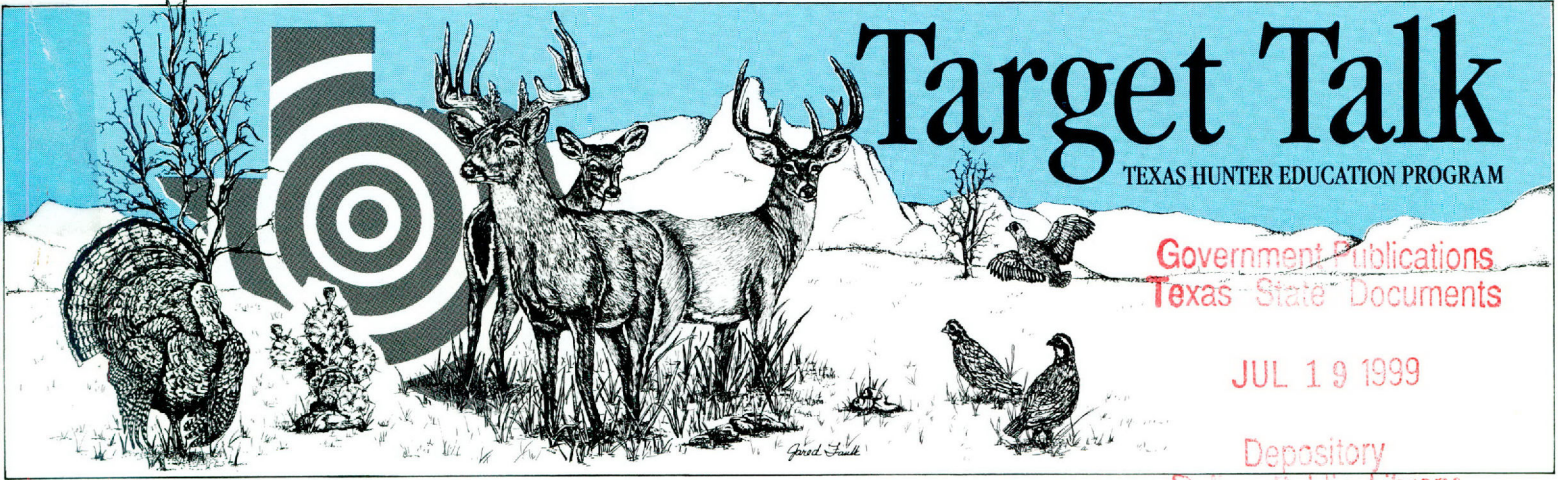


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EDITOR'S CORNER

Now you see him, now you don't...

We introduced Martin "Marty" Robillard as the new Assistant Hunter Education Coordinator for the Dallas/Fort Worth area in the Fall & Winter issue of "Target Talk." We would now like to introduce a **vacancy** in our Hunter Education staff. Marty returned to Alberta, Canada, where he assumed a similar position with a non-profit organization running a Hunter Education field office in central Alberta. Marty said he wasn't ready to return, but he didn't know when another position like this would come available, and he just had to take it. This position was created when a long-time hunter education employee suddenly resigned to resume another college degree. We will miss him, but wish him the very best of luck on his northern migration.

When the vacancy is filled, the office will be located at the Corps of Engineers facility at Joe Pool Lake south of Grand Prairie. The location is ideal and will be shared with Jack Dyess, Assistant Boater Education Coordinator. Duties will be to recruit and train new instructors, set up testing teams for the new "Home Study Program," conduct safety presentations and in-service workshops and get advanced Hunter Education programs underway. The individual will generally cover the northern part of Texas from Texarkana to Nacogdoches to Midland and the Panhandle. If anyone is interested in the position, please contact our office or any local TPW facility and get the application submitted before the deadline of April 26.

Now, on a lighter side. Some individuals say they don't get this newsletter, and others say they don't read it, or at least not completely.

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Results in for 1998 Hunter Ed. Fee Survey

Currently, Texas Parks and Wildlife is undergoing a federal audit to determine strengths and weaknesses in its federal aid programs, including Hunter Education (Project W-104-S).

A total of 151 instructors completed and returned a "Program Fee Survey" in 1998. The survey queried how you used out-of-pocket expense reimbursements from students. The results will help us show the auditors how your reimbursements are applied to expenses you incur for volunteering to be a Texas Hunter Education Instructor. Again, we would like to thank those who participated. Here are the results.

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Editor's Corner (continued)

Well, if you don't get it, of course, you can't read it, and we never know if you receive it or not. It will not be returned or forwarded, because it usually goes "bulk rate" from the post office, so PLEASE notify us of any change in address or vital information. Here is the plan. Hidden in the pages of this and future newsletters will be instructor ID numbers. Five different instructor's six-digit numbers will be somewhere within the pages and text. If you find your number, you must contact Kathy Powell with the page and location of your ID number. If successful in finding it, you will be mailed a prize. Oh, yes, you're thinking...big deal. Well, it just might be something worthwhile. Good hunting, or should I say, good reading.

Terry Erwin

Accessibility Survey

Another survey? Yes! Surveys help us evaluate our program's needs. This time, it is to see if we are doing all we can for people with disabilities. Your answers and comments simply help staff evaluate demands on you and your instruction and on the facility you use. And, once again, we have a small thank you gift for responses received by May 1, 1999 (we will accept late returns by May 15th, if you can't get to it right away). Thanks again for your assistance in making Texas Hunter Education a proactive, progressive program. The survey is inserted into this newsletter. Please remove, complete and mail it in.

Governor Appoints New Commissioners

Governor George W. Bush has nominated three new members for appointment to the TPW Commission. All will serve terms ending February 1, 2005.

Alvin L. Henry of Houston is a human services consultant and owner of East Fork Ranch in Tyler. He is also an advisory director at Comerica Bank Texas, member of the State Bar of Texas, the American Quarter Horse Association and Smith County Farm Bureau.

Katherine Armstrong Idsal of Dallas is a community volunteer, a member of the board and past vice president of the Dallas Zoological

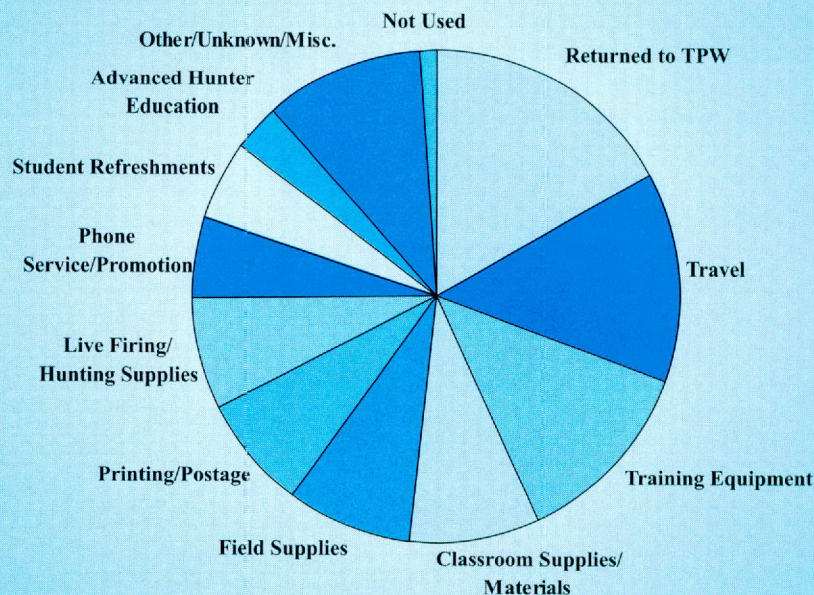
Society, member of art search committee of the State Preservation Board and part owner of the Armstrong Ranch in Kenedy County.

Mark E. Watson, Jr., of San Antonio owns and operates the Diamond K. Ranch in Kendall County near Sisterdale. Previously, he served as president, chairman and CEO of Titan Holdings, Inc., a property and casualty insurance company. He is a member of the Texas Exotic Wildlife Association and was named Conservationist of the Year for Kendall County in 1992. These three assumed the positions held by retiring commissioners Mickey Burleson, Ray Clymer, Jr. and Susan Howard-Chrane.

Hunter Education Program Fee Survey

\$5.00 Student Fee Applied to Out-of-Pocket Expenses

Returned to TPW	16%
Travel	13%
Training Equipment	12%
Classroom Supplies/Materials	8%
Field Supplies	8%
Printing/Postage	7%
Live Firing/Hunting Supplies	7%
Phone Service/Promotion	5%
Student Refreshments	5%
Advanced Hunter Education	3%
Other/Unknown/Misc.*	10%
Not Used	1%



*Other/Unknown/Misc. — Parking fees, rental fees, instructor in-service workshops, donations to schools, electricity, facility use fees, shooting sports, repairs to personal equipment, "give-aways in class," indirect personal expenses such as air conditioning, incidentals.

Mark Your Calendars!

1999 International Hunter Education Association Conference

50th Anniversary of Hunter Education in North America



On June 2-6, 1999, the International Hunter Education Association will mark its 50th anniversary of hunter education at the annual conference and special celebration in Buffalo, NY. Assistant Hunter Education Coordinator, Heidi Husser has been invited to present a paper on "Recruitment, Training and Retention of Volunteers." An International Expo is planned and all instructors are invited to join them as they recognize 50 years of success and to launch hunting and hunter education into the 21st century. I would encourage any of you, who can, to consider attending this worthwhile conference. Circle your calendars now in anticipation of this milestone event! If interested, contact our office for a registration/reservation form. Several instructors have indicated an interest in attending.

In addition, a "Call for Artifacts for 50th Anniversary Display" has been issued. A hunter education history exhibit will be set up in conjunction with the Expo portion of the 1999 IHEA Conference. They need old things such as patches, manuals, early photographs, instructor and student cards, teaching aids and other appropriate items for display. Please notify us if you have any of these items in your possession and if you would be interested in loaning them for display. They will be shipped to Wayne Jones, Hunter Education Administrator, New York.

Upcoming Events

Spring Turkey Season	Mar. 27 - May 2	South Zone
	Apr. 3 - May 9	North Zone
Spring Eastern Turkey Season (17 East Texas counties)	Apr. 12 - 25	
Wildlife Mgmt./Cons	April 10-11	Matador WMA
NRA Rifle (only)	April 30 - May 2	Grand Prairie
Youth Hunter Education Challenge	May 1 - 2	Parrie Haynes Ranch
Squirrel Season	May 1- 31	(some counties)
Outdoorsman's (Sportsman's) Showcase	May 15-16	San Antonio
Five-State Instructor Rendezvous	May 21 - 23	Whittington, New Mexico
Prog. Orient., Skills Trail, Home Study Workshop	Apr. 17	Austin
Prog. Orient., Skills Trail, Home Study Workshop	Apr. 24	Arlington
Prog. Orient., Skills Trail, Home Study Workshop	May 8	Abilene
Prog. Orient., Skills Trail, Home Study Workshop	May 15	Austin
Prog. Orient., Skills Trail, Home Study Workshop	June 12	Amarillo
Prog. Orient., Skills Trail, Home Study Workshop	June 14-15	San Marcos
Prog. Orient., Skills Trail, Home Study Workshop	June 19	Harlingen
Prog. Orient., Skills Trail, Home Study Workshop	June 19	Midland
Prog. Orient., Skills Trail, Home Study Workshop	June 26	Lubbock
Tracking Workshop	May 15-16	College Station

Please contact the Hunter Education Staff for further information.

Second Annual TEXAS “DREAM HUNT”

I guess this is why it is called a “dream” hunt. Is it a vision, a dream or real? Marshall better wake up and see.



Both students were described by their instructor as the “cream of the crop,” and the epitome of an ideal student. They were “outstanding” in their classroom activities and during the live-firing exercises. Their enthusiasm and excitement came across during the hunt as well.

Attending the hunt as Marshall’s guest was his grandfather Verlon Tweedle. Marshall said his grandfather was his hunting partner and he wanted to share the trip with him. Accompanying Brandi was her godfather, Jack Caton. Brandi’s father is in the military and overseas, and her mother was unable to leave her job during that time. Thanks to Brandi’s mom, Kathy, who encouraged her to take the hunter education course and said she wanted Brandi to enjoy what she had known as a young girl. Kathy’s father and brothers were all hunters, and she wanted Brandi to know what is like to hunt and enjoy the outdoors. 006097

Upon arrival at the ranch, an extended Christmas brought the participants several nice items. Mossy Oak provided complete hunting outfits, including pants, shirts and coats. Pennzoil provided each participant with “Responsible Outdoor Education” caps and a travel bag for all the clothing and equipment. Otis Technology, Inc. provided complete gun cleaning kits. Wildlife Research Center gave items for the hunt, like scent killer and deer attractant scents and pads.

Guides during the hunt were Texas Parks and Wildlife Headquarters building maintenance supervisor Chris Deichmann and Game Warden, Al Campos. Both worked extremely hard in trying to find good deer for the hunters, but such was not the case. Marshall harvested a doe. Brandi was left with the memories of what hunting is all about. All hunters saw plenty of game, including turkeys,

The Texas “**Dream Hunt**” was hosted by **HILARY** and **TREY DORAN** at the **DORAN RANCH** between Del Rio and Rock Springs on December 27-30, while students were out for the Christmas Holidays. Instructor Robert Ratcliff nominated Marshall Miles from Salado, and Allen Swicegood nominated Brandi Smith from El Paso. Allen’s son, Travis, is an Assistant Instructor, and took Allen’s place on the hunt, so Allen came along to photograph the trip.

L-R, Jack Caton, Allen Swicegood, Brandi Smith, Travis Swicegood, Marshall Miles, Verlon Tweedle and Robert Ratcliff



but the elusive white-tailed deer still roam the hills on the ranch. Most bucks were sighted at a distance that never presented a good shot. Travis Swicegood took a small doe, and although some of the other hunters could have taken animals, they elected to just enjoy the time spent during the outing.

The ranch hosts and accommodations were great. The food was tremendous and fit for kings and queens. Salvador Perez has cooked at the ranch for the last nineteen years and kept something available at all times for the guests. His specialty was Mexican food, and feast they did. Funny, he never had one complaint, no matter what meal he was providing.

Thanks to all those involved with this hunt. We look forward to another event at the end of this year. Don't forget to nominate your best student via a letter describing why he/she was your best student and should get a chance to go on the Texas "Dream Hunt."



Mossy Oak inventor, and CEO, Toxie Haas, accepts a plaque from Hunter Education Coordinator, Terry Erwin, during the SHOT Show in Atlanta, for "Outstanding Support of the Texas Hunter Education Dream Hunt."

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

Winchester Ammunition has previously printed and distributed entry cards for the National "Dream Hunt." However, this year, they are unable to do so. **NOTE: Individual students must send in a plain postcard with name, address, date of birth and phone number to: I.H.E.A. "DREAM HUNT," P. O. Box 5078, Nashville GA, 31639.006796** Any instructor wishing to go with Wayne Pearson on this trip should send in a plain post card with name, address, phone numbers and a statement that you are a Hunter Education instructor, to the same address. So far, in the last nine years, four instructors and three students from Texas have been selected to go on the "Dream Hunt." Four more instructors have been selected to go on additional

trips. Just because we don't have the printed cards for distribution, doesn't mean we can't still have a successful opportunity to participate.

Keep those cards coming in, and your chances of winning are a lot better than if you just sit back and wish! Don't forget to tell your 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 Hunter Education Student Journal produced by the North American Outdoor Group.

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1999 Youth Hunter Education Challenge

Booklets and registration information is now available from Betty Allen for this year's upcoming YHEC. Dates for the challenge are May 1-2, at the Parrie Haynes Ranch near Killeen. Volunteers are needed to assist with the challenge. A form was in the last "Target Talk" if anyone was interested. Just in case you forgot, contact Betty Allen at (254) 968-8532, or e-mail her at allen_betty@hotmail.com. This year's national YHEC will be held in Pennsylvania.

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Youth Hunting Program

Volunteers will be needed for the hunts coming up in the future. In order for the program to grow and be able to reach more youths, it is vital to have a volunteer base large enough to accommodate expansion. Each volunteer should complete a Huntmaster course before this year's hunting season. The following courses are scheduled in the upcoming months: San Antonio – April 23-25; Houston – June 4-6; Lubbock – June 11-13; and Dallas/Fort Worth – July 9-11.004246

The Huntmaster Course is approximately 8 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 being taught all day on Saturday or split between Saturday and Sunday. NOTE: Instructors attending any of these workshops or any of the youth hunts will be given 25 additional workshop points. If interested, please contact Jerry Warden at (800) 460-5494.



Steve Hall, Education Director, conducted a waterfowl identification seminar and discussed some of the safety rules in preparation for the annual Winnie Waterfowl Hunt hosted by Will Beaty and Central Flyway Outfitters, Inc.

Olympic Gold Medal Winner in Shotgun Trap Shooting, Kim Rhode, was along on this trip to give some demonstrations and pointers. Here, Charlie Wilson, TPW 5-Stand Mobile Range Coordinator gives safety tips to participants before a round of sporting clays practice.



New Mexico to Host Regional Workshop

New Mexico Department of Game & Fish is hosting a regional Hunter Education workshop for instructors on May 21-23, 1999, at the NRA Whittington Center near Raton. So far, Texas has about 30 individuals signed up for this multi-discipline workshop, that includes archery, shotgun, rifle, muzzleloader, skills trail, etc. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has provided a grant to help with this endeavor. There will be door prizes and a lot of great bargains offered.

Registration is \$40.00 for the workshop, which includes lodging! I previously stated that the registration included meals — we are not sure of this. The only other expense is travel and meals to and from the workshop area. If interested in attending, contact Mark Birkhauser for any last minute openings at (505) 841-8888. There may still be room for a few more instructors. Besides, think how many workshop points you could get for being there. **How about 100!** The NRA Whittington Center lies in the foothills of the mountains of northern New Mexico. It is a beautiful area and should make an excellent retreat for all those interested.

Ninth Annual Hunter Education Conference



Billy Holt and Martha Fillingim, Breckenridge, throw sporting clays for Bill McCubbin, Amarillo. In the background is Bob Artz, San Antonio, and Ron Febler, Krum, each taking a turn while Ron Dowda, San Antonio, throws a few clays. Participants went through fifteen cases of clay birds, not to mention the shotshells.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Education Staff and Texas Hunter Education Instructor's Association (THEIA) hosted the Ninth Annual Hunter Education Conference on March 6-7, 1999 at the Parrie Haynes Ranch near Killeen. About 55 individuals enjoyed shooting muzzleloaders, .22 rim-fire rifles, archery, crossbows and shotguns. Some folks just sat around and visited with other instructors to catch up on what's been happening in each other's lives and courses.

The T.H.E.I.A. meeting was held on Saturday evening with election of officers. A new secretary was elected from Houston, and her name is Kitty Haynes. George Sykora, Area chief from Waco, was elected for a second term as Vice President. Officers having one more year in their terms were President, Billy Imes, and Treasurer, Dr. Peggy Weyel. New board of director members are being sought for certain parts of the state, and will be filled soon. If interested, please contact Billy Imes in Victoria at (361) 528-7212.

It was agreed that next year's conference will be held at the same location. The Parrie Haynes Ranch is centrally located, has 4400 acres to enjoy and offers an opportunity to see where summer youth camps, Texas Youth Hunter Education Challenge, and Texas Youth Hunting Program youth hunts are held.

Join THEIA and take your place in an organization that supports Hunter Education efforts across Texas. (See membership application in THEIA newsletter.)

Texas Wildlife Expo

Volunteers are being recruited at this time of the year in order to fill vacant spaces seen at last year's event. We had the lowest number of return volunteers in several years. It is almost impossible to run a safe and successful event without adequate numbers of qualified individuals. **Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association (T.H.E.I.A.)** has, again, agreed to pay for sandwiches and drinks to be distributed during work hours of Expo on Saturday and Sunday as voted on at the recent annual THEIA meeting. Come on out and help someone become acquainted with the shooting sports, as well as other events. Let us know if you are interested in attending and volunteering. Look for a sign up sheet in the next issue of "Target Talk."



Did you know...

About Underage Students

Some instructors are still telling underage students that they will be certified when they “turn twelve.” Folks, this is **NOT** the case at all. If an individual takes the Hunter Education course **BEFORE** they are **TWELVE** years of age, they will have to take the course over again for certification. We have student registration forms sent in when the birthdays are from two to seventeen days after the certification date of the class. These individuals will **NOT** be certified. Sorry, but they will receive a certificate of completion, not certification.

When we started the new Access computer program in June 1997, we programmed it to be like the law reads, “Minimum age for

certification is 12 years.” It did away with the 30-day leeway we had offered before. This was a leeway that had existed during manual entry and volunteer program times.

The Texas Youth Hunting Program requires any youngster to have Hunter Education before they are allowed to go on a hunt. This is fine, but each individual must go through the course again after turning twelve. Please be careful and inform parents that anyone is welcome into the course, but anyone under twelve will not be officially certified. Thanks.

Marty's Trivia

Compiled by Martin Robillard

- Hummingbirds beat their wings approximately 78 times per minute.
- Of the sixteen subspecies of black bears that once ranged throughout North America, four were once common in various regions of Texas.
- The first turkey restocking program in Texas was initiated in 1924. Apparently this first effort of stocking Rio Grande Turkeys in Eastern Texas was a complete failure.
- Since September 1, 1987, the release of pen-reared turkeys into the wild has been illegal in Texas.

Badminton & Ping-Pong Are Riskier Activities

Hunter Education is 50 years old this year, and hunters are safer because of its primary mission: The prevention of hunting accidents (incidents.) Although there are three times more hunters than there were in 1949, hunting accidents (incidents) have decreased by 50 percent nationwide and by 75 percent in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Utah.

Since hunter education became mandatory for New York hunters in 1949, a total of 63 states and provinces in the U.S., Canada and Mexico have instituted hunter education classes, and over 23 million students have graduated. Approximately 65,000 volunteers teach 750,000 students each year. Below are some interesting findings by the National Safety Council in their last survey.

SPORTS INJURIES PER 100,000 PARTICIPANTS

Football	3,313.48
Baseball	1,391.78
Cycling.....	1,189.63
Volleyball	622.89
Swimming.....	194.45
Golf	185.59
Tennis	179.43
Fishing	173.18
Bowling.....	57.32
Badminton.....	30.76
Billiards.....	19.91
Ping-pong.....	15.32
Hunting.....	7.06

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General Information

1-800-792-1112 +0 ask for ext. 4999
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(24 hours a day)
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Texas Game Warden Field Notes

Austin—Following are some excerpts from recent field reports filed by Texas Game Wardens as published by TPW news service.

★ ***Here come da judge...***

A Gray County game warden received a call in November about shots fired from a roadway. At the location he met a deputy along with the husband and wife landowners who had reported the violation. They had apprehended a father and one of his sons, with another son hiding in the brush. After some coaxing from the father, the other son soon appeared and led everyone to the doe they had shot. Upon returning to the warden's vehicle, the father noted how mad the "lady landowner" seemed to be and asked what would happen? The warden explained that they would have to go see the judge. Now sounding worried, the father asked, "Well, how bad do you think it's going to be?" The warden calmly stated that he thought it was going to be pretty bad. "Why is that," the father asked. The warden replied, "Because 'that lady' **IS** the judge."

★ ***Rude behavior at the feeder not tolerated...***

During the opening weekend of deer season, a Travis County warden was called to respond to a hunter harassment complaint. The person doing the harassing was able to see a deer blind and deer feeder from his house. When he would see deer at the feeder, he would jump in his car, drive around honking his horn, discharging fireworks, whistling loudly and anything else that would scare the deer away. The warden tried to persuade the guy to stop the harassment, but to no avail. A case was filed against the man for the harassment of a person while hunting.

★ ***Funny, you don't look like granny...***

A Lufkin man was cited for hunting under the license of another person – his 91-year-old grandmother. Interestingly, the man had been cited for that exact violation by the same warden seven years earlier when he was using the grandmother's tag.

★ ***Can't say they weren't warned...***

Just after Christmas, a Willacy County warden encountered two men in Port Mansfield and one of the men asked, "What's to stop someone from shooting a deer off the highway, because there are so many?" The warden replied, "Only the game wardens, and that would not be a good idea." About 30 minutes later, the warden apprehended the same two men for shooting deer from a public road. The local judge assessed fines totaling \$1,000 and a stern lecture.

★ ***Yes, that would be a problem...***

A Grayson County warden recently cited a duck hunter for hunting with an unplugged shotgun and confiscated the illegal firearm. While explaining the procedure for retrieving the gun, the man asked, "What if the shotgun is stolen? Would I be in trouble?" A computer check revealed the gun was indeed stolen. Additional charges are pending.

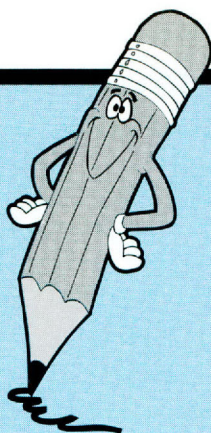
Pearls of wisdom...

HOME STUDY

"To train children at home, it's necessary for both the children and the parents to spend some time there."

"Prejudice is a great time saver. It enables you to form opinions without bothering to get the facts."

Authors Unknown



Dear Staff,

I would like to say "Thanks" to Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Wildlife Association for starting the Texas Youth Hunting Program. My son, Cody and I had the privilege of going to the Young Ranch for the extended doe and spike season. Mr. Carl Young really knows how to make a person feel welcome. My hat is off to all of the above mentioned. I enjoyed the weekend so much that I could not wait to sign up for the Huntmaster Course, so I could pass the enjoyment of hunting on to some more kids and their parents or whoever is lucky enough to bring them. THANKS A MILLION!

Dillard B. Barr
Temple

Dear Staff:

Please accept this letter of gratitude for the kindness and teachings of Don Evans. I appreciate Mr. Evans offering to conduct a Hunter Education Course out of season. We were unable to locate anyone who would teach this course in our area and Mr. Evans kindly offered to give the class near our home. This class enabled my two sons and many of his friends to earn the knowledge needed to become certified and obtain the Hunter Safety (Education) Course Certification.

Sincerely,
Reneé Hall, Marble Falls

Dear Staff:

What is going on in Austin? Do we volunteer instructors have support of the Austin staff or not? Do you want me to teach hunter safety or not? I would think that as many other hurdles that young people have to jump over to be able to hunt would not have to be compounded by government inefficiency.

I ordered materials in writing on two different occasions in September, but they never arrived. I am extremely disappointed and the 42 people in the class were as well, that the manuals never arrived for the class. Friday night found me furiously making photocopies from the manual to hand out in class. This was a huge drain on already over-taxed time demands.

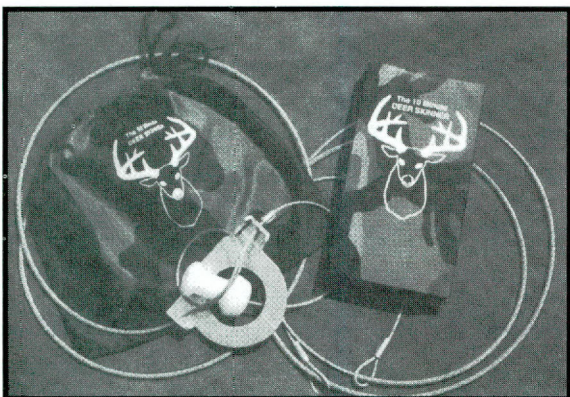
A number of students in the class have indicated that they want the student manual and patch mailed to them. Since I never received manuals or patches, I think that the department needs to pay the postage bill to these students requesting materials.

Now, I have to say in fairness that this was the first time that I have not gotten materials ordered, and I hope that this was a one-time fluke. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Ken Bishop, Attorney At Law
Lake Jackson

Editor's Comments: *Thank you for your letter. I must admit that in the early fall of last year, we had some difficult times supplying materials for student courses. The publisher of our manuals failed to deliver them on the contractual date, therefore causing undue delays in many orders, especially Agricultural Science classes and volunteers. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience. All students in that particular course were mailed their manuals and patches per your request.*

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co-sponsoring EXPO '99. We are providing meals to the volunteers through our contribution of \$1000 to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation.

...providing a scholarship in the amount of \$500 through the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation.

co-sponsoring the Texas Youth Hunter Education Challenge, or YHEC, at Parrie Haynes Ranch on May 1&2. Our costs include: targets, trophies, mowing costs, rooms for volunteers at Parrie Haynes, and entry fees to the National Rifle Association's international competition.

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...regroup, and provide members with basic membership services: a simple newsletter to keep in touch, copies of bylaws are available, and membership cards have been mailed to those who are current with dues. **...organize** our operation for more effective communication to our friends and the community by sharing e-mails. If you have access to one let me know...

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Membership Application

INSTRUCTOR MEMBERSHIP

Must be currently certified by Texas Parks and Wildlife as a Hunter Education Instructor
SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP available for non-instructors

1year, \$12.00 3 years, \$25.00 make checks payable to: THEIA
send to: Peggy Weyel, 13502 Syracuse, San Antonio, TX 78249

NAME: _____

INSTRUCTOR # _____

ADDRESS: _____

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CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

1998
TEXAS HUNTING ACCIDENTS
ANALYSIS



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For more information about hunting accidents
or the hunter education program in Texas, call (512) 389-8142

TEXAS HUNTING ACCIDENT PROFILE

- Violated a cardinal rule of hunter safety
- Anglo male
- Hunted deer with rifle or dove with shotgun
- Was typically **not** under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Did not attend a hunter education (safety) course or program
- Did not wear any type of hunter orange clothing
- Was situated in or around vehicle or stand
- Sustained a non-fatal injury
- 29 years old (average)
- Had over 10 years of hunting experience
- If not self-inflicted -- swung shotgun on game outside of safe zone-of-fire
- If self-inflicted -- handled firearm carelessly and/or carried loaded firearm in or around vehicle
- Distance of muzzle to wound was within 50 yards, mostly within 10 yards
- Victim was in light to open cover with clear visibility
- Accident occurred on weekend during September or November



1998 Significant Factors

- Many violations for not taking hunter education course or not being accompanied by an adult
- Careless handling, especially in and around vehicles, is the number one problem in Texas
- The wearing of blaze orange would reduce many accidents in Texas
- Shotgun accidents most numerous
- Continued high number of deer and dove hunting accidents

**HUNTING ACCIDENT DATA (1966-1998)
COMPARISON ANALYSIS
ACCIDENT VERSUS LICENSES SOLD IN TEXAS**

CALENDAR YEAR	NUMBER OF HUNTER ACCIDENTS	NUMBER OF FIREARM HUNTING LICENSES SOLD	ACCIDENTS PER 100,000 LICENSES SOLD	STUDENTS CERTIFIED UNDER TPWD HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM
1966	81	644,653	12.6	-
1967	93	797,846	11.7	-
1968	105	854,693	12.3	-
1969	92	895,593	10.3	-
1970	72	935,793	7.7	-
1971	92	978,285	9.4	-
1972	85	966,332	8.8	2,119
1973	80	1,011,963	7.9	4,314
1974	68	1,037,925	6.6	6,094
1975	77	1,051,834	7.3	8,531
1976	63	1,050,349	6.0	10,043
1977	81	1,080,530	7.5	11,298
1978	83	1,091,794	7.6	10,890
1979	53	1,093,716	4.8	10,775
1980	69	1,160,375	5.9	12,166
1981	72	1,174,023	6.1	13,187
1982	97	1,216,032	8.0	13,323
1983	80	1,325,474	6.0	14,131
1984	60	1,140,174	5.3	13,052
1985	72	1,100,991	6.5	11,284
1986	68	1,162,785	5.8	11,195
1987	81	1,189,566	6.8	8,611
1988	70	1,189,000	5.9	18,043
1989	78	1,193,000	6.5	36,708
1990	53	1,132,917	4.7	24,590
1991	81	1,103,903	7.3	28,682
1992	62	1,053,063	5.9	25,453
1993	58	1,077,055	5.4	26,942
1994	51	1,083,227	4.7	34,972
1995	40	1,060,000	3.8	31,215
1996	31*	990,000	3.1	24,998
1997	51	960,000	5.3	30,625
1998	40	1,011,500	3.9	31,052
TOTALS	2,339	34,814,391	6.7	474,293

* Note: Lowest number of accidents ever recorded in Texas

Five-year average of hunter education program (CY 1966 - CY 1970) - One hunting accident/9,320 hunting licenses sold.

First five-year average of hunter education program (CY 1971 - CY 1975) - One hunting accident/12,550 hunting licenses sold.

Second five-year average of hunter education program (CY 1976 - CY 1980) - One hunting accident/15,690 hunting licenses sold.

Third five-year average of hunter education program (CY 1981 - CY 1985) - One hunting accident/15,630 hunting licenses sold.

Fourth five-year average of hunter education program (CY 1986 - CY 1990) - One hunting accident/16,700 hunting licenses sold.

Fifth five-year average of hunter education program (CY 1991 - CY 1995) - One hunting accident/18,420 hunting licenses sold.

Thirty-two year average (CY 1966 - CY 1998) - One hunting accident/14,884 hunting licenses sold.

TEXAS HUNTING ACCIDENTS 1966-1998

CALENDAR YEAR	FATAL	NON-FATAL	TOTAL
1966	28	53	81
1967	23	70	93
1968	37	68	105
1969	24	68	92
1970	19	53	72
1971	24	68	92
1972	30	55	85
1973	22	58	80
1974	16	52	68
1975	11	66	77
1976	11	52	63
1977	17	64	81
1978	20	63	83
1979	10	43	53
1980	13	56	69
1981	19	53	72
1982	23	74	97
1983	17	63	80
1984	21	39	60
1985	15	57	72
1986	13	55	68
1987	12	69	81
MANDATORY HUNTER EDUCATION			
1988	12	58	70
1989	12	66	78
1990	8	45	53
1991	13	68	81
1992	6	56	62
1993	6	52	58
1994	5	46	51
1995	4	36	40
1996	2	29	31
1997	8	43	51
1998	3	37	40
TOTALS	504	1,835	2,339

TEXAS HUNTING ACCIDENT TOTALS 1998

HUNTING ACCIDENT: An accident/incident resulting from a discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes the injury or death of any person(s).

	1996	1997	1998		1996	1997	1998
ACCIDENTS				VIOLATED GAME LAW			
Total Accidents	31	51	40				
Fatal	2	8	3		11 (36%)	12 (24%)	5 (13%)
Non-fatal	29	43	37				
PRIMARY ANIMAL HUNTED				EQUIPMENT TYPE			
Dove	8 (26%)	9 (17%)	7 (18%)	Rifles	11 (36%)	21 (41%)	15 (37%)
White-tailed Deer	6 (19%)	14 (27%)	12 (30%)	Shotguns	14 (45%)	25 (49%)	18 (45%)
Rabbits/Hares	2 (06%)	3 (06%)	3 (07%)	Handguns	5 (16%)	4 (08%)	6 (15%)
Wild Hogs	7 (23%)	4 (08%)	6 (15%)	Muzzleloader	1 (03%)	1 (02%)	0
Squirrel	3 (10%)	4 (08%)	2 (05%)	Bow	0	0	1 (03%)
Miscellaneous	0	7 (14%)	0	TOTAL	31 (100%)	51 (100%)	40 (100%)
Quail/Pheasant	1 (03%)	4 (08%)	6 (15%)	SHOOTER'S AGE			
Turkey	1 (03%)	1 (02%)	2 (05%)	10-19	8 (26%)	12 (24%)	10 (25%)
Coyotes	2 (06%)	0	2 (05%)	20-29	7 (23%)	12 (24%)	6 (15%)
Ducks/Geese	1 (03%)	5 (10%)	0	30-39	5 (16%)	5 (09%)	10 (25%)
TOTAL	31 (100%)	51 (100%)	40 (100%)	40-49	6 (20%)	10 (19%)	6 (15%)
HUNTER JUDGMENT				50-59	2 (06%)	4 (08%)	1 (03%)
Victim out of sight of shooter	4	5	3	60 & over	2 (06%)	4 (08%)	4 (10%)
Victim covered by shooter swinging on game	5	4	6	Unknown	1 (03%)	4 (08%)	3 (07%)
Victim mistaken for game	3	5	2	TOTAL	31 (100%)	51 (100%)	40 (100%)
TOTAL	12	14	11	MISCELLANEOUS			
SAFETY & LAW VIOLATION				Ricochet	0	6	1
Removing/placing firearm in vehicle or stand	2	3	1	Incorrect ammo	1	1	0
Discharge of firearm in vehicle	5	7	9	TOTAL	1	7	1
Running/walking with a loaded firearm	1	2	2	SKILL AND APTITUDE			
Firearm fell from insecure rest	2	1	0	Trigger caught on object	0	1	0
TOTAL	10	13	12	Loading/unloading firearm	2	1	0
SHOOTERS WERE HUNTER EDUCATION GRADUATES				Careless handling	5	11	10
	5 (16%)	10 (19%)	9 (22%)	Dropped firearm	0	0	5
				Shooter stumbled and fell	0	1	1
				Improper crossing of obstacle	1	3	0
				TOTAL	8	17	16
				SELF-INFLICTED	14 (45%)	20 (39%)	23 (57%)
				ALCOHOL A FACTOR	3 (10%)	2 (04%)	1 (03%)

Hunting Accident Report Non-Firearm Related

*Accidents/incidents while hunting, not involving the discharge of a firearm or bow, which causes injury or death of any person(s).

Type	Total	Fatal?	Comments
Heart Attacks/-strokes	3	Yes	Two of the three fatalities involved men (ages 81 and 67) dragging game. When they suffered heart attacks and died.
Tree Stand Falls	2	No	Use of safety harnesses/belts would have prevented falls.
Animal Bite	1	No	Feral hog bit hunter who was hunting hogs with dogs.

Shooting Accidents Non-Hunting Related

*Other reported accidents/incidents resulting from the discharge of a firearm/bow, which causes the injury or death of any person(s), other than while hunting.

Type	Total	Fatal?	Comments
Target practice/ linking	4	Yes	<p>A. Victim went "down range" to look at bullet hits in cans. Shooter carelessly discharged lever action which was pointed at victim's head.</p> <p>B. Victim "training" 6-year old and grabbed .22 cal. rifle by the muzzle at the same time youngster pulled the trigger, striking victim in the chest.</p> <p>C. Shooter and victim plinking at object in pond. Victim stood up in front of gun just as shooter was firing. Victim was struck in the temple from .22 cal. rifle.</p> <p>D. Victim was sneaking up behind the area where his friends were target shooting. Victim was fully clad in camouflage clothing including face mask.</p>
Target practice/ plinking	2	No	Victim in truck beyond line of fire; victim walking beyond line of fire.
Horseplay	1	Yes	Victim and shooter were fooling around thinking gun was "on safety." Shooter fired at victim, killing him.
Horseplay	1	No	Shooter shoved pellet gun's muzzle into victim's buttocks and fired.
Unattended firearm around toddler	1	No	Victim and companions were working on a deer feeder and left a loaded .22 cal. rifle unattended with 3 yr. old in the cab of pickup.

Education and Outreach Programs

ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY



Please return to Steve Hall by May 1, 1999

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS - ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY

For program administrators, TPW employees, volunteers and professional educators teaching TPW education and outreach programs

GENERAL INFORMATION Return survey to Steve Hall by **May 1st, 1999**

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____
E-mail Address: _____

1. Name of TPW Education/Outreach Program (please check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopt A Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/>	4-H Shooting Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project/Aquatic WILD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Angler/Aquatic Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	4-H Sport Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shooting Programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birdwatching/ Birding Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	4-H Field and Stream	<input type="checkbox"/>	St. Park Programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boater Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishing Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	TX Watch
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/>	Growing Wild	<input type="checkbox"/>	TX Wildscapes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Passport	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunter Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Fish & Wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discovery Passport	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outdoor Kids	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife Expo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploring Texas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outdoors Woman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Camp(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others (Please List):	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

2. Name of TPW Education & Outreach Facility:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parrie Haynes Youth Conservation Ranch
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sea Center Texas
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other State Hatchery (please name):
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Historical Site (please name):
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Park (please name):
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Wildlife Mangement Area (please name):
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please list):
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	

3. Is the site and/or facility in which you hold your education and outreach program accessible to those with mobility impairments?

N/A	YES	NO	COMMENTS

4. If not, are there alternative methods such as audiocassettes, videos or accessible locations that provide an equivalent experience?

N/A	YES	NO	COMMENTS

ADDED COMMENTS: _____

5. Is information about the accessibility of your education and outreach efforts made available in the following formats?

- * Brochure/leaflet
- * Web Site/Electronically
- * TV/Radio
- * Posters/Newspapers
- * LARGE Print (vision)
- * Braille
- * TDD (deaf/phone)
- * Special Ed. Resource Person

N/A	YES	NO	COMMENTS

ADDED COMMENTS: _____

6. Is training made available to the public in the following formats?

- * Simple text/versions where technical terms are avoided or explained?
- * Close-captioning of videos
- * Audio programs
- * Braille
- * Easy-to-understand graphics
- * Interpreter Services for deaf

(NOTE: Instructors of TPW mandatory boater & hunter education programs have a standing contract for this service)

N/A	YES	NO	COMMENTS

ADDED COMMENTS: _____

7. Do you or does the program make available disability in-service training for trainers in your education and outreach programs?

N/A	YES	NO	COMMENTS

8. If so, does your training for trainers incorporate the following topics?

- * Disability Awareness
- * Cultural Differences
- * Communication
- * Teaching Procedures
- * Adaptive Equipment/Use
- * Others (please list):

N/A	YES	NO	COMMENTS

ADDED COMMENTS: _____

9. Do you make available special adaptive equipment that assists the student or participant in the learning process?

Please list the item(s):

10. Is/are the adaptive equipment item(s) listed above available commercially?

Source:

N/A	YES	NO	COMMENTS

11. Are there exemptions in the state's or facility's hunting, fishing, boating and camping provisions, laws or policies that provide exemptions to those with mobility, visual, hearing and/or learning impairments?

N/A	YES	NO	COMMENTS

ADDED COMMENTS: _____

Please Return Survey to: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department; c/o Steve Hall
4200 Smith School Road; Austin, Texas 78744

FATAL ACCIDENTS

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted	Hunter Ed. Graduate? (Shooter)
1-14	Brazoria	47/M	Rifle	Feral hogs	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i> Victim exiting ground blind with loaded rifle. He stumbled and carelessly discharged rifle. He was struck by the bullet in the back of his head.						
<i>Prevention:</i> Unload before entering/exiting stands. Try to control muzzle even while falling.						
3-25	Upshur	19/M	Handgun	Feral hogs	No	No
<i>Comments:</i> Victim told shooter to shoot a wounded hog after his own rifle malfunctioned. Inexperienced with firearms, shooter carelessly discharged a shot from a 9 mm handgun that struck and killed victim.						
<i>Prevention:</i> Always point muzzle in safe direction; learn about firearms before handling them; practice with firearms to gain confidence.						
10-10	Sabine	17/M	Shotgun	Squirrel	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i> Victim was found dead in the woods where he had been squirrel hunting. The 12 ga. shotgun he was using was in poor (faulty) condition. The blast was to his upper left arm and chest.						
<i>Prevention:</i> Always point muzzle in safe direction. Attend hunter education course to learn basic safety practices. Use proper carry techniques while handling loaded firearm; make sure firearm is in good condition.						

NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted	Hunter Ed. Graduate? (Shooter)
1-11	Morris	Unknown/M	Bow	Feral hogs	No	No (Arkansas)
<i>Comments:</i> Using dogs to bay hogs, shooter discharged arrow that ricocheted and struck victim who was in brush 20 yards away behind hogs.						
<i>Prevention:</i> Stick to safe zone-of-fire; know where companions and dogs are at all times; wear blaze orange to be seen.						
1-17	LaSalle	37/M	Rifle	Feral hogs	No	Yes
<i>Comments:</i> Shooter shot a feral hog about 70 yards away down a sendero. Bullet ricocheted and struck victim who was sitting in a tripod about 125 yards away, out of sight of shooter.						
<i>Prevention:</i> Know where companions are at all times; be sure of background or back stop; wear blaze orange to be seen.						
1-31	Runnels	43/M	Shotgun	Quail	No	No
<i>Comments:</i> Shooter swung on flushing quail outside of his safe zone-of-fire.						
<i>Prevention:</i> Stick to safe zone-of-fire; know where companions are at all times; wear blaze orange to be seen.						
2-22	Hays	36/M	Shotgun	Chukar	No	No
<i>Comments:</i> Shooter swung on flushing birds outside of his safe zone-of-fire.						
<i>Prevention:</i> Stick to safe zone-of-fire; know where companions are at all times; wear blaze orange to be seen.						

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted	Hunter Ed. Graduate? (Shooter)
2-28	Pecos	65/M	Rifle	Feral Hogs	No	
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter carelessly discharged a loaded rifle from within a vehicle. Bullet struck him in the foot.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in a safe direction; never carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle.					
3-3	Reeves	Unknown/M	Handgun	Javelina	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter carelessly discharged a loaded handgun from within a vehicle. Bullet struck his left leg near his knee.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in a safe direction; never carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle.					
4-24	Kimble	64/M	Shotgun	Turkey	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter mistook victim for a turkey as victim removed his gloves and waved at shooter.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always be sure of target before raising firearm (use binoculars); know where companions are hunting; wear blaze orange to be seen; never wear clothing resembling hunted species.					
5-16	Nolan	48/M	Handgun	Rabbits	Yes	
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter carelessly discharged a loaded handgun from within a vehicle. Bullet struck his left thumb.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in a safe direction; never carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle.					
9-1	Collin	42/M	Shotgun	Doves	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Preparing to shoot at incoming birds, shooter carelessly discharged shotgun while standing next to victim. Pellets struck victim in back near shoulder blade.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in safe direction; plan the hunt (spread out while dove hunting) and hunt the plan; stick to safe zone-of-fire; keep safety on and finger out of trigger guard until ready to shoot.					
9-5	Llano	16/F	Shotgun	Doves	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Father was teaching shooter how to handle and shoot single-shot .410 shotgun. Shooter carelessly discharged it after pulling external hammer towards cocked position. Pellets struck victim in her left foot.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in safe direction; attend hunter education course; learn how to safely handle firearms and practice with them before the hunting seasons.					
9-5	Donley	25/M	Shotgun	Doves	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter sat in back of truck with loaded firearm. He commanded his dog to "load up." In the process, the dog bumped the shotgun and shooter carelessly discharged it towards his own leg.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in safe direction, never carry loaded firearms in vehicle; maintain control of pets while handling firearms.					
9-7	Kent	55/M	Shotgun	Doves	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter is paraplegic, confined to wheelchair. He carelessly discharged his shotgun while turning the wheelchair in sandy soil. He had placed the gun with muzzle towards himself and the butt on his foot rest. Pellets struck him in his left shoulder.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in safe directions; use proper carry techniques while handling loaded firearm; unload firearm before repositioning in a stand, a wheelchair and/or crossing rough terrain and other obstacles.					

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted	Hunter Ed. Graduate? (Shooter)
9-7	Milam	15/M	Shotgun	Doves	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter carelessly discharged his own shotgun while removing dirt from the muzzle with his index finger.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in safe direction; clean obstructions from barrel only after unloading and disassembling firearm. Carry firearm field cleaning kit.					
9-21	Lamb?	Unknown/M	Shotgun	Doves	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Victim was struck by a pellet in the eye. Another hunting party was nearby and had been shooting at doves.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in a safe direction; know where other hunters are located; stick to safe zone of fire; wear blaze orange to be seen.					
9-27	Robertson	14/M	Shotgun	Doves	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter was walking with a loaded shotgun when retrieving a downed bird. He carelessly discharged it towards his foot in the process.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction; unload before retrieving downed/wounded birds; use proper carry techniques while handling loaded firearms.					
10-21	Stephens	36/M	Shotgun	Rabbit	Yes	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter carelessly discharged a loaded shotgun from within a vehicle. Pellets struck him in the foot.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in a safe direction; never carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle.					
10-31	Schleicher	21/M	Rifle	Rabbit	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter's rifle jammed. In the process of extracting the cartridge, he carelessly discharged rifle towards his leg near the calf. Shooter had been drinking.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in safe direction; know how to disassemble firearm in case action malfunctions; take good care of firearm and have it regularly inspected by a gunsmith; never drink alcohol before or while handling firearms.					
11-1	Stephens	15/M	Rifle	Deer	Yes	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	While raising rifle to shoot at deer; shooter carelessly discharged it towards his foot.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point firearm in safe direction; practice safe handling techniques; gain confidence by practicing and sighting in/shooting your rifle.					
11-7	Houston	21/M	Rifle	Deer	No	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter loaded firearm while in a vehicle and carelessly discharged it in the process. Bullet struck victim in the foot.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point firearm in safe direction; never carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle.					
11-7	Cooke	36/M	Rifle	Deer	No	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter dropped loaded firearm and while attempting to regain control, carelessly discharged it towards victim. Bullet struck victim in the right arm/chest area.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point firearm in safe direction; use proper carry techniques while handling loaded firearms.					
11-14	San Augustine	27/M	Shotgun	Deer	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter fired at deer and buckshot struck victim who was out of sight, in the shooter's line-of-fire. Victim was told to stay in vehicle, but decided to walk toward shooter.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Be sure of your target/backstop; plan the hunt; hunt the plan.					

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted	Hunter Ed. Graduate? (Shooter)
11-26	Runnels	11/M	Rifle	Deer	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter had just shot a deer and was walking down road with a loaded firearm. He carelessly discharged his rifle towards his father who was to the left and in front of shooter.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point firearm in safe direction; unload before retrieving downed/wounded game; use proper carry techniques while handling loaded firearms.					
11-27	Haskell	35/M	Rifle	Deer	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter was holding loaded rifle while operating an ATV. He carelessly discharged it after going down a steep slope. The bullet entered his left arm.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point firearm in safe direction; never carry a loaded firearm in vehicle; always case firearms during transport.					
11-28	Runnels	38/M	Handgun	Turkey	Yes	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter was stalking a turkey with a loaded handgun in his holster. He carelessly engaged the hammer and shot down through the holster. The bullet entered his right foot.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction; never carry a loaded handgun in an open-style holster.					
11-28	Van Zandt	13/M	Shotgun	Squirrel	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter mistook his brother and dad, who were next to a tree, for a squirrel they had just shot. The pellets struck both victims.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Be absolutely sure of your target before raising your firearm; wear blaze orange to be seen; never wear clothing which resembles game animals.					
11-28	Kinney	35/M	Handgun	Deer	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter was carrying loaded handgun in vehicle between his legs as he and his companions were hurrying to get to their deer blinds. While exiting truck to open gate, he carelessly discharged the firearm. The bullet entered his inner thigh.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point firearm in safe direction; never carry a loaded firearm in vehicle; always case firearms during transport.					
12-5	Erath	67/M	Shotgun	Quail	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter swung on game outside of his safe zone-of-fire and shot the hunting guide after the guide momentarily removed his blaze orange hunting vest.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Stick to safe zone-of-fire; know where companions are at all times; wear blaze orange to be seen.					
12-6	Reagan	11/M	Rifle	Deer	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter was loading rifle while sitting in his deer stand. His father left the stand to return to the vehicle and retrieve a coat. Shooter dropped the loaded rifle. It discharged, sending the bullet through his hand.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction; while in a stand, secure your firearm so the muzzle is pointed away and the safety is on; attend hunter education course to learn safe handling techniques; never leave a young hunter alone in a blind; practice loading and unloading with your parent or instructor to gain confidence.					

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self-Inflicted	Hunter Ed. Graduate? (Shooter)
12-8	Callahan	23/M	Handgun	Coyote	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Upon leaving the hunting pasture after seeing a coyote, shooter removed latch on gate while holding loaded handgun. Gun slipped, struck the gate and discharged a bullet into his abdomen.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in a safe direction; unload handgun when no longer hunting; unload firearms before crossing fences and other obstacles or rough terrain.					
12-13	Lamb	15/M	Shotgun	Quail	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter shot at quail flushing from behind farm equipment. Pellet fragments ricocheted off equipment back into his right elbow.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Know your safe zone-of-fire and never shoot when muzzle is next to equipment or brush.					
12-13	Hale	42/M	Shotgun	Pheasant	No	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter swung on game bird outside of his safe zone-of-fire.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in safe direction; always stay within your safe zone-of-fire; wear blaze orange to be seen; know where your companions are at all times.					
12-26	Hardin	28/F	Rifle	Deer	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter was exiting box stand with a loaded, cocked lever action rifle. She stumbled and carelessly discharged rifle. The bullet entered her lower abdomen.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point muzzle in safe direction; unload before exiting a stand; hold onto and secure your firearm when you stumble--controlling the muzzle when you fall.					
12-26	Bowie	33/M	Rifle	Deer	Yes	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter was lowering a loaded rifle from a stand with a hauling line. The line slipped from his grasp causing the rifle to discharge upon hitting the ground. The bullet struck his left hand and side.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always unload your firearm before raising/lowering from stand. Tie the firearm to a hauling line so barrel is pointing away. Secure a baggie or baloon around the muzzle to protect it from dirt.					
12-29	Taylor	46/M	Rifle	Deer	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	While exiting a vehicle, shooter carelessly discharged his loaded rifle. Bullet entered top of his right knee.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point firearm in safe direction; never carry a loaded firearm in vehicle; always case firearms during transport.					
12-29	Runnels	65/M	Rifle	Coyote	Yes	No
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter carelessly discharged rifle as he was attempting to shoot at a coyote from his vehicle.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point firearm in safe direction; never carry a loaded firearm in vehicle; always case firearms during transport.					
12-30	San Augustine	28/M	Rifle	Deer	Yes	Yes
<i>Comments:</i>	Shooter carelessly handled firearm and dropped it. The rifle discharged, sending a bullet through his arm and chest.					
<i>Prevention:</i>	Always point the firearm in a safe direction; use proper carry techniques while handling loaded firearms.					

organizations and businesses for YHEC, scholarship, EXPO help... should come with improved marketing strategies)

5. *Membership involvement and increase in membership*

Have you read a good book lately?

How about *Roadside Geology of Texas*

If this book is not a part of your car or truck library, which is included in every outdoor adventure, then get a copy. It offers a geological view of Texas highways so you know what the cuts through the hills are really telling you about Texas' past. It's organized by interstate and major regional Texas highways. Check out the road ahead both on your map and in the book and make sure you have your co-pilot reading to you as you drive along.

AND YET MORE BOOKS.....

Robert, my beloved spouse, has thoughtfully threatened to add a trailer just for them. You see, there's a small library beneath my front seat in his truck. It's there to aid in the exploration of regions known and unknown and has become almost as important as the...the food we take along on hunting, fishing trips or just for traveling down the road. It's really getting stuffed under there as I find "one more really neat book to add."

It began years ago on our dates that took us fishing. I just had to take a Texas Parks and Wildlife booklet on freshwater fish to make sure I could ID the Guadalupe Bass or Rio Grande Perch that I wasn't used to seeing on the home pond. After the honeymoon I added Roger Tory Peterson's *Field Guide to the Bird's of Texas*. Now I can't imagine not having that standard text somewhere close. Over the years I've added and strongly recommend a few of the following for your consideration:

Roadside Flowers of Texas, Howard S. Irwin, University of Texas Press
Wildflowers of Texas by Geyata Ajilvsgi, Bryan, TX: Shearer Publishing
Cacti of Texas by Del Weniger, University of Texas Press
A Field Guide to the Snakes of Texas by Alan Tennant, Texas Monthly Press
A Field Guide to Western Birds, Roger Tory Peterson, Houghton Mifflin, Co.
A Field Guide to Eastern Birds, Roger Tory Peterson, Houghton Mifflin, Co.
The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds
The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Insects and Spiders

Now having identified a rare, 2-foot specimen of an *Echinocactus wislizeni* ("Barrel Cactus") in the area he regularly hunts, even Bobby finds it annoying to have left home without them. Now I've added survival type reading material and he's refusing to try the teas and delicacies mentioned therein. That's what he said about those other books 30 years ago.

REGARDING THIS NEWSLETTER

If you have concerns and interests, information to share, perhaps a suggested topic or title for the THEIA newsletter, do not hesitate to contact ... PEGGY WEYEL

e-mail is: pweyel@texas.net 210-696-9599 13502 Syracuse, San Antonio, Texas 78249

Budget Report 1998 and 1999
THEIA Account 1998

Balance December 31, 1997.....		\$7,291.82
Income.		
Memberships	211.00	
	123.00	
	198.00	
'98 conference registrations	310.00	
	300.00	
'98 Auction	2011.00	
'98 YHEC Registration	970.00	
Subtotal income.....	\$4123.00	
Expenditures		
Banking costs (checks)	11.08	
returned check	200.00	
'97 Conference reimbursement	50.00	
'98 Conference lunch	291.00	
dinner	403.10	
'98 YHEC		
change	400.00	
volunteers	270.00	
targets	1931.78	
trophies	925.80	
'98 EXPO	1500.00	
Subtotal Expenditures.....	\$5982.76	
 Balance December 31, 1998.....		<u>\$5432.06</u>

THEIA Account 1999

Balance December 31, 1998.....		\$5432.06
Income		
Memberships	324.00	
'99 conference registrations	210.00	
	405.00	
'99 Auction	1313.50	
Subtotal income.....	\$2252.50	
Expenditures		
'99 Conference meals/lodging	600.00	
Subtotal Expenditures.....	\$ 600.00	
 Balance March 31, 1999.....		<u>\$7084.50</u>

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YHEC (Challenge) Account (created in 1995)

Balance April 3, 1998.....		\$1507.52
Income		
Registrations.....	\$608.00	
Expenses		
Cost of checks	23.00	
mowing (J. Robinson)	100.00	
National YHEC entry fees	780.00	
Reimbursement (B. Imes)	308.48	
Balance December 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999.....		<u>\$ 904.04</u>

Welcome New Instructors

DECEMBER

James Fisher	Fort Worth
Doelene Trevino	Dayton
John Schneider	Beaumont
Larry Calvin	Cooper
Carolyn Lloyd *	Dallas
James Nealy	Hitchcock
Elton Luce, III	Huntsville
Edward Mulvehill	Houston

JANUARY

Robert Martin	Tyler
Darren Vaught	Rusk
James Gardner	Georgetown
Craig Wilcox	Jacksonville

FEBRUARY

Barbara Gibson	Victoria
Cheb Krueger	Corpus Christi
Rolan Rivera	Houston
William Cowan	Kemah
Curtis Wiederhold	Katy
Joe Gray	Tolar
James Key	Dublin

Cory Mays	Stephenville
Joshua Cox	Wichita Falls
Marcus Cox	Paradise
Craig Hanes	Garland
Kyle Loving	Stephenville
Cody Martin	Bangs
Luis Suarez	Manor
Scott Adkins	Mineral Wells
Lee Anderson	Jacksboro
James Bowers	Whitney
Monte Echols	Caddo
Rickey Lusty	Stephenville
Michael Page	Stephenville
Brent Pirkle	Dumas
Tara Winkler	Stephenville
Kevin Barnett	Abilene
Terri Carlton	Stephenville
Paul Casey, Jr.	Stephenville
Nicole Gamble	Stephenville
Jason Prosser	Arlington
Ronda Richter	Stephenville
Jack Trammell	Hamilton
Clayton Mangum	Stephenville
Gary Schnitker	Howe
Jason Stroebel	Stephenville
Mistymoon Begay	Stehenville
Brandon Carrell	Stephenville
David Frederick	Stephenville
Jeffrey Lybbert	Stephenville
Travis McKinney	Stephenville
Kenneth Nickell	Covington

William Nickell	Covington
Justin Tomascik	Buckholts
Shawn Winterman	Grandview
Colleen Alderson	Stephenville
Nolan Blanchette	Stephenville
Craig Cunningham	Stephenville
Earnest McFadden	Crane
Peter Richardson	Carrollton
Stephen Sullivan	Springtown
Christine Perkins	Comanche
Daniel Taliaferro	Stephenville
Clay Poynor	Bridgeport
Robn Krueger	Corpus Christi
Max Robertson	Colleyville
Michael Fanelli	Arlington
Dennis Williams	Houston
Jeanne Williams	Houston
Gary Tipton	Fort Worth
John Ridlehuber	Lott

MARCH

J.P. Schwander	Dayton
Charles Lamb	Hull
Brandon Gilbert	Mt. Home
Courtney Cole	Dublin

** New Assistant Instructor*

U.S. Shooting Team & NSSF Invites You 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 U.S. Junior Olympic Shooting Team is looking for potential Olympians. Now is the chance to give it a try.

Every one of the athletes on the U.S. Shooting Team started with one target and a lot of determination. Here's your chance to set your sights on serious competition. The folder is comprised of targets for .22 rifle, airgun or BB gun and score sheets for Trap or Skeet. These folders are available from our office, and will be shipped out with supply orders, or upon special request. We only have 10,000 of the packets, so it is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The intent is to have individuals "take their best shot" and send the sheets in for evaluation. Each individual who mails in the evaluation sheets will receive a U.S. Shooting Team patch and information about local areas to practice or coaches in a particular discipline of interest. This may lead to progressively more advanced competitions. Individuals may qualify to compete in a State Junior Olympic match. Winners are invited to compete in USA Shooting's National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships held once a year at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Come on... "Take Your Best Shot."



Training

SURVIVAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

This group of instructors attended the workshop on Valentine's weekend at the YO Ranch near Mountain Home. Now that's dedication and an opportunity to survive, especially during family absences from spouses. The weather was great and afforded an opportunity to actually stay out under the stars. Kitty Haynes and Marty Robillard taught Orienteering and Eddie Starnater and Steve McAfee did a great job with survival skills and shelter building. Again, thanks to Bill and Bev Brummel for the great Dutch oven cooking demonstration, especially the "special cherry cobbler," peach cobbler, and the utensiless cooking lessons.



L-R: Tom Bass, Tamara Trail, Kittie Haynes, Heidi Husser and Kittie's son, James, help build a debris shelter during the Survival Workshop.

TRAPPING WORKSHOP

The Texas Trapper's and Fur Hunter's Association came to Camp Buckner and did a fantastic job again. President Bill Applegate prepared an agenda that included a lot of hands-on activities. Thanks so much to each individual that came and participated.



IBEP IN-SERVICE



These instructors recently attended an in-service (IBEP Powwow) held in Austin at TPW headquarters on February 27-28. All instructors are required to teach at least one IBEP course per year or attend an in-service workshop. Dwight Purvis, Texas IBEP State Chairman has already taken steps to ensure that we have sufficient training sessions around the state. IBEP student and instructor courses are scheduled for June 26-27, in Houston, and August 7-8 in San Angelo, Austin and Longview. Next year's first instructor Powwow is scheduled for the last weekend in February. The workshop is tentatively planned for Camp Buckner near Marble Falls.

MANDATORY IBEP

The following is a list of states and provinces that have mandated requirements for bowhunter education: Alaska, Connecticut, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wisconsin. 006918 In Canada: New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Quebec.

Frequently, we find the need to provide IBEP courses for Texans. Our state doesn't have mandated requirements, but it does have a national wildlife refuge where MANDATORY BOWHUNTER EDUCATION is required. It's the Hagerman Wildlife Refuge near Pottsboro. Anyone planning to hunt the area **MUST** have IBEP certification and prove proficiency at the refuge before being allowed to hunt.

Check out the IBEP newsletter included in this publication.

"BOYS IN THE WOODS"

You've heard about it...now see the actual video of "Bucky" the deer. This hilarious video is full of actual footage of not-too-bright poachers taking pot-shots at a the deer decoy...and realizing their mistake. Although it's a humorous look at a serious problem, the video illustrates Texas Parks and Wildlife's commitment to apprehending poachers and protecting our natural resources.

The video sells to the public for \$20 – but because it's a great tool for Hunter Education, it's only \$5 for instructors. To order your copy, send a check or money order for \$5 to: Operation Game Thief, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744. Be sure to include your name, instructor number, address, phone number, and indicate that you want "Boys in the Woods."

Operation Game Thief



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1-800-792-GAME**

Kudos, Kudos, Kudos!

Weldon Clement Receives National 4-H Award

Weldon Clement, Brazos County 4-H Leader and TPW Hunter Education Instructor, has been selected to receive one of six national designated awards for the 19th annual National 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Volunteer Leader Recognition Program for 1998. He was chosen based on a nomination from Texas, and is the only award recipient from Texas. Other recognized leaders are from Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Wyoming and Florida.

Weldon was nominated and chosen for this national honor because of his outstanding contributions to 4-H natural resources education and leadership. Weldon and his family have been active for many years in

the 4-H Field and Stream Program and Texas Parks and Wildlife's Hunter Education Program. He and his family have made almost every Wildlife Expo to volunteer their time at the 4-H Airgun event.

Weldon received an expense paid trip to attend, participate and be honored at the 64th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Burlingame, California in March. There he received an engraved plaque from Administrators of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service. Congratulations Weldon!

Travis Wehring Honored as "Instructor of the Month"

Seattle— Outdoor Empire's publication, *Hunter Education Instructor*, recently selected Houston Area Chief, Travis Wehring as January Instructor of the Month for 1999. He is a 53 year-old grandfather who got involved with Hunter Education about nine years ago. During that time, he became a Master Level Instructor and then an Area Chief. It's dedication to future generations that led him to become a Hunter Education instructor.

He is hailed as a Hunter Education minuteman. He keeps all his training equipment and materials in a 4' X 8' enclosed trailer and can go anywhere at a moment's notice. He currently conducts courses at Sheldon Lake Conservation Education Center where he conducts live firing exercises and skills trails during all of his regular courses. He

helped Park Superintendent, Robert Comstock develop this educational center to be used for all Parks and Wildlife educational efforts. He also set up the area as one of the "Home Study" testing sites for that part of the state and conducts regularly scheduled testing dates.

For all his efforts, Travis has sought no greater reward than that which he has already experienced many times: Being approached by one of his students, who simply tells him, "Thanks." In earning this recognition, Travis received a special engraved Harrington & Richardson 20-gauge shotgun, courtesy of H&R, 1871, Inc. Congratulations Travis!



Bernie Heer displays his trophy deer taken on Camp Bullis this past season. The buck was an 8 point with almost a 20-inch spread. Don't see the tag, so it must be under his hand...Congratulations Bernie!

Garland Area Chief, Mike Lochabay receives his 3000 point incentive award, a .54 cal., Knight, Inline muzzleloader, during the Ninth Annual Hunter Education Conference. Thanks to Knight Rifles, and Congratulations Mike!



Kudos, Kudos, Kudos!



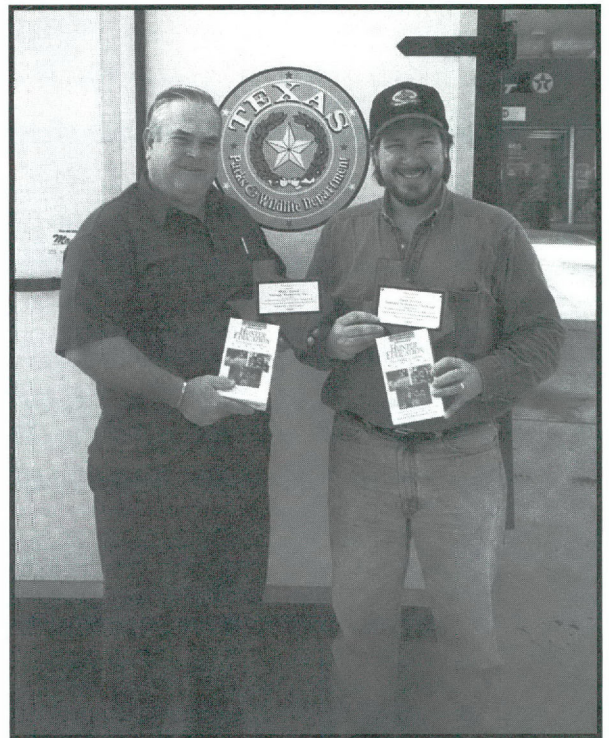
San Angelo Area Chief, Brock Minton, receives his 3000 point incentive award, a .50 cal., Thompson/Center Pennsylvania Carbine muzzleloader. Thanks to T/C Arms, Inc., and Congratulations Brock !



Amarillo Area Chief, Bill McCubbin receives his 3500 point incentive award, a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun. Thanks to Mossberg Firearms, and Congratulations Bill!



Terry Erwin presents Paul Clarence, Director of Marketing Administration with Winchester Ammunition, with a plaque during the SHOT Show in Atlanta for "Outstanding Support and Contributions to The Texas Hunter Education Program."



Dave Foster from Atlanta, GA, accepts a plaque on behalf of Pennzoil Bowhunter Challenge and Mike Tyrell of Vantage Marketing for "Outstanding Contributions to the Texas Hunter Education Program." Mike and Dave made significant contributions in the way of 3-D decoys and lodging arrangements while in Atlanta.007350

Hey folks, check this out!

Remember the **NEW** Scantron® forms we are distributing for use? The **new** form, 8 1/2" X 11" with **two** sides, has a perforated **Temporary Student Card** at the bottom. Well, some individuals refuse to give their SS# to put on the temporary card. **Don't worry about it. Just leave it blank.** It is a rare occasion that an individual will actually need to show the card, and when they do, they can produce the SS#. They may elect to add the number after receiving the card and leaving the class. If so, we are respecting their wishes and right to privacy. Besides, some youngsters don't even know their SS#.

NOTE: All information, except instructor signature, on the new temporary card must be printed in INK. After you print your instructor name, please sign your name beside the printed name, and write your instructor number under that area. The next set of forms will have a place for all the above information.

Our scanner is fully operational now, and we are well underway processing 1999 courses. Remember, if you have e-mail capability, and a PC that will accept Microsoft Access, I can e-mail you the Access format to enter your classes and then you can e-mail 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.

All 1998 classes that have been received have been entered. PLEASE try to make sure that all forms are corrected **BEFORE** you send them in; I spend 75% of my time correcting little mistakes. Things would go a lot faster if you look over the forms and make those corrections before mailing. (Even better is to have the students double-check their data before turning them in to you.)

Here are a few last things to remember... 1) Do **NOT** use a black marker on the forms, as it bleeds through and covers up spaces on the backside. 2) Do **NOT** staple the forms at all, as the scanner reads the staple holes. 3) Do **NOT** write anywhere on the forms except in designated areas. 4) If you do not have information for a specific area, i.e., SS#, leave the area **BLANK**, and do not draw a line through or "X" out any areas or whole boxes. The scanner reads every single dot, mark or smudge. 5) **Don't forget** to fill in the **scores, pass/fail, and instructor number**, and make sure that the forms are completed. Just wanted you to know what I have to contend with when the forms arrive. Thanks!

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

Kathy

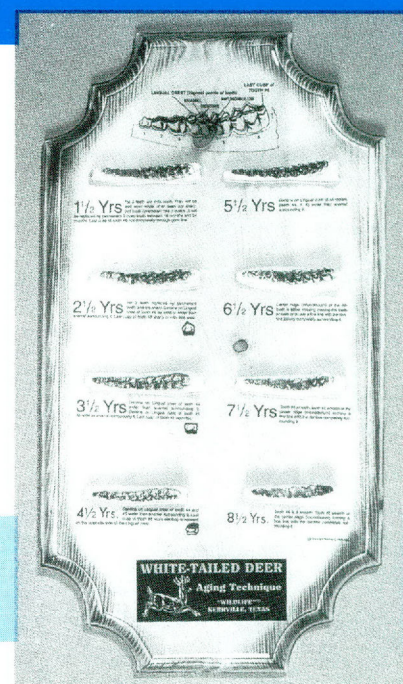
Teaching Tips

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Congratulations To All Of The Prize & Raffle Winners

The winners and categories for the prizes were: **Bob Ratcliff** won the "oldest instructor", **Brian Huckabay** won the "youngest instructor", **Thomas Shackelford** won the "instructor who drove the longest distance to the Powwow", **David Abraham** won the "instructor who drove the shortest distance to the Powwow", **Rick Holland** won the "instructor who had the largest class" and **Bob Alonzo** won the "instructor who held the most classes".

The raffle's were won by: **Mack Freeman** (Gametamer Tree Stand), **Millie Holland** (Morrell Mfg target), **Bob Ratcliff** (Gametamer Tree Stand), **Bob Alonzo** (Neverwear Archery target) and **Jimmie Caughron** (Gametamer Quad Pod).

Thanks to all of the following manufacturer's for their support:

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Neverwear Archery

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A Special Thank You

Thanks for everyone's hard work and effort to make this year's IBEP Powwow a big success. Your efforts have made the Texas IBEP program possible and will safeguard the future of bowhunting for everyone.

IBEP of Texas Pencils

Enclosed with every order of IBEP material will be pencils to be passed out to the students who are attending the IBEP course.

IBEP of Texas Bumper Stickers

Also enclosed with every order of material are bumper stickers to be passed out to the students who are attending the IBEP course.

NBEF Office HAS Moved

As of 11 March 99, the NBEF office has moved to Townsend, MT. The new phone number is (406) 266-3237.

Next Year's Annual Powwow

The 3rd Annual Powwow is planned for the last weekend in February 2000. Watch for details in future issues.

'99 IBEP Workshops

Please notify Dwight Purvis as you schedule Student and Instructor classes

Remember, we need a minimum of one week's advance notice to insure shipment of materials to you.

Just A Reminder...

You can reach your Texas Chairman, Dwight Purvis at (817) 295-3805 or by e-mail: toxophilus@juno.com

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