



Target Talk

Texas Hunter Education Program



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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

My Farewell Note

This year has gone by much quicker than I expected. It will be two weeks until my last day of working with the finest state conservation agency in the world. My 25 years has been an exceptionally rewarding experience. I have met thousands of great volunteers, who I'm sure will help students carry on the tradition of hunting well into the future.

I have had the privilege of teaching in each of the Game Warden Training Academies since 1988, and have met most all the current game wardens. I have made some lasting friendships, and look forward to visiting them as my travels take me across the state. Remember, as one instructor always says, **"It's not what we gather in life, but what we scatter."** Please continue to "scatter" safety and responsibility and work with your local wardens.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all your dedication, hard work, late hours, horrific phone calls in the middle of the night, and more especially those smiles of the ones you helped to make safer and more responsible. I learned so much about managing programs and dealing with volunteers. I did not always do the right thing, and I often upset many folks, but as

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Stephen Garza, Corpus Christi, accepts his rifle from Charlie Wilson for winning first place in the senior division.

Whiz-Bang Hosts 21st Event

Charlie Wilson, Mobile Shooting Sports Specialist, hosted the 21st Annual Whiz-Bang State Finals at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio on October 27. Jimmie Caughron, Hunter Education Training Specialist, and Terry Erwin, Hunter Education Manager, were on hand to assist with the event, as well. Steve Hall, Executive Director of the Texas State Rifle Association, provided all photos.

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Coordinator's Corner, continued

time progressed, I hope I have smoothed all bridges that were, at one time, a little rough.

As I speak from the heart, I realize we often learn much, but many times, too late. I hope each of you understand that any differences we might have had are all now smoothed over and forgotten. I wish you success in the future and hope you will all carry on and continue to do the same great job you have always done for TPWD.

Included with this newsletter are several items for your perusal. One is the THEIA newsletter with all the regional board members listed. If you have any concerns contact your representative so they can voice your feelings during their meetings. Another is the IHEA-USA registration form and agenda for the annual conference to be held in San Antonio on April 2-6, 2013.

The **Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association (THEIA)** was initially formed in the early 1990s to assist TPWD with the Hunter Education program. Upon initial certification, all instructors are given a one-year complemen-

tary membership. If you have not updated your membership or joined in general, **please join or update your THEIA membership** using the enclosed form. Fundraiser events with THEIA are what help procure incentive awards for instructors. Besides, a lot of great things have been accomplished with THEIA's valuable input and support.

The individual who replaces me by early January will be able to carry on and have a very smooth transition without any difficulty, and I know the volunteers will make them feel as welcome as you have made me. Thank you all for your tireless efforts and genuine friendship. May your trails be filled with abundant game and all your courses with students you would not hesitate to spend time with in the woods. You will not always remember every one of your students, but I can assure you, most of your students will remember you and what you taught them. **"Do well your part, for there all honor lies."**

Have a beautiful Holiday season and a very Happy New Year. Our paths will surely cross in the future, so until then ... Always be Safe!

Terry Erwin

Whiz-Bang Hosts 21st Event, continued

All awards and prizes were donated by various industries and groups and totaled over \$35,000. Lifetime hunting licenses were awarded to the top winners in each of Senior, Intermediate and Junior class shooters thanks to the Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth.

Firearms were awarded to top winners who already had lifetime licenses and opted for a 7mm-08 rifle provided by Browning Arms, Scott Grange, Marketing Director. Additional shotguns were provided by Browning and Beretta Arms.



Hunter Eitz (left) Hondo, accepts his rifle from Charlie Wilson for winning first place in the Intermediate Division. Zeth Smith, Dime Box, accepts his rifle for winning first place in the Junior Division.

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IN THE NEWS...

From National Shooting Sports Foundation

Second Quarter Excise Taxes Up 43.7 Percent

According to the latest Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax Collection report released by the Department of the Treasury, firearm and ammunition manufacturers reported tax liabilities of \$159.9 million in the second calendar quarter of 2012, up 43.7 percent over the same time period reported in 2011. This 2012 second-quarter total is the highest quarter reported since the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau took over record collection in 1991 — surpassing the previous highest quarter reported (1st quarter 2012) by 9.78 percent.

FAET Obligations Update

Following are the results of the Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax (FAET) collections report for the second quarter calendar year 2012. These figures cover the period of April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Pistol and Revolvers:	\$52,506,190.04
Firearms (Other) / Long guns:	\$57,563,816.99
Ammunition (shells & cartridges):	\$49,792,059.45
TOTAL:	\$159,862,066.4

Hunter Profile Available To NSSF Members

NSSF's 16-page report, "A Profile of Today's Hunter," provides a state-by-state 20-year historical view of paid hunting-license holders in the US. With the recent increases in firearms sales, hunting-license sales have started to reverse a downward trend and have leveled off in recent years. The report also provides statistics on excise tax collections and the economics of hunting. NSSF members that log in at nssf.org/members may access this and additional reports by clicking NSSF Industry Research and then Industry Intelligence Reports.

The Range Report: Shoot For Senior Moments

Talk to range owners anywhere and they will more than likely mention the upswing in attendance at their shooting classes lately. They might even mention that the demographics for their classes have grown in the senior citizen category. Is your range reaching out to seniors? Here are five good reasons from NSSF's Range Report magazine that your range should shoot for some senior moments.
<http://rangereport.org/shoot-for-senior-moments/>

Wildlife Conservation Funds Could Be Raided to Reduce Deficit

Breach of Trust With America's Sportsmen

One more negative outcome of the inability of Congress and the Obama administration to reach an agreement on reducing the federal deficit may be the siphoning off of millions of dollars from wildlife conservation funding provided by the 10-11 percent tax paid on new firearms and ammunition under the 75-year-old Pittman-Robertson Act. This eventuality is brought to you courtesy of the so-called budget sequestration measure that forces a \$1.2 trillion cut in federal spending should Congress fail to enact a deficit-reduction plan. Because no such agreement is yet in view, draconian mandated across-the-board budget cuts, sometimes referred to as "the fiscal cliff," are what awaits the nation starting early in 2013. Granted, there are larger economic issues posed by our burgeoning national debt and the inability of our elected leaders to reach a comprehensive agreement on taxing and spending, but any funds taken from what is supposed to be a dedicated trust fund to benefit wildlife conservation still constitutes a breach of trust with America's sportsmen and reneges on a promise first made during the height of the Great Depression. Hunters and shooting sports enthusiasts should call their U.S. representatives and senators at 202-224-3121 and tell them to safeguard Pittman-Robertson funds for their historic conservation purposes.

IN THE NEWS...

From National Shooting Sports Foundation

Outdoor Recreation Reaches High

Participation in outdoor recreation reached a five-year high in 2011 with nearly 50 percent of all Americans ages six and older enjoying the outdoors. That equates to 141.1 million American outdoor participants. The findings are part of The Outdoor Foundation's *2012 Outdoor Recreation Participation Report*, the leading report tracking American participation trends in outdoor recreation with a focus on youth, diversity and the future of the outdoors.

Key Findings

- Nearly 50 percent of Americans ages six and older participated in outdoor recreation in 2011. That equates to a total of 141.1 million Americans.
- Outdoor recreation reached the highest participation level in five years. Outdoor recreation added three million participants in 2011 – a significant improvement over the past few years when participation either dropped or remained stagnant.
- In 2011, outdoor participants made 11.5 billion outings – that is 1.4 billion more outings than 2010.
- Freestyle skiing participation grew 59 percent over the past three years.
- Almost 60 percent of stand up paddling participants tried the activity for the first time in 2011.
- Almost half of all outdoor enthusiasts participate in outdoor activities at least once per week.
- Participants in gateway activities are more likely to enjoy multiple outdoor activities, rather than just one. In fact, 87 percent of hikers participate in one or more other outdoor activities.
- For the first time since 2006, participation in outdoor recreation among young boys reversed its downward trend and added participants. The participation rate among female teenagers also grew, reaching the highest rate recorded in this report.
- Although participation rates among youth ages six to 17 are up, average annual outings are down from 98 outings per participant in 2010 to 81 outings in 2011.
- Youth who do not participate in outdoor activities say they are not interested in the outdoors. For young adults, lack of time is a bigger barrier than lack of interest.
- Introducing outdoor recreation and physical activities early in life has a lasting effect. Among adults who are current outdoor participants, 82 percent report having a physical education class between the ages of six and 12. Forty-five percent of adult outdoor participants took part in outdoor activities from ages six to 12.
- As seen in previous reports, participation in outdoor activities is significantly higher among Caucasians than any other ethnicity and lowest among African Americans.
- Although Hispanic Americans have one of the lowest overall outdoor participation rates, those who do participate go outside the most often.

Lead in Ammunition ‘Very Inert’

In a column by Emily Miller of the Washington Times last week, research scientist Don Saba explained the difference between the lead in bullets and the lead in paint that is harmful to children. “The lead that is used in ammunition is metallic lead and is a very inert material that does not dissolve in water and is not absorbed by plants or animals,” Dr. Saba said. “There is a tremendous toxicity difference between highly inert metallic lead used in ammunition and the highly toxic lead compounds used in legacy leaded paints.” Dr. Saba noted that groups intent on banning traditional ammunition made with lead components are deliberately trying to confuse and scare the public into thinking they are the same. Read the article: www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/sep/27/lead-bullets-under-fire/

10 Reasons to Invite A Newcomer Hunting And Shooting

Before the weather turns uninviting and schedules fill up with holiday obligations, NSSF reminds experienced hunters and shooters that autumn is a great time of year to invite a newcomer, whether a youth or adult, to experience the rewards of hunting and target shooting. NSSF gives you 10 reasons to invite someone and makes available themed postcards to email from its *Invite Someone Shooting* (www.nssf.org/shooting/invite/) and *Invite Someone Hunting* (www.nssf.org/hunting/invite/) webpages.



This Year's Big Time Texas Hunts Winners Have Been Chosen!

Texas Grand Slam — Roger Theisen of Yoakum, TX

Texas Premium Buck Hunt — Melvin Solomon of Conroe, TX

Texas Exotic Safari — Henry Bell of Seguin, TX;
Gaynard Wenglar of East Bernard, TX

Texas Whitetail Bonanza — John Dagenhart of Blackwell, TX;
Garrie Struhall of Austin, TX; Russell Terral of Mertzon, TX;
James Low of Cherokee, TX; Kevin Preston of Conroe, TX;
Craig Enright of Quinlan, TX; Patrick Bailey of Corpus Christi,
TX; Robert Flatley of San Antonio, TX

Texas Waterfowl Adventure — Gary Lee of Conroe, TX

Texas Gator Hunt — Lee Friedman of Clayton, CA

Texas Big Time Bird Hunt — Riley Marsh of Yoakum, TX

License Year Off to Hot Start, Internet Sales on the Rise

By Carly Montez, Communications Division

License Year 2013 kicked off by setting records! On August 15, TPWD sold \$1,570,763 worth of licenses, making it the largest revenue producing ‘first day’ ever for the department. The previous high was in 2009 with just \$815,000 in sales. “It was a record day by a wide margin,” remarked License Revenue Manager Tom Newton. “Let’s hope this is a sign of a really good year ahead.”

Feral Hogs Cause Damage

A few months ago, one of our Area Chief instructors in the Dallas area was contacted about damage done by feral hogs in and around one of the nice golf courses. After gaining permission to hunt with crossbows, a few of the hogs were removed. Shown here is just a small portion of the damage caused by the “rooters” one evening on a newly planted grass area.



Ethics and “What Not to Do”

Please take a look at the picture. It was sent to me by a friend of mine that lives in Graham, Texas. He was upset by this and what it represented. We don’t need any hunters doing this.

“Inconsiderate city dwellers! It was 79 degrees outside, the body cavity was open so it’s now full of the red dirt from lease road that has been treated with crude oil for dust control. This is an every weekend occurrence out here now.”

Anonymous Instructor

Hunter's Tip of the Day

Become successful in the field by planning, practice and preparation. This includes shooting, food plots, trail cams, scouting, journaling, learning about your quarry, and spending time observing game in their own habitat and actions.

A Hunting We Shall Go...

Cooke County Youth Hunt 2012

By Darla Barr, Game Warden

The 2012 Youth Hunt has come and gone, but many memories were made that will last a lifetime. The hunters met on Saturday morning for registration and orientation. They were also introduced to an honored guest and first-time hunter, and two-tour Iraq combat veteran, Andrew Salazar. Safety instructions were given and equipment issued. Following a lunch provided by CiCi's pizza, all hunters went to the target range to sight in rifles and had a turn at a life-like deer target. Once everyone honed their shooting skills, it was time to disperse to local ranches in hopes of harvesting their first deer.

By nightfall, eight of the hunters had hit their target and were ready to learn how to dress a deer. Back at camp, they enjoyed supper provided by the Hess family with volunteers from the VFW Post 6205. The youth then gathered around the campfire for traditional s'mores and tales of the day. The morning hunt was less successful with only one deer taken, but that didn't dampen their spirits. Enthusiastic hunters returned to camp for a big breakfast provided by the Muenster Jaycees. All in all, the warm weather provided the right temperature for camping, and the

deer count wasn't bad either. All hunters had a great time with memories, smiles, pictures and the tales of the hunt. Each hunter also received a goodie-bag with t-shirts, face paint and ball caps to use in this and future hunts.

Cooke County Game Warden Darla Barr said, "I was glad to have this group of youth and parents out to hunt. For some parents, this was their first hunt as well. I know that what they learned at this hunt, will lead to some future parent/child bonding as they were excited to learn to hunt, and eager to go again." Barr also stated that she was grateful for all the wonderful volunteers that help out year after year to make this event possible. "They are so dedicated to the youth and wanting them to learn a tradition that can lead to a lifetime of enjoyment. And, without this event, many might not ever get to hunt and see what fun it is just to get outdoors and enjoy a peaceful day in the woods ... with the bonus of harvesting a deer."

While this hunt is only one evening and one morning and that may not sound like much, it takes a multitude of people behind the scenes to make this work, in

addition to the ranches and ranch managers that allow the hunt to take place.

With that said, I would like to thank all the sponsors, donors and volunteers.

This year's hunt was made possible by the following individuals and/or businesses: Ricky and Sandy Mobley; Jerry Stool-Frog Bottom Ranch; Manager Mack Faries; Brad Teel, Southern Cross Ranch; Jim Riley, Riley/Monroe Ranch; Sizelove Ranch; Ronnie Phillips; Brian Winters-Gainesville Glass; Red River Farm Co-op; Tony's Feed & Seed; Wild Country Game Processing; Cooke County Varmint Hunters Assoc.; Rickey Ramsey, CiCi's Pizza; Bayers Bakery; Hess Family and VFW Post 6205 members: Dave Walterschied, Tom Hartman, Jacob Hess, [Tim, Vickie, Jesse & Jeremy Hess] and Barry Fleitman; Muenster Jaycees and cooks, Jody Felderhoff, Lucas Hartman, Josh Walterschied, and Leon Klement; Monte Haverkamp, Prestige Portables; Mike Graves Feed Store; Cabela's; Mike Allison; Nick Sandmann; Alan and Rena Baldwin; Charlie Galubenski; Butch Schmidlkofer; Todd Wilkinson and all the Region 2, District 2 game wardens that filled whatever role was needed.



TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Student Training



Gib Lewis, former Speaker of the Texas House, has hunted all over the world, but was not required to be hunter education certified because of his age. However, he had a trip planned to another state which requires all "first time license buyers" to be certified. Mr. Lewis contacted John Rodriguez, Area Chief, Pipe Creek, and arranged to go through the online course and then the field day with John. They met at Mr. Lewis' ranch near Bertram and completed the field day.

John said he felt very intimidated because of all the trophies at the location, but managed to finalize the course and provide certification. Congratulations, Mr. Lewis and John for a job well done!

4-H Hunter Education Youth Camp

A special hunter education camp was held for 25 youngsters at the Game Warden Training Center near Hamilton. Lucchese Gordon, oldest daughter of Game Warden Lt. Jerry Gordon, was instrumental in developing this course last year, and assisted another youth 4-H leader to plan and facilitate this year's camp. Hunter Education Specialist Robert Ramirez was on hand to manage the activities, along with numerous volunteers and mentors, and the entire camp was a huge success. Great job folks!



Advanced Instructor Training



A group of instructors from Mexico and Texas convened at the Kerr WMA for an advanced white-tailed deer workshop in early September. The workshop was arranged by Maria Araujo, TPWD International Liaison, as a result of numerous previous workshops provided for those from Mexico. Three individuals from Nuevo Leon were on hand and all had previously attended the Game Warden Training Academy. What a great opportunity to share research information formulated by the Kerr WMA. Great job, folks!



In the Mailbox

A big "Thank You" to all of you for an exceptional job! This was another successful Youth Shooting Sports Event at the Chaparral WMA due to the professional assistance from all of you. We had approximately 102 students during the three-day event. The teachers and students who participated had a great time and wanted me to pass on their appreciation for the great job you do during these events. Please pass this "thank you" note on to your supervisors for allowing you the time to assist with the event. Hopefully I didn't miss anyone but if I did please forward this note on to them. I don't have the dates for the March YSSE yet but I will get that to you as soon as I have the dates. Thanks, Everyone!

Elena Lopez
Chaparral WMA

Dear Steve Russell:

I attended your hunter safety course this past Saturday in Abilene (Well, Fort Phantom). I just want to thank you. I expected something very boring and common sense, yet you were extremely entertaining and provided wonderful information. I particularly enjoyed the time you spent on hunting ethics. I am 36 years old and did not grow up hunting at all. My father enjoyed photography, so really liked taking pictures of wildlife. He did not hunt, so I did not learn to hunt. I grew up in a very small town in East Texas, so you can imagine the stereotypical hunter I encountered growing up. I have only been dove hunting once, last season, as I have a very close friend that loves to bird hunt. I really enjoyed it, especially spending time with an older man I respect so much. Anyway, I just wanted to tell you I appreciated the time you spent on that and the firm stance you took on a number of issues. I can tell also that this goes beyond morals for you to a place of faith. And I know others could see that as well. I'm guessing you come into contact with people with all sorts of backgrounds, and it's neat that you are able to influence so many with something you love to do so much. So, again, thank you! Thank you for your emphasis on values, honor,

and respect. And thank you for not being afraid to take a stand for what you believe in knowing that many in the crowd probably wouldn't agree with you on some of your points. My son turns nine next December and I will no doubt be signing us up for one of your courses. I'll see you then!

Blessings,
Tim W. Dunn, Abilene

Dear Staff:

George Lentz, Dan Griffin and I held another successful two-day class at Government Canyon SNA this past weekend. Yesterday when I got home I had an email from a Mr. Timothy Hernandez; he was one of our students. In the email he thanked us for holding the class, thought we did a great job and that we work well together. He also told me, that as a team, we inspired him to pursue the journey of becoming a Hunter Education instructor. I noticed that there are no classes in the San Antonio area and was wondering if anyone is kicking around dates for next year and perhaps we can get him on the roster. At the very least, one of us should contact him and let him know he is on our list of potentials. If someone has dates and a location I can act as the point of contact or you can directly contact him either way.

Thanks,
Jack Thompson, Area Chief
San Antonio

Capt. Morse, San Antonio TPWD Law Enforcement:

As always, the wardens were a big hit at our classes and both wardens provided some very specific details on their responsibilities, current laws and even some specifics on the Texas Penal Code. Many very positive questions from our students and parents (43 students and five parents were in attendance) were answered in a very descriptive but understandable and professional manner. The wardens did an outstanding job and they were very well received and appreciated at the course held at Bass Pro Shop in San Antonio, which included a hearing impaired individual. Thank you for your support of our volunteer efforts and of the Hunter Education program. Please don't hesitate to call if I can ever be of assistance to you, your wardens or the law enforcement community.



Lori Petty signs for Nicole Gipson during the course at Bass Pro Shop, San Antonio.

John Rodriguez
Area Chief, Pipe Creek

To Kitty Haynes,

I wanted to tell you both thank you for a very nice experience in Sunday's class. I always love classroom environments where the instructors have an obvious passion for the subject being taught which was obvious to me from the beginning. I learned quite a bit from the class and I can't wait to have the opportunity to test my new knowledge in two weeks. When I came out Saturday and missed the standby by four people, I decided to try again Sunday and I am glad I did. I wish you both the best and have a great hunting season this year!

Sincerely,
Seth Montgomery

Dear Ms. Powell:

Thank you for your understanding and assistance with the Hunters Education class at Dallas Arms Collectors Association Market Hall Gun Show this weekend. We found ourselves tasked with an unfortunate situation and your assistance helped us take the lemons and make lemonade. The class went on as scheduled; no children were left behind or denied the class. We ended the weekend with a great showing and a successful class. Moving forward DACA and the Market Hall Gun Show will be putting in place procedures that incorporate a contingency plan and we hope to never find ourselves in the situation in the future. Thank you once again for all you do, your job sometimes does not receive the recognition that it deserves and we wanted to reach out to you and tell you that we

appreciate you and all you do. Have a wonderful day. If I can be of any assistance in the future please keep my information and reach out to me any time.

Sincerely,
David "Lindsay" Hodgdon, Jr.
Texas Training Crew
DACA Education Provider

Gentlemen,

I can't think of a better way to help celebrate Thanksgiving than by just reflecting back on what has transpired in the last few months and on what together we have accomplished with family, friends and our hunter education classes (including those we taught at Bass Pro Shops in San Antonio).

Each of us probably have an enormous number of things that we are certainly thankful for including some personal, family, business, health or financial issues. We have probably made the best of some "not so favorable circumstances," but we no doubt have succeeded and are thankful for those challenges and opportunities as well.

I extend my personal thanks to you for your time and efforts in assisting with all the hunter education classes taught during these past few months. Collectively we have many more reasons to celebrate Thanksgiving, so let me outline just a few that come to mind:

We team taught nine classes at Bass Pro Shops this year (2012). We certified 347 students. We had 27 parents that attended, but did not require the certification. We had one student that required a signer (provided student with sign language). We had seven game wardens make appearances at our classes. We had one newspaper reporter that sat through a portion of our class, took pictures and commented that "we did one hell of a job." We certified 14 active-duty military and provided them a free certification (we picked up their fees to the state). We provided monetary gifts in excess of \$1,370 for this year (from proceeds of our classes) to our local community centers, emergency departments, Boy Scout troops, 4-H groups, Operation Game Thief (OGT), and South Central Texas Hunter Education (SCTHEIA). We provided many giveaways for our students during the classes (orange hats and vests, compasses, fire starters, ear protection, flashlights, etc.) and we drove many miles and many hours safely to and from each of these classes.

For all these very favorable accomplishments and statistics (and probably many more that I didn't list or know of), I am very, very appreciative, proud and give a tremendous THANKS to you all. You are all very willing to give and provide a great service to your fellow man, hunter and communities and you all deserve great respect for all that you do. I wish you all the very best during the Christmas season.

Respectfully,
John Rodriguez
Area Chief, Pipe Creek
“Do something nice for someone today.”

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

Heidi,

This weekend at BOW was fabulous. Thank you for taking on organizing this event. The instructors you recruit really make it a stellar experience. I took Discover Scuba with Chris, Backpacking with Dawn, Plant ID with Jean and Maps and Compass with Brock. What a fabulous line up. And may I add that Brock was amazingly patient. My sense of direction is a bit challenging and he was wonderful about repeating everything very slowly.

Michelle Kelly



San Angelo Youth Hunt

Brock Minton, Hunter Education Training Specialist, along with numerous volunteers and mentors, hosted the annual Youth and Physically Challenged hunt held in San Angelo during the Youth Only opening of deer season.



O'Henry Middle School Presentation

Ed Sanchez, Austin, provided information and materials at the O'Henry Middle School in Austin during one of their Safety Days. As many as 300+ youth came by his display while he provided Outdoor Annuals and Hunter Education brochures for the visitors. This was the second year he has been asked to make the presentation, and he does tremendous job. Thanks, Ed!

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

Make a list. Check it twice. When heading out for a trip in the outdoors, especially to a remote area, make a list of all you will need ahead of time. Check off what you will need as you pack it. Chances are, the wilderness areas will not have a store, a vending machine, or a retail outlet so you can purchase what you need in an emergency situation.



*Sabastian Zapata
with his dog, Chappy Boy*



Hunter Education Instructor Oscar Aguirre and his son, Xavier, look for a bird that Xavier downed.



Hunter Education Specialist Minton shows Carlos Alvear how to lead while shooting clay birds.

Resaca de la Palma Youth Hunt

Another successful Youth Mentor Dove Hunt was sponsored by Resaca de la Palma State Park while the hunt took place at the Miguel Ortiz, property owner of Rancho Viejo White Wing Outfitters. Leading the youth mentor dove hunt were Brock Minton South Texas Hunting Education Specialist and Jr. Munoz, South Texas Hunter Education Area Chief.

We had 23 birds harvested. The participants learned about the laws, leading birds while shooting, patterning their shot guns, identifying different birds while in flight, cleaning their harvest and judging distances.

Thanks to the parents for coming out and enjoying the day with their youth. What a better way to spend the day than with your youngster hunting. And, thanks to Miguel Ortiz for letting the group take the youth to his property for a wonderful hunt.

KATHY'S CORNER

Hi Folks! Yes, that's right, it's me again.... Just a friendly reminder (again) not to send cash in the mail. It is against TPWD policy to do this. Besides, if the cash got lost, it would be up to the instructor to replace the funding. **Do not forget to send Final Reports with your courses, and make sure all paperwork is completed! Not doing so significantly increases the time it takes to process records, and holds up certification. Thanks!!**

All records have been processed and we are in the mode of totaling up all the incentive points. We will also determine who taught the most courses and who taught the most students in 2012. After all, we are trying to reach that one millionth student! Winners will receive a new Henry Golden Boy engraved IHEA 60th Anniversary rifle. (Nice gun!!) Compliments of the Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association (THEIA).

Please support THEIA and rejoin after your one-year free membership expires. It's only \$12 per year and \$25 for three years. Your support helps provide funding for incentive awards for instructors and items like the ones mentioned above. (See THEIA newsletter attached.)

We are looking forward to the IHEA-USA Annual Conference to be held in San Antonio on April 2-6, 2013. The THEIA conference will be held on April 6, in conjunction with the IHEA-USA conference with a **\$100 registration fee, which covers two meals, awards luncheon and dinner banquet.** Please go to the IHEA-USA.org website and look under Annual Conferences for the registration form and fill it out and submit to IHEA-USA ASAP. Book your room at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio (\$139.00+tax per night) as soon as possible.

A full day of activities is planned with a lot of good presentations during the morning, and a THEIA business meeting will be held from 2-5 p.m. A huge banquet with live and silent auction will be held including entertainment. **Don't miss the opportunity to see how the IHEA-USA group does their event!**

KUDOS!

Instructors Make Hall of Fame



Heidi Rao, Hunter Education Training Specialist, presents Casimer "Casey" Stawicki, Houston, with his Hall of Fame plaque during the Take Me Outdoors Houston event. Casey came into the program in 2005, has taught 177 courses and certified 2,832 students. Congratulations, Casey!



Van Ellis, Port Arthur, accepts his Hall of Fame plaque from Kathy Powell, Hunter Education Administrative Technician. Kathy said she had always talked to Van, but never met him, so she wanted to present his award and give him hug. Van came into the program in 1992, has held 150 courses and certified 1,773 students. Congratulations, Van!

Ag Clays Update ... A Year Later



Drucilla Meier, Clyde, received the High Overall Female Sporting Clays trophy during the 2011 Ag Clays shoot held at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio.



She recently won the Women's 12 ga. World Skeet Championship also held at the National Shooting Complex. She is now attending Schreiner College in Kerrville on a shooting scholarship. Just goes to show what one can do when they are determined.

Mickey Phillips sent the results from his hunt in Colorado in October. One shot, one kill, 45 yards, .44 Mag. This is the first time that anyone had taken a pronghorn with a pistol on this ranch. Mickey is an instructor from Knickerbocker southwest of San Angelo. Congratulations, Mickey!



NEW INSTRUCTORS

Welcome, New Instructors

If you recognize any of these folks who might live near you, please give them a call and ask if you can help them get started. Remember, it is always appreciated when you lend a helping hand.

September

William McDonald	Evadale
John Carter	Kilgore
Mark Shook	Avinger
Cynthia Baker	Edna
Jeffery Sposato	Houston
Erin Smith	Terrell
Steven Riddles, Jr.	Cedar Lane
Devin Bily	Houston
Travis Helm	Leakey
Christopher Mitchell	New Braunfels
Carl Hopper	Crowell
David Satterwhite	Leakey
Jacob Krebs	Fredericksburg
Shawn Coyle	Greenville
Marshall Kratz	Whitehouse
Dallas Willis	Diboll
Christopher Tondre	College Station
Ryan Clarke	Midlothian
Rickie Leck	Cleburne
Daniel Powell	Galveston
John Russell	Mt. Pleasant
Eric Reininger	Victoria
Adam Parker	Gail
Lisa Pieper	Caldwell
Nicole Humphries	Fort Worth
Nathan Stangle	San Antonio
Natalie Humphries	Fort Worth
Tommy Burris	Pettus
Jeffrey Chisholm	Bowie
William Dusenberry	Tom Bean

David Hodgdon, Jr.	Rockwall
Stanley Richardson	Grandview
David Hunt, Sr.	Dallas
James Freeman	Lufkin
Jane Hartensteiner	Houston
Courtney Wilson	Saratoga
Claire Cooper	Stephenville
Terry Snow	Utopia
Taylor Tomlin	Mineral Wells
Garrett Schatte	Weimar
Charles Miller, II	La Porte
David Keck	Huffman
Bettejean Bakutis	Fort Worth
Britni Love	Bandera
Ethan Hilliard	Denton
Raynor Milloway	Copperas Cove
Bryce Nations	Grand Saline
Stephen Fuller	Tuleta
James Light	The Woodlands
Crystle Roth	Coldspring
Zachary Roth	Coldspring
David Long	Terlingua
Jessica Valentine	Fluvanna
Tracy Blount	Friona
Thomas Bass	Magnolia
Chris Langley	Houston
Shannon Lightsey	Spring
Lyle Hahn	Abilene
Shandy Bizzell	Bertram

October

Michael King	Fort Worth
Jimmy Irvin	Canton
Brandi Watkins	Keller
Michael Dornak	Flint
Cameron Henderson	Bryan
Thomas Dixon	Elkhart
Melissa Grissom	Huntsville
Leovardo Canales	Odem
Clinton Love	Bandera
James Stinson	Trenton
Joel Hart	New Braunfels
Hal Hillis	Hooks

November

Rebekah Beard	North Richland Hills
Ardy Tiner	Vanderbilt
John Davis	Pflugerville
Amanda Cathcart	La Pryor
Brent Love	Blue Ridge
Blaise Ahrens	Uvalde
Waylon Boles, III	Mineral Wells
David Goldstein	Dallas
Richard Watkins	Huntsville
Phillip Smith, Jr.	Brownsboro

December

Jimmie Buford	Friendswood
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Instructor's Tip of the Day

Patience is the key when teaching someone something new. If they are having a hard time understanding your direction, don't get impatient with them. Remember they want to learn, instead re-evaluate your instruction and try again.



THE BOWHUNTER

TEXAS BOWHUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Well Done, Bob Barnette



Thought my IBEP brothers and sisters might like to see a buck I was blessed to harvest Friday afternoon at my family's ranch in San Saba County – a sweet typical 6x6! By far, this was my best ever. I gross-scored him at 155 4/8, with a net of 151 0/8. I will, of course, get him officially scored for Pope & Young, Texas Big Game Awards, and LSBA TBBR.

The story was pretty simple. He came into a feeder immediately after it went off at 5 p.m., and conveniently passed behind a tree so I could draw without detection (I was in a ladder stand). As soon as he turned broadside, I made the 22-yard shot and double-lunged him. He ran into a creek bottom just out of sight and crashed, having gone only 55 yards.

We actually had a bit of history with this deer. My youngest son Connor (who is 18) had wounded him on October 14 from the same stand. He had rushed his shot and his arrow hit the front edge of its right shoulder. The arrow didn't pass through, and left a decent blood trail that we ultimately followed for several hundred yards before giving up. We found the arrow while trailing him, but the broadhead was missing. We concluded that maybe the hit wasn't lethal, but the deer was not seen again until I saw him on Friday. When I saw him, not only did he fit the description physically, but he had a slight limp, so I figured it was the same deer. When I skinned it I found the broadhead embedded in its brisket muscles, with a lot of scar tissue around it. He had lost some muscle mass on that shoulder that was hit, but seemed fine otherwise. The original entry wound had healed fine, hardly leaving a scar – you could just make out the "X" of the Slick Trick. So he recovered from that pretty well. Pretty amazing!

It's a very rewarding deer to take, as we are a low-fence property that does not do supplemental feeding (aside from corn feeders). We have been in the MLDP program since 1999 and have been managing for quality deer for another 10 years prior to that. Quite a few good deer have been taken on our place, but this one will rank as either #1 or #2 all-time depending on how the official score turns out. Anyway, just thought I would share some show 'n' tell with you guys! Hope you are having a great season too!

Regards,
Bob Barnette

New Bow Hunter Instructors

September

Charles Marcus	Helotes
Paul Coates	Frisco
Nathan Stangle	San Antonio
Wayne Cox	Canton
Linda Yarbrough	Athens
Jerry Jones	Sherman
Carl Huffstickler	McKinney
Robin Wheelus	Devine

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FRIENDS,

As this letter is written, coincidentally started at 9:41 AM on December 7, let us remember all those who fell at Pearl Harbor on this day, and all those that followed after them. We owe them our lives and our freedom.

I have recently returned from a meeting setting the date and place for the 2013 state YHEC competition. It will be held at the Hill Country Shooting Sports Center in Kerrville, on May 3-5. Because of family commitments, Peggy Weyel will serve in an advisory capacity, and the Event Coordinator will be Steve Russell.

Last year we had a record turnout of instructors, with instructors that travelled from as far South as Brownsville and as far North as the Texas panhandle. Thanks to each of you for a job well done. I hope to see all of you in 2013, and bring your teaching partners, too. We can use all the help we can get.

On October 27, a meeting of THEIA officers and directors was held at TPWD hunter education offices in Austin. Subjects of discussion were to select directors to fill vacant positions in Regions 1, 3, and 6, as well as to discuss the 2013 annual meeting and the 2013 state YHEC competition. Minutes of the meeting are attached. By the time you read this, I have good news that these directors are now in place.

The 2013 IHEA-USA Annual Conference will still be held in San Antonio on April 2–6, 2013. The organizers include our own TPWD Hunter Education staff. It will be a great benefit to our instructors to have our THEIA Annual Meeting on the weekend of April 6, both for the exchange of information and our exposure to other organizations and methods. Registration for the entire IHEA event is \$425, but Saturday registration, for the Hunter Education Annual Conference and Texas Hunter Education Annual Meeting, which includes the awards luncheon and banquet/fundraiser, will be \$100.00.

IHEA-USA will share a portion of fundraising proceeds with THEIA. The THEIA meeting will be from 2 PM to 4 PM on Saturday. To register for the conference, go to the IHEA-USA.org website, under events. You can print out and mail a registration form, or do it on line with a credit card. I hope to see you all there.

On my New Zealand hunt for Red Stag, Chamois, and other game, I had hoped to find opportunities for other instructors to have an economical trip to New Zealand. What I found was a great hunt, worth the money, but about twice as expensive as South Africa. I will be glad to share information and contacts for New Zealand and South Africa with anyone interested.

Keep your powder dry.

Robert Boswell

HUNTER EDUCATION EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

April 2-6, 2013 **Annual Conference.** Hunter Education Instructor Conference and Awards Banquet is being planned in conjunction with the International Hunter Education Association Conference, Hyatt Hill Country Resort, San Antonio. **To register for the conference**, go to the IHEA-USA.org website, under EVENTS. You can print out and mail a registration form, or do it on line with a credit card. Please do this ASAP.

April 6, 2013, **TPWD Hunter Education Annual Conference and THEIA Annual Meeting** held in conjunction with the IHEA Conference in San Antonio at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in conjunction with the IHEA-USA Annual Conference. (see the announcement below for more information.)

May 3-4, 2013 **TxYHEC 2013.** Texas Youth Hunter Education Challenge, at the Hill Country Shooting Sports Center, Kerrville. For more information and to volunteer your time, please contact: Steve Russell, Event Coordinator; PO Box 662, Tyler, TX 75711; 903-530-4338; steve@steverussell.org

THEIA THANK YOU

To Terry Erwin, whose relentless, tireless efforts for Texas, American, and International Hunter Education have provided thousands of instructors with a lifetime of friendship, training, and support and millions of hunter education students with the beginning knowledge, skills, and positive attitude to build a lifetime of outdoor challenge and enjoyment. What a legacy!

TPWD HUNTER EDUCATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, AWARDS BANQUET and ANNUAL THEIA MEETING

THEIA Annual Conference will be held on April 5-6, 2013 in San Antonio at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in conjunction with the IHEA-USA annual conference. There will be a full day of activities and presentations on Saturday with an awards luncheon at noon, and a huge banquet and silent and live auction with entertainment that evening. **Price for registration is \$100 and must be submitted using the IHEA-USA registration form by checking the appropriate box to the side. Please see the IHEA-USA.org website for this information.**

A THEIA business meeting, with elections will be held on Saturday afternoon, April 6.

WHO SAID THAT?

“After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.”

Will Rogers (1875-1935)
American entertainer and humorist

MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING OF THE TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

President	Bob Boswell	Vice President	Peggy Weyel
Secretary	Jeanette Hammonds	Treasurer	Rhonda Esakov

Director Region 1 Nathan Pettigrew	Director Region 6 Virgil Frick
Director Region 2 Bob Douglas	Director Region 7 Will Krebs
Director Region 3 Joe Schmidt	Director Region 8 Steve Russell
Director Region 4 Thomas Connaughton	Director Region 9 Rick Ensor
Director Region 5 Jack Thompson	Director Region 10 Junior Munoz

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm at the TPWD Office 1340 Airport Commerce Dr, Austin, TX. In attendance were Officers Bob Boswell, Peggy Weyel, Jeanette Hammonds, and Directors Steve Russell, and Rick Ensor. Terry Erwin was also present.

We did not have a quorum, so the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The following items were discussed after the meeting was adjourned:

Director Vacancies

Bob Boswell wishes to announce that the three regions that were vacant have now been filled.

2013 Annual Meeting

The 2013 Annual THEIA Meeting will be held **April 6, 2013**, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. during the IHEA-USA Conference. Location will be the Hyatt Hill Country Resort, 9800 Hyatt Resort Drive, San Antonio, Texas, 78251, Tel: 210-647-1234, Fax: 210-681-9681

The IHEA-USA Conference will be **April 2-6, 2013**. Registration for the full conference is \$425. Registration for Saturday only, April 6 only, will be \$100 and will include the noon awards luncheon and evening banquet. Terry Erwin will ask Heidi Reo to secure a room for the THEIA meeting.

Steve Russell suggested that THEIA consider electing a president-elect. Once elected, this person will learn the duties of the presidency from the current president. Bob Boswell said he would email the Officers and Directors to get their opinion.

2013 State YHEC

2013 State YHEC will be held at Hill Country Shooting Sports Center in Kerrville on **May 3-5**. Bob appointed Steve Russell as chair person for the 2013 YHEC. He will take over from Peggy Weyel who can no longer devote the time to YHEC due to her husband's illness.

Bob requested Kathy Powell's assistance in sending out follow-up emails to new instructors concerning their THEIA membership.

THEIA DIRECTORS

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THEIA

TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION, INC. Membership Application

INSTRUCTOR MEMBERSHIP 1 year - \$12, 3 years - \$25

Must be currently certified by Texas Parks and Wildlife as a Hunter Education Instructor

SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP available for THEIA friends 1 year - \$12, 3 years - \$25

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP available to junior instructors 1 year - \$6, 3 years - \$15

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP available to our friends in business 1 year - \$300, 3 years - \$750

Make checks payable to: THEIA

Send to Rhonda Esakov

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Hunter Education Instructor Workshops 2013

Mark your calendars for the upcoming workshops. We've scheduled additional programs in different areas of the state. Hunter Education Specialists and Area Chiefs will host most of these workshops. Again, our goal is that each volunteer instructor, professional educator and game warden will attend at least one of these workshops scheduled across the state.

These workshops offer advanced training and hands-on experience in each of the disciplines taught in the Hunter Education course. They give instructors a chance to learn new techniques, teaching skills and receive new material. The workshops offer an opportunity to visit other areas of the state, to "get away" and meet new friends. Exchanging ideas with other instructors is perhaps the best way to learn about new techniques.

A number of well-qualified individuals, such as biologists, game wardens, land managers and hunter education instructors will assist with the new knowledge and training in each of the workshops. Like you, these folks volunteer their time and expertise to pass on the necessary information used to effectively educate hunters, as well as other outdoor users, to be safe, responsible, knowledgeable and involved.

General Format Information

The hours are:

Most workshops are just one day on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m, but read the information letter for exact times and details of each workshop.

Registration, Lodging and Meals

Mark workshops you would like to attend, or desire information on, complete the attached registration card and return it to Austin. Information cannot be mailed out if the sign-up forms are not returned. This does not commit you to a given workshop, but it does assure that you will receive an information packet for that workshop. Austin staff will send specific information on reservations, lodging, meals, directions and agenda items about four to six weeks prior to each workshop.

Don't put it off – mail it today!

Other Reminders

Dress for the workshops is casual: shorts and t-shirts; sport shirts and jeans; tennis shoes or boots. Be sure to bring warm clothes and rain gear in case of bad weather. We have seen rain, sleet, hail, snow and sunshine at the Outdoor Skills/Survival workshop in the past years.

For more information, please call (800) 792-1112, ext. 8142 or (512) 389-8142. We will try to see that you have successful workshops and that you go away with a sense of accomplishment and increased knowledge. We look forward to seeing you at the **2013** workshops.

Be Safe!!

Workshop Descriptions

Program Orientation/Standards/ Home Study Field Activities

This is a 12-hour workshop, and the first four hours must be completed online by visiting our website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter_education/instruct.phtml. New applicants must attend the remaining 8-hour workshop in person. Veteran instructors are encouraged to refresh their knowledge online and attend the one-day session and learn how to conduct "Home Study field activities and testing."

Outdoor Skills/Survival

This workshop gives participants a philosophical background and hands-on experience in situations and exercises including map and compass use, fire starting techniques, shelter building, outdoor cooking and desert/mountain survival. Participants might experience a "camp-out" reviewing the materials learned that day. Be prepared for a great outdoor experience with adequate needs rather than luxurious facilities.

Rifle, Shotgun and Handgun

These workshops are conducted by NRA Training Counselors. They offer NRA instructor certifications in

each of the above disciplines. However, each participant may be certified in only one of the three disciplines at a time. Each discipline is limited to 25 participants and is on a first-come, first-served basis. NRA certification is strictly up to each individual, and is the sole responsibility of the individual.

Responsibility, Game Laws and Ethics

This workshop reviews Texas game laws and gives information regarding violations from a game warden's point of view. Training on "how to teach" using the *Texas Outdoor Annual* is an important portion of this workshop. The workshop covers important aspects of hunter responsibility by introducing participants to different teaching concepts, such as "trigger films," open meeting, brainstorming and dilemma methods.

Wildlife Management/Conservation

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel plan to give participants an overview of wildlife management/conservation of game and non-game species. A tour of wildlife management areas is usually planned, and professional biologists will be prepared to answer questions concerning the department's efforts across the state.

Advanced In-Service Workshops

Archery in the Schools Program

The Archery in Schools Program has taken off across America, including Texas. The course offers two levels of certifications – Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) and Basic Archery Instructor Trainer (BAIT). The BAI course is geared towards PE teachers and is one-day workshop covering the basics of archery, gymnasium range set up, 11 steps to shooting success and safety whistles (commands) and procedures. Geared towards the positive teaching style, this course is a prerequisite for BAIT – a three-day training that focuses on how to instruct teachers in the safe, fun approach to archery, especially in schools. The goal of NASP is to give 4th-12th graders a threshold experience in the shooting sports.

Huntmaster

The Huntmaster Workshop is approximately 14-16 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 Texas Youth Hunting Program office. Friday evening is for registration with the course continuing all day on

Saturday and until Sunday noon. "Take a kid hunting!" Please contact TYHP at 2800 NE Loop 410, Suite 105, San Antonio, Texas 78216, or call (800) 460-5494.

Laser Shot Simulator

Come in for a day of instruction on set-up and use of the Laser Shot system. Learn how to check out this mobile unit for your courses or special events. No instructor will be allowed to check out or use this system unless they have been trained and certified in the appropriate care, transport, use and troubleshooting.

Trapper Education

Instructors will become familiar with seasons, fur-bearing animal regulations, equipment, means and methods and general trapping knowledge. Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association members will provide instruction. Running trap lines to varmint calling will be on the agenda. The workshop will be enhanced with mostly "hands-on" activities. This workshop is one of the most popular, so don't miss it!

2013 Workshop Schedule Dates

Print this page, mark the workshops you'd like to receive information for, and enter your name and address. Then mail to Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., Hunter Education, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin TX 78744.

Program Orientation/ Standards/Home Study

Look on our website for current listings:

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter_education/instruct.phtml

Survival & Outdoor Skills

Aug 10 Nacogdoches

NRA Rifle, Shotgun, Handgun, Reloading

Mar 15-17 Reloading Grand Prairie
 Apr 26-28 NRA Rifle Grand Prairie
 May 24-26 NRA Shotgun Grand Prairie
 Sep 20-22 Range Safety Officer Grand Prairie

Muzzleloading

Jul 28-29 Grand Prairie

Responsibility, Game Laws & Ethics

Feb 16 Houston
 Feb 23 Lubbock

Bowhunter Education New Instructor

Mar 3-4 (Stud./Inst. Combo) Brownsville
 Mar 9-10 (Stud./Inst. Combo) Brownwood
 Apr 20-21 (Stud./Inst. Combo) Midland

Wildlife Management/Conservation

May 19 Gene Howe WMA
 Sep 8-9 Kerr WMA

SPECIAL EVENTS

Youth Hunter Education Challenge

May 3-5 Kerrville

IHEA-USA Annual Conference

Apr 2-6 San Antonio

THEIA Annual Conference

Apr 6 San Antonio

ADVANCED IN-SERVICE WORKSHOPS

Basic Archery Instructor (Not IBEP)

See website for information:

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/archery/nasp_texas/index.phtml

Tracking Workshop

Jan 20 Kerr WMA

Lesson Planning/Teaching Skills

Jan 26 Houston

Managing Your Land for Whitetails

Feb 9 Houston

Home Game Processing

Mar 2 Lyndsay

Whitetail Deer Clinic

(How to judge, age and score on the hoof)

Jun 11 McAllen

Big Game Scoring

Jun 15 Grand Prairie

Trapper Ethics & Education

Feb 8-10 Tilden

Laser Shot Training

Jul 27 Grand Prairie

Live-Fire Workshop

May 18 San Antonio

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