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TARGET TALK

TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

TPWD Mission: 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.



EDITOR'S CORNER

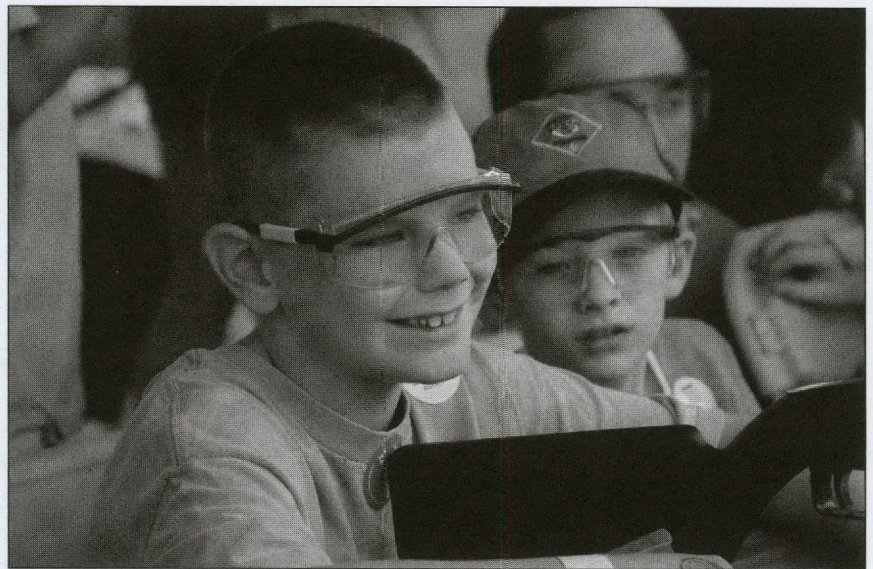
Assistant Hunter Education Instructors

We started the "Assistant Instructor" program several years ago to: 1) recruit future instructors and 2) help young folks develop a love for the outdoors and promote hunting safety among their peers. The first two assistants were Leslie Freeman, who taught with his father, Area Chief Dr. Leroy Freeman, and Chad Ellis who assisted his father, Area Chief Quincy Ellis. One never knows where these assistants will go, what paths they will choose or where they will wind up. Here is a small, but significant summary of those two young men.

Leslie completed his BS degree in Wildlife Management from Texas A&M University, and is currently taking graduate courses. He plans to go to dental school to follow in his father's footsteps. Leslie is now an area chief instructor and continues to teach with his father. He is married and his wife, Kimberly, is pursuing her MS degree at Texas Woman's University in physical therapy. They reside in Denton.

Chad finished his BS in Range and Wildlife Management at Sul Ross University and got his MS degree in Range and Wildlife from Angelo State. He works for the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Alpine as the district conservation biologist.

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Get Ready for Expo

It's time to sign up and volunteer your time and efforts to help make the 16th annual Texas Parks & Wildlife Expo a huge success. It is impossible to run a successful event without adequate numbers of qualified instructors and volunteers. Here's what you'll get for your time—an Expo T-shirt, 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 over 15,000 kid's faces, a third of which have never been exposed to the shooting sports.

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Get Ready for Expo, continued

THEIA has again agreed to pay for Arby's market fresh sandwich lunches and drinks that will be distributed during noon work hours of Expo on Saturday and Sunday. Sandwich choices are usually ham and turkey, and if you were here the last few years, you know how tasty they are. 6208

Leon Measures and his "Shoot Where You Look" program will not be at Expo 2007. Leon, his wife Frieda, and their volun-

teers, have reached many youngsters over the years with this popular air gun activity. This void will put more pressure on other shooting sports activities, but we know you will be up for the challenge.

You might want to make your reservations at local hotels/motels now, because rooms are booking up rapidly. Call us for a listing of places available.

Editor's Corner, continued

He is married, and he and his wife, Tessie, have a two-year-old daughter, Keona. Chad received a promotion with NRCS, so he and his family are on their way to Florida where he will be the youngest NRCS person to hold one of the top conservation positions in the entire state. They will settle in Gainesville, beginning work in August.

Congratulations to both of these fine young men, their wives and families. We are proud to have been a part of their paths to success.

Notes:

Only three instructors found their ID numbers in the last issue of Target Talk. We have mailed them some nice prizes. We will continue to place instructor numbers among the pages, so peruse this issue in search of your unique number. If you find it, please call Kathy Powell at 1-800-792-1112, ext. 8142. You, too, will receive a nice prize!

As a friendly reminder, please process all of your course paperwork and mail it within seven days following the course certification date. We are still receiving overdue records, and students are complaining about not receiving their cards in a timely manner. All records received have been processed, and we are gearing up for the busy season.

With the busy season is upon us, courses are beginning to fill up. If you haven't done so already, please schedule your courses as soon as possible. Please allow ample time (two to three weeks) for supplies to be ordered and delivered. If all instructors follow this rule, you will receive your materials in a timely fashion.

Because of the steady rains in June and July, conditions for the upcoming hunting seasons look ideal. This may cause an increase in demand for hunter education, so be prepared! Remind potential hunters age 17 and older that if they have missed the opportunity to get certified, they can purchase a one-time "deferral" which extends that opportunity for up to one year. As of July 1, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department sold 11,275 in the 2006/2007 license period. We are currently tracking those who attend a course prior to the end of the year (August 31). Remember, too, that if a student in one of your courses presents a "deferral" purchased this year, he or she may receive a \$5 discount.

Thanks for all your dedicated volunteer efforts. Keep up the great work!

Always be safe and responsible,
Terry Erwin

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Seguin Coliseum Site of Funeral for Game Warden Ty Patterson

Funeral and visitation services for Game Warden Teyran "Ty" Patterson took place in Seguin with more than 1,000 people in attendance. A benefit fund has also been set up at a Seguin bank for donations to support the Patterson family.

After the funeral, pall bearers carried the casket to a waiting hearse, which proceeded from the coliseum to Guadalupe Valley Memorial Park cemetery between Seguin and New Braunfels, where final honors and interment services took place.

At the cemetery, the Game Warden Honor Guard from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department held the final honors, including a 21-gun salute, bagpipes and bugled Taps. Pilots with the TPWD Law Enforcement Division and Texas Department of Public Safety conducted a flyover in state aircraft.

Patterson and his partner, Game Warden Danny Tuggle, were attempting to recover the body of a suspected drowning victim where the Paluxy River crosses F.M. 205 in Somervell County when their boat capsized in floodwaters. Patterson was transported to Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth, where he later died. Tuggle, a 25-year veteran game warden, suffered near-drowning injuries, but was treated and released from the hospital in good condition the next day.

Patterson was the second Texas game warden killed in the line of duty in less than three months. Game Warden Justin Hurst was shot and killed on March 17 during an exchange of gunfire between law enforcement officers and a suspected poacher.

Since 1919, 17 Texas game wardens have lost their lives in the line of duty, five by drowning. Patterson earned his

Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Texas State University, and was a graduate of the 51st Texas Game Warden Academy in 2005. He was stationed in Johnson County. He is survived by his parents, Viann and Joe Patterson of Seguin, Texas.

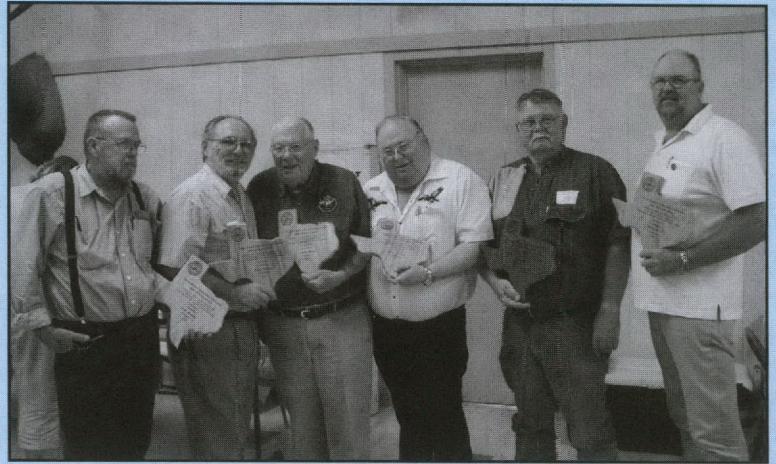
Anyone who wishes to make donations to support the Patterson family may send a personal check made out to Ty Patterson Benefit Fund, Wells Fargo Bank, 101 East Nolte, Seguin, TX 78155. Donation checks can also be sent made out to Operation Game Thief (OGT), with Ty Patterson Memorial Fund noted on the check, to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744. To make donations by credit card, call OGT at (512) 389-4381. All donations made through OGT will be forwarded to the family.



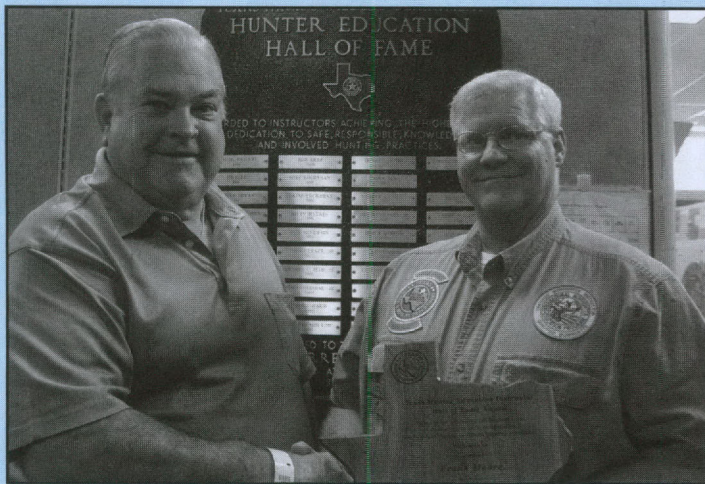
KUDOS

Hall of Fame Awards Presented

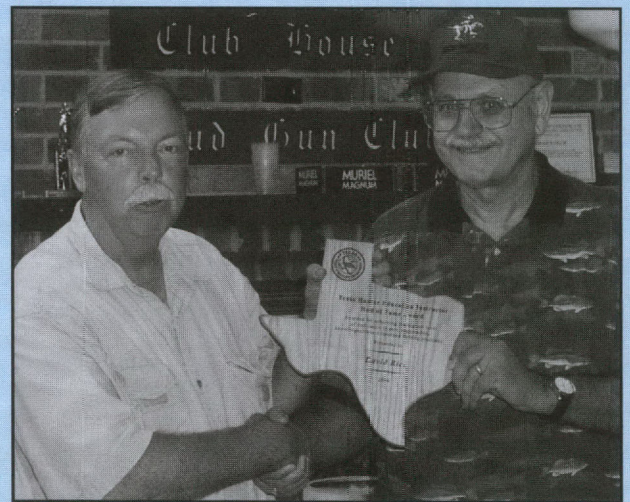
Hunter Education celebrated its 35th year in 2007, and nine instructors were honored and inducted into the Hunter Education Hall of Fame at the annual awards banquet held in Mansfield on June 23. One of two "Hall of Fame" plaques is now full and 40 instructors have made their mark in the annals of hunter education history.



Shown here, left to right, are Jan Heath, Irving; Duke Walton, Porter; Albert Ross, Arlington; Jerry Couch, Irving; Bob Boswell, Houston; and Billy Holt, Breckenridge. They are the latest instructors reaching the Texas Hunter Education Hall of Fame.

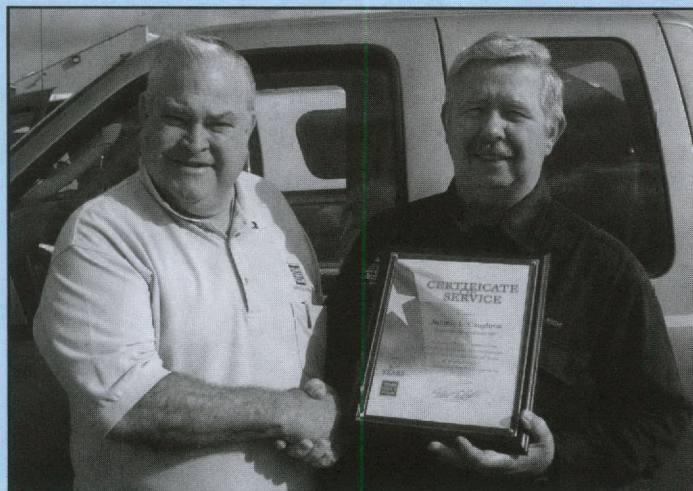


Frank Moore, right, received his Hall of Fame Award from Terry Erwin during a recent presentation at the department's headquarters.



David Rice (right) receives his Hall of Fame Award from Charles Snowden, Jr., Area Chief from Linden.

David has been a certified Hunter Education instructor since 1980. He has certified 1,160 students and has trained and certified 75 new instructors.



Jimmie Caughron received his five-year tenure plaque from Terry Erwin during the recent instructor conference. Jimmie went to work for the department as a Hunter Education Specialist after his retirement from a 31-year career as a schoolteacher. His current duties include coverage of the entire western half of Texas. Congratulations!

Ferris Bavousett Selected as Runner-Up for Winchester Award

Winchester Ammunition has awarded the “Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor of the Year” for North America for 20 years. Texas hunter education instructors have been honored with the top award three times and a runner-up award on 12 occasions. This year, Ferris Bavousett, Area Chief, Argyle, who teaches in the Lewisville ISD, was the latest to receive this prestigious award as a runner-up.

Ferris has been an instructor for eleven years and has taught 145 courses and certified 1,475 students. With support from organizations such as the Dallas Safari Club, he also started a popular outdoor education program in schools in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. He trained 42 additional instructors and recruited an additional 29 schools into teaching the “Outdoor Trails” program including hunter education. He has been the driving force behind numerous youth hunts, outdoor field days and many opportunities where parents spend time with their youngsters in the field. Congratulations Ferris!



Betty Allen Receives T.D. Carroll Award

Betty Allen, Area Chief Instructor from Killeen, received the first T. D. Carroll Award from the Texas Hunter Education Instructor's Association (THEIA). THEIA President, Duke Walton, made the announcement during the annual awards banquet held in Mansfield on June 23. She received the award mainly because of her leadership and dedication to the Texas Youth Hunter Education Challenge for the past 16 years. Betty has been the event's volunteer coordinator, and she has maintained all registrations of participants. Congratulations Betty!

The Outdoor Connection Receives IHEA Industry Award



Floyd Hightower and his group of representatives accepted the 2006 International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) Industry Award from Past President, Terry Erwin, during the annual IHEA Foundation benefit shoot held in June at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. The Outdoor Connection is a proud sponsor of IHEA and has contributed generously to the organization for the past several years. Congratulations Floyd!



Dove Lease Program Expands for Upcoming Season

The Wildlife Division has expanded public dove hunting leases on private land by adding eight additional locations or units comprising another 1,100 acres for the 2007-2008 hunting season.

For the last few months, TPWD field staff has spent considerable time and effort negotiating leases on private property across Texas. This successful team effort will expand the popular public hunting program to 155 units comprising a total of approximately 56,300 acres.

For the first time hunters will find a location inside Loop 1604, the outer highway around the city of San Antonio. Other firsts include leases in Coryell, Coke, Foard,

McCulloch and Hamilton counties. A key goal of the program since its inception in 1994 has been to provide easily accessible public hunting sites close to metropolitan areas. Anyone with an Annual Public Hunting Permit, hunting license and required stamps can "walk on" to hunt the dove lease sites anytime during the establish times indicated on the area maps provided with purchase of the annual permit.

Information about 2007-2008 dove lease sites will be available later this summer on the dove lease program Web pages (www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/public/lands/dove_hunting_areas).

High Expectations for Upcoming Dove, Teal Seasons

The outlook for September's early migratory bird hunting in Texas looks promising, according to wildlife biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Dove and teal are expected to flourish as above-normal rainfall through the summer has yielded excellent range conditions throughout much of the state.

"Above-average precipitation statewide has created ideal habitat conditions for doves," said Jay Roberson, TPWD dove program leader. "I expect above-average production this year and hunt success should be higher provided doves are not dispersed."

Roberson explained that the abundant seed production, predominantly sunflower and croton, will help recently fledged birds to rapidly put on weight. But, quality range conditions could also cause doves to disperse as food sources become readily available and make managed fields less attractive early in the season.

Dove season in the North Zone is set for Sept. 1–Oct. 30, with a 15-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves; the Central Zone runs Sept. 1–Oct. 30 and reopens Dec. 26–Jan. 4, with a 12-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves; and the South Zone is set for Sept. 21–Nov. 11, reopening Dec. 26–Jan. 12 with a 12-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.

The Special South Texas Whitewing Zone, which now encompasses land west of I-35 and south of U.S. Highway 90, is open to white-winged dove afternoon-only (noon to sunset) hunting the first two Saturdays and Sundays in September. The daily bag limit is 12 birds, not more than four (4) mourning doves and two (2) white-tipped doves.

The early teal season runs Sept. 15–23 in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit and Sept. 15–30 in all other Texas counties. The daily bag limit for teal is four.

"There is lots of rain and water on the coast and we're looking at the third highest population of bluewings on record heading this way, so it could be unbelievable," said Dave Morrison, TPWD's waterfowl program leader. "Greenwings are also at near record highs. But, with all the water we have, it could spread the birds out. Everybody is going to get some of the gravy."

Both greenwing and bluewing teal numbers this year are about 50 percent above the long-term population averages, said Morrison. "The September teal season has the potential to be one of the best in the last several years," he added.



in THE MAILBOX

Dear Editor:

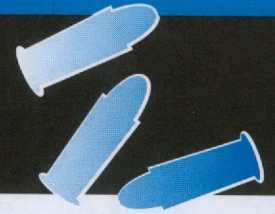
I had never heard of the Parrie Haynes Ranch or the Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) until my friend Betty Allen shared her volunteering experiences with me. I was fortunate enough to get invited to volunteer for the 2007 YHEC events. I had no idea what to expect or to what degree of help I could be as I am not a hunter.

I quickly realized upon arrival at the ranch that I would be making new friends and learning new things. I was placed at the hunter skills event. My first observation was how well organized things were. The next thing that caught my attention was how well mannered and respectful the kids were, not just to we adults but to each other as well. I saw the excitement in the faces of the parents who were there to support their child.

The entire day was great fun with good people and enthusiastic kids. It was truly a breath of fresh air to see a different breed of young people. The awards ceremony was a joy to watch. The parents gleamed with pride for the accomplishments of their child.

Volunteering for this event was quite rewarding for me. I may have taken away from this experience more than I gave. I hope I will be invited back again. 15612

Dianne Prairie
Copperas Cove



Winchester Recalls Ammunition

Please visit this Web site to determine if any Winchester ammunition that you may have in your possession might be defective and subject to recall.

www.winchester.com/news/newsview.aspx?storyid=195

Nation's Support of Hunting on the Rise

From National Shooting Sports Foundation

A recent survey conducted by Responsive Management Inc. indicated the number of Americans accepting and approving of hunting has increased. Despite a drop in the nation's number of hunters by four percent since 2001, some 78 percent of the public support hunting as an outdoor activity, up five percent since 1995. Eighty percent indicated "hunting has a legitimate place in modern society." Mark Damian Duda, executive director of Responsive Management, said, "Americans seem to be acquiring a more realistic view of hunting and wildlife management." 4064

College to Offer Hunting/Shooting Sports Management Degree

From National Shooting Sports Foundation

Montgomery Community College (MCC) in Troy, N.C., will be offering a first-of-its-kind program for persons interested in getting into the business side of hunting and shooting sports. The two-year associate degree in business administration can be earned almost entirely online, though one gunsmithing lab course will be held on the MCC campus. The unique educational opportunity's conception began with Larry Potterfield, president and CEO of Midway USA distributors, at the NSSF-sponsored SHOT Show, and NSSF has provided an implementation grant for the program.

Winner Drawn for IHEA Heritage Hunt

Carson Anderson, a student from Omaha, Texas, was one of the lucky winners of the IHEA Heritage Hunt to be held in October 2007 at the Indian Head Ranch near Del Rio. Texas has had two students and two instructors drawn for past hunts.

Reaching Carson proved to be quite difficult, because his father is a DPS trooper, and thought the call was a prank or scam and wouldn't return the calls. After reaching his

father and explaining the situation, and that the trip was for real, both he and Carson were really excited about the offer. We wish them a safe, successful hunt and for memories that will last a lifetime! 4197

Please tell your students to look inside their Hunter's Handbooks for the entry form, and be sure to send one in yourself for the hunt in 2008. You never know when you might get drawn. It is certainly a hunt of a lifetime.

How Great Is Texas?!

Here is a list of actual places to travel in Texas.

Need to be cheered up? Try these: *Happy, Pep, Smiley, Paradise, Rainbow, Sweet Home, Comfort* or *Friendship*.

Love the Sun? Go to *Sun City, Sunrise, Sunset, Sundown, Sunray*, or *Sunny Side*.

Want something to eat? How about some *Bacon, Noodle, Oatmeal, Turkey, Trout, Sugar Land, Salty* or *Rice*? And top it off with *Sweetwater*.

Why travel to other states for cities? Texas has them all! *Detroit, Colorado City, Denver City, Nevada, Memphis, Miami, Boston, Santa Fe, Tennessee Colony, Reno* and *Omaha*.

Feel like traveling outside the country? Don't bother buying a plane ticket, just drive to *Athens, Canadian, China, Egypt, Turkey, London* and *Paris*.

No need to travel to Washington D.C. Try *Whitehouse* or our own *Washington*. We even have a city named after our planet, *Earth*, and a city named after our state! *Texas City*.

Exhausted? Go to *Energy*.

Cold? Try *Blanket* or *Winters*.

Like to read about history? Read about *Santa Anna, Goliad, Alamo* or *Gun Barrel City*.

Need office supplies? How about *Staples*?

Men are from Mars, women are from *Venus*.

You guessed it; it's on the state line, *Texline*.

For the kids, we have *Kermit, Elmo, Nemo, Tarzan, Sylvester* and *Winnie*.

Other city names in Texas to make you smile are *Frognot, Bigfoot, Hogeye, Cactus, Notrees, Best, Veribest, Kickapoo, Dime Box, Telephone, Telegraph, Whiteface* and *Twitty*.

P.S. Whoops, left out *Muleshoe, Cut And Shoot*, and don't forget ... *Farewell*.

Have a great day! 12212



KATHY'S CORNER

Hi folks. Sending in the necessary paperwork and proper course fees is still an issue. Please send all course paperwork and appropriate fees within seven (7) days of the course certification date. When fees are not submitted properly, it holds up processing of student forms. And, even though the temporary certificate you issue is a legal document of proof, some students become agitated when they do not receive their permanent cards in the mail in a timely fashion. They begin calling our offices about a week after they take the course. Therefore, your compliance to this policy is paramount to good customer service.

We also are still receiving courses without final reports. Please send a final report for each course and for each instructor in a team-taught course. Each team instructor should receive a portion of the total numbers of students taught—so you all must agree on whatever portion you assign each instructor.

NOTE: Please do not put “structured” and “home study” courses together on the same final report. You must use a separate final report for each course. You may ship them together in the same envelope, but you must have them separated with paper clips. If team-taught, please place the final report on top of the student forms for each instructor and then place the entire set of registration forms together and mail in one envelope.

Thanks for all your help, because it certainly makes our job easier, and the students get their certification cards much sooner!

Preparation Is the Key to Success

James Bartay, Area Chief

“Hunting is safe and getting safer because of hunter education.”

Aside from firearm safety issues, a variety of incidents can occur while in the outdoors. Unfamiliar terrain and climate changes are just a few of the vast challenges faced when going into the outdoors after one’s favorite game. A successful hunt begins with careful planning and preparation. The process of planning is just as important as the hunt itself!

Mental preparation, such as educating yourself about the game you will be hunting, is the most critical and will increase your success and add to the enjoyment of the experience. Learn as much as you can about your chosen hunting area by obtaining the most current state regulations and

familiarize yourself with the terrain. Hunting often demands more physical exertion than what we are accustomed to. Getting physically fit before your hunt will greatly increase your chances of having a successful outing. Sharpen your shooting skills by practicing at the desired ranges whether you are using a rifle or bow.

Clothing also can affect your ability to perform safely and responsibly, so select the right clothing based on the weather you expect to be in, while being prepared for the worst. The most important piece of clothing that should be included is daylight fluorescent orange. No other color in nature matches this color so it makes it easier for a hunter to spot and recognize another hunter while wearing daylight fluorescent orange.

Last, tell others your hunting plan that includes where you will be, routes and destinations you plan to travel, who you will be hunting with, and when you expect to return. Leave the plan with a responsible family member or friend. This could be vital in case you get lost or injured.

A memorable outing is not just filling a tag or bag limit but the experience of the outing and the life-long stories to pass along for generations to come. So, whether it’s a once-in-a-life-time dream hunt or a trip to your local hunting camp, a successful trip is all about preparing yourself for the opportunity. 14780

Always plan your hunt, and then hunt your plan.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

To All Hunter Education Instructors:

The 2007 Annual Instructor Conference turned out to be a great success thanks to all who worked so hard to make it happen. We had just enough rain and cloud cover to keep it from being too hot. The guest speakers were very enjoyable and had lots of good information. It appeared that all who attended the Saturday night banquet and fundraiser had a great time. We raised over \$7,000.00 toward our goals!

At the T.H.E.I.A. business meeting we reelected Bob Boswell as Vice President for a second term. Donnie Kee was elected as Treasurer and Robert Ratcliff was elected to replace Frank Moore who had served two terms. I want to thank Al Potthast and Frank Moore for their service and dedication to T.H.E.I.A.

Ms. Betty Allen was chosen by the officers and directors to be the first to be presented "THE T.D. CARROLL AWARD." This is awarded to Betty for her years of service to the youth of Texas and her dedicated efforts to promote T.H.E.I.A. I had the great pleasure of giving her the award!

By the time you get this newsletter a committee of Dennis Rock, Saralyn Walton, and I will have gone to the International Youth Hunter Education Challenge in Raton, N.M. From July 18-29 we are going to learn how to improve and upgrade our state competition to better train our youth to compete at a higher level.

At the State Y.H.E.C held at Parrie Haynes Ranch on May 6, 2007 we drew the names of the lucky kids who will participate in the upcoming youth hunt on December 26-28, 2007.

The first handicapped-accessible deer stand is in place at Parrie Haynes and the next one should be in place before this deer season.

The 2008 annual meeting committee is working to put on the meeting that all other meetings will be compared with. It will not be like any other in the past. A \$10,000.00 deer hunt has been donated by the WINDY "B" RANCH for one hunter and one non-hunting guest, with meals and lodging included. Purchase of a \$10.00 raffle ticket will give you a chance on this great hunt. Contact your regional director or contact Kathy Powell at T.P.W.D. All tickets will be sold by the end of EXPO 2007 and the lucky winner will be drawn at the 2008 Annual Meeting!

We are re-establishing a scholarship for graduating high school seniors going to college to pursue a career in wildlife: conservation, enforcement, management, or natural resource management. The officers and directors will serve on the committee to select the winners.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

February 8th and 9th are two days you won't want to miss.

**The 2008 Annual Instructor Conference
and Awards Banquet will be held at
Ruby Ranch in Buda, TX.**

A new era is beginning and you are invited to be part of it all.
It will be like no other conference you have ever attended with special
event activities, silent and live auctions and numerous door prizes.

▪ **How much you ask?**

All of this for the low, low price of \$25.00 per person.

▪ **What's the catch you ask?**

We need your help selling tickets to for the **Premier Hunt.**

▪ **Limited seating!**

We **WILL** sell out.

▪ **SIGN UP NOW...YOU WONT WANT TO MISS IT....**

Contact Kathy Powell or Tami Moore at 1-800-792-1112, Ext. 4999 for more information.

Better yet send your registration to THEIA to secure your spot.

▪ **GET ER' DONE!!!**

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Number Attending: _____

Payment Enclosed \$ _____ Attending: Friday _____ Saturday _____

**Send all payments for registration to:
THEIA Treasurer
Donnie Kee, 3570 FM 2108, Lufkin, TX 75901**

Premier Hunt Tickets Available!!!

GET THAT TROPHY YOU ALWAYS WANTED



THEIA is selling tickets to a hunt on a Scientific Breeder / High-fenced ranch,
at the Windy B Ranch in East Texas (Jacksonville area)

HUNTERS CHOICE

Any Buck - Any Size

Be their guest for 3 days

(Hunt Friday afternoon, all day Saturday, and Sunday until noon)

All meals and lodging will be provided
for you and one non-hunting guest

All funds raised through ticket sales are used to support the Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association (THEIA). They support events like the Youth Hunter Education Challenge, Youth Hunts and a Scholarship Fund for students entering a wildlife biology, management, conservation or enforcement field. Support those that support hunter education and the safety of all of those who hunt.

Tickets only \$10.00 each

The drawing will be held on Feb. 9, 2008 at the annual THEIA conference.

The THEIA President will notify the winner no later than Feb. 15, 2008.

Hunt to take place during the deer season of 2008 – 2009.

Call Kathy Powell 512-389-8142 or Tami Moore 512-389-4938 for more info.

Visit us on the web at www.txheia.org

President's Corner, continued...

Your Instructors Association is working very hard to improve, but we need YOU to join and attend the functions and meetings to voice your concerns. The next meeting will be at EXPO '07, 8:00 a.m. Saturday, October 6, in the shooting staging bleachers behind the main building. Look for the T.H.E.I.A. banner.

If you have never attended the EXPO you really should contact Terry Erwin to sign up. We always need more help. YOU WON'T BE SORRY! HAPPY TRAILS & SAFE HUNTING

Your President,
Duke Walton

HUNTER EDUCATION EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

October 6-7, 2007 EXPO '06 at TPW Headquarters in Austin – It's the 15th Anniversary!
February 8-9, 2008, Annual Hunter Education Instructor Conference,
May 2-4, 2008, Texas Youth Hunter Education Challenge at Parrie Haynes Youth Ranch

THEIA THANK YOU - with heads bowed.

We've lost two gallant servants of Texans and Texas wildlife resources this year.

The passing of two Game Wardens, Justin Hurst and Ty Patterson, in the first half of 2007 has awoken many of us again to the dedication our Game Warden have to the protection of our wildlife resources and to our public safety.

Game Warden Justin Hurst, was shot and killed on March 17 by a suspected poacher.

Texas Game Warden Teyran "Ty" Patterson drowned during a search and rescue of a 17 year old drowning victim in the flooding Paluxy River near Lufkin in May. His partner, Game Warden Danny Tuggle, was hospitalized and barely escaped drowning when he too was flung into the floodwaters as their boat capsized.

Our deepest condolences to the families of these fine men.

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TRAINING WORKSHOPS



Ethics, Game Laws and Responsibility

Area Chief Joe Rogers hosted this workshop in Nacogdoches on April 28. What an exceptional opportunity to participate in one of the best training sessions offered. This portion of the hunter education course is by far one of the best segments when it comes to really learning what the students feel inside and how they react to certain situations. It is most important that instructors provide an atmosphere for students to exchange views and ideas. 11134



Alligator Workshop

Heidi Rao, hunter education specialist in Houston, hosted an advanced in-service workshop at the J.D. Murphree WMA June 1-2. It was a full group and instructors were up to their heads in "alligators." This has been one of the most popular workshops in recent years and always fills up with participants. Next time, be sure to register early so you, too, can learn about the habitat and hunting of the wily amphibian.



Wildlife Management

Brock Minton held a workshop for Agriculture Science teachers in the Rio Grande Valley on June 4. Thanks to Rodney Beamsley for setting this workshop up for the teachers located in that area. We hope to have more opportunities in the future for Valley instructors.

GPS Workshop

Area Chief, Joe Drebnak and Clyde McMeans hosted a workshop on June 16 for these instructors desiring to find their way. The outdoors practical using map and compass featured team activities, compass bearings and determination of distance traveled. A heavy rainstorm dampened the drill but that did not stop the hardy group from completing the course.

Clyde McMeans presented the GPS Mapping unit featuring new software available to instructors, and a session on the practical uses of GPS technology. The afternoon practical was suspended due to the weather, but a group discussion on technical aspects of GPS took its place.



It seems that compasses may have an advantage over a GPS in a rainstorm but the paper maps quickly became soggy. If scheduled next year, try to attend. You will not regret it. 10696

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.

April

Donald Payne	San Antonio
Sherryl McGown	Center
Bradley Wilburn	Center
Addison Long	Stanton
Gary Bomar	Abilene
Daniel Ferris	Alpine
Steven Tucker	Powderly
Katy Mutz	Bigfoot
Connie Evans	Burnet
Lee Stout	Royse City
Kevin Garvin	Rockwall
Brent Pohorsky	Rockwall
Noel Stacey	Mountain Home
Dayna Horak	Haslet
James Haile	Sanger
Darrel Schuster	Sweeny
Tamara Rodriguez	Needville
David Draper	Alvin

May

Dennis Cunningham	Emory
Richard Pfeil	Bryan
Christopher Bird	Austin
Anthony Kingery	Silverton
Carlos Escamilla	Corpus Christi
Christina Vales	Austin
Marcus Vela	Austin
George Whatley	Austin
David Solis	Austin
Brent Tucker	Lamesa
Albert Robinson	Austin
Stevan Ramos	Austin
Jacob Philley	Austin
Roy Eddins	Austin
Brandon Mosley	Austin
Robert McCuiston	Krum
Ricky May	Austin
Stephen Ingram	Austin
Lance May	Austin
Michael Durand	Austin
Clinton Caywood	Austin
Matthew Bridgefarrower	Austin

Daron Blackerby	Austin
Brandt Bernstein	Austin
Shaun Bayless	Austin
Dustin Barrett	Austin
Joel Bush	Llano
Thomas Prihoda	San Antonio
Christopher Rodriguez	San Antonio
Cynthia Algueseva	San Antonio
Diane Mashburn	Chandler
Larry Bockman	Springtown
Greg Pruitt	Hillsboro

June

Troy Vance	Garrison
Juan Garcia	McAllen
Octavio Alarcon	Edinburg
Ramon Lerma, Jr.	Edinburg
David Nelson	Tyler
Sharon Varble	League City
Gary Witt	Dayton
John Kelly, III	Hillister
Michael Scambray	Willis

Kent Irvin Moves On



Kent Irvin, Hunter Education Specialist in Grand Prairie, departed TPWD employment on June 20. Kent will be entering other avenues of employment in the Houston (Stafford) area, which is nearer his and his wife's families. Kent began with the department's Wildlife Division as a wildlife technician in the Bryan area. He returned to college and obtained a BS degree and returned to work for the department in the Education Branch. While there, he earned his masters degree from North Texas State University in Denton. He will remain active as an Area Chief in hunter education and he plans to teach in the Texas Archery in Schools Program.

We will miss Kent and wish him the very best of luck in his new career!

Terry presented Kent with his 10-year service award in January 2006.

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Special Offer to Hunter Education Administrators and Instructors

IHEA Foundation Board Member and Crosman Corporation VP of Sales Steve Upham and Crosman Sales Manager Mark DeBoard have teamed up with the IHEA to produce a custom Crosman Quest Air Rifle with the IHEA logo etched into the stock. The Quest 1000X break-barrel operation air rifle has the following features:

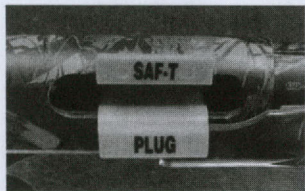
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- Two-stage adjustable trigger
- Ambidextrous safety design
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The MSRP for the Quest 1000X is \$149.00. However, Crosman is offering the custom IHEA logo etched rifle for \$109 each (plus \$10 shipping and handling.)

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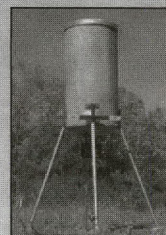
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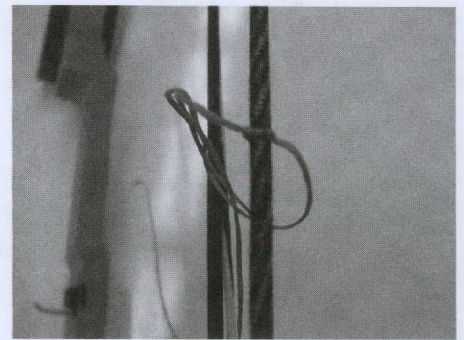
Bowhunter Education and the National Archery in Schools Program

Archers and bow hunters may want to consider this safe quick alternative to the traditional brass nock locator!

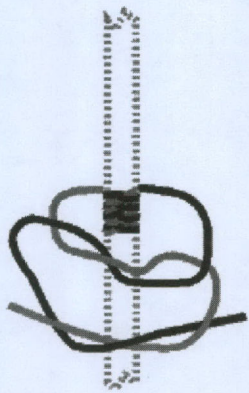
NEW NOCK LOCATOR

Nock tying instructions

Use the nock square to determine the nock position. Mark the string with a marker or "white out." With your string already marked, start to tie knots as follows. Starting from the mark work your way up the string tying standard knots from front to back as shown.



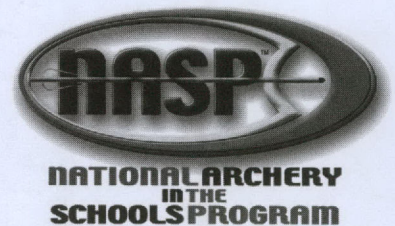
Knot sequence



Bring both ends around the front and finish off the nock by tying a square knot (right-over-left with the first tie and left-over-right to finish). Use pliers to pull the knot as tight as possible. Now, either cut or burn the excess string off as close to the knot as possible. Next, spread glue on the knot and nock to harden it and keep things tight. DO NOT allow the glue to soak through to the center serving or bow string. You want to be able to twist the knock up and down the serving to adjust nock height. (You might have to work at the nock a bit to get it to move at first.)

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Bowhunter Education New Instructors

APRIL

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Christopher Galusha	Whitehouse
Shawn Rieger	Bullard
Timothy Richardson	Bullard
Steven Williams	Magnolia
Guy Cook	Tatum

James Rodriguez	Grand Prairie
Mark Johnson	Splendora
Ryan Metzdorf	The Colony
Thales Barnes	Palo Pinto
Marlin Mears	Springtown

MAY

Anthony Casanova	Tatum
Jacob Robertson	Tyler

JUNE

Frederick Kruse	Ingram
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Heidi Rao and Burnie Kessner hosted a Basic Archery Instructor training Friday, June 29, at the department's office in Dickinson. 8634



Steve Hall conducted a BAI training Wednesday, June 6, in Austin at Oječa Junior High School.

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