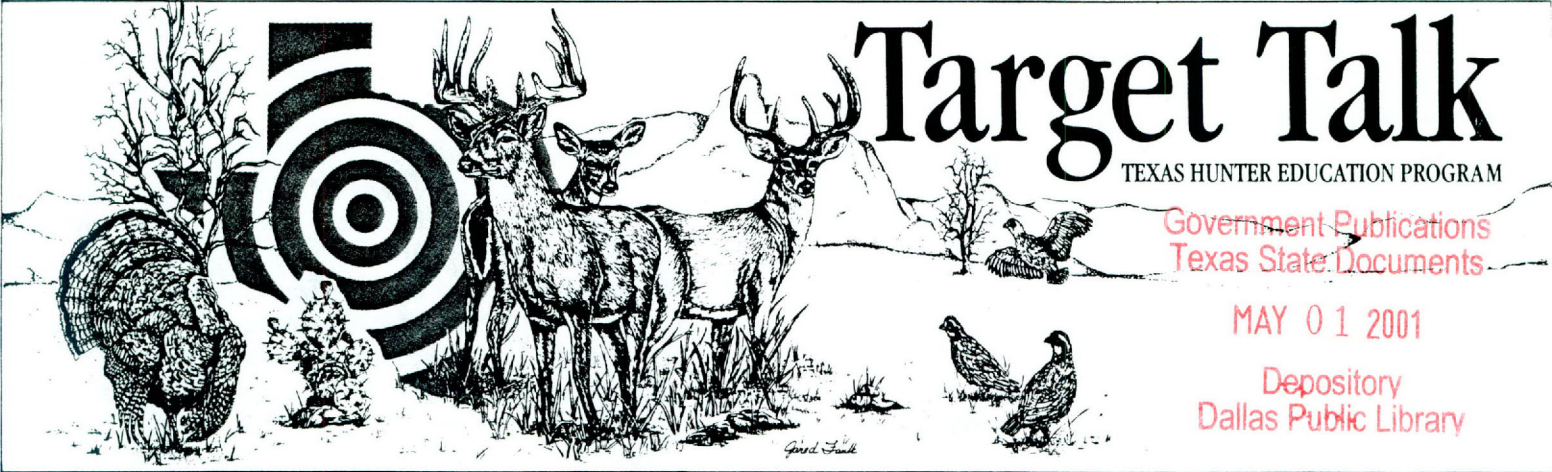


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# EDITOR'S CORNER

## Looking Back...

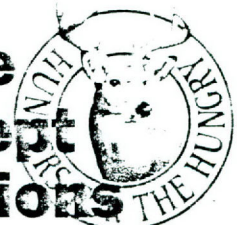
As the new millennium approaches and we begin the year 2000, let's take a moment to reflect on where we have been and how far we have come. According to our Hunter Education chronicle kept over the years, many changes have occurred. The Parks and Wildlife Commission on June 4, 1971 approved the Volunteer Hunter Safety Program. Under the direction of T. D. Carroll, the NRA Hunter Safety manual was used, course fee was \$1.00, and a minimum of four hours of instruction was required for each student taking the course. Michael Fain was the first student certified in Austin on February 28, 1972, by instructor Tom Womack. Mike is now a game warden in Kenedy County.

The first issue of the newsletter "Target Talk" was completed in April 1972. On October 12, 1972, the first "Methods and Procedures" clinic was held. Beginning in January 1973, a minimum of six hours was required for certification. New Hunter Education manuals were obtained from Outdoor Empire Publishing Co. in Seattle, Washington. The first in-service clinic on Archery was held on May 11, 1974. The 10,000th student was certified in September 1974.

The "Mutual Agreement" program was started in April 1975, with schools offering the Hunter Safety course. The first instructor certification was revoked in February 1976 for "falsifying state documents." The 25,000th student was certified in June 1976, and the 50,000th student was certified in December 1977. In June 1979, Stacy (Johnson) Lawrence became the first woman to be commissioned as a game warden. Stacy is now with Internal Affairs at the headquarters in Austin. 000721

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# Hunters for the Hungry to Accept Venison Donations



With deer hunting season about to come to an end, it's time again for hunters to consider what to do with their game. One option is to donate deer meat to the statewide Hunters for the Hungry program.

"Last year 50,000 pounds of venison were donated to feed our fellow Texans, and this year can be even better," said Stella Rodriguez, executive director of the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies (TACAA), administrators of the program. This low-fat, nutritious meat has been greatly appreciated by the food banks and

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The "Area Chief" program began in March 1981. Student certification requirements were raised to a minimum of eight hours of instruction in June 1982. The 100,000th student was certified in October 1982. In July 1985, minimum requirements for certification were raised to ten hours of instruction over two days. In January 1986, instructor "pre-service" workshops were started as a requirement for instructor certification.

On June 11, 1987, SB 504 "Mandatory Hunter Education" was signed by Governor Clements. On June 1, 1988, the "mandatory" program began, and a fee of \$5.00 was established. On January 21, 1989, the first Texas Hunter Education Instructor Association (THEIA) meeting was held in Houston. A new Hunter Education manual was produced by TPW in December 1990, and is now in its third edition. The first Hunter Education Instructor Conference was held in Austin on February 9, 1991. In November 1991, Wayne Pearson of *Ultimate Outdoors* as seen on ESPN-2 hosted the first IHEA "Dream Hunt." The 250,000th student was certified in hunter education in May 1992. The first Texas Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) was held in June 1992. The first Texas Wildlife Expo was held on October 2, 1992.

Master Hunter Education Instructor level was created in January 1993. A "Home Study" research project through Colorado State University was initiated in June 1993. The first "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" workshop was held in Brownwood in October 1993. In 1995, the "Assistant Hunter Education Instructor" program started. The Hunter Education Home Study/Field Training process was started in November 1995. On February 8, 1996, the "Texas Youth Hunting Association/Program" was established. On August 29, 1997, the TPW Commission raised the Hunter Education fee to \$10.00. In January 1998, the first Texas "Dream Hunt" was held. Retail stores began carrying the Home Study/Hunter Skills Course packets under the title "*Outdoor Life* Hunter Education Training Course" in 1999. Testing sites for structured and Home Study courses are listed on our web site.

The first Hunter Education Coordinator from 1971-1980, as mentioned, was T.D. Carroll. Darrell Holt was Assistant under T.D. and became the Coordinator in 1980 after T.D.'s retirement. T.D. passed away on May 7, 1997. Darrell was Coordinator from 1980-

1988 and J. D. Peer (now Oklahoma Hunter Education Coordinator) was Assistant from 1981-1984. Steve Hall was hired as Assistant Coordinator in 1985. He remained there until 1988 when he became the Coordinator, and I was hired as Assistant. Darrell passed away on February 28, 1989. Steve became Education Director in 1990 and I assumed the role of Coordinator where we both remain at present time. Heidi (Husser) Rao was hired as Assistant Hunter Education Coordinator in July 1998, is stationed in the Houston area and covers East and South Texas. Martin Robillard came on board in October 1998 as Assistant Hunter Education Coordinator for North Texas and was stationed in Grand Prairie. He took another position in Canada, where he was from, and returned to Alberta in February 1999. Our newest employee is Kent Irvin, Assistant Hunter Education Coordinator, who began in July 1999, and is stationed at the North Texas Education Center in Grand Prairie near Lake Joe Pool.

Scotty Oliver has been Shooting Range Coordinator since 1990 and is currently in that position. Charlie Wilson is our Mobile 5-Stand Range Coordinator, and Joe Wallace, retired game warden, is our DART (Virtual Hunting) Mobile Range Coordinator. The two mobile ranges remain on the road and are booked up almost the entire year.

Sportsmen Conservationist Of Texas (SCOT) named a "Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor of the Year" beginning in 1984 with Robert Christensen. Following him were Hugo Durand - 1985; Jim Ellis - 1986; Gilbert Graves, Sr. - 1987; Harold Bryan - 1988; D.B. Collinsworth - 1989; Dr. Tom Behr - 1990; Claude Ratcliff - 1991; Ernest Collins - 1992; Earlie Rose - 1993; James Hughes - 1994; Bernie Heer, Sr. - 1995; No Award Ceremony - 1996; Albert Ross - 1997; Tom Stashak, Jr. - 1998; and Walter "Gene" Norton - 1999.

In the voluntary program, the program averaged around 10,000 student certifications per year until 1988, when the number went to 18,043 because of the new mandated Hunter Education Law. In 1989, the number soared to 36,708. Since that time, the program averages almost 30,000 students per year, and will continue to do so because of your continued involvement and dedication.

Talk about dedication! Eight instructors have reached the Texas Hunter Education "Hall of Fame" level since 1990. A plaque hangs in

*Pearls of wisdom...*

#### Formula for TACT

- Be brief, politely
- Be aggressive, smilingly
- Be emphatic, pleasantly
- Be positive, diplomatically
- Be right, graciously

Unknown

## Editor's Corner (continued)

the lobby of TPW headquarters honoring the following individuals: Claude Ratcliff - 1990; Harold Bryan, Robert Christensen, Jim Ellis - 1991; Gilbert Graves, Sr. - 1992; D.B. Collinsworth, Walter "Gene" Norton, Earl Reece - 1994 and honorary induction went to T.D. Carroll in 1996.

How's that for a break down of 28 years?

Now, on a much lighter side. Only six individuals found their instructor ID numbers hidden in the pages of the last newsletter. Those observant individuals were Jack Cavenah, Bill McCubbin, Fred Chaney, C. R. Grimm, Laura Butcher and Roger Wubbenhorst. The four individuals who missed their names were Ann Shearer, Baldemar Garza, Jr. and game wardens Henry Leal and Jim Kitchens. Sorry folks, if you didn't find your name. Maybe you better start reading these pages a little closer. We will continue this process with each publication of "Target Talk." Ten different instructors' six-digit numbers are somewhere within the pages of this text. If you find your number, contact Kathy Powell with the page and location of your ID number. If successful in finding it, you will be mailed a prize. Good hunting, or should I say, again, good reading.

Now, for a friendly reminder. Some instructors are telling students that as long as they are "enrolled" in a Hunter Education course, they may go hunting. NOT the case. If they do, and get checked, they will be cited. All individuals required to have certification must complete the process and at least obtain a temporary card to legally hunt, unless

they fall into an exempt category where they may be accompanied by a licensed hunter who is at least 17 years of age. The course, structured or Home Study, is still a minimum of ten hours over two days. The Home Study material, when completed, represents a credit of one day and six hours towards the requirement. Individuals must still attend one day and a minimum of four hours to complete the certification process. Days and hours may exceed the minimum, but must not go under the requirement. Course fee remains at \$10, of which the instructor may retain \$5 for out-of-pocket expenses.

Home Study courses are becoming increasingly popular and additional testing sites are requested. Minimum pre-service requirements for new instructors will increase to 12 hours beginning in January. At that time, all new instructors will receive training in the Standards of Live-fire, Skills Trail, Home Study and Program Orientation. This should enable each new instructor to teach a structured and/or Home Study course. Texas A&M Extension Service has produced a new instructor booklet on the "Hunter Skills Trail," and it is available upon request from our office.

Last, but not least, best wishes, and I hope you all have a great and safe holiday season no matter where you are or what you do. Keep up the great work!

*Terry Erwin*

## Hunters for the Hungry, continued

pantries that serve Texans in need. In addition to the food donation, it's also a great way for hunters to promote a positive aspect of hunting to the community at large, Rodriguez said.

It's very easy for hunters to participate. Hunters simply tag their legally harvested deer, take it to one of the participating meat processing plants around the state and pay a tax-deductible processing fee of \$20 per deer. Participating meat processors handle the meat at a fraction of the usual fee, package it and distribute it to established charitable agencies, such as food pantries and soup kitchens.

Call the toll-free hotline (800) 992-9767, for a listing of where hunters or other interested parties can call to find the participating processors in their area, for program information, or to request a brochure about the program. Currently there are 100 participating processors.

Dr. Lee Jan, director of the Meat Safety Assurance Division of the Texas Department of Health (TDH), suggests that hunters, processors and food providers all remember that "the objective of the Hunters for the Hungry program is to provide a healthy protein source to the less fortunate. We must rely on all participants to contribute to the assurance that the venison we distribute is indeed safe for human food."

He goes on to suggest the following field care tips for hunters:

- Remember at all times that the venison will be food for a Texas family.
- Do not harvest animals for the program that are acting abnormally (i.e. they have a limp, appear extremely thin or are lying down and are reluctant to get up).
- Do not transport the game long distances on the hood of the car or in the back of a truck (remember, hunter ethics!).
- As soon as is safely possible, retrieve the animal and transport it to an appropriate field-dressing area. Dressing areas should be protected from excessive dust and other forms of contamination – if under a tree, select a grassy area as opposed to a dusty area, and be sure the tree is not a common roost for birds.
- Remove the hide and intestines, taking care to avoid spillage of intestinal or bladder contents on the carcass.
- If the temperature is cold (below 50 degrees F), the carcass may be hung if protected from external contaminants such as flies or dust.
- If the temperature gets above 50 degrees F, move the carcass to a refrigerated storage cooler or cut it into quarters and keep the meat cold by packing it in ice. When packing in ice, place a layer of ice between parts (quarters). Keep the ice chest drained and well-iced until delivery and/or packaging.



**Mr. George McNeill:**

We just wanted to thank you again. Your hunter education course was much more than just that. You gave my two sons something very important...your experience and your "attitude." No matter how much I might say to them about guns, what you said and taught them will be remembered. Thank you so much for being there for them and all the others in our class. I know they gained a great deal from your experience and "humor."

Best Wishes,  
Cathy, Matt and Chris Wilson  
Weatherford, Tx

**Dear Staff:**

We would like to express our appreciation for our local game warden in Stephens County, Mr. Ed Russell. Since Mr. Russell moved to our county, he has been very involved with our Hunter Education courses in Breckenridge. He is always willing to come to our classes and speak to the students with an informative and interesting presentation. 008416 We appreciate his taking the time out of his busy schedule to come and assist us with the program. He is very knowledgeable and fields questions from the students on most any subject. We are glad to have Mr. Russell in our county and look forward to working with him in years to come.

Sincerely,  
Instructors:  
Billy Holt, Area Chief  
Gary Doyle  
Martha Fillingim

**Dear Staff:**

I wanted to share a unique experience I had in my latest Hunter Education Course from September 14-16, 1999. David Pillar, a senior at New Braunfels High School, signed up for my course. His mother called to inform me that David had some learning disabilities. He is dyslexic (seeing backwards), dysgraphic (unable to write very well) and has Erlin's Syndrome (seeing white on black vs. black on white). He has to wear specialized colored glasses to see normal colors as we do. It takes David longer to read and he cannot use Scantron forms.

I gave him the material a week early to begin reading and preparing. I was a little reluctant at first, and ask myself if I wanted to certify an individual who couldn't read and write very well. Upon meeting David, there was no way to tell he had any disability at all. He was a very sharp and attentive student. Throughout the course he participated and asked several questions. When it came time to take the test, I read the questions to him and he made a 96.

I wanted to share his story and pass it on to other instructors. Just because someone has limitations, does not mean that they aren't human and that they aren't capable of becoming a responsible Texas Hunter. I am very proud of David for his effort and great positive attitude he brought to my course. It makes me feel good inside to know that we are able to help those who are less fortunate. I'm very proud to be a part of such a great group of people, Safe Texas Hunters!

Todd McClanahan  
New Braunfels

**Dear Staff:**

*A short quiz...*

Where can you see a feral hog field dressed and learn how to age him, watch a rocket net deployed, dissect owl pellets, learn to identify animals from their skulls, talk to wild turkeys as they leave their roost, learn about less desirable trees (Russian Olive and Salt Cedar), try your luck at identifying over 35 plants and animals using leaves and branches, pelts or feathers and see how a drop net operates?

*Answer...*

The Wildlife Management/Conservation workshop at the Matador WMA. Once again, the program presented by the team of David Dvorak, Brad Simpson, Vicki Sybert, Duane Lucia, Bob Rogers, John Hughes, Mike Miller and Scott Sudkamp blew away the participants. The team satiated our appetite for knowledge. Brad Simpson's wife's home baked morning treats made everyone gain additional weight. If you miss this workshop next year, it's your own fault.

See you there...

Bill McCubbin, Area Chief  
Amarillo

**Dear Staff:**

My son and I completed the Hunter Education Course at the Grand Prairie Gun Club. Mr. Jan Heath led the course along with other instructors explaining the various aspects of the class. The instruction was first rate and I would recommend the class to anybody of any age. Although it was extremely warm, the material was presented in a manner that held every student's attention. Mr. Heath took his time and explained items, no matter how small or insignificant they may have seemed. My son enjoyed the "hands-on" approach of the Live-firing and Skills Trail, and not just the lecturing from the manual. The last time I took a class was 25 years ago in New Jersey, and I must say the Hunter Education course really opened my eyes to a few things that I had let slip in recent years. Mr. Heath and his staff should be commended on their presentation of the course materials and also the sacrifice of their time in that presentation.

Sincerely,  
Thomas W. Lisle  
Colleyville

**Dear Staff:**

Instructors dream about that one great place to hold classes. Not just any old place, but the one where you can have Hunter Skills Trail and Live-Firing exercises. Fortunately, such a place has been

made available to me. Yes, it was saying..."Here I am, come and use me." Yes, that's what happened! I received an invitation to a Hunter Education Instructor meeting to view this outstanding parcel of land. Future plans for the use of this wonderful place. The meeting was both exciting and profitable.

OK, you are wondering where and if this place exists. Yes, it's real and the name is Texas Parks and Wildlife Ecology Education Center. It is located southeast of Tyler on FM 848. Nathan Garner's support for Hunter, Boater, and Angler Education makes this fantastic center available for instructors. We have had several courses this year and are planning many more for the year 2000. It's truly wonderful to have this facility available.

Ann Story, an instructor, is an employee for Parks and Wildlife at the Center. Success of our Hunter Education classes would be difficult without her. If you wish something, just mention it and it's done if possible. With support like this, one can only have success.

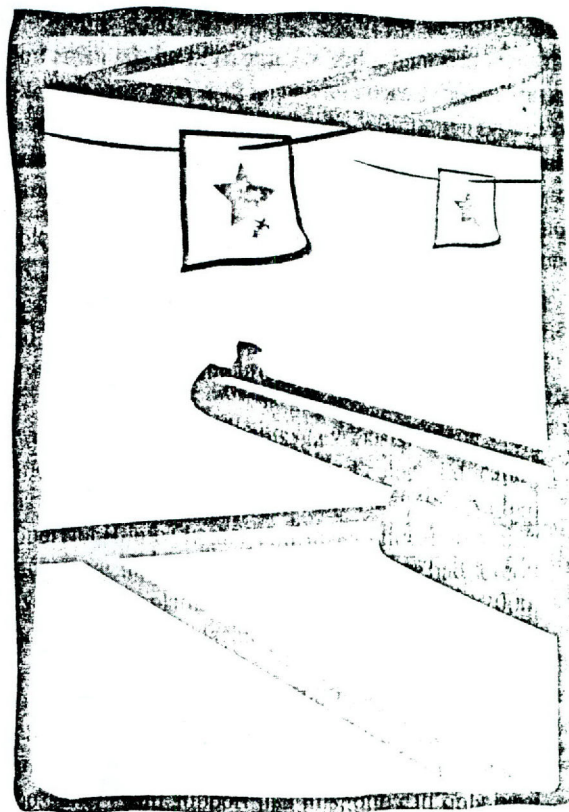
Thanks to Nathan Garner and Ann Story for all they have done for the education programs. I can't express enough gratitude for the opportunity to hold classes in such a place. Just knowing the good people at the Center makes me proud to be a volunteer.

Jim Parker III, Area Chief  
Malakoff

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

Jim Smith, National Shooting Sports Development Director for the National Shooting Sports Foundation recently announced a new program to get youth interested in the shooting sports. The package is comprised of targets for light rifle, and score sheets for Trap, Skeet or Sporting Clays shotgun activities. The intent is to have individuals "take their best shot" and send it in for evaluation. Each individual will receive a U.S. Olympic Shooting Team patch and a letter with a listing of places to practice and further their chances of possibly becoming an Olympic shooter.

The packets are being sent out for distribution, but Jim Smith says that very few are being returned to his office. Please promote this new venture to help youngsters continue an interest in shooting sports after completion of the Hunter Education course. 006189 Additional packets are available upon request, and also will be sent with each order for supplies. Please contact our office for a supply if necessary, and distribute them to interested youth.



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

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**Pinewood Plantation** in Albany, GA hosted the 1999 IHEA "Dream Hunt," held November 18-21. Students were drawn from across North America and flown to Georgia for two days of some of the best quail hunting ever. Accommodations and meals were great. Mr. Ronnie Smith, Manager of Pinewood, saw it that everyone had an exceptional time. The guides were truly experts in all they did and very willing to help each of the participants. Thanks to Mr. Chris Addison, Owner, for his generous contribution to this year's event.

Ralph Teague, Hunter Education Instructor from Opelika, AL, was the lucky individual drawn to accompany these fine young individuals on the "Dream Hunt." 007857 The following students were picked from thousands of entries, and were able to bring along a parent or guardian: Jeremy McLean, age 15, New Brunswick, Canada, and dad, Reid; Andrew Caswell, age 12, Greenville, PA, and dad, Vincent; Chris Thomas, age 15, Navarre, FL, and dad, William; Daniel Erikson, age 12, McCall, ID, and dad, Scott; Jonathan Stevens, age 13, Orem, UT, and dad, Mark; Troy Barnes, age 12, Omaha, NE, and dad, Roger and Gage Hathcock, age 14, Valdosta, GA, and dad, Hugh.

Soon after their arrival on Thursday, Christmas came early. Each of the youngsters received pants, shirt, coat, blaze orange vest, boots, socks, belt, Otis Gun Cleaning Kit, shooting glasses, and a beautiful metal gun case from **L.L. Bean**. **U.S. Repeating Arms** provided a Winchester Model 1300, 20 Ga. youth shotgun for each youngster. **Pennzoil Outdoors** provided a bag to carry most all the items home. What a pleasant surprise each one had on their face when they started to open up the bags. Nothing can compare to the looks and joy seen that night. The fathers also were provided a Pennzoil bag and pants, shirt, blaze orange vest and belt from L.L. Bean. Winchester Ammunition provided sponsorship and all ammunition for shooting clay birds and the quail hunt.

A special thanks to **Wayne Pearson**, host of *Ultimate Outdoors*, as seen on ESPN-2, for all the work he and his staff did in producing and coordinating this event. Wayne was presented the **IHEA Past President's Award** for outstanding support of the Hunter Education program across North America during the Annual IHEA Conference in Buffalo, NY. Terry Erwin accepted the award in Buffalo and presented it during the hunt. This is the tenth year he has hosted the "Dream Hunt," which began in 1990. It started as a promotional opportunity



to increase youngsters' awareness of the Hunter Education program. The "Dream Hunt" is a way to honor individuals under the age of 18, who have successfully completed the certification process in Hunter Education.

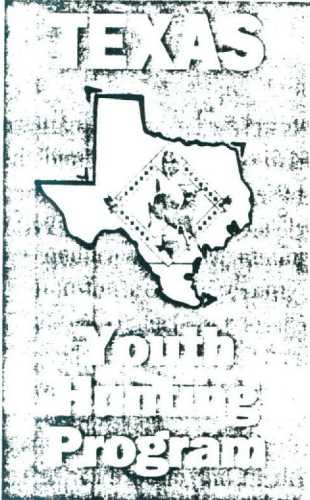
If you would like an opportunity to participate in this event, keep those cards coming in, and the chances of winning are a lot better than if you just sit back and wish! Don't forget to tell eligible students about this chance to go on an all-expense paid "Dream Hunt" of a lifetime. Next year, the registration cards will, hopefully, be in the **NEW Hunter Education Student Journal** produced by the **Focus Group**. Look for them starting in April when the new journals come out and are distributed with supply orders. Otherwise, use any "Dream Hunt" postcards on hand or plain postcards.

**NOTE: Students must send in the postcard with their name, address, date of birth and phone number to: I.H.E.A. "DREAM HUNT," P. O. Box 5078, Nashville GA, 31639. The entry card MUST have an adult guardian's signature.** Any instructor wishing to go with **Wayne Pearson** on this trip should send in a plain post card with name, address, work and home phone numbers and a statement that you are a Hunter Education instructor to the same address. So far, in the last ten years, four instructors and three students from Texas have been drawn to go on the "Dream Hunt." Four more instructors have been drawn to go on additional trips. Good Luck! Be sure to watch for ESPN-2 scheduling next year to see this show on *Ultimate Outdoors*.



# Third Annual Texas "Dream Hunt"

As this is being read, the third annual Texas "Dream Hunt" will just be finishing up. The hunt is a combination waterfowl and upland bird hunt along the coast between Galveston and Freeport at the **2 Bayous Hunting Lodge** managed by Dr. George "Skip" Hall and his son Matthew. The facility includes 3100 acres of prime wetland and upland game bird habitat. Watch the next issue of Target Talk for pictures and more on this year's outing.



Volunteers are still needed for hunts this fall, winter and spring. In order for the program to grow and reach more youths, it is vital to have a volunteer base large enough to accommodate expansion. There will be eight Huntmaster training sessions next year. Locations are as follows: Parrie Haynes Ranch near Killeen, March 11-12; Laredo, March 18-19; San Antonio, March 25-26; San Angelo, April 1-2; Amarillo, April 8-9; East Texas, April 29-30; Houston, June 3-4 and Dallas, June 10-11. Please look for the schedule in the workshop brochure included with this newsletter and sign up.

The Huntmaster Course is approximately 8-12 hours long and is mostly hands-on application. It provides the necessary training for organizing and running a youth hunt with additional support from the TYHP office. Generally, Friday evening is for registration with the course continuing all day on Saturday or split between Saturday and Sunday. We will be mailing Huntmaster applications and schedules with each new instructor congratulatory packet. **NOTE: Instructors attending a Huntmaster workshop or any of the youth hunts will be given 25 incentive points. If interested in volunteering your time, please contact Jerry Warden at (210) 930-2177.**

In addition, any youngster may become a member of the Texas Youth Hunting Program at age nine, but must complete the Hunter Education course before being allowed to participate in any of the hunts. If an instructor is asked about the Hunter Education course, and the student is under twelve, the student may take the course, receive a certificate of attendance and be allowed on the hunt. After turning twelve, the student must attend the course for proper certification.

## Wal-Mart Pledges Hunter Education Support

During the Annual IHEA conference held in Buffalo, NY, Wal-Mart Vice President, Mike McFadden pledged cooperation and support from all 2300 Wal-Mart stores across North America. Each store offered to advertise, promote and support hunter education activities in their area. Some Super-Center stores with training facilities offered space to actually conduct courses. Other stores offered equipment and supplies for training students. 005542

Kent Irvin, Assistant Hunter Education Coordinator, assisted IHEA Executive Vice President, Dr. David Knotts, with a multi-state regional presentation and workshop for Wal-Mart managers to inform them about this endeavor. No less than fifty Wal-Mart stores in Texas have joined in on this project. Heidi Rao conducted a special training session for regional managers in the Houston area, where some employees are becoming instructors. Please contact your local Wal-Mart store manager or sporting good manager and ask them if you can be of assistance, or leave your name and schedule of courses for them to give out.



Instructors Gabe Lozano III, left, and Martin Johnston, right, would like to thank the Wal-Mart store of Edinburg for its help with the donation of 3-D deer decoys used in the Hunter Skills Trail. In the middle, left to right, are Store Manager, Carlos Ramirez and Sporting Goods Manager, Domingo Moreno. This is just a small sampling of support offered across the state. We would like to thank all Wal-Mart stores and managers for the great support, and we hope to continue this relationship.

## Those Antlers May Look Good to You, But...

The Llano County Sheriff's Office contacted the county game warden about a deer problem at a residence in Horseshoe Bay. A 10-point buck had his antlers caught in a rope swing and was unable to get loose. Every time the buck lunged, the rope swing would lift the buck off his feet, swinging him back and forth until he was able to get his feet back on the ground. The warden waited until the buck stopped swinging to cut the rope, allowing the deer to escape. The officer said it was the craziest thing he has encountered as a game warden.

## Warden Cadets Get a "Gimme" During Training...

Two Fort Hood soldiers picked the wrong time and place to try their hand at poaching. As several game warden cadets were training for "unknown vehicle stops," the men drove past a vehicle containing a game warden trainer and several cadets. The trainer halted the training session until the vehicle passed. Another warden, who was playing the part of the violator in the exercise, called back to say that the vehicle had stopped and the men were shining a light into a pasture between the training vehicles. When the men passed the second game warden vehicle they noticed the Texas Parks and Wildlife emblem on the vehicle and a short chase was on. During the interview, the soldiers confessed to shooting from a public roadway. Six cadets witnessed their first poaching investigation.

## You Can Pay Me Now or Pay Me Later...

Checking on shots heard from nearby railroad tracks, a Jefferson County game warden saw two men walking along the tracks wearing camouflage and carrying shotguns. As the warden approached the men, they ran into the woods. When the warden caught up with them, only one of the men had a shotgun and was able to produce a hunting license. An initial search of the area did not produce the other shotgun, so the warden released the men. He then conducted a thorough search and found the missing shotgun and a bag of shells. He took the gun and in its place left his business card with a note to the owner to call to get the gun back. Later that night, the man called to claim his gun, admitted he was hunting dove without a license, and apologized for his deceit.

## Howdy, Welcome to the Neighborhood...

A Llano County warden was working in his backyard one evening when he overheard some new neighbors talking about stolen property. A little detective work resulted in enough information to obtain a search warrant. The search turned up two stolen personal watercrafts.

## Alligator for Sale, Cheap...

When a Jefferson county game warden noticed an advertisement in the Beaumont newspaper offering a 3-foot alligator for sale, the warden immediately contacted the person who placed the ad and set up a time to meet at the man's home. Dressed in plain clothes, two wardens went to the residence and were led to an enclosure in the backyard. The homeowner and his friend retrieved an extremely fat 42-inch alligator from the pen, proudly displayed it to the wardens, and offered to sell it for the advertised price of \$60 dollars. The wardens then identified themselves and proceeded to arrest the two men. The homeowner, who had placed the ad, said he knew it was illegal to possess the 'gator, but he liked the unusual pet. He also said he had received a call the day before warning him that it was illegal to sell the alligator and he had better watch out for the game wardens. The overweight chicken- and rabbit-fed alligator was released to a nearby wildlife sanctuary.

## While The Warden's Away...

Two men spent an early September day fishing around Bayside. When they pulled in at a boat ramp and started to unload their boat, they were greeted by a Refugio County game warden that knew their history of keeping fish in excess of the daily limit. An inspection of their 132-quart ice chest revealed they had 22 redfish more than the limit of six. It turns out that the men were quite familiar with the local game warden schedules and work assignments. They had assumed that both wardens had traveled to the Valley to work the special white-winged dove season. They were half-right. The other local warden was out of town on assignment, but his counterpart had stayed in Refugio County to enforce hunting and fishing regulations.

## Feeder Photos Pinpoint Poacher

Tyler County Warden James Barge received warrants on a case with some unusual evidence. On July 22, a landowner's motion detection camera that was set to photograph deer coming to his feeder snapped a photo of a trespasser with a deer he had killed. The violator was photographed several times, including one shot where he is shown carrying off the deer.



## License Sales Up

*TPW News Release*

License sales from Aug. 11, when new season hunting licenses went on sale, through Sept. 22 showed an increase of more than 63,000 license items, generating a revenue increase of more than \$1 million over the same period in 1998. Total license revenue so far for the 1999-2000 season is \$24,730,405 compared to \$23,564,024 for the same period last season.

"The increase in items sold is at least as important as the revenue increase, as it indicates that we have more people buying hunting licenses in Texas," said Jayna Burgdorf, chief financial officer at TPW. "This is the second year running that we've seen small but significant increases in hunting participation in Texas."

## Bowhunter Numbers Continue to Increase

*from Archery Manufacturers and Merchants Organization*

In an annual survey of state bowhunter numbers, Archery Business Magazine reports that our sport had over 3,000,000 participants again in 1997. In response to this, AMO President, Dick Lattimer, was asked to comment. Here are his remarks:

"Your survey of our 1997 bowhunter numbers continues to support the optimism and enthusiasm I have for our sport and industry. The fact that 3,185,116 men, women and youth here in the U.S., and another 115,569 in Canada, chose our sport last hunting season speaks well of the challenge it brings to their lives, as well as the peace of mind they find out in the quiet forest. 007902 And, that is really what we bowhunters are all about. I hope everyone in our industry will remember that our bowhunter numbers continue to grow despite the decline in overall hunting license sales. Not only are we competing against crushing demands on leisure time from all of the new sports out there, but we are also bucking the trend of an alienation from, and lack of understanding of,

God's creation around us by those millions upon millions of people who walk only concrete and asphalt trails. This continued growth of our sport is really pretty amazing. And it tells me that there continues to be a deep-seated need in many humans for the freedom of the outdoor life. Let's all do everything we can to actively and optimistically continue this growth into the next millennium."

# BIG TIME TEXAS HUNTS

## Wildlife, Public Hunting Are Winners With Big Time Texas Hunts

*TPW News Release*

Eighteen lucky Texans were announced as winners of Big Time Texas Hunts at the Nov. 18 TPW Commission meeting, with Scott Tellez of San Antonio claiming the prized Texas Grand Slam series of guided hunts for all four Texas big game animals. The program generated more than \$440,000 in net proceeds from 71,297 BTTH entries purchased by the public for \$10 each this fall, a 223 percent jump from last year's Grand Slam sales. The BTTH hunt packages also include the Texas Exotic Safari and three new categories introduced this year: the Texas White-tail Bonanza, the Texas Waterfowl Adventure and the Texas Big Time Bird Hunt. "We had a tremendous response this year," said Gary Graham, TPW director of wildlife. "We've generated almost half a million dollars for wildlife management and public hunting programs that benefit all hunters in Texas, and at the same time are providing 18 truly spectacular hunting opportunities." 011334 TPW Communications Director, Lydia Saldaña, says broadening the hunt offerings was a good marketing move. "Those who responded to the mailings clearly demonstrated that they like the choice of more hunt packages, with the average number of entries bought per person doubling this year from 2 entries to 4 entries," she said. "And, while 34 percent of all sales were Grand Slam entries, the White-tail Bonanza was a close second, accounting for 29 percent of all sales."

CONGRATULATIONS to one of our own instructors, TOMMY DRAPELA, El Campo, who was drawn as one of the White-tailed Bonanza winners. Ten winners were drawn from among 20,176 entries purchased in the Texas White-tailed Bonanza. These hunt packages are 3-5-day guided hunts on ranches randomly assigned to winners.

## Texas Hunter Orange Requirements

All persons on public hunting lands (state, national forests and grasslands), during daylight hours when hunting with firearms is permitted, must wear at least 400 square inches of the hunter orange material with orange head wear, and at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back.

Exempt from these requirements are persons hunting turkey, migratory birds, alligators, or desert bighorn sheep; persons within the enclosed passenger compartment of a motor vehicle; or persons within a designated campground, designated vehicle parking area, designated boat launching facility, or departmental check station.

## Texas Wildlife Expo '99: Shooting Events Draw Record 17,047

To all the instructors who were there and worked so hard, on behalf of TPW, please accept a sincere **THANKS** for your help and tireless efforts to make Wildlife EXPO '99 a huge success. Once again, all outdoor events and activities were conducted with few, if any, complications. The only incident we were aware of this year happened when instructor Tom Stashak's daughter took a fall while mountain biking, but she is fine.

The shooting events set an all-time record high, but not every area had an increase. We had a total of **17,047** participants in the following categories: TPW 5-Stand - 1,027; Winchester 5-Stand - 477; Winchester Mobile .22 Range - 1,489; Youth / Women shotgun - 1,573; L.S.B.A. (Lone Star Bowhunter's Association) Archery - 2,137; Pennzoil Bowhunter Challenge 3-D Shoot - 313; Horton Crossbow - 801; Barnett Crossbow - 1,424; 4-H Airgun - 1,504; "Shoot Where You Look" Airgun - 2,232; N.R.A. (National Rifle Association) Airgun - 1,184; DART Interactive Video System - 1,001; and Thompson/Center muzzleloading - 1,885.

Leon and Frillie Measures (Shoot Where You Look) said they would host more than 2,000 individuals, and they did, surpassing it by 232. Thanks to the Texas Hunter Education Instructors' Association (THEIA) for providing lunch and drinks on Saturday and Sunday. Some volunteers didn't get their lunch on Saturday. We tried to get all meals out by 12:30 each day and we did, however, we missed a few who were overlooked or were gone during the time of distribution. Please accept our apology. Our staff distributed 195 meals on Saturday and 180 on Sunday, and I know of at least two individuals we missed. 002974 We did get the meals to them later, and we'll try harder next time not to miss anyone!

We hope you will consider returning to help again. The weather was HOT, but it turned out to be a beautiful weekend. The shooting events would not exist and be so successful if it were not for your tremendous help. All instructors receive 25 points for working on Saturday and 25

more points for working on Sunday, considering what was involved. We couldn't have asked for more support, as all of you gave your best. Some areas needed help on Sunday afternoon, but we'll try to do better next year. Perhaps the most satisfying statistic is that between 25 and 33 percent of the Expo participants are first-time shooters. What a great way to introduce youngsters and their families to the shooting sports!

A special congratulations goes out to Bill and Bev Brummel for celebrating their 46th Anniversary with us on Saturday while working in the Muzzleloading area, and to Mike and Elaine Lochabay for celebrating their 32nd Anniversary while still working on Monday following the event.

Special congratulations go to Leslie Freeman who received a Parks and Wildlife scholarship during the Expo banquet. THEIA contributed \$500 to the Parks and Wildlife Foundation scholarship fund which helped to make these scholarships available. Thank you, THEIA, for helping make this possible.



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### WHAT IN THE WORLD HAVE WE BEEN DOING !?

#### EXPO '99

THEIA provided lunches to 375 volunteers on Saturday and Sunday. Terry and team distributed barbecue sandwiches, chips, and sodas to each volunteer on hand. Hunter education instructors, THEIA members and non-members alike, were on hand to staff several booths especially in the shooting events. Here they, rather, you all helped visitors learn new skills or fine-tune old ones.

#### NEW MEMBERS

Will you all please welcome the following new and veteran THEIA members added since May:

Jerry Warden, San Antonio  
Kiki Warden, San Antonio  
Heidi Husser, Houston  
Roy Jefferson, Houston  
James L. Mattox, Pasadena  
David Baxter, Houston  
Laurie Russell, Houston  
Bill Russell, Houston  
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Richard Garner, Aubrey  
Alan Minga, The Woodlands  
Gloria Cassell, Splendora

Thank you again for joining us. Thanks also to those veteran members who are beginning to send in their dues. We all appreciate your continued support.

#### "OLD" INSTRUCTORS

Membership dues are in arrears after January 2000. All non-THEIA members, as well as our members, are encouraged to attend THEIA and TPW instructor functions; but non-members may not vote in elections and at THEIA Annual Meetings. If you do not have a membership card signed by Peggy Weyel you may need to get your dues check in the mail at the first of the year, even at the Annual Meeting. We need your active support.

#### NEW INSTRUCTORS

We hope you will consider membership with THEIA and let us know what we can do to support your teaching efforts.

You will receive an embroidered cloth THEIA membership patch with your paid membership (see accompanying membership application)

## ...AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO DEVELOP OUR WEBSITE

Joel McKinney (jmkinne@soc.cc.tx.us or at 228A Hickory, Levelland 79336-5616) needs photos of THEIA and YHEC activities. Got photos?

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### THEIA EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

March 4-5, 2000 THEIA CONFERENCE in Austin

March or April, 2000 Be watching for YHEC in West Texas! A new venue with new opportunities for YHEC teams are being planned.

May 5-7, 2000 Texas state YHEC competition at Parrie Haynes.

July 17-23, 2000 Texas-hosted 4-H shooting sports competition at the National Shooting Complex, San Antonio, Texas. (Contact: Dr. Ron Howard 409-845-7214) Hunter Education Instructors will be needed to help in a variety of ways. More information in the Spring issue.

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## THEIA THANK YOU! to...

Instructors for providing the superb instruction and guidance in the EXPO shooting venues where thousands of visitors were shown the safe way to participate in blackpowder, archery, shotgun, .22 rimfire, air rifle and other sports.

Terry Erwin, Heidi Rao, Kent Irvin and Scotty Oliver for delivering the meals to EXPO volunteers. We appreciate your efforts and could not have provided all those volunteers meals without your help.

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD (Meeting of October 1, 1999 in Austin)

A quorum of seven board members (two officers and five regional directors) authorized the following:

Tom Bass, THEIA YHEC committee chair, is in the process of selecting event directors. Give him a call (409-294-9501 or TBASS@LCC.NET) if you can lend your expertise again or for the first time.

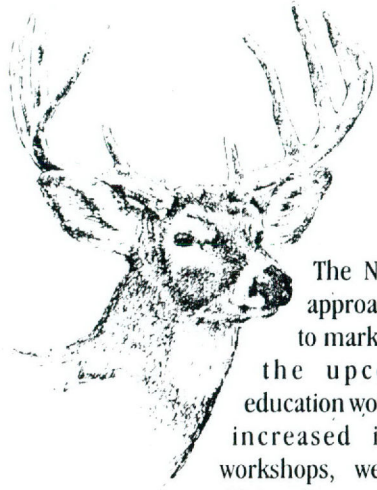
THEIA Directors, wanting to support State Coordinator Billy Whitfield and State Director Billy Imes where we can, but also recognizing that we have fewer funds to work with voted to purchase and present rosettes and ribbons to winners, but no trophies for State YHEC 2000.

THEIA Nominating Committee, Peggy Weyel, Chair, is seeking names of THEIA members wishing to serve as a director. We will be voting on directors from Region 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 at the Annual Meeting (See map below). She can be contacted at the numbers and addresses on page one of this newsletter.

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## FROM OUR INSTRUCTORS

Miguel Amador started few of us thinking about providing interested students a list of organizations and magazines that responsibly support hunters, hunting, and shooting sports. He argued that we keep telling our students that our classes BEGIN their hunting education, but that it is up to them to learn and grow. OK, said he, why couldn't we prepare a list of some good magazines and organizations that provide active, responsible voices for hunters, ethical hunting and associated activities. He's got a point. You and I, we all, subscribe and have memberships with many hunting-outdoor-shooting groups. We understand the need for a larger organization to help us in voicing our concerns where numbers of voices count. What responsible magazines and organizations would you, or do you, suggest to your students?



The New Year is rapidly approaching, and it's time to mark your calendars for the upcoming hunter education workshops. Due to an increased interest in the workshops, we have scheduled additional programs in different areas of the state. The Assistant Hunter Education Coordinators will host several of these workshops. Again, our goal is that each volunteer instructor, professional educator and game warden attend at least one of these workshops.

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

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

## GENERAL FORMAT INFORMATION

### The hours are:

**Friday 6:00pm - 10:00pm** (NRA only)

**Saturday 8:00am - 5:00pm** Theory, Classroom Exercises, and Teaching Techniques. (NRA will extend until 10:00pm on Saturday)

**Sunday 8:00am - 12:00 noon** Field Exercises.

### Registration, Lodging & Meals

Once you know which workshops you plan to attend, or would like information on, complete the attached registration card and return it to Austin. Information cannot be mailed out if the sign-up forms are not returned. This does not commit you to a given workshop, but it does assure that you will receive the information packet for that workshop. The Austin staff will then send specific information on reservations, lodging, meals, directions and agenda items about six weeks prior to each workshop. Don't put it off – mail it today!

## OTHER REMINDERS

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

For further information, please call 1-800-792-1112 + 63 or (512) 389-8142. We will do all we can to see that you have successful workshops and that you go away with a sense of accomplishment and increased knowledge. We look forward to seeing you at the **2000** workshops. **Be Safe!!**



# 2000 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

## Standards/Home Study Field Activities/ Program Orientation

This workshop is in the EIGHTH year; however, the "Home Study" portion has only been added in the last three years. Instructors are encouraged to attend and learn how to conduct "Home Study Field Activities." It was originally stated that all instructors must attend this workshop to prepare for live-firing exercises, promote hands-on activities and increase their knowledge concerning liability. As the Hunter Education program evolves into the new millennium, we want to be able to provide the best hands-on training possible. Learning takes place with a higher retention of knowledge when these types of activities are incorporated into the process. Instructors are informed of their responsibilities and guided through the process of conducting hands-on field exercises utilizing a "team concept."

The new "Home Study" plus "Hunter Skills" testing program provides an alternate method of delivery for those students, who, for what ever reason, are unable to attend a regularly structured course. Final certification requires a day of field activities where students come to a designated location to complete a written exam, a session on hunter responsibility, game laws and ethics, live-firing exercises and skills trail. We hope to continue to train individuals and teams of instructors across the state to set up these testing sites and conduct these field exercises.

## Outdoor Skills

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

## Muzzleloading & Archery

These workshops acquaint you with teaching methods and concepts of muzzleloading and archery. We will offer National Rifle Association (NRA) instructor certification and International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) student and instructor certification. In addition, we will offer archery training through the 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team.

## Rifle, Shotgun and Handgun

These workshops are conducted by the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Training Teams and offer NRA instructor certifications in each of the above disciplines. However, each participant may be certified in only one of the three disciplines a time, and will receive muzzleloading

training during that session. Each discipline is limited to 25 participants and is on a first-come first-serve basis. Please indicate on the registration form the discipline in which you wish to be certified. The Grand Prairie Gun Club offers the same training, but only one discipline at a time on a given weekend, with muzzleloading being an additional weekend session of training. NRA certification is strictly up to each individual, and is the sole responsibility of the individual.

## Responsibility, Game Laws and Ethics

This workshop reviews Texas game laws and gives information regarding violations from a game warden's point-of-view. Training on "how to teach" using the Texas Outdoor Hunting Annual is an important portion of this workshop. The workshop covers important aspects of hunter responsibility by introducing participants to different teaching concepts, such as "trigger films," open meeting, brainstorming and dilemma methods. Proactive strategies and dealing with anti-hunters is on the agenda. Some very good presenters have made this workshop one of the most popular. Instructors who plan to do "Home Study" testing should attend this workshop.

## Wildlife Management/Conservation

Texas Parks & Wildlife staff plan to give participants an overview of wildlife management/conservation of game and non-game species. A tour of both the Kerr and Matador Wildlife Management areas is planned, and professional biologists will be prepared to answer questions concerning the department's efforts across the state. These two workshops have been attended by many individuals and lauded as the best ever given on this topic.

## ADVANCED IN-SERVICE WORKSHOPS

### Huntmaster

The Huntmaster Course is approximately 8-12 hours long and is mostly hands-on application. It provides the necessary training for organizing and running a youth hunt with additional support from the TYHP office. Generally, Friday evening is for registration with the course continuing all day on Saturday or split between Saturday and Sunday.

### Trapper Education

Instructors will become familiar with seasons, fur-bearing animal regulations, equipment, means and methods and general trapping knowledge. Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association members will provide instruction. Running trap lines to varmint calling will be on the agenda. The workshop will be enhanced with a lot of "hands-on" activities. Don't miss it. The last few years were great!

## "HOW TO" CONDUCT SEMINARS

It has been the goal in Hunter Education to begin advanced training on how to hunt specific wildlife species. The Texas Agriculture Extension Service conducts these workshops in different areas. The instruction covers management and restocking efforts as well as proper and safe hunting techniques. The workshops help instructors present informational clinics to the general public in hopes of stimulating interest in the outdoors and hunting. Instructors will learn many new things that will be beneficial to teaching Hunter Education as well as the short clinics. Attend these exciting weekends and prime yourself to go out and give these seminars to the general public.

### Turkey Hunting

Learn the ecology of the wild turkey, its habitat and different hunting techniques. Understand the different calling techniques and how set-up locations in order to bag that big gobble. Test your abilities, return home and share that knowledge with the public at your local sporting good stores or community centers. Ask store managers to give you a time to conduct clinics. Help others become enthused about the upcoming Spring turkey season.

### White-tailed Deer Hunting

Learn the skills necessary to become a successful deer hunter. Stalking, rattling, calling, camouflage use and natural senses are just some of the topics covered. Safety and wildlife identification are important parts of the program. White-tailed deer hunting is one of the most avid outdoor pursuits in Texas. Let's keep that interest up and share the knowledge with the public to help make each individual a more responsible hunter.

### Waterfowl Hunting

Texas has some of the best waterfowl hunting in North America. Learn different techniques on how to set up decoy spreads and call in those birds. Professional guides and personnel will be on hand to lead the activities. Hands-on training will be the focus of this workshop. Individuals will possibly have the opportunity to pattern their shotguns with steel shot.

### Quail Hunting

Texas A&M Extension personnel will host this workshop in San Angelo. It is timed just before the opening of quail season. What an opportunity to learn about the ecology, habitat and limiting factors of this popularly hunted bird. Good bird dogs are a must when hunting these birds, whether it is "bobs" or "blues." Share the knowledge gained with others.

## Standards/Home Study/ Program Orientation

- January 15-16 Houston
- January 15-16 Mt Pleasant
- January 22-23 Paris
- February 5-6 Tyler
- February 5-6 Missouri City
- February 12-13 Corpus Christi
- February 12-13 San Antonio
- February 26-27 Mineral Wells
- February 26-27 College Station
- March 11-12 Abilene
- March 18-19 Austin
- March 18-19 Santa Fe
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- March 25-26 Grand Prairie
- April 8-9 Nacogdoches
- April 8-9 McAllen
- April 29-30 Humble
- May 20-21 Austin
- May 20-21 Amarillo
- May 20-21 Katy
- June 10-11 Houston
- June 10-11 Waco
- June 19-20 (Ag. Sci.) Stephenville
- June 24-25 Austin
- June 24-25 Beaumont
- June 24-25 Wichita Falls
- July 15-16 Lufkin
- July 15-16 Midland
- July 22-23 Mexia
- July 22-23 Rosenberg
- July 29-30 Brownwood
- August 5-6 Houston
- August 12-13 Sherman
- August 26-27 Big Spring
- September 9-10 Baytown
- September 16-17 Houston
- October 14-15 Victoria
- December 2-3 Houston

## Rifle, Shotgun Handgun

- January 7-9 (All) Monahans
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### International Hunter Education Association

- May 26-30 Saskatchewan, Canada

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**Save the panel to the right  
so you have a list of  
courses and dates.**

Choose which courses you would like to attend, cut out the blue panels, fold, tape or staple, then mail it in. You are not committed to attend – rather, you will be sent an information packet as the workshop approaches.

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Austin, TX 78744**

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# HOW ABOUT AN IDEA OR TWO FOR THAT HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS?

Peggy A. Weyel, Ed. D.

## TEACHING ABOUT FIREARMS AND SAFE HANDLING

As reported in the last newsletter current research into how the brain learns can help teachers and instructors understand the activities they are doing correctly and provide ideas on how to "connect" with prior learning so people - kids and adults - can learn. Our brains need...

- a **connection** to something they already understand
- an **experience** they can practice or participate in such as role-playing, discussion, simulations.

One important experience for many youngsters is that of holding and handling a firearm for the first time. More and more of our kids, even adults, have never been around firearms. If they have they don't know how to do so SAFELY.

Too often in class because of time and other limitations, we only show our students an array of "locks, stocks, and barrels" from some distance away before we re-case them. Often they don't know what they've seen or what it's called. Before you put everything away, have one rifle, handgun, and or shotgun that kids can handle, name the parts, and watch as they work its action and safety and show where to find the caliber stamped.

## WHEN HANDING A FIREARM TO SOMEONE...

An "Old Aggie" hunter education instructor once told me that he got fed up watching people hand each other firearms not knowing whether they were loaded or not, or watching adults dropping a scoped rifle between them, thinking the other person had control.

He suggested that students learn the "Aggie way." Hand a firearm to a student. Instruct the student not to accept it if the action is not "open." The student could say, "That sure is a nice shotgun. Please open it up for me." If the firearm is "open" and safe, allow the student take hold it with both hands. Then the instructor insures that **NO ONE LETS GO** of the firearm **UNTIL** the student receiving the firearm says, "got it" or "thank you." The student now can turn to the person next to him and practice handling the firearm safely and securely.

What has worked for you in bringing hunter education lessons to your students?

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## ORDER YOUR THEIA SHIRTS

These knit, collared shirts are Jerzees brand. **Your choices are:**

1. **SIZE** - S, M, L, X, XXL
2. **COLOR** - Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Green, Orange, White, Purple
3. **THEIA LOGO** - (embroidered on upper left) in colors: Black, Orange, or White
4. **POCKET (two choices)** - one pocket on left side of shirt, or NO pocket

**COST- \$25.00 each, to be delivered at the ANNUAL MEETING**  
or upon arrangement with Tom Bass

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Contact: **TOM BASS**  
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## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING...

### HOW TO GROW A HUNTIN' BUDDY

The future of hunting lies with our children, both our girls as well as our boys says Kathy Etling in her article "Bringing up a Hunter." She recounts raising her daughter to be a hunter and suggests the following to make sure we have both hunting in our kids' future and great hunting buddies for ourselves:

1. Help your child feel good about being in the outdoors.
2. Educate you child about nature at his or her own pace.
3. Your child is never too young to go hunting. (Her daughter was nine months old when she rode in mom's backpack to go turkey hunting.)
4. Eat wild game that was harvested when the child is along. (Got recipes)
5. Make hunting safety a part of every trip into the field.
6. Keep it fun.
7. Most importantly, teach your child respect, for both firearms and for all creatures (from Petersen's *Outdoors for Women*, Fall 1999. This is a new publication of the Women's Shooting Sports Foundation)

### AND... MORE TURKEYS

Rob Keck, in his "Talkin' Turkey" column in the November/December 1999 *Turkey Call* magazine provides us with another piece of information refuting some commonly held, mis-beliefs about our game animal population. Rob suggests that we can truly be thankful this holiday season for the work of the National Wild Turkey Federation that has enabled us to see, hunt, and enjoy more wild turkeys. He writes that this organization and its conservation partners should celebrate the results of their efforts which have increased turkey habitat and flocks to some 5,000,000 birds in 1999, up from only 30,000 birds in the early 1900s.

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# Welcome New Instructors

## JULY

Terrance Smith	Garland
Jason Robins	Boerne
Candice Newsom	Winona
Daniel Ellis	San Angelo
Louis Gasca	Harlingen
Abram Cook III	Tyler
Mary Jo Janovsky	Harlingen
Adren Pilger	Bryan

## AUGUST

Ted Lott	Fort Worth
William Russell	Arlington
Bob Weatherly	Wellington
Joseph Lane	Pineland
Jimmy Morgan	Jayton
Wesley Wells	Humble
William Titus	Brownfield
Jerry Wilkins	Lubbock
Rodney Sturdivant	Hawley

## SEPTEMBER

Johnathan Reed	Big Spring
Bradley Bassano	San Angelo
Richard Cantrell	Cleburne
James Haynes	Houston
Alan Minga	The Woodlands
Hal Newsom	New Caney
Tracy Smyth	Houston
Bonnie Beard	Missouri City
Larry Reavis	Round Rock
Troy Woodall	Bridge City
William Beale	Houston
David Helmcamp	Sugar Land
Clarence Kerth III	Houston

Joe Mask	Needville
Kevin Brooks	Seymour
Erin Christie	Wichita falls
Ronnie Green	Rockdale
Randy Parker	Copperas Cove
Jimmy Thomas	Lexington
Chester Thomas	Lexington
Dennis Bumbarger	Kempner
Christopher Green	Rockdale
Edwin Edwards	Georgetown
Jean Robson	Dallas
David Baxter	Houston
Jeanette Hood	Arlington
John Robson	Dallas
Jesse Sifuentes	Houston
Randal Allgood	Bowie
Gloria Cassell	Splendora
Sarah Word	Lillian
Mary Donahue	Harlingen
Kelly Munson	Littlefield
Randy Dusek	Barnhart
Jeffrey Hood	Arlington

## OCTOBER

Jill Cooley	Wolfforth
Timothy Layman	Kyle
Michael Petrick	Plano
Clyde Allen, Sr	San Angelo
Kerry Oday	Spring
Clint Underwood	New Waverly
Charles Francis	Humble
William Wood II	McAllen
Bernhard Akselsen	Beaumont

## NOVEMBER

Kevin Terrier	Buna
Wyatt Withers	Buna
Lee Dycus	Cisco
Chad Ellis	Columbus
Kevin Fagg	Meyersville
Brad Guinn	Hamilton
Sam Harris	Austin
Clint Hunt	Floydada
Brian Bragg	Nacogdoches
Kurt Kelley	Stephenville
Jerry Ash, Jr.	Hamlin
Zakary Benge	Crockett
Brandi Cross	Cypress
Logan Hudson	Perryton
Fred Ensinger	Longview
Mario Fuentes	Austin
Derek Spitzer	Missouri City
Matt Thompson	Amarillo
Michael Earley	Stonewall
John Permenter	Bryan
Matthew Picken	Lorena
Douglas Volcik	Waco
Gregory Jeffers	Aubrey
Ronald Langford	Copperas Cove
Marissa Schultz	Houston
Steven Stapleton	College Station
Alan Riley	Wellington
Daniel Sturgell	Belton
Pamela Burdette	Vidor
Becky Goodwin	Stephenville
Terry Hoke	El Paso
Timothy Knott	El Paso
Enrique Lopez	El Paso
Daniel Gonzales	El Paso
Raul Candelaria, Jr.	El Paso
Domingo Garcia, Jr.	Beeville

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 Fax (512) 389-8042

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 (512) 389-8142

### Videos & Supplies

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

### Automated Hunter Education Course line

(24 hours a day)

1-800-792-1112 +62

# Outreach Events

The summer recreational festival for Texas Institute for Recreational Research (T.I.R.R.) and Adaptive Aquatics was held on Saturday June 12th, 1999 at Lake Houston. Travis Wehring (shown here) attended this event with Heidi Rao and set up an airgun range. Participants learned firearm safety and handling, and were able to load, fire, and unload the guns. Most participants had never fired a gun prior to this event.

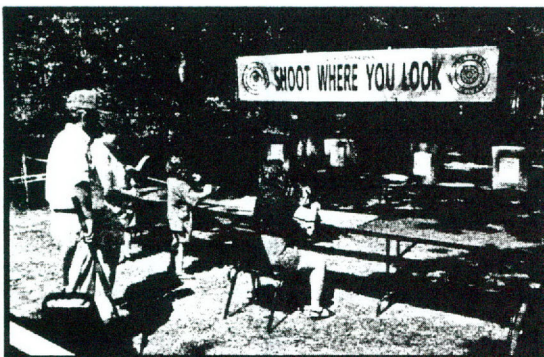


Area Chief, Charles Snowden oversees youngsters at the Annual Bass Tournament and Extravaganza held by Turning POINT (Paraplegics On Independent Nature Trips) at Caddo Lake in East Texas.

Heidi Rao, shown here with participants, at Herman Brown Park in Houston. TPW's "Archery Alley" was used. It is a portable unit including a pop-up tent, a net to catch the arrows, targets, recurved bows, and blunt-tip arrows. It can be set up indoors or out and allow hands-on training in archery. Glenn Miller, Hunter Education Instructor from Houston, arranged for the City of Houston Parks Department – Jetson Robinson Center youth group to attend. The group learned the history of archery, safety, ethics, and marksmanship.

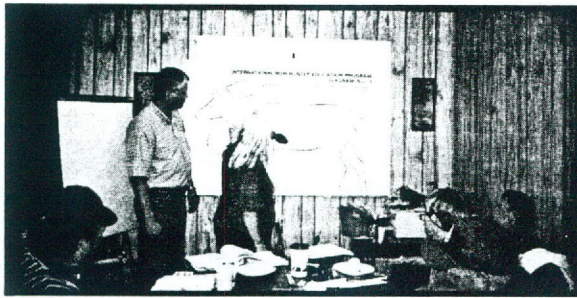


Leon and Frillie Measures take some youngsters through "Shoot Where You Look" exercises during Turning POINT's Annual Bass Tournament and Extravaganza event at Caddo Lake.



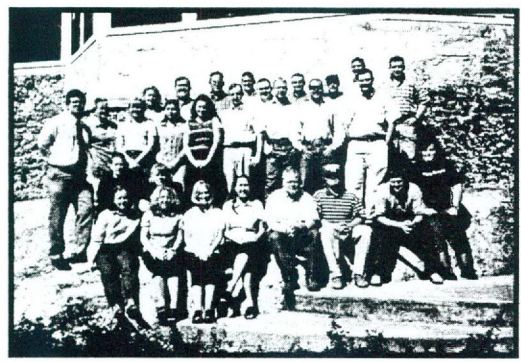
Area Chief Instructors Donald Carroll (left) and Donnie Kee (right), were part of the 3rd Annual Children's Health and Safety Fair held in Diboll. They had an opportunity to talk to parents about firearm safety and used the "Gun Safe" material produced by the Texas Nurses Association.





Mike Murphey, IBEP, came to La Porte on July 24th and 25th, 1999 to conduct a student and instructor combination course for bowhunter education. Bill Larson and Mark Quigley, Hunter Education Coordinators from Arizona attended the two-day workshop. We had ten instructors attend and become certified to teach the bowhunter course. Instructors learned the history of bowhunting, ethics, proper shot placement, safety, and how to set up a skills trail.

Heidi Rao conducted Standards of Live Fire/Home Study Workshop at the Rio Grande Valley Shooting Center (RGVSC) in Rio Hondo. Instructors were certified, and taken through the Home Study course. A successful indoor shooting range was set up using Crosman Airguns. The RGVSC has a 13-station walk-through 3-D archery range, ideal for the skills trail.



Students from TSU Agriculture Education Department attended Hunter, Boater and Angler Instructor certification training during their field trip to the Hill Country in September. These graduates were beginning their student teaching activities at various high schools around the state. Thanks to Dr. David Druckhammer and Drs. Johnny and Sandy Johnson for their support and cooperation.

Another great training session was held at the Heart O' The Hills Camp and Kerr WMA. These instructors gained new insight on department programs and received copies of lesson plans for promoting the Pittman/Robertson Act (Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration) funding to students. During a recent session of college graduates, only a very small percentage knew what P-R funding was. If you would like a copy of this lesson plan, contact our office.



Members and volunteers representing the Hunting Commission from Nuevo Leon, Mexico, recently completed the hunter education student and instructor courses at the Chaparral Wildlife Management Area near Artesia Wells. Instructing the course were volunteer hunter education instructor, Martin Johnston, McAllen; David Synatzske and Chip Ruthven, Chaparral WMA Staff; and Steve Hall, Education Director. The course included live-firing in all disciplines as well as the hunter skills trail and hunter responsibility teaching methods. Chip Ruthven also gave them an in-depth look at wildlife management techniques used on the area.

## Kudos, Kudos, Kudos!



Bryan Waller, Kilgore Area Chief, is shown with his 2500-point handgun award. Bryan was in Austin on business and picked up his Smith and Wesson Model 686 from McBride's Guns. Congratulations Bryan, and keep up the great work!

Lee Stinson, Fort Worth Area Chief, holds his 3000-point rifle incentive award. Lee drove down just to pick up the Thompson/Center .50 Caliber Pennsylvania Carbine from our office. We had taken it for presentation at the annual THEIA conference, but Lee was unable to attend. Congratulations, albeit a little late, Lee!



### Warden Raymond Kosub Named SEAFWA Officer of the Year

The Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies has named Game Warden Raymond Kosub of Jasper County the 1999 Officer of the Year. Nominees for this award are drawn from state and federal agencies in some 16 states and Puerto Rico. Warden Kosub has worked for TPW in Jasper County for 27 years. Part of the key to his effectiveness is that he has developed a large number of contacts that call him if they observe a violation. He is well known for his work with youth groups. As Law Enforcement Director James Robertson said, "In Jasper County, he is Texas Parks and Wildlife."

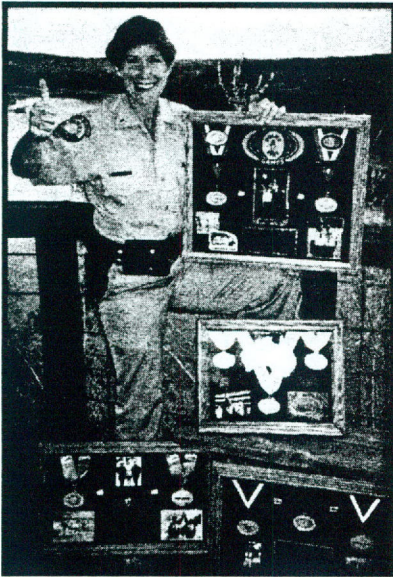
### Safari Club International and Texas Chapters National Wild Turkey Federation Make Donation

Heidi Rao attended the annual banquet of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Safari Club International and accepted a \$3000.00 donation to Texas Parks and Wildlife for improvements and upgrades to the DART Target System. While at another function Scotty Oliver accepted a check for \$7,000 from The National Wild Turkey Federation to help complete the improvements and upgrade of the DART Target System. Thanks so much for the assistance from both conservation organizations!

## Kudos, Kudos, Kudos!

### Bradley Chappell Named 1999 Shikar-Safari Wildlife Officer of the Year for Texas

Bradley Chappell, a Panola County game warden, has been named 1999 Shikar-Safari Wildlife Officer of the Year for the state of Texas. Shikar-Safari International started the award program over 25 years ago for the purpose of recognizing outstanding performance by wildlife officers. The award is given annually to one individual in each of the wildlife enforcement agencies across the U.S. and Canada. Officers are only eligible to receive this award once.



Shown are Heidi Rao, Assistant Hunter Education Coordinator and Houston Safari Club Board of Directors member, Ron Willenborg. Heidi was presented the "Conservationist of the Year" award for her "Outstanding Achievements and Dedication to the Wildlife Profession" at the Safari Club Banquet and Awards Ceremony held in Houston on November 3rd. She has been conducting hunter education student and instructor courses in South Texas, especially in the Houston area. 003816 She also conducts numerous firearm and hunter safety programs monthly for Houston industrial companies and works with various minority groups in Houston to break down barriers towards outdoor participation. Congratulations, Heidi! We are proud of you!



Cinda Brooks, Representing the United States, earned the honor of "Four Times World Champion Female Biathlete" in the World Police & Fire Games in Stockholm, Sweden this year. Previous competition was in 1993 - Colorado; 1995 - Melbourne, Australia and 1997 - Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Cinda is a Lieutenant Game Warden and teaches at the Game Warden Academy. She is also a Registered Nurse, and teaches health, wellness and survival, CPR, physical training and firearms. To assist Cinda with training for the World Championship in Stockholm, **Winchester** donated ammunition for her .40 caliber STI handgun. Congratulations Cinda for bringing home the Gold!!

### *Pearls of wisdom...*

"There is a face-lift you can perform on yourself that is guaranteed to improve your appearance.

It is called a smile."

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## New Items on the Market

### Inherit the Hunt

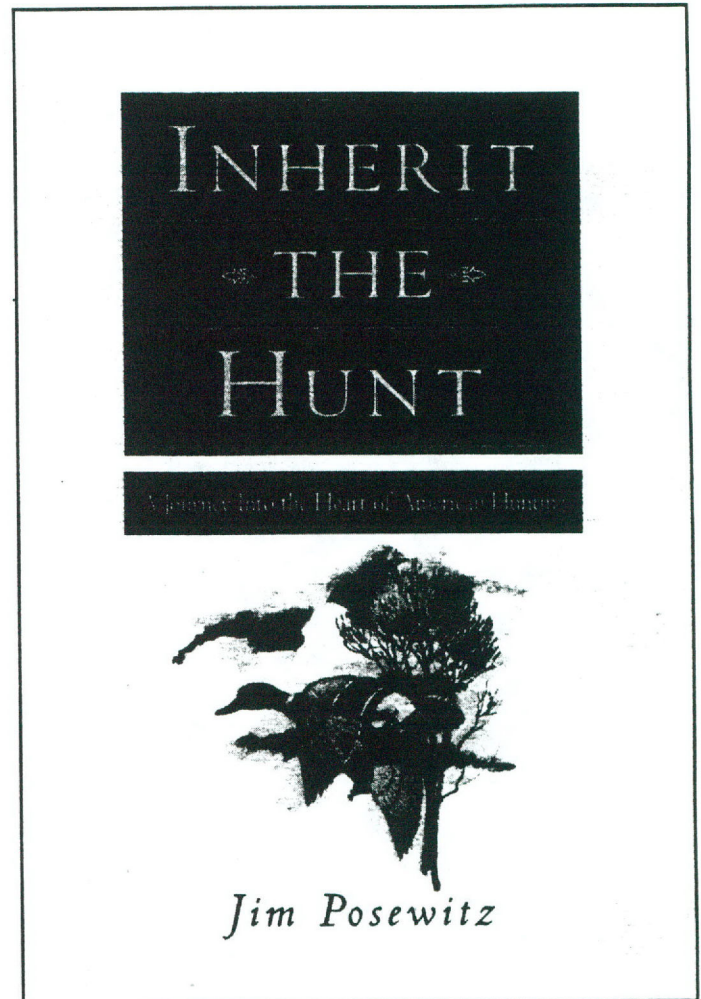
Jim Posewitz's first book *Beyond Fair Chase*, was a resounding success. With more than 250,000 copies sold, hunters all over the country embraced it as one of the definitive works on modern hunter ethics. Now, with *Inherit the Hunt*, Posewitz has written a powerful sequel that addresses the future of hunting, as we know it in North America. He examines the unique history of hunting and wildlife in North America. He describes how the opportunity to hunt is a remarkable expression of democracy and how wildlife has thrived on this continent because it belongs to all people, equally.

This attractive, readable volume is both a fascinating look into the past as well as a compelling vision for the future. This book carries an essential message for young hunters everywhere. 010696

You can purchase *Inherit the Hunt* by contacting

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**Falcon Publishing**  
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*Pearls of wisdom...*

"A sense of humor can help you overlook the unattractive, tolerate the unpleasant, cope with the unexpected, and smile through the unbearable."

Unknown

## Visit Organizations on the Internet



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

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

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IHEA — <http://www.ihea.com>

National Bowhunter Education Foundation — <http://www.nbef.org>

MPI Outdoors — <http://www.adventuresports.com/asap/products/mpi/welcome.htm>

World's largest hunting web site — <http://www.hunting.net>

Burriss Scopes — [burrissoptics.com](http://burrissoptics.com)

National Shooting Sports Foundation — <http://www.wheretoshoot.org>



## Crosman's New EASY Program

If you are looking for a complete shooting development program or equipment to conduct live firing exercises in the Hunter Education program, it's EASY... Education in Airgun Shooting for Youth. Crosman has long supported safe shooting by providing qualified instructing groups with airguns, ammunition and accessories at reduced rates in order to start and build shooting programs. Now they have redesigned that program, streamlined it and made it simpler for you to order and to maintain.



To learn more about this new program from Crosman, simply request the EASY program brochure from our office and we'll send it to you by return mail, or you may contact Crosman direct by calling them at 1-800-7AIRGUN and ask for the EASY program information. Upon receipt, read over the brochure, complete the paperwork and mail it off. It's that easy. If you have Internet access, check out [crosman.com](http://crosman.com). The EASY program is detailed under Shooting Programs and you can request information with the click of a mouse. Here's a quick overview.

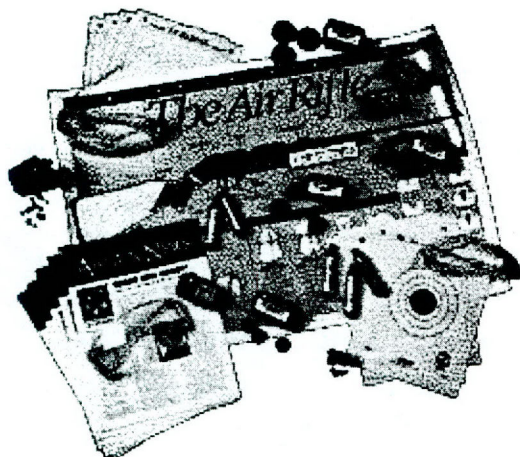
### EASY Qualifications

To qualify for this new program from Crosman:

- Your group must be non-profit and affiliated with a bonafide youth organization (ie. Boy Scouts of America, 4H, Future Farmers of America, PAL, Jaycees, JOSE, Exploring, American Legion, Isaac Walton League, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, VFW, NRA, or HEA).
- Your group must re-apply for this new program even if you've worked with Crosman in the past. (The loan/lease program is no longer available.)

### How it Works in Five EASY Steps

1. Call Crosman Shooting Development Dept. at 1-800-7-AIRGUN or send an email to [development@crosman.com](mailto:development@crosman.com) for more information.
2. Crosman offers seven different kits, each of which contain one airgun and a selection of ammunition and accessories. All kits are described at <http://www.crosman.com/level3/shootingkits.htm>.
3. The kit prices are very reasonable, with Crosman carrying a lion's share of the total expense. This allows your organization to be off and running with a solid program for minimum outlay. It also allows us to know entry level shooters are getting off to a safe start.
4. Choose the kit(s) that is right for your organization and contact Crosman on how to order.  
How'd it go? After the event, complete and return the "How'd it go?" card to let us know about your success.
5. When it's time to restock the expendable part of the kit (like the ammo and targets), you can do so by filling out a re-order form, which will be sent to you along with the "How'd it go?" card.



Each kit contains one gun plus all the accessories listed here: 1 CrosBlock trigger blocker and key, 1000 standard pellets, 100 official NRA paper targets, 35 CO2 cylinders for kits C,D,E,F, 3 pair amber shooting glasses, 1 air rifle poster, 5 copies of Crosman Airgun News, 1 logo sticker per gun, 1 speed loader kit with pellet cylinders for pre-loading plus a clip-on belt pack. Kit prices range from \$20 - \$40 depending on the model of airgun selected with each kit. Crosman bears the major expense of setting this program up. When it's time to restock the expendable part of the kit (like the ammo and targets), simply fill out a re-order form which will be mailed with each kit, and Crosman takes care of the rest.

What an excellent opportunity to get in on the beginning of a great deal and start adding live firing exercises to your classes, or better yet, have the capability to conduct these exercises for testing the Home Study program. Let us hear from you soon and get started helping your students become safer and more responsible individuals.

Hey folks...



**DON'T FORGET**, if you have email capability, and a PC that will accept Microsoft Access, I can email you the Access format to enter your classes and then you can email them back to me. If all goes well, the cards are mailed out the next day. All you have to do is follow up by mailing the originals and the money for processing. Student registration forms are coming in a lot cleaner and are processing much easier. So, keep up the good work and **do not staple or make any stray marks on the forms**. We are about two months behind with records, but should be finished by late December, so we can start on incentive awards.

**ONE LAST THING – again...**Instructors are still sending in “UNDER AGE” students and telling them they will be certified. They will only receive a “certificate of attendance” when that

happens. The computer will **NOT** accept nor certify anyone before the twelfth (12) birthday. The student must retake the course after turning 12. Now, also remember, youngsters going on Texas Youth Hunting Program hunts must have this certificate to qualify for the hunt. If an under age individual is in your class for this reason, let me know. We will try to mail those certificates right after entering the data.

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

Kathy

## Take a Moment to Remember

There are occasions when one must remember all the good times spent with individuals that have so much in common with one another. Texas Hunter Education has experienced the loss of several instructors this year.

*In May, George Duffek from Dallas suffered a heart attack. He was a very important part of the Grand Prairie Gun Club team. His wife and daughter continue to assist the team with courses.*

*Then, in August, Clyde Lewis from Killeen had a heart attack. He had been ill with a heart condition for some time, but didn't make it over the last episode. He was a great help with summer youth camps at Parrie Haynes Ranch and the Texas Youth Hunting Programs youth hunts.*

*September saw yet another slip away. Raymond Gibboney from Rochelle had been in ill health for some time and finally faded away. Raymond is best remembered for his “buckskin” attire worn during muzzleloader courses. He had a way of relating to that period of time. Guess he was born a hundred years too late.*

*In October, Area Chief, Clarence Pearson from Beaumont didn't show up for work one morning and was found in his hallway at home. He experienced several blood clots in his lungs, which resulted in his death. Clarence was one of the first instructors certified when the program began in 1972.*

*The last two instructors who died were Jack Tisdale from Streetman and Charles Dillard from Dripping Springs. It is unknown exactly when they passed away, as we learned about it just recently.*

We will miss these dedicated individuals and all the hard work each one of them did to enhance the Texas Hunter Education Program, especially in their areas.

*Pearls of wisdom...*

“Hunting is sometimes an activity that makes individuals and the truth become strangers, especially when it comes to how far away that buck really was when shot.”

T. Erwin



# THE BOWHUNTER

International Bowhunter Education Program  
of Texas

## NEW LOCATION & DATE

The location and date of our first In-Service/Workshop for the year 2000 has changed. Due to the number of pre-registered IBEP instructors, our previous scheduled host was not able to accommodate our group. We have re-grouped and have come up with a better "package" to offer you.

Our first In-Service/Workshop will be February 25 - February 27 at Brushy Hill Ranch (13,000 acres) near Sabinal. The total "package" cost is \$200.00 per person. Lodging will be provided in comfortable cabins for Friday & Saturday nights. A total of 4 meals will be provided: supper on Friday evening, breakfast & dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Each person may harvest up to 15 hogs or javelinas per day regardless of gender or size, there are no size limits or trophy fees. Feeders and stands (tree or tripod) will be provided as well as, "cold storage" for harvested game. You can hunt from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon or until you get tired!

A 50% deposit of \$100.00 will guarantee your place. The balance (\$100.00) will be due upon your arrival. Interested IBEP Instructors are asked to send their \$100.00 deposit (fully refundable) to IBEP of Texas, 3 Briar Meadow Court, Joshua, TX 76058-9742. Checks shall be made out to IBEP of Texas.

We are working out the details for more In-Service/Workshop locations scattered through out the State. Please make plans to attend one or all of the workshops.

## NEW STUDENT MANUAL AND OTHER IBEP MATERIAL

I want to thank our dedicated group of volunteer IBEP Instructors who completed the survey for the new Student Manual, this was a great opportunity for us to make substantial changes. The new Student Manual is schedule for the Spring of 2000.

## "THANK YOU"

We want to thank the Lone Star Bowhunters Assoc. for their financial support in sending Dwight Purvis, our IBEP of TX Chairman, to Owatonna, MN this past July 16, 17 & 18 for the NBEF Chairman's National Meeting. Dwight met Chairmen and Coordinators from almost all 50 States as well as some from Canada. NBEF is coming out with some new material and training aids that will be presented at our Year 2000 In-Service/Workshops, please make every available effort to attend. The LSBA, our State's bowhunting association, continues to support us - so we need to continue to support the LSBA.

A big "Thank You" to Steve Hall, Terry Erwin, Kathy Powell and the Staff at TPW who continue to make the International Bowhunter Education Program in Texas a success with their support.

## Just A Reminder...

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