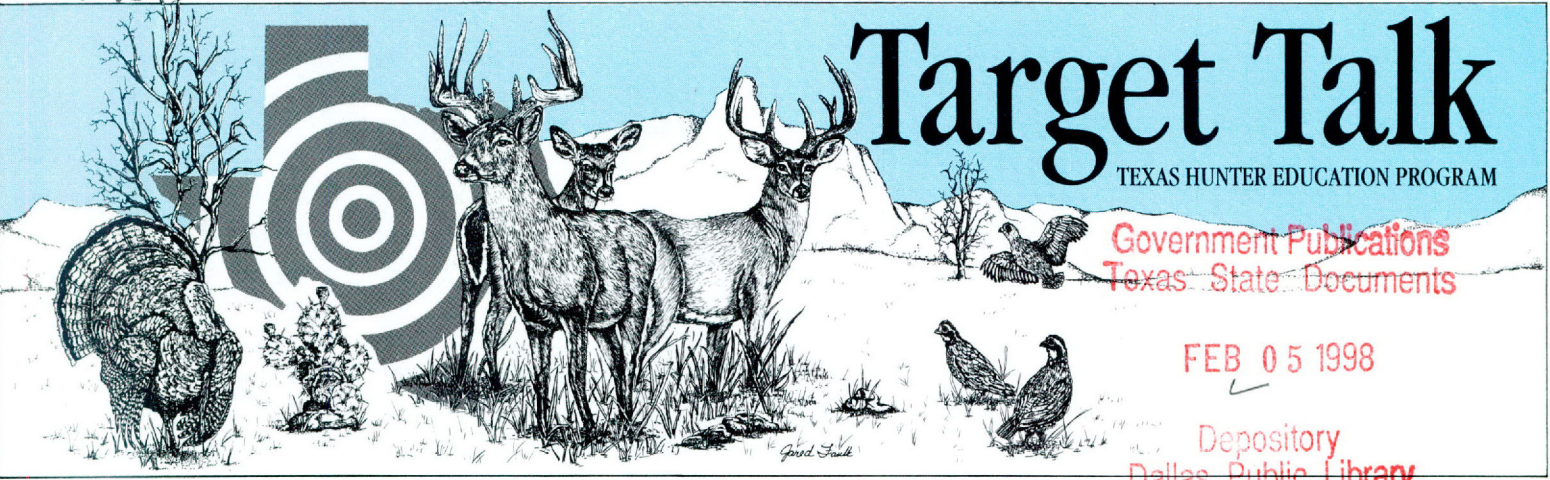


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~~EDITOR'S~~ CORNER

Education Director's

You guessed it! We have designed for this issue a new column for me, just to squeeze you for some more information (We have "vays" of getting you to talk!).

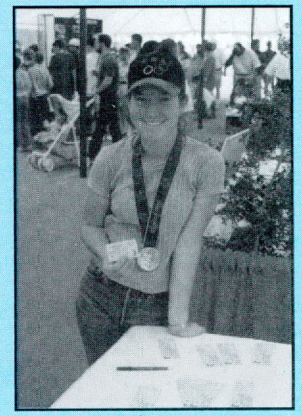
Enclosed is a "Program Income Survey" I would like for you to complete and return **no later than January 1, 1998**. While supply lasts, those of you who return the survey will receive a commemorative U.S. Fish & Wildlife "Pittman Robertson" pin and whatever else we might scrape up. Information may be used in an upcoming federal audit relating to "program income." I'm hoping the results will help us avert having to complete yet another standard document per course showing where your fees are expended. The fees you receive have been justified to cover your "out of pocket" expenses (Program Expense Survey 1986).

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Texas Wildlife Expo Set New Record

October 4th and 5th came and went – another huge success thanks to many of you! With the theme, "Touch The Great Outdoors," more than 41,500 individuals attended the event.

During the Expo, Kim Rhode, 1996 Olympic Gold Medalist in Women's Trap, came by the Hunter Education booth manned by T.H.E.I.A. members to purchase a raffle chance on a rifle. Proceeds are used to support the YHEC teams at the national finals. Thanks Kim!



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During the shooting events, 15,296 individuals participated in one or more of the fourteen events available. The following is a breakdown of each event:

DART (interactive video) –	683
F.A.T.S. (Firearm Training System) –	463
Thompson/Center Muzzleloading –	1815
Crosman (4-H) Airgun –	1097
National Rifle Association Airgun –	1528
"Shoot Where You Look" Airgun –	1054
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While I would like for you to complete and return the enclosed survey, I also would like to take this upcoming holiday season to thank you for ten great years of "Mandatory Hunter Education." It seems like yesterday, former coordinators T.D. Carroll, Darrell Holt, J.D. Peer and I were fussing over the format of in-service training (week long or weekends?) . . . Or Darrell and I were fussing over the "seemingly lack of involvement" requested of us down at the Texas Legislature as they contemplated mandatory hunter education. As two of the three look down on our accomplishments from above, and one of those three, J.D. Peer, looks down on us (pun intended) from his Hunter Education Coordinator seat in Oklahoma, I would like for all of us who remember (including current coordinator, Terry Erwin and range coordinator, Scotty Oliver), to truly reflect on HOW FAR WE HAVE COME! There are still a few of you around who were actually teaching the voluntary program before IT became a reality in 1972 (25 years ago).

I encourage you think "mandatory" is the norm, to look ahead at new ways to interest families and future generations of Texans in the outdoors. Hopefully, hunter education is a conduit to other great activities in the Texas outdoors such as camping, fishing, hiking, boating, birding and wildlife viewing! Are we doing our part to pass on a truly great outdoor heritage in Texas? I, for one, will always think of volunteer hunter education instructors leading the way to other outdoor enjoyment! Thank you from my heart!

P.S. Don't forget to return the survey!

Steve Hall



At the Shooting Extravaganza held in Houston, Area Chief, Harold Bryan spent many hours supporting Hunter Education and answering questions from the general public regarding mandatory requirements and class availability.

EXPO Totals...continued

Winchester Youth Shotgun –	1920
Barnett Crossbow –	964
Horton Crossbow –	1063
Winchester Mobile .22 Range –	1191
Winchester 5-Stand –	717
Texas Parks & Wildlife 5-Stand –	667

Of the total number of shooter participants, 9,345 (61%) were youth under the age of seventeen.

Realizing that this event is getting larger each year, a great big **Thanks** goes out to the sponsors of each of the areas and to the volunteers for all the dedication and hard work given. Each of you that came and helped should have received a letter with a special

Touch
the
Great Outdoors

"Expo Volunteer" patch to wear in the future. If not, please contact us. We went by the names on the sign-up sheets. Hope to see more of you at the event next year.

On Saturday, November 1, **Tommy Sanders**, host of **ESPN Outdoors**, featured the Texas Wildlife Expo during the segments between shows from 6:30-9:30 AM. Many of the volunteers were seen working at the different shooting events.

NEWS FLASH!

You have all heard of the national I.H.E.A. "DREAM HUNT," where students from all across North America and Canada are drawn for an all-expense paid upland bird hunt in or around Georgia. Well, we wanted to have a Texas version, and contacts have been made to have the hunt, during the first weekend of February, 1998. It will be an exotic hunt for axis deer, fallow deer, sika deer, aoudad or corsican ram and wild hogs. The lucky winners will be entitled to take only one animal from the above exotic list, but may harvest an additional wild hog if the situation presents itself. From what I hear, the winners better bring their ice chests.

This concept was announced in the Spring and Summer issues of "Target Talk." All the instructor had to do was write a letter describing the most outstanding student in each class. An instructor could have recommended any number of students if more than one course had been given. What an opportunity to see one of your own students get that chance of a lifetime.

As it turns out, we have chosen the students and have elected to give the trip to the nominating instructor of each youngster selected, thus, further building that bond between instructor and student. If this hunt continues in the future, we will allow the nominating instructor to accompany the selected student in hopes of stimulating interest in this event. Two students and their nominating instructors are listed. The first student selected is Brandon Scott from Pearland. Brandon's nominating instructor is Thomas Stashak, Jr. from Pasadena. The second student selected is William Reeves from Temple. William's nominating instructor is

C.A. Smith from Belton. Finalization of the trip is in progress at this time.

Alex Humphrey leases and manages the majestic Rio Benito Ranch located near Junction and is the host of this fantastic outing. The ranch, which has been under intense management for the past five years, is twenty-five square miles of the most beautiful hill country acres located in Texas. In addition to the abundant native and exotic game, the ranch has two streams flowing through the property that form a lake classified as one of the best private black bass lakes in the state.



Arrangements are being made with an outdoor television production for possible filming and airing. Times will be announced later. This new program focuses on promoting youth and hunting activities in a responsible manner. Watch future issues of "Target Talk" for a more detailed description and photos of the first "Texas Dream Hunt." Congratulations to those who were selected for this unique adventure.



Thanks to Quincy Ellis, Area Chief and Executive Director of the Early Chamber of Commerce and the Early Economic Development Corporation, an excellent Hunter Responsibility, Game Laws and Ethics workshop was held in the new Early Small Business Incubator Facility. What an outstanding place to hold a meeting. Also, thanks to Janice Connally of the Early Chamber of Commerce, for providing an outstanding brunch for the group on Sunday. We hope to have more workshops at this location in the future.

Texas Has a Winner in the 1997 I.H.E.A. "Dream Hunt"

Mike and Elaine Lochabay, Area Chiefs from Garland, teach at Jumbo Sports in Dallas, where Elaine is employed in the Sporting Goods department. They probably should go and buy a lottery ticket or something. Last year's winner of the first Texas "Grand Slam" Hunt was a man from their area named Larry Holland, who had taken their Hunter Education course.

Mike was notified that one of his students had been drawn for this year's National I.H.E.A. "Dream Hunt," which was held on November 13-16, at the **Primland Hunting Reserve**, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, near Claudeville, VA. The lucky youngster was **Josh Armstrong** from Garland.

Josh completed the course in September and promptly mailed in his card. It must have been right on top of the pile, since he was chosen around the first week of October.

Josh and his dad, Michael, were joined by the following winners and their parents/guardians from across the United States and Canada.

Matthew Melvin and dad, Belford, from Denton, MD; Jacob Watkins from Princeton, WV and uncle, Rex Emerson from West Jefferson, NC; Matthew Wilson and dad, Brady from Boise, ID; Corey Samuels and step-father, Doug Clark from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (actually flew in from Hawaii, where they live part-time); Dirk Draper and older brother, Steve, from Bardwell, KY and Jason Williams and dad, Barry, from Winton, NC.

Unfortunately, another youngster from Canada had to back out at the last minute. The instructor drawn for the hunt was Larry Lowe from Matthews, NC. Larry not only is an instructor, but is in the shooting business as a certified shotgun instructor at a sporting clays range.

On Thursday night, after arriving at the reserve and enjoying a great dinner, the youth were treated to an early Christmas. Eyes almost popped out of their heads when they saw what was there for them. **L.L. Bean**, of Freeport, ME, had provided clothing to completely outfit each hunter, including pants, shirts, vests and boots. Bill Gorman, Product Development Specialist and Kevin Murray, Hunting Merchandiser, both with L.L.Bean, were on hand to assist with the activities and the hunt. Winchester Shotguns were provided to each youngster by **U.S. Repeating Arms**, New Haven, CT and **United Welding Services**, Perry, FL, provided an

outstanding metal gun case to carry the new shotguns. **Wayne Person** provided "Ultimate Outdoors" jackets and caps and **Pennzoil** provided a heavy-duty garment bag. **Winchester Ammunition** not only provided the cards for each youngster to enter the drawing from across North America, but also provided the ammunition for the hunt. Lodging accommodations and meals were provided by **Primland Hunting Reserve**. Each lodge or house, where the individuals stayed, was located on the ridges overlooking the 14,000 acre reserve.



On Friday morning, after a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast, the group went to the sporting clays field for some practice. Larry Lowe and Bill Gorman did an excellent job helping Wayne with the youngsters during the Friday sporting clays shoot before the hunting began that afternoon.

Pheasants were the game for the weekend. Each youngster and partner were treated to some of the best hunting in the U.S. After filming and editing, the

show will be aired on "**The Ultimate Outdoors**" with **Wayne Pearson**, as seen on **ESPN-2**, sometime around Christmas. If anyone has a satellite dish or cable with **ESPN-2**, let us know so we can get you to tape the show.

Instructors who wish to go on the "Dream Hunt" or any additional hunting or fishing trips with **Wayne Pearson** on the "**Ultimate Outdoors**," should send in a plain post card to: I.H.E.A. "DREAM HUNT," P. O. Box 5078, Nashville GA, 31639, with name, address, phone numbers and a statement that you are a Hunter Education instructor. Several instructor winners from Texas have been selected in the past years. So far, three students have been drawn from Texas for these fine trips. Any entry card that arrives after October 1 will go into next year's drawing.

Anyone wanting to see where the "Dream Hunt" was held, and enjoy some of the best deer hunting; pheasant, chukar, quail, and mallard duck hunting; sporting clays shooting; hiking, ATV or horseback riding; can call Mr. Johnny Lambert at (540) 251-8012, or write Primland Hunting Reserve, P.O. Box 97, Claudeville, VA, 24078.

A special thanks to all the sponsors who make this "Dream Hunt" a reality for some fine youngsters.



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 individuals 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 these individuals. Applications for Colorado must be dated by March 1, in some cases.

Colorado seasons have been set for next year and are listed as follows:

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

1998 - Muzzleloading Rifle

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

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

Also, our Spring Turkey season will be just around the corner, and we want to be ready for those who want to participate and be legal doing it.

Area Chiefs Update

Welcome new Area Chiefs Mike and Elaine Lochabay from Garland. They will be helping in the Dallas and surrounding county area. They can be reached at (972) 495-4708.

Tom Stashak from Pasadena is the latest addition in the Houston and surrounding area, and can be reached at (713) 475-0129.

A little further east we have Tony Biggs from Evadale at (409) 994-5114, who will cover Hardin, Tyler, Jasper and Newton counties.

Way up in the north part of the state, we have Scott Howard, from Wichita Falls at (940) 767-6216, who will cover Wichita, Wilbarger, Clay, Archer and Jack counties.

We are fortunate to have these additions to our already excellent group.

Staff will be traveling across the state training new Area Chiefs and meeting with existing ones. If any of you want to take that additional step up the "mountain," please let us know. An Area Chief meeting is being planned for the Brownwood area in the future to update and provide more information on the Home Study program.

Pearls of wisdom...

"If you keep on doing what you're doing... You'll keep on getting what you're getting now. Is that acceptable?"

Author Unknown



Keep an eagle eye on poachers

REWARD Hot Line 1 800 792 GAME

OPERATION GAME THIEF

As of March 31, 1997, there have been 20,012 calls received; 6,581 cases filed with approximately 98% conviction rate and fines assessed at \$913,232.29. (Money from civil replacement values assessed, and the sale of confiscated aquatic products are not included.) There have been \$119,800.00 in rewards paid, but an additional \$20,000.00 remains unclaimed.

For the first time in its 17-year history, the Operation Game Thief program has put up billboards in 22 Texas cities urging citizens to phone in tips on wildlife law violations. Also, The Texas Trophy Hunters Association presented OGT with a check for \$114,618.00, money raised at a fund-raiser in San Antonio this past August, which will be used to fund OGT's toll-free phone line, rewards program and other activities.

During The Fall Hunting Season

Wildlife staff will be at top speed throughout the state weighing, aging and counting harvested animals. This process provides standard measures of production, survival and impact of harvest on populations which guide regulations proposals. Statistics are gathered by field staff at local storage facilities and check stations at wildlife management areas and state parks. If you should happen to receive a questionnaire from TPWD, please complete and return it as soon as possible.

You Have What For Sale?

Game Warden Henry Leal of Webb County heard a radio ad offering cardinals for sale. He called the number and said he'd meet them driving a grey pickup. When he drove up in a TPWD marked unit, the suspect almost went into shock. Leal confiscated 21 quail, five cardinals and two white-winged doves. He filed two citations and released the birds into the wild. Guess no sale took place that day.

How Many Doves Did You Say?

As early hunting seasons for species like morning dove wound down, most other

hunters were showing good compliance with conservation laws, but game wardens reported the usual rash of exceptions. On October 12, in Reeves County, Warden Jim Allen followed up on an ongoing investigation and caught suspects with 110 morning doves possessed illegally. Several citations were issued for no wildlife resource documentation and exceeding the bag limit. Ward County Warden, Robert French, assisted Jim, and cases are pending. A few days later, Andrews County Game Warden Bobby Goff answered a call in Gaines County and caught two dove hunters shooting 25 minutes after hours with 81 doves, one

quail and four pigeons in possession. In some cases, enough is just not enough.

New Youth Hunts Draw Kids

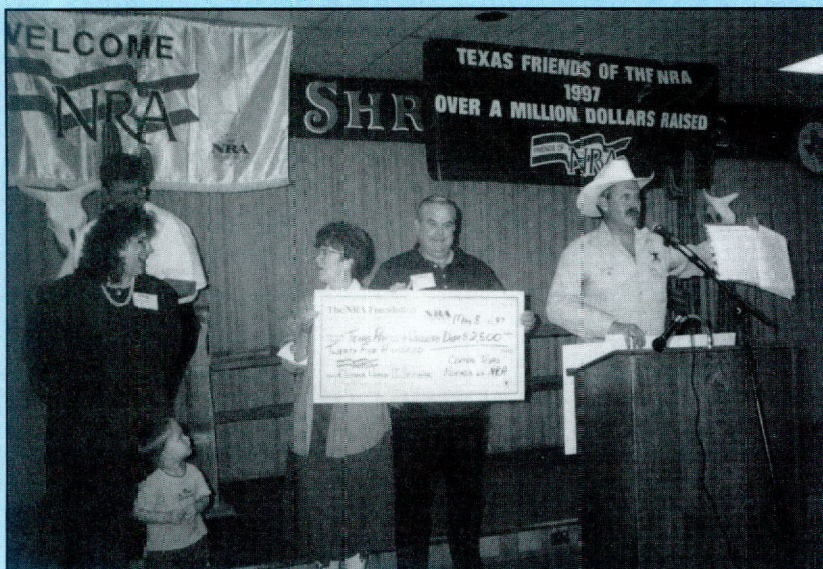
While final stats aren't available, early feedback of the first youth-only hunting dates for deer, turkey and quail was good. Field and HQ staff report seeing camo-clad youth and parents in Llano and Brady over the weekend of October 25-26. Meanwhile, employees were busy helping with various youth hunts such as the Texas Baptist Children's Home hunt at Sun City near Georgetown. We'll let you know what the statewide results are after they are tabulated. Even now, take a kid hunting!

Put poachers on the endangered species list



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OPERATION GAME THIEF



During the "Texas Friends of The NRA" banquet held in Austin, Terry Erwin and Alice Tripp accepted a \$2500 check from NRA Regional representative, Larry Tatum, on behalf of Texas Parks and Wildlife's Becoming An Outdoors-Woman program. This grant was used to fund a "Phase II" Shotgun/5-Stand Sporting Clays Workshop.

Pearls of wisdom...

"This world would be different if people were required to have a license to hunt for trouble."

Author Unknown

Hey folks, it's me again!!

Kathy's
Korner

Gotta tell you about all the new Scantron® forms that I have been processing. I know they are a pain in the b___! I use up a white-out tape about every other day making corrections. The students are usually the ones that have made the mistakes, especially not staying in the correct column when marking the bubbles. Many times, the blanks are not filled in and only the column bubbles are marked. If a mistake is made, I can't go back and make corrections because there is nothing in the blank space to check. One of the most common mistakes is the student putting the class date in the birth date area. Remind the student to fill out the birth date area correctly.

And talk about stray marks.....do what the song says....."Just Keep It Between The Lines." Really though, try to watch those stray marks, as they are rejected every time and have to be corrected. Corrections are what have been the biggest hold-up of all. We know that the forms go through the scanner in a jiffy when they are all correct.

Please, when you have more forms than will go into one envelope, place them in additional envelopes but **tape** the envelopes together, so they come as **one** class package. We will order larger envelopes as soon as these are used up.

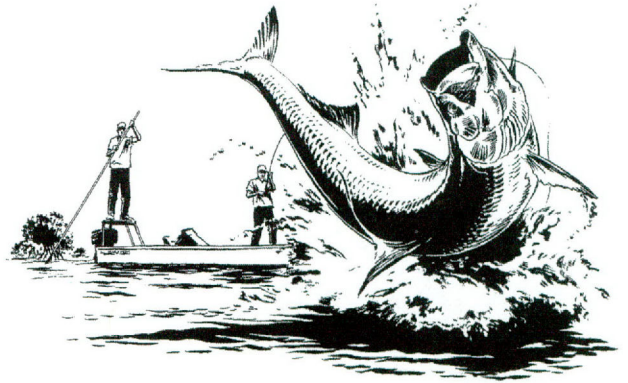
I promise that we are progressing as fast as we can at this point. We have a new Administration Tech, Julia Gregory, who has been a tremendous asset in helping me get courses entered. We will have all of them done before you know it. Sorry for the delays and/or any inconvenience this new system may have caused. Remember what General Electric's motto is....."Progress is our most important product" You and the students are *our* most important products and we are going to take care of you as best we can. Remember to tell your students to hang on to that "pink" slip until the original card comes from Austin.

— Kathy

New Angler Education Coordinator

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On May 1st, we were fortunate to have Chris Lena join our staff as the Angler Education Coordinator. Chris came from the Public Lands Division where he was assigned to Martin Dies, Jr. State Park. He also had previously worked for the Coastal Fisheries Division, so this new assignment fell right down his alley. He has been a certified Angler, Hunter and Boater instructor since 1992, recently completing his bowhunter education certification. He has asked us to make the following announcement for any of you that want to take on some additional fun activities.



Announcing Angler Education Instructor Training

All of you that may want some diversity in training and teaching skills, have an open invitation and opportunity to do so. An Angler Education Instructor Course will be held on Saturday, January 17, 1998, at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Headquarters in Austin. Times for the course are 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

You will learn fish taxonomy, tackle and equipment, aquatic ecology, ethics and responsibility, angling rules and regulations and how to promote the program, "Hooked on Fishing—Not on Drugs." Upon certification, you will receive an additional newsletter, list of upcoming training workshops and incentive awards for participation.

The children of today are our future for tomorrow and involvement is the key to success. Let's keep this great, fun-filled sport alive. We can make it happen! Besides, you can tell them about all the other courses, like Hunter and Boater Education. Since they are mandated programs, some individuals may want to take them too.



On September 27, National Hunting & Fishing Day, Terry Erwin went to the New Horizons Children's Home near Goldthwaite to assist the Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club with a skeet shoot fund raiser for the Home. Several youngsters participated in the shoot along with many of the locals. Pictured here are some of the group. A special thanks to Ms. Nancy Lee of Brownwood who provided the beautiful Lee Ranch as the site of the shoot.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

1998 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 instructor/professional educator/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 number of well-qualified individuals, such as biologists, game wardens, land managers and Hunter Education instructors 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.

NOTE: We have additional workshops on "How To" conduct species specific clinics for the general public.

General Format

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

Saturday 8:00am - 5:00pm Theory, Classroom Exercises, and Teaching Techniques.

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

Once you know which workshops you plan to attend, complete the attached registration card and return it to Austin **no later than January 10, 1998.** The Austin staff will send you specific information on reservations, lodging, meals, directions and agenda items prior to each workshop. **Don't delay - Please mail it today!!**

Registration

Registration for the workshops must be received by the Austin Hunter Education staff no later than **January 10, 1998.** The staff will then mail you specific workshop information and reservation sheets regarding meals and lodging a few weeks prior to each workshop in which you have indicated an interest.

NOTE: Marking a workshop does not commit you to attend, but rather guarantees that you will receive an information packet as the workshop approaches.

Other Reminders

Dress for the workshops will be casual; sport shirts and jeans; tennis shoes or boots. Be sure to bring warm clothes and rain gear in case of bad weather.

For further information, please contact the Hunter Education staff at 1-800-792-1112 + 63 or (512) 389-8142.

We look forward to seeing you at the **1998** workshops.

Texas Hunter Education Instructor Workshops 1998 Texas Parks & Wildlife

Standards of Live-fire / Skills Trail / Home Study Field Activities / Program Orientation

This workshop is for all instructors and each 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 kind 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 will provide an alternate method of delivery for those students, who, for what ever 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 responsibility, game laws and ethics, a live firing exercises and skills trail. We hope to train instructors in all parts of the state to conduct these field exercises and testing. We have teams around the state that are anxiously awaiting the completion of the workbook.

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 also

experience a "camp-out"--reviewing the materials learned that day. Be prepared for a great outdoor experience with adequate needs rather than luxurious facilities. Come learn to cook without using utensils from Bill and Bev Brummel.

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

Three of 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 also. 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. Individual NRA certifications will be offered at the Grand Prairie Gun Club. (see schedule)

Responsibility, Game Laws and Ethics

This workshop reviews Texas game laws and gives you information regarding violations, and how to teach them using the Outdoor Annual hunting guide. It then covers important aspects of hunter responsibility by introducing participants to a new teaching concept known as "Beyond Fair Chase," by The Orion Institute from Helena, MT. Come to the annual conference to see this method of instruction, and then come to the workshop in Austin on July 11-12. Proactive strategies and dealing with anti-hunters will 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 Advanced In-Service

This workshop will provide an opportunity for instructors to become familiar with seasons, fur-bearing animal regulations, equipment, means and methods and general trapping knowledge. Representatives from the Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association will provide instruction and valuable information. Running a trap line to varmit calling will be on the agenda. The workshop will be enhanced with a lot of "hands on" activities.

"How To Conduct" Advanced Clinics On Turkey, White-tail Deer, Waterfowl & Quail

It has been a goal in Hunter Education to begin advanced training on how to hunt specific wildlife species. Larry Hysmith with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service will conduct "How To" clinics on turkey, white-tail deer, waterfowl and quail. These workshops will help instructors return and present informational clinics to the general public in hopes of stimulating interest in the outdoors and hunting. A group of expert presenters will be on hand to help Larry with these clinics. Instructors will learn many new things that will be beneficial to teaching Hunter Education as well as the short clinics. Come and take part in these very educational sessions. See you there.

**1998 TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION
INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOPS**

Trapper Education

Advanced In-Service

Jan. 24-25 Broaddus

Survival/Wilderness First Aid

Feb. 14-15 YO Ranch
 Mar. 7-8 Amarillo

**Standards of Live-Fire /Skills Trail/Home
Study Field Activities/Program Orientation**

Feb. 28 - Mar. 1 Corpus Christi
 Mar. 14-15 Paris
 May 16-17 Alpine
 June 15-16 (Ag Science) San Marcos
 June 22-23 (Ag Science) Broaddus

**Advanced In-Service
How To Conduct Clinics**

Feb. 28-Mar.1 (Turkey) College Station
 Aug. 8-9 (Whitetail) College Station
 Sept. 26-27 (Waterfowl) College Station
 Oct. 24-25 (Quail) College Station

Muzzleloading

Feb. 6-8 (NMLRA) San Antonio
 July 31-Aug. 2 (NRA) Grand Prairie

Responsibility, Game Laws & Ethics

July 11-12 Austin
 Aug. 1-2 Lubbock

Hunter Education Youth Challenge

May 1-3 Parrie Haynes Ranch

Bowhunter Education

(IBEP) Student & Instructor

Feb. 21-22 (Inst. In-Service Only) Killeen
 Mar. 21-22 College Station
 May 16-17 Longview
 June 20-21 Houston
 June 27-28 Burleson
 Aug. 1-2 San Angelo
 Aug. 1-2 Austin

Rifle, Shotgun, Handgun

Jan. 9-11 (All Disciplines) Jefferson
 Mar. 6-8 (Shotgun Only) Grand Prairie
 Mar. 13-15 (All Disciplines) Brownwood
 May 1-3 (Rifle Only) Grand Prairie
 Sept. 11-13 (Pistol Only) Grand Prairie
 Sept. (All Disciplines) To Be Announced

Program Orientation-New Instructors

Jan. 24 Houston
 Feb. 28-Mar. 1 Corpus Christi
 Mar. 7 Austin
 June 13 Austin
 Sept. 12 Austin

Eighth Annual Instructor Conference

June 6-7 Brownwood

Wildlife Management/Conservation

Apr. 4-5 Matador WMA
 Sept. 19-20 Kerr WMA

Texas Wildlife Expo '98

Oct. 3-4 Austin

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Aug. 8-9 (Whitetail) College Station
Sept. 26-27 (Waterfowl) College Station
Oct. 24-25 (Quail) College Station

Muzzleloading

Feb. 6-8 (NMLRA) San Antonio
July 31-Aug. 2 (NRA) Grand Prairie

Responsibility, Game Laws, Ethics

July 11-12 Austin
Aug. 1-2 Lubbock

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Feb. 21-22 (Inst. In-Service Only) Killeen
Mar. 21-22 College Station
May 16-17 Longview
June 20-21 Houston
June 27-28 Burleson
Aug. 1-2 San Angelo
Aug. 1-2 Austin

Rifle, Shotgun, Handgun

Jan. 9-11 (All Disciplines) Jefferson
Mar. 6-8 (Shotgun Only) Grand Prairie
Mar. 13-15 (All Disciplines) Brownwood
May 1-3 (Rifle Only) Grand Prairie
Sept. 11-13 (Pistol Only) Grand Prairie
Sept. (All Disciplines) To Be Announced

Program Orientation-New Instructors

Jan. 24 Houston
Feb. 28-Mar. 1 Corpus Christi
Mar. 7 Austin
June 13 Austin
Sept. 12 Austin

Eighth Annual Instructor Conference

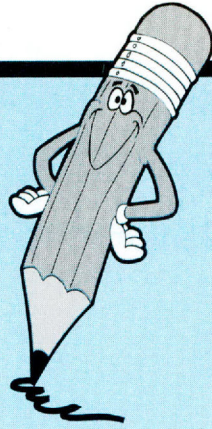
June 6-7 Brownwood

Wildlife Management/Conservation

April 4-5 Matador WMA
Sept. 19-20 Kerr WMA

Texas Wildlife Expo '98

October 3-4 Austin



Dear Staff:

It is with much regret that I inform you that I will no longer be able to work with the Texas Hunter Safety program. Effective on July 7, I accepted a transfer to Rogers, Arkansas, with my employer Stage Stores, Inc. (Bealls Department Stores as we are known in Texas). It is with a lot of sadness I leave behind the fine folks I have met with the program. Certainly Scotty Oliver, Brian Waller, Byron Norton, Chuck Rue, Harry Rogers, Tom Compton and the many others I have worked with will always hold a special place in my heart. The countless hours and efforts you all have dedicated to hunter safety is something to be proud of. I am very glad to say I was associated with you all.

Justin, Tina and I have moved to one of the most beautiful parts of Arkansas...lots of rivers, lakes and mountains. We hope to hunt, fish, hike and enjoy them all. I am sure Justin will continue in YHEC, and I have already made connections to work with the Arkansas Hunter Safety program. And who knows, the way companies move and relocate, I may be back in Texas again soon. Thanks for all the help and support, and best of luck in continuing a strong Hunter Safety Education program.

Sincerely,
Gary Jobe
Rogers, AR

Editor's note: *Thank you, Gary, for all the hard work and dedication you provided to our program. We will keep you on our rolls so you will continue to receive our newsletter. And who knows, if you get transferred back to Texas, we can reactivate you and get you started again.*

Dear Staff:

Whenever I have a chance to travel to other states, I try to get the latest hunting information from that state. I had the opportunity to go through South Dakota and the Black Hills during the summer and picked up some interesting

information from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department. They have an anti-poaching program called "Tips," Turn In Poachers. Since its beginning in 1984, their program has been rather productive. I've seen numbers printed that deal with what our Game Wardens here in Texas have done as far as poaching goes, but are there any numbers as far as what Texas' program has produced? If there is, would it be possible to get them printed in Target Talk? I think it might give the program some added and well deserved publicity as well as instructors, more information to pass along to the general hunting population.

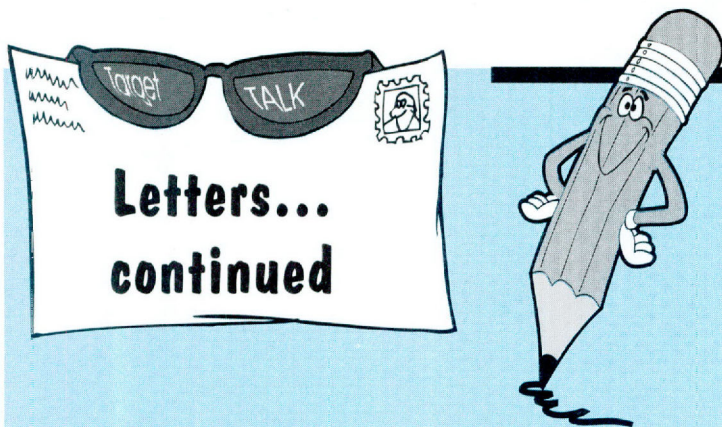
Sincerely,
Rick Londagin, Instructor
Stinnett

Editor's note: *Consider it done Rick. (See "Did You Know" Column) The stats are from the Texas program "Operation Game Thief." There is a 24-hour, toll-free, hot-line for anyone wishing to turn in a game-law violation of any kind at 1-800-792-GAME (4263). Please have as much information as possible before calling, such as...date, time, location, description of suspects or vehicle, license plate number, if possible, and any other pertinent information that might be helpful to the authorities for investigation. Do not confront the suspected individuals.*

Dear Staff:

I would like to thank you and all those who were responsible for making it possible for me to receive my handgun incentive award. When I started teaching in the Hunter Education program sixteen years ago, the incentive award program was a nice "plus" that helped add the classes given. Now that I have the handgun, I have already used it in class for instruction and it was impressive as I have added a "Master Lock" to emphasize the use of trigger locking devices.

I would also like to thank you and your staff for the excellent support for the instructors in the field. Kathy Powell has been a great help in scheduling and getting little things that we need. Also, I appreciate Jack Nasworthy and those responsible for getting the supplies out in a timely fashion. I have noticed that they handle orders and questions pertaining to the hunter education program in a professional and expedient manner.



Again, thank you for this award and your dedication to helping the instructors in the field. You go beyond your normal duties to help.

Sincerely,
David Rice, Area Chief
Texarkana

Dear Staff:

It is now August, and my teaching partner and I have tried all kinds of times in the past and have never gotten more than 10-12 people in a class. We are a very strong Wednesday night church community. We have tried Thursday night, (sacrosanct) Friday football night and Saturday mornings. We have tried two Saturdays. We tried one Saturday and Sunday mornings, Saturday and early Sunday afternoon, still no takers.

I spent nine hours over three Saturdays in the Super Wal-Mart sporting goods section taking suggestions as to what time to have a hunter education course. Not one person gave any comments, and I wasted a lot of time trying to help. I have talked to civic and service clubs as part of their safety programs and given the figures from Target Talk, about how many and what order of magnitude hunting accidents have been reduced since the hunter education program began.

I put a flyer up in the school registration line as students registered for the fall semester, advertised in the newspaper, on radio and in gun shops, etc. So far, we've not received one response. It's frustrating. Any ideas?

Roger O'Dwyer, Instructor
Copperas Cove

Editor's note: *Timing! Timing! There is never a convenient time for anyone, as we have found out. No one thinks about hunting in the summer months, but*

you wait until just before dove season opens on September 1, and watch those hunters come out of the woodwork, especially about August 30. We cannot force individuals to take the course, but we can continue to support our beliefs and encourage others not to wait until the last minute to get certified. How many of you have heard every excuse known to exist on why an individual has not taken the course? When a course is not available at the individual's convenience, we all become the "bad guys."

It is guaranteed if you schedule a course in September or October, you will fill the seats. Reason? When it comes to completing the course to get out of a ticket or to go out-of-state, people will drive a long ways. November and December are good months to schedule courses. Most football activities are over, if not finished except for playoffs, and there are holidays coming up when individuals will want to go hunting. Reschedule some of your class time during these months and you should fill up your classes.

When the Home Study program starts, it will make it a lot easier to hold those one-day testing courses. We are nearing completion of the manual right now. Please bear with us as it is more intense than anticipated.

Dear Staff:

I really enjoyed the workshop on White-tailed Deer on October 18-19 in College Station. It was outstanding!! I wrote Larry Hysmith and told him some ideas I had for possibly an advanced White-tailed Clinic. I hope I can make more workshops in the future. I enjoyed learning new things about hunting and wildlife. Keep up the good work, and thanks for the handouts and all the goodies!

Sincerely,
Jim Russell
Denison

Editor's note: *Thanks, Jim. We are planning four advanced "how to" workshops under the guidance of Larry Hysmith and the Texas Agriculture Extension Service on Turkey, Waterfowl, Quail and White-tailed in 1998. See the workshop brochure with this issue of Target Talk.*

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Alan Spears, Gainsville
Howard Crenshaw, Era

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William Adams, Haslet
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Susan Nees, Smithville
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Fidencio Caro, Jr., La Joya
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Lenita Merryman, Bryan
Robert Runion, Boerne

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Richard Garner, Aubrey
Chance Sanford, Pasadena*
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Joe Freeman, Rosanky
Phillip Thielemann, Richmond
Leeatris Greenwood, Houston
Jeffery Ruivivar, Houston
Rocky Gerla, Sintou
* Assistant to Tom Stashak, Jr.

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David Hicks, Buna
Scott Burris, Idalou
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Israel Fuentes, Monahans
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Wade Busby, Schertz
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Any Howell, Stephenville
Seth Lucas, Stephenville
James Reed, Stephenville
Jason Baker, Stephenville
Tammy Evans, Stephenville
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Joe Workman, Mineral Wells
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NSSF Launches "Where To Shoot" Internet Website

Newtown, CT - Shooters can now "surf the net" to locate new shooting "turf," through the National Shooting Sports Foundation's new "Where To Shoot" internet website.

www.wheretoshoot.org

Over 1,380 public shooting ranges, sportsman's clubs and hunting preserves open to the public are featured on a state-by-state basis on the site, with additional listings being added daily. Locations may be searched by facility name, state, area code, type of shooting offered or type of facility.

"This service is a tremendous asset for all shooters, but especially those who are just getting started and those who would like to locate shooting facilities when traveling or vacationing," commented NSSF's Doug Painter, vice president for marketing administration.

Each facility listing includes travel directions, types of available ranges, activities and tournaments, instruction and special services and features such as equipment rental, handicapped access, as well as the address, phone and fax numbers and a contact name for more information. If a facility has its own website, a link is provided.

Graphic icons indicate shooting disciplines featured at each facility and serves as links to fact sheets for more information about that discipline. Click on the sporting clays icon, for example, and you'll get a complete run-down on the game, including history, rules, equipment needed, illustrations, articles and other useful information, making the "Where To Shoot" website a virtual shooting sports encyclopedia. Icons with links include those for airgun, archery, handgun, hunting, muzzleloading rifle, silhouette, skeet, sporting clays and trap.

In addition, the "Where To Shoot" website is cross-linked with the Shooters' Online site, the largest shooting-related web provider in the world, which currently receives more than 90,000 "hits" every day.

Pearls of wisdom...

"You don't need to know all the answers. No one is smart enough yet to ask all the questions"

Author Unknown

Instructors enjoyed another outstanding Wildlife Management/Conservation workshop held at Camp Stewart and the Kerr Wildlife Management Area under the guidance of Butch Young, Max Traweek, Gene Fuchs and Bill Armstrong. Larry Hysmith, Area Chief, who is with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, made a very important presentation on "How to teach about Pittman-Robertson funding." Helping people understand that hunters pay the majority of the cost for wildlife management and conservation is an extremely valuable part of the Hunter Education program.



"How-to" class a big hit



Larry Hysmith put together an outstanding workshop on "How to Conduct a White-tailed Deer Biology, Management and Hunting Clinic." He was assisted by Mike Stellbauer, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Alan Lee, Brazos County Game Warden; Tyler Vickers, College Station Wal-Mart Sporting Goods Manager and John Thorne, Graduate Student, Texas A&M University Wildlife and Fisheries Department. Larry has four more "How To" workshops coming up in 1998, all located in College Station. A special thanks goes to Dave Richards of Gary Grant Sales Co., Inc. who assisted in securing items used in the workshop. Among the items were deer grunt calls from Lohman Manufacturing Co., which went over really big. Jim Sletten, Sales Manager from Wildlife Research Center, Inc. provided a gift box of supplies for each participant.

Visit Organizations on the Internet



If you have a modem and would like to see what is offered, use the following addresses:

Texas Parks and Wildlife— <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>
 Ducks Unlimited— <http://www.ducks.org>
 IHEA— <http://www.fortnet.org/~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>
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Videos & Supplies

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Automated Hunter Education Course line

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Pearls of wisdom...

"One way to get along better in the world is to always try to be a little kinder than necessary."

Seen on a church sign

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