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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

How would you like to have a Henry Golden Boy .22 cal. rifle? Well, here's your chance. The "One Millionth Student" certification is coming up soon, and that student will receive one of these engraved rifles signifying he/she is the Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunter Education "One Millionth Student." Note: The instructor who teaches that student will also receive a Henry Golden Boy, .22 cal. rifle and both will receive a specially built shadow box for display.

One of my goals before leaving at the end of this year is to reach **One Million** students in Hunter Education certifications. Student certifications were at **948,900** as of August 31. Here's the scoop to help beef up the possibility of achieving that number!

*For the instructor who certifies the **most students in 2012**, and for the instructor who teaches the **most courses in 2012**, we will award an additional custom Henry Golden Boy, 60th Anniversary Rifle and Browning Commemorative Knife with matching serial numbers.*



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Ag Clays Sets Record 5th Year

Photos courtesy of Steve Hall, executive director of the Texas State Rifle Association

On June 4-5, more than 750 high school students gathered in San Antonio at the National Shooting Complex to compete in the 5th Annual Ag. Clays State Trap and Sporting Clays Event. Some 43 schools brought 105 teams from across the state.

Above are the High Overall male and female from each discipline. Top row – Sporting Clays: Courtney Kuykendall, Bandera, with a 91/100 score and Blake Dixon, Barbers Hill, with a 96/100. Bottom row – Trap: Miranda Wilder, New Diana, with a 97/100 score and Bradley Laxon, Menard, who shot a perfect score of 100/100.

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Coordinator's Corner, continued



The IHEA logo, "Celebrating 60 years of Hunter Education" is etched onto the left side of the receiver. A custom design depicting a mentor and a youth, along with "Safe Hunting is No Accident" is engraved onto the right side of the receiver. The custom serial number will indicate which gun in the series is presented. The Browning knife has a mesquite handle and is shown above. This is truly a commemorative set worth all the effort, and generously provided by the Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association (THEIA).

The number of students and courses will be totaled up at the end of the year and the winner will be announced during the IHEA Annual Conference in April 6, 2013 in San Antonio. The State Hunter Education Conference sponsored by THEIA and

TPWD will be held on April 5-6 in conjunction with the IHEA Conference.

With your help, we will make it soon. Our busy season is upon us, and there are numerous courses scheduled. Let's get the word out and fill those courses in hopes of being selected as the instructor who had the "One Millionth Student."

Now, look at your calendars and send in your schedules for courses. Let's make this year the biggest ever for certifications! Thanks so much for all each of you do for this program and for promoting and sharing Texas' legacy for hunters. Good luck, and let the counting begin. ...

Until next time, Always be safe!

Terry Erwin



Spanish Version of Outdoor Annual Now Available

A Spanish language version of the Outdoor Annual is now available, thanks to sponsorship funding from Toyota and the hard work of Eddie McKenna and Marketing intern Melinda Martinez, who played a huge role in the translation effort. What would we do without our incredible interns? 4,800 copies will be distributed across the state at game warden field offices, and in hunter and angler education classes.

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Ag Clays Sets Record 5th Year, continued

MALE TRAP



1st Place Male Trap – Witharral. Team members are Ryan Lorenz, Cory Nickelson, Jordam Samsel and Kyle Nickelson.



2nd Place Male Trap – Smithson Valley. Team members are Cullen Bray, Caleb McCarthy, T.J. Tuttle and Jarred DeSalme.



3rd Place Male Trap – Hondo. Team members are Garrett Beissner, Garrett Jones and Wesley Bogge.

FEMALE TRAP



1st Place Female Trap – New Diana. Team members are Miranda Wilder, Caitlin Ross, Kimmy Hendricks and Louann Peacock.



2nd Place Female Trap – Brazoswood. Team members are Chelsea Anguiano, Sydney Marze, Bailey Fairchild and Rita Holt.



3rd Place Female Trap – Gonzales. Team members are Brie Schauer, Bryn McNabb, Brittany Pakenbusch and Allison Raley.

MIXED TRAP



1st Place Mixed Trap – New Diana. Team members are Rollen Robertson, Miranda Wilder (F), Caitlin Ross (F) and Ros Powell.



2nd Place Mixed Trap – Whitharral. Team members are Cory Nickelson, Lexi Pinkert (F), Kyle Nickelson and Logan Stone.



3rd Place Mixed Trap – Brazoswood. Team members are Forrest Whitley, Ty Wyatt, Chelsea Anguilano (F) and Bailey Fairchild (F).

Ag Clays Sets Record 5th Year, continued

FEMALE SPORTING CLAYS



1st Place Female Sporting Clays – Brazoswood FFA. Team members are Chelsea Anguiano, Bailey Fairchild, Rita Holt and Rebecca Matula.



2nd Place Female Sporting Clays – Navarro FFA. Team members are Alyssa Hodge, Katlyn Herzog, Jenna Bottorf and Ashlyn Jandt.



3rd Place Female Sporting Clays – Gonzales. Team members are Allison Raley, Bryn McNabb, Brittany Pakenbusch and Brie Schauer.

MALE SPORTING CLAYS



1st Place Male Sporting Clays – Barbers Hill. Team members are Blake Dixon, Drake Keeble, Mason Wilks and Logan Parson.



2nd Place Male Sporting Clays – Devine. Team members are Lawton Bean, Jake Patterson, Michael Alvarado and Case Frieda.



3rd Place Male Sporting Clays – Smithson Valley. Team members are Jarred DeSalme, Cullen Bray, Caleb McCarthy and T.J. Tuttle.

MIXED SPORTING CLAYS



1st Place Mixed Sporting Clays – New Diana. Team members are Rollen Robertson, Ross Powell, Miranda Wilder (F) and Caitlin Ross (F).



2nd Place Mixed Sporting Clays – Brazoswood. Team members are Forrest Whitley, Ty Wyatt, Chelsea Anguiano (F) and Bailey Fairchild (F).



3rd Place Mixed Sporting Clays – Smithson Valley. Team members are Jeremy Marroquin, Cullen Bray, T.J. Tuttle and Kelsey Hasbrook (F).



75 Years of Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs

The year 2012 marks the 75th anniversary of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) programs, which provide vital federal funding to Texas and other states. In Texas, anniversary efforts will culminate this fall, and employees in all divisions are encouraged to help spread the word.

Matched with hunting and fishing license revenue, WSFR is the fundamental investment that yields billions of dollars in economic benefits and tens of thousands of jobs each year in Texas. This money means more than healthy lands and waters, or abundant fish and wildlife. It means a higher quality of life for people, and in some cases it means lives saved.

That's why we're telling everyone who buys hunting or fishing equipment: stand tall and proud. If you love wildlife, thank a hunter. If you love healthy rivers, lakes and bays, thank anglers and boaters. As the national 75th anniversary commemoration effort says: "It's your nature."

Congress passed the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Act 75 years ago in 1937. The law levies an 11 percent excise tax on rifles, shotguns, ammunition and archery equipment and a 10 percent tax on handguns. The tax is paid by manufacturers, not by customers at checkout counters, so most people don't know about it. Since its passage, Texas has received more than \$300 million for wildlife research and conservation, creation of wildlife management areas, hunter education, shooting range development and related work.

In 1950, Congress passed the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, mandating a similar excise tax on fishing rods and related equipment. This has funneled nearly \$350 million to Texas for fisheries research and conservation, creation of fish hatcheries, boater and angler education, boat ramp and marina construction and more.

Learn more at <http://wsfr75.com/>

Texans Attend IYHEC



Pictured left to right are Michael Lindstrom and his son Daniel Lindstrom from Fort worth; Garrett Lovelace and his mother, Kathleen Lovelace from Belton. Daniel and Garrett participated in the IYHEC held in Mansfield, Pennsylvania on July 21-27, 2012. THEIA generously paid their entry fee for the youth to participate in the NRA National YHEC (Youth Hunter Education Challenge) event.

The attendees competed in all eight events, which included Archery, .22 rifle, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunter Responsibility Exam, Orienteering, Wildlife Identification and Hunter Safety Skills Trail.



We are proud of Garrett for placing **1st in Archery in the nation** (he competed against 138 in the senior division ages 15-18) for the second year in a row!

IN THE NEWS...

From National Shooting Sports Foundation

First Quarter Excise Taxes Up 32 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 \$145.6 million in the first calendar quarter of 2012, up 32.16 percent over the same time period reported in 2011. This 2012 first-quarter total is the highest quarter reported since the Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau took over record collection in 1991, surpassing the previous highest quarter reported (2nd quarter 2009) by 14.26 percent. Read more at <http://www.nssf.org/share/emailDrafts/FAET2012Q1.htm>

“Yamaha’s Whitetail Diaries” Premiered on NBC Sports Outdoors, Sixth Season Captures the Thrill of Whitetail Hunting

Cypress, Calif. – The sixth season of “Yamaha’s Whitetail Diaries” will air on NBC Sports Outdoors, part of the NBC Sports Group. The show will feature all-new compelling stories capturing the thrill of chasing North America’s most sought after game animal – the white-tailed deer. Yamaha Outdoors is the title sponsor of the show, which is produced by CarecoTV.

Through guest appearances, expert commentary, product features and valuable insight from the field all wrapped around hunting adventures, Whitetail Diaries brings viewers some of the best hunting stories from across the nation. The popular 22-week hunting series will air on NBC Sports Outdoors each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. ET and each Saturday at 8:00 a.m. ET, and will also be available online at www.carecotv.com and at www.whitetaildiaries.com.

“Yamaha’s Whitetail Diaries continues to show you how and where to hunt deer while using proven gear and tactics,” said Wade Middleton, president of CarecoTV. “We put hunters and hunting gear through their paces in real world situations. Yamaha’s Grizzly ATVs and Rhino SxS vehicles have proven their mettle time and again in the field whether we’re planting food plots, stalking big deer or hauling them out. Thanks to Yamaha for sponsoring the Whitetail Diaries.”

Hunter Numbers up 9 Percent in Last Five Years

According to preliminary figures released recently by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Department of the Interior, the number of hunters age 16 and older in the United States increased 9 percent between 2006 and 2011, reversing a previous downward trend. Figures show an increase from 12.5 million hunters in 2006 to 13.7 million in 2011, and that hunters spent \$34 billion in 2011 on trips, firearms and equipment, licenses and other items to support their hunting activities. Final data will be included in the upcoming USFWS 2011 National Survey Report. USFWS has conducted a national survey every five years since 1955, the last being the 2006 National Survey, released in 2007.

Duck Populations Hits All-Time Record

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced in a press release that North America’s total spring duck population in 2012 was the highest ever recorded, according to the annual Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey. The survey, conducted each May by the USFWS and Canadian Wildlife Service, put the duck population at 48.6 million, a 7 percent increase over 2011’s record number of 45.6 million.

View the report here: www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/NewReportsPublications/PopulationStatus/Trends/2012_Trend_Report_final.pdf

IN THE NEWS...

From National Shooting Sports Foundation

Some Lots of Remington Ammunition Recalled

.270 Win 150-Gr. Soft Points Recalled
Photo courtesy CheaperThanDirt.com

May 29, 2012

Remington has determined that six Lot Numbers of its 270 Win. 150-grain soft-point ammunition may have been improperly loaded. The recall is not limited to the Express Core-Lokt brand shown here. Check inside the box end flaps for lot numbers N16SA24L, N16SA24R, N16SB24L, N16SB24R, N13SC24L, or N13SC24R.



If you have a case of this ammunition, the Lot Number is stenciled on the outside of the case. If you have a box of this ammunition, the Lot Number is stamped on the inside flap of the box. If you have any of this Remington 270 Win. 150-grain soft-point ammunition, as identified above, immediately discontinue the use of this ammunition and contact Remington at the telephone number below. Remington will arrange for the return shipment of your ammunition, and upon receipt will send you replacement ammunition at no cost to you. If you are unsure whether or not you have one or more of these Lots of ammunition, or if you have mixed boxes of ammunition, please immediately discontinue the use of the ammunition and contact Remington at the telephone number below and the company will replace this ammunition for you.

For any consumer questions or instructions on how to return your Remington .270 Win. 150 Gr. Soft Point Ammunition with one of the Lot Numbers listed above, please contact the Remington Consumer Service Department at (800) 243-9700, Prompt #4.

Craig Hunter Named New Game Warden Colonel



Craig Hunter, a 38-year law enforcement veteran, has been selected as director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Law Enforcement Division. He pinned on his colonel's badge Aug. 1.

Hunter, previously second-in-command of the state's game wardens, succeeds Pete Flores, who retired at the end of May. David Sinclair, who had been serving as acting colonel during the interview and selection process, retired July 31 after 40 years with TPWD.

"Col. Hunter has more than earned this promotion," said TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith. "He stands out because of his experience, his credibility and the respect he enjoys inside and outside the agency, not to mention his demonstrable ability to effectively lead a team. I have nothing but the highest degree of respect and confidence in him."

As TPWD Law Enforcement Division director, Col. Hunter will oversee a force of 532 highly trained state game wardens that provides law enforcement "off the pavement" across Texas. Though state game wardens focus primarily on conservation laws, they are fully commissioned peace officers authorized to enforce all state statutes.

Hunter and his wife Bernadette have a son, Craig Jr., who is a senior at Texas A&M and a member of the Corps of Cadets. Congratulations, Craig!



Hunter Education Looses Instructors

Agriculture Science Teacher, **Stan (Trey) Psencik III** was killed in a tragic auto accident on Thursday night, May 31. He was an instructor in Goliad. He had been an instructor for four years and had just had his 29th birthday. Trey was a big supporter of the Ag. Clays Program and was going to bring two students, Kayla Brandes and Austin Oeltjen, to shoot in the state competition on June 4-5 in San Antonio. After the accident, it was unknown if they would attend because of such a traumatic event. However, after much soul searching, each youth decided they would go and shoot in the event in honor of Trey. Kayla and Austin were both an inspiration to others and deserve a lot of credit for their conviction. Trey will be missed, so keep his family in your thoughts.

Mike Gonzales – San Antonio, passed away suddenly with a heart attack on June 9, while working on his family farm in Hondo. He had been an outstanding instructor for hunter education since 2001, and was a member of the South Central Texas Hunter Education Instructor Association, and had hosted their annual Christmas party at the San Antonio River Authority office, where he worked for over 30 years. Mike had held 32 courses and certified 411 students, and was waiting to finish up his Area Chief training. He will certainly be missed by his family and peers.

Kathy Wren – Scurry, passed away after a long and hard battle with cancer. She was an integral part of a teaching team in Terrell, and had been certified since 1989, had been involved with 47 courses and had certified 370 students. Kathy's presence made an outstanding impression on her students and teaching team. She always had a smile and provided information one could count on. She will be missed by her team members and remembered as one who always did her very best.

Russ Greiner – San Antonio, passed away on September 10 after having fought a tough battle with prostate cancer. He was a retired Colonel in the US Air Force. Russ was an Area Chief instructor and had been certified since 1997 in hunter education and since 2004 in bowhunter education. He had held 147 courses and certified 1,278 students and 16 instructors. He was a strong supporter of TPWD and Wildlife Expo. Russ will be missed by family and peers.



Terry Erwin received the Ed Kozicky Award in the past and is shown here with Dr. Kozicky during a meeting with IHEA and industry representatives at Estes Park, Colorado.

IHEA Looses Icon

Edward L. Kozicky, the longtime manager of Winchester's Nilo Farms in Illinois and a nationally recognized pioneer in the wildlife management field died after a fall at his Godfrey, IL home. He was 94. Winchester owner, John Olin, hired Kozicky to run Winchester's Conservation Department, and specifically to oversee the development of Nilo Farms as a hunting preserve for the company's guests. Kozicky retired from Olin in 1982 but stayed involved in wildlife education as a visiting professor at Texas A&M University at Kingsville. He also was instrumental in founding the International Hunter Education Association in Denver, and left an endowment which sponsors an annual Edward Kozicky Hunter Education Award.

KATHY'S CORNER

Hi folks! Yep, that's right, me again. Please update us on your contact information such as phone, fax, email, etc. We try to update our database regularly, so this will help us stay in contact or locate you in a timely manner. Another friendly reminder is that we are still receiving paperwork without signatures, dates, and even some with no Final Reports. We must send them back for correction, and this holds up processing student cards.

Important – **Do NOT color copy the Scantron student registration forms or the Final Report forms under any circumstances. These are precision printed forms and if copied, will not go through the scanner, requiring hand entry.**

Please do not send cash in the mail! We are STILL receiving cash in the mail for courses taught. This is definitely against department policy. Staff gets friendly reminders from Incoming Revenue about these incidents, and we must notify you, the instructor. It turns out to be a lot of additional work, which in turn, slows down student certification processing. We just went through a state audit, and every possible thing that could be checked was. Please help us stay on top of record processing by doing your part before it comes to us.

TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Student Training



SCI-Houston sponsored their annual course held in August. The students had their course fee paid and lunch and drinks provided. A big "Thanks" to SCI-Houston for their generous support of hunter education.



Pictured here are the volunteers who taught the course, which went off without much difficulty. Thanks, folks!



Area Chief Gene Norton was on hand to help with the course as well. Gene is slowly getting out of being a volunteer, but always manages to show up when needed. Thanks, Gene!!



In-Service Training

The Texas Big Game Scoring workshop was recently hosted in La Grange on September 12, 2012 by David Forester. Participants became certified to become a TBGA scoring individual. Thanks to the Wildlife Division for hosting this workshop.

TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Instructor Training



These applicants attended the new instructor training in Porter hosted by Area Chiefs Duke Walton and John Meekins.



New instructor training was conducted at Whitsett on June 30, 2012. Pictured from left to right are: Francisco Tamez, Laredo; Area Chief Benny Ham, Whitsett; Whiskey Tolar, Victoria; Melony Roche, Eldorado; and Jim Roche, Eldorado.

OUTREACH EVENTS



Brock Minton, Hunter Education Specialist, gives a special presentation at Goliad State Park for their summer camp sessions.

Guess they thought he was a king for coming down to do the program.

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.

May

Donald G. Dobie	Palestine
Ronald B. Lofton	New Waverly
Jeffrey C. White	Valley Mills
Michael C. Wallace	La Vernia
Wendi D. Howard	Wichita Falls
Cheryl A. Lejune	Houston
John Hillard	Brownfield

June

Caitlin O. Frederick	Lorenzo
Jerry C. Davis	McKinney
William T. Defrees	San Antonio
Scott E. Neumann	Round Top
Michelle A. Stroud	Brazoria
Robert L. Downey	Argyle
Dan E. Mosley	Texarkana
Morgan R. Jenkins	Cleburne
Richard S. Carstensen	Lockney
Brett M. Riker	Burleson
Delissa B. Crowe	Uvalde
Matthew M. Perrine	Temple
Murell J. Hammonds	Simms
Wardell S. Miller	Woodlawn
Stephen L. Stolusky	Kaufman
Wardell S. Miller, Jr	Nacogdoches
David A. Pasternak	Paris
Savannah L. Deegan	College Station
Bryan K. Stewart	McKinney
William D. McGhee	Mercedes
Audrey E. Crane	Stephenville
Kevin K. Kuykendall	Valley View

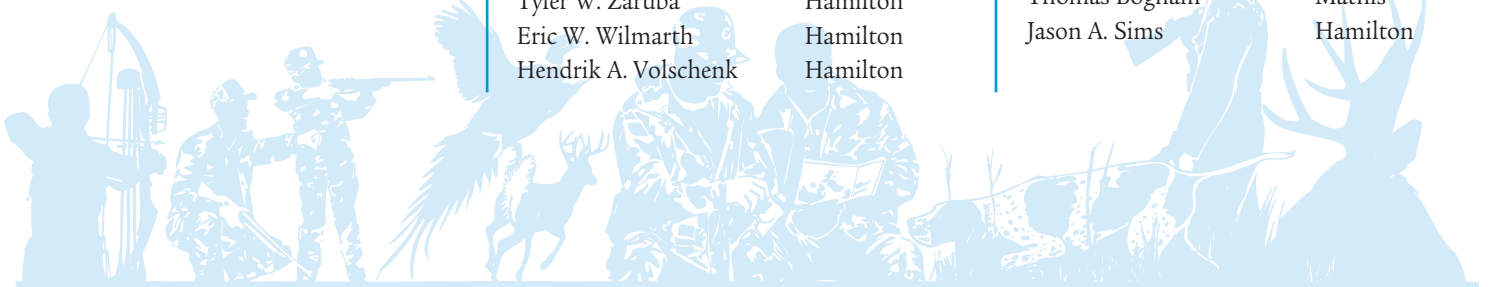
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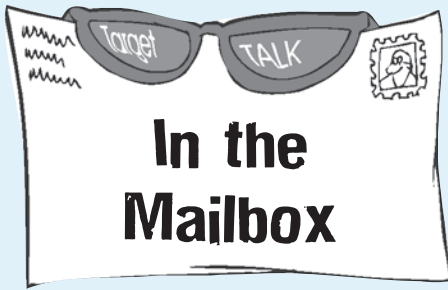
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James T. Roche	Eldorado
Ruben G. Rangel	Brownsville
Drew M. Sells	Grapevine
Talisa M. Richardson	Moody
George K. Montgomery	Rowlett
Melony J. Roche	Eldorado
Caleb M. Harris	Austin
Hector S. Holguin	Alpine
Whiskey K. Tolar	Victoria
Mirtis A. Hansard	Lewisville

August

Kelvin C. Olford, Jr.	New Caney
John R. Jordan	Splendora
Brandon L. Bloodorth	Humble
Alex C. Shook	Longview
Crystal A. Davidson	Kaufman
Jay R. Kolbe	McQueeney
John H. Anderson	Plano
Mark D. Blackmon	Elkhart
Edward F. Stricker	College Station
Nelson P. Nutt	Waxahachie
Rodree B. Carlile II	Huffman
Derek C. Dunlap	Anson
Jesse J. Harrison	Center
Kyle D. Allison	Plano
Cassandra S. Sanders	Muleshoe
Don M. Malone	Garland
Tanner W. Morgan	Stephenville
John T. McClellen	Portland
Joshua H. Shafer	Marshall
Tyler W. Zaruba	Hamilton
Eric W. Wilmarth	Hamilton
Hendrik A. Volschenk	Hamilton

Michael L. Stephens	Copperas Cove
Cane C. Shumaker	Hamilton
Charles E. Tweedle, Jr	Hamilton
Patrick R. True	Hamilton
Aaron P. Summers	Sugar Land
Tyler S. Stoikes	Bastrop
James N. Skeen	White Oak
Michael S. Robertson	Nacogdoches
Christopher D. Pope	Dickinson
Arnold Pinales	Brackettville
David L. Hopkins	San Angelo
Jacob C. Crumpton	Hillsboro
Colby A. Hensz	Harlingen
Allison R. Hatten	Temple
James L. Hall	Katy
Jonathan D. Griffin	Georgetown
Noe Gonzales, Jr	Freeport
James M. Ferguson	Axtell
Bryan C. Dulock	Bruceville
Dustin L. Dockery	Baytown
Daylan R. Damron	College Station
Roque Corona	Edinburg
Eric B. Cooper	New Braunfels
John T. Compton	Austin
Jonathan Balderas	San Antonio
Abraham Amaya III	San Benito
Carter A. Ball	Buchanan Dam
Mark A. Bane	Temple
Trent W. Marker	Round Rock
Natali Mejia	San Benito
James R. Sidman	Seabrook
Bryan C. Reed	Seguin
Ashlee B. Woods	Katy
Thomas Bogham	Mathis
Jason A. Sims	Hamilton





Dear Ag Clays Manager:

My name is Ross Leavins, and I am 17 years old and from Mount Belvieu. I am just starting to shoot competition for trap, skeet and sporting clays. My first competition was very recent at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. I went there to shoot sporting clays and trap for my first time ever, but before all that I was going to come to this competition only as a spectator. I was invited by my girlfriend and her family to go with them to just have a good time.

After a lot of talking about the event, I signed up for the Ag Clays competition at the last minute. I practiced a total of one time for sporting clays and at the most, five times on the trap field. These were the two events I was going to be in. When I arrived at the complex, I practiced one round of sporting clays the day before the event started. On my first attempt, I shot 93 out of 100. If I did that, then I know anybody can. The next day, I practiced trap, and when I shot in the first round, I hit 92 out of 100.

There is no doubt that is some of the most fun I have ever had, and at the same time, one of the best learning experiences of my life. There was always something to do and always people to meet and learn from. All I can say to anyone that is curious about getting into this sport is, "just do it!" You will not regret it. I was encouraged by everyone, which created a friendly atmosphere that I have not felt while participating in any other sport. This goes to anyone reading this. No matter what your skill level is, the shooting sports are a great way to learn a new skill that you can carry with you for life.

If you need a couple of words of advice, it's really easy to understand, so go and "have fun!"

Thanks,
Ross Leavins

Dear Staff:

My son along with several others completed the Hunter Education course this past weekend. I attended as well, although I already have my card, since he is 10 and I wanted to show him the importance of the class. I would like to let someone know what an outstanding job our instructor did for us and for the department. Cynthia Hilt, instructor # 006977, was very knowledgeable and informative in the class with both first hand experiences and with lessons from the instruction book. There were five young men, ages 9 to 13, in the class that were kept engaged during the entire course which is hard to do. She also made it interesting for us older guys as well. It was a great learning experience in more ways than just the hunting safety we came there for. You have a real gem in Cindy.

Kind regards,
Kyle Kleypas
Kerrville, Texas

Hello Kitty!

I really enjoyed class (both of them) and was so impressed with the course. I learned so much about hunting, kinds of guns and most important, safety. It was such a good experience for me that I am so excited to go pheasant hunting and would like to sign up with Ducks Unlimited or an organization similar to that. I understand now why they exist and walked away from class with a greater understanding why people go hunting. It was very interesting. Weather was bad driving home but I took my time and got home safe. I am glad I drove to Houston to learn from such an experienced couple. Have a blessed week.

Jennifer L. Loyall
Dallas

Dear Charlie Wilson:

New Diana lost a great shooter — she crossed over to the adult world! Miranda Wilder now attends Schreiner University in Kerrville on scholarship. We'll miss her! The team does continue to grow, however: from 4 to 8 and now to 18 or 19, and for 2013-2014 school year, a student from Longview ISD and a student from Hallsville ISD are going to transfer to New Diana ISD to be members of the shooting team. We are very pleased they have chosen to do that. We have already started our practices and hope to arrange a regional shoot for late October or early November.

David Ross
Ag Science, New Diana

Hunter Education Staff:

That is pretty neat about the 1,000,000th student coming up soon. I was notified back in the middle '70s that I had certified the 10,000th student. I still remember his name, Kevin Groves from Possum Kingdom. He was taught in the Graford School system and he and his brother now own a plumbing business at Possum Kingdom Lake. He is doing well and I just got older. Keep up the good work,

Major Butch Shoop, Retired
Fort Worth Region II

Staff:

Another great class at Bass Pro Shops in San Antonio this past weekend and the Mossberg Firearms were a big hit. Thanks again for setting our group up with these guns. I'm very spoiled now with these sets of non-functional firearms and all of our students have really enjoyed handling and working the actions on all. We had 37 registered students and five parent monitors or an almost "full house."

Ralph Winingham (freelance writer for San Antonio *Express News*) came in on Sunday afternoon, took a few pictures, spoke to a few students, spoke with our game warden, Jorge Tomayo, and asked a few questions. Ralph seemed surprised with the set-up we had with Bass Pro and was really impressed with the numbers of students. Hopefully he got what he needed for his story which was in the San Antonio *Express News*. I didn't check his shorthand, but he did take lots of notes.

I'm very appreciative of you and your staff. Keep up the great work so volunteers, like me, can continue to enjoy working with so many.

John Rodriguez
Area Chief, Pipe Creek

To: Ray Sasser, Dallas Morning News:

I want to thank you for listing Hunter Education classes in your outdoor calendar of your newspaper. The last class I lead was booked full about a week before the class date and in the days before the class I had to turn down several people wanting to sign up. On the day of the class, there was almost a 20% no-show. And I even sent out an e-mail reminder a few days before.

Over the years it has been my experience that many prospective students are under the impression that we

instructors are State of Texas employees. They have no idea that we volunteer our time, talents and experience to preparing, conducting and processing the paperwork to be sent to Austin. The number of classes an instructor can do is limited to the availability of a facility and his work and family schedules. The size of the class is limited by the size of the facility and the number of instructors that can help.

Every year I will hear some students tell me that they have had a hard time finding a class, driving to Fort Worth from Wichita Falls, Houston, Austin, Tyler and even southern Oklahoma.

It doesn't bother me at all if someone signs up for a class and then finds one closer as long as they let me know that they won't be attending so someone else can have the opportunity to be certified in the Hunter Education program. What does disappoint me is when I have to turn students away and on the day of the class there are empty chairs.

Thank you,
Jim Schaefer



Gary Moore with Whitetails Unlimited presents us with a check for \$300. He wanted to sponsor the whole class, so the class we had on Sept. 7 and 8 was completely paid for by Whitetails Unlimited. Pictured from left to right are C.R "Chuck" Miller, Gary Moore, Don Miller and Gene Gilcrease. This was a great surprise for us and the class. Whitetails also stated they plan on doing this once a year. This year in Nacogdoches we are giving away door prizes, two, \$10 Wal-Mart gift cards for every class. In January 2013 we are giving away a free deer mount and a 20 gauge youth shotgun. Every student 18 and under that takes the class in Nacogdoches will be entered for the drawing at the end of the season.

Thanks,
Don Miller, Area Chief, Nacogdoches

KUDOS!



Jimmie Caugbron, hunter education training specialist, receives his 10-year plaque from Terry Erwin. Jimmie retired after 31 years as a school teacher and began a new career with TPWD. He works out of his home and covers 104 counties in west Texas. Congratulations, Jimmie!



During a recent Hunter Safety Education course in Abilene, Colton Childress, (age 9) from Hawley, Texas, was recognized as Rodney Sturdivant's 1,000th student. Colton received an Academy gift card from Rodney and lots of hunter safety gear provided by TPWD. Rodney Sturdivant serves as Area Chief for Coleman and Taylor counties and has served as a Hunter Safety Education Instructor for 12 years. Congratulations, Rodney!



Pictured L to R is Duke Walton, THEIA past president, Chuck Morrow, Area Chief, Richardson, and Bob Boswell, current president of THEIA. Chuck was the winner of the .243 Marlin rifle as a result of purchasing a raffle ticket from THEIA this year. Chuck said, "I sighted this rifle in at 30 yards and then shot one time from 100 yards and it was perfectly on." Congratulations, Chuck!



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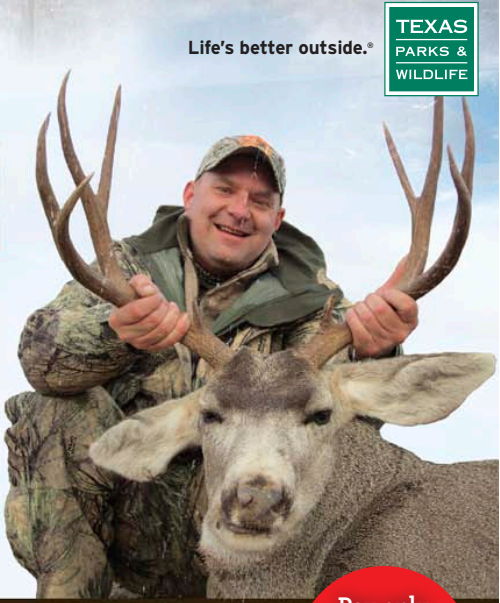
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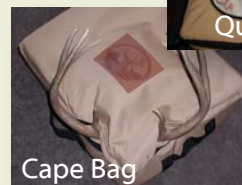
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With dove season underway, I refer you to Gil and Vicki Ash's GREAT website with all kinds of helpful tips and hints. I've had the pleasure to work with them thru TPWD and they are a class act and VERY good at what they do. If ever in Houston and can schedule a class, you should. I believe they also travel. Now, you have no excuses for missed doves! Check them out at the following website.

www.ospschool.com/osp-articles-listing.php

Pittman Haymore, III
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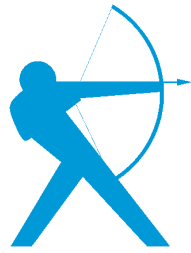
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THE BOWHUNTER

TEXAS BOWHUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Welcome Aboard, Danny Yarbrough



I would like to introduce myself to my fellow TPWD co-workers. I am Danny Yarbrough a retired professional educator and bowhunter. I have been tasked with the assignment of the new Community Archery Specialist for the Dallas/Fort Worth metro area. I am very excited about this opportunity to promote and introduce archery to citizens in North Texas.

I was a coach/teacher in Oklahoma and Texas for over 33 years. My areas of instruction focused on athletics and outdoor education. In May I retired from Canton High where I introduced the National Archery in the Schools Program in 2010. This program won three State Championships (2010, 2011, 2012) prior to my retirement.

My wife of 24 years is named Linda and we have two sons, Cody and Tyler, who are both in college. My avocations include fishing, golfing and bow hunting.

Danny Yarbrough, Community Archery Specialist
North Texas Education Center, Grand Prairie 75052
972-263-6989

Summary of Upcoming NASP Basic Archery Instructor Courses

The following information pertains to all courses.

Cost: \$45.00 (Checks made payable to TASP, c/o Teresa Meyers, 6140 Dick Price Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76140); Fee waived for schools.

Agenda: Attached

Certification: Basic Archery Instructor – Texas-National Archery in the Schools Program

Desired audience: PE, Outdoor Adventure, Ag Science teachers, Coaches

Clothing: comfortable – such as shorts and tees

What to bring: Bring your lunch. All equipment and supplies are provided

1. Oct. 12 – **Keller**, Messiah Lutheran Classical Academy
2. Oct. 20 – **San Antonio**, Northeast ISD, Jackson Middle School
3. Oct. 23 – **Southmayd**, S&S Elementary School
4. Oct. 27 – **Nacogdoches**, Stephen F. Austin State University
5. Oct. 29 – **Mesquite**, Class Full, exclusive to Mesquite ISD
6. Dec. 1 – **Pearland**, Alexander MS

To receive further information or register for any of the courses above please contact Burnie Kessner.

burnie.kessner@tpwd.state.tx.us
TPWD Archery Coordinator
Office: 979-862-7341
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TPWD's Texas-National Archery in the Schools Program

2013 Texas-NASP State Qualifying Virtual Tournament

NEW FOR 2013

**TX-NASP School Teams and Individuals must participate in the State Qualifying Virtual Tournament and shoot a qualifying score in order to attend the State NASP Tournament.

**The Primary Division, K - 3rd Grade, will only be part of the State Qualifying Virtual Tournament. The physical state tournament in Belton, February 15, 2013 will have the same divisions as the National NASP Tournament format—Elementary, Middle School, and High School.

Who May Participate in the 2013 State Qualifying Virtual Tournament:

Schools (Public, Private, or Homeschool) that teach archery (TX-NASP) as part of the **in-school curriculum** are qualified to compete in this tournament. The following Divisions are part of the Qualifying Virtual Tournament:

- Primary, K - 3rd grade
- Elementary, 4th - 6th grade
- Middle, 7th - 8th grade
- High School, 9th - 12th grade

Brief Summary of Virtual Tournament Steps:

- Online Registration November 1-16 at www.nasptournaments.org
- Cost \$2.00 per student. (Schools will pay online)
- Notify Burnie of Intent and Date of tournament by Nov. 21 and which one of the following three methods will be used to verify scores:
 1. TPWD/TASP visitor observes,
 2. Shoot with at least one other school, or
 3. Letter of score verification from principal
- Conduct tournaments Nov. 26 - Dec. 21.
- Date scores due: EOB Dec. 21 (coaches will put scores online)
- Scores will be finalized and posted by Jan. 7 along with the minimum qualifications for the State Tournament.

Before the registration period begins, schools will be emailed the detailed Virtual Tournament Rules and Guidelines to include the NASP Tournament Format.

New Bow Hunter Instructors

May

Kirkland S. Howard

Wichita Falls



Mark Your Calendars!

For the 2013, 8th Annual Texas-National Archery in the Schools Tournament and Scholarship Championship

Where: Bell County Expo Center, 301 West Loop 121, Belton, Texas 76513, Directions at: www.bellcountyexpo.com

When: Friday, February 15, 2013

Cost: \$25.00 per student

Schools that teach archery (TX-NASP) as part of the in-school curriculum and shoot a qualifying score in the State Qualifying Virtual Tournament are qualified to compete in this tournament.

NEW FOR 2013:

The Primary Division, K – 3rd Grade, will only be part of the State Qualifying Virtual Tournament. The State Tournament divisions are listed below.

Highlights: College scholarships to the top four male and female High School archers, trophies, ribbons, t-shirts, 1st place male and female in each division receive Genesis bows, and the high scoring male and female archer will receive a limited edition Genesis bow. Door prize drawings will take place throughout the day.

Shooting Divisions for Teams and Individuals are:

Elementary, 4th – 6th grade

Middle, 7th – 8th grade

High School, 9th – 12th grade

First place teams in each division are automatically qualified to attend the National Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky. Additional teams may attend with qualifying team scores. 1st – 5th place male and female Individual winners in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades and 1st – 5th place in the Middle School and High School Divisions qualify to attend. Please contact Burnie if you have any questions.



*Pictured here are the IBEP Instructor applicants who took the training on August 18, 2012 at Bexar Comm. Range, San Antonio.
Back Row: Left to Right: Charles Marcus; Nathan Stangle; Robin Wheeler.
Front Row: IBEP Master Instructor Ross Walker.*

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DON'T FORGET TO SHARE
TWPD HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES WITH OUR STUDENTS

One of my favorite magazines is *Texas Fish and Game*. It is pert' near my hunting and fishing year-round, outdoor "bible." I say this because their Executive Editor of TF&G and author of "Chester's Notes, Chester Moore," offered a reminder to readers of the opportunity we Texans have for hunting in this great state through hunting on our public lands with the purchased of the Annual Hunting Permit.

Mr. Moore, in the August, 2012 (page 14) edition of TF&G magazine, provided a brief history of this program that has grown since 1994 to cover more than 900,000 acres of agricultural land for hunting doves, hogs, pheasant, waterfowl, deer, and small game. All for the price of \$48 per year, per hunter. Talk about a Deal!

The selling point for me is not just the low cost of \$48, when compared to some of the fees my family had paid for hunting leases, but the opportunity for families to go hunting...together. I grew up as many of you did with moms, dad, kids, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends from the workplace and their families having year-round privileges on hunting leases. Over time money issues left many families out of the hunting picture, some forever.

Last year in one of our classes we had a father who wanted to introduce his 10 year old daughter to hunting. He sat with her in class to see what was being taught. He asked me where he could take her hunting. He had discovered that with some of the hunters he knew, hunting was a "boys club" and he did not want that for his daughter. Thinking really fast, I suggested trying the TPWD public hunting opportunities with the Public Hunt Drawing and the newer Annual Public Hunting Permit. He did e-mail later saying they were signed up and ready to hunt near Floresville.

Each year more land has been added to the Annual Public Hunting Permit program and 2012-2013 is no exception. Our agricultural friends have been happy with their experiences with hunters who have shared their farms and ranches. It certainly seems to be a win-win situation for land owners and individuals or families of hunters.

With a new dove season almost here, followed rapidly by quail, turkey, pheasant, waterfowl, deer and other seasons open within the next couple of months, I would strongly suggest we offer our students a chance to do as Chester Moore suggests. That is, offer information on these TPWD hunting opportunities and help our students' families forge new hunting traditions and "promote hunting to a new generation." With opportunities

(continued on page 2)

priced at only \$48 per permit, the whole family can get outside, back in the woods, go hunting for all kinds of game animals and birds and re-establish hunting as a family sport. Let's keep 'em hunting.

Peggy Weyel

Newletter Editor

HUNTER EDUCATION EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

April 2-6, 2013 **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. Contact: **Heidi Rao**, Houston. 281.534.0126 / heidi.rao@tpwd.state.tx.us and **Robert Ramirez**, Dallas-Fort Worth, 972-203-1219 / robert.ramirez@tpwd.state.tx.us

2013 **Texas Youth Hunter Education Challenge** date and place to be announced
Contact: Peggy Weyel, Coordinator; 210-696-9599, pweyel@sbcglobal.net for information

THEIA THANK YOU... to our Participants, Junior **Daniel Lindstrom** and Senior **Garrett Lovelace** who attended the 2012 International Youth Hunter Education Challenge in Mansfield, Pennsylvania and represented Texas admirably. **Garrett** earned a first place in the Archery Challenge. They both received a **THEIA scholarship** that paid for their IYHEC registration fee. Thank you also their parents, **Kathleen Lovelace** and **Michael Lindstrom**, who accompanied them and coached. (See photos and more information in *Target Talk*.)

FYI: COLORADO'S CLASSES FOR OUT-OF-STATERS

Colorado now offers the out-of-state, non-hunter ed certified hunters additional choices to their "famous" 8 hour, one day CRASH course that provides a one year, Temporary Hunter Education Certification. While the 8 hour CRASH class must also include additional time for the required "live fire activity at a range and the exam, that one must pass, it ONLY allows the student a TEMPORARY Certification for one year.

However, there are two other options open to the out-of-state hunters to get a PERMANENT card, if they so choose: (1) an On-line course (the same or similar to those on the TPWD Hunter Ed Website) plus a 4 hour Completion Course (similar to the Texas HE Field Class and fee is additional) or (2) one of their full, 1 day-12 hour courses. In doing either of these they will be taking the full course and upon successful completion of the courses and exams receive a permanent Colorado Hunter Education certification. (continued next page)

Information on the Colorado Department of Natural Resources regarding the Internet-based course work with its Classroom Conclusion Course states:

“With an Internet-based course, you may be able to complete the course work prior to your arrival, then join a class here for final testing and range qualification. This can earn a permanent HE card. ***Be sure to make prior arrangements with an instructor (there are links to listings on that webpage) before beginning the course!***”

This request to contact the 1-day course instructor, whether CRASH 8-hour course, Internet-based Class and 12 hour course, is important to make sure the instructor knows the out-of-stater will be attending and won't change the class format in case he doesn't show up.

Or, they can come back home to Texas and take the TPWD Hunter Education as they should have and solve the problem of certification in both states.

FREE TREESTAND SAFETY ON-LINE VIDEO

<http://www.huntercourse.com/treestandsafety/>

The Missouri Department of Conservation's Hunter Education page, "About Hunter Education," has an external link to a free, 26½ minute, "Treestand Safety Course," provided by Hunterscourse.com. According to the accompanying information, "it is the only on-line safety course that meets the Treestand Manufacturers Association guidelines."

For our students heading out to their treestands, this might be an excellent review for them, and us too, before they encounter the dangers of climbing that tree.

TWO TEST ITEMS THAT OUR SAN ANTONIO STUDENTS CONTINUE TO MISS

By Peggy Weyel

In two past issues of the *THEIA Newsletter* this instructor submitted articles on Hunter Education Exam test items and vocabulary that seemed to be causing a number of our students. In our teaching team's second class this year--a Field Class--this past weekend, we are still seeing a few "disconnects" even though our instruction that has tried to focus on strengthening these areas. Our common English language seems to be not so "common."

Two test items that continue to have about a 30% or more incorrect responses are #28 and #29. Our team has especially focused on #29 as students are given opportunities in the field to practice the different carries as they walk the hunter skills trail in lines of "single file" and "shoulder to shoulder"- dove and quail hunting configurations. But young students still seem to be confused with terminology: "walking in single file." I'm wondering if their idea of "file" today is of those files found on computers and i-products.

Test Item #28 continues to befuddle students (not to mention their instructors) who evidently do not recall the different classification of mistakes hunters have made. What is a "hunter's judgment" error? Is it anything like what "Judge Judy" does as she passes "judgment?" We continue to try use the terms and examples in the field exercises and to find the right words to reach a new generation about their own "hunter's judgment." Bringing a new generation into our sport and attempting to teach the older vocabulary as well as finding pathways into the "new" vocabulary remains a challenge.

Are any of you finding students mis-answering some of the same test questions?

"Vegetarian - that's an old Indian word meaning, 'lousy hunter.'"

Andy Rooney (1919-2011)

American journalist and humorist

AND LEST WE FORGET ...our blessings, our gifts, and our responsibility...

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

Genesis 1: 29-30

Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.

Genesis 9:3

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