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# EDITOR'S CORNER

## New Assistant Hired

The vacancy created by the departure of Marty Robillard was filled on July 1st. Please welcome Kent Irvin as the new Assistant Hunter Education



Coordinator for North Texas. Kent is a former employee of the Wildlife Division, and was stationed in College Station from 1992-1996. 006594 He left the department to complete his degree, and we are glad he has returned. Kent is certified in Angler and Boater Education and will play an important role in recruiting individuals into these activities as well.

His new office is located at the Education facility, former Corps of Engineers office, below Lake Joe Pool dam south of Grand Prairie. The location is ideal for "Home Study" testing and is shared with Jack Dyess, Assistant Boater Education Coordinator. Duties will be to recruit and train new instructors, set up testing teams for the new "Home Study Program," conduct safety presentations and in-service workshops, help recruit minorities into our outdoor programs and get advanced Hunter Education programs underway. Kent will cover

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## 1999 Youth Hunter Education Challenge

Thirty-six youngsters attended the YHEC held at Parrie Haynes Ranch near Killeen on May 2-3. With them were fifteen coaches and thirty-seven volunteers on hand to insure the events came off as scheduled. Pictured are a few of the group during presentation of awards and trophies. Top finishers in the Senior Division were First Place – Charlie Rue, Longview, with a score of 1895; Second Place – Lance Barr, San Antonio with 1876 and in Third Place was Jeff Hinton, Hallsville, with 1836. Top honors in the Junior Division went to First Place winner – Christian Klaus, San Antonio, with 1408 points; Second Place – Trevor Slidel, San Antonio, with 1230; and in Third Place was

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the northern part of Texas from Texarkana to Nacogdoches to Midland and up into the Panhandle. 003375 Go by, or give Kent a call at (972) 263-1219 and welcome him to our ranks. I'm sure he will need assistance from all of those in the area.

Now, on a lighter side. Only two (2) individuals found their instructor ID numbers hidden in the pages of the last newsletter. The observant individuals were Bernie Heer and Game Warden, Ronnie Yates. The instructors who didn't find their numbers were Terry Combes, Mary Jane Bull and Buddy Martin. I can promise you, the instructor's I.D. numbers were in the last issue of "Target Talk."

We will continue this process with each quarterly publication of the "Target Talk." Only this time, *ten* different instructors' six-digit numbers are somewhere within the pages of this text. If you find your number, contact Kathy Powell with the page and location of your ID number. If successful in finding it, you will be mailed a prize. Good hunting, or should I say, again, good reading.

*Terry Erwin*

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## 1999 Youth Hunter Education Challenge, cont'd

Ryan Casbeer, San Antonio, with 1205.

The Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association paid the entry fees of the top two senior and junior winners to enable them to attend the national competition. This year's national YHEC was held in Pennsylvania.

By the time this issue of "TT" is out, the youth who participated in the national finals will have returned from that trip. We wish them luck and will print the final results in the next issue.



## Visit Organizations on the Internet



Texas Parks and Wildlife — <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>

Ducks Unlimited — <http://www.ducks.org>

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# TEXAS



## Youth Hunting Program

Volunteers are needed for the hunts coming up this fall and winter. In order for the program to grow and be able to reach more youths, it is vital to have a volunteer base large enough to accommodate expansion. 007863 A Huntmaster Course should be completed by each volunteer before this year's hunting season.

The Huntmaster Course is approximately 8 hours long and is mostly hands-on application. It provides the necessary training for organizing and running a youth hunt with additional support from the TYHP office. Generally, Friday evening is for registration with the course being taught all day on Saturday or split between Saturday and Sunday.

**NOTE: Instructors attending a Huntmaster workshop or any of the youth hunts will be given 25 incentive points, but make sure you sign up on the sheets provided. If interested in volunteering your time, please contact Jerry Warden at (210) 930-2177.**

## Annual Texas "Dream Hunt"

Plans are being made at this time for the next annual Texas "Dream Hunt." If all works out, the hunt will be a combination waterfowl and upland bird hunt along the coast between Galveston and Freeport. An ideal location has been selected and the invitation extended to come and have a great hunt with excellent meals, guides and accommodations. The facility includes 3100 acres of prime wetland habitat as well as upland game bird habitat. The intent is to have the hunt during the Christmas holidays so individuals will not miss any school. If that doesn't work out, the hunt will be on a predetermined weekend to avoid any conflicts with the existing booked hunts going on at the lodge.

Take the time to pick out an outstanding student and recommend them for the trip of a lifetime. Individuals must be between the ages

of 12 and 17, who have taken the Hunter Education course within the last year. Individuals must display proper attitude, safety, class participation, skill, and ability 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 "Dream Hunt." Include anything that would enhance the individual's chances 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, 1999**, and must be in our office by that time. Good luck and look for that special individual.

## National I.H.E.A. "Dream Hunt"

**Winchester Ammunition** previously printed and distributed entry cards for the National "Dream Hunt." However, this year, they are unable to do so.

**NOTE: Individual students must send in a plain postcard with name, address, date of birth and phone number to: I.H.E.A. "DREAM HUNT," P. O. Box 5078, Nashville GA, 31639.**

Any instructor wishing to go with **Wayne Pearson** on this trip, should send in a plain post card with name, address, work and home phone numbers and a statement that you are a Hunter Education instructor, to the same address. 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. Just because we don't have the printed cards for distribution, doesn't mean we can't still have a successful opportunity to participate.

Keep those cards coming in and your chances of winning are a lot 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. 003801 Next year, the registration cards will hopefully be in the **NEW** Hunter Education Student Journal produced by the **Focus Group**.

*Pearls of wisdom...*

"In a hundred years, it will not matter how much money was in my bank account or what kind of car I drove, but it may matter that I have made a difference in the life of a child."

Anonymous



*Note: This letter was written to the television producers of the "Nash Bridges" show recently, and arrived via e-mail in our office.*

I am outraged at the portrayal of the absolutely stupid, unsafe gun handling, range procedure and basic gun safety rules you people have used in your latest Nash Bridges episode July 2, 1999. I am constantly amazed at what TV and movie people will do to make a buck!

Don Johnson removes his hearing protection while on the range. He interferes with a shooter on the line. The shooter, who happens to be an "idiot" female, accidentally discharges a handgun she was just firing with great skill, only to break another rule about pointing the firearm down range, and shoots Johnson in the butt, all in the name of a story line?

In a time when respect for firearms should be paramount to any other depiction of firearm use, your "Hollywood" BS is disgusting. Even the wounding of Johnson is depicted as a "bee sting" kind of wound. I can tell you folks, it's not. But don't worry, just show kids and other less knowledgeable people who watch you, that even a gun shot isn't anything to worry about; guns really don't hurt anything or anybody. Ask the parents in Littleton whose kids rotted on the floor of their school after being shot.

I am an NRA member, Hunter Safety Instructor, a veteran, competitive pistol and rifle shooter, an Eagle scout, a past scoutmaster and father of three boys, now men. I am disgusted with you for what you do because you also have the ability to portray life correctly, but you don't by choice. Everything people like me try to do to teach gun safety and responsible gun ownership, you can undo with just one stupid TV show. You denigrate gun owners, parents, hunters, shooters, teachers, law enforcement, women, common sense and morality and get away with it! It's just amazing! Do any of you have a conscience?

My pledge is to make as much noise about this episode as possible, nationally, to the NRA, locally, to the Texas State Rifle Assn. and through the media. Someday you folks will have to respond to the public and become responsible for the trash you fill the airways with. I may not be successful by myself, but I'm sure going to try by telling everyone I can and enlisting all the help I can get. You could start making amends by broadcasting a disclaimer of that episode before your next show. Make a public service announcement about gun safety and proper gun

handling. I'm sure the NRA would be happy to help. You owe it to us.

Bill Campbell, Dallas, TX 75238

**Dear Staff:**

I took Hunter Education in Duncanville, Texas recently. I really enjoyed it. Mr. Clark and Mr. Pope did a good job along with other instructors. I recommend that all hunters, regardless of age, should have to take the class. Thanks for keeping Texas safe.

Sincerely,  
Troy Seals

**Dear Staff:**

I recently took an instructor workshop for rifle at the Grand Prairie Gun Club. I was so impressed with the group of instructors that I must tell you one thing in particular. This related to the handling and transferring of a firearm from one person to another. Our instructor advised us to say "thank you" and "your welcome" before releasing the rifle to another person. This simple expression signaled that the firearm had been safely transferred. I do not know how many times a firearm is dropped because someone did not have full possession. This also makes very good sense, especially if the firearm is a collector's item or very costly. I plan on using this example of safe handling in my classes in the future, and practice it as well. Hats off to all the instructors of this class. Well done!

Sincerely,  
Charles W. Preslar, Jr.

**Dear Staff:**

I decided to drop you a line about the Matador Wildlife Management/Conservation workshop. It Was GREAT!!! David Dvorak has a wonderful crew working for him that weekend. I believe, they said, Brad Simpson did all the coordination and planning of the agenda. Brad did a wonderful job arranging the flow of activities and time for related topics. Vicki Sybert's presentation with her numerous skulls and porcupine hide was out of this world. Duane Lucia, Bob Rogers, John Hughes, Mike Miller and Scott Sudkamp were full of information and great ideas for teaching. No matter when or on what topic you had a question, it was always answered, and usually by the individual who was more geared towards that subject. Brad's wife was a hit with the cinnamon rolls and goodies fixed for the participants. This is my first year as an instructor, and I have enjoyed the workshops I've attended and definitely recommend them to other people. Keep up the good work and thanks again. I have enclosed a picture of the attendees.



Laura Butcher, Irving 011322

*A \$100 donation, earmarked for Matador WMA, was sent to the Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas from Amarillo Area Hunter Education Instructors Association.*

#### Dear Staff:

My son and I completed the Hunter Education class held in Rockport recently. The material was presented, which was needed to complete the certification. While I did learn quite a bit about gun and hunter safety, I was concerned with the length of the class and the manner in which the material was presented. On Friday evening, we were given manuals and handout sheets and we spent the evening reviewing the handouts and approximately 30 pages of the manual. Our homework assignment was to research answers to 55 questions from the fishing and hunting regulations. On Saturday we reviewed the rest of the manual, examined firearms and archery equipment, reviewed the rules and regulations on hunting, and took the final exam.

These 10½ hours of classroom work included extensive reading to the class by the instructor from a manual which was not the same as the one we were given – pages and paragraphs did not match, making it difficult to follow along. There were also ver many personal stories and accounts.

Suggestions for improvement in the presentation.

- Use additional speakers – listening to one person for 10 hours is very tiresome.
- Use other teaching aids to help reinforce the material being presented and take the burden from just one instructor – videos, fill-in-the-blank worksheets, overheads, charts, a blackboard or easel for illustrating or diagramming – things to stimulate interest during a lengthy sit-down session.

As a non-hunter, I took the class to understand hunting safety since Matt has expressed an interest in the sport. With a few changes in the format, I feel this program could be made more interesting for those of us for whom hunting is not a passion. Thank you for your consideration.

Anonymous, Rockport, TX

#### Editor's Comments:

*We have tried to incorporate hands-on activities in training during the last five years to create a more productive learning environment. Many instructors have taken the Standards of Live Fire/Hunter Skills Trail workshops to learn new techniques.*

*We will continue to encourage instructors to get the students up and out of the classroom to stimulate the learning process. Any new training method that gets the students actively participating is always welcome.*

#### Dear Staff:

A big hello from Arkansas. I miss all you folks that I worked with in Hunter Education and YHEC in Texas. After moving to Arkansas, I started teaching Hunter Education for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and helped coordinate quite a few classes in North-West Arkansas in and around Rogers, Bentonville and Fayetteville. I became the State YHEC Coordinator for Arkansas in January. I would like to share or maybe brag about our first year for Arkansas YHEC, and to recognize some extraordinary efforts by a group of East Texans.

As with any new venture, you are always concerned about the turnout the first year, but my concern soon turned to anxiety when registration for our first year topped 180 youths. As you know organizing any shooting event can have its many challenges, but with this number of participants the support and assistance needed was going to be monumental. After several days of organizing most of the events with various 4-H leaders, AG&FC personnel, conservation and shooting clubs, I found myself still needing help setting up the Hunter Skills Trail. Efforts to locate someone to organize and set up the trail seemed fruitless, and I was beginning to panic.

Now, I still try t keep up with my East Texas “friends,” and during a late night phone conversation I guess they could sense my panic, because in the next couple of days I had an offer that was the answers t all my prayers. The Piney Woods Youth Shooting Team was coming to the rescue!!! That’s right, Bryan Waller, from Kilgore; Chuck, Nancy, Charlie and Anna Rue, form Longview; and Harry and Sally Rogers from Marshall volunteered to bring all the equipment, set up, and operate the Skills Trail. And what a great trail they set up! I don’t believe any one could have worked harder for two long, hot days than these seven fine friends, and Arkansas had the “BEST” skills trail it could have ever hoped for. I can sincerely attest that we could not have had such a successful event without their help. Texas is very lucky to have seven individuals like these that are so involved and interested in youth and Hunter Education. Although words can never really thank them enough, I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge them for their efforts.

I hope to return to Texas some day but in the mean time, I wish everyone the very best. We are taking 16 youth to the International YHEC in Pennsylvania in July. Hope to see some of you there. Still a Texas at heart.

Gary Jobe, Arkansas State YHEC Coordinator

# I.H.E.A. Conference



## 1999 International Hunter Education Association Conference

### 50th Anniversary of Hunter Education in North America

On June 2-6, 1999, the International Hunter Education Association held its annual conference in Buffalo, NY, helping celebrate the 50th anniversary of mandatory hunter education in that state. Education Director, Steve Hall presented a paper on "Standards of Hunter Education." Assistant Hunter Education Coordinator, Heidi Husser (now Rao) presented a paper on "Recruitment, Training and Retention of Volunteers," and Terry Erwin gave a presentation on alternate methods of delivery with newly elected IHEA President Les Smith of Nevada. Following the conference, an International Expo was held and coordinators and instructors joined in to help recognize 50 years of success and to launch hunting and hunter education into the 21st century.

Steve Hall, IHEA Past President, also presented Winchester Ammunition and Wayne Pearson with "Past President's Awards" for outstanding contributions to Hunter Education across North America and support of the International Hunter Education Association. Accepting the award for Winchester was Mary Ann

Ventress. Wayne's award will be presented to him at the annual "IHEADream Hunt."

During the conference, Winchester Ammunition held its twelfth annual awards luncheon and recognized the top three volunteer instructors from across North America. Ron Bauman of Medford, OR was named the recipient of Winchester Ammunition's 1998 Hunter Education Volunteer of the Year Award. Winchester's award program recognizes outstanding individuals such as Bauman, who make significant contributions to educating potential hunters on the safe use of firearms and respect for game laws and conservation.

Along with Bauman were runners-up Walter Monroe from Lake George, NY, and Texas' own George McNeill from Weatherford. George has been an instructor since 1987, has held 140 courses and certified 1,893 students. George plays an important role in Parker County, because he offers courses almost every month. In his spare time, he picks up unbroken clay birds and reuses them for scout camps and his courses. He also recycles about 8000 rounds of 20 gauge shells per year.

George is a Life Member of the NRA, an NRA Training counselor, member of TSRA, IHEA, THEIA, Texas Game Warden Association and numerous other organizations. He is also a volunteer Earth Team Instructor for Parker County Soil and Water District. During his years as an instructor, he has attended 17 state sponsored instructor in-service workshops, and has taught three Survival workshops in Amarillo. In 1995, George was awarded a gold watch from Game Conservation International as one of the outstanding instructors in North America. George has received every incentive award up to and including the shotgun. He is 227 points away from induction into the Texas Hunter Education Hall of Fame. Congratulations George!



*Mary Ann Ventress, Director of Event Marketing for Winchester Ammunition, is shown presenting the award to Terry Erwin who accepted for George.*

# New Mexico – 7-State Rendezvous

New Mexico Department of Game & Fish and the New Mexico Hunter Education Instructor's Association hosted a seven-state regional Hunter Education workshop for instructors on May 21-23, 1999, at the NRA Whittington Center near Raton. Attending were instructors from New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Twenty individuals from Texas attended this multi-discipline workshop, which included Learning Styles and Teaching Techniques, State Instructors' Associations, Youth Hunter Education Challenge, Conservation Education, Hunter Ethics, Wildlife Calling & Use of Decoys, Wildlife Restoration, Interactive presentations, Muzzleloading, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery and Crossbows and The Live Fire Experience in Hunter Education. Region II U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided a grant to help with this endeavor. Individuals who attended hope these workshops (rendezvous) will continue.

Bill Brummel served as one of the three-person panel discussing and promoting State Instructors' Associations. Bill was able to bring forth that a larger state organization could be helped by even a small organization such as the South Central Texas Hunter Education Instructor's Association.

Many thanks to Mark Birkhauser and Randy Isler of New Mexico Department of Game & Fish and the New Mexico Hunter Education Instructor's Association for an outstanding workshop. For those who missed the event, maybe there will be another one in the future.

Thanks to all of the instructors from our great state who attended. A special thanks goes to Gary and Margaret Western from Lubbock who helped Bob Artz during his unfortunate breakdown. Bob wrapped his left rear tire around the axle after a blowout. After the tire was literally cut off with his pocket knife and changed, he blew a water pump later on Saturday night. Another instructor, Vernon Morris from Dumas, blew a tire before returning on Sunday. The Whittington Center was really not that bad of a place either. It was just a couple of cases of bad luck. All individuals had a great time and made it home safely though.



## Upcoming Events

Responsibility, Game Laws and Ethics	August 28-29	San Angelo
NRA	September 11-13	Austin
Wildlife Mgmt./Cons	September 18-19	Kerr WMA
National Hunting & Fishing Day	September 25	
Wildlife Expo	October 2-3	Austin
Quail Workshop	October 23-24	San Angelo

## Mourning Dove Seasons

South Zone – Special Whitewing Season	September 4-5, September 11-12
North Zone	September 1 - October 30
Central Zone	September 1 - October 17, December 26 - January 7
South Zone	September 24 - November 7, December 26 - January 9
Special White-winged Dove Area	December 26 - January 5

## Did you know...

### New Outdoor Annual

Several concerns were brought up regarding advertisements of alcohol and tobacco in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual. Some schools refused to allow the use of these booklets in classes where youngsters are exposed to this material. Many programs are presented by game wardens and volunteers in schools or to organizations that disapprove of alcohol and tobacco use. It is now possible to have a new version of this "Outdoor Annual" for use in all

Hunter Education classes no matter where they are taught. This version of the "Annual" will have NO advertisements, only the rules and regulations for hunting and fishing. We had 50,000 copies of the 1999–2000 Outdoor Annual printed without advertisements, and they will be shipped with supply orders. These are the only copies that will be shipped for use in presentations or classes. The regular copies with advertisements are available through retail stores.

### Harsher Poaching Penalties Highlight New Legislation

AUSTIN—Poachers be warned. Texas leadership is sending a strong message to those who might think the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, particularly where big game poaching is involved. Recently enacted legislation provides for felony charges and a mandatory jail sentence, even for first-time poachers who violate certain statutes.

The new law, created through HB 2526 in the 76th Legislature, takes effect Sept. 1 and establishes severe penalties for poaching activities, including hunting or fishing without landowner consent, hunting from a motor vehicle, hunting with a light and hunting at night. The law also carries stiff consequences for using or possessing a fish-shocking device and for failure to retrieve and keep big game carcasses in an edible condition.

In addition to the stiffer criminal penalties, the law also provides for mandatory loss of hunting and fishing licenses for a period of one to five years. According to law enforcement officials with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW), HB 2526 is one of several pieces of new legislation aimed at curbing abusive and illegal poaching activities involving the state's wildlife resources.

"These game laws have some sharper teeth now and hopefully the enhanced penalties will be an effective deterrent," said TPW law enforcement director Jim Robertson. "Outlaws are going to have to ask themselves if the risk to poach a deer is worth going to jail for two years and paying a \$10,000 fine."

### Direct Mail Effort Targets Big Time Hunts, Super Combo Buyers

A major mailing will be going out to about a quarter-million customers at the end of July inviting them to enter one or all of the Texas Big Time Hunts. Super Combo customers will receive in their mailing a new four-page newsletter, *Hook & Bullet*, featuring the latest news on next year's hunting and fishing outlook and reminding them to renew their Super Combo license. If last year's Texas Grand Slam direct mail tests are an indication, program officials are looking at a huge windfall for wildlife conservation and public hunting programs.

Under the new TPW State Jail Felony classification, individuals convicted of taking a desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope or mule deer without the consent of the landowner are subject to incarceration for 180 days to two years and a possible fine of \$1,500 to \$10,000. A second conviction carries a fine of up to \$10,000 and incarceration for two years to 10 years. Stiffer penalties will also apply if a poacher is convicted of wasting a big game animal carcass, as is often the case with poachers known as "head hunters" who take only the trophy racks.

On first offense for wasting a big game carcass the violator is subject to confinement in jail for up to one year and a fine of \$500 to \$4,000. Upon a second conviction for wasting a big game carcass, the violation becomes a TPW State Jail Felony.

While taking big game without landowner consent was the focus of the new law, other illegal hunting and fishing activities were also addressed. A second conviction for hunting from a motor vehicle, hunting at night, hunting with a light or wanton waste of wildlife resources carries a TPW State Jail Felony charge.

The legislature also created provisions in the law allowing for the confiscation and forfeiture of equipment used in the commission of these violations, including weapons and other personal property (e.g. knives, spotlights, etc.), aircraft and vessels.

*Pearls of wisdom...*

"Time invested in improving ourselves cuts down on the time wasted in disapproving of others."

Author unknown

## Did you know...

### Record Waterfowl hunter Numbers In

New data from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows about 101,000 active adult waterfowl hunters in Texas in 1998, up six percent from 1997 and the highest since 1980. These hunters put in a lot of effort, pushing hunter days spent afield in Texas past one million for the first time ever. Teal hunters and harvest numbers were up, with a whopping 70 percent harvest increase to 123,000 birds, a new record. Regular season duck harvest will likewise up 29 percent, also setting a new record. Curiously, goose harvest was up only four percent, in spite of the much-publicized situation with

arctic goose overpopulation and the need to trim goose numbers to prevent a population crash. This may be in part because in January hunters were waiting to take their last hunts during the special Snow Goose Conservation Season that was originally scheduled to begin Feb. 1, but was delayed by federal regulators until Feb. 14. By then, many geese had migrated north. Early numbers on bird populations are also looking very good for the 1999 fall hunting season in Texas, with final numbers expected after the migratory council meeting held in late July.

### Lyme Disease Vaccine Now Available

AP – For the first time, Americans can enter tick season armed with a vaccine against Lyme disease and doctors in New England, Minnesota and other Lyme-plagued areas are starting to bug outdoors-loving patients to get the shots. Why the urgency? Because it takes a series of three shots to build up to full immunity. So, “the time to start getting it is right now.” Advises Phillip Baker, Lyme disease chief at the National Institutes of Health. 003935

Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by deer ticks the size of a pin that live in wooded and grassy areas nationwide, but especially in the Northeast, from Maryland to Maine, and in Wisconsin and Minnesota. About 16,000 new cases are reported each year, a number that scientists such as a Baker expect to drop in a few years because of the new vaccine. Typically, the illness – named for Lyme, Conn., where it was discovered in 1975 – starts with a telltale bull’s-eye rash. Then comes fatigue, chills, fever and joint pain that can persist for weeks. Some people develop serious arthritis. If untreated, Lyme disease also can severely damage the heart and nervous system.

Antibiotics can cure Lyme. But the earlier treatment starts, the better – yet there’s no good test to diagnose Lyme and not everyone suffers early Lyme symptoms and thus knows to seek care. So until now, doctors’ best advice was: Use insecticide containing the chemical DEET. Check yourself and your children regularly for ticks. Wear long sleeves and pants tucked into socks or boots when venturing into tick-prone areas like unmowed grass or brush.

That last bit of advise is unrealistic (*especially if you live in Texas*). Ticks are most active in the summer when people are stripping down to shorts and bare feet. It’s not just campers, hikers or utility workers stomping through the brush who are at risk. Many people who live in Lyme-plagued areas are exposed in their own well-manicured backyards, sitting in the grass or weeding the garden.

In December, the Food and Drug Administration approved the world’s first Lyme vaccine, SmithKline Beecham’s **LYMERix**. Now doctors are advising anyone age 15-70 who lives in a Lyme-endemic state and spends time outdoors to consider being vaccinated.

It is NOT for everyone. SmithKline hasn’t finished testing how safe LYMERix is for children and how well it protects them; study results are expected this year. It hasn’t been tested in the very elderly, pregnant women or people with such chronic diseases as rheumatoid arthritis. Nor is the vaccine a panacea: It requires two shots given about a month apart, and then a third shot a year later. After the three-shot series, LYMERix offers about 80 percent protection from Lyme disease. But after just the first two shots, the vaccine is only about 50 percent protective.

Please contact your family physician for more information. Don’t let this debilitating disease even get a start in you or your loved ones.

## Education Division Phone Numbers

### General Information

1-800-792-1112 + 0 ask for ext. 4999  
(512) 389-4999  
Fax (512) 389-8042

### Records

Kathy Powell 1-800-792-1112 + 63  
(512) 389-8142

### Videos & Supplies

Jack Nasworthy 1-800-792-1112 + 61  
(512) 389-4795  
Fax (512) 389-8030

### Automated Hunter Education Course line

(24 hours a day)  
1-800-792-1112 + 62

## Did you know...

### Texas Nets \$18 Million for Wildlife/Sport Fish Restoration

Putting their money where their love of the outdoors is Texas anglers and hunters were responsible for bringing in over \$18 million to fund state wildlife conservation and research projects through this year's Federal Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration program.

According to a final apportionment report from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service released recently, the \$18,350,722 represents Texas' share of nearly \$3789 million in excise taxes paid by sportsmen on hunting and fishing equipment. State fish and wildlife agencies, such as Texas Parks and Wildlife, use the money for fish and wildlife conservation through land acquisition, habitat improvement, research, education and other programs.

TPW will receive an estimated \$10,621,457 from Sport Fish Restoration Program (Dingell-Johnson Act), to be used for fisheries-related programs and boating access. The agency also will receive \$7,729,265 for wildlife restoration, which will be used for wildlife-related projects and hunter education from the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program (Pittman-Robertson Act).

The apportionment to states for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs is derived from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers and an 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment.

The apportionment for sport fish restoration comes from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3 percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. The Wallop-Breaux legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the federal fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Since its inception, the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program has provided more than \$4 billion that states have used for wildlife restoration projects. The money is distributed to the states for projects proposed by the states and approved by the USFWS. Federal aid funds pay for up to 75 percent of the cost of each project while the states contribute at least 25 percent of the cost. Distribution of the restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of license holders in each state. Texas receives the maximum 5 percent allowable under the program.

**NOTE:**

***Instructors please make sure you pass this information on to your students. Let them know they are part of the conservation efforts going on in this state. We have a new lesson plan to help instructors teach about this topic. Please feel free to use it when it arrives.***

## NSSF Invites Individuals to "Take Your Best Shot"

Jim Smith, National Shooting Sports Development Director for the National Shooting Sports Foundation recently announced a new program to get youth interested in the shooting sports. The package is comprised of targets for light rifle, and score sheets for Trap, Skeet or Sporting Clays shotgun activities.

The intent is to have individuals "take their best shot" and send it in for evaluation. Each individual will receive a U.S. Shooting Team patch and a letter with a listing of places to practice and further their chances of possibly becoming an Olympic shooter.

We have the packages available upon request. Please contact our office for a supply and distribute them to interested youth.



## Welcome New Instructors

### APRIL

Jason Morris	Idalou
Robert Paul	Bedford
Iva Eglund	Houston
Martha Fillingim	Breckenridge
Mary Fogel	Kerrville
Michael Davis	Ozona
Scot Dahms	Flower Mound
Allen Miller	Austin
Jeff Jacks	San Angelo
Timothy Gilmore	Ozona
James Folmar	Frankston
Kenneth Clarke	McKinney
Thomas Shakelford	Burkburnett
Claude Herber	Boerne
Michelle Haggerty	Tyler

### MAY

Aaron Dampier	Austin
Max Heatherington	Corpus Christi
Marley Morris	Katy

James Doyal  
Terry Rucker  
Brooks Barkley  
Roger Roewe

Mountain Home  
Pipe Creek  
Boerne  
Haskell

### JUNE

John Williamson  
Jeff Holt  
Charles Mcham  
Amy Bowling  
Betty Brown  
Claude Brown  
David Fenter  
Heraldo Gonzalez  
Luis Villegas  
Shirlene James  
Kyle Burke  
Casey Cain  
Billy Carr  
Ryan Oneal  
Brian Toce  
Kevin Edney

San Antonio  
Grapeland  
Chandler  
Irene  
Lubbock  
Lubbock  
Fritch  
Roma  
Benavides  
Spring  
Dallas  
Deer Park  
College Station  
Marquez  
Bryan  
Garland

Robert Roth  
John Sheffy  
Jeremy James  
Melissa Long  
James Rogers  
Jay Williams  
Ryan Bergeson  
Brenten Brown  
Russell Clark  
Gail Jernigan  
Jeff Tjoelker  
Albert Curless  
Dale Hrabovsky  
Carlos Mendoza  
Scott Morelock  
Debbie Mullins  
Michael Sheils  
Alexander Tran  
Andrew Unnash  
Jonathan Johnson  
Heather McCarver  
Stephanie Middlebrooks  
Timothy Siler

Willis  
College Station  
Austin  
College Station  
College Station  
Paris  
Bertram  
Iowa Park  
Belton  
Bryan  
Tyler  
San Antonio  
College Station  
College Station  
College Station  
Arlington  
Colleyville  
Spring  
Thorndale  
Irving  
College Station  
Burlleson  
Brady

## Welcome New Area Chiefs

**Ferris Bavousette**, Fort Worth, is a public educator and has been an instructor since 1996. He completed all requirements recently and will help cover Tarrant and surrounding counties.

**Dr. Peggy Weyel**, also a public educator from San Antonio, will assist other Area Chiefs in covering Bexar and surrounding counties. Peggy has been an instructor since 1988.

**Tamara Trail**, San Angelo, works for the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. She has been an instructor since 1996. Her duties include working with the 4-H Field and Stream groups around the state and

training individuals to conduct outdoor programs for youngsters. She will help cover Tom Green and surrounding counties, but will add her expertise while on the road working with other groups.

**Denise Harmel-Garza**, College Station, also works for the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. Her area is Brazos and surrounding counties, but like Tamara, will conduct special conservation education programs for various individuals and groups about the state. Denise has been an instructor since 1995.

Congratulations to all these individuals.

## Need a Place to Teach?

During the IHEA conference in Buffalo, NY, Wal-Mart, Vice President, Steve McFadden, made the announcement that all 2300 Wal-Mart stores across North America would offer space for classes and/or promote Hunter Education to the public. Most Super Center stores have training rooms for classes. Smaller stores have space, but the positive thing is they are all supportive.

Contact your local stores and thank them for this opportunity and set up classes if you need a place. Also, put up your announcement

posters for upcoming courses, and leave some Hunter Education program brochures with contact numbers on them.

In the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Ron Singletary of Jumbo Sports is offering their stores as a place to hold classes. The locations are in Dallas, Tarrant and Collin Counties. Ron may be reached at (817) 281-8922 for more information and to schedule one of these locations. Let us know if courses are scheduled. The busy time is nearly upon us.

## MUZZLELOADING WORKSHOP

Shown here with NMLRA's Donna Gatlin, front row third from left, is the group that took the workshop at Rebel Arms in Pasadena. Too bad not more individuals turned out for this event. Thanks to Donna and Roy Gatlin for providing an excellent workshop.



## TRACKING WORKSHOP



Eddie Starnater, instructor from Greenville, conducted an outstanding advanced in-service workshop in College Station. Everyone was really getting into the workshop when a concerned grandfather approached the group with news that his two small grandsons were lost. Everyone thought it was a "set up" for the class, even Eddie.

However, it turned out to be for real. The grandfather had let the two youngsters, ages 5 and 9, out at the end of the airport runway to watch the planes take off and land. While he was gone to get something for them to drink, the two boys got bored and wandered off. When the grandfather returned, the boys were no where to be found.

The panic-stricken grandfather came to the nearby area where the tracking workshop was being held and told his tale. Eddie took the group and found the youngsters within one hour. The boys were near a pond by a large oak tree. When asked why they stayed there, they replied, "We knew someone would find us if we stayed put by this tree." Eddie then had the group backtrack the boys to the very spot where the grandfather let them out. Pretty good "teachable moment." 007132

## OUTREACH EFFORTS

Often times many things in life are taken for granted. We can say we have sympathy for a certain condition, but seldom do we ever have empathy. During a recent outing to conduct programs in archery and crossbow shooting, Steve Hall and Terry Erwin encountered some fine individuals at the "Camp For All" near Lake Somerville. Most of these kids and adults enjoyed being able to do these activities for the first time ever. Shown here is Sunday Rae Beech with a perfect "bulls eye" accomplished with a crossbow. It took little effort to instruct each one on how to hold and release the bows or crossbows. No one will ever know how great these individuals felt after accomplishing something like this. You just had to be there to see the smiles and reactions.



TPW Education Division will be assisting with many outreach efforts, like this one, next year. We need volunteers to come and help conduct them. You can't buy satisfaction like this at any price after seeing and helping with these events. Not every event involves people with disabilities so don't let that be a deterrent to helping. A listing of outreach programs will be posted in the next issue of "TT." Feel free to sign up and help with any of them.

## ETHICS WORKSHOP



During the July 10-11, workshop held in Austin, thirty-five individuals were on hand to learn more about how to teach hunter responsibility, game laws and ethics. Game Warden, Lt. Commander, Rod Chalmers was in attendance and covered topics on game laws and how to teach from the TPW Outdoor Annual. One of the toughest topics to teach, (ethics) was enhanced with use of Alan Madison's new version of "Measure of the Hunt," now titled "The Hunter's Path." Both versions are available from our video library.

# Kudos, Kudos, Kudos!

## Gene Norton Receives S.C.O.T. Award

During the annual SCOT, Sportsmen’s Conservationist of Texas, banquet held in Austin, Walter “Gene” Norton received the “Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor of the Year” award. Gene is a retired school teacher and coach after more than 33 years with the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District in Baytown. He still substitutes almost every day since retirement in 1996. He said, “I just can’t give up those kids.” He is an Area Chief instructor and has been active since 1972, certifying more than 4,408 students in 155 courses.

Gene conducts most courses at the Memorial Baptist Church. He helped with development and design of the new Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education Center in Baytown, where he also created a hunter skills trail and live firing area for use as a home study testing site. He serves as a member of the Texas Hunter Education Advisory Group, which sets policies and procedures for the program. He is an active member of several education, teacher and firearms safety organizations.

The unique part of this event was that Gene’s mother, Estelene, and his wife, Jane, shown here with him, were present to see



him receive the award. Every parent enjoys seeing their children receive honors. The next day, Gene took his mother and wife by TPW headquarters for a tour. While there they viewed the Texas Hunter Education Hall of Fame Plaque. Gene’s name was added in 1994 when he reached that incentive award level. Congratulations Gene!



In recent years, individuals reaching the incentive award levels for handgun, rifle or shotgun should know that **Mr. Joe McBride** of **McBride’s Guns** in Austin, has been the one who made it possible for them to receive that award. Shown here with his print, “Continuing The Heritage,” is Joe McBride. We certainly appreciate all he has done to help the Hunter Education program.

## Kudos, Kudos, Kudos!



Instructor Gerald Chapman, Amarillo, is shown with his 2500 point handgun award he just picked up from McBride's Guns in Austin. Gerald has been in the program since 1972. He was in the area for a family reunion. You don't just run to Austin from Amarillo to pick up something like this every day. Congratulations Gerald!

**Billy Holt**, Area Chief from Breckenridge, is shown with his 2500 point handgun incentive award along with Terry Erwin. He came down for the Hunter Responsibility, Game Laws and Ethics workshop and arrived a day early to pick up the handgun from McBride's Guns. Billy has been in the program since 1972, and is the brother of Darrell Holt, former Hunter Education Coordinator. Congratulations Billy!

Congratulations to new Area Chief, **Dr. Peggy Weyel** of San Antonio. She has worked long and very hard pursuing her Doctorate in Education. Not only is she a new AC, but she was awarded two "Teacher of the Year" awards recently.

Among her other duties related to volunteerism, include being the Treasurer of both the Texas Hunter Education Instructors' Association and the South Central Texas Hunter Education Instructor's Association. These two positions keep her busy enough, let alone being an educator in the public school system. We are extremely proud of her.



# HEAT INDEX

Extreme Danger
Danger
Extreme Caution

## Prevention of Heat Illness

- 1. Respect the heat.**  
Monitor weather and adjust workouts accordingly.  
Exercise in coolest parts of the day.
- 2. Avoid dehydration.**  
Before activity, drink 1 pint of water.  
During activity, drink 1/2 cup every 20 minutes.  
Weigh before and after activity. Drink 1 pint of water for every pound of weight lost.  
Avoid caffeine and alcohol.
- 3. Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.**
- 4. Allow sufficient time for acclimatization** (8-11 days).
- 5. Recognize personal risks.**  
If at risk, restrict hot weather activities.  
If on medication, be familiar with risk potential.
- 6. Become familiar with symptoms and signs of heat illness.**
- 7. Stop activity at first signs of heat illness.**

Temperature (F)

RH (%)	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105
90	119	123	128	132	137	141	146	152	157	163	168	174	180	186	193	199
85	115	119	123	127	132	136	141	145	150	155	161	166	172	178	184	190
80	112	115	119	123	127	131	135	140	144	149	154	159	164	169	175	180
75	109	112	115	119	122	126	130	134	138	143	147	152	156	161	166	171
70	106	109	112	115	118	122	125	129	133	137	141	145	149	154	158	163
65	103	106	108	111	114	117	121	124	127	131	135	139	143	147	151	155
60	100	103	105	108	111	114	116	120	123	126	129	133	136	140	144	148
55	98	100	103	105	107	110	113	115	118	121	124	127	131	134	137	141
50	96	98	100	102	104	107	109	112	114	117	119	122	125	128	131	135
45	94	96	98	100	102	104	106	108	110	113	115	118	120	123	126	129
40	92	94	96	97	99	101	103	105	107	109	111	113	116	118	121	123
35	91	92	94	95	97	98	100	102	104	106	107	109	112	114	116	118
30	89	90	92	93	95	96	98	99	101	102	104	106	108	111	112	114

*\*\*Exposure to full sunshine will increase these values by up to 15F*

Source: 3d Weather Squadron, Ft. Hood, TX

Heat Exhaustion	Treatment	Heat Stroke	Treatment
Nausea	Rest	Lack of coordination	Immediate cooling
Vomiting			
Irritability	Cooldown (shade, air conditioning)	Bizarre behavior	<b>This is a medical emergency!</b>
Headache			
Rapid heart rate			
Weakness	Increase fluids	Coma	Get medical attention
Difficulty breathing			
Dizziness		Vomiting	
Chills		Elevated body temperature	
Dehydration			

## Wildlife Expo Needs Volunteers

Individuals are being recruited at this time in order to fill vacant spaces seen at last year's event. We had the lowest number of return volunteers in several years. It is almost impossible to run a safe and successful event without adequate numbers of qualified instructors. **Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association (T.H.E.I.A.)** 003826 has, again, agreed to pay for sandwiches and drinks to be distributed during noon work hours of Expo on Saturday and Sunday.

Come on out and help someone become acquainted with the shooting sports, as well as other events. Let us know if you are interested in attending and volunteering. Fill out the sign up sheet below and mail it in so we can reserve your Expo T-shirt. You might want to make your reservations at local motels, because there is a UT football game that weekend and things are almost booked up now.

Send this form to Texas Parks & Wildlife, Hunter Education, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.



## Yes, I'll help with Expo '99

Saturday, Oct. 2, 1999     Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

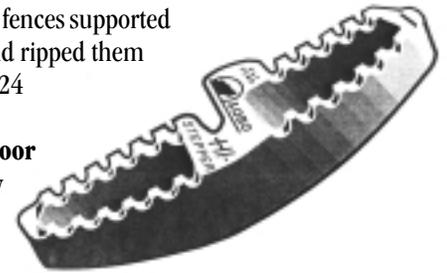
Instructor # \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

# New Items on the Market

## Step Over T-Post Fences With Ease

"The Original" MASON HI-STEPPER™ is a product developed to make it easier to cross and save those fences supported by T-Post. How often have you encountered barbed wire an caught your vest, shirt, coat or pants and ripped them when snagged. No more crawling under or between strands when crossing fences that use T-Post. 004124

**NOTE: In the last issue of "TT," an incorrect phone number was given to contact Lobo Outdoor Products. The correct number is 1-888-817-4265. For more information on price and how to order, call or write Kurt Moler at Lobo Outdoor Products, P. O. Box 37, Hugoton, KS 67951-0037.**



Wildlife Enterprises, who brought you the "Deer Aging Board," now has a "Pocket Deer Aging Tool." The device is so compact that it can be carried in a shirt pocket and used readily in the field to immediately age deer. The tool retails for \$12.95. If interested, contact Mike Kasberg at 22 Laurel Way, Kerrville, TX, 78028, call (830) 257-4538 or email at: [rodm@ktc.com](mailto:rodm@ktc.com).



Rapid Rod™ by Atsko Inc. is designed to remove barrel obstructions during the hunt and for field cleaning firearms under adverse conditions. It features no loose parts to get lost in the woods; it's a rigid rod that fits in your shirt pocket when disassembled; it can remove mud, dirt, snow, or ice from your barrel in seconds while in the field; fits rifle bores sizes .22 to .54 caliber with barrel lengths to 26" and shotgun barrels up to 32" in gauges .410 through 10. 007662 Tell students to look for a discount coupon for this unique item in the Atsko handout "How Animals See Colors." This hand out is being shipped with each set of materials. Make sure each student gets a copy with accompanying coupon. Thanks to Dan Gutting of Atsko for all the support given to Hunter Education.

## New Cleaning Tool



This fine pen-sized instrument, produced by Otis technology, Inc., can be used to clean out those muzzleloading nipple holes and flash pans. It can be utilized for in-line cap flash hole cleaning also. The product has a retractable wire pick on one end and a bristle brush on the other. It can be carried in a shirt pocket for easy access or stored with other cleaning tools. For more information, contact them at P.O. Box 582, Lyons Falls, NY, 13368, call 1-800-OTIS-GUN or email at [www.otisgun.com](http://www.otisgun.com).

Hey folks...

That busy season is just around the corner and I'm getting ready for the deluge of registration forms to arrive at my office. We are having some modifications done to the computer system to upgrade it. Things should be completed by the time you read this newsletter.

**\*\* NOTE: All information on the new temporary card must be PRINTED (except for instructor signature) in INK. After you print your instructor name, please sign and fill in your instructor number and date. Here are samples of "temporary" and permanent cards. These are the only ones that can/should be accepted as proof of completion of the Hunter Education course.**

**PLEASE** try to make sure that all forms are corrected **BEFORE** you send them in. I spend 75% of my time correcting little mistakes. Things would go a lot faster if you look over the forms and make those corrections before mailing.

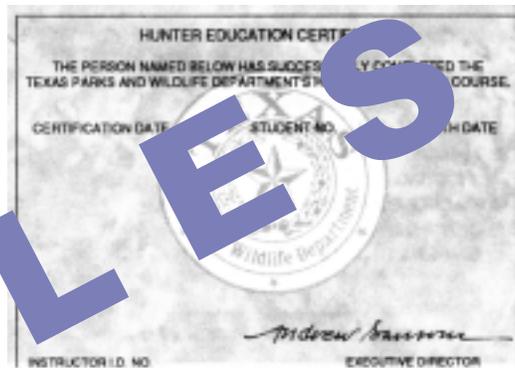
**REMEMBER** if you have email capability, and a PC that will accept Microsoft Access, I can email you the Access format to enter your classes and then you can email them back to me. If all goes well, the cards are mailed out the next day. All you have to do is follow up by mailing the originals and the money for processing.

**One Last Thing.....**Instructors are still sending in "UNDER AGE" students and telling them they will be certified. As of **June '97**, the computer will **NOT** accept nor certify anyone before their twelfth (12) birthday. The student must retake the course after turning 12, or they will only receive a "Certificate of Attendance."

If you have any questions, give me a call at 1-800-792-1112 + 63. Until later, keep up the good work.

Kathy

TEMPORARY	DUPLICATE
<b>HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENT CERTIFICATION</b>	
Student's Name _____ (Please Print Legibly)	
Address _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	
Student I. D. Number _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____	
Date Certified ____/____/____	
Issued by the Texas Parks and Wildlife as verified by:	
Name: _____ (Please Print) _____ (T.P.W. Regional _____)	
Title: _____	
Signature: _____	



SAMPLES

TEMPORARY STUDENT CARD *MUST BE COMPLETED IN INK.	
_____ (NAME-PLA _____) _____ (DATE OF BIRTH) _____ has	
successfully completed the following certification course through Texas Parks & Wildlife. The student's security number is the Temporary Student I.D. number.	
_____ ANGLER EDUCATION (TEMP. STUDENT I.D.# _____)	
_____ BOATER EDUCATION (TEMP. STUDENT I.D.# _____)	
_____ HUNTER EDUCATION (TEMP. STUDENT I.D.# _____)	
_____ BOWHUNTER EDUCATION (TEMP. STUDENT I.D.# _____)	
CERTIFIED BY _____ DATE _____	
_____ (PRINT) _____	
_____ SIGNATURE _____	_____ INST. I.D.# _____

**TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE**

**OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

# **THE BOWHUNTER**

**International Bowhunter Education Program  
of Texas**

## **YEAR 2000 IN-SERVICE WORKSHOPS**

**W**e are planning to have several In-Service Workshops this next year in hopes of having larger attendance and reaching more instructors. Our goal for the year 2000 is to have an In-Service Workshop in several parts of the State. Also new for the year 2000, we will combine a hunt with the In-Service for a new and different approach. Only IBEP of Texas Instructors are invited to attend.

**O**ne of the first In-Service Workshops is planned for the second weekend in March 2000 at Los Cuernos (south of San Antonio). The cost per person is \$250.00. This includes meals and lodging for Saturday and Sunday. It also includes one hog-javelina regardless of size, guide services, game recovery and cleaning. This In-Service is limited to the first 30 instructors. Deposits of \$125.00 must be received by October 1, 1999. The balance will be due upon arrival. Interested instructors should send your \$125.00 deposit to IBEP of Texas, 3 Briar Meadow Court, Joshua, TX 76058-9742. Please make checks out to IBEP of Texas.

**W**e are working out the details for two more In-Service Workshops. One will be in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and the other one will be in the west Texas area. All year 2000 In-Service Workshops will combine a hunt with the training. Please make plans to attend one or all of the workshops.

## **TPWD EXPO THIS FALL**

**T**he Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and the Lone Star Bowhunters Association need IBEP Instructors to volunteer and help with the booths and other activities at this year's EXPO in Austin.

**I**f you have not helped at this event in the past, please make it your first - it is a lot of fun. This will allow us to introduce and recruit both youth & adults to the outdoor sports. It is very worthwhile. Please contact Dwight Purvis and he will direct you to the proper contact at either TPWD or LSBA.

## **'99 IBEP Workshops**

**P**lease notify Dwight Purvis as you schedule Student and Instructor classes. Remember that we need a minimum of one week's advance notice to insure shipment of materials to you.

## **Just A Reminder...**

**Y**ou can reach your Texas Chairman, Dwight Purvis at (817) 295-3805 or by e-mail: [toxophilus@juno.com](mailto:toxophilus@juno.com)

**Aim to be "Bulls-Eye Perfect"**