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Editor's CORNER

The IHEA Annual Conference was recently held in Springfield, MO on May 28 - June 2, 2002. This conference celebrated thirty years of the North American Association of Hunter Safety Coordinators, later named the Hunter Education Association, now called the **International Hunter Education Association**. The theme for the conference was **“Launching a New Corps of Discovery From Missouri.”**

Hunter Education Coordinator, Bob Staton and his great staff hosted the event for the third time. He invited all coordinators and instructors to the fun-filled, weeklong activities with special events, including a tour of the new Bass Pro Shop Museum. Five hunter education instructors from Texas took advantage of this special opportunity. Bob Boswell; Rus Greiner with wife, Nathalie and son, Gary; Odie Odwyer and wife Carole; Gene Norton and wife, Jane, and Kitty Haynes were among the Texas representatives who enjoyed the special presentations.

A group of outstanding speakers were there, including special guest, USFWS Director, Steve Williams; Colorado Hunter Education Coordinator, Patt Dorsey; Rick Patterson from the NSSF; Dr. James Swan, author of *In Defense of Hunting*; Nina Leopold Bradley, Aldo Leopold's daughter and Father Theodore Vitali, who spoke on “What is Fair Chase?” Very interesting concepts were shared with the audience regarding “fair chase.” You just should have been there.

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Bobwhite Brigade Program Turns Students into Leaders

By Jimmie Caughron

Would you believe that you could take 30 students ages 13-17, cram six weeks worth of work into them in five days, and make leaders out of them? If not, then you have not been to the **Bobwhite Brigade**, a most outstanding program initiated by Dr. Dale Rollins with Texas Cooperative Extension.



It all started out as the “cadets” arrived at the lodge on the Krooked River Ranch where they were given covey assignments and rules. Camp began in earnest with a pretest and a lab practical.

Cadets studied quail behavior, marching to cadence, collecting and pressing plants, radio telemetry, and how to put a transmitter on a quail. “Plants

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Special awards were given out during the awards luncheon. Pictured here at his retirement party in March is J. D. Peer from Oklahoma, who received the Darrell Holt Memorial Award. Brian Thurston, The Focus Group, Inc., received the Industry Award, and Capt. Ed Tyer, retired Florida coordinator received the IHEA Hall of Fame award. It was a very successful meeting, and attendees went away with new goals to shoot for. Major sponsors of the IHEA conference were honored with a special "Lewis and Clark" commemorative bronze for contributing at least \$10,000 in support of the conference. Recipients included Winchester Ammunition, Anheuser-Busch, Bass Pro Shop, Missouri Department of Conservation and Henry Arms, Inc.

Accepting a major sponsor award is Mary Ann Ventress with IHEA President, Tim Lawhern (left), and conference host, Bob Staton (right).



Back on the home front, hunting season is just around the corner, and that "busy time" is approaching. Thank you all for dedicating many hours of conducting courses. You do such a great job, and we appreciate it very much. Send the class schedules in and we will post them in the computer for reference to those in need.

One last note....We have been training new and currently certified instructors in Home Study testing procedures for over two years. This new process can be done in one day but not less than a minimum of four (4) hours. Home Study credit is given to the student at the rate of one (1) day/six (6) hours for securing the Home Study packet or accessing the course material over the Internet. When students wish to complete the certification process, they contact our office or web site for information on the next available Home Study testing date and location.

Some instructors, who are NOT certified to administer the Home Study testing process, have been allowing Home Study students to sit in on their regular class for one day and receive certification without going through the live fire exercises or skills trail. Instructors may not do this. If you are not certified to do the Home Study testing, please attend one of the scheduled Program Orientation/Standards/Home Study workshops to get updated with current teaching and testing procedures. Besides, it's always a good idea to have a refresher, especially with new and improved methods of instruction.

Let's have a much safer season and do our best to lower accidents by providing the best information and positive reinforcement we can. Hunting's future rests on our shoulders and how we go about sustaining it lies in our hands. Take care of all we have and continue to give back a little something to those less fortunate. You'll not regret it, no matter what. Be safe and teach well.

Terry Erwin

NOTICE

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Bobwhite Brigade, continued

If anyone would have tried to convince me before I went to the camp that you could get this much work out of these kids in such a short a time, or that you could take a shy, immature student on Saturday and by Wednesday have a leader who was not afraid to stand up in front of others and talk, I would have said they were pulling my leg.

of the day” and “quail trivia” were played daily to test what was learned. Cadets were introduced to photography, ecosystem management, leadership training, quail embryology and covey dynamics. All this information was conveyed between 2 P.M. and 12 A.M. Day 1 was over almost, but a few homework items had to be completed before bedtime.

Day 2 started off with a bang with cadence marching before breakfast. The remainder of the day went much the same as Day 1, except different topics were covered and there was time for a swim break. More “quail trivia” rounds and “plants of the day” tests were played. Just for good measure, team-building exercises were done. Again, homework assignments had to be completed before showers and bedtime.

During day 3, times between breakfast and supper were spent in the field. The cadets went on a hunter skills trail, located and caught their quail that had been released on Saturday with the radio transmitter, and helped create quail cover by half-cutting some mesquite trees. As with each previous day, there was marching practice. After supper, the cadets enjoyed clay bird shooting and participated in T.V. interviews conducted by TPWD Media Services representative, Bruce Biermann. And, of course, “quail trivia” and “plants of the day” tests were conducted. The cadets had to finish an activity called “Quail Politics” before bedtime, which finally arrived about 2:30 A.M.

Day 4 started with... you guessed it, more marching. Bird dogs and hunting techniques followed, but today was the day for “Quail Politics.” This is a role-playing activity done by one of the covey members regarding the covey’s position on the “Quail Decline Initiative”. A presentation was given before a panel of “make-believe” legislators from the Texas House and Senate. One student had to lead by presenting the position taken by the covey and then answering questions from the panel. Clay bird competition and taxidermy projects also

were completed on this day. Homework for this night was to complete all of the assignments that were due the next morning. A lot of things had to be finished!

Day 5 began after a really short night and, that’s right, more marching! But, today was the contest for 1st through 6th place. This was a big day as all the projects were due including thank-you notes written, Quail Politics letter-to-the-editor, plant collection, tri-folds, and taxidermy projects. Another member of the covey had to take the lead and present the covey’s Power-Point presentation. A quail-calling contest was held and contest winners were announced. The top cadet and the top covey were also recognized. Camp clean up followed and the day was completed with a quail cook out on the river. Scholarships were presented and the cadets returned home with their parents.

If anyone would have tried to convince me before I went to the camp that you could get this much work out of these kids in such a short a time, or that you could take a shy, immature student on Saturday and by Wednesday have a leader who was not afraid to stand up in front of others and talk, I would have said they were pulling my leg. There are many adults that could benefit from this type of camp. It builds confidence and self-esteem. It was long and hard, but an enjoyable five days.

I don’t think the covey leaders could have made it very well without the aid of their assistants to show them the way to do things. I know I couldn’t have made it without mine. The assistant covey leaders were cadets who had been to camp the year before, and through their actions during the year, earned the privilege to return. In conclusion, I would like to say thanks to Dr. Rollins and the rest of the volunteers who helped with instruction, cooking, role modeling and mentoring to the Bobwhite Brigade.

Send in your Nominations for Texas Dream Hunt

Don't forget to look for that special student who satisfies all the requirements for consideration as your best student from the past year to go on the Texas Hunter Education "Dream Hunt." Entrants must be between the ages of 12-17, and have successfully taken and passed the course since November 1, 2001. Send in a detailed letter explaining why you have chosen that particular individual as your most outstanding student. The individual will be allowed to bring a parent/guardian, and the nominating instructor will get to attend. Nominations must be sent to Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., Attn: Hunter Education, 2002 Dream Hunt, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, Texas 78744, and must arrive **before November 10.**



This year's hunt will be hosted by Michael Arnold and Michael Marbach of the **Christian Outdoor Alliance**, and be filmed by producer, **Benny Flores** of their TV show *Adventure Outdoors*. The COA is a non-profit / charitable organ-

ization that wants to get people involved in hunting and fishing, while taking time out to realize that God created this for us. The COA also conducts hunting and fishing Adventure Camps for youth during the summer. For more information, please contact them at:

COA

P.O. Box 701648

San Antonio, Texas 78270

or call (210) 240-3290, or look on their Web site at

www.adventureoutdoors.tv

The ranch hosting the Texas Hunter Education "Dream Hunt" is called **CSta**. It belongs to the family of Coke R. Stevenson, former Texas governor. It is located at Telegraph, Texas, south of Junction in Kimble County, and has the Llano River running through it. There is a possibility that the "Dream Hunt" winning hunters can harvest white-tailed deer and/or exotics, and possibly hogs. There is also an opportunity to fish the Llano River, weather permitting.

Nominations are already being received, so pick out that special student and give them a hunt to remember. Ask yourself, "Would I spend time in the woods with this person?" It might just happen.

TPWD Target Range Grants Make Facilities Available

Over the years, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has participated in target range development projects across the state. These facilities are available for use in hunter education. Look at the list below and see if there is a facility close to your location. Perhaps you don't know they are available. It might open an avenue for class or range space. The following locations have received grants and are already being used or might be available for use to teach hunter education courses. Please contact them to see if classes might be held there.

Cullen Barker Park (American Shooting Center) - Harris Co.

Orange Gun Club - Orange Co.

Grand Prairie Gun Club - Dallas Co.

Waco Gun Club - McLennan Co.

City of Houston (Archery) - Harris Co.

San Antonio Gun Club - Bexar Co.

Capitol City Trap & Skeet Club - Travis Co.

Kleberg Co. Gun Club - Kleberg Co.

Leon Co. Gun Club - Leon Co.

Fort Bend Co. Indoor Range - Fort Bend Co.

Midland Shooters Assn.- Midland Co.

Callahan Co. Shooting Sports Range

Brooks Co. Indoor Range - Brooks Co.

Clear Creek Gun Range - Galveston Co.

A Place To Shoot Range - Bexar Co.

Seguin Outdoor Learning Center - Gonzales Co.

Sheldon Lake Education Center - Harris Co.

Mission Skeet & Trap Club - Hidalgo Co.

South Plains Gun Club - Lubbock Co.

Bexar Community Shooting Range - Marion - Bexas Co.

Tac Pro Shooting Center- Erath Co.

IHEA Foundation Fundraiser

Tom Floyd, Chairman of Star State Investment, Inc. of Houston, chairs the IHEA Foundation Endowment Committee. Tom, and wife Jean, along with Ron Freidenberger, Wal-Mart Hunter Education/Licenses Coordinator hosted the Third Annual Shooting Sports Industry and Retailers Fund Raising event on June 11-12, 2002 at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. This year's event totals have not been finalized as of this writing.

Mark Pentecost, with Galyans Sports and Outdoor Adventure, was elected as Chairman of the IHEA Foundation Board of Directors. He and Foundation member, Dave Cook, CEO of Stearns, Inc. were both on hand for the event and provided excellent support. Additional representatives and helpers included, IHEA President, Tim Lawhern; IHEA Exec. Vice President, Dr. David Knotts; Bob Staton, Missouri Coordinator, and wife Debbie; Bill Blackwell, IHEA Board Volunteer Representative from Canada; Bob Mayer, IHEA Business Manager; Micki Hawkins, IHEA Adm. Assistant; and Jimmie Caughron, TPWD Assist. HE Coordinator, provided excellent support getting all the bags ready for participants and facilitating the event. Thanks to all National Shooting Complex staff for the great jobs they did too!

San Antonio Area Chiefs, Bernie Heer and Rus Greiner, provided a special Hunter Skills Trail Competition designed by Bill Blackwell. Distance judging, silhouette identification, fence crossing and a myriad of questions on safety issues, ethical decisions and survival situations were on the competition. Only a few individuals participated in the Skills Trail event, but all did fairly well and received certificates.



Shown here is Bernie Heer (L) and Bill Blackwell (R) presenting a Hunter Skills Trail certificate to Stephen Anderson, of Anderson Construction from Gravois Mills, MO.

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

Over 250 invitations were mailed out to the major shooting sports and retail industry representatives. Entry fee for the three-member team was \$1,995. Additional special thanks to all who participated, and the IHEA Foundation hopes more participants will return next year for another round.

Daisy Laser-Ed Problems

It has been brought to our attention that many of the Daisy Laser-Ed air rifles have been found to be either damaged or not functioning properly.

Daisy Outdoor Products will be happy to replace these.

Your contact person is Julia Michener at either:

1-800-643-358 ext. 4266

or at (479) 621-4266

You may return the damaged product that you have with a note stating what the problem is to:

Daisy Manufacturing
11823 Lime Kiln Rd.
Neosho, MO 64850

W I L D L I F E E X P O T I M E !

It's not too late to sign up and volunteer your time and efforts to help make the eleventh annual Wildlife Expo a huge success. It is almost impossible to run a safe and successful event without adequate numbers of qualified instructors.

Here's what you'll get for your time: An Expo T-shirt and patch, lunch and drinks on Saturday and Sunday, free BBQ at Saturday night's volunteer appreciation party, a chance at some tremendous door prizes, a big thank you and a smile from kids' faces who may never have been exposed to shooting events.

Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association (T.H.E.I.A.) has, again, generously agreed to pay for sandwiches to be distributed during noon work hours of Expo on Saturday and

Sunday. **FLASH**—We are going to have ARBY'S, yes Arby's, provide lunch on Saturday and Sunday for the volunteers again. Their new box lunch with "Market Fresh" sandwiches were a tremendous hit last year, so we decided to give them another try. The choices are usually ham or turkey, and come with an apple, pickle slice, chips and a "Grandma's" cookie.

Jim Kellum, Vice President of CHI, who owns Arby's, assured us he would do his best to make sure everyone is pleased with the meal this year. Thanks, Jim...we look forward to the sandwiches again. We also will provide drinks both days.

THEIA has also agreed to contribute \$500 to the Wildlife Expo Scholarship Fund. Two of our own instructors have been fortunate enough to receive

scholarships in the past. Come on out and help Expo visitors get acquainted with the shooting sports, and other fun events. Let us know if you are interested in attending and volunteering.

Note: You might want to make your reservations at local hotels/motels now, because rooms are booking up rapidly. There is a UT football game in Austin that weekend, and hotel space will be at a premium. Call us for a listing of places available.



SIGN UP TODAY!



Welcome New Instructors

January

Lissandra Ramos (Asst Inst) Hereford

February

Travis Garrett II	Pilot Point
Earl Wellborn	Pflugerville
Christie Hopkins	Crowell
Terry Utley	Paducah
Terry Whitaker	Ranger
Clinton Simmons	Olney
Dean Jordan	Georgetown
Cody Owens	Rankin
James Siebman	Bowie
Lindsey Burris	Weatherford
Cody Hughes	Roscoe
Rebecca Mounsey	Houston
Hannah McCoy	Brazoria
Jim Self	Childress
Stacye Pulpan	Navasota
Jamie Cummings	Elgin
Miranda McIntire	Liberty Hill
Candace Jones	Sherman
Robert Roe	Stephenville
Amanda Bird	Groveton
Loretta Laza	Ennis
Justin Cox	Stamford
James Sattawhite	Decatur
Chad Smith	Dickens
Chad Dingler	Larue
Duane Overton	Palo Pinto
Ryan Young	Ft Worth
Zack Grisham	Stephenville
Brandi High	Stephenville
Ty Harris	Corpus Christi

March

Joshua Fagan (Asst Inst) Alvin

April

Jay Walls (Asst Inst)	Corinth
Brian Rohmer	Muenster
David Savage	Wylie
Caty Warrick	Huntsville
Maria Pittman	Richardson
Troy Johnston	Boys Ranch
Michael Weadock	Dripping Springs
Stephen Dellafave	Deer Park
Thomas Shipley	Bellville
James Toll	Amarillo
Darren Lee	Flower Mound
Wesley Paben	Waller
Clinton Anderson	Ft Worth
Robert Capps	Denton
Richard Nowlin	Booker
Timothy Jenkins	Orange
Christopher Veselka	Orange
Brad Black	N. Richland Hills
David Hornsby	Bedford
Donald Loe	Eastland
Jim Bruton	Eastland
Jack Belless	Streetman
Kenneth Woodring	Edna
Jay Walls	Corinth
Rex Miller	Lovelady

May

Monte Hargrave	Wichita Falls
J.R. Singley	Boerne
Siri Lindholm	San Antonio
Oscar Smith	Denton
Chun Lau	Denton
Whitney Wilson	Denton
Angela Johnson	Denton
Emily Hill	Denton
Casey Pelley	Denton

Lisa Lilie	Hondo
Edwin Lilie	Hondo
Paul Hergert	Richardson
Agnes Hergert	Richardson
James Gambino	Monahans
Nanette Berry	Bandera

June

Bobby Wills	Omaha
Heather Blair	Gainsville
David Inman, Jr. (Asst Inst)	Brazoria
Jeffrey Bybee (Asst Inst)	Eldorado
David Doran (Asst Inst)	Eldorado
Adrian Arispe (Asst Inst)	Eldorado
Coleman Brenner (Asst Inst)	Eldorado
William Dykstra (Asst Inst)	Eldorado
Sheryl Alexander (Asst Inst)	Eldorado
Charles Anderson	McKinney
Charles Purcell, Jr.	Eagle Pass
Jerry Norris	Gainsville
Hailey Deweber	Jacksboro
David Carter	Stephenville
Trent Lindig	Johnson City
Percy English	El Campo
Derek Birk	Johnson City
Wade Dellis	Goldthwaite
Wesley Holekamp	Comfort
Cary Slagh	Stephenville
Jonothon Holton	Cisco
Ryan Brockenbush	Lexington
Cullen Guinn	Stephenville
Joshua Kea	De Leon
Jamie Chastain	Stephenville
Namon Jennings	Stephenville
Vee Stephens	Howe
Sarah Stephens	Howe
Clinton George	Brashear

Register Your Classes so They can be Listed on the System

We usually begin receiving hundreds of calls per day requesting courses from all over the state around the first of August. Please contact us with dates, times and phone numbers when classes are scheduled, especially Home Study classes.

Please call and give us the information or leave a message as soon as you plan a class so it can be entered. We need your name, instructor ID#, date and time class starts and a phone number for contact information. Individuals might be just around the corner and not know of your class, but if it were pre-scheduled and in our system, information could be given

out or obtained via the automated course line or our website. Cities in need of courses, and/or at least information on courses between now and December are Houston, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Fort Worth, Dallas, McAllen, Harlingen and the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Note: Additional incentive points are given for those instructors who schedule their courses ahead of time and then follow through with them. The computer looks at pre-scheduled classes and then adds an additional 5 points when that course is completed and entered.

Training Efforts and Workshops

CONSEP Workshop Held



Tom Roster, well known authority on wounding loss associated with non-toxic shoot, was in Texas to conduct four workshops in March and April. CONSEP is an acronym for **Cooperative North American Shotgunning Education Program**.

Around 80 individuals, including TPWD biologists, media representatives, Hunting Advisory Board members, hunter education instructors and TPW Commission Chairman, Katharine Armstrong Idsal, were learning some very interesting facts associated with wounding loss while waterfowl hunting.

After five hours of intense classroom information during the first evening, participants were divided into two groups. The first group met the next morning at 8 AM with field activities at the OCR-Flatrock Ranch just south of Austin. The second group had a day off and began their field activities on the second morning. Participants were shooting at clay targets right off. Awareness of the importance in knowing and understanding proper lead, hand-eye coordination, and range estimation was emphasized.

A second exercise was accomplished known as sub-tending—where one judges distance related to shotgun muzzle size. Various size duck and goose silhouettes were used during these activities.

Participants patterned their shotguns with various size shots to understand density and requirements to have a good “concentration” of shot in a drawn 30-inch circle at a given distance of approximately 30-35 yards.

It becomes very important for a hunter to manage his/her actions and become a responsible individual when it comes to any type of hunting, more especially during any type of wing shooting. It was evident through studies, that some hunters take shots that are way out of range, and only wound the bird, resulting in a lost kill.

Hunter education instructors will get an opportunity to attend one of these one-day workshops next year, but enrollment will probably be on a first-come, first-served basis. The importance of emphasizing ethical behavior to students is critical when it comes to safeguarding our hunting heritage. Watch for the announcement in the 2003 *workshop schedule*.



2001-2002 Hunting Season Provides Protein To Hungry Texans

Many neighbors in need benefit from meat and protein that they might otherwise be unable to afford, thus creating a healthier community.

Austin - Through Hunters for the Hungry (HFTH), a statewide venison donation program, Texas hunters donated over 90,713 pounds of venison during the 2001-2002 hunting season, constituting a 28% increase in donations from the previous season. That meat, of which nearly 60% came from South and Central Texas, provided an estimated 360,492 servings of ground venison to malnourished and hungry Texans.

Texas ranks second in the nation in number of hungry individuals. Because protein is difficult to afford, Texas food assistance providers are grateful to receive ground venison to provide to struggling families and individuals. Venison is an ideal source of nutrition, containing more protein, and far less fat and cholesterol, than ground beef or pork. With 25 grams of protein and just over three grams of fat per serving, a single serving of venison meets 100 percent of the daily protein intake requirement of children under ten, and 50 percent of protein intake requirements of adults and teenagers.

According to Dan Pruett, Deputy Director of the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) in Austin, "The HFTH donations CAFB receives are so important in our mission of feeding our neighbors throughout Central Texas. Protein-rich foods are very necessary to a healthful diet, but are

also expensive for low-income families or those living on a fixed income. Many neighbors in need benefit from meat and protein that they might otherwise be unable to afford, thus creating a healthier community."

HFTH is administered on a statewide level by the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies (TACAA), with the local assistance of organizations such as the Dallas Safari Club, the West Texas Chapter of Safari Club International, DeerTexas.com, End Hunger Network, and Texas Wildlife Association. The program, funded largely by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, provides low-income Texas families with much-needed protein. Hunters bring their tagged, legally harvested deer to a participating meat processor, and pay a nominal processing fee. After processing and packaging the meat, meat processors contact local food banks, pantries, emergency feeding sites, community and faith-based organizations, and other food assistance providers, which distribute the ground venison to needy families and individuals.

For more information or to make a monetary donation this year, visit www.tacaa.org or call the **TACAA Anti-Hunger Hotline at (800) 992-9767**.

How to Survive a Heart Attack When Alone

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this article seemed to be in order. Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be

deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest.

Deep breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without letting up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pres-

sure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm, this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

Source:

From Health Cares, Rochester General Hospital via Chapter 240's newsletter AND THE BEAT GOES ON ...reprint from The Mended Hearts, Inc. publication, Heart Response

Inadvertent Discharge of Shotgun in Aircraft Brings it Down

The following accident occurred Monday, March 25, 2002 at Fort Peck, MT. On or about 0730 Mountain Standard Time, a Piper PA-18, N22EV, sustained substantial damage after colliding with terrain near Fort Peck, Montana. The airplane is owned by the pilot, and was being operated as a visual flight rules (VFR) flight under the provisions of Title 14, CFR Part 91. The commercial pilot-in-command and passenger sustained serious injuries. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and no flight plan was filed.

The pilot was conducting a predator (coyote) control flight over private rangeland near Fort Peck, Montana. During the flight, at a reported altitude of approximately 40 feet above ground level (AGL), the passenger inadvertently discharged a semiautomatic 12-gauge shotgun. The pilot, who was seated in the forward seat, reported that the gun fired 3-4 times, striking the right wing and aileron assembly. He reported that the damage resulted in a loss of aileron and elevator control. The airplane entered a descending turn to the right and subsequently impacted terrain in a nose-low attitude.

Texas Department of Health Finds West Nile Virus

The University of Texas Medical Branch laboratory at Galveston has identified West Nile Virus in two blue jays collected from Western Harris County. Dr. Arafat with the Houston City Health Department informed the Texas Department of Health. This is the first detection of WN Virus transmission in Texas. No known human disease has been associated with it. General information, including Q & As, and facts sheets for physicians and veterinarians on West Nile Virus can be found at: www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/diseases/Arboviral/westNile/westnile.asp

Colorado Wildfire Information

Thousands of acres of precious lands have been consumed by wildfires. If you are planning a trip out of state this season and want more information, please go to the following site for updated information regarding areas in Colorado. You can click on specific fires and get maps, etc.

<http://wildfires.nwcg.gov/colorado/index.shtml>

TPWD on the Look-out for Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease Tests Begin, TPWD Ramps Up Planning

The discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in a wild mule deer in southern New Mexico in June has lent new urgency to TPWD plans to detect and control the illness that affects deer and elk, if and when it is found in Texas. "There is still no evidence that CWD is in Texas, but this puts it one state away," said Robert L. Cook, TPWD executive director in a news release issued today. "Our first priority is to try to keep it out of Texas. However, if it is found here, we plan to be able to detect and control it quickly. We are also ramping up a public information campaign to inform Texas hunters and the general public about CWD," Cook added. "While the situation does require informed vigilance, Texans

should look forward to a good hunting season this fall. Deer diseases have been around for a long time; we should not let this one compromise a centuries-old tradition in our state."

Last week, the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab in College Station completed federal certification to be able to process CWD samples. Officials say the lab should soon be able to handle more than 500 animal tissue samples per week, with the ability to confirm or deny the presence of CWD within three days. Frequently asked questions about CWD are on the Internet at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/hunt

Undocumented Deer Seized

TPWD game wardens stopped a vehicle on Interstate 10 near Junction last

Friday, seized 11 undocumented deer and took them to Texas A&M University where they were euthanized and incinerated.

The disposal followed a protocol developed after the TPW Commission approved rules to suspend the importation of white-tailed deer and mule deer to protect the state's deer and elk herds from Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). TPWD personnel correctly followed the protocol to quickly destroy the deer, which were not tested for CWD.

The Alabama driver would not say where the deer were from or where he was taking them, so it could not be determined whether the deer were illegally imported. The driver pleaded no contest to charges of transporting deer without a permit and was fined \$11,150.

TEXAS GAME WARDEN FIELD NOTES

Poaching Case Settled

Recently, a case was settled against a man accused of taking wildlife without permission. He was placed on probation for taking a white-tailed deer at Eagle Mountain Lake State Park. He will not be convicted of the charge unless he violates his probation. The Tarrant County District Attorney's Office notified TPWD game wardens that it had accepted the deal, which also includes a \$1,000 fine, a \$1,000 donation to 'Operation Game Thief,' two years suspension of hunting privileges, the forfeiture of a rifle and a pistol, 120 hours of community service and the return of the deer antlers to TPWD. The deer scored 117 Boone & Crockett points.

Meat Processor Indicted

A Dallas area meat market owner and a man he hired to dispose of deer carcasses were charged this spring for allegedly dumping more than 700 deer carcasses near Lake Tawakoni last hunting season. TPWD environmental crimes investigators worked with field game wardens and local district attorneys to secure grand jury indictments for illegal waste dumping. The case came to light in news media reports after TPWD issued a news release recently.

Pipe Bomb Components Found

A Smith County game warden observed a pickup driving recklessly. After a short pursuit, the vehicle was stopped. After verbal consent to search the vehicle, the warden discovered all components and chemical compounds needed to construct pipe bombs. Local Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents and the local fire marshal were summoned and the ATF officers took the person into custody.

"I Don't Need A Life Jacket"

Motley County game wardens were checking boats on Lake Alan Henry and came upon a boat occupied by four adults and two small children. A female passenger in the boat insisted she did not need a life jacket because she had no intentions of getting in the water. She also said she didn't understand why they needed a fire extinguisher when they were surrounded by water. As one warden was issuing a citation, the control box on their boat started smoking and the outboard motor burst into flames. All the passengers jumped into the lake. The fire was extinguished and the wardens got the passengers and boat safely back to the dock.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

Sept. 1	Dove Season	North & Central Zone
Sept. 7-8 & 14-15	White-winged Dove	Special South Texas Zone
Sept. 14-22	Teal Season	Statewide
Sept. 14-15	Wildlife Management Workshop	Kerr WMA
Sept. 28	Archery Season	Statewide
Oct. 19	First Aid/CPR	The Woodlands



Dear Staff,

I finished the Hunter Education Instructors course under Mr. James Parker recently and I wanted to say that I thoroughly enjoyed the course. I look forward to working with the TPWD crew in the near future. I am also interested in possibly teaching an advanced course in waterfowl hunting if you could possibly let me know what I would need to do to implement this type of program.

Respectively,
Edd B. Smith
Crockett

Dear Staff:

Thanks for enrolling me in the Tom Roster CONSEP Shotgunning Education Seminar. All participants appreciated the concern for minimizing the wounding loss of waterfowl and were alerted to improving their shooting skills; distance estimation skills; and information on choke, load, shooting distance for hunting responsibility. It was truly time well spent, and generated much enthusiasm and discussion among participants. Workshops like this reflect the proactive, leadership approach of Hunter Education programs for Texas Sportsmen. This role as educational harbinger will help in protecting the hunting privileges for years to come.

Joe Stengel
TPWD Employee
Instructor

Well said! You and other volunteers are the main reason there is proactive leadership in Texas - it comes directly from the grassroots within each community. Look for additional "Wounding Loss" workshops in your area next year.

Steve Hall, Education Director

Dear TYHP Huntmasters:

I would like to thank you for a great hunt. This really means a lot to me. Hunting is not just about taking an animal it's what life is all about. The pleasure is to see what nature is all about, life and death of plants and animals, young and old. This hunt was really special, as I knew it could be my last one. I have cancer AML (leukemia). On May 21, 2002, I will undergo a bone marrow transplant, a very serious procedure. I could easily die but my will to live is very strong. God has blessed me with many things. Great things like being able to hunt and enjoy nature and to make me appreciate life more, live for today, because we might not have tomorrow. M.D. Anderson is a great place, heaven-sent. I am living proof cancer is not a death sentence!! Four and half years and I'm still going.

Thank you very much,
Lyddan Ballard

Dear Staff:

Presentation of the certificates to the Wal-Mart employees in Boerne, Texas went very well. The store manager (Linda Mojica) was caught completely by surprise with the presentation and with the beautiful certificates. She was really excited. The certificates will be hung where all can see them and I was told that in late August 2002 we will have a lot more room for our classes with the opening of the new Super Wal-Mart..... GREAT. Thanks for your part in securing the certificates. Your efforts are certainly appreciated.

Sincerely,
John M. Rodriguez

Hi everyone:

As a Master Instructor in the Arlington (DFW) area, I am interested in helping instructors get started teaching or continue teaching. Classes have been scheduled in August and September, with more to follow. My Web site www.geocities.com/jimshuntered/ntha will have them listed along with the class locations. I have even included some classroom photos and some of my hunting pictures. If you are interested in being part of a teaching team, I

can be contacted by e-mail at jimshuntered@yahoo.com or by phone at (817) 360-6796.

Sincerely,
Jim Schaefer

From e-mail:
Subject: Exotic Hunt in Texas

I am writing this e-mail letter in reference to a show my family watched recently on The Outdoor Channel. This show was filmed while hunting exotics on a ranch in Texas. I have seen several other shows that have been filmed on this same ranch and they were outstanding in content and demonstrated good hunting ethics and hunter safety at all times.

My son is thirteen and my daughter is ten years old and they both hunt and fish with me all the time. My son has completed his hunter safety course and has been taught from the very beginning when he was old enough to walk and carry his popgun that handling firearms is a serious issue. Safety is our number one concern.

I was very disappointed and alarmed on what was shown on the program. My family uses The Outdoor Channel as an educational and entertaining show source. My son immediately pointed out early in the show that the hunter used his rifle scope to spot the game. This was one of the scenes when they were hunting Mouflon sheep. My son commented that you only point your gun at a target that has been clearly defined and that you plan on shooting. It looked like the hunter was trying to locate the animals. This was just the beginning of HOW NOT TO HUNT. Before the hunter shot at the sheep he ask the guide if he should shoot at the sheep through the brush. He shot the animal through the brush and the brush was so thick they didn't even see the animal run off. This is a basic DO NOT SHOOT scenario. You DO NOT SHOOT through the brush. You should clearly be able to see what you are shooting and what is around and behind the animal. Nobody could have seen what was behind that animal because you couldn't even see the animal clearly. This was not the only thing that was noted by my family. They also commented on the way the hunter carried his firearm. Another point my little girl commented on was that by shooting through the brush could have caused a bad shot by the bullet hitting the brush and only wounding the animal. The animal could have been severely wounded and not found.

During the scene of hunting Axis Deer once again the hunter shot through the brush. The narrator commented that the hunter had a clear shot but the camera crew could not see it clearly. I am questioning that because the guide had to crawl through the brush to retrieve the animal.

In the last hunting scene when they were hunting the Persian ibex the hunter did make a good shot. We noted where the animal was standing. If the hunter over shot the animal the bullet would have traveled for miles because the ibex was standing on top of a ridge with nothing but open space behind the animal. Once again a basic rule broken. During this scene you clearly see other buildings beyond the ridge. This was an alarming DO NOT SHOOT scenario because you knew there was other structures and possibly people on the other side.

By the time the show was over I felt like I was watching a film about the way YOU DO NOT HUNT. I am concerned not only for the station but for the viewers that watch this type of show and think this type of hunting is acceptable. If a ten and thirteen year old can see the problems, why does the hunter, guide, film crew and the network NOT see the problems?

I hope someone will please seriously review this program and the credibility and the nature of what this producer is airing. They should be considered removed from the Outdoor Channel. I am sure that the Outdoor Channel does not want this type of exposure and be affiliated with someone that clearly demonstrates on film basic fundamentals ON HOW NOT TO HUNT. If this is there normal hunting practices they are endangering other hunters and sponsors. It's just a matter of time before someone gets hurt. I also encourage the ranch managers to view all films prior to being broadcast. I know this ranch probably does not want to be affiliated with this type of programming.

Feel free to call or email me about this subject. I have no problem in viewing this program with you or a representative to point out the problems with this film. If you cannot see the problems I will have my children discuss them you.

Allen Wares
Galaxy Microsystems, Inc.
Quality Manager

Many Americans Enjoy Wildlife-Related Recreation, Providing Strong Boost To Nation's Economy, Preliminary Survey Shows

Wildlife-related recreation continues to be popular in America, with 39 percent of all U.S. residents 16 years old and older participating in activities such as hunting, fishing, and bird watching, according to preliminary results from the **2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Associated Recreation**, survey conducted by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2001, more than 82 million Americans engaged in wildlife-related recreation in the U.S. by an increase of five million in comparison with the last survey conducted in 1996. These recreationists spent more than \$110 billion pursuing their activities. These expenditures accounted for 1.1% of the gross domestic product, a considerable contribution to the U.S. economy.

"Wildlife is an American icon," said Service Director Steve Williams. "Wildlife-related recreationists have always been staunch supporters of wildlife conservation in America. Wildlife recreation significantly benefits our economy, creates jobs, and enhances our standard of living." Fishing is one of the Nation's favorite pastimes, with 34 million anglers age 16 or older, each spending an average of 16 days fishing in 2001. Anglers spent more than \$35 billion on trips, equipment, and other items for their sport, averaging more than \$1,046 apiece.

More than 28 million people went freshwater fishing, while nine million people went saltwater fishing. The

Great Lakes, one of the most widely fished freshwater areas, attracted 2 million anglers. While the number of anglers held steady compared to the last Survey in 1996, expenditures declined by 17 percent.

Meanwhile, 13 million Americans age 16 and older hunted an average of 17.5 days each in 2001. They spent more than \$20 billion on their activities and equipment, or \$1,581 apiece. Nearly 11 million hunters sought big game such as deer and elk on 153 million days. Roughly five million hunters pursued small game, including squirrels and rabbits, on 60 million days.

Three million migratory bird hunters spent 29 million days hunting for birds



such as doves and ducks. And 1 million hunters spent 19 million days hunting other animals such as raccoons and woodchucks. Although the number of all hunters declined by seven percent from 1996 to 2001, the number of big game and migratory hunters held steady. The declines were in small game (-22%) and other animal hunting (-31%). Hunter's expenditures did not change significantly from 1996 to 2001.

More than 66 million adults, 31 percent of all Americans, participated in feeding, observing, and photographing wildlife and spent \$40 billion. Twenty-two million people, or 33 percent of this total, took outings of one mile or more away from home to participate in these activities. Sixty-three million, or 95 percent, enjoyed wildlife-related activities around their homes.

Some 54 million enthusiasts fed birds and other wildlife around the home, while more than 42 million observed wildlife and 14 million photographed wildlife around the home. Almost 13 million people maintained plantings or natural areas for the benefit of wildlife

around the home, and 11 million visited public parks or natural areas to enjoy wildlife within a mile of home.

From 1991 to 1996, the number of people observing, feeding, and photographing wildlife increased by five percent, while their expenditures remained constant at \$510 apiece.

The U.S. Bureau of Census interviewed 80,000 households in the United States to determine participants in wildlife-associated activities. From this initial phase, 30,000 sportsmen and sportswomen and 15,000 wildlife watchers were selected for detailed interviews about their participation and expenditures in 2001.

Preliminary state-specific data will be available soon. The final National report will be released in October 2002; individual state reports will be released starting in November 2002.

Note: The 2001 National Preliminary Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Associated Recreation is posted at <http://federalaid.fws.gov/>

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses nearly 540 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 78 ecological services field stations.

The agency enforces Federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts.

It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.



Kudos

Kitty Haynes Receives Winchester Award

Texas Hunter Education Instructor Hall of Fame recipient, **Kitty Haynes**, center, receives the **Winchester Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor of the Year** award for 2001 at the IHEA annual conference held in Springfield, Missouri, from Mary Ann Ventress, Winchester Event Marketing Director. Kitty was among instructors from all over North America who were nominated for the award. She was honored at the Winchester luncheon and presented a plaque and clock signifying her accomplishments. In addition, Winchester Ammunition as part of her packet to attend the conference provided all travel and lodging expenses.



Kitty initially went to a Becoming An Outdoors-Woman (BAOW) workshop and took an Introduction to Hunting class. She was enthused and excited about firearm safety, and had a son she wanted to train in the appropriate safety methods. She later took the hunter education student course, which led to her becoming an instructor. She was certified to teach in 1998, has conducted 89 student courses, and certified 1,710 students. She became an Area Chief instructor in 2001 and has conducted four Program Orientation courses with over 40 applicants receiving instruction. As a result, her husband, James, became an instructor, and her son, Jamie, is an assistant instructor. Both team teach with her. Now, it is a real “family affair.”

She makes herself available for many special events across the state when called upon for assistance. It doesn't matter if it is a big outdoor sports show, or a small group of school kids, she has been there to provide information and instruction regarding Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's message. Summer youth camps are a part of her routine activities, driving nearly 700 miles each week during the summer. She instructs at the BAOW workshops and Outdoor Skills/Survival workshops, including map and compass activities, one of her specialties.

She is an outstanding leader in the Hunter Education Instructor ranks. Kitty played a vital role in the new Hunter Education Instructor manual revision, offering up some key ways to help teach the student manual and also streamline the registration process. These new methods are in the instructor manual for anyone to use if desired. Kitty was one of the primary hosts and organizers of the Texas Hunter Education Instructor Association annual conference this year, and did an outstanding job.

Kitty was actually the third Texas recipient in as many years to receive the Winchester award as the finalist. George McNeil from Weatherford won it in 1999, and James Parker, III from Malakoff won in 2000. The award has been presented for fifteen years. Texas has had a runner-up in nine of those years and the winning finalist the last three years. **Congratulations Kitty!**

ExxonMobil Foundation Makes Donation

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Hunter Education Program has been given a \$1500 contribution by the **ExxonMobil Foundation** to honor their employee and Hunter Education Instructor, Burton Anderson, from Seminole for his many volunteer hours of work in community services. Burton has been an instructor since 1988, and does a fine job with courses in his area. Thank you Burton for all your dedication and hard work, and ExxonMobil for this generous contribution.



This is **Josh Smith**, with his first deer. Josh is 19 and has Down syndrome. He loves to deer hunt. He got this deer while hunting with his step-dad, Doug Hill, on our family lease. Later in the season he had a perfect side shot on an 8-point while hunting again with his step-dad but did not take the shot. When asked him why he did not shoot, he said his bones were shaking too bad. He was so nervous. Thanks for all your help with Josh's situation.

Shelia Hill, Josh's mother

Editor's comment: Josh is one of the rare cases we deal with when it comes to doing what is right and helping someone enjoy the outdoors. His family explained that he "lived to hunt each year with his step-father, and could hardly wait for each season to begin." He has a special medical condition, which prevented him from successfully completing the hunter education requirements under normal circumstances. He was granted special dispensation from

the hunter education program requirements, and issued a card that states that he will always be required to hunt with a parent/guardian. Congratulations Josh, we are so proud of you! Always be safe.

Dear Editor:

TPWD Staff had a family emergency and could not be on hand to run the archery activity for our **Outdoor Kids** event. Instructor **Sean Hensley** had already volunteered to assist, and when I called him, he graciously accepted the position to "run" the archery activity on Saturday, June 15, from 10 AM to 2 PM, at the Rosewood Park Recreation Center in Austin. He arrived early, coordinated set up and provided fun and safe instruction to our visitors. Much thanks goes out to Sean. He has such a great positive personality and kids were quite drawn to him.

Thanks!

Denise Leslie,
Expo Coordinator
Texas Wildlife Expo



Want to be a real Outdoor Woman?

Try going to Canada on a black bear hunt like this group did. Tamara Trail, Texas Wildlife Association Education Director, Monica Myska, investment stock consultant, and Deb Cleverdon, professional shotgun instructor, are all hunter education instructors in Texas. They traveled to Calling Lake, Alberta, Canada and hunted with McKinnon Outfitters and Associates in pursuit of an opportunity to take one of these animals. Shown here is Deb Cleverdon with her black bear taken with a .300 Win. Mag, using a 180 gr. bullet. Congratulations Deb!

Warden Wins Regional Award

Vance Wallace, game warden in Callahan County is the 2002 Texas recipient of the prestigious Midwest "Officer of the Year" award. Wallace was recognized at the annual conference recently held in Springfield, Ill. The Midwest Association, created in 1944, is the oldest conservation officers association in North America. Wallace, who completed the Texas Game Warden Training Academy in 1988, began his fieldwork on Grapevine Lake in Tarrant County. Through the years, he has been a very effective leader in conservation enforcement, which includes outreach, high visibility patrol, and apprehension of violators.

NRA Challenges Youth Hunters

Hundreds of hunter education graduates from across North America, and their families and coaches, will meet this summer in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, to participate in the 2002 NRA International Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC), July 22-26. Nationwide declines in hunting accident rates bear out the value of hunter education. YHEC is an advanced hunter education program designed to enhance classroom knowledge and increase practical, in-the-field experience. The result is a generation of better trained, more responsible, and more skillful young hunters. Participants in the annual international event compete in eight events that test hunting knowledge and skill: .22 rifle, shotgun, archery, muzzleloading, orienteering, wildlife identification, hunter safety trail, and a written hunter responsibility exam. Nearly 43,000 youths take part in state- and Canadian provincial-level YHECs each year, any of whom are welcome at the annual international event. For more information on the Youth

Hunter Education Challenge and how you can participate, see: www.nrahq.org/hunting/youthed.asp or call NRA Hunter Services at 703-267-1500.

Pictured here L to R are winners of the Texas YHEC held in May Justin Jobe, overall Senior Division, Amy Kristynik, winner of the Sportsmanship Award and Blake Wilson, overall Junior Division, and Event Director, Bernie Heer.

We had 38 participants, 15 coaches, and 39 volunteers. A "special thanks" goes out to all the volunteers who came up the week before the YHEC and did ground preparations, and the 39 volunteers who were there for the event. Volunteer Coordinator, Betty Allen said, "We could

not have done this without them."

We hope that Texas representatives did well at the national finals. (We will report the results in the next issue of *Target Talk*.)

Congratulations, and Good Luck!



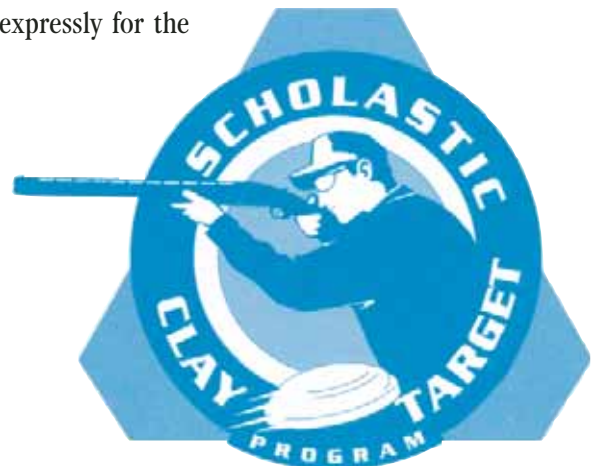
Scholastic Clay Target Program

The Scholastic Clay Target Program provides middle, junior high and high-school-age youth with the opportunity to participate in a supervised shooting sports program that emphasizes safety and skill development in clay target shooting. The program focuses on teaching sound shooting fundamentals and instilling a safe and responsible attitude towards firearms.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and its supporters make available a limited number of Program Support Packages to clubs sponsoring SCTP teams. Each package may include hearing and eye protection, shell pouches, ammunition and clay targets. These packages are provided to club expressly for the purpose of introducing new shooters to the shotgun sports.

FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY CONTACT:

Scholastic Clay Target Program/NSSF
11 Mile Hill Road
Newtown, CT 06470-2359
Phone: (203) 426-1320
or visit the Web site at www.nssf/SCTP



Sportsmen Called Upon to Help Motel Chains See the Light

Columbus, Ohio - One of this country's largest economy hotel chains has entered into an agreement with the nation's largest animal rights organization. Accor Economy Lodging, the parent company of Motel 6, Red Roof Inns and Studio 6, is actively promoting two programs of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) - "Pets for Life" and "Disaster Recovery."

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, the nation's leading sportsman advocacy group, contacted Accor to voice its displeasure with its promotion. Accor's Director of Communications, Gayle Colston Barge, told the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance that the business has "elected to officially contribute to and support" the two HSUS programs. She further stated that it "is proud to support the efforts of the Humane Society of the United States."

The Alliance urged the business to end its promotion of HSUS because of the organization's work to eliminate all hunting, trapping and most other uses of animals. Despite this request, Accor Economy Lodging did not end its relationship with the animal rights group.

"When you support an organization, you support everything it stands for, not just the parts that you think are good," said U.S.

Sportsmen's Alliance President Bud Pidgeon. "Accor Economy Lodging needs to realize that HSUS is also promoting anti-sportsman issues and continues to work to end America's hunting heritage and other forms of animal use."

Despite its name, HSUS does not oversee any local animal shelters or societies. Motel 6, Red Roof Inns and Studio 6 are affordable motels utilized by many sportsmen while on hunting and fishing trips.

Sportsmen and sportswomen can express their extreme dissatisfaction with Accor Economy Lodging's promotion of the HSUS by contacting George Le Mener, President and CEO, Accor Economy Lodging, P. O. Box 809092, Dallas, TX 75380-9092. Phone: (972) 386-6161. Fax: (972) 702-5996.

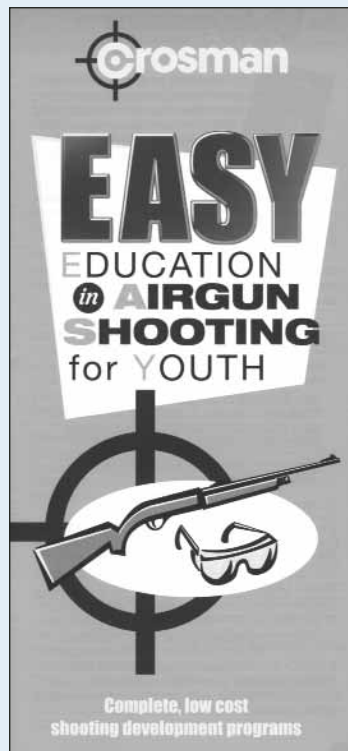
The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance protects the rights of hunters, anglers and trappers nationally in the courts, legislatures, at the ballot, in Congress and through public education programs. For more information about the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and its work, call (614) 888-4868 or visit its Web site, www.ussportsmen.org.

Ultimate Outdoors "Dream Hunt" Marks 12th Anniversary

This year, you just might have a chance to go on real plantation quail hunt in Southern Georgia. A special thanks to Wayne Pearson, host of *Ultimate Outdoors* as seen on ESPN-2, for continuing to make this year's upcoming "Dream Hunt" a special 12th season. This could be the experience of a lifetime for each participant, because it is filmed and shown on ESPN-2.

Instructors should remind their students to send in their entry card found in the back of the *Hunter's Handbook*, provided by the Focus Group, Inc. Instructors may use the same entry card, completing the instructor information only. Congratulations to all the previous winners!

SPECIAL INSTRUCTOR DISCOUNTS



Crosman enhances the **EASY** (**E**ducation in **A**irgun **S**hooting for **Y**outh) Program for low cost shooting development. Ever wonder how you might be able to conduct live fire exercises in an unusual shooting environment? Use an airgun and make your own safe range indoors or outdoors. Instructors may order materials from the Crosman Corporation at very reasonable prices to enable them to conduct these exercises. Airguns and all appropriate materials can be purchased through this program.

For more information, please contact the hunter education office for a brochure or contact Crosman Corporation EASY Program, P.O. Box 308, East Bloomfield, NY 14443.

Farm Bill a Major Boost for Wildlife Conservation

Wildlife conservation and habitat restoration programs received a major boost with record funding levels over the next six years as part of the 2002 Farm Bill signed into law May 13 by President Bush. The bill funds critical conservation programs that help landowners protect and manage millions of acres of habitat for fish and wildlife that in turn are enjoyed by millions of Americans.

Programs like the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) received \$1.5 billion in new funding and saw its acreage cap expanded from 36.4 million acres to 39.2 million.

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) more than doubled its acreage with the addition of 2.3 million acres and funding of \$1.5 billion.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) grew six-fold to \$360 million.

A new Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP) with \$254 million in funding provides for the restoration or preservation of up to two million acres of grassland and prairies for wildlife.

All of these programs benefit wild animal populations, both game and non-game species alike, but of special concern to outdoors sportsmen is the impact these programs will have on restoring and maintaining big game, upland game, and waterfowl populations at strong, harvestable levels. Many wildlife conservation

agencies and organizations worked closely with the Congress in helping to draft the conservation components of the new farm bill.

The Wildlife Management Institute (WMI) was especially diligent over the past several years in compiling an analysis of the biological, social and economic benefits of these programs from previous farm bills.

WMI, in conjunction with a number of other wildlife groups, compiled an in-depth assessment of regional wildlife habitat needs called "How Much is Enough for 2002" that Congress used in developing the framework for the bill's conservation programs.

"We're very pleased with the benefits for wildlife contained in this bill," said Terry Z. Riley, WMI director of conservation. "We now need to work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and assist them in preparing the rules and regulations necessary to implement these programs as soon as possible," Riley said.

Hi folks! Just to let you know, I haven't forgotten the incentive awards. We have undergone a major overhaul of our computer system and are trying to get all of the records and points corrected and back in shape. No instructor lost points, in fact, some gained significantly. You should have received your award recently. If not, it is possible that you were between point levels. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Now, the upcoming fall season is just around the corner, and we need courses to print schedules for phone requests and for viewing on the Internet. I will add them and update the Web site as soon as you contact me with the information. I need your instructor number, start date, time, location, and contact phone number.

One last thing...

We are still receiving records from last year, some over ten months late. It is imperative that instructors send in their records in a timely manner, or possibly risk being inactivated. We fall under state guidelines and are bound by a mandate to meet certification requirements and get the cards into the hands of the students in a designated time frame.

The new requirement is to have the student records in our office within seven (7) days from the completion of the course. Good customer service is a policy, and when we get audited, it must show that we accomplish our goals. Thanks and keep 'em coming!

K A T H Y

TPWD Mission Statement Changes

During a recent meeting, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved a revised TPWD mission statement. The new statement is:

“To manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing

and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.”

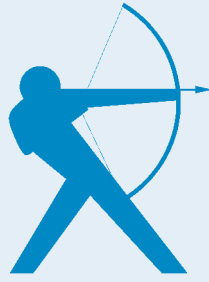
Input was solicited from commissioners and employees and hundreds of suggestions were received.

“It's important that we recognize and appreciate fully our constituents,” said TPW Commission Chairman Katharine Armstrong Idsal. “More than half of our revenue comes from hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation users and we need to be reminded of that on a daily basis.”

Brain Teaser

This is an unusual paragraph. How quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it? It looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it! In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out! Try to do so without any coaching!

Answer: The letter "e", which is the most common letter in the English language, does not appear once in the long paragraph.



THE BOWHUNTER

TEXAS BOWHUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

IBEP CLASS MATERIALS ORDERING PROCESS

Effective January 1, 2002, IBEP-Texas entered into a service agreement with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to provide ordering, warehousing and distribution of IBEP course materials. The following describes the new process to be used to obtain materials for your IBEP classes.

All orders for course materials must include your name, shipping address (No PO Box), phone number, instructor ID number, date of class and start time, and should be directed at least **30 days** prior to the scheduled class date to:

Jack Nasworthy
 Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.
 4200 Smith School Road
 Austin, TX 78744
 (512) 389-4795
 1-800-792-1112 + 61
 E-mail: jack.nasworthy@tpwd.state.tx.us

Orders will normally be shipped within 2 working days of receipt.

No funds are required to be sent when placing an order for materials.

For **Student Classes** you should order 1 of the following items per student:

Student Manual
 Student Registration Form
 3-in-1 IBEP Responsibility Manual
 "The Facts on Bow Wounding" Booklet
 Student Patch
 IBEP Sticker

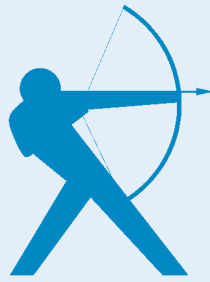
* Each Class will need a Final Course Report Form for each instructor that certifies students, a class roster form and one 6" X 9" Postage Paid Return Envelope per class.

For **Instructor Classes** you should order 1 of the following items per student.

Instructor Manual
 Deer Diagram (Life Size Poster with slap-on vitals)
 Flip Chart
 Instructor Patch
 IBEP Materials Price List

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TEXAS BOWHUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

THE NEW FEE FOR STUDENT CLASSES IS \$10.00!!

Within **7 days** of completion of the class you must return all completed student registration forms, a final course report for each instructor that certifies students, and **\$5.00** per student to:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.
Attn: Education Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744

Note: You may use the postage paid return envelope provided by TPWD.

You may retain \$5.00 per student to cover instructor incidental expenses. (Pencils, copies, refreshments, postage etc.) Keep any excess course materials for your next class, however, please do not “stockpile” material.

Send a copy of the completed Class Roster to the IBEP-TX State Chairman at:

Jack Jetton
514 B Verhalen Rd.
Alvin, TX 77511

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR NEW INSTRUCTOR CLASSES.

All of the completed paperwork from instructor classes should be sent within 7 days to the IBEP-TX State Chairman who will forward it to TPWD.

Completed paperwork should include:

IBEP Instructor Workshop Sign-up Sheet (Provided by TPWD)
TPWD & IBEP Application
One Blue TPWD Training Report signed by MBIT per applicant
Game Warden Interview (if completed and available)

Keep any excess course materials for your next class, however, please do not “stockpile” material.

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