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Editor's CORNER

We have been challenged to *"Take Hunter Education to the Next Level."* At the IHEA Annual Conference recently held in Missoula, MT, this was the theme! *"The questions facing hunter education professionals are many - deciding which part of the curriculum/course structure is in need of enhancement, to tackling new audiences with new messages and training,"* said Thomas Baumeister, Montana Hunter Education Coordinator and host of the conference.

Texas has a slight advantage in that we already have our Home Study course material available on-line, along with testing sites listed where students may go and complete the one-day, hands-on activities for certification. Fortunately for us, Nancy Herron, our own Education and Technology Coordinator, is responsible for bringing our level of delivery to its current status. I commended her and her staff, including Julia Gregory.

In fact, Nancy has done such a great job, that she has been contracted by the IHEA to develop the Hunter Education "on-line" course for North America based on present technological advancements. Necessary changes and concerns that were expressed by several states and provinces are being addressed. Some of these concerns related to the basic "Hunter Education

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Wildlife Expo Celebrates 10th Year and Needs Volunteers

It has been 10 years since 7,000 people came out for Texas Parks and Wildlife's first open house to thank the hunters and anglers who help pay for wildlife conservation in Texas.

From that modest beginning, Texas Wildlife Expo has grown into a showcase outdoor event featuring more than one-hundred activities ranging from shooting sports and fishing to bird watching and mountain biking, with attendance reaching nearly 50,000. More importantly, according to TPW staff, the event remains free to the public. Wildlife Expo, celebrating its 10th year this Oct. 6-7, 2001, is the largest event of its kind in the nation. Several other fish and wildlife agencies are now using it as a model for their states, according to Ernie Gammage, Texas Wildlife Expo director for TPW. "Expo is the premiere outdoor event in Texas," he said. "Where else can you catch a fish, shoot skeet, mountain bike, bird



10TH GREAT YEAR IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

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Standards," as adopted in New York in 1999, and their inclusion and delivery. Once the course is approved, up and running, it will be available for anyone to receive the information and further their knowledge about hunter education and safety. It will be up to each state or province as to apply the information and new delivery method to their jurisdiction.

Talk about technological advances, the state of Nevada and Daisy Mfg. were recognized by IHEA and received the first-ever "Innovation Award" sponsored by Brunton. This award was presented for the development of the Lazer-Ed system, a low-cost alternative to high-tech interactive shooting activities. IHEA President, Les Smith, accepted the award and credited his instructors, Lee Avant and Gary Baldis from Las Vegas, as the inventors. Lee, his two sons, and Gary produced over 275 prototypes for Nevada instructors to use in their courses, before Daisy took on the final product and developed it into what is it today. **Look for information on this teaching tool in this issue.**

Texas instructors attending the Missoula meeting were "Odie" O'Dwyer and wife Carole; Jim and Velma Parker; Albert Ross and wife Fern; and Rodger Woods. Funny thing was when we arrived, temperatures had been in the high 70s, but within 24 hours, it snowed 21 inches in the upper elevations, and about eight inches at our location, knocking out power to the hotel for a short period of time. Now who would have figured that a group from Texas would ever be able to see snow in June?

It has become apparent that a lot of instructors are still reading the pages of this newsletter and looking for their instructor number. We have not published numbers in the last three issues, but will things change?... Well, yes. We have included ten numbers within these pages, and any instructor who finds

his or her number must call Kathy Powell, and report where the number was found to receive a special prize. Now go forth and search....

The busy season is just around the corner. We have revised the Hunter Education Student manual slightly. The changes are so miniscule, that they will be fairly hard to find. However, some changes and corrections were made to help the student and instructor. The new issue will have "**Fourth Revision**" with **2001** under it in the lower right hand corner of the cover. Please continue to use the "Third Edition" manuals until they are exhausted. At the Area Chief meeting in January, changes to the regular student exam were recommended and made. The revised exam only has a few changes in the questions to clarify any ambiguity, and the answer key remains the same. See the new key mailed with this newsletter.

One last thing.... A few instructors are still telling underage students that they will be certified although the student is not yet 12 years of age. **Incorrect!!** The computer is programmed to certify only those students who have reached their twelfth birthday on or before the certification date of the class. A student whose birth date is even **one day** after the class completion date will not be certified. Sorry folks, but this is in the mandated law. Please read "Kathy's Korner" in this issue for a few more important reminders. There are just a few notes from her to help provide better customer service. Keep up the great work, and let us know if we can do anything to help you. Look for the workshop schedule in the next Fall/Winter issue. We have some new and exciting in-services lined up for you. Stay cool!

Terry Erwin

Important Information About Proposition 8

As someone who is an active outdoors person, you should be aware of Proposition 8 on the November 6th statewide bond election ballot. If approved, Texas Parks and Wildlife would be authorized to issue general obligation bonds to complete critical repairs to state parks, wildlife management areas and hatcheries. For more information, check out the Texas Parks and Wildlife Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/prop8.

NOTICE

Texas Parks and Wildlife receives federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior and its bureaus prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex (in educational programs). If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any Texas Parks and Wildlife program, activity, or facility, or if you desire further information, please call or write: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office for Diversity and Civil Rights Programs - External Programs, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Webb 300, Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 358-1724.

Wildlife Expo 2001, continued

watch, kayak, see native Texas wildlife and rock climb in one location in one day – for free?”

Over the years, both the focus and the goals of Expo have evolved, according to Gammage. It started out as a hunting and fishing event and has become an all-around outdoors festival with a primary goal of promoting family participation in outdoor activities and raising awareness of the conservation ethic. Fly fishing, kayaking, mountain biking, bird watching and rock climbing have been added to attract a more diverse audience and introduce visitors to a wide range of outdoors activities. 007863

TPW, conservation organizations, sponsors and more than 3,000 volunteers will host Texas Wildlife Expo 2001. From archery and shotgun exhibitions and birds of prey demonstrations to fly fishing instruction and special activities for the youngest children, Expo is designed to keep the entire family entertained for hours. New displays and activities include a Global Positioning System Satellite Challenge and the Outdoor Kids Challenge.

“The event really is designed for the entire family,” Gammage explained. “Nearly all of the activities are open to both adults and children, and we have many activities specifically for younger children.” Perennial favorites such as John Karger’s birds of prey demonstration, shooting sports, rock climbing walls, and trout and catfish fishing tanks remain the anchors of the event. Recent additions bolstering the educational component of Expo include displays and activities to promote the importance of water in ecosystems, wildscaping instruction and junior angler program to teach youth how to fish.

Growing crowds at Expo over the years have presented parking challenges; but after reaching near capacity last year, coordinators plan to install a new temporary entrance into the hayfield parking area to reduce congestion at the entrance. The free shuttle, from a location in northeast Austin, is still the best way to get to Expo, according to TPW.

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It’s not too late to sign up and volunteer your time and efforts to help make the tenth annual Wildlife Expo a huge success. It is almost impossible to run a safe and successful event without adequate numbers of qualified instructors. **Here’s what you’ll get for your time...An Expo T shirt and patch, lunch and drinks on Saturday and Sunday, free BBQ at Saturday night’s volunteer appreciation party, a chance**

at some tremendous door prizes, a big thank you and a smile from kid’s faces who may never have been exposed to any shooting events.

Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association (T.H.E.I.A.) has, again, generously agreed to pay for sandwiches and drinks to be distributed during noon work hours of Expo on Saturday and Sunday. **News Flash** - We have just contracted with ARBY’S, yes Arby’s, to provide lunch on Saturday and Sunday for the volunteers at Expo. They

have a new lunch that just came out called “Market Fresh” sandwiches. The choices are Ham or Turkey. They come with chips and a “Grandma’s” cookie. We will provide drinks throughout the day as well as with lunch on both days. Look forward to a much better meal than in the past two years. We are excited about this new opportunity.

Jim Kellum, Vice President of CHI, who owns Arby’s, assured us he would do his best to make sure everyone is happy with the meal. The sandwiches are very tasty, and come with mayonnaise, *Digon* mustard, lettuce, tomatoes, etc. Looks like old times coming back, and such a welcome treat! Thanks, Jim.....we look forward to trying the new sandwiches out.

THEIA has also agreed to contribute another \$500 to the Wildlife Expo Scholarship Fund. Two of our own instructors have been fortunate enough to receive scholarships in the past few years. Come on out and help someone get acquainted with the shooting sports, and other fun events. Let us know if you are interested in attending and volunteering. **Note: You might want to make your reservations at local hotels/motels now, because rooms are booking up rapidly.**

IHEA Foundation Holds Fundraiser

Tom Floyd, President and CEO of Dodge Outfitters Association of America, chairs the IHEA Foundation Endowment Committee. Tom, along with Bob Hart, Vice President of Special Events for Wal-Mart, and Ron Freidenberger, Wal-Mart Hunter Education/Firearms Safety Operations Coordinator hosted the Second Shooting Sports Industry and Retailers Fund Raising event May 1-2, 2001 at the NSSA, National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. This event was held to raise money for the IHEA Endowment. Over 250 invitations were mailed out to the major shooting sports and retail industry representatives. Entry fee for the three-member team was \$2500.

On Tuesday, a ten-event "Sportsman's Challenge" was held for all individual participants that included skills in bait casting, archery, rifle, pistol, shotgun, including skeet, trap and sporting clays. Wednesday's activities had each three-member team competing in trap, skeet, and sporting clays. There were door prizes, goodie bags, live and silent auctions and everyone had a lot of fun.

Selected Hunter Education coordinators from North America were on hand to assist with the event along with Dr. David Knotts, IHEA Exec. VP, and Bob Mayer, IHEA Business Manager. Coordinators present were, Dave Paplawski, Alberta, Canada; Ernie McCallum, New Brunswick, Canada; Don Winslow, Arizona; Patt Dorsey, Colorado; Wayne Doyle, Kansas, Bob Staton, Missouri; Wayne Jones, New York, Dave Wilson, Ohio; Lenny Rees, Utah, Eric Nuse, Vermont; Terry Erwin, Texas and IHEA Attorney, Albert Ross, Texas. Coordinators filled in on different teams to compete and make up the three-man quotas.



Laser Shot owners, **Alan Winslette** and **Paige Manard** were among the entrants and had Terry Erwin join their team. By the way, they won their class in the competition. **Patt Dorsey, Colorado** won the Women's Third Place Overall trophy, while **Jerry Foust, Federal Ammunition** won the Sportsman's Challenge with a score of 95 out of a possible 100. **Eric Nuse, Vermont** came in fourth in the Sportsman's Challenge.

The event hosts presented Dr. David Knotts with a check for \$150,000 to be placed in the IHEA Foundation Endowment Fund. Thanks to all the participants, and look forward to returning the first week of May 2002 in San Antonio.

Fourth Annual Texas "Dream Hunt"

Dr. George "Skip" Hall and his group hosted the Fourth Annual Texas "Dream Hunt" at the **2 Bayous Hunting Preserve** near Alvin on December 18-20, 2000. The hunt was for waterfowl and upland birds, including quail, chukar and pheasant.

The 2001 Texas Dream Hunt is still up in the air at this time with a location. However, nominations are already coming in. Don't forget to look for that special student that satisfies all the requirements for consideration as your best candidate. Entrants must be between the ages of 12-17, and have taken the course since November 1, 2000. Send in a detailed letter explaining why you have chosen that particular individual as your most outstanding student. Nominations must be sent to Texas Parks & Wildlife, Hunter Education, 2001 Dream Hunt, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, Texas 78744, and must arrive **before November 10**.

IHEA Dream Hunt

How about a chance to go on a real plantation quail hunt in Southern Georgia in November? This year will celebrate more than **10 years** this hunt has been held. It is an experience of a lifetime and is filmed and later shown on ESPN-2! Watch **ESPN-2** and **Wayne Pearson's Ultimate Outdoors** weekly television show beginning in July. The 2000 "Dream Hunt" will be aired sometime between July and December. **Winchester Ammunition** previously printed and distributed entry cards for the IHEA "Dream Hunt," however, the registration cards are now in the **Hunter's Handbook** thanks to **Brian Thurston** and the **Focus Group**. The Hunter's Handbooks are available and distributed with supplies for each student. **NOTE: Again, this year, individual instructors may use the same entry form in the Hunter's Handbook to register or they may send in a plain postcard with name, address, work and home phone num-**

ber to: I.H.E.A. "DREAM HUNT," P. O. Box 5078, Nashville GA, 31639. Be sure to print a statement that you are a Texas Hunter Education Instructor. So far, in the past decade, five instructors and three students from Texas have been selected to go on the IHEA "Dream Hunt." Four more instructors have been selected to go on additional trips. Keep those cards coming in. Your chances of winning are good – better than if you just sit back and wish!

Don't forget to tell your students about this chance to go on an all-expense paid "Dream Hunt" of a lifetime. Students will be selected from across North America and will be allowed to bring a parent/guardian on the hunt and have all expenses paid. The entry/registration form is near the back of the Hunter's Handbook. Hurry, **deadline is September 15th**. Late entries will go into next year's drawing. 012451



Dear TPW:

I visit the Web from time to time and I am also a subscriber to your magazine. I was so glad to see your January 15 article titled "Recent Accident Reinforces Need For Hunter Safety." The man who was killed in South Texas was the best friend of one of my life-long hunting buddies. I heard about the accident three days after it happened and had hoped to write to you and other publications to encourage more articles about hunter safety. When I heard the story it scared me to death and actually made me contemplate getting rid of my own guns. I have had the unfortunate experience of being around people who are careless with guns and have made it a point not to hunt with them again. They don't seem to understand just how unforgiving a gun can be. There are no take backs or second chances when a gun accidentally discharges. I either heard it or read somewhere "that a man has never seen a gun fire without another man's finger being on the trigger." The only thing you failed to mention that might make people think more about gun safety is the deceased

man left a wife and child behind. There is a lot more to this story, let's not ever forget it.

Barry Ervi – Coppell, TX

Dear Hunter Education Staff:

Here is an explanation of why you are just receiving my class from October 2000.

Top Ten Reasons Why I Forgot!

10. I am an Aggie!
9. C.R.S. (Can't remember stuff)!
8. Old age!
7. I went fishing!
6. My wife called!
5. My cows got out!
4. Someone ran over the 15-point buck that I had been feeding and I had to go I.D. it!
3. I had eaten in the school lunchroom and got sick!
2. "Duh"!
1. I finally cleaned off my desk and found them.

I hope in the following years that this will never happen again!

Truthfully sorry,
Instructor #004800

(This is **not** one of the hidden numbers, so keep looking.)

Kudos



Artz Reaches Hall of Fame

Bob Artz, San Antonio Area Chief, earned the **4500-Point, Hunter Education Hall of Fame Award**, and is shown receiving his plaque and an Outters custom gun cleaning kit at the Texas Hunter Education Instructor Association annual conference. Bob's name was inscribed on the Darrell Holt Hunter Education Hall of Fame Plaque that hangs in Parks and Wildlife's Hunter Education office. Bob has been in the program since 1990, and certified 1056 students in 107 courses. He has been an Area Chief for eight years and certified 28 new instructors. Congratulations Bob!

Jim Parker Receives Winchester Award

Jim Parker, Malakoff Area Chief, was recently honored and received the **"Winchester Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor of the Year"** award for North America at the International Hunter Education Association annual conference held in Missoula, MT in June. Jim and his wife, Velma, flew to Missoula to accept the award. Jim commented that he loves teaching the hunter education courses and could not do it without the help of Velma, his wife of nearly fifty-one years. Jim was nominated for his outstanding volunteer work in hunter education, innovative teaching techniques, and dedication as a volunteer.



Jim started out by teaching gun safety to youngsters who were going on youth hunts with *Operation Orphans*. He continued his efforts and became certified as a hunter education instructor not only for Texas but helped Utah's hunter education program with the late A. Lee Robertson, former Utah Hunter Education Coordinator. Jim uses Parks and Wildlife facilities in Tyler and Athens to conduct courses. He covers a hundred-mile radius from his home in Malakoff, while promoting courses at Wal-Mart stores, and assisting new instructors with classes.

He is one of the most dedicated individuals in the ranks of volunteers in the state. He not only teaches hunter education, but includes boater education and angler education programs. He spends many hours at the Texas Fresh water Fisheries Center in Athens conducting tram ride tours and announcing the dive show for audiences at the Center. Congratulations Jim and Velma!

Other runner-ups for the Winchester award were 2nd place - Vickie L. Southard, Tuttle, OK, and 3rd place - Anthony James Rondeau, Fergus Falls, MN. Congratulations to all the nominees for an outstanding job!

Kitty Haynes Receives Lone Star Legends Award

Houston Area Chief, **Kitty Haynes**, was recognized for her continuous volunteer educational efforts for Texas Parks and Wildlife when she received the **Lone Star Legends Award for Education** at a banquet held in Austin in April. She is shown with Executive Director, Andrew Sansom, who presented the award. Attending were her husband, Jim, and son Jamie, along with nominator Heidi Rao, Assistant Hunter Education Coordinator. Kitty has held many structured and home study student courses in Hunter Education, has been an instructor for numerous "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" programs, assisted with youth hunts for the Texas Youth Hunting Program, and taught at several summer youth camps held at Parrie Haynes Youth Ranch. She also serves on the advisory group that recently helped with changes in the Hunter Education Instructor manual.

Congratulations Kitty!



Mildner Receives Award

Bill Mildner, Kerrville Area Chief, was honored recently at the Friends of NRA Banquet held in Kerrville. The newly completed classroom at the Buck and Bull Shooting Club range was dedicated to him for his past efforts in designing, developing and helping build the facility. Hunter Education courses may now have a place to be conducted in that area. Congratulations Bill!

THANKS!

Hunter Education Program Receives Donations

Houston Safari Club's charitable group, American Conservation & Education Society, has donated \$1500 to the Texas Hunter Education Program to purchase incentive awards for instructor recognition. Right behind them is the **Dallas Safari Club's** charitable arm, the **Dallas Ecological Foundation**, who presented a check for \$1000 to the Hunter Education Program to further help purchase incentive awards. These generous donations help recognize instructors for their many hours of giving and dedication in teaching students to become safe, responsible and knowledgeable outdoors individuals. Many thanks to these two fine, generous organizations! These donations are greatly appreciated.



Texas Game Warden Excels in World Competition

A World Champion Biathlete – Cinda Brooks, Game Warden and Hunter Education Instructor, representing Texas and the United States, has earned the honor of “Five Time World Champion” in the Biathlon event of the World Police and Fire Games. This competition is held every two years—she was top female earning Gold Medals in 1993—Colorado; 1995—Melbourne, Australia; 1997—Calgary, Alberta; 1999—Stockholm, Sweden and 2001—Indianapolis, Indiana. 000611

The Biathlon is an event that requires the athlete to excel in both running and shooting (police duty handgun). Biathletes must run 1 mile then shoot 12 rounds from 25 yards then repeat the sequence two more times, the running time and shooting score is then combined. Cinda claims that a biathlete not only has to be in good shape and shoot well—but has to be able to “stay cool under pressure.” Cinda is a registered nurse and Lieutenant Game Warden with Texas Parks and Wildlife. As an instructor at the Game Warden Training Academy she teaches health, wellness and officer survival topics such as stress management, nutrition, physical training and defensive tactics. She uses the biathlon as a teaching tool when training cadets—the

changes that occur in an officer under survival stress are similar to the changes that occur with intense exercise. The cadet learns to recognize these changes and to channel these changes to help (instead of hinder) performance.

Sixty-five different countries sent 9,451 athletes to compete in the 2001 World Police and Fire Games held in June in Indianapolis. Cinda competed with a Smith & Wesson 686 revolver from **McBride’s Guns** in Austin and shot **Winchester Ammunition**. She described her rigorous training regime, “I began with concentrating on firearms and conditioning separately, working on my marksmanship at **Red’s Indoor Range** in Austin and running the roads near my home on Lake Travis. Then I began to put the two events together with multiple mini-biathlons using a trail and a shooting backstop on my neighbor’s property, the Ross Ranch.” Cinda attributes her success to hard work, the support of family and friends and a great coach—her husband, Stanley, who is also a Texas Game Warden. Travel to these world competitions is on her own time and expense so she relies both on their emotional and financial support. Cinda speaks very highly of her training equipment claiming her Winchester ammunition has “never missed a pop!” “When you have shoes, a gun and ammunition you can count on...the rest is up to you. No worries and no excuses!”

With these games held every two years, this Five Time World Champion Biathlete will hold the title for a decade by defending her title in 2003 in Barcelona, Spain. Congratulations Cinda!

THANKS!

ExxonMobil Foundation Makes Donation

Texas Parks and Wildlife’s Hunter Education Program has been given a \$500 check by the **ExxonMobil Foundation** to honor their employee and Hunter Education Instructor, Burton Anderson, from Seminole for his many volunteer hours of work in community services. Burton has been an instructor since 1988, and does a fine job with courses in his area. Thank you so much for this generous contribution.

Welcome New Instructors

March

DANIEL R. FAGAN	ALVIN
JOSHUA D. FAGAN	ALVIN
BRIAN HAYS	COLLEGE STATION
SCOTT N. MARTIN	TROUP
BRANDI L. QUICK	BRYAN
JASON F. ROESNER	COLLEGE STATION
GARY P. STEPHENS	SCURRY
DAVID L. SCHOONOVER	CENTERVILLE
JENNIFER E. CHASTAIN	COLLEGE STATION
SPIKE STOKER	BRECKENRIDGE
TYSON M. HART	COLLEGE STATION
CHARLES D. JOHNSON	COLLEGE STATION
RODGER W. WOODS	BURNET
MARK WILKERSON	SMITHVILLE
CHARLES M. HAMILTON	WEIR
SEAN C. HENSLEY	AUSTIN
DELORES M. ESTRADA	WEIMAR
LOUIS R. DUNNAM	MIDLAND
MICHAEL J. SHEILS	COLLEYVILLE
RHONNIE F. STYRON	BURNET
PHYLLIS J. THORNTON	LOTT
LEE ANN WILLIAMS	MIDLAND
CLIFFORD R. CHALMERS	MIDLAND
ANGELINA Y. SHEPHERD	COLUMBUS

April

SCOTT A. WALL	LUBBOCK
CHARLES R. MASON	POST
CODY D. WIMBERLY	HEREFORD
BARRY D. CUMMINGS	LUBBOCK
DEWEY R. WILKINSON	SHAMROCK
BILL L. APPLGATE	MARFA
JOHN D. MORROW III	SUGAR LAND
RANDY J. KUNZE	FREDERICKSBURG
TAMI R. CRAWFORD	BASTROP

DUANE R. CRAWFORD
LEE RATLIFF
WADE H. WEEMS
ANTHONY K. CAPEL
JAMES E. NUNN
DEBORAH A. COOK
LELAND V. COCKRILL

BASTROP
LEWISVILLE
WEST COLUMBIA
NACOGDOCHES
LONGVIEW
WINONA
HUGHES SPRINGS

May

RON L. GREEN
JOEL D. LANIER
JOHN C. HULL
CAROL L. ADKINS
WINFRED E. JOHNSON
SCOT D. MCCLURE
LARRY T. CHAMBERS
CHRIS K. GIST
PAUL J. GOYNE
JAMES N. MARETT
JAMES L. PHILLIPS
TRAVIS A. SCHUSTER
WALTER H. BAUDAT JR
ANNETTE L. PHILLIPS
RAYMOND S. HUTCHINGS

MARSHALL
SEMINOLE
NEW BRAUNFELS
ALVIN
LUFKIN
COPPELL
GEORGETOWN
DALLAS
ROCKWALL
HOUSTON
LIVINGSTON
LEWISVILLE
LIVINGSTON
LIVINGSTON
ARTHUR CITY

June

G. D. COOK
ADAM L. LIRA
D. K. MACMANUS
JIM D. ROBERTS
MARVIN E. HUCKLE
RONALD O. MCNABB
REYES I. RODRIGUEZ
COURTNEY W. AYDELOTTE
JIM W. ALLSUP
JEFFREY S. MILLER

DUMAS
WILLIS
PHARR
CLARENDON
HARLINGEN
AMARILLO
HARLINGEN
LUMBERTON
ROBSTOWN
BURKBURNETT

New Area Chiefs

Jack Jetton, from Alvin, has been an instructor since 1998 and certified in Bowhunter Education since 2000, and has certified over 145 students in both courses. He will cover Brazoria County and surrounding areas to the west, including Galveston and Southern Harris County. Jack is a Master Instructor Trainer for IBEP, and will be a tremendous asset with all classes. He has already scheduled courses with Heidi Rao for next year. Welcome aboard Jack!

Joe Rogers, from Nacogdoches, has been an instructor since 1998, but has helped Matt Mercer for over ten years. He finally decided to become certified and now has taken that step to offer even more to the students and instructors. He will cover Nacogdoches and surrounding counties. Kent Irvin welcomes the help in that area. He has a muzzle loading course scheduled with Jim Parker coming up in the near future. For more information, please contact him at (936) 560-7775. Welcome aboard Joe!

Hunters for the Hungry Delivers

AUSTIN, Texas – Hunters and meat processors partnered to donate more than 72,000 pounds of meat to Texas food banks during the 2000-2001 hunting season through Hunters for the Hungry. Donations of venison and other wild game provide protein for food assistance recipients, nearly half of them children, according to the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, which runs the program.

The success of the program depends on the collective efforts of hunters, meat processors and food-assistance providers. Hunters take their legally harvested deer, feral hogs and other wild game to participating meat processors, who process and

package the donated meat for a nominal fee to cover costs. Meat processors then notify local food banks, pantries, emergency feeding sites, and community and faith-based organizations, which distribute the meat to families in need.

Volunteer organizations, meat processors and hunters interested in working with Hunters for the Hungry should contact Monica Murphy or Laurie Stephens of TACAA at (800) 992-9767. In the upcoming season, let's do our share to help this worthwhile cause and show that hunters, do indeed, do their part to support conservation and needy individuals and families. 005123



We have copies of some popular videos on one cassette for any instructor to keep and use in the Hunter Education program. The video has *Deer Hunting-Focus on Ethics, Modern Firearms, Game for the Table, and Using Airguns the Right Way*. These videos are available and ready for shipment upon request. Once secured, the instructor retains the video while remaining active. Upon retirement or termination from the program, we request the instructor return all materials and videos to the Hunter Education Program. Other titles are available for

purchase upon request through TPW's video department for a nominal fee. Contact Jack Nasworthy at 1-800-792-1112 + 61 for information. 000435

Alan Madison Productions, Inc. is offering a new composite video, which will contain the following three films in this order: *Firearms Safety & the Hunter II, Survival II, and The Hunter's Path...choices in responsible hunting*. These three films are the most popular and come on one cassette. The price is \$199, and is a savings of nearly 50% off the normal single title price. Instructors may purchase any of his other films at a special rate of \$89 each otherwise. To order, please contact Alan at P.O. Box 100, Chatham, NY 12037, or call Toll free (877) 404-3311, or (518) 392-3311, Fax (518) 392-3314.

Silvertip Productions, Ltd. Video Series

Jim Wentz, former Ohio Hunter Education Coordinator, produced an excellent video series for use in any hunter education class. The two-hour video has seven individual topics that are incorporated into one VHS tape. They are: *Welcome to Hunter Education, Hunting Safety, Responsible Hunting, Outdoor Safety, Wildlife Conservation in North America, Successful Hunting and Hunting Opportunities*.

This new video is available for a total of \$99.99 + \$6.95 Shipping & Handling. Instructors also may contact him direct at Silvertip Productions, Ltd., P.O. Box 368, Canal Winchester, OH 43110, or call (614) 834-9000. You must provide instructor mailing information and ID number. 012061

Crossbow Hunter Education Video

This new video, produced by the **American Crossbow Federation**, is now available for instructors who might have inquiries from their students. It covers crossbow use and safety information with recommended safety precautions. To be a responsible user of crossbows or any equipment, individuals need adequate information and education. If interested, please call Jack Nasworthy and place your order for this *free* video.

2001 YHEC Big Success Despite Rain



Despite the rain delay for about an hour and a half on Saturday afternoon, the 2001 YHEC program was an outstanding success. Thirty-six youth participated in all eight events. All events were finished on Saturday except for two groups who finished the Black Powder firing on Sunday morning.

In the Senior Division, overall first place went to **Jarrett Rabroker**, (left) with 1689 point, from the Ensor Team, and **Trevor Seidel** (right) from San Antonio was declared the Junior Division overall winner with a total of 1835 points out of a possible 2400 points.

Senior Division second place went to **Anna Rue** from the Piney Woods and third place went to **Chet Smith**, from the Ensor Team. Junior Division second place went to **Chris Akers** from Piney Woods and in third place was **Blake Wilson** from the Clement Team.



This year's "Sportsmanship Award" went to two brothers from Longview. **Dale and Ronald Tuttle** exhibited excellent attitudes, were friendly, helpful, courteous, and extended a special "thank you" to all adults and participants. Because of their general attitude and actions, they were selected for the award. Congratulations!

Medals were presented to the top three positions in each of the eight competitions and ribbons were presented to the fourth and fifth place winners. Perfect scores were received by Trevor Seidel in Archery, Jamie Haynes in the Exam and Harry Baker and Christian Klaus in Wildlife Identification.

Thanks to **Bernie Heer**, YHEC Director and President of THEIA, and the many volunteers who spent hours setting up for the event and running the competition. A special thanks goes to **Ed Maves**,

Mountaintop Marketing for providing the YHEC caps, and **Debbie and Johnny Turner** of **BCS Trophies** for their continued hard work and generosity in making the awards available at a tremendous savings. 002928

Good luck to the participants on their trip to the National YHEC competition at the Whittington Center in northern New Mexico.

Western States Rendezvous

By Gene Norton, Area Chief, Baytown

The Western States Instructors Rendezvous was held at the Casa Blanca Resort in Mesquite, Nevada. My wife and I arrive on Thursday, May 10. We spent Thursday and Friday touring several National Parks. On Friday night, the conference began. After a general welcome assembly, there was a silent and live auction. We then had free time to meet one another. I spent my time trading Hunter Education patches with other instructors. Saturday's activities began with an open meeting entitled "Future of Hunter Education Instructor's Perspective" which was led by Tony Faast and Otto Jose. During the meeting, several topics were discussed. They included length of the course, subject area, and recruiting and retaining instructors.

I suggested that all local, state, and national conferences include special activities for the entire family. We then attended seminars of our choice. The topics were:

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| 1) Solving Teaching Problems - Chris Tymeson | 3) Ethical Fitness - Mik Mikitik |
| 2) ATV's, Technology and Hunter Ethics - Patt Dorsey | 4) Classroom Training Aids - Robert Paddon |

I attended the "Solving Teaching Problems" and "Classroom Training Aids" seminars. Saturday afternoon we spent time at a local shooting range and on a local hunters skills trail. The evening concluded with dinner at the shooting range. I really enjoyed the Western States Instructor Rendezvous. In my own opinion, I believe that Texas has the best Hunter Education program and staff.

Maryland Governor Vetoes Safety Education Effort

A firearm safety education bill that recently passed the Maryland legislature by a wide margin has been vetoed by Gov. Parris Glendening. The bill, which enjoyed strong support from politicians and groups across political and ideological lines, would have made Maryland the first state to offer firearm safety training in public schools, from kindergarten through high school. Glendening, however, rejected the bill because of provisions that would allow middle school and high school students to learn gun safety at shooting ranges with courses developed in part by the NRA.

National Conference of Lieutenant Governors Votes to Partner with NSSF on PROJECT HOMESAFE

By a unanimous vote on Saturday, June 30, the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors meeting, in Louisville, Kentucky, adopted a resolution to partner with the NSSF on **Project HomeSafe**. "This bipartisan lieutenant governor's group," said Kentucky Lt. Governor and Conference Chair **Stephen Henry**, "selected **Project HomeSafe** as the top priority for the year." During the conference, lieutenant governors from 16 states (Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington) agreed to initiate a statewide launch in their state. "We are tremendously pleased that the Lieutenant Governors Association has so strongly endorsed the program and that lieutenant governors from coast to coast have enthusiastically committed to help us distribute more than 3,000,000 **HomeSafe** safety kits nationwide this year," said NSSF Executive Director **Doug Painter**. 001841

Texas Game Warden Field Notes

That's Against the Law?

In May, a Lampasas warden responded to a call about someone shooting road signs. He found a man with a handgun blasting away at a county road sign. The shooter was flabbergasted when the warden told him he was violating state law. He said no one in his concealed handgun class had informed him that this was illegal.

TEACHING TIPS

Firearms Training/Demonstrations

By Jim Haynes, Houston

When conducting presentations using any type of firearm, please consider the following. Materials needed include an 8' table, representative firearms, dummy ammo, and a tarp or blanket.

- Lay out each representative firearm in rifle, shotgun and handgun—using examples of a bolt action, pump action, semi-auto, lever action and break-open.
- Cover all firearms with a tarp or blanket, while maintaining dummy ammo separately.
- When starting, review the first three basic rules of gun safety – Muzzle control, unloaded, finger off trigger.
- Assisting instructor rolls back tarp/blanket uncovering only one firearm at a time, picks the firearm up, exaggerating gun safety procedures, and hands it to instructor.
- When passing firearms around, overtly demonstrate safe gun handling procedures.
- When completed, cover firearms and remove dummy ammo preventing unsupervised handling.
- As soon as possible, store firearms and dummy ammo in locked area.

Note: By covering the firearms and ammo, students are not distracted by other examples lying on the table.

Using Lazer-Ed/IBEP Materials

If you purchase the Lazer-Ed kit from Daisy, you might want to try this new training method developed by Houston instructor, Pat Dowdell for his students. You also will need the colored deer or elk transparencies from the IBEP bowhunter course instructor materials.

Take the transparency deer/elk picture, and, using an overhead projector, place the deer/elk transparency on the projector's viewing surface. As the picture is projected onto the wall or screen, have the student "shoot" the laser rifle at the image on the viewing area. Mark or note the shot location, and use the "vital organs" overlay to place on top of the deer/elk lying on the projector. This will allow the viewers to see if the actual shot was indeed in a vital area. Students can see what vital organs were affected, and how the placement of the shot becomes a very important decision when making that successful harvest. All students can learn from this exciting new innovation, and remember, it is "hands-on." Just another way to teach about "responsibility to the resource."

IHEA Requesting Training Aid Ideas

By: Dr. David Knotts, IHEA Exec VP

For some time we have had on our list of materials to develop a resource text containing ideas / plans from instructors and others on teaching aids you can make for your hunter education class. We now have a mini grant to proceed with the project. I have on hand about a dozen and half or so ideas that were previously submitted plus those we have published in the IHEA Journal. However, we need lots more.

This is to request that you ask your instructors to submit ideas and send in any plans or ideas you may have on hand or in back issues of your newsletters etc. We will give each contributor whose material is used, a free copy of the publication, a certificate of contribution and a special edition knife specific to commemorate their contribution.

We would like the first edition to have at least 100 ideas. We can always come out with a Volume two in the future. The *Make It Teach It* column in the Instructor Journal has been very popular with instructors and has generated much positive feedback. I am constantly amazed at the level of creativity in our volunteer ranks and wish to share the great ideas with others.

This resource will be 3-hole punched for inserting into a notebook. The sale price will be as minimal as we can go in order to make the resource feasible for all. In an ideal world, we would like to have this resource completed before the end of this year. Thanks for the help.

Anthrax Outbreak Hits Southwestern Texas

Currently, there is a large-scale epizootic (outbreak) of anthrax occurring in numerous southwestern counties of Texas, including (but potentially not limited to) Val Verde, Uvalde, Kinney, Real, and Edwards. Most of the properties with reported cases in livestock and deer are located north of US 90 and within an approximately 80-mile radius of Del Rio. Two suspected cases (deer) were located on Kickapoo Caverns State Park.

Anthrax is an infectious disease of mammals, including humans, and is caused by the bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*. The disease is almost always fatal in deer and livestock. In humans, anthrax is treatable at early stages with antibiotics, but it **CAN BE FATAL** if it is not treated. Livestock can be vaccinated; producers in anthrax-endemic counties typically vaccinate. Humans can be vaccinated; however, vaccination is not typically recommended unless individuals are at high risk of infection (military personnel stationed in the Middle-east where anthrax could be used as a biological weapon).

Common sense is your best ally in dealing with anthrax. If you locate a live animal or carcass and suspect anthrax, **do not touch it**. If you do not know what to do, find someone who does. Texas Animal Health Commission can provide information on animal cases. Texas Department of Health provides information on human cases.

There are three types of infections possible in humans: (1) cutaneous (skin), (2) inhalational (lungs), and (3) gastrointestinal (stomach).

Cutaneous anthrax is the most common form of the disease and may result from contact with infected materials (especially body fluids from an infected carcass). Infection is more likely if you have open wounds on your skin. After an incubation period of 1 to 10 days, there will be a blister-like lesion at the site of infection that eventually turns black. Cutaneous anthrax is readily treatable (even if lesions are apparent) with antibiotics. If any individuals have been exposed and develop this type of lesion, they should seek medical attention immediately.

Inhalational anthrax is less likely to occur, but is more serious. After incubation (1-10 days), the individual may exhibit flu-like symptoms (fever, tiredness, cough, chest pain). Inhalational anthrax progresses very quickly; without early treatment it is fatal. Gastro-intestinal anthrax results from consuming undercooked meat from an infected animal. This type of anthrax is extremely rare. Typical symptoms include gastro-intestinal distress (stomach ache/cramping, etc.).

Anthrax bacteria reside in the soil in many regions of Texas, but epizootics are more frequent in the counties mentioned above. During the warm summer months, when there are rapid changes in climatic conditions (alternating periods of rain and drought), spores of the bacterium can be found at the soil surface and on low-level vegetation where they are readily available for ingestion by livestock/wildlife. The incubation period is between 1 and 10 days. After the onset of clinical signs, livestock/wildlife die very rapidly, in as little as 3-4 hours. Clinical signs include depression, lethargy, and staggering; animals may try to get to water. Live animals often are not found. The first indication of an outbreak on an individual property typically is when carcasses are located. Often, the carcass will appear to be from an otherwise healthy-looking animal (no signs of prolonged illness).

Burning Instructions

Carcasses must be completely incinerated, in-place. The goal is to reduce the entire carcass, including bones, to ash. Wood can be used as a fuel, as long as the fire is hot enough to completely consume the carcass. Soak the wood and carcass in kerosene, and ignite it. Stay clear of the smoke from the burning carcass. Spores could be carried in the smoke.

Reporting

Anthrax is a reportable disease in Texas. Suspected animal cases must be reported to the Texas Animal Health Commission. Suspected human cases must be reported to the Texas Department of Health.

Phone Contact Information

Texas Animal Health Commission
Regional Office in Beeville (counties in the current outbreak): 1-800-658-6570
Austin Headquarters: 1-800-550-8242

Texas Department of Health
Austin Headquarters (infectious diseases):
1-800-252-8239

Internet Information

CDC frequently asked questions on anthrax:
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/anthrax_g.htm

USDA - APHIS fact sheet on anthrax:
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/oa/pubs/antthrax>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Vanguard® By Weatherby Rifle

*Weatherby, Inc. of Atascadero, California, is performing a **safety upgrade** on all Vanguard® by Weatherby brand rifles manufactured between the years 1970 to 1993.*

The affected rifles bear serial numbers from one of the following series on the receiver: 00001 through 03810; V00001 through V80966; VX00001 through VX44065; VS00001 through VS23699; VL00001 through VL46984; W0001 through W0099; NV0001 through NV0099.

The **safety upgrade** will replace the bolt sleeve to prevent assembly of the bolt, which might occur on the affected rifles. Such inappropriate assembly might result into a hazardous condition in which the rifle can be **accidentally discharged** without the bolt being fully engaged, causing **severe injury**.

WARNING: If you own a Vanguard® by Weatherby rifle with a serial number from one of the serial number series referred to above: USE OF YOUR RIFLE MAY RESULT IN AN ACCIDENT AND SEVERE INJURY. STOP USING YOUR RIFLE IMMEDIATELY and click on this link vanguard.weatherby.com/consumer_register.php to receive a Bolt Return Kit. Only the bolt

sleeve is being upgraded. Your bolt will be returned to you after the upgrade. If you do not have Web access, call Weatherby at 1-800-227-2018, Ext. 999 to receive a Bolt Return Kit.

NO OTHER WEATHERBY RIFLES ARE AFFECTED.

CHECK YOUR SERIAL NUMBER.

The affected rifles were originally sold through licensed gun dealers nationwide, and some of them may have been resold by the original owners through retail gun dealers, trade shows or privately. If you have sold, traded or given away an affected Vanguard® by Weatherby rifle, it is important for you to forward this Safety Notice to the current owner.

Weatherby apologizes for any inconvenience to its customers resulting from this safety upgrade program, but it is **important** that owners of affected rifles take advantage of this free upgrade program and **do not use an affected rifle** before it has been upgraded.

All work will be done at the factory at no charge. Return the bolt only, not the entire rifle. Please do not return your Vanguard® by Weatherby bolt to the factory before contacting us at either vanguard.weatherby.com/consumer_register.php or 1-800-227-2018, Ext. 999 for your Bolt Return Kit. The address is **Weatherby**, 3100 El Camino Real, Atascadero, California 93422.

TRAINING WORKSHOPS

“How To” Workshop A Success

By Heidi Rao,
Assistant Hunter Education Coordinator

On March 24, 2001, a group of instructors attended a new and exciting workshop offered in Houston, and the theme was “Show and Tell.” Instructors brought their favorite training aids to demonstrate and explain how they use these materials in both structured and home study classes.

The workshop began with Laurie Russell, from Northwest Houston, introducing methods of registration, collection of money, and handling various forms of paperwork. She brought out a metal accordion-type device lettered “A” to “Z.” This timesaving device was used to sort each student’s registration, release form, and payment for class. Laurie also showed various handouts used in classes, along with signs to advertise location of Hunter Education classes.

Kitty Haynes, Area Chief from Southwest Houston, displayed forms she developed to ease classroom paperwork. One form is designed for those under 17 years of age, and another form is for those students 17 and over. On this two-sided form are a release waiver, student’s information and enrollment form indicating structured or home study, appropriate fee notation, test answer sheet, and class evaluation. This method has decreased classroom paperwork and combined time-consuming activities all on one sheet.

Gene Norton, Area Chief from Baytown, displayed his favorite training aids. He modified a firearm with a laser used to demonstrate firearm safety, handling and proper shot placement. Gene also built a wooden crate on wheels, used to house his firearms collection. He made and uses a compact box-on-wheels to house all types of equipment ranging from various types of dummy ammunition, blown-up rifle and shotgun barrels, survival kit, to a dry eraser board. Next, Gene demonstrated



how he teaches Carrying Capacity to students. Gene developed this “habitat” into which water is poured. Valves, which represent events such as diseases, predators, and hunting, are then turned on and off to manipulate the flow of water. Water stops flowing once it reaches the “under capacity” mark.

Pat Dowdell, from Katy, did a firearms safety presentation for the group. He began by calling upon a student for his demonstration. Pat recently acquired a new LAZER-ED Video Training Kit from Daisy. This air rifle is equipped with a laser beam, and is used in Pat’s demonstration of safe firearm handling practices. Pat began with an overview of the firearm’s components, and explained his teaching techniques for eye dominance and proper sight alignment. He then showed how to use the video for shoot-don’t-shoot simulated live firing situations.



After a lunch break, participants headed outside to experience Bill Russell’s hunter skills trail. Bill, from Northwest Houston, began by showing us how he transports all of his 3-D decoys for his skills trail. He walked us through a large number of shoot-don’t shoot scenarios along his wooded trail. We realized how realistic this exercise was, when the Haynes’ dog, Bubba, spotted the group of turkey decoys, and went on point!

John Meekins, Area Chief from Cleveland, brought some of his favorite teaching aids. He began with a touching story of a young student he once taught. This student drew John a picture of a white-tailed deer, and John carries this with

him in his travels. He showed a blown shotgun barrel, which was not cleared from obstruction before it was shot. John also had some street signs, which were shot by individuals. He uses these signs as a training aid when he covers hunter responsibility, behavior, and ethics.

Bill Daniels, Area Chief from Northwest Houston, attended this workshop on his motorcycle. Bill had a large box of training aids, including some antlers and horns, strapped to the rear of his bike. Bill showed differences between

white-tailed deer and mule deer antlers, and also explained how he uses shotgun shell and rifle cartridges to illustrate the components to his students.

This was a very successful workshop. Comments received and workshop evaluations expressed the need for such a training environment for instructors to get together and show and tell their ideas. Plans to schedule more of these one-day workshops along the Gulf Coast next year are underway, and I hope to see many of you there.

Wildlife Management Conservation Workshop

Matador WMA workshop participants enjoy a tour of the WMA area. Dave Dvorak and his crew made excellent presentations. A few of the group even went on a spotlight tour of the area with Dave that evening.



First Aid/CPR Workshop

Corpus Christi Area Chief, Gilbert Graves, is shown receiving CPR instruction from certified trainer Suzanne Minga during the recent workshop held in the Woodlands, near Houston. Thanks so much for providing this workshop for instructors. It is virtually impossible to teach these topics during the hunter education course, but instructors recommend that students pursue further training to be fully prepared for any outdoor emergency. Thanks, Suzanne!

Shown below in is Snyder instructor, Nancy Bolin, accepting the grand door prize, a "bat house," from Matador manager, Dave Dvorak.

Congratulations Nancy!



DID YOU KNOW?

Texas will offer a 60-day season and 15-bird daily bag limit for mourning dove hunting in the North Zone.

Central Zone hunters will be provided a 70-day season and a 12-bird daily bag.

In the South Zone, hunters will also have a 70-day season with a 12-bird bag.

Early teal season will run 16 days thanks to an above-average breeding population of bluewing teal.

Regulations for the general duck and goose seasons will be determined at the Aug. 30 TPW Commission meeting.

AUSTIN, Texas – When is the best time to hunt doves? Under a framework approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in late June, Texas hunters in all three dove zones should get plenty of action.

“For three zones, we have the best utilization of days and bag limits available to us,” said Vernon Bevill, Texas Parks and Wildlife game bird program director. “This year, the season framework reflects the most public input we’ve ever received about dove hunting. From the thousands of comments we received, this is what the hunters want.”

As a result, this year Texas will offer a 60-day season (Sept. 1-Oct. 30) and 15-bird daily bag limit for mourning dove hunting in the North Zone to give hunters the best odds of encountering birds before cooler weather drives them south.

Conversely, Central Zone hunters will have better odds of seeing migrant doves during the first cold snaps of late October and will be provided a 70-day season. In exchange for getting 10 additional hunting days, Central Zone hunters will be limited to 12 birds per day in the bag. The first split of the Central Zone season will run Sept. 1-Oct. 28, with a second split Dec. 26-Jan. 6.

In the South Zone, hunters will also have a 70-day season with a 12-bird bag. A few days were added to the front end of the second split and will allow young hunters on holiday break from school can get in on the dove action. The South Zone season will run Sept. 21-Nov. 4 and Dec. 22-Jan. 15 this year. In future years the second split will open on the Saturday before Christmas.

Also finalized was the early teal season, which for the fourth consecutive year will run 16 days thanks to an above-average breeding population of bluewing teal. According to Bevill, this year’s North American bluewing breeding population of 5.9 million birds is well above the 4.7 million threshold for determining an extended early hunting season. The teal season will run Sept. 15-30 with a four-bird daily bag limit.

Regulations for the general duck and goose seasons will be determined at the Aug. 30 TPW Commission meeting. Preliminary indications point to a 74-day and six-bird bag duck season in the North and South Zones, and an extended hunting season in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit.

Mexico Project Unveiled

In 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt stood on the banks of the Rio Grande with Mexican President Camacho and proclaimed a vision for an “international peace park” on both sides of the river. The creation of Big Bend National Park in 1944, and subsequent TPW efforts, has largely fulfilled that vision on the U.S. side.

On June 14, TPW leaders took part in an announcement by the Mexican government for a major wildlife conservation and eco-tourism project in the 500,000-acre Sierra Maderas Del Carmen Reserve south of Big Bend. Added to U.S. efforts, this partnership between Mexican officials, the cement giant CEMEX and private ranchers will create what may be the largest contiguous conservation land mass in North America, providing vital travel corridors for bighorn sheep, black bear and other species.

Commission Adopts Changes to Hunting Rules

AUSTIN, Texas - Hunters can mark the calendar for Nov. 3 and start making plans for the opening day of the general season for white-tailed deer and Rio Grande turkey, regardless of where they plan to hunt in Texas. For the first time since the '80s, Texas will have a uniform general season opener over most of the state. The decision by state wildlife officials to establish a concurrent opener in both the North and South Zones was among hunting regulation changes adopted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission here on April 5. 008023

Prior to 1983, when TPW gained legislative authority to set hunting seasons statewide, opening dates for deer season were left to the discretion of county commissioner's courts. The resulting patchwork of season openers created confusion among hunters and a law enforcement nightmare for state game wardens. From 1983-88, Texas reverted back to uniform statewide opener, and since then, has staggered the opening date a week apart between the North and South Zones. While creating a more uniform statewide opener for whitetails and Rio Grande turkeys, the commission opted to move the statewide quail season opener to Saturday Oct. 27.

Among other approved revisions, wildlife officials hope a nagging issue that has restricted deer harvest opportunity for hunters in one-buck-only counties can be resolved. Since the creation of conservative buck harvest restrictions in 1983, once a hunter has used his one-buck-only tag, he loses the opportunity to hunt in any other county with a one-buck limit. A new rule establishes two one-buck limit areas east and west of Interstate 35, and hunters may take a buck from each during the upcoming deer seasons.

Scholastic Trapshooting Flying High

Following highly successful inaugural events in Kansas and Missouri recently, the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Scholastic Trapshooting Program reminds individuals that there is still time for teams in some states to register to compete in their state's ATA championships event. The Scholastic Trapshooting Program, developed with the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA), is designed to encourage junior high and senior high school-aged students to participate in trapshooting, as well as offer the next generation of sport shooters a chance to win college scholarships and travel scholarships to the Grand American Trapshooting Championships. For complete listings of upcoming events, or for more information about the program, go to the NSSF Web site, www.nssf.org, and click on the flashing Scholastic Trapshooting Program icon. Teams can be registered for the remaining events online or contact **Larry Ference** at lference@nssf.org or 203-426-1320.

Other hunting-related regulation changes adopted by the commission include:

- Expanding spring eastern turkey hunting by opening the season in Houston, Rusk, Smith, Upshur and Wood counties.
- A change in the requirement for proof of sex for wild turkeys when transporting birds to a final destination that gives hunters the option of leaving one leg including the spur attached to the bird, or a patch of breast feathers with beard attached accompanying the turkey.
- Increase the deer bag limit in Aransas, Atascosa, Bee, Calhoun, Cameron, Hidalgo, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr and Willacy counties from four deer (no more than two bucks) to five deer (no more than three bucks).
- Increase the deer bag limit in Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling and Tom Green counties from four deer (no more than two bucks) to five deer (no more than two bucks).
- Expand the Landowner Assisted Management Permits program (LAMPS) to include Fannin, Hunt and Rains counties.
- Allow the use of Antlerless and Spike-buck Deer Control Permits statewide from the Saturday nearest Sept. 30 through the last day of any open season in a given county.
- Open a javelina season in Archer County.

The commission also adopted an expansion of the youth-only hunting seasons to include the third weekend in January.

Interesting Information

Courtesy of Patt Dorsey, Colorado Division of Wildlife

The March 2001 - Sports Afield cites a Non-Toxic Shot study by IL Natural History Survey, authored by Zercher, Anderson and Havera. These guys have cut apart waterfowl gizzards in 13 states since the 1991 ban on lead shot. The report is good news for everyone, i.e., MORE DUCKS!

- Estimated that the nationwide switch to steel and other non-toxic shot spared 1.4 million ducks from lead poisoning in the first year alone.
- Also estimated that reduced the lead poisoning loss of mallards in the Mississippi Flyway by 64% in 5-6 years.

College Rifle Proficiency Course Now Offered

With the growing interest in the sport of rifle marksmanship, South Plains College in Levelland, Texas, will offer two basic and advanced firearms courses specializing in rifle proficiency this fall. The courses in rifle marksmanship are offered through the college's law enforcement program and will provide a collegiate counterpart for students who want to develop and improve their skills in the highly competitive, growing sport.

"We hope to take young people who have been competitive at the high school level in 4-H rifle marksmanship and other activities and bring them into competitive skills at the college level," said Larry Nichols, chairperson of the Professional Services and Energy Department and professor of Law Enforcement Technology. "They use highly-specialized firearms, which are sighted-in with a great deal of accuracy."

Students will need to demonstrate a level of proficiency in rifle marksmanship to enroll and need to furnish .22 caliber rifles. The class is open to both young men and women. Students will

attend lectures and also get hands-on training in SPC's state-of-the-art pistol firing range.

The beginning course will be an introduction to three-position rifle shooting and will meet 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The intermediate course will prepare students for collegiate and international competition and will meet 6-10 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

The instructor will be **Hunter Education Area Chief, Rick Monger**, from Sundown, Texas, who has coached the Texas 4-H rifle team. He is certified in rifle, pistol, shotgun and home firearm safety, and is a National Rifle Association Training Counselor.

SPC's fall registration is Aug. 22. Classes begin Aug. 27. For more information, contact Larry Nichols, chairperson of SPC's Professional Services and Energy Department at 806-894-9611, ext. 2291 or e-mail him at lnichols@spc.cc.tx.us.

License Contest For Early Sales

TPW is rolling out a promotional contest this fall to motivate hunters and anglers to buy licenses early. Anyone (TPW employees are not eligible) who buys a license by Aug. 25 will automatically be entered in a drawing to win one of three prizes: a Browning "Gold Hunter" shotgun (\$800 value), a Browning rifle GR-I (\$425 value) or a Castaway rod and Shimano casting reel (\$200 value). About 10 percent of TPW's annual license sales typically take place by the end of August, and long lines often develop at retail license counters around Labor Day weekend. The contest promotion will urge buyers to beat the rush, and will

thus hopefully reduce clogging the license system on peak dates. TPW will promote the contest on the Internet and in more than 500,000 direct mail pieces going out to license holders in the next few weeks, including the Hook 'N Bullet newsletter that goes to Super Combo holders.

A newer looking and more user-friendly license will emerge around mid-November when WorldCom takes over issuing the newly formatted document. The new version will resemble the old-style Texas license with detachable game tags connected around the perimeter. There are cur-

rently 14 tags now. Until that time, the license will look like last year's product. The new licenses are supposed to have the student's Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education Certification number listed on the license. When this occurs, the student will no longer be required to carry the certification card as proof of having completed the Hunter Education course.

Until that time, students must carry either the "Temporary Student Card" or their original card.

Accident Analysis Report Update

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the following accident fatality was not included in the 2000 Accident totals. Please add this amendment to the Accident Analysis Fatality page for future reference.

FATALITY	12-16	Medina	47/M	Rifle	Hog	No	No
Comments:	Shooter mistook victims for hogs moving through the brush. Bullet grazed one victim, and then killed the other. Both victims were wearing dark-colored clothing.						
Prevention:	Always be sure of target before raising rifle; communicate with hunting companions; wear blaze orange to be seen, plan the hunt and hunt the plan.						

Program Orientation/Standards/Home Study

August 25-26	Midland
September 8-9	Corpus Christi
September 15-16	Conroe
September 15-16	Grand Prairie

Ethics Workshop

October 13-14	Houston
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Texas Wildlife Expo

October 6-7	Austin
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Quail Workshop

September 22	San Angelo
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White-tailed Deer Workshop

October 20	San Antonio
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IBEP In-service Workshops for 2002

February 2-3	Houston
March 16-17	Denton
April 13-14	Austin
May 18-19	San Antonio

Attending one of the scheduled IBEP In-service Workshops will meet your requirement for re-certification. Look forward to an excellent workshop and the opportunity to meet and share ideas about the future of Bowhunter Education. Please make every effort to attend. No fee will be charged to attend the In-service workshops. 004000

Just a reminder - the IHEA maintains a Volunteer Discussion section on their Web site www.IHEA.com

March 8-10, 2002

Camp Buckner (near Marble Falls)

April 12-14, 2002

Prude Ranch (near Ft. Davis in West Texas)

May 24-26, 2002

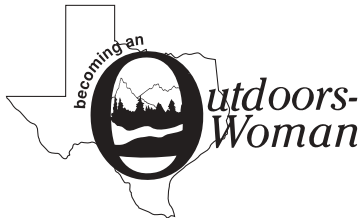
Texas Baptist Encampment (Palacios on the coast)

August 16-18, 2002

Camp Young Judaea (Wimberley)

October 25-27, 2002

4-H Center (Brownwood on Lake Brownwood)



Hi folks! We've had some slight problems with the computer program that calculates the incentive points as of late. We are working diligently to correct these minor discrepancies so that the computer program will be correct when calculating incentive point award levels. Some of you (a very few) might just come out a little ahead in the correction, but for sure no one will lose any points. Please bear with us as we make these adjustments.

Remember, if an instructor has not had the Home Study training, he/she may not conduct this type of testing session. We have had some instructors send in students with this type of training report, when the instructor is not certified to conduct this type of certification testing. The student forms are returned to the instructor for correction and completion of the necessary training. Please call me if you need further clarification.

One additional problem is funding. The money (\$\$) for the classes is not being sent in with course registration

forms. Please send a check or money order with the final reports and student forms. Otherwise, we have to wait on processing the forms, and students get their cards much later. Also, do not send in the **Class Roster**, but retain this for your records.

We are gearing up for the busy season, which will start very soon. We should have a jump on classes, but remember to tell your students that their "**Temporary Student Card**" should be kept until their original certification card arrives. Please do not have the student call us for the card. As the season progresses, it takes a little longer to process the paperwork, and having to explain to students why they have not received their card only extends the delay. **Note: Please send your student records to us within seven (7) days after completion of the course.** That way, we can process the cards and get them out as soon as possible.

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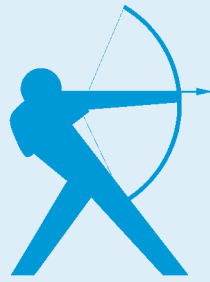


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RESPONSIBILITY - A WAY OF LIFE

Responsible bowhunting goes further than just a bowhunter's actions afield. Although conduct while hunting is extremely important, so is the manner in which a bowhunter conducts himself when not hunting.

Openly boasting about how many animals killed and/or shot and not recovered is in bad taste. Often these comments are heard by non-hunters who quickly form a poor opinion of all bowhunters.

Displaying obnoxious slogans on T-shirts or bumper stickers is offensive to those who don't hunt. A slogan such as "Happiness is a large gut pile" is not a positive message about bowhunting.

Displaying dead animals on top or across a vehicle is disrespectful to the animal as well as another who might not appreciate seeing an open chest cavity of a field dressed deer. Either put the animal out of sight (where legal) or put your game in a cheesecloth game bag before transporting.

The appearance of a bowhunter can be detrimental if they are dirty, smelly and otherwise disorderly about themselves while in public. How they dress and even the appearance of their vehicle makes a lasting impression. Face paint and camo are good attire for the woods, but not in a public restaurant.

Bowhunters drinking in public or coming out of a drinking establishment while in bowhunting clothing also give a negative impression.

These are just a few of the things all responsible bowhunters need to be aware of in addition to their ethics in the field. I feel that to be a bowhunter one must keep conduct first and foremost in mind...and at all times act **RESPONSIBLY**.

I also strongly urge every bowhunter to enroll in a National Bowhunter Education Foundation IBEP course. This program stresses many things that affect bowhunting and its future. One of the main subjects is the bowhunter's responsibility in and out of the woods.

Just A Reminder...

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