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TPW Volunteers Honored as Lone Star Legends

Texas accomplished a significant milestone in the Hunter Education Program during the latter part of 1999. The 500,000th student was certified on December 2. Yes, that's right, one-half million students! We also had a record year in 1999 by certifying 37,775 students ending up with a grand total of 512,068 since 1972. Before we kick it into high gear this fall, I hope you sit back and ponder at what a significant accomplishment that really is keep up the great work Lone Star instructors!

AUSTIN, Texas – Outstanding Texas Parks and Wildlife volunteers have been designated “Lone Star Legends” in the agency’s annual volunteer recognition program. Awards were presented to the selected Lone Star Legends on April 5, 2000, during a ceremony on the University of Texas campus in Austin. TPW employees and volunteers in the categories of youth, education, partnership, teamwork, customer service, conservation, leadership and the chairman’s award submitted nominations for public service.

Lottery winners must be excited when their numbers are drawn, but this student and his instructor were overwhelmed when notified of the accomplishment. Emmitt Nichols, a fourteen-year-old freshman at Detroit High School, was the lucky individual and his instructor was Agriculture Science Teacher, Albert McCain. Albert said, *“We could not have been more surprised. These things just do not happen to the folks in our little town.”*

“The Lone Star Legends program honors the people who give countless hours of their time to what they believe in,” said Andrew Sansom, TPW executive director. “At the same time, we hope that the program will encourage and promote volunteerism.”

TWP estimated that, last year, volunteers completed 450,000 hours of work valued at \$3.7 million. During 1999, volunteers:

- Certified 37,775 students in hunter education, 8,000 students in boater education and 5,000 students in aquatic education courses.
- Trained 1800 teachers.
- Spent more than 10,000 hours conducting wildlife surveys, cave surveys and research at wildlife management areas.
- Devoted 300,000 hours at state parks to visitor services, trail work, interpretive tours and general upkeep.
- Spent another 25,000 hours at state parks as living history re-enactors at historic sites.

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Emmit was introduced to hunting by his father when he was about ten or eleven years of age. He said, "My dad let me go with him and sit in the blind, and I had a .410 single-shot. I wondered what I would shoot, but it didn't matter, I was hunting, although I never fired a shot." Emmit's mother, Shawni, is the high school librarian, and insisted that if he was going to hunt, he must take the hunter education course. Emmit took and passed the course in October of 1997, but was underage and didn't receive certification. When he entered high school last fall, he enrolled

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in an elective course called "Wildlife Management and Recreation," also known as Ag. 381. He knew the instructor, Mr. McCain, offered the hunter education course during the fall semester. Emmit wanted to be certified and satisfy his mother's wishes, as well as Texas Parks and Wildlife rules and regulations, so he knew he had to take the course again.

Upon hearing the news, Brian Thurston, Focus Group, Inc., Seattle, Washington made arrangements with Dennis Kendall of Mossberg Firearms to ship two Model 835 Ultra Mag., 12-gauge shotguns to the recipients. Mr. Thurston is the publisher of the Hunter's Handbook, which goes out to hunter education students all over North America and Canada. With his parent's permission to receive the firearm, Emmit got

his uncle to fill out the paperwork and sign for the new gun. Now, Emmit's dad and uncle claim a portion of the shotgun as their own. Emmit said, "I might let them shoot it sometime, but right now, I am sure proud of it." Emmit purchased a hard gun case to transport and store his newly acquired prize, and said, "Things like this do not happen much around here, and I feel as though it was one of the luckiest days of my life."

Albert McCain is originally from Detroit, and has been a teacher for over twenty-five years. He taught in Oklahoma and Arkansas and returned to Detroit High School about ten years ago. As the photos were completed, Albert said, "You couldn't have picked a better individual as the recipient of this honor. He is certainly a youngster that I would be happy to

'spend time with in the woods.' He has an exceptional sense of hunting responsibility and ethics about him. He's just a fine young man, a good student and I am very proud of him."

The very first student certified in the Texas Hunter Education Program was Mike Fain on February 28, 1972. Mike is now a game warden stationed in South Texas. It took awhile, but the 250,000th student was Jeremy Casanova of San Antonio, who was certified on September 14, 1991. To all the instructors and students, thank you for your involvement and being a part of Texas' proud heritage. Again, keep up the great work!

Terry Erwin

Lone Star Legends, continued

"I hear all the time from our staff how valuable volunteers are," said Annette Dominguez, TPW human resources director. "There are many unsung heroes throughout the state who devote their time, energy and resources to our sites and programs. This is an opportunity to show our volunteers, sponsors and supporters just how much they are valued."

Note: The Texas Hunter Education Instructors were nominated by TPW Education Staff for the Lone Star Legends "Teamwork" award and received a certificate of nomination for their outstanding job. Thanks to all the instructors who work so hard in our programs.



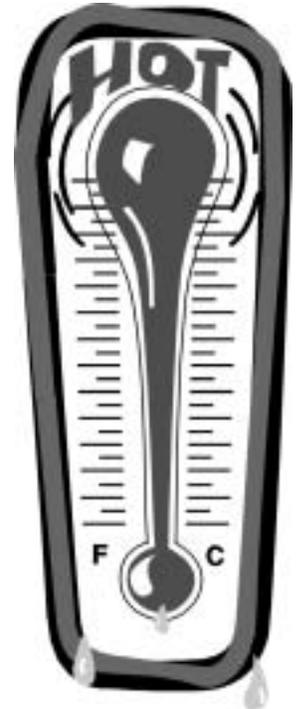
Shown with the certificate of nomination are THEIA officers from left to right, Kitty Haynes, Secretary; Bernie Heer, President; Brian Stafford, Vice President; and Peggy Weyel, Treasurer.

Keeping Cool in the Texas Heat

The temperature in Texas, and elsewhere, is rising, and with high temps comes heat-related illness and even death. The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention. Here are a few precautions to consider.

- Never leave anyone, including pets, in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Start drinking fluids before going out into the heat.
- Take frequent breaks when working outside.
- If you do not have air conditioning at home, go to a mall or other public place with air conditioning.
- Check frequently on people who are elderly, ill or shut in.
- Check with a doctor about the effects of the sun and heat exposure when taking certain prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.
- At first signs of heat illness—dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps—move to a cooler place, rest a few minutes, then slowly drink a cool beverage. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

Source: Texas Department of Health



Wildlife Expo Needs Volunteers

The ninth annual Texas Wildlife Expo, **set for Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2000**, and the largest festival of its kind in the nation, will promote outdoor recreation this fall to an anticipated 50,000 visitors. The two-day family event features a variety of hands-on activities with many designed for youngsters. Activities include numerous shooting sports, fishing, rock climbing, birding, mountain biking, game calling, wild game cooking, fly fishing and kayaking. Commercial exhibitors provide opportunities to view and buy the latest in outdoor gear. Seminars, workshops and demonstrations introduce visitors to a variety of outdoor skills and prepare them for fun in the great outdoors.

“In this ninth year, the Expo message is clear: **‘It’s Your Outdoors, Take Care Of It,’**” said Andrew Sansom, TPW executive director. “Our hope is that families realize that we’re all responsible today for the outdoors we will have tomorrow. There’s a strong heritage of outdoor conservation for many Texans,” he added, “but as our state becomes more urban, the challenge is to maintain a connection to the land and our natural and cultural heritage. That’s what we hope to accomplish at Expo. Plus, Expo is just great family fun!”

It’s not too late to sign up and volunteer your time and efforts to help make the ninth 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, 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 have never been exposed to 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. They have 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 two 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 there is a University of Texas football game that weekend, and rooms are booking up rapidly.**



WELCOME NEW INSTRUCTORS

APRIL

David Welsh	Fort Worth
Tony Bradley	Arlington
Marvin Bigbie	Bellevue
Ralph Riggs, III	Carrollton
Howard Merriell, Jr.	Dallas
Joe Orms	Gladewater
Donald Miller	Nacogdoches
Van Hines	Houston
Rodney Garrison	Houston

MAY

Jody Kent	Stephenville
Doris Bleth	Lipan

Jason Henry
Jaime Lopez
Craig White
Jimmy Hatton
Heidi Kryger
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Robyn Kennedy
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Ronald Ferguson
Michael Hedrick
Sammy Orange, Jr.

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Stephenville
Mineola
Stephenville
Blum
Falfurrias
Stephenville
Plano
Stephenville
Pottsboro
Stephenville
Houston
Howe
Arlington

Albert Potthast	San Antonio
James Rodriguez	Devine
Douglas Hambrick	Stephenville
Perry Richardson	Omaha
Sylvia Rodriguez	Balch Springs
William Thornton	Lott
Kim Brock	Huntington
Brady Fritz	Alice
Rudy Cabrera	Alice

JUNE

Eddie Whitfield	Spearman
Tracy Gehring	Pearland

New Area Chiefs

Larry Larson, Amarillo, recently completed his Area Chief training in Wichita Falls with Kent Irvin, Assistant Hunter Education Coordinator. He was certified in 1990 and has taught over 300 students. He is a NRA Training Counselor in all eight disciplines. He has been to twenty-five in-service workshops and assists with the YHEC and Wildlife Expo. Larry will cover Potter, Randall and surrounding counties. Bill McCubbin will be happy to have someone help him with training new applicants in the Panhandle. Congratulations Larry!

Gilbert Graves, Jr., Corpus Christi, recently completed his Area Chief training and is following in his father's (Gilbert Graves, Sr.) footsteps. He was certified in 1988 and is now retired from school administration and wants to give back more to the sport of hunting and training youngsters. He commented during his training workshop that he was proud of what he had learned and that is was a privilege to be in the

company of Raul Mendez and J. R. Brown, both whom continue to teach in Corpus Christi and had taught with his father. Gilbert, Jr. has trained 627 students and is now willing to "give back" more by training instructor applicants. He will cover Nueces and surrounding counties. Congratulations Gilbert!

Don Evans, Burnet, was certified in 1973, but had a period of inactivity due to being out of state. He completed his training in Austin during one of the Program Orientation courses. He has trained 515 students and will continue by training instructor applicants in the Burnet and surrounding counties area. Congratulations Don!

We need qualified and willing individuals to fill areas of need, especially in South Texas. Thanks to these fine instructors for coming forth and helping with these duties.

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General Information

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Records

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(512) 389-8142

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I.H.E.A. “Dream Hunt”

How about a chance to go on a real plantation quail hunt in Southern Georgia in November? This could be the experience of a lifetime and have it filmed and shown on ESPN-2! Watch **ESPN-2** and **Wayne Pearson's Ultimate Outdoors** weekly television show beginning in July. The 1999 “Dream Hunt” will be aired sometime between July and December. **Winchester Ammunition** previously printed and distributed entry cards for the IHEA “Dream Hunt.” This year, the registration cards are in the **NEW Hunter's Handbook** produced by the **Focus Group**. The Hunter's Handbooks are distributed with supplies and are available for each student. **NOTE: 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 number 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 last nine years, four instructors and three students from Texas have been selected to go on the “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 5th. Late entries will go into next year's drawing.

Trapper Fall Rendezvous

The Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association will hold its annual Fall Rendezvous on October 20-22, 2000. Location is the City Park in Dublin. Many events will be held in conjunction with the rendezvous. On-line trapping, trap setting contest, women and children's arts and crafts, trapping seminars, and a women's skillet toss. (Better look out guys.) Manufacturers of trapping supplies will be on hand for demonstrations, and many samples of tanned furs will be for sale. There will be an auction with trapping supplies and numerous sporting goods items. Come on out and see what a genuine rendezvous is like.

Fourth Annual Texas “DREAM HUNT”

It's time to start thinking about the most outstanding student you taught in the last year and nominate them for a chance to go on a real hunt of a lifetime. Dr. George “Skip” Hall and his group have agreed to host the Fourth Annual Texas “Dream Hunt” at the **2 Bayous Hunting Preserve** on December 18-20, 2000. Take the time to pick an outstanding student and recommend him or her for this trip. Individuals must be between the ages of 12 and 17, and have taken the Hunter Education course within the last year. Individuals must display the proper attitude, safety, class participation, skills and abilities, and be someone you would consider “spending time with in the outdoors.”

Nominations must be in the form of a letter describing why the individual is being recommended for the Texas “Dream Hunt.” Include anything that would enhance the student's chance of being selected by a panel of impartial judges. Upon selection, the student may bring a parent or guardian with them on the trip. Nominating instructors will also accompany the group.

Deadline for entries is November 15, 2000, and must be in our office by that time. Good luck and look for that special person. We already have one nomination on file for consideration in 2000.

YHEC 2000 Returns To Pennsylvania

From NRA Newsletter

International Hunting Challenge Tests Youth Shooting, Outdoor Skills...

Young hunter education course graduates from all across the country convened in the lush countryside of Mansfield, Pa., on July 24-28 for the National Rifle Association's 15th Annual International Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC). Overall winners in the Senior and Junior Divisions from the Texas YHEC held in May were in attendance. Thanks to the Texas Hunter Education Instructors' Association (THEIA), entry fees were paid for the top two places in each group.

TRAINING

Matador WMA Hosts Workshop



Instructors gathered outside of the Matador Wildlife Management headquarters for a quick photo during the April 1-2 workshop. Brad Simson and Dave Dvorak gathered an excellent crew for presentations.

Dave Dvorak, Matador WMA manager, receives a plaque from Terry Erwin in appreciation for all the workshops conducted and for the excellent and professional programs given by staff. Thanks Dave!



Terri Simpson, wife of TPW Biologist, Brad Simpson, receives a plaque proclaiming her as "Texas Cinnamon Roll Queen" for her great rolls and muffins. She always prepares these for participants of the workshops. Needless to say, there are never any rolls or muffins left when the workshop is over. Thank you so much, Terri!

Hunter Responsibility, Game Laws Workshop

These eleven instructors from South Texas were on hand to participate in the Ethics workshop in Corpus Christi on June 17th. They opted to go a full 12 hours in one day to complete the workshop so they could spend Father's Day with their families. It was the only date available for most, and it was held at the Corpus Christi Pistol and Rifle Club. Thanks to J. R. Brown for making the arrangements for the workshop.



Hunter Education in Spanish

Ivan Benavides attended an Instructor Pre-Service workshop in Missouri City, February of 2000. He had been certified in Mexico as an instructor in 1992, but later moved to the Houston area. He is fluent in both Spanish and English. He discussed the need for Spanish-speaking instructors with Heidi Rao, and said he was very excited to begin teaching. He called asking for our hunter education forms and paperwork in Spanish. He was told the only items we have in Spanish were the student manual and final exam. In about a week's time, Ivan came to Heidi's office with a floppy disk containing the HE pre-test, experience survey, Texas regulations quiz, and various other forms and handouts used, all translated in Spanish.

Ivan's first class was held Saturday May 13th & 14th in the training room at a Pasadena Wal-Mart. Jesse Sifuentes, Hunter Ed Instructor who is

also fluent in Spanish, team-taught the course with Ivan. When comparing the Texas manual and exam with the Spanish manual and exam, Ivan noticed most of the information on the Spanish exam, comes from the Texas manual. This information was not found in the Spanish manual. Ivan translated a supplement to the Spanish manual with this information. Although Ivan is a new instructor, he is extremely dedicated to the development of a successful Spanish Hunter Education program with TPW.

Jose Garcia, Irvin, is willing to conduct Spanish hunter education courses in the DFW area. Daniel Sanchez and Martin Johnston, Lower Rio Grande Valley area, have done an excellent job with Spanish courses. Anyone else willing and interested in teaching hunter education in Spanish should contact the hunter education office in Austin.

White-tailed Workshop



The white-tailed deer management workshop was a huge success. Twenty-five participants from all over East Texas were present. A special thanks to Temple-Inland for allowing this work shop to take place at their excellent facility, North Boggy Slough. The staff house really established the perfect atmosphere. With all the trophy class mounts to look at, it definitely generated additional interest for the workshop. Temple-Inland really laid out the red carpet with refreshments waiting as participants arrived and providing a fine catfish meal for lunch. A special thanks to the presenters of this workshop—Darrell Stanley—Temple-Inland biologist, Ben Koerth— Research Associate at the Institute for

White-tailed Deer Management, Stephen F. Austin State University, and a very well known taxidermist, Frank McCarty, serving East Texas. Special thanks to Donnie Kee and Donald Carroll for arranging and hosting this workshop.



The Test of Time

from Quincy Ellis, Area Chief

The following is something to make us stop and think.

Take this quiz:

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prizes.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? Not so good, huh? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? The lesson?

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care. They are instructors like yourself... During the Program Orientation workshops it was brought out that an instructor might not remember every student, but most of the time, each student will remember the instructor. Always try to leave a positive image with students and give a course worth mentioning to others.

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- instructions

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LAZER-ED Hunter Video Training Kit from Daisy

Daisy Manufacturing, along with the cooperation of the IHEA, has produced a new and safe alternative to live firing activities. The item is called a LAZER-ED training kit. The kit includes a Daisy air rifle equipped with a laser beam instead of shooting pellets.

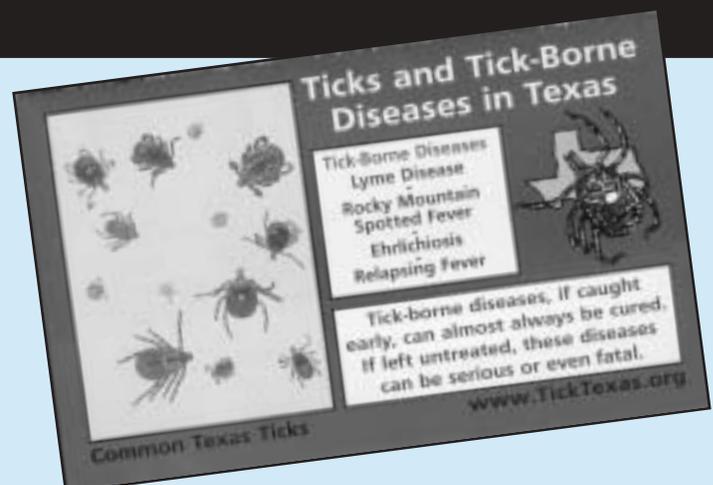
A video with scenes of shoot-don't-shoot scenarios, provided by DART, is included and the only requirement is a TV and VCR. Students will learn about proper sight alignment and shot placement. The price of the kit is \$30 plus \$5.95 S&H.

NOTE: This price is in effect until August 31st and subject to increase after that date. To order, simply fill out the attached order form and send in or call 1-800-713-2479. They accept Visa, Discover and MasterCard.

Tick Information

In an effort to inform the public about tick born diseases, the Texas Department of Health has printed a small color pocket brochure that will be distributed to people all over the state. Texas Parks and Wildlife will have an ample supply for distribution to individuals who will be engaged in outdoor activities throughout the year, especially during hunting season.

Instructors will have a supply of the brochures to distribute in hunter education courses. Look for them in your supply orders. Please see that each student receives a copy of this brochure. If you need more, contact Jack Nasworthy at 1-800-792-1112, ext. 61. Thanks for your help.

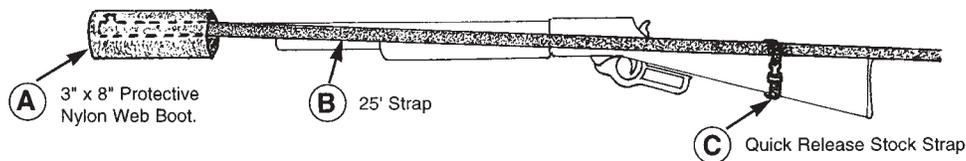


Treestand Gun Hoist

Third Hand, Inc. has created a new gun hoist for raising and lowering rifles and shotguns into and out of elevated stands. The new item is made from a 25-foot nylon strap with a 3" X 8" Nylon Web Boot and Quick Release Stock Strap. It is easily handled and will help eliminate twisting while raising and lowering the firearm. Price of the hoist is \$10, which includes S&H. For more information and to order, call Jim Litner at 1-800-339-0232, or send a check or money order to him at 77 West Southgate, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075.

Third Hand, Inc. Treestand Gun Hoist

Designed for Rifles & Shotguns
Firearm must be unloaded before using this product.



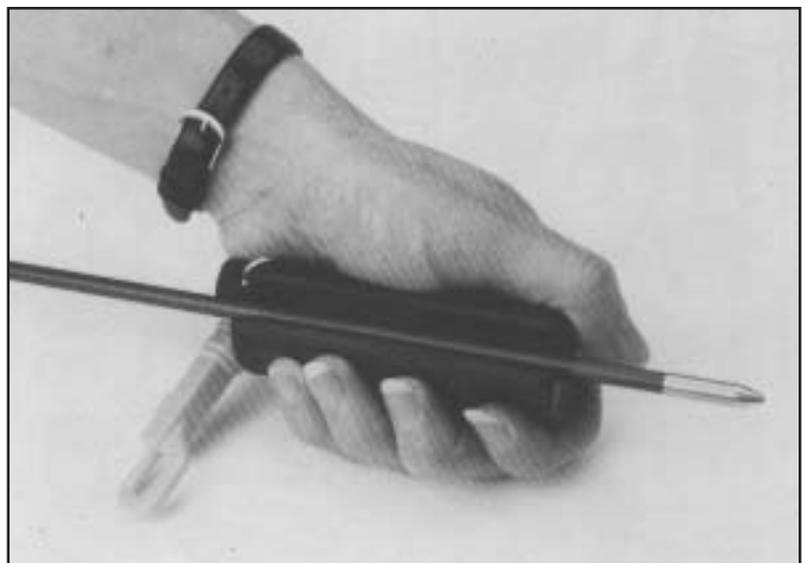
Instructions

1. Unload firearm
2. Slip muzzle into the 3" x 8" protective nylon web boot (A).
3. Adjust the quick release stock strap (C) around the stock to fit snugly. Close the buckle until it snaps together.
4. Carefully unroll the 25' strap (B) without allowing the strap to twist. *Note: Make sure strap is not twisted before proceeding. If the strap has twists, your firearm will spin when pulling it up and may cause damage to firearm.*
5. At the end of the 25' strap (B) there is a loop. Put the loop around your wrist and climb into your stand.
6. Put on your safety harness "not supplied".
7. Carefully pull the firearm up to your stand.
8. Remove protective muzzle boot (A) and quick release strap (C) before loading your firearm.

Note: Tie a knot in the 25' strap (B) between the muzzle boot (A) and quick disconnect strap (C) for guns less than 40" total length.

Arrow Puller

Another item from Third Hand, Inc. is the PRO PULLER, and has the reputation of being one of the best arrow pullers on the market. The specially designed bar grip is large enough to fit all arrow sizes, yet small enough to pull arrows from tight arrow groups. The molded finger grips and the Y-Groove compression channel give the Pro Puller extra pulling power. Made from a blend of synthetic rubbers, the Pro Puller is durable and can withstand sun, heat, cold, and is easy to clean with most solvents. Price of the unit is \$8 and includes S&H. Call Jim Litner at 1-800-339-0323, or mail him a check or money order to 77 West Southgate, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075



KUDOS

Education Award Goes to James and Velma Parker

James and Velma Parker have been involved with TPW programs for about 30 years and are active volunteers for the mandatory boater and hunter education programs, the aquatic education program and the statewide angler education program. Their leadership and persistence has resulted in the teaching of 17 hunter education courses, educating 539 students in 1999. The couple also led three muzzleloading seminars and four angler education outreach events, certified 307 angler education students, taught shotgun and firearm safety for Boy Scouts and Frankston's 4-H shooting sports.

They sleep, eat and breathe Texas Parks and Wildlife and its education and outreach programs," said Steve Hall, TPW Education Director. "As a retired, married couple, they present the right image especially when it comes to family values." Congratulations Jim and Velma !!



George McNeill Gathers Top Honors for 1999



When it rains, it pours! George McNeill made it all the way to the top of the Hunter Education Ladder and was selected as **Winchester's Volunteer Instructor of the Year for 1999 in North America**. He was a "runner up" in 1998. Not only did he achieve this honor, but also he reached the highest plateau available in Texas by earning the Texas Hunter Education "Hall of Fame Award" in 1999. Only ten other individuals have earned this award in Texas since 1972. He is shown here accepting his Hall Of Fame plaque from Kent Irvin, Assistant Hunter Education Coordinator.

George was flown to Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada to attend the annual IHEA Conference compliments of Winchester Ammunition, who picked up all expenses. George was honored during the Winchester Awards Luncheon on May 30th. George is pictured here with Hunter Education Coordinator, Terry Erwin and Mary Ann Ventress, Events Marketing Coordinator for Winchester.



George schedules courses a year in advance and already has them listed into January 2001. He has taught over 2,124 students in 169 courses since being certified in 1987. He has attended 18 in-service workshops earning the NRA/IHEA "Academy" certification and has also instructed in two Survival workshops in Amarillo. He was awarded the 1995 Game COIN gold watch for his outstanding volunteer efforts. George gathers 20 gauge hulls and reloads over 8,000 rounds each year for the Boy Scouts summer camp. He is the chief range officer and manager and teaches hunter education at the camps during the summer months. **Congratulations George!** We are very proud of you and all your efforts in the Weatherford and surrounding area.

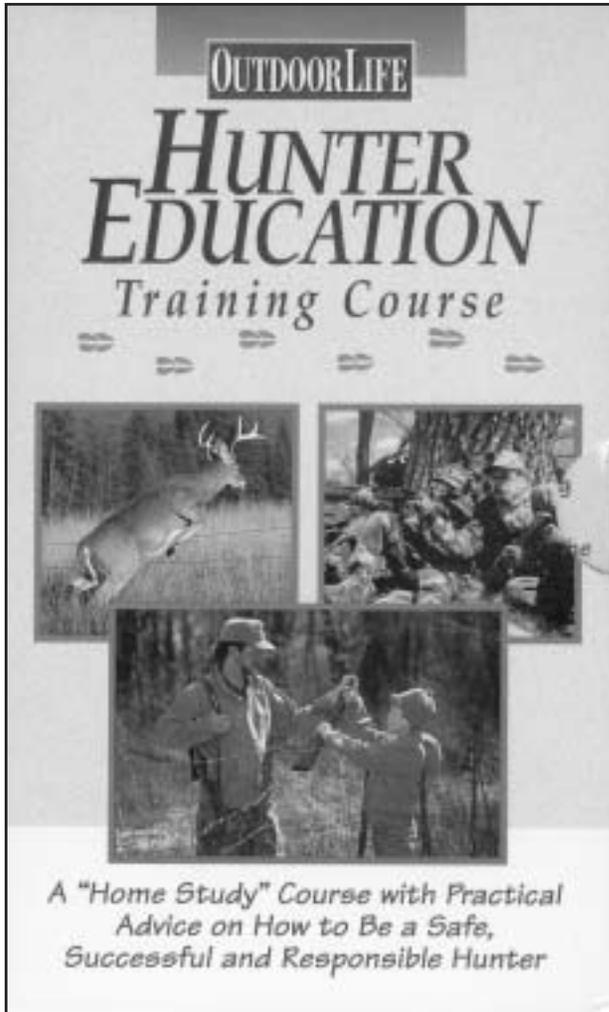
Texas YHEC

The annual Texas YHEC was held at the Parrie Haynes Youth Ranch on May 5-7. A total of forty-six individuals competed in the eight challenge events. There were also over fifty volunteer instructors, staff and coaches who were on hand to assist with the challenge. Please see write up in the THEIA newsletter attached.



Pictured here is the overall winner in the senior division, Charlie Rue (left) from Longview with a score of 1587 out of a possible 2400, and overall winner in the junior division, Christian Klaus (right) from San Antonio with a score of 1455. A special sportsmanship award went to Delan Turner (middle) from Belton. Delan found a very expensive compass and turned it in to officials during the orienteering competition. Congratulations to all the medal winners and all the participants of the YHEC. Look forward to "challenging" events next year under the direction of THEIA President, Bernie Heer.

Hunter Education Home Study Course Available and Popular

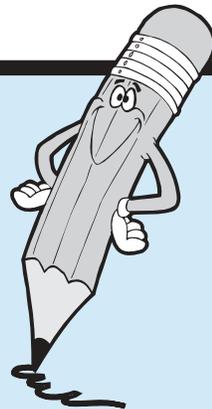


Many of our instructors are still unaware that we have developed a new and exciting way of delivering hunter education. A convenient new option for those interested in completing a hunter education course is now available in the form of a home study book and video. Instead of spending two days and a minimum of 10 hours in the traditional classroom course, hunters now have the option of completing the first six hours of the course at home at their own pace. Final certification involves one day of hunter skill (field and live firing) and hunter ethics/game laws exercises. A score of 80% or better is required on a written exam (not the same exam as the regular course). This new home study course allows us to deliver courses more conveniently – especially to those who live in outlying areas – while improving the quality of instruction. Students learn better when the course is hands-on. Instructors are able to evaluate skills along with knowledge. And, everyone has more fun – a key component to motivation and learning. The **Outdoor Life Hunter Education Training Course** packet was developed jointly by Parks and Wildlife, Nevada Division of Wildlife and *Outdoor Life* and is distributed by Creative Publishing International through local wholesalers.

More retailers are coming on board by selling the Home Study packets. Availability of testing sites is increasing, but we need many more. Please attend one of the Program Orientation courses scheduled before the end of the year and become certified to test Home Study. All new instructors are being trained in these procedures.

Survey results of 550 students from 1999 courses showed that 93.4% chose the Home Study course over the structured course, 98% said it was more convenient, 96% said the video and manual were very helpful and 98% said they would recommend the course. Average grades on the written exam were 88% overall.

In addition, anyone who has a computer and Internet access may look on our web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us under Education for the latest listing of retailers who carry the Home Study packets and a schedule of courses with testing locations and contacts. Anyone, including instructors, who has a retail business and wants to purchase the packets for **resale** may contact **Dennis Clark at Frontier Sales and Marketing, 6227 Paddle Wheel, Katy, Texas 77449, (281) 345-4650 – office or (281) 793-6835 – mobile. His E-mail address is dennis-frontier@msn.com**



Dear Staff,

Wanted to let you know what a fine job Bill Deauman did on the NRA/4-H Shotgun Instructor class on April 28-30 at the American Shooting Centers in Houston. Bill trains Olympic

hopefuls in 4-H and obviously has a wealth of coaching experience. In addition, he provided EACH instructor candidate with individual shooting tips, thus making the class worth far more than the training materials fee.

It was a privilege to be the TPWD liaison for this class, and Bill thanked me publicly many times for my efforts at coordination. I hope Bill has the opportunity to visit Houston again as an Instructor Trainer.

Kitty Haynes
Houston

TEXAS GAME WARDEN FIELD NOTES

Cass County wardens were working turkey hunters along the Louisiana line when they checked two Louisiana hunters without non-resident licenses. One of the men had borrowed a Texas resident license from a friend who lived in Texas. Cases were filed for not having a non-resident license and hunting under the license of another, and a citation was issued for the Texas resident for allowing someone to hunt with his license.

A San Angelo man was arrested and charged with two counts of hunting turkey in closed season. The arrest was the result of nearly a month of investigation by a Concho County game warden who was acting on limited information reported to Operation Game Thief in mid-March. With the help of game wardens from two other counties, the investigation paid off in locating the poacher and obtaining his confession.

Hazardous Pay for Repairmen in Orange 'Alligator' County?

In late May, Orange County wardens were called to remove a 7-foot alligator from a residence. An air conditioner repairman was working on the home's air conditioning unit and thought the alligator was ceramic until he tapped it with a flashlight and it began to move.

From the Mouths of Babes

Rockport game wardens were checking anglers at a popular location one Saturday in March when one of the wardens walked up to a fellow to ask if the fish were biting. Just as the man was responding that he was having no luck, his 6-year-old son piped up asking, "Do you want to see our fish?" The warden followed the excited boy to where his father had stashed a 5-gallon bucket containing 23 undersize speckled trout under a bridge support.

You Just Never Know Who'll Be Fishing Beside You

On his day off, a Houston County warden decided to go white bass fishing at the Trinity River. While he was fishing from the bank, he noticed two men nearby who were keeping undersize fish. The warden walked over, identified himself, and checked their catch. The men had a total of 45 undersize white bass, two undersize channel catfish, and one undersize hybrid striper. Five cases were filed on the duo, including no fishing license for one of the anglers. The warden caught one fish.

And What Is Your Name, Sir?

A North Texas game warden was working out of the district office in Wichita Falls when someone called to request a speaker for their local civic club meeting. When the caller identified himself, the warden realized he was the person being investigated for killing a mule deer in a nearby county. When the warden asked the caller about the mule deer, there was a long moment of silence. Then the caller asked if he would be in trouble and what he needed to do to clear things up. A sample of the deer meat was obtained to determine whether charges would be filed.

The Eyes of Texas (Game Wardens) Are Upon You

While eating lunch at a local fast-food restaurant, Midland game wardens noticed a man moving out of an apartment across the street – the same apartment they had just visited in reference to some Parks and Wildlife warrants. They drove to the apartment and discovered that the man moving out was indeed the person with the outstanding warrants. He assured the wardens that he planned to pay the warrants that very day before moving out of town. Money orders were received for the warrants.

Proposed Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons

Following are proposed dates for the various migratory game bird hunting seasons in Texas for 2000-2001:

Dove – Sept. 1-Oct. 30 in the North Zone; Sept. 1-Oct. 17 and Dec. 26-Jan. 7 in the Central Zone; and Sept. 22-Nov. 5 and Dec. 26-Jan. 9 in the South Zone. The proposed white-winged dove season is Sept. 2, 3, 9 and 10 in the Special White-winged Dove Area of South Texas.

Teal – Sept. 15-30.

Sandhill Crane – Nov. 11 - Feb. 11 in Zone A; Dec. 2- Feb. 11 in Zone B; and Jan. 6 - Feb. 11 in Zone C.

Rail, Gallinule – Sept. 15-30 and Oct. 28-Dec. 20.

Ducks, Mergansers, Coots – Oct. 21-24 and Oct. 28-Jan. 21 in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit; Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 11-Jan. 28 in the North Zone; and Oct. 28-Nov. 26 and Dec. 9-Jan. 28 in the South Zone.

Goose – Oct. 28-Jan. 21 in the Eastern Zone; Oct. 28-Feb. 11 in the Central Zone; and Oct. 21-Feb. 4 in the Western Zone. Special snow goose season opening Jan. 22 in the Eastern Zone; Feb. 5 in the Western Zone; and Feb. 12 in the Central Zone, depending on adoption of season dates for ducks. Closure statewide on April 1.

Hunts for Physically Challenged Offered

Did you ever want to take someone on a hunt that had some type of physical limitations? Well, "Shorty Powers," founder of Paraplegics On Independent Nature Trips (POINT), does just that, and doesn't let anything get in his way.

If you have the chance and desire, get involved by taking individuals on hunts when the opportunity presents itself. You will feel a lot better knowing you helped someone share in a love most of us take for granted. Listed below are some hunting opportunities coming up. Please consider notifying anyone who might like to take advantage of these events.



Shown here is "Shorty" (front left) and a group of individuals who went on a spring turkey hunt at Sun City near Georgetown. Seated behind "Shorty" is Education Director, Steve Hall, who was on hand to assist the group.



Eric Lane, age 11, is shown here with his gobbler taken on the trip.

Rifle Hunt with Adventure Safaris in Bandera County, Texas

The Challenged Sportsmen of America is offering a hunt for hill country whitetails, and the cost is approximately \$850.00. Hunt includes food, lodging, and guide service. Hunters will be allowed to take 1 buck and 1 doe or have the option to trade in a doe tag for a hog, exotic doe, or ram. A deposit of \$100.00 is required to reserve a spot on the hunt. There were some GREAT bucks and hogs taken on this hunt last year and host, John Barge, expects even more success this year! Disabled hunters may be able to take a hunting companion for the same price (an additional \$850).

The hunt will take place December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Lodging will be in cedar log type bunk houses. Shower and bathroom doors are approx. 32" wide. Meals are served in the Tex-Mex style and of course are made of exotic game meat! Last year was a blast! Cam saw at least 12 bucks in 3 days last fall! If you know of an individual who would qualify for this hunt or for more information or to reserve a spot contact Buckmasters Hunt Coordinator, Cam Tribolet, at ctribolet@netusa1.net or call Todd Mac Larty at (214) 503-0346.

Dove Hunt Scheduled in South Texas



Challenged Sportsmen of America is also offering a free-of-charge White Wing Dove Hunt in Harlingen, Texas Sept. 8,9,10. A very limited number of slots are available (35 disabled & each disabled can bring 1 able-bodied volunteer). Everything is paid for including shells, meals & lodging. Only 5 requirements: 1) the participant must have a physical disability; 2) the participant must have successfully completed a Texas Hunter Education Course or other state's equivalent (absolutely no exception for age); 3) the participant must have a Texas Hunting License and White-winged Dove Stamp; 4) the participant must join CSA (annual dues are \$20.00), which goes to pay for the insurance maintained for these events; 5) the participant must make their own travel arrangements (CSA can pick up participants at The Harlingen International Airport and drop them off for their departing flights). Preference will be given to existing members of CSA who already have hunter education course certification...newly injured spinal cord patients and kids with disabilities. If you need additional information contact Todd Mac Larty at E-mail address maclarty@swbell.net or call 214-503-0346.

Public Hunting Program Offers Affordable Access to Game

TPW press release

Sportsmen who may not have access to private lands this fall or are looking for a place to hunt closer to home can get in on some quality hunting experiences through the state's public hunting program. Texas Parks and Wildlife offers hunting on more than 1.2 million acres. A \$40 Annual Public Hunting Permit (APHP) opens the gates to a variety of hunting for game such as dove, waterfowl, turkey, deer, feral hog, quail, squirrel and rabbit. The permit comes with a map booklet of all available hunting areas. The permit can be purchased wherever hunting licenses are sold. Hunters under 17 years of age do not need an APHP when accompanied by a permit-holding adult.

The luck of the draw still plays a big part in the selection process, but those folks who've previously applied and not been selected will have an increased chance of being drawn.

This fall, hunters who purchase an APHP will have access to about 130 dove hunting areas covering more than 48,000 acres leased exclusively for public hunting. TPW earmarks funds generated by the public hunting program to purchase these hunting rights. The leases are scattered through all three dove-hunting zones and some cover more than 1,000 acres.

For the first time, APHP holders will also have access to private land leases for a variety of other game. TPW has leased hunting rights for teal on 14 public hunting units and general waterfowl hunting on eight units. There will also be hunting opportunities for sandhill crane, pheasant, squirrel, rabbit, snipe and feral rock doves.

In addition to the APHP, the agency offers 6,000 hunter openings on its state parks and wildlife management areas through special drawn public hunts. Through an application process, hunters can target their favorite game, choose an area of the state and select a hunting method. As many as four hunters can apply as a group for these hunts in most cases.

TPW mailed out about 40,000 application booklets to the primary applicants from last year's program the third week of July. Only those listed as primary applicants last year automatically received a booklet by mail. Application booklets may be picked up at TPW field offices, state headquarters in Austin, or you may request a copy by calling (800) 792-1112 (menu 5, selection 1) or (512) 389-4505. The information also is available on TPW's Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us. Although applications can not be submitted on-line, they can be completed electronically, printed out and submitted by mail along with the appropriate application fees.

There is a \$2 per person application fee (for adults 17 or older listed on the card) for all special drawing hunts except youth-only hunts on

which there is no application fee for either youth or supervising adult. The deadline to apply for gun hunts for deer is Sept. 12. The deadline application for archery-only deer hunts is Aug. 22.

TPW public hunting program director Herb Kothmann reminds applicants that they may apply in each of the 17 different categories of special drawings but must apply for only one of the areas listed within each hunt category. "We're still seeing multiple applications by individuals within the same category and that automatically disqualifies all of their applications within that hunt category," said Kothmann.

"Make sure you don't submit duplicate entries in the same hunt category because the computer has no compassion."

The special drawn hunts are entering their 16th year of computer selection where those who applied in the past and not been drawn can build up preference points to increase their chances of selection in future drawings. "The luck of the draw still plays a big part in the selection process, but those folks who've previously applied and not been selected will have an increased chance of being drawn," said Kothmann.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Applications for Drawings on

PUBLIC HUNTING LANDS



2000-2001

BIG TIME TEXAS HUNTS

For those sportsmen who want an opportunity to win a hunt of a lifetime, the Big Time Texas Hunts program will offer chances to win one or more dream package hunts with professional guide service, food and lodging provided. Proceeds are dedicated to TPW public hunting and wildlife management programs. In addition to the Grand Slam – a once-in-a-lifetime package of four separate hunts for bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope and mule deer – the Big Time Texas Hunts program includes the Texas Exotic Safari, Texas Whitetail Bonanza, Texas Waterfowl Adventure and Texas Big Time Bird Hunt.

The Texas Whitetail Bonanza will provide each of 20 winners with a 3-5-day hunt for white-tailed deer on ranches throughout the state. Sorry, no guest privileges on the deer hunts. The Texas Waterfowl Adventure will enable the winner and three guests the opportunity to test their skills on a series of hunts, including geese on the coastal prairie and in the Panhandle, and ducks in East Texas and the coastal marshes.

The Texas Exotic Safari will offer the thrill of African big game on TPW's Mason Mountain WMA in Central Texas. Two winners will be drawn. Each winner will be allowed to take up to two exotics and will be allowed to bring along a hunting companion who will be allowed the opportunity to hunt antlerless axis deer and hybrid ibex goats.

The Texas Big Time Bird Hunt will also feature a whirlwind series of hunts for the winner and three guests, including a two-day quail hunt, two days of prime pheasant hunting in the Panhandle and two days of dove hunting. The winner and one guest will also take part in a spring turkey hunt. Taxidermy is included in the Texas Grand Slam and Texas Exotic Safari packages, and the winner may bring a companion.

Entries may be purchased for \$10 each wherever hunting licenses are sold. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older to enter. Entries may also be purchased using TPW's toll-free license hotline. Any number of entries may be purchased, and winners can reassign but not sell a hunt package to an immediate family member or to a hunter under 17. Deadline to apply for the Big Time Texas Hunts is midnight Nov. 4.



Record Number of Blue-winged Teal Set Stage for Later Opener

TPW press release

Good news for Texas waterfowl hunters – with record numbers of blue-winged teal heading for Texas and a 16-day season approved for late September, the table appears set, predict state and federal wildlife officials.

Waterfowl breeding population survey results just released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicate blue-winged teal numbers reached an all-time high of 7.4 million birds this year. The high-water mark eclipses last year’s 7.1 million estimate and represents a 69 percent increase above the long-term average. Green-winged teal also showed a marked rise in numbers, up 21 percent from last year and at nearly 3.2 million birds the population stands 80 percent above the long-term average.

Overall, duck breeding population numbers fell slightly from last year’s record high of 43.4 million to almost 42 million birds. Duck numbers remain 27 percent above the long-term average and state waterfowl biologists believe Texas should receive a liberal federal framework with which to set the upcoming general waterfowl hunting seasons.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at its Aug. 31 public hearing will set the general duck and goose seasons. Teal season received approval from USFWS in late June and will run Sept. 15-30, which biologists say could dramatically increase hunter success.

“We gave up opening on a Saturday and closing on a Sunday in order to take advantage of the full 16-day framework,” said Vernon Bevill, director

of the Texas Parks and Wildlife migratory game bird program. “And it appears we were on the same page as our hunters, because 90 percent of the public comments we received were in support of the later season.”

By delaying the 16-day teal season opener until Sept. 15 rather than the second Saturday (Sept. 9), hunters will likely see more birds migrating into Texas, predicts Bevill. Teal harvest data collected by the department show hunters average fewer than two birds a day before Sept. 14 and more than two per day after Sept. 14.

Bevill also noted that the later season means that land managers who pump water to attract teal will likely be able to rely on that managed water to carry into the general waterfowl season. “With an early teal season, those folks would usually have to pump again in October,” he said.

Texas wingshooting enthusiasts may rejoice over the upcoming teal season but will have to wait at least another year to see additional opportunity to hunt sandhill cranes. A proposal to extend crane hunting along the Texas coast was not accepted by USFWS in late June, so sandhill crane zones and season dates will remain about the same as last year.

“We thought we came up with a proposal that had a lot of merit and we’re disappointed it didn’t pass,” said Bevill. “We will continue to pursue this just like we did for four years on the extended teal season. We don’t see that an expansion for crane hunting as having a negative impact on the resource.”

Upcoming Events



August 12-13	Ethics	College Station
August 26-27	Program Orientation	Big Spring
Sept. 9-10	Ethics	Nederland
Sept. 15-17	Rifle, Shotgun, Handgun	Kingsville
Sept. 16-17	Wildlife Management	Kerr WMA
Sept. 16-17	Program Orientation	Pasadena
Sept. 23	National Hunting & Fishing Day	
Sept. 30-Oct 1	Wildlife Expo	Austin
Oct. 20-22	Texas Trappers & Fur Hunters Assoc. Fall Rendezvous	Dublin
TBA	Program Orientation	Lubbock
TBA	Program Orientation	Nacogdoches
Oct. 14-15	Program Orientation	Edna
Oct. 28	Quail Workshop	San Angelo
Dec. 2-3	Program Orientation	Houston



Master Naturalist Program Seeks Applicants for Fall

AUSTIN, Texas – Nine chapters of the Texas Master Naturalist program are seeking applicants for fall 2000 training classes. The program develops a corps of well-informed citizen volunteers who provide education, outreach and service for managing natural resources and natural areas in their communities.

To become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist, volunteers receive at least 40 hours of in-depth training by educators and specialists from universities, agencies, nature centers, museums and other organizations. Volunteers receive training on interpretation and management of natural resources, ecological concepts, eco-regions of Texas and natural systems. In return for their training, volunteers annually contribute at least 40 hours of service through community education, demonstration and habitat enhancement projects while pursuing at least eight hours of advanced training in areas of special interest.

Statewide underwriters for the program include the Exxon Mobil Corp., Texas Utilities Co. and the Wray Charitable Trust. Joint statewide sponsors for the program are Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The following chapters are conducting fall training:

- San Antonio – Alamo Area Chapter, begins in September.
- Austin – Capitol Area Chapter, begins Sept. 16.
- Fort Worth – Cross Timbers Chapter, begins Aug. 29.
- Houston – Gulf Coast Chapter, begins Sept. 25.
- Tyler – East Texas Chapter, begins Aug. 21.
- Brownwood – Brownwood Regional Chapter, begins in September.
- New Braunfels – Lindheimer Chapter, begins in October.
- Calhoun and Aransas Counties – Mid-Coast Chapter, begins in September.
- Denton – Denton County Chapter, begins Sept. 12.

For information on how to become a Texas Master Naturalist volunteer, call Michelle Haggerty at (979) 458-2034 or go to <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/nature/volunteer/txmasnat/> on the World Wide Web.

News from Colorado

NEW NON-RESIDENT FEES FOR 2001

On January 1, 2001, the new fees will be:

Nonresident Antelope:	\$ 270.00
Nonresident Bear:	\$ 450.00
Nonresident Deer:	\$ 270.00
Nonresident Elk:	\$ 450.00
Nonresident Mt goat:	\$1,500.00
Nonresident Moose:	\$1,500.00
Nonresident Mt lion:	\$ 450.00
Nonresident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep:	\$1,500.00
Youth big game (deer, elk, antelope)	\$ 100.00 EACH

TRADING POST

If any instructor has an item or two they wish to place in this column, please provide a description and contact information and we will try to publish it within reason. Keep it short and simple.

Did you ever hear of a **24-gauge** shotgun? Well, there is and we know where one is for sale, and it's an over and under. Contact Chris Lena at (512) 389-4755 for more information and price. A case of shells comes with it. Need a 12 gauge double barrel, 3-inch magnum (never fired)? Contact Chris Lena also.

A Moment of Silence

We would like to take a moment to reflect on the loss of three instructors this year. **Evelyn Grau, Romayor, wife of Area Chief, Ken Grau**, passed away on June 10 after a long battle with cancer. “Lyn” was such a sweet person and had the most pleasing “southern” accent in her voice. She was originally from the Louisiana, Mississippi area, so it was a natural way of talking for her. Ken informed us that he is continuing his work in hunter education, but that he had not been active over the last two years due to his wife’s condition.

Travis Speer, Irvin, passed away on June 15, 2000. Travis was certified in 1974 and had been to every workshop, gaining academy certification. He was very instrumental in youth hunts for youngsters who were physically challenged and would travel to different areas to help with the hunts. Travis was one who would always come to the aid of those last-minute hunters needing to be certified before going out of state.

Weldon Blackard, Carrizo Springs, passed away on July 18. He was certified in 1977 and had been to every workshop, also gaining academy certification. Weldon was among the group of individuals who went through the first Area Chief training workshop. In 1987, during an Ethics workshop in Brownwood, the question was asked if there was anyone present who had never violated a game law. Weldon was the only individual who held up his hand, and his wife, Mary, spoke up and said, “Yes, and I’ll vouch for him.” Not many of us can make a statement like that.

We will miss them all as we extend our heart-felt sympathy to their families.

Pearls of wisdom...

“We need more Hunter Education examples than advocates...”

Terry Erwin

HEY GANG!

STOP THE PRESS! HALT! WOA! WAIT!.....Got your attention didn't I? Folks, we have a friendly reminder for each of you so our records can remain in good order. We are finding that **FINAL REPORTS** reporting “Home Study” courses are incorrect. **IF** you are conducting a “HOME STUDY” course, please remember that the student gets **ONE DAY** and **SIX (6)** hours credit for securing the home study packet and completing it at their own pace.

When you test individuals, you **ADD (ONE DAY)** and the number of hours [**MINIMUM FOUR (4)**] that you spend testing **TO** the one day and 6 hours, making the total equal to two days and at least 10 hours minimum. You must remember.... To satisfy the state mandated hunter education requirement courses must be at least a minimum of ten (10) hours over two (2) days.

For example: An instructor tests a “Home Study” course and spends five (5) hours during that time. Simply add the credit of **one day and six hours** to come up with 2 days and 11 hours total.

Kathy's Korner

Please adjust your final reports to reflect the total time. Again, remember, on the Final Report, all courses must be two (2) days and minimum ten (10) hours.

Believe it or not, I am still receiving courses from 1999 that were never sent in. **PLEASE** complete the paperwork and return it no later than **ONE** week after the completion of the course, if not sooner. It is very hard to explain to a student or parent why they have not received their card when we have not received the course for processing. Thanks so much for your help. Keep up the good work! Also, please notify us of any change of address so we may keep you or your peers active and on the mailing list. If you have any questions, call me.

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THE BOWHUNTER

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2000 IN-SERVICE SUMMARY

GENERAL

For those of you who were unable to attend this year's In-Service/Hunt, held in February at Brushy Hill Game Ranch, you missed some very good dialog, food, and discussions among IBEP Instructors.

Tink Nathan founder of TINK'S SCENTS was present to answer questions about lures & cover scents. Tink was one on the first IBEP Instructors that the late Bill Wadsworth certified.

Kelly McMaracus sent "home-made" wine & root beer that he made (Kelly wasn't able to attend due to a recent back injury). George Garza showed off some custom knives that he makes.

PRIZES & RAFFLES

The prizes at the In-Service were won by: **Tink Nathan** for the "Oldest Instructor". **Millie Holland** for the "Youngest Instructor". **Rod Evans** for the "Instructor who drove the longest distance to the In-Service". **Rick Holland** for the "Instructor who drove the shortest distance to the In-Service". **Robert Alonzo** for the "Instructor who had the largest class" and the teaching team of **Robert Alonzo, Rick & Millie Holland** for the "Instructor(s) who held the most classes in the calendar year".

Raffles were won by **Tink Nathan** (Gametamer Quad-Pod), **Rick Holland** (Gametamer Tree Stand) and **Dwight Purvis** (Neverwear Archery Target).

To qualify for the "Raffles and Prizes" that will be given away at next year's In-Service/Work, you must have taught or assisted in teaching at least one IBEP class in the preceding year and you must be present to win.

2001 IN-SERVICE/WORKSHOP DATES

Tentatively, the dates for the **2001 In-Service/Workshop** are **February 24 & 25, 2001** and **March 31 & April 1, 2001** at Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Headquarters in Austin. Two dates are set, however, every Instructor and Master Instructor Trainer must be present at only one of these two dates. Please put these dates on your calendar for 2001. The In-Service/Workshop is for **YOU**. The curriculum will include but is not limited to, updated teaching methods, new course curriculum and new program policy.

The NBEF is quite specific about what is expected of the volunteer instructor. These specifications are stated in the appropriate NBEF manuals. Please review your "Job Requirements" under the heading "IN-SERVICE TRAINING". IBEP Instructors, refer to page 145 in the *Instructor Notebook*. IBEP Master Instructor Trainers, refer to page 35 in the *Leader Handbook*. These requirements will be strictly adhered to in 2001.

FEE CHANGE

Both **Student** and **Instructor course fees** have increased for the year 2000. The **IBEP Student Course fee** has increased from **\$10.00 to \$15.00** per student. The **IBEP Instructor Course fee** has increased from **\$30.00 to \$45.00** per instructor candidate.

The fee increases are necessary to help offset costs in supplies, training aids and shipping. Instructors may still keep up to one dollar (\$1.00) per student to help with refreshments and supplies.

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