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## EDITOR'S CORNER



### I Saw You, At Least, I Hope It Was You

by John Davis - Editor, South Carolina Wildlife Magazine

*I saw you on the lake the other day. At least, I think it was you. Your partner caught a nice stripped bass, maybe 10 or 12 pounds. Then you caught one, but it wasn't nearly as big as the first. In fact, it wasn't big enough to make the 21 inch size limit. You held it for a moment, and I was afraid you were going to ice it down with the first catch. Then you leaned over the gunwale and let it slip back into the water.*

*You don't remember seeing me? Oh, I was on that island you anchored near, camping with several other adults and a group of 15 boys. No matter, all of us remember you.*

*What about last spring? You were just starting out on that hiking trail, and I drove up. I was only a few minutes behind when you reached that spot by the creek. You were setting up the tent. Yes, I'm sure it was you. It was a soothing beautiful site, wasn't it? Tall trees, gurgling water... I've camped there a time or two myself. You were already gone when I hiked out the next morning, or I'd have stopped to talk. A few flattened leaves were all that marked your stay. I appreciated that, and so did the young couple who camped there that afternoon. Perhaps you passed them on the trail? Yes, I've seen you around.*

*Why just last winter, I'm certain you were the one who motored slowly up to our duck blind and apologized for interrupting our hunt. I believe you said something about having outboard problems at the landing, then asked*

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## White-tailed Deer Hunting Skills Workshop



Thanks to Larry Hysmith of Texas Agriculture Extension Service, his assistant, Denise Garza, and instructor, Rick Howard from Crosby, the workshop was a tremendous success. Rick did a demonstration on tracking, field dressing and capping. Wildlife Technician, Mike Knipe, did a presentation on habitat and management. Game warden, Alan Lee went over rules and regulations from the new *Outdoor Annual*. A visit to "Que Pasa" Ranch near Navasota was highlighted by TPWD biologist, Jim Yantis, who did a deer aging and trophy scoring seminar. Thanks to all who participated in this educational workshop. We hope it gave information that will be passed on to students.

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*whether we'd mind if you eased around our decoys toward the end of the marsh, maybe 300 yards away.*

*While you were starting to set up, a pair of mallards turned toward our spread. You stopped while we worked the birds. They passed right over you on that last circle, but you never fired a shot or set another decoy until we dropped them. Hey, now don't tell me that couldn't have been you.*

*And what about last fall? That had to be your kid who finally took a first deer. I was drinking a soda when you came in the check station, so don't try to pretend it wasn't you. The two of you had waited through more than a few afternoons for just the right animal and just the right shot. It couldn't have been easy, but I know you, and you'd never risk crippling game. Besides, that's the only way you'd have it happen, passing on what you cherish, creating memories to savor for the rest of your lives.*

*You're the true conservationist, a sportsman in every sense of the word. You show respect for others as well as the outdoors. You may not know it but thousands of others and I have seen you, heard you, followed you, and your actions really do speak louder than words.....*

Talk about actions speaking louder than words. While returning home on Interstate 35 between San Antonio and New Braunfels on November 10, my wife and I saw something we found extremely distasteful. A Suburban was in front us with a small 10-point buck tied to the top. That's right, in plain view of hundreds of Sunday travelers with nothing covering the animal to prevent the hot sun, wind and dirt from ruining the meat. The right shoulder had been shot almost completely off and blood covered a good portion of the animal. After field dressing, properly caring for the animal should, at least, have been done to remove the excess blood from the hide of the animal.

When we passed the two individuals in the vehicle, it became apparent that they were not the type to let this scene bother them. They had ample room to place the animal inside the rear of the vehicle. I took down the license number and said to myself, "I'm going to write this guy a letter and give him a piece of my mind." Then I commented to my wife, "I hope they're not going to the same place we are to drop off my deer, because if they are, I'm going to let them have it."

They were driving so slowly they soon were behind and we didn't see them anymore. I commented that they really needed a Hunter Education course and a good "dose of ethics." We arrived in Kyle to drop off my deer for processing into sausage. While I was filling out the paperwork, my wife said, "You're not going to believe who just drove up." Sure enough, it was the two

individuals in the Suburban with, "now near jerky," on top. I know the deer must have lost a good portion of its weight from the heat and wind.

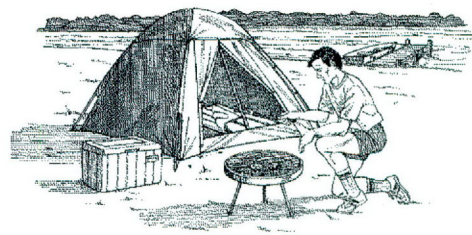
Anyway, I got all prepared to "preach my sermon" on responsibility, ethics and game laws, when they both came in. I observed one individual, probably in his mid-forties, and the other, around his late-fifties or early-sixties, laughing and joking without a care in the world. Now, don't get me wrong, I was ready for them! Then, somewhere, somehow, "maturity" took hold of my overzealous mind and made me take a step back and review my almost stupid decision to "lambast" the both of them. It's just not worth the hassle or the confrontation, I thought. Instead, I can convey my thoughts to our dedicated Hunter Education instructors to pass on the important message to our youth and adults about "Responsibility and Respect"

I do have a photograph of the vehicle and will share it during the "Ethics" workshops next year. I, also, will write this individual and express my concerns regarding this situation and improper display of game. If I have a response, I will share it with you in future issues of "Target Talk."

I know, in the future, we can make the difference. And, "**When I see you, at least, I hope it will be you,**" passing on the love of the outdoors and hunting and its values to our society, the future of hunting will be forever preserved.

Have a very **Happy Holiday Season**, be safe, and may God Bless.

*Terry Erwin*



## New Secretary Fills Vacancy

Roben Gant came on board November 1, to fill the vacancy left by Lisa Samaniego. As an employee of the department in the Accounting branch, Roben only had to go down the hall a short distance to her new desk. She has been hunting since age 5, when her dad first took her to the deer blind. He later introduced her to fishing. She is married, and her husband, Jeff, is pursuing a career in Aquatic Biology at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. She says, "He spends all of his time bass fishing, but, I always catch the biggest fish when I get to go." Let's all welcome her to our staff. I'm sure you will be talking to her in the near future. We're certainly glad she is here.

## Trapper Education Workshop



Camp Buckner near Burnet was the site for the third annual Trapper Workshop hosted by the Texas Trappers and Fur Hunter's Association. Thanks to Rhonda Muller for all her help in setting up the workshop. Logan Basset, Jim Brooks, Paul Taylor and Don Cooper, again, did an excellent job in teaching about ethics and responsibility, different traps and methods and skinning and processing hides. Game Warden, Keith Gerth, made an excellent presentation on rules and regulations covered in the Fur Bearer brochure. The next Trapper Workshop will be held at Camp Buckner on January 25-26, 1997. Be sure and sign up for this program.

## Wildlife Management/Conservation Workshop

A group of instructors gathered at Camp Stewart and the Kerr WMA in September for this annual workshop. A special thanks goes to biologists Max Traweek and Bill Armstrong, who gave excellent presentations, as always. A special plaque was presented to them and Kerr WMA Manager, Donnie Harmel for their many years of dedicated service to the Hunter Education program. Also, special thanks to Wildlife Technician, Eugene Fuchs, for his presentation on trophy identification and big game scoring techniques. We hope that all who attended received some valuable information.



## 1996 "DREAM HUNT"



WE HAVE A WINNER!! As you read this, the youngsters and guardians who were drawn to participate in the 1996 "Dream Hunt," will be settling back waiting to see themselves on TV. Included in the group was a Texas student from Lufkin. His name is Colt Partin and his instructors were Area Chiefs Donald Carroll and Donnie Kee. This year's "Dream Hunts" were combined into one fantastic pheasant hunt hosted by Primland Hunting Reserve located near Claudeville, VA. on November 21-24. Colt was joined by his step-father, Steve Smith. Congratulations! Details and pictures of the hunt will appear in the next "Target Talk."

Wayne Pearson of "Ultimate Outdoors" as seen on ESPN Outdoors every Saturday morning at 6:30 A.M. from July to December hosted the trip. The "Dream Hunt" will be aired around Christmas. Be sure to watch for this exciting show. The entry cards, printed by Winchester, are still available and are being sent out with supplies. Anyone not receiving them should contact our office. Please make sure that all eligible individuals receive their card to mail. Late entries will be retained and entered in next year's drawing.

Wayne will be holding a round table meeting after the "Dream Hunt," with industry representatives on a new program called "Responsible Outdoor Education." The meeting, hopefully, will bring all types of outdoor education to the forefront of attention. Hunter Education will be one of the main topics of discussion. If all goes well, a new and exciting series of outdoor shows will develop from this meeting, and the "Dream Hunt" will continue to be one of the most popular events of the year.

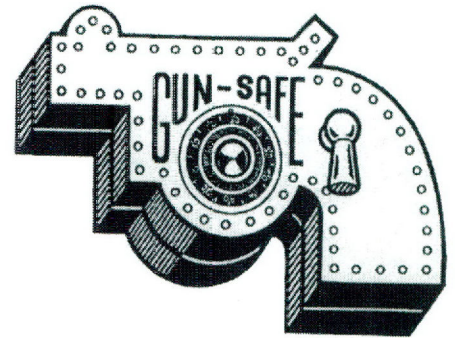
# GUN SAFE PROGRAM

## Secure Storage Standards

There are no unlocked guns in a Gun Safe home. All guns---sporting guns, antique guns, BB guns, pellet guns and others---should be properly stored and locked for the protection of Texas children.

### In households where children live or visit:

- 1 Adults should lock up guns.
- 2 The locks should be key or combination.
- 3 Guns should be secured in a gun safe, fire safe, or lockbox.
- 4 Unstored guns should have a properly fitting trigger lock.
- 5 Only adults should have access to lock keys and combinations.



Since September, over 120,000 Gun Safe pamphlets have been requested by schools around the state. Houston ISD, Lubbock ISD, and Round Rock ISD are among those undertaking district-wide Gun Safe education for their students.

For more information on how you can help make Texas households safer for our children, contact the toll-free Gun Safe Hotline at 1-888-862-6877, or write Texas Nurses Foundation, 7600 Burnet Road, Suite 440, Austin, TX 78757-1292.

## Did you know???

The new licensing system has allowed TPWD to know exactly how many licenses have been sold to date. As of November 2, Resident and Special Resident license sales reached **693,330**. On Friday, prior to the opening of the South Texas deer season, sale of hunting licenses hit 55,000 and dropped to 27,000 on Saturday.

### Bad name

Game wardens have been keeping busy as well. In Amarillo, game wardens apprehended three individuals in Clay County for road hunting. The poachers commented that things were a little tense in the Amarillo area right now, due to the recent apprehension of poachers who shot at wardens last month. As one of the poachers put it: "Road hunters who shoot at game wardens give the rest of us road hunters a bad name!"

### The last word

A Wilbarger County game warden received an Operation Game Thief call from Austin. An anonymous lady reported hunters spotlighting deer south of Crowell. Three individuals were apprehended and their fines totaled \$1,900. Turns out that the tipster, who called in, was the wife of one of the men. She had had an argument with her husband, and you guessed it.....she got in the last word!

### We don't need this type

The Hunter Education Staff received a call from a game warden last week. He asked if we knew a certain individual who had applied to become a Hunter Education instructor. The answer was negative, and the warden was asked why. The warden replied that he would have a problem with this

individual becoming certified as an instructor, because he had just issued him a ticket for shooting off a public road at a deer decoy. When apprehended, the individual stated that he had just recently applied to become a Hunter Education instructor. The game warden's reply was, "Well, I don't think you will ever make it now." How right he was! We have a copy of the citation and are just waiting to reply when his application arrives. Keep up the good work, warden. You know who you are, and we appreciate your efforts.

### Who Requires IBEP

More states are requiring Bowhunter Education. Enclosed is a list of the states/provinces that require the IBEP certification. You might want to have this available for those out-of-state bound hunters just in case they ask in the upcoming year. If you have questions regarding bowhunting or need more information, you may contact the (NBEF-AMO) National Archery Hotline at 1-800-461-2728.

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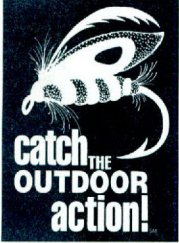
# TEXAS WILDLIFE EXPO

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TEXAS WILDLIFE EXPO '96  
A TRIBUTE TO HISTORIC FISHING & THE GREAT OUTDOORS

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE



Texas Wildlife Expo '96 is history! This year's theme was "Catch The Outdoor Action." Here is a summary of the events and "exit evaluations" from visitors. Although it rained on Saturday, over 35,000 individuals visited the event with 19,000 coming on Sunday for the largest single day attendance on record. Participants were very well satisfied with events, exhibits, activities and Expo overall.

Most of the people interviewed (male and female) best liked fishing or hunting-related activities. Fishing activities were

the highest rated category of event, closely followed by shooting or hunting. Third was live animals (viewing, touching) which moved John Karger's Birds of Prey and/or their flying demonstrations to fourth place.

The characteristics of people who attended Expo '96 were very similar to those who attended previous Expos. Nearly two-thirds were males, nearly three-fourths were Anglo and about 70% had children in their party. In fact 40% of the participants who attended the Expo were children. The youth who attended with adults were from 1 to 20 years old, with an average age of almost 8.

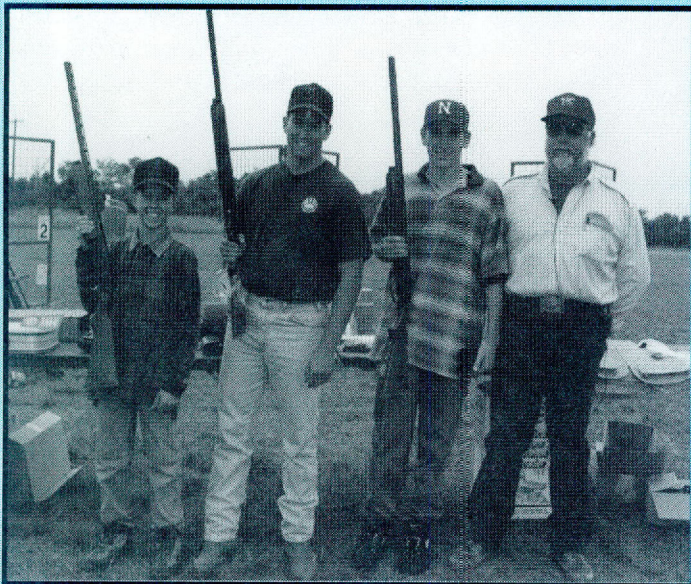
Favorite events for youths were related to hunting (26.5%), fishing (23.5%), animals (19.1%) and the climbing wall (11.7%). Several questions were used to probe the youth's hunting and fishing experiences. Over 94% of the youths interviewed had been fishing (92% in '95) while only 40%

had been hunting (34% in '95). About half of the youths who had not hunted stated that they would like to, and about 60% of the youths inexperienced in fishing wanted to try it.

The person who introduces a young person to hunting or fishing activities is usually a close relative. The youths interviewed this year were most likely introduced to fishing or hunting by their father (53% hunting, 59% fishing). If youths do not learn to hunt or fish from their father, the initiator is usually both parents (21% hunting, 17% fishing), their mother, or another relative. None of the youths interviewed were introduced by organizations like scouts or other groups.

Several suggestions to improve Expo were recorded and will be looked at in the future to make this event even better. The following statistics are from the shooting events and represent the number of individuals who experienced some type of shooting activity. Archery - 2878; Dart Interactive Video System - 812; Shoot Where You Look Airgun - 977; NRA Airgun - 1230; 4-H Airgun - 1160; Muzzleloading - 2424; Cross bow - 1000; Youth Shotgun - 1456; TPWD 5-STAND® Sporting Clays - 620 and Winchester 5-STAND® Sporting Clays - 562 for a total of 13,119. Thirty-two percent, one-third, of the shooters were first-time shooters! This total represents over a third of all visitors having a chance at the shooting sports. Thanks to all the volunteers who came and provided the manpower to facilitate the success of all activities. We look forward to yours and others return. Next year's event is scheduled for October 3-5, 1997. Mark your calendars!

## Texas 4-H "Whiz-Bang" Winners



Competition was held throughout the year to see who would represent the different regions for the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports 5-STAND® Sporting Clays Shotgun programs. On Friday, October 4, the Texas Wildlife Expo "Whiz-Bang" finals were held with fifteen regional representatives present.

Winners of the State 4-H, 5-STAND® Sporting Clays shoot off were as follows: Shown L-R are Sub-Junior - Clint Schuelke, Stanton; Senior - Nick Drew, Corpus Christi; Junior - Justin Huckabay, Odessa and Charlie Wilson, NSCA 5-STAND® competition coordinator. Congratulations to all the shooters who tried so hard to make the finals and especially to these fine young individuals who came out on top.

O. F. Mossberg donated three model 9200 shotguns for the top prizes. Over \$14,000 in prizes were donated and awarded among the fifteen final competitors. A special thanks to all the industries for their generous donations and especially to Charlie Wilson, who secured these prizes.

# Eat Something Wild!



When asked by students what nutritional value wild game has, these figures might be helpful. The fat content of most foods is a big concern today. With the exception of skinless chicken, game animal meat generally contains less fat than beef and pork. Listed here are grams of fat in a 3.5 ounce serving.

Skinless chicken	0.7	Cottontail Rabbit	2.4
Antelope	1.0	Beef	2.7
Wild Turkey	1.1	Squirrel	3.2
Whitetail deer	1.4	Pork	4.9
Domestic Turkey	1.5		



## Out of State Info

A large number of Texans hunt out-of-state each year. On draw hunts, especially in Colorado, Hunter Education must be completed **before** the application can be submitted. Sometimes students get caught in a situation where they haven't completed the course and want to apply. It would be a big help if courses were scheduled in the first part of the year to accommodate those individuals. Applications for Colorado must be dated, sometimes, by March 1. Colorado seasons have been set for the next two years and are listed as follows:

### 1997 - Archery

Deer (west of I-25) & Elk.....Aug.30-Sept.28  
Deer (east of I-25).....Oct.1-24 & Nov.6-Dec.31  
Antelope.....Aug.15-Sept.20

### 1998 - Archery

Deer (west of I-25) & Elk.....Aug.29-Sept.27  
Deer (east of I-25).....Oct.1-23 & Nov.5-Dec.31  
Antelope.....Aug.15-Sept.20

### 1997 - Muzzleloading Rifle

Deer (west of I-25) & Elk.....Sept.13-21  
Deer (east of I-25).....Oct.11-17  
Antelope.....Oct.21-29

### 1998 - Muzzleloading Rifle

Deer (west of I-25) & Elk.....Sept.12-20  
Deer (east of I-25).....Oct.10-16  
Antelope.....Oct.21-29

### 1997 - Rifle and Associated Methods

Deer, Elk, Bear  
1st Season.....Oct.11-15  
2nd Season.....Oct.18-29  
3rd Season.....Nov.1-9  
Regular, Plains Deer.....Oct.25-Nov. 5  
Late, Plains Deer.....Dec.1-14  
Antelope.....Sept. 27-Oct.3; Oct.4-10  
Limited Bear.....Sept.2-30

### 1998 - Rifle and Associated Methods

Deer, Elk, Bear  
1st Season.....Oct. 10-14  
2nd Season.....Oct. 17-28  
3rd Season.....Oct.31-Nov.8  
Regular, Plains Deer.....Oct.24-Nov.4  
Late, Plains Deer.....Dec.1-14  
Antelope.....Sept. 26-Oct.2; Oct.3-9  
Limited Bear.....Sept. 2-30

Hi Everyone! Records are being entered as rapidly as possible. I had to fill in while our secretary position experienced a vacancy, and data entry kind of got behind. We are back up to full staff and we'll have those cards out before you know it. When you teach a course, or if your students call and ask where their cards are, just tell them to retain their pink copy until they receive the original from Austin.

I'll be processing reimbursement invoices on January 6, 1997. If any of you have not filed for classes taught **before** the Fall "Target Talk" came out in October announcing the course fee increased to \$10, please mail them in immediately. **NO** invoices will be accepted after January 2, and no invoices will be reimbursed for courses taught after the notice of fee change.

I'll be gone during the holidays on a short vacation, and I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you next issue!

Kathy

**Kathy's  
Korner**

# TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

## 1997 HUNTER EDUCATION WORKSHOP BROCHURE

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. 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 you a chance to learn new techniques, teaching skills and receive new material. Moreover, the workshops give you the 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 variety of well-qualified personnel will be on hand to assist you 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

Friday 6:00pm - 10:00pm (NRA & NMLRA only)

Saturday 8:00am - 5:00pm Theory, Classroom Exercises, and Teaching Techniques. (NRA & NMLRA 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, complete the attached registration card, cut on solid line, fold, tape or staple and return it to Austin **no later than January 6, 1997**. 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 **1997** workshops. **Be Safe!!**

**Texas Hunter Education  
Instructor Workshops 1997  
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department**

**Standards of Live Fire, Hunter Skills  
Trail, and Home Study  
Testing Methods**

This workshop is in its fifth year and instructors are encouraged to attend whenever possible. It was originally stated that all instructors must attend this workshop to prepare for live-firing exercises, to promote hands-on activities, and to increase their knowledge concerning liability.

As our hunter education program evolves into the next generation, we want to be able to provide the best hands-on training possible. Learning takes place with a higher retention of knowledge when these kinds of activities are incorporated into the process.

Instructors will be informed of their responsibilities and guided through the process of conducting hands-on field exercises utilizing a "team concept."

Our new "Home Study" program, being developed, will provide an alternate method of delivery for those students, who, for whatever reason, are unable to attend a regularly structured course. Final certification will require 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 train individuals and teams of instructors across the state to conduct these field exercises.

**Survival- Wilderness First Aid**

This workshop is prepared to give participants hands-on experience in situations and exercises including map and compass use, fire starting techniques and desert/mountain survival. Participants will 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 will acquaint you with teaching methods and concepts of muzzleloading and archery. We will offer NRA/NMLRA instructor certification and International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) instructor certification.

**Rifle, Shotgun and Handgun**

These workshops are with the Texas 4-H and will offer NRA instructor certifications in each of the above disciplines. However, each participant may be certified in only one of the three, and will receive muzzleloading training in that particular discipline. Each discipline is limited to 25 participants and is on a first-come first-serve basis, so indicate on the registration form, when received, the one in which you wish to be certified.

**Responsibility, Game Laws and Ethics**

This workshop reviews Texas game laws and give you information regarding violations from a game warden's point-of-view. It then covers important aspects of hunter responsibility by introducing participants to different teaching concepts, such as "trigger films," open meet-

ing, brainstorming and delima methods. Proactive strategies and dealing with anti-hunters will also be on the agenda.

**Wildlife Management/Conservation**

Texas Parks & Wildlife staff plan to give participants an overview of wildlife management/conservation of game and nongame 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.

**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 varmit calling will be on the agenda. The workshop will be enhanced with a lot of "hands-on" activities. Don't miss it. The last three years were great!!

**Turkey Hunting**

Texas Chapters National Wild Turkey Federation members and TPWD biologist will conduct this workshop. It will cover management and restocking efforts as well as proper and safe hunting techniques. Attend this exciting weekend and prime yourself for the upcoming Spring turkey season.

**White-tail Deer Hunting**

Learn the skills necessary to becoming a successful deer hunter. Stalking, camouflage use and natural senses are just some of the topics to be covered. Safety and wildlife I.D., also, are part of the program. Come test your abilities.



**1997 TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION  
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Advanced In-Service

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**Survival/Wilderness First Aid  
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March 8-9 Amarillo

August 23-24 Athens

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Home Study Training**

(All instructors should attend)

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March 8-9 McAllen

April 19-20 Grand Prairie

June 10-11 (Ag. Sci.) Stephenville

June 16-17 (Ag. Sci.) San Marcos

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March 15-16 Sulphur Springs

**White-tail Deer Hunting**

October 18-19 College Station

**Muzzleloading (NMLRA)**

February 7-9 Houston

**Hunter Education Youth Challenge**

May 2-4 Parrie Haynes Ranch, Killeen

**Bowhunter Education**

(IBEP) Student & Instructor

March 15-16 Longview

June 21-22 Houston

June 21-22 Belton

August 2-3 San Angelo

August 2-3 Austin

**Rifle, Shotgun, Handgun with 4-H**

January 10-12 San Antonio

September TBA Lubbock

**Hunter Responsibility, Game Laws & Ethics**

July 12-13 Austin

August 9-10 Early

**Program Orientation/Teaching Skills  
For New Instructors**

March 6-7 McAllen

March 22-23 Brownwood

June 21 Austin

**Seventh Annual Hunter Education  
Instructor Conference**

June 7-8 San Antonio

**Wildlife Management/Conservation**

April 12-13 Matador WMA

September 20-21 Kerr WMA

**Texas Wildlife Expo '97**

October 3-5 Austin

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**Seventh Annual Hunter Education  
Instructor Conference**

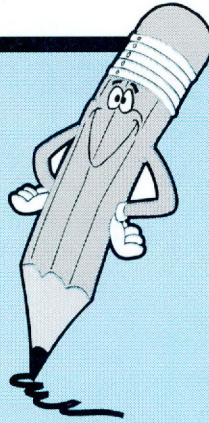
June 7-8 San Antonio

**Wildlife Management/Conservation**

April 12-13 Matador WMA  
September 20-21 Kerr WMA

**Texas Wildlife Expo '97  
(Need Volunteers)**

October 3-5 Austin



**Dear Staff:**

Here is some information on the "just deserts" (sic) hunter death comments by Chuck Shepherd in his syndicated "News from the Weird" column. The column appears in 200 newspapers across the country and is syndicated by: Universal Press Syndicate, 4520 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111-7701.

The text reads: *"No longer weird. . . Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation:*

*The episodes of just-deserts shootings in hunting season, as when Clifford Shellman allegedly shot to death another hunter in May near Blooming Grove N.Y., after the two inadvertently coaxed each other closer together by sounding their turkey lures."*

The above version appeared in the "Star Time" supplement of the Ft. Worth, Texas *Star Telegram*, October 18, 1996 issue. Thank you for your help in addressing this matter of hunter class-discrimination and "hateful speech," to use the PC term.

Best Regards,  
Don Zaidle, Poolville  
Hunter Education Instructor & Outdoor Writer

*Editor's comments: (Sick) is right. No matter what the occasion, no hunter deserves these "just-deserts" as described above. I hope that all who read this column will know what a tragedy it was for the shooter and the victim. It is our job to inform the public about every safety precaution we can, so this doesn't happen again.*

**Dear Staff:**

This past weekend my son Stephen and I were fortunate enough to have taken the Texas Hunter Education class from Mr. Bernie Heer at Camp Bullis. Mr. Heer's teaching and hunting expertise made the class a very informative, enjoyable, hands-on type of environment

that was truly worth the time. He has the talent and manner in teaching that captures the student's attention, when it comes to the appreciation of nature along with hunter safety and ethics. It's unfortunate that all young hunters and their parents aren't able to learn under Mr. Heer. They are really missing out.

I have already begun informing my friends that when it becomes time to take this class, that they do so with their sons and daughters, and that they must sign up for Mr. Heer's class at Camp Bullis. What a great way to spend a weekend with my son!

Sincerely,  
Will S. Houser, San Antonio

**Dear Staff:**

Thought you might enjoy a few snapshots from Expo '96. We had a great group of volunteers and participants. I was amazed at the number of kids who came back from previous years and brought friends. The tent was a lifesaver and was greatly appreciated. A little rain really shouldn't stop a Texas shoot! B.F.I. furnished plastic bags, "rain coats," for out target boxes, and things worked out just great. Thank you for inviting us to be a part of Expo '96. Shooters, that totaled 977, thank you, also. Please share with Steve, Scotty and the rest of the crew.

Sincerely,  
Frillie and Leon Measures, Livingston  
*Shoot Where You Look*

*Editor's note: Thank you for being there. Hope you will come back next year.*



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<b>Rifle, Shotgun &amp; Handgun Workshop</b> Contact Dr. Ron Howard (409) 845-5961	San Antonio	Jan 10-12
See Enclosed Workshop Brochure		
<b>SHOT Show (Shooting Hunting Outdoor Trade)</b>	Las Vegas	Jan 30 - Feb 2

## Classes Needed in December

We are still receiving calls every day requesting courses from around the state. School activities, such as football and band, are slowing down or are completed. Students who have been involved in these activities are going to be out of school for Christmas vacation and are trying to find courses for certification so they can hunt during that time. Please contact us with dates, times and phone numbers if you have a class scheduled. Individuals might be just around the corner and not know of your class, but if it was in the computer, information could be given out or obtained via the automated course line. Also, please let your local Area Chief know about the course. See listing in this issue.

Cities in need of **more** courses, and/or at least information on courses, are again, Houston, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Tyler, Waco, Fort Worth, Dallas, McAllen, Harlingen and the lower Valley.

## Answering Machines & Voice Mail

Gene Norton, Baytown, and Byron Norton, Longview, aren't related but both are instructors and have a unique way of answering Hunter Education calls. They use their answering machine or voice mail to give out information on upcoming classes. That way, they don't have to return as many calls, especially, long distance calls. Dates, times, cost and location can be recorded, then, if necessary, the caller can leave a message to be returned. Now, some of you may be thinking, I don't have an answering machine or voice mail, but with the new fee structure, one can be purchased for as little as \$40, or your portion of the fee retained from eight students. Check around and see what a reliable machine might cost, or better yet, get voice mail on your present phone system. It is certainly a lot better than having to return unnecessary calls.

## UPDATE

Instructors! Below is a "Survey Sheet" requesting information regarding the 1997 conference coming up on June 7-8, in San Antonio. If you didn't fill out the one in the last "Target Talk," please complete this one as soon as possible and mail it back to Bernie Heer. Again, mark your calendars and plan your vacations. The Holiday Inn - Northwest will be the host. If you want to bring your family, we would like to know what outside activities they would be interested in while you are occupied at the conference. Bernie has only received a few surveys to date.

After registration, we are planning some "How-To" sessions on Saturday with some excellent speakers. Auctions, silent and live, are planned for Saturday evening as usual with some outstanding items. A THEIA meeting is also planned for Sunday morning. Some interest has been shown for an Instructor's Archery 3-D shoot, and/or a Sporting Clays/Skeet shoot on Sunday Afternoon for those who plan to stay over or who would like to participate. Display tables will be available for those who would like to show off their unique or favorite training aids.

### 1997 Instructor's Conference Survey Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be bringing my family. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

I am planning a vacation in conjunction with the conference. \_\_\_\_ Yes,

\_\_\_\_ Week Before, \_\_\_\_ Week After, \_\_\_\_ No.

My family would be interested in the following while I'm at the Conference:

- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ____ San Antonio Zoo       | ____ General Sightseeing    |
| ____ Sea World             | ____ The Alamo and Downtown |
| ____ Historic Mission Tour | ____ Shopping Tour          |
| ____ Fiesta Texas          | ____ Other _____            |
| ____ Market Place          |                             |

Comments/Questions:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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I would like to participate in the following "How To" group.

- \_\_\_\_ How to set up a "Hunter Skills Trail."  
\_\_\_\_ How to organize a "Youth Hunting Trip."  
\_\_\_\_ How to set up a "Survival Village."  
\_\_\_\_ How to organize an "Area Instructor's Association."  
\_\_\_\_ How to organize an "Instructor Team."  
\_\_\_\_ How to organize a "Youth Hunter Education Challenge Team."

I would like a table to display my "Training Aids." \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

I will be staying over on Sunday night and/or would like to participate in a:

- \_\_\_\_ 3-D Archery Tournament  
\_\_\_\_ Skeet Shooting Tournament  
\_\_\_\_ Sporting Clays Tournament

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