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EDITOR'S CORNER

We always stress that instructors should introduce someone to the shooting sports or take them hunting so they can enjoy the outdoors. Recently, Billy Holt, Steve Hall and I had the privilege of introducing two fine young men to the shooting sports. A national program, "Step Outside"®, is depicted to just that. (See NSSF.org.) They were Jason and Christian Ingersoll, ages 11 and 9, respectively. They are the sons of Mike and Stephanie Ingersoll. Many of you remember Darrell Holt, the second hunter education coordinator in Texas, who passed in 1989. Stephanie is Darrell Holt's daughter, and she wanted her boys to learn all they could from their "great-uncle" Billy. We just happened to be available to help with the learning process that day.

Darrell would have loved to have been the one to take his two grandsons out and show them the woods and how to get started. He raised Brittany spaniels and loved to hunt quail. Those boys missed the opportunity of knowing one of the finest individuals I have ever had the honor of working with and being around. Billy felt honored to be asked by Stephanie to fill that void in this situation.

After a safety orientation, we started with air guns, and graduated to .22s, and then to shot-

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Expo Suspended for Two Years

Because of a sponsorship revenue decline related to the economic recession and increased operational costs, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is cancelling the Texas Parks & Wildlife Expo set for Oct. 3-4 in Austin. The agency will suspend the Austin event for at least this year and 2010 and will instead expand efforts to support similar events around the state.

"This was a difficult and painful decision, but after looking hard at the financial realities and seeking creative ways to keep the event going, we finally concluded that the economic recession is affecting sponsor support to the extent that it is not viable to stage Expo," said Carter Smith, TPWD executive director.

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Editor's Corner, continued

guns. It didn't take long for them to catch on and, as you can see by their targets, demonstrate how quickly they learned.

Shown left to right are Jason, Billy and Christian. Billy stopped at Cabela's and bought each boy a camouflage shirt to wear when the opportunity presented itself. They were very excited.

I know these boys will do well in the future, because they have a good solid foundation as their beginning. They have a little brother, Cullen, who hopefully, will follow in their footsteps.

Thanks, Billy, for asking for our help! I know Darrell was watching our every move to make sure it was done right!



*Always be safe. ...
Terry Erwin*

Retired Game Warden Dies

Texas Game Warden Mike Bradshaw of Carrizo Springs, age 61, passed away January 19, 2008, in Port Mansfield, Texas, of an apparent heart attack.

Mike Bradshaw was born in Crystal City, Texas, on October 7, 1947. He graduated from Carrizo Springs High School and attended Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde and graduated from the Texas State Game Warden Academy at Texas A&M University in College Station in 1973. He was assigned to Dimmit County, where he remained for his entire career, and where he was mentored by Texas Game Warden Jim Pond. Mike Bradshaw spent 35 years as a game warden with TPWD, retiring May 31, 2008.

In 1995, wildlife conservation organization Shikar Safari International honored Bradshaw as Texas Game Warden of the Year. After retirement in 2008, Mike Bradshaw was employed as a Border Liaison Officer by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management/Texas Department of Public Safety at the Joint Operations Intelligence Center in Edinburg, Texas.

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54th Game Warden Cadet Class Trained at New Location

The new Game Warden Training Academy is located in the rolling hills near Hamilton, just four miles north of the town of Star. It is located on a 220-acre ranch with a creek and several ponds on the property. The latest class has 51 new wardens, who have each been assigned to their duty stations. If one happens to be assigned near you, please make an effort to meet him or her. They are a fine group and very willing to assist instructors with courses.

The new academy is available for use as a hunter education site for workshops or meetings, when it is not hosting cadet training. Please call hunter education staff for more information.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Expo, continued

Expo has remained free to the public since its inception in 1992 thanks to sponsor support, but initial sponsor commitments this year have declined significantly. The Expo operating budget is more than \$400,000 in hard costs per year, money used to rent tents and contract for the many other services needed to stage the festival. That operating budget has been largely underwritten by sponsors, and the declining sponsorship revenue means the resources needed to stage Expo are simply not there.

The annual Expo has been billed as America's largest free, family-oriented festival of the outdoors, drawing more than 35,000 visitors from across the state to TPWD headquarters in Austin. Held the first weekend of October, the event has allowed visitors of all ages to try activities like fishing, shooting, birding, photography, camping, climbing, mountain biking and more with gear and guidance provided free, plus free entry and free parking and shuttle bus service.

"We will suspend Expo in 2009 and 2010 while we focus on expanding our outreach efforts statewide through partnerships with other organizations and through events held at our own facilities," said Ernie Gammage, TPWD Urban Outdoors Programs leader and Expo director. "Participating in existing events relieves a considerable financial burden while still allowing us to reach our desired audiences."

"Our goal remains the same: to engage underserved audiences and bring more people into the world of the great outdoors," Gammage said. "One of our core beliefs is that recreation leads to conservation. By introducing Texans, especially urban Texans, to outdoor recreation, the outdoors becomes more relevant to them. They come to care about it and finally to care for it."

The department has in recent years pursued a deliberate strategy to partner with outside groups staging "Expo-like" events in various Texas cities, with goals to select events that reach larger audiences and achieve geographic and audience diversity across the state. Examples include stock shows and rodeos plus events targeted to minority audiences like Cinco de Mayo and Diez y Seis, and the Toyota Texas Bass Classic in October.

Gammage said TPWD plans to evaluate the situation in August 2010, and at that time determine whether Expo in Austin could be reinstated in 2011, or whether the alternate model of emphasizing statewide events should continue. Meanwhile, TPWD continues to actively seek and accept sponsor support for outreach events and similar efforts.

More information about statewide events and opportunities involving nature, history and the outdoors is on the TPWD Web site events calendar.

TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Turkey Workshop



Robert Ramirez, Hunter Education Specialist in Grand Prairie, arranged this workshop with TPWD biologist Jennifer Barrow at the Fort Worth Nature Center. Everyone enjoyed the workshop and learned some new information to incorporate into their courses.



Weather Workshop



John Rodriguez, Area Chief, Pipe Creek, scheduled a "Reading the Weather" workshop at the NOAA office in New Braunfels. Pictured above (L-R) is Ross Walker, Area Chief, San Antonio and President of South Central Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association; Dr. Peggy Weyel, Area Chief, San Antonio; Paul Yura, NOAA Meteorologist; and John Rodriguez. Workshop participants are pictured to the left.

What an excellent workshop on weather! I think you outdid yourself on this one. Thank you not only for organizing this workshop, but also for the excellent way in which you led the discussion we had afterward on how best to use the information provided by Paul Yura. We discussed at length how we could best use that information not only in our hunter education classes but also in our own outdoor activities, be they softball, soccer, hunting, camping, fishing or taking the kids to school. I kept kicking myself for not taking notes of all the wonderful ideas each participant provided. As a result, I have failed to recall some of the savory tidbits that came up and would have been recalled. But I wanted to get something on paper so you guys could add significantly to it.

Big group hug!
Dr. Peggy Weyel

Academy Sports + Outdoors to Offer Courses

San Antonio

Ever need a place to hold a course? Hunter education staff was recently contacted by Jerry deBin, Academy Sport + Outdoors director of outdoor marketing, to train their associates in strategically located stores across Texas. The initial trainings in April and May included nine stores and 20 individuals. If anyone wishes to use the Academy Sports + Outdoors stores in their area, please contact the store manager and see if space is available or if it is possible.



Austin



Houston/Beaumont



Survival Workshop

Thanks to all instructors who attended the Survival/Outdoor Skills workshop at Sheldon Lake State Park on March 28, 2009.

Many thanks to Rob Comstock, park superintendent, for spending the day at our workshop and conducting a poisonous plants, animals and insects presentation.

Area Chief Joe Drobniak gave a Map/Compass PowerPoint presentation and had great handouts as we each received compasses to practice orienteering during his presentation.

Steve Hill and Pat Hill were our guest speakers on Dutch Ovens and how to cook, and they prepared a fabulous elk stew and peach cobbler for lunch.

Texas Game Warden Susan Webb spoke to us about Outdoor Safety and



First Aid in the field and we appreciate time from her busy schedule. Instructors were asked to bring their own survival kits or day packs to “show and tell” with the group. We all learned a lot from this hands-on section.

Heidi Rao,
Hunter Education Specialist, Houston

Mexico Hunter Education

Instructors from Mexico returned to Texas to advance their knowledge and skills during the “Train the Trainer” workshop (equivalent of an area chief). Several states and an NGO were represented at the training held at Resaca de la Palma State Park in Brownsville.

Jesus Franco, TPWD biologist and hunter education instructor, provides an integral part of the training.



Shortly after the training, several instructors in the Monterrey, Nuevo Leon area hosted a student course.

Cooperative North American Shotgun Education Program



Individuals from several states met near Springfield, MO, to attend a weeklong training session on wounding loss and how to train individuals on proper procedures related to the topic. Tom Roster, CONSEP researcher, conducted the program. Brock Minton, training specialist, Corpus Christi, attended the session and is now one of two individuals with TPWD who has completed this training.

Editor's Note: And I thought we were sending Brock to learn something. Looks like he and the group did quite well on the pheasants.

Leave No Trace

Robert Ramirez attended the “Leave No Trace” training in Fort Worth and picked up some new important information that can be shared in the Ethics Workshop.



Gulf Coast Chapter Quail Forever Sponsors Upcoming Workshop

Gulf Coast Chapter Quail Forever will sponsor the Wing Shooting Workshop on August 8 near College Station. Quail Forever, a nonprofit organization dedicated to quail conservation and education, was started in summer 2005 by its parent organization, Pheasants Forever (PF). The organization performs projects for the protection and enhancement of quail, pheasant and other upland wildlife through habitat improvement, public awareness, education and advocacy for sound land management policy.

Quail Forever will build on PF's track record of successful local chapter development, localized habitat initiatives, and national public policy leadership and advocacy. Plans for the new organization include recruitment of additional wildlife biologists and a phased chapter development plan.

"Quail, like pheasants, don't migrate, so we believe locally raised funds shouldn't migrate either," said Howard Vincent, PF president and CEO. "Without a doubt, there is still plenty of pheasant habitat work to do. At the same time, we have an opportunity to share the successful Pheasants Forever model with quail and quail hunters."

OCR Flatrock Ranch



Steve, thanks for a great class Saturday. Bryant, also ... you had some great ideas on enhancing the skills trail experience. I'm looking forward to working with a great program to enhance Hunter Education. To all other attendees, if we can work together in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,
Doug DuBois, Jr.
Area Coordinator, Texas
Youth Hunting Program

Front Row (L to R): Tom Hewitt – San Antonio; “T.J. the Tom”

Second Row (L to R): Larry Hassell (SCI) – Austin; Robert Greene – Austin; Eric Goike – Round Rock; Mickey Spence – Austin; Randy Hughes, John McClary – Austin; Craig Gardner – Florence; Leonard (LJ) Goudeau – Houston

Third Row (L to R): David Baxter – Crockett; Bill Gates – Lufkin; Doug Dubois, Jr. – Austin; Broderick (Brock) Anthony – Crockett; Bill Bebee – Austin; Steve Hall – TPWD

Not Pictured: Stan Chambers – Georgetown; Bryant Truitt – Kerrville

Host: Jack Dahlstrom, Jr.

Instructors: Bryant Truitt, Area Chief, Kerrville; Steve Hall, Ed. Dir., Austin

Guest Instructors: Clint Freeman (shotgunning); David Baxter, HE Inst. and Principal, Crockett HS

Chefs: Larry Hassel, Safari Club International (SCI); Tom Hewitt, Austin Woods and Waters, Operation Orphans

Meal Sponsor: Safari Club International

Where Have All the Instructors Gone?

By Heidi Rao

As more advanced workshops are offered across the state, fewer instructors are taking advantage of them. New instructor trainings occur year-round and statewide, but staff feels it is equally important to recruit and train new volunteers, and to retain and retrain them as well.

One important factor of volunteer retention is providing advanced training opportunities so that one can focus an entire day or weekend on specific topics. Over the last few years participation has drastically declined at these workshops.

As any staff or instructor knows, when you have developed, scheduled, planned, organized, advertised and conducted an advanced workshop, there is a large time commitment involved. It is very disappointing when only three or four instructors register for or attend the workshop, when so many could have benefited. This includes game wardens and agriculture science teachers—who are so busy that weekends seem scarce, and they rarely take advantage of such workshops.

The question to all of you is: Do you want to continue these workshops?

Volunteers are faced with family commitments and other extracurricular activities, which is understandable. Workshops have been shortened to one day because of considerations such as fuel cost, travel time, lodging expenses and work schedules, but these considerations were present years ago when our workshop attendance was much higher.

Our staff schedules workshops and events at least a year in advance, and tries to avoid opening day of hunting weekends, holidays and major school conflicts.

Dates have been adjusted from year to year trying to find the perfect weekend to host these workshops, but it is very difficult to fit everyone's schedules. Some workshop agendas and handouts have been completely changed each time around. For example, if one has attended an Ethics, Game Laws and Responsibility workshop and would like to go to another, there will be changes in materials and speakers.

What can we, as staff here to serve “you” the hunter education instructor, do to make it better? Are you getting your information from other sources, other instructors or Internet? Do you like the variety of workshops we offer? Your feedback is extremely important and we would like to hear from you.

Please contact any one of our staff and tell us what is on your mind. Thanks for all you do!

Heidi Rao

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Texas Youth Super Hunt in Stonewall

Shown below are Leonard Goudeau and his daughters, Jasmone and Suzon, with a deer taken during the youth hunt held at Cave Creek near Stonewall.



Area Chief Meetings

Area chief meetings were held in Houston, San Antonio, Lubbock and Grand Prairie in the first part of the year to discuss upcoming hunter education program issues, concerns and events. Houston and East Texas area chiefs met at the Gander Mountain Lodge on Hwy. 290 in west Houston. Thanks to area chiefs for all your continued dedication. Program quality is enhanced because of your efforts.

KATHY'S CORNER

Hi folks, it's me again. Gotta bring something up to you again. We are still receiving cash in the mail with registration forms. Our Incoming Revenue branch does not like to accept cash and they have asked us to remind instructors to send registration fees via check or money order. If cash is sent by mail, and if it gets stolen or lost, it is the instructor's responsibility to replace it.

Another thing ... We are still receiving course registration forms with no final reports. We have no way of entering the records if we do not have final reports.

Now, for something good. We are all caught up on entering records, and all incentive awards have been sent out. If you think you have an award coming, and you didn't receive it, please contact me and we will check it out.

Oh, yes, please send us your schedules so we can get them in the computer. That busy time is fast approaching and we want to be ahead of the game.

Enjoy the summer!



Dear Staff:

Please accept this as my sincere appreciation for the super job Brock Minton and his wife did planning, organizing, implementing and overseeing our successful meeting this past weekend in Corpus. It was very obvious that they are a great team and worked very hard to ensure everyone had a smooth and excellent time. Of particular note was the fabulous home-cooked Saturday night dinner. The potato salad, coleslaw and barbecue were outstanding. As we all know, it is a huge job preparing homemade potato salad and coleslaw for such a large group. Once again, my compliments to the Mintons.

Bryant D. Truitt
Hunter Education Area Chief

Dear Staff:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Van Ellis, hunter education instructor in Port Arthur. First, let me say he is a wonderful, remarkable gentleman, taking the time to get to know both parent and student. His approach is different from others'. By getting to know a little about his students, he can pinpoint the best method for teaching each individual. Once I explained that my nephew was diagnosed with A.D.H.D. and was an audio learner, Mr. Ellis took the time to explain each topic. He made sure my nephew understood and retained the information. I don't know very many people who would have taken the time to do this. This is the kind of instructor you want to keep on your staff. I highly recommend him, because he is the best!

Sincerely,

Vickie Rose
Missouri City

Dear Staff:

All hunter education courses are fun for me to teach. However, this one recently turned out to be very rewarding. I know that staff never gets to meet the students who take these courses, but this young soldier who took the

home study course was a joy to have as a student. I am enclosing a photo of him with his temporary student card received after successful completion of the course.

I am so glad you contacted me to do this course for him.

Within 24 hours of returning from the war in Iraq, Matt McAnally was taking my course in Rockwall. As you know, he had finished his online work while over there. All he wanted to do was go deer hunting with his dad while home on leave. He is one of the best young men I have ever had the privilege to meet—a brave combat soldier who wanted to pass his hunter education course and go hunting. If you met him you would be impressed. He was courteous, polite and very attentive. America is fortunate to have young men like Matt in our country. Thanks again for the opportunity to help one of those who is fighting for our rights and freedom.

Ken Lowe
Rockwall



Pictured here is an East Texas boy from Marshall named Bob McEachern, along with me, David Lassetter. He and I were hunting and I took this

hog on our lease near Corsicana. Bob is actually a subject that I use when teaching about using a full-body safety harness. I could have lost him one morning while we were bow hunting down there at our lease near Corsicana. I'm thankful to the Good Lord for me knowing what to do, giving me the strength and being able to get him to the hospital. He has asked me to continue to use him as his subject. He said everyone needs to know—even those back in East Texas that think they are bullet-proof!

David Lassetter
Dallas

Dear Staff:

I recently had a San Antonio fireman attend one of my classes. As we were going through the class registration and I was requesting an emergency contact number for everyone attending, he informed me of the following: Local fire and law enforcement personnel are asking everyone who carries a cell phone to program an emergency phone number in each. The name should be

programmed with "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) with a number that you would want to contact in case you were involved in any emergency. Local authorities are trained to check cell phones when emergency victims are encountered and can save valuable time when "ICE" is programmed into them.

John Rodriguez, Area Chief
Pipe Creek

Growth of Hunting/Firearm Sales Bests Other Sports

From National Shooting Sports Foundation

Sales of hunting and firearms equipment showed the greatest percentage increase in 2008 compared to all other sporting goods equipment categories with sales of more than \$1 billion, the National Sporting Goods Association reports.

A new NSGA report shows hunting and firearms equipment sales rose 16 percent to \$4.6 billion in 2008, up from \$3.9 billion in 2007. Overall retail sales of sporting goods (footwear, clothing and equipment) fell 1 percent in 2008 to \$53.4 billion.

For Your Information

SCI Contest

Every Hunter Education instructor or administrator that joins Safari Club International by March 31, 2010, will be entered in a drawing for a S&W 629 Stealth Hunter from the Smith & Wesson custom shop. Retailing at \$1,722, the 629 Stealth Hunter comes chambered in .44 Magnum and features a custom 7.5" full-lug, Magna Ported, optics-ready barrel with integral weaver-style rails. Also with Ball Detent lock up, Performance Center tuned action, and a forged hammer and trigger, this pistol promises any Hunter Education Instructor a great reward for an active role in international game conservation.

"Safari Club remains committed to supporting hunter education, along with our SCI corporate sponsor Smith & Wesson," said SCI President Merle Shepard, "and we enjoy our relationship with the dedicated IHEA instructors who, through their volunteer work, do such a great job of creating safe, ethical hunters."

"Smith & Wesson is pleased to be working with SCI in order to show our gratitude and appreciation to the hard working men and women who have dedicated their time and talents to continuing hunter education," said Paul Pluff, Director of Marketing for Smith & Wesson. "Each year, thousands of first-time hunters and shooters are positively influenced through their participation in hunter education courses. Not only do these courses instruct students on proper firearm safety, but they are also educating students on the importance of wildlife management and the responsibilities we all share as hunters."

Instructors need to go to www.safariclub.org/Swcontest to enter.

KUDOS!

The annual instructor conference and awards banquet was held in Corpus Christi at the Brighton Park Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Hunter education staff member Brock Minton made arrangements with the facility, and one of the church members prepared the meals. Cynthia Minton made beautiful seashell table arrangements as decorations and the potato salad and beans. She made all the arrangements for lunch on Saturday and made sure the kitchen was under complete control. It was a very successful and enjoyable event! Here is a montage of photos of awards given out at the Saturday night banquet. Enjoy!



Horace Gore, retired TPWD biologist, speaks at the banquet. He shared some enlightening information with the crowd and brought some light-hearted humor to the group.



Jesse Stephens, Fort Worth, receives his 3,000 rifle and 3,500 shotgun firearm incentive awards.



Ross Walker, Area Chief, San Antonio, accepts his 2,500 handgun award.

Area Chief, Roger Coleman, Edna, accepts his 3,500 shotgun award.



Raul Mendez, Corpus Christi, accepts his 3,500 shotgun award. Note: We are sorry to report that Mr. Mendez passed away on May 13 from an apparent heart attack. He was certified as an instructor in 1990 and had taught with Gilbert Graves, Sr. and then Gilbert Graves, Jr. He will be missed by all!

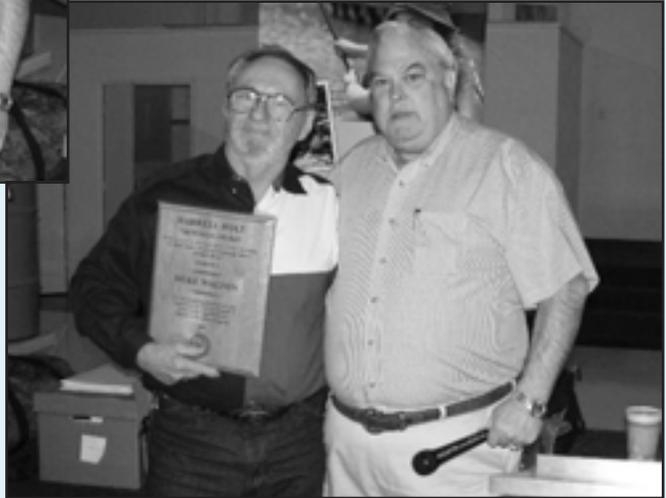
Bryant Truitt, Area Chief, Hunt, accepts his 2,500 handgun and 3,000 rifle firearm awards.



Danny Odem, Area Chief, Orange, accepts his 3,500 shotgun award.



Daniel Sanchez, Edinburg, receives his "Hall of Fame" plaque after being in the program since 1994, conducting 113 courses and certifying 3,013 students.

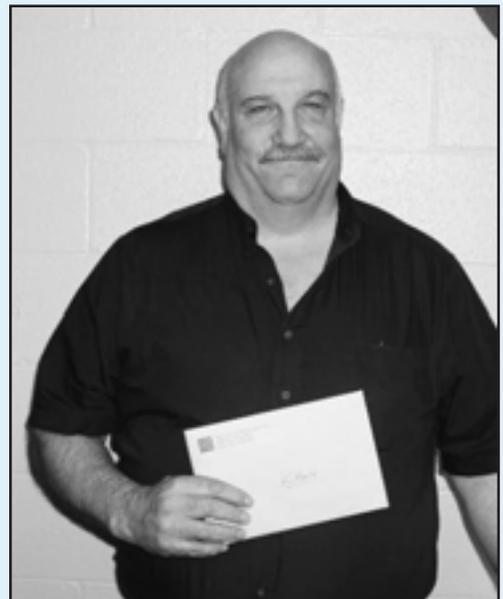


After being inducted into the Hunter Education Hall of Fame in 2006, Duke Walton continues to be one of the most active instructors in the program. He is presented with the "Darrell Holt Memorial Award" for his continued dedication and tireless efforts.



Bill Plumley accepts his 2,500 handgun, 3,000 rifle and 3,500 shotgun awards during a training session with Academy Sports + Outdoors in Austin. This is only the second time these three awards have been given out at one time.

Ernest Roney, San Antonio, receives his "Hall of Fame" plaque during the South Central THEIA meeting at Bass Pro Shop in San Antonio.



Kathy said she wanted a party, so a cake was brought in for her big "50th" birthday. She is an integral and valuable member of the hunter education team in Austin. Happy Birthday!



Bob Boswell, THEIA Vice President, and Donnie Kee, Past Treasurer of THEIA, accept award plaques from Duke Walton for their service as officers the past two years.



Terry Erwin accepts the T.D. Carroll Award from Duke Walton, THEIA President.



Charlie Wilson, Hunter Education Specialist and banquet auctioneer, is shown with a "Worser" that was auctioned off and then given to Heidi Rao, Hunter Education Specialist from Houston. Each year, a designated "Worser" is provided at the banquet auction, and anyone can purchase the "Worser" and then give it to any individual. That individual can match the bid and pass it on to someone else. The individual ending up with the "Worser" must carry it to all workshops and events during the year, and then it is sold again at the next annual conference and the process begins over.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11	Big Game Scoring Workshop	Austin
July 18	Public Hunting Lands Workshop	Grand Prairie
July 18-19	Range Safety Officer	Grand Prairie
July 25	Responsibility, Game Laws, Ethics	Houston
Aug 2-3	IBEP Stud./Inst. Workshop	Austin
Aug. 8	Responsibility, Game Laws, Ethics	Corpus Christi
Aug. 8	Wing Shooting Workshop	College Station
Sept. 11	NRA Handgun	Grand Prairie
Sept. 12	Wildlife Management	Hunt – Kerr WMA
Sept. 18-19	IBEP Stud/Inst. Workshop	Pearland
Sept. 26	Dove Workshop	San Antonio area
Oct. 10	NMLRA Muzzleloading	College Station
Oct. 24	Wildlife Management	Sinton
Dec. 19-20	Waterfowl/Wing Shooting	Sulphur Springs

Contact Kathy Powell
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THE BOWHUNTER

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Tree Stand Safety

Rick Holland, IBEP Instructor Trainer, San Antonio, teaches at Camp Bullis. He requested a workshop on Tree Stand Safety, and John Louk, Treestand Manufacturers Association Executive Director and L.J. Smith, former Hunter Education coordinator from Mississippi (now retired), agreed to come to San Antonio to do the training. The session went very well, and all participants received certification as Tree Stand Safety instructors.

Dear Staff:



I want to open by thanking you for making my request for a Tree Stand Safety Instructor's Course a reality. The course was absolutely GREAT. It served as a tremendous eye-opener for many of us, myself included. I never realized how great the risk is of succumbing to suspension trauma and the importance of learning suspension relief techniques or being able to self-rescue. Twelve HE and IBEP instructors in class were certified, including Brock Minton from TPWD. Thank you again.

Rick Holland, San Antonio



Shown here are the trophies sponsored by the Texas Hunter Education Instructor Association (THEIA) which were presented at the Third Annual Texas Archery in the Schools Tournament held in Waco in March.

Water Shortage

Water is one of the most critical items of importance when it comes to life in our world. David Lassetter, Dallas, an IBEP instructor, made this water collection, storage and dispensing unit for his lease near Corsicana. Pretty ingenious, but considering he is an engineer, it is not surprising. Thanks, David, for doing your part for the wildlife and environment in your area.



Help Needed with Events

Urban Outreach Programs hosts a number of events around the state. There is one which comes up in Grapevine each year and the Lone Star Bowhunters Association and the Texas Archery in the Schools Program help put on events like this Outdoor Kids Adventure Day (OKAD). Anyone interested in assisting with such events in the DFW area should contact Robert Ramirez at (972) 263-1219.

Bowhunter Education New Instructors

MARCH

Joe Crawford Lakeside City

APRIL

Nathan Wieck Sherman
Donald Cospier Cleburne
Timothy Spradlin Weatherford
Betty Spradlin Weatherford

MAY

Christopher Meyer Cotulla
Darren Carr Wimberley
Mark Aurich Conroe
Roger Pippin Lone Oak
Jose Ravelo Hidalgo
William Chambers Georgetown



From L to R: Darren Carr – Wimberley; Teddy Byrd – Cotulla; Chris Meyer – Cotulla; Joseph and Stan Chambers – Georgetown
Instructor: Steve Hall, Education Director – Austin



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