in June 1997.

Lonnie owns Denton County Sports Association, and does home study testing throughout the year. He has been very active in that part of the state, with students coming from as far away as Abilene. Congratulations Lonnie!



Todd McClanahan took this fine 10-point buck during archery season. He is employed at Buescher State Park near Smithville. Todd is a hunter education and bowhunter education instructor and holds classes at the park as an added incentive for visitors. Congratulations Todd!

Texas Wildlife Officer of the Year Named

AUSTIN - Texas Game Warden Brent Isom has been named Wildlife Conservation Officer of the Year by Shikar Safari Club International, a private conservation group, which does work throughout the United States and Canada. He is a Texas Tech University alumnus who graduated from the Texas Game Warden Academy in 1992. Marcus Barrett, Shikar's president-elect and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Executive Director Robert L. Cook presented the award to Isom at TPWD's Commission meeting.

"Brent's first and only duty station has been Young County ... where he excels in all areas of game, fish and water safety enforcement through deterrence, education and apprehension," Cook said during the presentation. In December 2001, he led one of the largest search and rescue/recovery operations in North Central Texas involving a 6-year-old who went missing during a family outing. Isom has apprehended poachers, investigated and pursued stolen vehicles, and has dealt with illegal drug traffickers all while performing daily, more routine game warden duties.

Isom and his wife regularly open their lake house to game wardens working Possum Kingdom Lake on law enforcement operations, saving the state commercial lodging costs. He is certified as a Marine Safety Officer Instructor, Boater/Angler/Hunter Education Instructor and a Life Support Provider and Instructor.

"We work a lot of long hours and enjoy helping people and protecting wildlife ... what you see and can enjoy out there is because of many efforts by biologists, law enforcement officials, hunters and others who care about what's taking place in Texas," Isom said.

Barrett of Shikar Safari Club International, said he sees game wardens from all across the United States and Canada and, "Texas always seems to have a quality candidate and Brent is obviously very well qualified," he said. Congratulations Brent!



Area Chief, Quincy Ellis, booked a trip to Colorado last season and was successful in taking this nice 6X6 Bull Elk. Congratulations on a fine trophy! *Now, when are we having steaks?*



Talk about going beyond the call of duty.... Jim and Velma Parker, Area Chiefs, from Malakoff were always involved with something associated with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Here they are shown at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens during the annual Christmas celebration for the kids. Jim really looks like the real "Santa." Thanks so much for all you did for us!

TEXAS GAME WARDEN FIELD NOTES

Gotta Make Sure It's a Decoy

Hardeman and Throckmorton County game wardens decided to try the decoy deer on an isolated road in Foard County. The decoy was set up at 10:30 a.m. and, at 10:35 a.m. that day a truck with a 4-wheeler in the back stopped. Two people studied the decoy for a couple of minutes and finally the driver shot at it. The wardens approached the two in the truck. The suspect who had fired the shot was standing by his truck and his first comment was, "I knew it wasn't real. I was just shooting to show that it wasn't real." Appropriate charges will be filed.

A Game Warden's Diligence

A Lampasas County Game Warden received a call recently about someone shooting from a vehicle on a public road. The warden was able to identify the shooter and spent the next three days trying to make contact with him. When the warden drove into the driveway at the person's house, he noticed a man sitting on the porch plucking feathers from a duck. When the warden made contact with him, he could tell the bird was a widgeon. The man also had a freshly killed coot lying at his feet. The subject then admitted to shooting squirrels from the road. Charges are pending for possession of a duck in closed season and hunting squirrels from a vehicle on a public road.

A Warden Knows His County

Recently, a Hidalgo County game warden stopped two people who were hunting on a private ranch road. They told the warden they were looking for their friend. Recognizing the name, the warden told them their friend lived on the other side of the county. A couple of cases are now pending.

Don't Like Chemistry?

A game warden was patrolling Lubbock County when he saw two men shooting firearms from a public road. It turns out the two are college students and were blasting their chemistry books with a shotgun and a high-powered rifle.

Better Get Some Glasses

Recently, an Anderson County game warden filed felony charges against a Dallas resident. The man claimed to have shot a rabbit, but had actually killed an 8-point buck. The man did not have permission to kill a deer on that particular property. A case is pending.



Hunter Education Staff:

Your Target Talk newsletter #127 arrived today. To your list of excuses, add, "I am from (pick any state, province, foreign country or planet) and I was grand fathered. So, I didn't think I needed it until conservation officer/game warden wrote me a ticket. I need a course today so I can hunt tomorrow." My favorite one to answer is, "I was in the service and already know all about weapons so why do I need Hunter Education?" I listen patiently (more or less) and then say, "I spent 24 years in the Marine Corps. I know what you learned and I do not want you doing that crap in Kansas." Usually there is only silence at the other end.

Wayne Doyle
Hunter Education Coordinator
Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks

Dear Staff:

Please forward this to the person in charge of Hunter Education! I took my son to the Hunter Education class given by Joe Rogers in Nacogdoches. I would like to say that it was the most informative class that I have ever sat through. His instructors were the very best and most knowledgeable that I have seen. I took the course back in the '80s and can say that we have come a long way. The course was kept interesting to all ages. Thanks again to these men that take their time to teach both adults and our kids!!

Wade Moore
Lufkin

Dear Staff:

While participating in a Youth Hunt at the Diamond K Ranch owned by Commissioner Mark Watson during the

holidays, I had the opportunity to accompany my son, Mason, on the hunt. While waiting for dinner one night, I went out to my truck to get my glasses. On the return, I saw a young man looking at the deer harvested that day. I asked, "What's up little guy?" He was apparently standing and looking at the deer. He said, "Have you ever seen a better 4-point buck in all your life?" I said, no, I haven't.

How great it was to see that young man so proud of his accomplishments.

Corky Kuhlmann
TPWD Employee

Dear Staff:

I attended the Hunters Safety Course on 01/18/03 and 01/19/03, held at Copper Breaks State Park. The reason for me taking the course is to be eligible to hunt out of state. Four employees of TPWD assisted in the training, even though there were seven students, counting myself. These gentlemen were outstanding with their presentation of the course, materials, personal knowledge, experiences, as well as a fine example of how the TPWD should be represented by their neat appearance of the uniform and mannerism they displayed. Also, the lady at the reservation desk was very friendly, helpful and pleasant to talk to.

I really had a feeling of dread at taking the course, but it was quickly turned into an interesting and pleasant weekend. I'm 49 years old and have hunted all my life. I learned a lot from the class, and from people working there at the park. My hats off to these employees of Copper Breaks State Park!

Gary Doughty
Gainesville

Hunter Education Staff,

I just wanted to tell you about my youth hunt. It was amazing! We went to Double D Ranch. Mr. Dan Duncan, the owner, was very nice. He has so many amazing animals at his ranch. We saw Fallow, Sika, Axis and more. My favorite animals were the buffalo and Axis though. We started out hunting for Fallow deer, but we weren't having much luck. We saw a nice doe in the brush, but when we

decided to take her, she walked away. We stalked her but we never got a clear shot. There was either too much brush, or a tree was in the way of the kill zone. Eventually though it turned out for the best. We took a break after a little while and went fishing. I got my biggest bass ever within a few minutes. Later we went out for some rams. We saw a couple of them. My friend got to take his first. They ran away, but after 2 seconds it was down! The second ram wasn't sure what had happened,

it sniffed its buddy some then ran a little ways. It was my turn now. We followed the ram some until I found a good rest. Blam! I got it through the heart and lungs. It was over quickly. Heidi (and John) did a great job choosing this hunt.

Stephen Nickleson
Houston, Texas

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

IHEA Annual Conference in British Columbia, Canada on April 25-29, 2003

Robert Paddon invites you to come up and enjoy some of the Canadian hospitality, while enjoying the sights and activities of the far Northwest. The theme for this year's conference is "Investing in Volunteers." Come and enjoy the trip, and bring your family. For registration information, look on the Web site, IHEA.com. It is not too late to get in on the meetings, but act now!

Youth Hunter Education Challenge, May 2-4, at the Parrie Haynes Ranch near Killeen

For more information and pre-registration forms for students competing in the YHEC event, please contact Betty Allen, 12175 # 15, Hwy. 195, Killeen, Texas 76542. Volunteers are needed to help with the eight different events. If interested, please contact YHEC Director, Tom Stashak at (713) 944-4004.

Program Orientation – New Instructor Training

See the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Web site: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/edu

Advanced In-Service Workshops

May 2-4	NRA Rifle	Grand Prairie
May 3	First Aid/CPR	Corpus Christi
May 3	IBEP In-Service (For already certified instructors)	Grand Prairie
May 10	IBEP New Instructor Certification	San Antonio
May 17	Wounding Loss	Grand Prairie
May 17	IBEP In-Service (For already certified instructors)	Houston
May 17	"How To Teach" (Bring your training aids)	Midland
May 31	First Aid/CPR	Rio Grande Valley
May 31	"How To Teach" (Bring your training aids)	Houston
May 31	White-tailed Deer Workshop	Seguin
June 9-10	Resp., Game Laws & Ethics Workshop	Rio Grande Valley
June 14	IBEP In-Service (For already certified instructors)	Austin
June 21	IBEP New Instructor Certification	Houston
June 21-22	Wildlife Mgmt/Cons.	Wichita Falls
June 28	"How To Teach" (Bring your training aids)	Corpus Christi
June 28	Laser Shot Training/Certification	Houston
June 28-29	Resp., Game Laws & Ethics Workshop	Midland

Training Efforts and Workshops



Trapper Workshop – Parrie Haynes Ranch

Several instructors enjoyed the instruction provided by the Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association during the January workshop at Parrie Haynes Ranch. Odie O'Dwyer, Area Chief, was the on-site host.



Trapper Workshop – Wallisville Reservoir

The second workshop this year was held at the Wallisville Wildlife Management Area east of Houston. The Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association instructors were on hand to give excellent demonstrations. Thanks to Jim Brooks, Dan Hepker and Odie O'Dwyer for their expertise.



Instructor Training in Corpus Christi

Ty Harris and Area Chief, Gilbert Graves, Jr. did an excellent job with an instructor course held in Corpus Christi recently. We are always looking for new instructors, and especially a diversified group. Thanks Gilbert for helping with this training session and for your efforts.

Outdoor Skills/Survival

Doug Luger, Director of the Outdoor Adventure Camp at the YO Ranch contacted our group and offered their location for hosting this workshop this year. Jane Brown and staff did an excellent job with the weekend. The food was great, the facility has made tremendous improvements and the recent staff hires will certainly help make this an impressive camp for youngsters in the upcoming near future. Thanks to John Weishaar for his expert training on “How to Teach Outdoor Skills and Survival.” John has been the main training instructor for the past four years, and has had numerous accolades regarding his techniques. John is producing a DVD or video on “How to Teach Outdoor Skills,” and Lannon Heflin was there filming for that production. Come to the workshop next year!



Responsibility, Game Laws and Ethics

The Battleship Texas was the host site of this workshop. What a unique location to hold a program. Heidi Rao did an outstanding job in setting up this event, and for those who had never seen the battleship, it was a treat. Instructors could not easily get away from the setting. Otherwise, wet they would have been.

Thanks to Game Wardens, Antone “AJ” Jackson and Kelly Newman, who provided excellent facilitation with the laws portion of the workshop.

Wildlife Brigades Are on the March for Recruits

Want to learn more about quail, deer or turkey management?

Recruits are now being sought for the 2003 "Texas Brigades," a group of wildlife-oriented youth camps targeting 13-17-year-old cadets. And the camps also need the help of adult volunteers.

The award-winning camps equip participants with communications skills, leadership development and a healthy dose of wildlife management.

The two Buckskin Brigade dates and locations are: South Texas, 4th Battalion, La Pryor, June 1-5, and North Texas, 2nd

Battalion, Lueders, July 20-24. Dates and locations for the two Bobwhite Brigades are: Rolling Plains, 11th Battalion, Lueders, June 21-25, and South Texas, 6th Battalion, Campbellton, July 13-17. The East Texas Feather Forces Brigade, 7th Battalion, July 27-31 at Broaddus, focuses on quail and turkey.

Tuition for all camps is \$200 per cadet per camp. Scholarships are available. Applications are available and are due by April 15. For further information, contact Michelle Haggerty at (979) 458-2034.

KATHY'S KORNER

Hi Folks! Got some great news for you. We entered all classes received by January 10 and had the second highest number so students certified since 1972. You helped certify 37,804 students. Great job! This was also the earliest we ever finished processing the student forms. The points were rolled over and the incentive awards have been distributed at this time. If you think you were due an award, but didn't receive it, please contact me and we will check on it.

Although we processed all forms received, we found out that some instructors were still lagging behind on sending in student courses. We had several "formal complaints" in January and February from students who took the course as far back as August, September, October, November and December, but had not received their certification cards. When we investigated the complaint, sure enough, those instructors had numerous excuses why the classes were not sent in. **Remember....you have seven (7) days to get the classes to us.** Otherwise, this constitutes reason for corrective measures from staff. As a reminder, the \$\$ that is collected is actually property of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and must be sent in within that period of time to be deposited within three (3) working days of receipt. Instructors are allowed to retain \$5 for out-of-pocket expenses, but the state's portion

must be sent in within seven days. We cannot accept "post-dated" checks and hold them until the instructor deposits the money into an account to cover the check. Please make sure that you have deposited the funds to cover the check, or have secured a money order to mail with the forms.

Again, our goal in customer service is to mail the card to the individual as soon as possible. When the next hunting season begins, and people start to purchase their license, it is a possibility that the Hunter Education Number will be printed on the license just below the city of residence. (e.g., Hunter Ed # 123456) It did occur on several licenses this year, but World Com, who is contracted to sell the licenses at the point of sale areas, had not loaded all of the data into the system, so not all certified students got the number printed on their license. Watch next year for your number, but be patient. **NOTE: If the number IS printed on the license, the hunter will NOT have to carry the hunter education certification card.**

Keep up the good work, and we will continue to set new records. I'm here if you need me.

Administrators and Instructors:

For states that do not have liability insurance for their volunteers or for volunteers that want additional insurance, the IHEA has a policy that will cover them while they are performing their duties as Hunter Education Instructors. The only requirement is that the volunteer must be a direct member of the IHEA. This was the only way we could make it available to each volunteer, regardless of what state they teach in.

Following is a copy of the "Volunteers Insurance Service Combined Excess Liability Policy" for your examination. Please make your volunteers aware this is available.

All U.S. volunteers with an active IHEA Volunteer Instructor Membership are provided with Volunteer Liability insurance at a limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. This policy provides protection for a personal injury or a property damage liability claim arising out of the performance of the registered volunteer's duties such as: accusation of misinformation given in a course, an accident during a live fire or other field exercise, and allegations of abuse or sexual harassment.

Legal Defense

Under the Volunteer Liability insurance coverage, the underwriter will defend any covered suit against the volunteer seeking damages on account of personal injury, bodily injury or property damage which exceeds any other valid or collectible insurance available to the volunteer. *Please note that the Volunteer Auto Liability is not a part of this package.* Paid professional staff delivering hunter education programs are not covered by this policy.

To become a member of the IHEA simply fill out the coupon and mail it back with your check, Visa/Master Card number and expiration date for \$25.00. You may also enroll by calling the IHEA office at (970) 568-7954.

For the annual \$25 IHEA Volunteer Instructor membership you will receive:

1. IHEA Volunteer Instructor membership card
2. Liability Insurance. *Note: A similar policy is being pursued for Canadian Volunteer Instructors but is not yet available.*
3. 1 yr. subscription (3 issues) Hunter Ed. Journal delivered to your home
2. IHEA "Hunt Safe" Decal
3. IHEA Bumper Sticker- "Thank to Hunter Education, Hunting is safe and getting safer!"
4. IHEA Ten Commandments of Safe Gun Handling wallet card
5. IHEA Supply Service Catalog
6. Opportunity for discount purchase of select merchandise and closeouts offered by hunting and firearms manufacturers and distributors

Annual memberships renew January 1st each year. If applications are received after September 15th - memberships will be applied to the following year.

IHEA Instructor Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province/State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Check one: New Membership Renewal Membership

Method of Payment (US funds only): Check/ Money Order Mastercard Visa

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Instructor
Membership fee: \$25.00

Donation to
IHEA Resource
Development Fund: \$ _____

Total Payment: \$ _____

Mail to: IHEA, P.O. Box 490, Wellington, CO 80549, or call (970)-568-7954, or E-Mail: suppliesvciheafrii.com



Bowhunter
Education

TROPHY RIDGE TARGETS BOWHUNTER EDUCATION EFFORTS

Chris Rager, President of Trophy Ridge, LLC. has donated its supply of Rotating and Stationary SMART SYSTEM target imaging systems to the National Bowhunter Education Foundation. "We at Trophy Ridge believe in what the NBEF is doing through its Bowhunter Education efforts. We want to help their efforts with this donation because we also believe the future of bowhunting is through education," said Rager. "We thank Trophy Ridge for their support. The SMART SYSTEM is a great educational tool that will compliment any hunter education program and shooting range," concluded Joel Klammer, President of the NBEF.

The SMART SYSTEM is the first portable target imaging system that allows you to create your own target range by shooting true-to-life North American Big Game images - with a gun or bow and arrow. This simple projection system allows anyone to afford their own interactive home shooting range which only needs a shaded area to cast the animal images onto the target. It also has varied applications in the education classroom allowing students to properly identify different big game animals, shoot/don't shoot scenarios and shot placement locations; and then actually be able to shoot the projected image, where shooting is safely available.

Two different systems are available - Rotating model and Still model. Both models contain a target backdrop, projection unit, tripod, hard shell carrying/storage case and one image disk. The Stationary model contains one image disk - whitetail deer (and other selected animals). The Rotating Model can show five images per disk, rotating every 12 seconds. Additional available images for either system disks are Mule Deer, Whitetail Deer, Black Bear, Antelope and Elk (mix different animals, too). The NBEF's Elk, Deer, Turkey and Bear Anatomy images are also available.

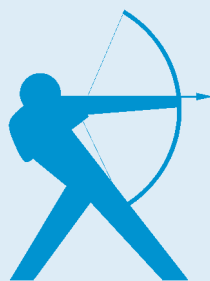
The normal retail price for the SMART SYSTEM Rotation Model is \$379.00 and \$329.00 for the Still Model. The NBEF sees the obvious benefit of having these SMART SYSTEMS in the classrooms and on shooting ranges. It is offering these units for the very low price shown below.

SMART SYSTEM Rotating Model #1000 with one five image Whitetail Deer Disk	\$100.00/unit, incl. S&H
SMART SYSTEM Still Model #1050 with one Whitetail Deer Slide	\$85.00/unit, incl. S&H
Additional animal rotating model disks (five images per disk) #1025	\$20/disk, incl. S&H
Additional animal still model disk (one image per disk) #1075	\$10/disk, incl. S&H

Bowhunter Education and Firearm Safety & Education Volunteer Instructors, 4-H Shooting Sports Programs, Wildlife Agencies, Scouting Programs, Schools, and Shooting Clubs **DISCOUNT PRICE** - \$75.00/unit including S&H for either System. Disks are not discounted.

Order your SMART SYSTEM Target Imaging System on the NBEF Website Store - www.nbef.org - using the Item # for the System and disks you desire, or call 406.266.3237, FAX 406.266.3239.

2002 In Review



THE BOWHUNTER

TEXAS BOWHUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

2002 was an interesting year for IBEP-TX. We implemented a new material ordering process, a new fee structure, and began work on several other new initiatives with our partners at TPWD and LSBA.

There were 328 students and 12 instructors certified in calendar year 2002. Most classes were accomplished without any problems. Those classes that did experience problems had them resolved quickly. Most of the problems were related to the instructors being unfamiliar with the new material ordering processes and material availability. These issues reinforced the need for instructors to attend the in-services each year. The information shared at these meetings is important and will help prevent future problems.

There were some instructors who still tried to hold one-day classes. In order to maintain our reciprocity agreements it is imperative that we follow the NBEF curriculum. To do this properly it takes a minimum of 12 hours. Each student class should be a minimum of 12 hours over a minimum of 2 days.

We have had some instructors attempt to hold classes when they were not shown as active in the TPWD records. The NBEF requirements for maintaining instructor currency are very minimal. You must teach (certify one student) at least one class per year and attend in-service training as required. Simply attending the in-services will not keep you in an active status. You must be an active instructor in order to receive training materials from TPWD.

We had several late classes held to accommodate hunters that were drawn for Hagerman that did not have the IBEP certification. We need to plan and schedule classes for later in the year (August/September) especially in the north Texas area. Remember pre-planning prevents problems with obtaining material and allows for your class to be advertised on the TPWD Web site.

The in-service dates for 2003 are as follows:

May 3, 2003	Grand Prairie	0900-1730
May 17, 2003	Houston	0900-1730
June 14, 2003	Austin	0900-1730

These meetings begin at 0900 to allow instructors who are driving a long distance an opportunity to attend.

On the national level there have been a few changes. In July 2002, I was appointed as the NBEF Region 2 Coordinator. This position acts as the liaison between the NBEF and the state chairmen / agencies in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona. I serve in this position concurrent with my IBEP-TX Chairman duties. I have also moved. My new contact information is Jack Jetton, 1824 Branch Hill Dr., Pearland, TX 77581. Phone number is 281-992-0917. E-mail has not changed. It is tex-doublej@prodigy.net. By the time you read this we should have a new NBEF Executive Director hired and in place and be very close to presenting a new student and instructor manual. Work is also progressing on completion of the new IBEP Internet Program.

In 2003 we hope to complete work on a written test which will be mandatory for all IBEP student classes in Texas as well as a written policy manual for each instructor. Each of you is a valuable asset to bowhunter education in Texas and I personally appreciate the efforts you make as volunteers to make our program a success. I look forward to working with you again this year for the future of bowhunting.

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