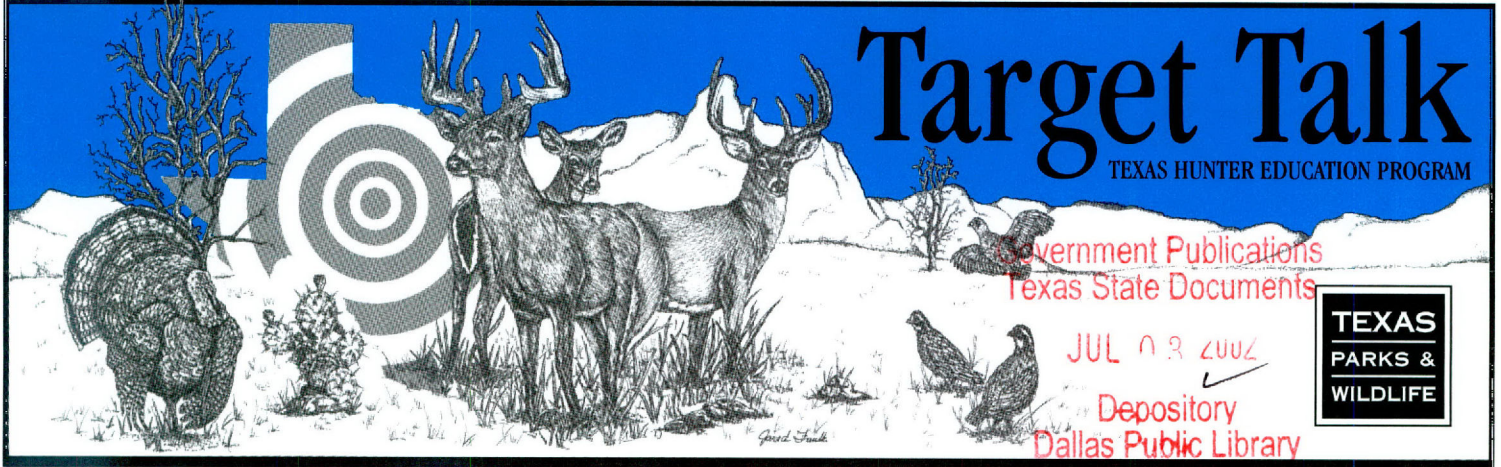


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## Editor's CORNER

The Holiday Season is fast approaching, now that Thanksgiving has already come and gone. Do we have something to be thankful for? Yes, we certainly do. We have our health, our families, our freedom, and a country to be proud of, no matter what happens. Americans recently united in a way that has never before been seen in our history. No one could have felt any more sorrow on September 11, than those who lost loved ones during those horrible incidents. However, we must remember that life will continue, we will prevail, and time will help heal all the hurt that resulted on that day. If we keep all those who were lost in our thoughts and prayers, it should help strengthen us to overcome any adversities that might be forthcoming, whatever they might be.

In the upcoming year, try to set forth an attitude that no matter what happens, you will **“do well your part, for there all honor lies.”** I was told this many years ago, and have tried to do the best I could to live up to it. Sometimes it is very difficult, but perhaps we could all learn from it. Think about it, and give it a try. You just might feel better about yourself.

We will hire two new Assistant Hunter Education Coordinators to cover West and South Texas. Possibly, by the time you read this newsletter, we will be well on our way to having them selected. Recruiting more women and minorities, and training them as new instructors is our focus this year. Now is the time for each of you to recruit addi-

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## Former Game Warden Named TPW Law Enforcement Director

Jim Stinebaugh of Castroville has been selected as the new Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) Law Enforcement Director, according to Andrew Sansom, TPW executive director. Stinebaugh brings 33 years of law enforcement experience to the job, including four years with TPW as a field game warden and 27 years as a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) federal agent. After a four-year stint in the U.S. Marines, Stinebaugh started his law enforcement career as a game warden in Freer from 1967-1969 and in San Saba from 1969-1971.



“I worked South Texas in the days before high fences and computers,” Stinebaugh said. “Life as a game warden was simpler then, but times are changing, and I think they’re exciting times, and I look forward to getting back into it.”

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## Editor's CORNER, continued

tional teaching partners, help them get certified and begin teaching our youth about what this country has to offer. I issue this challenge to each of you to find at least one new instructor in your area. I also issue a challenge to each Area Chief, or team, to hold at least two Program Orientation training courses in 2002. Look out there and see if there is a neighbor or friend you would like to have help you teach hunter education, and go get 'em!

In the last issue of *Target Talk*, we placed ten more instructors ID numbers among the pages, but as yet, only three instructors (**Fred Chaney, Gerald Chapman and Billy Holt**) have found their number and claimed their prize. **There are still two game wardens, two professional educators, and three volunteers who haven't found their numbers.** Should we continue, or just try something else to get readership up? Oh, what the heck, we'll do it one more time and see what happens. If you find your ID number among the following pages, please contact Kathy Powell to have your special prize mailed to you. **And yes, if you go back and find your ID number in the last issue, we will honor that, too.**

## Stinebaugh, continued

Although he then pulled two years with the U.S. Border Patrol from 1971-1973, Stinebaugh is probably best known for his 27-year career from 1973-2000 as an enforcement agent with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For most of that time, he was in San Antonio or Fort Worth, where he worked closely with TPW on many cases. 12449

"I look forward to going back to work with Texas Parks and Wildlife and helping Texas game wardens move into the 21st century," Stinebaugh said. "TPW has an excellent law enforcement division and I very much look forward to working with them and all the other divisions as well."

Stinebaugh retired from federal service at age 57 last year, and was recruited by the Exotic Wildlife Association in Kerrville to be

We will hand out incentive awards at the THEIA Annual Conference in March. It will be held in Rosenberg, near Houston on March 1-3, 2002. **See the enclosed registration form with this packet. We will celebrate 30 years of Hunter Education in Texas.** Please have all your classes in by the first week of January for processing so we can roll over the points and tally them up. **Remember, you have seven (7) days to submit paperwork for processing, so let's get those classes in the mail.**

Kathy Powell has some important information in "Kathy's Korner" of this issue, so be sure and read closely. We know you all have the greatest of intentions, and sometimes forget to attend to the little things. Just continue to do your very best and make us all proud of what we have accomplished over the last 30 years.

Thank you all for your support, and the many hours of tireless giving to a cause we all believe in. Keep up the great work, and let us know if we can help in any way. Have a Merry Christmas and a very special Happy New Year.

its executive director. He left that role to lead TPW law enforcement in mid-September.

"Jim Stinebaugh is one of the most distinguished conservation law enforcement officers in the United States," Sansom said. "As a former Texas game warden, he is one of our own who also brings the invaluable perspective gained as a senior officer of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service." After a nationwide search, TPW interviewed seven out of 19 qualified applicants for the position, including interviews with four current employees.

"I know Jim personally, I think everyone will enjoy working with him, and I'm looking forward to him coming on board," said Roy Lawrence, TPW director of field operations, one of the four internal candidates.

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# Wildlife Expo's 10th Anniversary a Success

Marshall Teague, actor and special Expo guest celebrity, is shown assisting this young man at the Bowhunter Challenge event during the Expo activities. The young man came in and said, "They say I cannot shoot a bow, and I want to prove that I can, will you help me?" Marshall told him that he would work with him until he was successful. The young man achieved two bull's eyes after some excellent help from Marshall.

Lunch on Saturday and Sunday was the best we have had in the last several years. **Arby's of Central Texas** provided their new "Market Fresh" sandwich in a boxed lunch with chips, pickle, apple, and a Grandma's Cookie. **Thanks to the Texas Hunter Education Instructors' Association (THEIA) for, once again, providing funding for the sandwiches and drinks on Saturday and Sunday, and also a \$500 Wildlife Expo scholarship.**



**"They say I cannot shoot a bow, and I want to prove that I can, will you help me?"**

The Tenth Annual Texas Wildlife Expo was another huge success! A total of 43,611 individuals enjoyed the two-day event held at TPW Headquarters in Austin. The shooting events recorded the second highest numbers on record. 004496 The weather was cold on Saturday morning, which probably hampered the opening attendance. We had a total of **16,973** participants in the following categories: Muzzleloading - 1,888; 4-H Airgun - 1,227; N.R.A. (National Rifle Association) Airgun - 1,107; DART Interactive Video System - 770; "Shoot Where You Look" Airgun - 1,910; Horton Crossbow - 1,102; Bowhunter Challenge 3-D Shoot - 410; L.S.B.A. (Lone Star Bowhunters Association) Archery - 3,075; Winchester Mobile .22 Range - 1,680; Winchester 5-Stand - 501; Youth/Women Shotgun - 1,715; TPW 5-Stand - 778; and Laser Shot Virtual Hunting had 810.



10TH GREAT YEAR IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

A special thanks goes to the Dallas Arms Collector's Association, Inc. for coming forth and sponsoring the Muzzleloading shooting area. They purchased six new CVA In-Line rifles and provided almost all the equipment to run the black powder area.

We hope you will consider helping again next year. It turned out to be a beautiful weekend in 2001, one which we hope we can duplicate in 2002. All instructors received 25 points for working on Saturday and 25 more points for working on Sunday. We couldn't have asked for more support, as all of you gave your best. Some areas, as usual, needed help on Sunday afternoon, but with a little last-minute shuffling, we made it again. **Thank you all so much !!**



# IHEA Dream Hunt Marks 11th Anniversary

Next year, you just might have a chance to go on another real plantation quail hunt in Southern Georgia, because this year's hunt is history. That's right, we just finished the Eleventh Annual IHEA "Dream Hunt." A special thanks to Wayne Pearson, host of *Ultimate Outdoors* as seen on ESPN-2, for continuing to make this year's IHEA "Dream Hunt" a special 11th Anniversary event. This could be the experience of a lifetime for each participant, because it was filmed and will be shown on ESPN-2 next summer!

Little did they know when they took the hunter education course, the following students would go on their "Dream Hunt" of a lifetime. These youngsters made up one of the most polite groups ever to attend the hunts. Plantation owner, Gene Bishop, and staff commented on how great the group was, and offered to host the "Dream Hunt" next year at the same location. Gene also commented, "With all the terrorist activities, and turmoil going on in our nation, I am satisfied that we will continue the hunting heritage because of youngsters like this." Gene continued with, "They are truly a credit to the youth of today, and are to be admired and congratulated." He also said, "The instructors who taught these young hunters are also to be congratulated for doing such a tremendous job, and the parents should be equally proud of each one of them." 006791

Vickie Southard was drawn from Oklahoma and is the second female instructor to attend the hunts. She was "Instructor of the Year" for the past two years in Oklahoma, according to J.D. Peer, Hunter Education Coordinator. Congratulations Vickie!

Instructors should remind their students to send in their entry card found in the back of the Hunter's Handbook, provided by the Focus Group, Inc. Any entries received after September 1, 2001 will go into next year's drawing. Instructors may use the same entry card, but fill out the instructor information only. Congratulations to all the winners!



*Pictured are (Front row L-R) Malcolm Simmons, Frostburg, MD; Instructor, Vicki Southard, Tuttle, OK; Jonathan Currie, (chaperone for Mitchell Brewer) New Brunswick, Canada; Mitchell Brewer, New Brunswick, Canada; (Second row L-R) Robert Wilt, Frostburg MD, (chaperone for Malcolm Simmons); Travis Woods, Hahira, GA; Dr. Allen Woods, Hahira, GA; (Third row L-R) Hunter Allen, Collierville, TN; Christophe Blanc, Austin, TX; Chris step-father, D.D. Dorris, Austin, TX; and Wayne Pearson, Nashville, GA; (Fourth row L-R) Terry Erwin, TX, (IHEA Dream Hunt Coordinator); Milton Allen, Collierville, TN; Daniel Brohl, Jacksonville, FL; Ronald Brohl, Jacksonville, FL.*

## Hunter Education at Parrie Haynes Ranch

*By Kitty Haynes*

Want a captive audience? Want all the food you can eat? Want to try out a new teaching style or lesson plan? Are you a new instructor who wants to start to teach, but aren't quite ready for the responsibility of a full class?

Then how about giving Parrie Haynes Youth Ranch a try? PHR is located about an hour north of Austin and is operated by Texas

Parks & Wildlife. It is a 4,000+-acre ranch that is open year round. During the summer, youth groups attend 1-week sessions and are given training in Hunter Education, Boater Education and Angler Education.

The teaching is both challenging and rewarding. During most of the weeks, the kids are accompanied by Game Wardens who also help teach. PHR is a wonderful

opportunity to assist both Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Hunter Education program. It's an excellent chance to develop team teaching skills as well as presentation skills by working with an experienced instructor. So, reserve a couple days next summer to teach at PHR.

If interested, contact the TPW office at 1-800-792-1112 + 63.



# 2001 IHEA Dream Hunt

By Christophe Blanc

Hunting requires getting up early, always being safe and giving it your best shot. Even though I was up and partially awake at 5:30 AM on a school day, my things were packed and I realize it was the start of a real dream. It was a prize, sponsored by the International Hunter Education Association, a chance of a lifetime to go on a quail hunt in southern Georgia, and I got to take along my stepfather, D.D. Dorris. I knew how fortunate I was to be able to experience such a dream.

As the time drew closer to departure for a flight to Albany, Georgia, my excitement continued to rise. We boarded a flight in Austin, Texas, arrived in Atlanta, changed planes and continued on to Albany. Upon arrival, Gary, who is one of the guides from Southern Woods Plantation, met us.



It all began when I lived in St. Louis, Missouri. I took my hunter education course given by the Missouri Department of Conservation. I had filled out the entry card found in the **Hunter's Handbook**, for the 2001 IHEA Dream Hunt. It read "How about a chance to go on a real plantation quail hunt in southern Georgia?" I sent it as soon as I could with hopes of winning, but never dreamed it could actually happen. Shortly after sending in the card for the drawing, I moved to Austin, Texas. Somehow, they found me by my forwarding address. Thanks U.S. Postal Service!

We were driven from the airport to the plantation, which took about 45 minutes. The place looked like one of those big houses you see on movies during the old cotton plantation days. We actually saw some cotton fields on the way there. The lodge is located on about 2000 acres covered with pine and hardwood trees. As soon as we stepped inside, I was impressed by all of my surroundings.

The house was like a palace. It has a dining room for sixteen people, a kitchen where the chiefs prepared some very exceptional meals, which made your taste buds melt. There was also a huge trophy room with different types of exotic animals from the U.S. and Africa. There was hippopotamus, wildebeest, eland, kudu, impalas, Cape buffalo, crocodile, zebra, fallow deer, big white-tailed bucks, fox, bobcat and even a black bear. It is so luxurious that even the lamps are decorated with antlers that have been carved with different designs. There are 6 bedrooms upstairs and 1 downstairs, a poolroom, an entertainment refreshment area, and a family room next to it. All in total, it has over 8000 square feet. There was a guesthouse out back that would house an additional sixteen individuals.

We arrived Thursday, Nov. 8, and got acquainted with everybody and relaxed until dinner. All the participants were around the same age. We were served a big juicy, rib eye steak with a baked potato and salad. After dinner, we had a safety presentation, which included a video on how to safely hunt with dogs and other information regarding the rules of the plantation.

Christmas came early. During the evening, we received a large duffel bag, with complete hunting attire, including shirt, pants, belt, socks, and boots, vest, hat, and coat compliments of **L.L. Bean**. Also included in the bag was an **Otis Technologies** gun cleaning kit and shooting glasses. We were then presented a new Winchester Model 1300, 20-gauge shotgun, compliments of **U.S. Repeating Arms/Browning**, with an **L.L. Bean** aluminum gun case. Wow, what a treat! After all these big surprises, I was so excited, but soon had to be off to bed for a fun filled day of hunting ahead.

Like I said, hunting requires getting up early, right? Well, 5:50 AM was good enough for me. It started off with a good, hearty breakfast and then some safety tips from Wayne Pearson, and practice at the trap range. Afterwards, when the guides and dogs arrived, we departed for the hunting grounds. The neat thing about this hunting trip was that you were filmed by the camera crew from "**Ultimate Outdoors**" with **Wayne Pearson**, as seen on **ESPN-2**, and this program will air in the summer of '02. After a great morning hunt we headed back for lunch and then rested for an hour or so until the next outing. The afternoon hunt was just as great. That night our dinner was deep fried quail with cream gravy and all the trimmings. Good thing we were able to harvest some fast-flying quail. The meal was so good that when it vanished you just wanted to go out and hunt some more.



## 2001 IHEA Dream Hunt, continued

The second day came quicker than the first, or so it seemed to me. Saturday was, again, a morning and afternoon hunt. I did fairly well, and took some good birds. It was such a treat to watch the dogs work and point those quail. For dinner, we had some delicious and tender grilled chicken with coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, and a very good pecan pie made from scratch. After dinner, we headed out to the lighted trap range for some more practice. I shot a good 200 shells with a lot of doubles and one triple. What a way to wind down a trip.

We had an early flight to catch so we packed and loaded the van that night. We were up at 3:15 AM for a 45-minute drive to the airport and a 2-hour check in time to make a 6:05 flight departure. It was not so bad considering the time it took to board the aircraft. Security was so tight they even took my hat through the X-ray, checked me with the wand and patted me down. This was not a bad thing, considering what all has happened lately, but they did that to almost everybody, therefore we had a late departure.


The flight back home was uneventful and the weather was clear. The sad part is that as soon as we landed in Austin it was back to reality. Trust me, for the rest of my life, I will never forget about this trip, because I enjoyed every minute of it. I encourage all the young students to take the hunter education course and to enter the drawing, and I wish them good luck for a chance to go on the next one. Send in those cards, because it is much better to sit back and see first hand than to just wish about going.


I would like to say thank you to the **International Hunter Education Association** for having this hunt, the **Southern Woods Plantation** staff and owner, **Gene Bishop**, for their hard work and for hosting the hunt, and the **W.P. Productions** staff for their time and effort. Especially, I would like to thank **Mr. Wayne Pearson**. Thank you L.L. Bean, U.S. Repeating Arms/Browning, Winchester Ammo, and Dodge Truck Outfitters. You really helped make my "Dream Hunt" come true.

## Hunting Regulation Errors Noted in Outdoor Annual


AUSTIN, Texas – Hunters will notice a change in the way game regulations are presented in this year's 2001-2002 Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual. What they might not notice are a few errors that appear in the booklet.


"To ensure hunters and anglers are legal in the field," states David Sinclair, TPW director of wildlife enforcement, "Sportsmen should be aware there are a few cases of inaccurate information in the new Outdoor Annual." The following revisions should be noted before going a field this fall: 005084

 Some counties in the one-buck-only zones were incorrectly noted in text appearing with a statewide map listing of white-tailed deer regulations. Instead of the repetitive and lengthy text listing of hunting regulations for each of Texas' 254 counties that has appeared in the Outdoor Annual for years, TPW created a common alphabetic key system with accompanying maps. The one-buck-only counties that are divided into West and East zones should include counties labeled B, C, D, E, F, G, I, L, and M.

 In the section outlining general season white-tailed deer regulations for D counties, hunters in Grayson County

should be aware that antlerless deer may be taken by Managed Land Deer permits only, except on the Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. No antlerless permit is required for Williamson County (west of Interstate 35) or McLennan County, unless MLD permits have been issued.

 In the section outlining general season white-tailed deer regulations for F counties, which include the East Zone one-buck-only counties of Cass, Harrison, Marion, Nacogdoches, Panola, Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby, hunters should be aware that doe days begin Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 22, 2001) and run through Sunday, November 25, 2001, not Nov. 7 as indicated in the guide.

 In the section outlining white-tailed deer regulations for K counties – Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell and portions of Upton counties – hunters should note that during the general season antlerless deer may be taken without an antlerless permit unless MLD antlerless permits have been issued for the property.



# TPW Unveils Possible Regulations Changes

AUSTIN, Texas – Texas Parks and Wildlife is pondering some changes and wants to know what you think about topics like eliminating the requirement to keep the head of a harvested whitetail deer to prove whether it was a buck or a doe. Agency staff briefed the Regulations Committee of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Wednesday, Nov. 7, on a series of issues that could result in changes to hunting and fishing regulations next year. Each year, TPW considers changes in hunting and fishing regulations to achieve resource management objectives and maximize outdoor recreation opportunities.

The regulatory review process begins each fall after resource assessments by biologists and game wardens as well as independent recommendations received from various groups. During this portion of the process, TPW gathers public input and weighs the biological implications of each issue before presenting the commission a set of proposed regulation changes in January. Additional discourse is sought during special public meetings in the spring, and the commission at its April meeting determines the final regulation changes. 12954

This year, TPW will ask the public for comment on a variety of fish and wildlife issues based on the common themes of increased opportunity, rule simplification and resource enhancement. Among the issues are:

The agency is looking at a variety of issues for white-tailed deer, including:

**Proof of Sex** – Eliminating the requirement that the unskinned head of a harvested whitetail remain attached to the buck or doe for purposes of proof of sex. 007805

**Use of Dogs** – Rescinding a prohibition of the use of dogs to trail wounded deer in 14 counties in Northeast Texas.

**Youth Season Rules** – Modifying the late youth-only season

in counties where no other seasons are open to require a permit for harvesting antlerless deer if such a permit is required during the general season.

**Spike Buck Harvest** – Making Level II Managed Lands Deer buck permits valid for spike-antlered bucks from the Saturday closest to Sept. 30 through the first day of the general season. The proposal is intended to accommodate honest mistakes by hunters targeting antlerless deer.

**Archery Harvest** – Allowing harvest of bucks by means of archery during the archery-only open season on Level II Managed Lands Deer properties. Currently, buck deer may be harvested on these properties during the general season or before permits have been issued.

**Doe Days** – Increasing the number of doe days in 17 Panhandle counties from 16 days. A possible change would create doe days from opening day of the general season through the first Sunday following Thanksgiving.

**Special Buck Rules** – Creating an experimental regulation in Austin, Colorado, Lavaca, Fayette, Lee and Washington counties that would define a legal buck as having at least one unbranched antler, one antler with six or more points or an inside spread measurement of 13 inches or greater.

Wildlife officials are also looking at a couple of issues involving turkey:

**Rio Grande Turkey** – Providing a fall hunting season in Hill County.

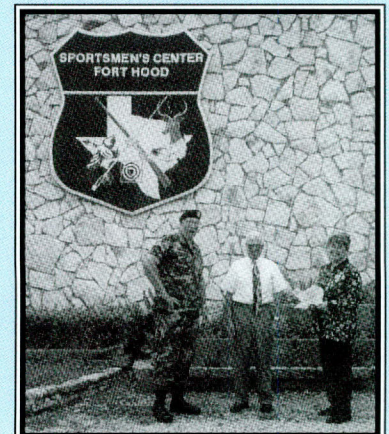
**Eastern Turkey** – Providing a spring hunting season in Brazoria, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton counties.

Public comment on these issues and others of interest may be made to TPW, Attn. Robert Macdonald, 4200 Smith School Road, 78744, or by phoning (800) 792-1112 and on the Internet – [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us).

## Kudos

### Fort Hood Recognized for Supporting Hunter Education

Area Chief, Bob Ratcliff presents a special recognition plaque to Judy Johnson, Manager of the Sportsman's Center, and Colonel Johnson, Deputy Commander for Community Activities on Fort Hood for supporting Hunter Education activities over the past fifteen years. Classes have been taught there over the years by instructors in the area, or who have been stationed at Fort Hood.



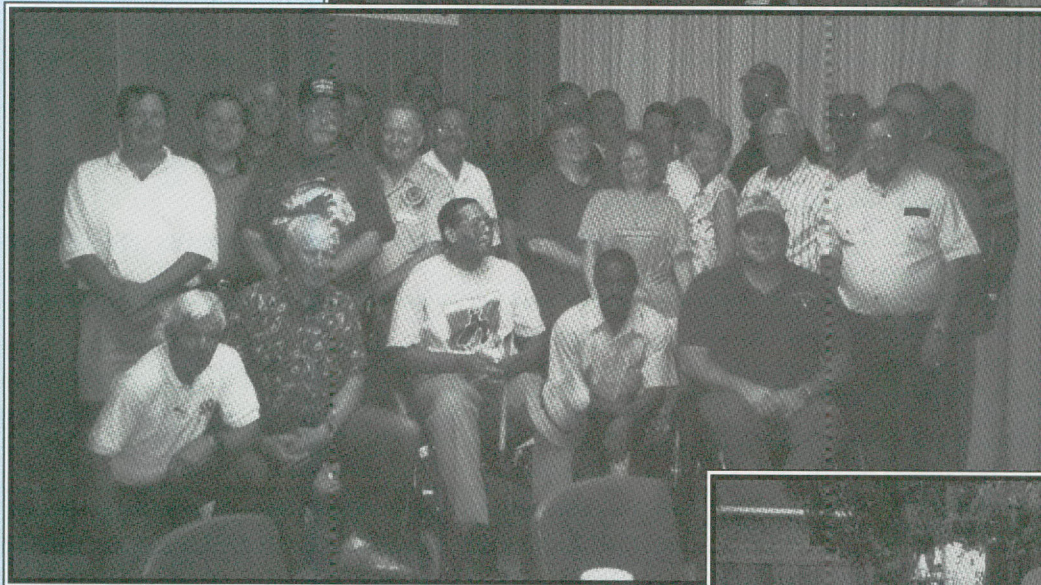


# Training Efforts and Workshops

Look in this issue of *Target Talk* and fill out your workshop schedule and mail it in. Remember, it does not commit you to attend, but guarantees you will receive information on upcoming workshops. We have some new and exciting ones lined up for 2002.

## Ethics Workshops

Instructors attended an Ethics workshop at Kurth Lake in Lufkin on August 4-5. Thanks for all the dedicated hard work of Area Chief, Donald Carrol, for arranging the facility.



Well, for those of you who could not attend our Austin area Ethics workshop, you missed another chance to hear Jim Posewitz from Montana. He returned and presented an excellent program. Game Warden Rod Chalmers was at his best, and although he was recovering from hip surgery, he managed to provide updates on all the law changes that came out in the new *Outdoor Annual*.

And, you missed one heck of a barbeque after the workshop on Saturday night.

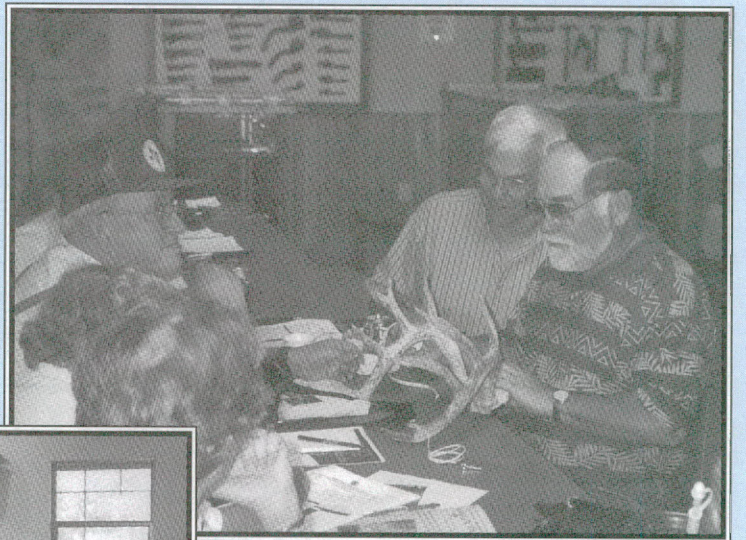




## White-tailed Workshop at Seguin Learning Center

Shane Whisenant, Texas Cooperative Extension Hunter Education Specialist, did an outstanding job putting together this workshop with the help of Tamara Trail, Education Director for Texas Wildlife Association. Rodney Marburger, founder of Wildlife Enterprises out of Kerrville, was available and did a presentation on deer aging with a handy pocket jaw bone aging tool, and he gave each participant a pocket aging tool while there. He has also developed a series of photos for aging deer on the hoof. Wildlife Research Center provided an exceptional box of items for each participant including scent blocker soap, doe scents with scent pads, and informational booklets.

These instructors received tips on scoring antlers for the Big Game Awards from David Brimager, (not in photo) Texas Wildlife Association Big Game Award Coordinator.



Dave Richards, with Gary Grant Sales, was on hand to do presentations on deer communication, vocal and non-vocal, and calling and rattling demonstrations. He brought Haydel grunt calls for each participant. Thanks for providing the great information and special calls. Hope instructors use them to call up a "big one."



## Wildlife Management/Conservation Workshop at Kerr WMA

Gene Fuchs, Mitch Lockwood and Bill Armstrong gave outstanding presentations and a tour of the Kerr WMA. Participants got a first-hand look at the "world's best deer study laboratory" and learned how it operates.





# Welcome New Instructors

Cody W. White  
Travis L. Davis  
Krandell Y. Chew  
Jimmie W. Daw Jr  
William E. Clauss  
Patrick F. Gildea  
Gustavo A. Calzada  
Troy R. Patton  
Alan D. Reed  
Annette M. Cleveland  
Jessica M. Bogart  
Susie N. Hearron  
Myron W. Uecker  
Amy S. Hartman  
Jacob B. Mills  
Felix J. Smith  
Rick W. Vaculin  
Luis Cortinas  
Brian S. Statler  
James S. Phillips  
Mike Stephenson  
Kenna N. Brzozowski  
Jeanette L. Hammonds  
Wayne L. Boultinghouse  
Christine A. McCulloch  
Paul D. Milligan  
Norman L. Pepper  
Hubert G. Collins Sr

Del Rio  
Brownwood  
El Paso  
El Paso  
Corpus Christi  
El Paso  
El Paso  
Taft  
Holliday  
Dublin  
Los Fresnos  
Mt Pleasant  
Bloomington  
Rockdale  
Granbury  
Village Mills  
Rockdale  
El Paso  
Granbury  
Midland  
Gouldbusk  
Gonzales  
Keller  
Lampasas  
Pflugerville  
Katy  
Vidor  
Killeen

## August

Timothy R. Conn  
Shawn R. Ferguson  
Randy L. Shaw  
Michael D. Gann  
Glen Hinshaw III  
Waylon W. Sheffield  
Terry W. Vinson  
Cara S. Langley  
Gary J. Waitman  
Keith E. Hawkins  
Gene E. Helmle  
James L. Kiser  
Jamie D. Haynes  
Robert C. Kenyan  
Ramon C. Ramirez  
Stanley E. Holmes  
George B. Kuhn  
Jose J. Barrera  
Reyes L. Cortez

Orange  
Quanah  
Cedar Hill  
Meridian  
Palestine  
Spring  
Los Fresnos  
Merkel  
Burkburnett  
Woodville  
Uvalde  
Poteet  
Houston  
Del Valle  
Uvalde  
The Woodlands  
McAllen  
Edinburg  
Mission

William L. Ryan  
Baldemar J. Cano  
Charles F. Doria  
Gumaro Guzman  
Jose A. Martinez  
Cesar I. Pedraza  
Andres Escobar  
Agustin Valdez  
Neil M. Westerman  
Rolando Mendoza  
Michael T. Wingard  
Francisco R. Parada  
Patricia L. Pedraza  
Santiago Benavidez  
Thomas J. Jimerson Jr  
Michael L. Williams  
Debbie A. Brenzovich  
George T. Brenzovich

## September

Jose A. Corona  
Ashley L. Dees  
James S. Harlin  
Jared W. Doughty  
Jacob T. Tiemann  
Travis A. Kersten  
Melissa A. Nickell  
Jeffrey A. Cernosek  
Lori E. Rempe  
Michael S. Rempe  
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Ralph K. Bottom Jr  
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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Greetings Fellow Instructors:

I had the opportunity to participate with this year's NRA International YHEC competition at the Whittington center in Raton, New Mexico. It was a great experience and I recommend that everyone who can, try to make it to at least one of these competitions.

Texas was well represented with young competitors and adult volunteers. I won't mention all those who attended for fear of missing someone. The accommodations and scenery were great and we couldn't have been treated better.

By the time this is printed the Wildlife EXPO '01 will be history. To those of you who helped, I offer a great big "Thanks." Texas Parks and Wildlife will tell you they couldn't do it without the help of the many volunteers. Again, thank you for your help.

As you know THEIA was able to support the top three competitors in each class for the International YHEC this year. We could support two full, five-person teams if we all go out and beat the bushes for some sponsors for these kids. I was able to get \$900 on my own and I'm not a super salesman. Please help me out and see what you can do.

I am in the process of updating next year's YHEC procedure book. I hope to get it ready by the end of October. I want to thank Billy Whitfield, Russ Greiner, and Betty Allen for their input.

This year's THEIA Conference will be held the weekend of March 2-3, 2002, in Rosenberg. A lot of lard work is being done to make this year's conference the best ever. It can be, only with your support. Let's all make a special effort to be there to show Kitty and Heidi we appreciate their efforts.

I'll close by wishing you all a very special holiday greeting and best wishes for the New Year.

Your President,

*Bernie Heer*



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## **THEIA EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

March 2-3, 2002 THEIA ANNUAL MEETING in Rosenberg. Contact Kitty Haynes ([kittyhaynes@earthlink.net](mailto:kittyhaynes@earthlink.net)) or Heidi Rao ([heidi.rao@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:heidi.rao@tpwd.state.tx.us))

May 4-5, 2002, Texas Youth Hunter Education Challenge at Parrie Haynes Youth Ranch  
May is also the time of year for the Western States Instructor Rendezvous. Instructors workshops, coordinator's training and regional attractions draw instructors from across the country.

June, 2002 International Hunter Education Association Convention in St. Louis Missouri  
EXPO 2002! - at Parks and Wildlife Headquarters in Austin.

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## **THEIA THANK YOU! to...**

All the Instructors who helped make EXPO '01 another success.

The YHEC team, coaches, and parents who spent untold hours getting the team ready and getting the team to the competition at Raton, New Mexico. See you all in May, 2002 at Parry Haynes Ranch for the State YHEC competition.

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## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

This coming spring students will be seeking financial aid for post-high school training and education. The following are two sources you can share with family, friends, even students in your classes who might be interested.

### **EXPO Conservation Scholarship Fund**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation may be reached by telephone at 214-720-3864 to verify current scholarships and applications for same.

### **Texas Wildlife Association**

THEIA is not the only organization granting scholarships to interested students. Texas Wildlife Association will be presenting as many as 24 scholarships to young men and women interested in studying to work in conservation, range management, and wildlife management. High school seniors and college freshmen are eligible for scholarships in the amount \$500.

To see if your student is eligible, check out the Texas Big Game Awards website [www.texasbiggameawards.com](http://www.texasbiggameawards.com) for scholarship forms. Deadline for applicants in the Trans-Pecos Region should be near April 1, 2002 and about July 1, 2002 for the rest of Texas. For more information you may also contact David Brimager at (800) 839-9453, ext 114.

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## **ANIMAL HEALTH ISSUES**

An outbreak of anthrax in the Edwards, Val Verde, Uvalde, Kinney, Real and western Bandera counties this past summer woke many of us up to the reality of deadly diseases in our own back yards and not "in Wyoming or Europe." While anthrax is endemic, that is it occurs naturally and regularly in this region of western Texas, it still should give us pause for concern. At least three ranchers and cattle handlers developed symptoms of the disease. It can prove fatal to humans if not treated.

Periods of cool, wet weather, followed by several weeks of hot, dry conditions allow the anthrax bacteria bloom and rise to the soil's surface, where it contaminates soil and grass. Grazing animals then ingest the spores and are usually in the last stages of the disease when it is noticed. Cool weather stops the "bloom" and the decline of the disease for another few years.



# 2002 HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOPS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming hunter education workshops. Due to an increased interest in the workshops, we have scheduled additional programs in different areas of the state. The Assistant Hunter Education Coordinators and Area Chiefs will host most of these workshops. Again, our goal is that each volunteer instructor, professional educator and game warden attend at least one of these workshops.

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

A number of well-qualified individuals, such as biologists, game wardens, land managers and Hunter Education instructors will be on hand to assist with the new knowl-

edge and training in each of the workshops. Like you, these folks volunteer their time and expertise to pass on the necessary information used to effectively educate hunters, as well as other outdoor users, to be safe, responsible, knowledgeable and involved.

## GENERAL FORMAT INFORMATION

### The hours are:

**Friday 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

(NRA & Some Houston-based Program Orientation)

**Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Theory, Classroom Exercises, and Teaching Techniques  
(NRA will extend until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday)

**Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon** Field Exercises

### Registration, Lodging & Meals

Once you decide which workshops you plan to attend, or would like information on, complete the attached registration card and return it to Austin. Information cannot be

mailed out if the sign-up forms are not returned. This does not commit you to a given workshop, but it does assure that you will receive an information packet for that workshop. The Austin staff will send specific information on reservations, lodging, meals, directions and agenda items about four to six weeks prior to each workshop. Don't put it off—mail it today!

### Other Reminders

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

For more information, please call 1-800-792-1112 + 63 or (512) 389-8142. We will do all we can to see that you have successful workshops and that you go away with a sense of accomplishment and increased knowledge. We look forward to seeing you at the 2002 workshops. Be Safe!

## 2002 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

### Program Orientation/Standards/ Home Study Field Activities

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

The new "Home Study" plus "Hunter Skills" testing program provides an alternate method of delivery for those students,

who, for what ever reason, are unable to attend a regularly structured course. Final certification requires one day of field activities where students come to a designated location and complete a session on hunter responsibility, game laws and ethics, a live-firing exercises, a skills trail, review and written exam. We will continue to train individuals and teams of instructors across the state to set up these testing sites and conduct these popular field exercises.

### Home Study ONLY Update

This update workshop is for those instructors who have already taken the Standards of Live Fire and Hunter Skills Trail workshop. Anyone who has previously taken this workshop will be eligible to attend this one-day session to become Home Study certified and qualified to administer the Home Study testing session. We are looking forward to training and assisting instructors in this hands-on testing method.

### Outdoor Skills/Survival

This workshop gives participants hands-on experience in situations and exercises including map and compass use, fire starting techniques, shelter building, outdoor cooking and desert/mountain survival. Participants experience a "camp-out" reviewing the materials learned that day. Be prepared for a great outdoor experience with adequate needs rather than luxurious facilities. This workshop is not to survive, but to teach "how to" techniques.

### Muzzleloading & Archery

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



# 2002 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS, continued

## Rifle, Shotgun and Handgun

These workshops are conducted by Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Training Teams and NRA Training Counselors who offer NRA instructor certifications in each of the above disciplines. However, each participant may be certified in only one of the three disciplines at a time, and will receive muzzleloading training during that session. Each discipline is limited to 25 participants and is on a first-come first-serve basis. When registering, please indicate on the form the discipline in which you wish to be certified. Training Counselors offer the same NRA training, but only one discipline at a time on a given weekend, with muzzleloading being an additional weekend session of training. NRA certification is strictly up to each individual, and is the sole responsibility of the individual.

## Responsibility, Game Laws and Ethics

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

## Wildlife Management/Conservation

Texas Parks and Wildlife staff plan to give participants an overview of wildlife management/conservation of game and non-game species. A tour of the Kerr WMA and Gene Howe WMA is planned, and professional biologists will be prepared to answer questions concerning the department's efforts across the state. These workshops have been attended by many individuals and lauded as the best ever given on this topic. A new workshop is in the Panhandle so folks will not have to travel so far.

## ADVANCED IN-SERVICE WORKSHOPS

### First Aid/CPR

This workshop will be provided by an American Heart Assn./National Safety Council CPR and First Aid Instructor. The course will consist of a choice in AHA adult, child, or infant CPR and choking and Basic First Aid using the AHA/NSC First Aid curriculum. These include an AHA-CPR certification card and a Woodlands Fire Dept. Basic First Aid certification card, which is recognized by state agencies. Come learn these skills and be ready in the event they are ever needed.

### Texas Youth Hunting Program Huntmaster Workshop

This workshop is designed to teach a novice or experienced hunter how to plan, coordinate and run safe, educational youth hunts. The program requires a rigorous weekend consisting of approximately 30 hours of training between Friday night and early Sunday afternoon. It teaches the underlying principles of TYHP rules and policies. It provides the basics on how to review/utilize/practice Hunter Education, operate various firearm ranges, plan the necessary components of a hunt, handle public relations, administer first aid, provide the necessary logistical support for a hunt, and much more. We encourage all our volunteers from cooks to the huntmaster to complete a workshop so they can better serve the program. It is a long fun educational weekend, which will contribute to preserving our hunting heritage. For more information, contact Jerry Warden or Wendy Dahlke at (800) 460-5494 or visit their Web site at [www.texas-wildlife.org](http://www.texas-wildlife.org).

### Trapper Education

The International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies found in a recent survey that what you say about regulated trapping carries a lot of weight with residents in your state. Instructors will become familiar with seasons, fur-bearing animal regulations, equipment, means and methods and general trapping knowledge. Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association members will provide complete instruction. Running trap lines to varmint calling will be on the agenda. The workshop will be enhanced with mostly "hands-on" activities. Don't miss it. The last few years were great!

## How To Teach

This is a new workshop, and will bring together instructors in a "show-and-tell" atmosphere. We will cover most all chapters in the standard hunter education manual and Skills Trail booklet, and ask instructors to demonstrate their teaching techniques relating to the various topics. Please bring your favorite training aids to share with the other instructors, and be prepared to show and tell us how YOU teach.

## Waterfowl Hunting

Texas has some of the best waterfowl hunting in North America. Learn different techniques on how to set up decoy spreads and call in those birds. Professional guides and personnel will be on hand to lead the activities. Hands-on training will be the focus of this workshop. Location is the Katy Outdoor Learning Center, and is right next to prime wintering habitat. This will be a good one with limited enrollment.

## Exotics In Texas **NEW**

Learn about exotics and their adaptive ability and extensive ranges in the state. Safety and wildlife identification are important parts of this workshop. Emphasis will be on habitat requirement, and how exotics interact with native wildlife. Commercial value and benefits to the economy and to landowners will be covered. Exotic hunting is becoming one of the most avid outdoor pursuits in Texas. This is a new workshop, and should be a good one.

## Hand-Loading **NEW**

For several years, instructors have requested that we provide an opportunity to learn reloading. Now is the time to take advantage of an opportunity to learn about a popular past time utilizing shotshells, and metallic cartridges. We will cover reloading safety, procedures, equipment, storage and actual production of your favorite most common ammunition. Bring your shotshells and metallic empties for a chance to take home some new loads.

## Dove Hunting **NEW**

The Texas Agriculture Extension Service Specialist will host this workshop and bring you up to date on all the latest information on habitat, migration, seasons and rules and regulations. If you have been putting off going dove hunting, let this be a chance to renew a favorite pastime.

**Mark the workshops that interest you and we'll send you the specific information packets about 4 to 6 weeks prior to each workshop.**



# 2002 HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOPS

## INSTRUCTIONS

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

### Program Orientation/ Standards/Home Study

- January 10-11 Stephenville  
(Tarleton Univ)
- January 19-20 Austin
- February 9 Houston  
(Home Study Update Only)
- February 9-10 Lufkin
- February 9-10 Abilene
- February 9-10 San Antonio
- February 16-17 Laredo
- February 23-24 Seagoville
- February 23-24 Tyler
- March 2-3 Amarillo
- March 8-10 Brownwood (4-H)
- March 9-10 Fort Worth
- March 9-10 Corpus Christi
- March 23-24 Friendswood
- April 6-7 Midland
- April 6-7 McAllen
- April 13-14 Sherman
- April 13-14 Victoria
- April 19-20 Houston
- May 4-5 Nacogdoches
- May 11-12 San Antonio
- May 11 Houston  
(Home Study Update Only)
- May 18-19 Pittsburg
- June 1-2 Paris
- June 7-8 Houston
- June 8-9 Mission
- June 8-9 Amarillo
- July 13-14 Commerce
- July 27-28 Grand Prairie
- August 3-4 Friendswood
- August 10 Grand Prairie  
(Home Study Update Only)
- August 10-11 Athens
- August 17-18 El Paso
- August 17-18 Beaumont
- August 17-18 Abilene
- August 17-18 Midland
- August 17-18 Richardson
- August 17-18 McAllen
- August 17-18 Austin
- August 22-23 Stephenville  
(Tarleton Univ)
- September 6-7 Houston
- September 7-8 Corpus Christi
- September 7-8 Lubbock
- September 7-8 Amarillo
- September 7-8 Victoria
- September 7-8 Grand Prairie
- September 14-15 Fort Worth
- October 12-13 San Antonio
- October 12-13 Lewisville
- October 26-27 Tyler

### Rifle, Shotgun, Handgun, Archery

- January 4-6 (All Disciplines) Victoria
- February 18-20 (rifle only) Houston
- March 15-17 (shotgun only) Grand Prairie
- March 15-17 (All disciplines) Brownwood
- September (All disciplines) TBA
- May 3-5 (rifle only) Grand Prairie
- October 18-20 (pistol only) Grand Prairie

### Muzzleloading (NRA)

- July 19-21 (NRA) Grand Prairie

### Bowhunter Education (IBEP)

- February 2-3 (In-Service Only) Houston
- March 16-17 (In-Service Only) Denton
- April 13-14 (In-Service Only) Austin
- April 27-28 (New Instructor) Houston Area
- May 18-19 (In-Service Only) San Antonio
- August 3-4 (New Instructor) Austin

### Responsibility, Game Laws & Ethics

- January 19-20 College Station
- February 23-24 Amarillo
- March 9-10 Corpus Christi
- April 27-28 Humble
- April 27-28 Grand Prairie
- July 13-14 Austin
- September 28-29 Mount Pleasant

### Outdoor Skills (Survival)

- February 9-10 (Parrie Haynes Ranch) Killeen
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### Wildlife Management/Conservation

- March 23-24 (Gene Howe WMA) Canadian
- September 14-15 (Kerr WMA) Hunt

### ADVANCED IN-SERVICE WORKSHOPS

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- February 23-24 College Station
- June 20-21 (Tentative) San Marcos

#### Huntmaster

- March 22-24 Lubbock Area
- March 22-24 San Angelo Area
- March 29-31 Amarillo Area
- April 12-14 Temple Area
- April 19-21 Amarillo Area
- April 26-28 Laredo
- May 3-5 Rio Grande Valley
- May 17-19 San Antonio Area
- May 17-19 Amarillo Area
- May 31-June 2 Houston Area
- June 7-9 Dallas / Ft. Worth Area

- August 23-25 Lufkin Area
- August 30-Sept.1 Lubbock Area

### Trapper Education

- January 18-20 (Parrie Haynes Ranch) Killeen

### First Aid/CPR

- April 13 The Woodlands
- June 21-22 Houston Area
- October 19 The Woodlands

### How to Teach - Special Workshop

- February 16 Abilene
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- May 27-June 3 Springfield, MO

#### Texas Wildlife Expo

- October 5-6 Austin

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| March 23-24    | Friendswood                                    | August 17-18    | McAllen                                        |
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How can interested outdoorsmen and women keep informed? Information on anthrax outbreaks or other diseases in the news such as Chronic Wasting Disease and its variations, can be accessed through the Texas Animal Health Commission. Website is <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>

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## HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Peggy Weyel

Let's see, . . . there's the archer who uses a wheel chair to get his deer; there is the blind person who uses a friend to help him carefully see and hit his target, and the arthritic quail hunter who can't walk as fast and far as he once could, but can make every shot count. We've seen them on outdoor television shows and on our leases and by our side as family and friend. They are hunters in the classic sense of the word, but they come with a variety of disabilities, or challenges, due to aging, accidents, and disease. Even so they are taking to the fields with the confidence that new equipment, laws, accommodations, public support, and sheer determination can provide. Hunter education instructors must be ready to inform, instruct, and advise them as they would every other student.

"Disability" can mean a dozens of different conditions from those involving sight, to reading capabilities, to motor impairment, loss of limbs and range of motion. As hunter education instructors we are charged with teaching all who come to us needing certification. Most of us realize that the federal guidelines of the American Disabilities Act expect us, or the building management in which we hold classes, to maintain accommodations for a variety of physical disabilities. We also are surely aware of our students who have difficulty reading; who listen with care and understanding and need help reading their tests. We also find an occasional student whose eyesight or glasses do not allow them to focus on the target and the front and rear sight at the same time. Other disabilities might include being overweight, having arthritis, or hearing difficulties. The classic image of being disabled is that of being in a wheel chair. How many of us have had a student in a wheel chair on our shooting venue or hunter skills trail?

While we may not have spent considerable time recreating the problems some of our students face in the field if they do arrive in their wheelchair, it should not come as a surprise that more and more of our disabled families and friends are exploring new fields and they are hunting, birding, and fishing in them. Can we give them any advice on equipment? Where can they go to get good advice? Where can WE get sound advice to share with them?

One source to begin with is the game agency in the state you wish want to hunt. Find out laws and regulations regarding hunters with physical limitations and equipment they may or may not be able to use. Most states will say somewhere on their websites the regulations are observed for disabled hunters . Usually it means using a crossbow rather than a standard bow or a full-draw locking device on a regular bow. It could also mean using a vehicle as the hunting stand. Each state also will describe the legal steps needed to secure the disability designation and any authorization for special licensing and regulations. At least one state, Alabama, has a hunting park designed for the disabled. Four by eight foot blinds are equipped with ramps and space inside for the wheelchair-bound hunter and companion.

A resource that educators should not forget is the TPW "Outdoor Annual." Regulations regarding disabled hunters for 2000-2001 included the availability of a free hunting license, but stamps at cost, to qualified disabled veterans. A card indicating proof and rate of disability from the Veterans Administration must be shown when applying for the license. TPW also noted that while crossbows may be used by any hunter during the regular season, crossbows may be used during archery season to hunt deer and turkey only by hunters with upper limb disabilities. A physician's statement must be in the disabled hunter's possession certifying the extent of the disability.



Going farther afield for resources available to disabled hunters is that of the National Rifle Association and its Disabled Services. Dave Baskin is their Disabled Services Manager and can be reached at NRA Headquarters.

Other sources through the internet include the following. Most have additional links to other valuable sites.

**One Armed Dove Hunter's Association** in Olney, Texas (near Wichita Falls) Contact: Jack Northup at P.O. Box 582 Olney Texas 76374 phone; 940-564-3600 fax: 940-564-5496

Their website can be found at <http://www.amp-info.net/hunt.htm>

**Shooting and Fishing Rigs for Wheelchairs** at <http://residents.bowhunting.net/DisabledHunters/>,

**Disabled Hunters of North America** at <http://www.powermedia.multipro.com/dhna/>.

**Physically Challenged Bowhunters Association** at <http://www.pcba-ing.org>

**Disabled Sports Directory** at <http://dmoz.prg/Sports/Disabled>

Finally, resources for disabled hunters include the collection of maps, videos, and any descriptions of the places where the hunting, or other activity, will take place. To optimize the resources available, each hunter has to know their physical capabilities are and what the terrain and hunting style will allow.

There is no single way of planning a hunt, or a class, for a disabled hunter. As with any "abled" hunter we must find what the skill level is, not just the limitations, and ready the student to explore the world of hunting and the outdoors as we do every other student. After all we all share the same hunting heritage and ethic. We also must observe the same safety rules, game regulations, and bag limits. If we as instructor, teacher, and mentor have some suggestions or sources for them to explore to make their experience richer, so much the better.

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**From *The Quotable Hunter***

Edited by Jay Cassell and Peter Fiduccia (1999)

"Any sportsman who can kill his deer without the tingling spine, the quick clutch at his heart, the delicious trembling of nerve fibers when the game is finally down, has no place in the deer woods."

Lawrence R. Koller

*Shots at Whitetails* (1948)

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# Texas Big Game Awards Wildlife Conservation Scholarships Available

San Antonio – Applications for the second annual Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) Wildlife Conservation Scholarships are now available. The \$500 scholarships provided by Carter's Country Outdoor Stores and the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of Texas in partnership with the TBGA, will be available for the 2002-2003 school year. Any entering college freshman (high school graduate), or college sophomore or junior pursuing any field of study is eligible to apply for one of the 31 scholarships.

In addition, the partners are offering one \$1,000 overall scholarship that will be awarded at the TBGA's Statewide Awards Banquet, held in conjunction with the Texas Wildlife Association's (TWA) 17th Annual Convention. The 2002 Statewide Banquet is slated for June 29 at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort in San Antonio.

The scholarship applications will be reviewed and ranked by a statewide scoring committee using set criteria. Although students do not have to participate in the TBGA to be eligible for the scholarships, those who have entered the TBGA will receive priority points during the scoring process. In order

to receive the scholarship, recipients must attend the regional TBGA banquet in their home region. To determine when and where each Regional Banquet is being held, as well as to download the application, please visit our Web site at: [www.texasbiggameawards.com](http://www.texasbiggameawards.com)

Applications are available on the web or by calling the Texas Wildlife Association at (800) 839-9453, ext. 114. Applications will soon be available through certain college agriculture and wildlife departments, County Extension offices, high school Ag. Departments, and certain Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) field offices. All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2002.

For 11 years, the TBGA program, created by Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Wildlife Association, has been the leader in recognizing the contributions that landowners, land managers and responsible hunters make to managing and conserving wildlife and wildlife habitat on Texas' private lands. The program is designed to help citizens realize that "Hunting Equals Habitat."

## Hunters for the Hungry Donations Embarrassingly Low

For more than 10 years Texas hunters have participated in the statewide *Hunters for the Hungry* program by donating harvested meat to feed the hungry. But according to Mike Leggett, Austin American Statesman Outdoor Editor, there should be much more venison coming in. He noted that if just one percent of the 450,000 deer killed each year, figuring an average of 40-pounds per deer processed, were given, the yield would be in the neighborhood of 180,000 pounds.

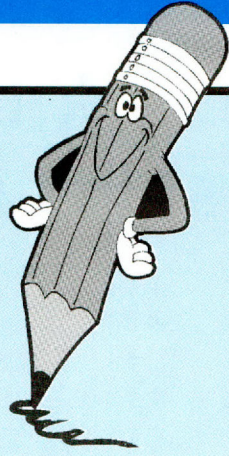
With hunting season under way, it's time for hunters to consider contributing to the program. "Last year 72,000 pounds of venison were donated to feed our fellow Texans, and this year can be even better," said Monica Murphy, coordinator of the efforts through the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies.

It is easy for hunters to participate. Hunters simply tag their legally harvested deer, take it to one of the participating meat processing plants around the state, and pay a tax-deductible processing fee of about \$20.00 per deer. A toll-free hotline is

listed, (800) 992-9767, where hunters or other interested parties can call to find the participating processors in their area for program information or to request a brochure about the program. There are 121 participating processors, but additional meat processors are needed in many parts of the state, Murphy said. The hotline also provides information to processors interested in joining the program.

In addition to hunters, processors and food providers, other organizations have contributed to the success of the program, Rodriguez said. The End Hunger Network of Houston, Texas Association of Second Harvest Food Banks, Texas Wildlife Association, Exotic Wildlife Association, Dallas Safari Club, DeerTexas.com, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Departments of Health, and Housing and Community Affairs have all provided valuable information and support over the years. Any volunteer organizations, corporate sponsors or processors interested in working with the Hunters for the Hungry program are encouraged to contact the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies at (800) 992-9767.





**Dear Sir,**

It was recently my pleasure to attend a Texas Hunter Education class taught by Jan Beverage. I may as well admit that I am the typical Texas hunter described in the text. Began hunting before age 15, have hunted 26+ years etc. I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed attending. I attended out of a need to get an out of state hunting license, but I wish now that I had attended years ago so that I could have made my hunting trips an even more enjoyable experience. I look forward to putting these new ideas and concepts into practice. Again I'd like to say "Well Done!"

Sincerely,  
W. J. Holland

**Dear Staff:**

I concluded a Hunter Education Course today, Sunday September 23, 2001. It was one of the better classes I have ever taught in my career (20+ years in Kansas and Texas). Half of the class was made up of 4-H shooting sports participants, with the balance being adults ranging in age from 17 to 52. Their interest was high and numerous students excitedly answered some of the questions I asked. This was truly an enjoyable class to teach.

To add icing to the cake, for both days of the class, we were privileged to have the new game warden for the Gaines/Andrews counties area join us. Warden, Clayton Pipkin readily answered questions presented to him by the students and made himself available for personal conversation during breaks and after the classroom sessions. He handled himself in a professional and courteous manner. My commendations go to you for the placement in our area of such a fine individual. I look forward to our continued joint efforts in Hunter Education.

Regards,  
Burton W. Anderson, Instructor 005373  
Operations Supervisor  
Exxon/Mobile Pipe Line Co.

**Dear Sirs:**

During this summer I served as a volunteer for Safari Club International at the YO Ranch. I was involved with the Youth Apprentice Hunter Camp. I am a retired Arizona Game and Fish Department employee with 26 years service. During my career I was assigned to field operations so I have a good understanding of the importance of a strong interface between the public and agency field employees.

The purpose of the above introduction is to acknowledge the performance of two TPW employees and one hunter education instructor. Wildlife biologist, Macy Ledbetter visited the camp and made an excellent presentation to the attendees on deer management in Texas and issues associated with management efforts. His presentation was excellent, both formal and informal. He also interfaced well with the youth. Macy is very knowledgeable and, in my opinion, is an asset to the organization.

The same endorsement would apply to Bill Armstrong. Bill's presentation on white-tailed deer genetics and the Kerr WMA were excellent as well. Having given and listened to similar presentations most of my career, I realize it takes a special talent to seize a teenager's attention and hold it. Bill can do it. TPW is fortunate to be able to retain highly qualified employees in key positions for long periods of time as their accumulated knowledge and institutional culture is priceless. In this day of career mobility we have few of the individuals like Bill Armstrong left to pass the torch.

I also worked for two days with Bryant Truitt, a volunteer hunter education instructor from Hunt, Texas. I am also a 28-year volunteer hunter education instructor and as such can recognize those that are real assets to this important program. Without doubt Bryant is a real asset. He is an excellent instructor, well organized, adaptable to changing audiences, and presents a professional image. Bryant is the type of person that makes the program successful.

Please be certain the above noted individuals are acknowledged for their performance. It is sad, but speaking from experience, it is rare that the public they serve duly recognizes wildlife conservation professionals and volunteers. And, they most certainly deserve it.

Sincerely,  
Tom Britt, Arizona



**Dear Staff:**

Attached is a note that was in the mailbox when I returned from Austin. This mom, when initially given a "slot registration" for her daughter, was elated. She acted like driving in to Denton County from Abilene was "no big deal", just another thing on the "to do" list before school started.

Lonnie Ward  
Home Study Instructor  
Flower Mound

*Dear Lonnie,*

*Thanks you very much for teaching the Hunter Education Course on Sunday. Rebekah enjoyed being with you and the other people in the class. We chuckled about her "missing the targets" with the open sights. John, her brother, teased her unmercifully, and we all laughed. Thank you also for staying late with her until we could find our way back. You are a blessing!*

*Sincerely,  
Star Ferguson  
Abilene*

**Dear Staff:**

This past weekend, October 22, Joe Rogers had gotten Jim and Velma (a.k.a. Shadow) Parker to do a muzzle loading session in Nacogdoches. I thought I was pretty good at teaching muzzle loading, but I learned more in the ten hours they were there than I have by reading countless publications and by trial and error over many years. They were so informative and the experiences they shared made the time fly by ever so quickly. We gleaned so much more knowledge with their help. It was a fantastic opportunity to share this time with five other black powder shooters present. Jim and Velma are, indeed, a legend in their own time.

Thanks for everything,

Matt "Pot" Mercer  
Nacogdoches

**Dear Staff:**

As promised, here is the picture taken on the last night of my last Hunter Education class with Monica Sobotka and Sherri Rubendall of Belton, before I moved to Corpus Christi to take a new job. They wore their "special" camouflage vest and made me wear a matching hat. We had lots of fun, and the class enjoyed cake and soft drinks as part of the "party" they put together during a break.

It is going to be hard, if not impossible, to find another team that worked so well together and had fun doing it. Monica's special interest was archery; Sherry's was black powder; and mine was modern firearms, so it was a good, well-rounded team. They are both good hunters.

I really believe that we need to recruit more women as instructors. They give a different perspective of hunting and the outdoors, and what I always found interesting, is that Monica and Sherry broke down a number of stereotypes, especially among our "older" students. I am looking forward to getting started in Corpus Christi.

Sincerely,  
Bill Hibbs  
Attorney

**Editor's Note:**

Dear Bill: That is our goal this year...to recruit more women and minority instructors – to pass on the hunting heritage and *teach safe, responsible, knowledgeable hunting and shooting sports practices.*



# TEXAS GAME WARDEN FIELD NOTES

AUSTIN, Texas – The following reports are from recent cases filed by Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens. Patrolling the vast and remote areas of a state the size of Texas is a daunting task for game wardens, and they can use you're the public's help. Rewards of up to \$1,000 are available for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals who flagrantly violate the state's game and fish laws. Callers may remain anonymous. Citizens with knowledge of a flagrant game or fish violation may call Operation Game Thief at (800) 792-GAME (4263). The hotline is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## For Sale: Ocean Front Property in West Texas

A Grapevine man has been sentenced to two years of state jail time, probated for five years, and fined nearly \$8,200 for theft in a fraudulent scheme to sell deer leases. Paul Edward Smith pleaded guilty to theft charges Aug. 15 and was convicted of bilking \$8,500 out of hunters for hunting rights on property he did not have access to. According to San Angelo-based TPW Game Warden Doug Seamands, some of the victims set up hunting camps on private property, including deer feeders and all-terrain vehicles in the belief that they had purchased hunting rights, only to have disbelieving landowners set the record straight. 003407 "He had given one group keys to a locked gate where he had hunted a couple of years ago," said Seamands. "He had advertised these leases in the paper and convinced hunters by making up stories about connections and details about the properties." Seamands urges hunters to meet with landowners personally to verify hunting access before turning over money or signing a deer lease.

## You Look Like the Cat That Just Ate the Canary

While patrolling the Hubbard Creek Lake area in Stephens County in mid August, Game Warden Brian Huckabay came across a man with a shotgun getting into a sport-utility vehicle. The warden observed some blood and feathers on the man's hands. The man claimed to be looking over his hunting lease and shot a bird to test out his new shotgun, but he said it definitely was not a dove. Further investigation uncovered a freshly dressed dove under the back seat of the vehicle. The individual was cited for hunting migratory game birds out of season. Hunting doves two weeks before the season is bad enough, but six weeks?

On July 22, Harris County Game Warden Derek Spitzer responded to an Operation Game Thief tip that someone had started dove season early. Upon his arrival at the location given, the warden met the landowner and asked if he'd heard any shots. The man replied that he was the one doing the shooting – at some turtles in his pond behind his house. Asked if he'd shot any birds, the fellow replied, "Oh, no, the season doesn't start until September 1." The warden then drove down to the pond and found two empty boxes of shotgun shells and a handful of dove feathers. After confronting the man, feathers in hand, the warden got a confession. This man also was cited for hunting migratory game birds out of season.

During opening weekend of dove season in the North and Central Dove Zones, wardens made numerous cases against individuals for hunting over bait, but arguably none as flagrant as the one in Bosque County where 22 cases were filed. When confronted, the ranch owner couldn't comprehend what the fuss was about. "We've been hunting that way for 20 years," he told wardens. According to state and federal law, baiting means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of salt, grain or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

## Newton County Wardens Confronted by Illegal Hunters

Two Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens were confronted Sunday, November 11, in Newton County by six deer hunters who were using dogs, which is illegal in Texas. The wardens returned with additional back-up wardens Sunday night and together they arrested five of the suspects after obtaining warrants from the county attorney. Those five were taken to the Newton County Jail and all five of their vehicles were towed with dogs and dog boxes intact. The sixth individual who had left the camp was arrested at his home a short time later and detained at the same jail. "This obviously was a very volatile incident, with unruly armed individuals," said director of TPW Law Enforcement James Stinebaugh. "Thankfully no one was injured during the encounter. That's a testament to the training our wardens receive to handle situations like this, and underscores the professionalism of our conservation law officers."



## Indictment In Warden Pauling Death

A Jefferson County Grand Jury handed down an indictment on November 8th in the death of Game Warden Mike Pauling – coincidentally on that day 18 of the warden’s family members were honored guests at a TPW Commission meeting. Pauling, a game warden since 1996, was killed in the line of duty shortly after midnight on Aug. 2. On Thursday, the Grand Jury in Beaumont indicted Dennis Mouton, III, for aggravated

assault on a public servant – a first-degree felony. Also in the indictment was a deadly weapon finding which means if Mouton is found guilty of the assault, he automatically has to serve half of whatever time he is sentenced to, according to Tim Smith, Chief Investigator for the Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office. The penalty for the assault charge is 5-99 years in prison or life in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000, Smith said.

## Poachers Draw Stiff Sentences Under New Law

Poachers who cross fences in Texas can end up behind bars. Two years ago, a state law created tougher penalties for illegal hunting, including hunting or fishing without landowner consent, hunting from a motor vehicle, hunting with a light and hunting at night. Now, instead of a minor slap on the wrist, some poachers are getting a severe kick in the pants.

For example:

- A Bell County poacher is serving two years in state jail for shooting a six-point buck on another man’s property. He got there by violating terms of a five-year probation that included 180 days of jail time to be served on weekends.
- In Montague County, a repeat offender will spend the upcoming season behind bars, having been sentenced to 120 days in jail and having his hunting license suspended for five years for taking wildlife without landowner consent.
- A Williamson County jury found a poacher guilty of hunting deer at night and without landowner consent. He was fined \$4,000, sentenced to 14 days in jail and two years probation and had his hunting license revoked for two years.

Before Sept. 1, 1999, the worst-case scenario for a poacher might involve a stiff fine and civil restitution, according to David Sinclair, chief of wildlife enforcement with Texas Parks and Wildlife. The new laws provide for felony charges and a mandatory jail sentence, even for first-time poachers who violate certain statutes in addition to civil restitution. “I think based on the number of cases we’ve filed, the new laws are working,” said Sinclair. “The stiffer penalties, including potentially losing your equipment and having your license revoked, not to mention having a felony on your record, is a good deterrent.”

In 1997, TPW game wardens reported 458 violations for hunting without landowner consent. Last year, only 131 cases were made. The agency is seeing similar declines in other violations that fall under the new laws, including hunting from a

vehicle (414 cases in ‘97 to 113 last year) and hunting at night (280 cases in ‘97 to 41 last year). 10618

Under the TPW State Jail Felony classification, individuals convicted of taking a desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope or mule deer without the consent of the landowner are subject to incarceration for 180 days to two years and a fine of \$1,500 to \$10,000. A second violation is prosecuted as a TPW Felony and upon conviction is punishable by incarceration in the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for two years to 10 years and a fine of \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Stiffer penalties will also apply if a poacher is convicted of wasting a big game animal carcass, as is often the case with poachers known as “head-hunters” who take only the trophy racks. On first offense for wasting a big game carcass the violator is subject to confinement in jail for up to one year and a fine of \$500 to \$4,000. Upon a second conviction for wasting a big game carcass, the violation becomes a TPW State Jail Felony.

While taking big game without landowner consent was the focus of the 1999 law, penalties for other illegal hunting and fishing activities were also upgraded. A second conviction for hunting from a motor vehicle, hunting at night, hunting with a light or wanton waste of wildlife resources carries a TPW State Jail Felony charge. The legislature also created provisions in the law allowing for the confiscation and forfeiture of equipment used in the commission of these violations, including weapons and other personal property, aircraft and vessels.

In addition to the enhanced criminal penalties for these violations, including using or possessing an electricity-producing device for catching fish, the violators are subject to the revocation of current hunting and fishing licenses and the inability to purchase in new hunting or fishing license for a period of one to five years.



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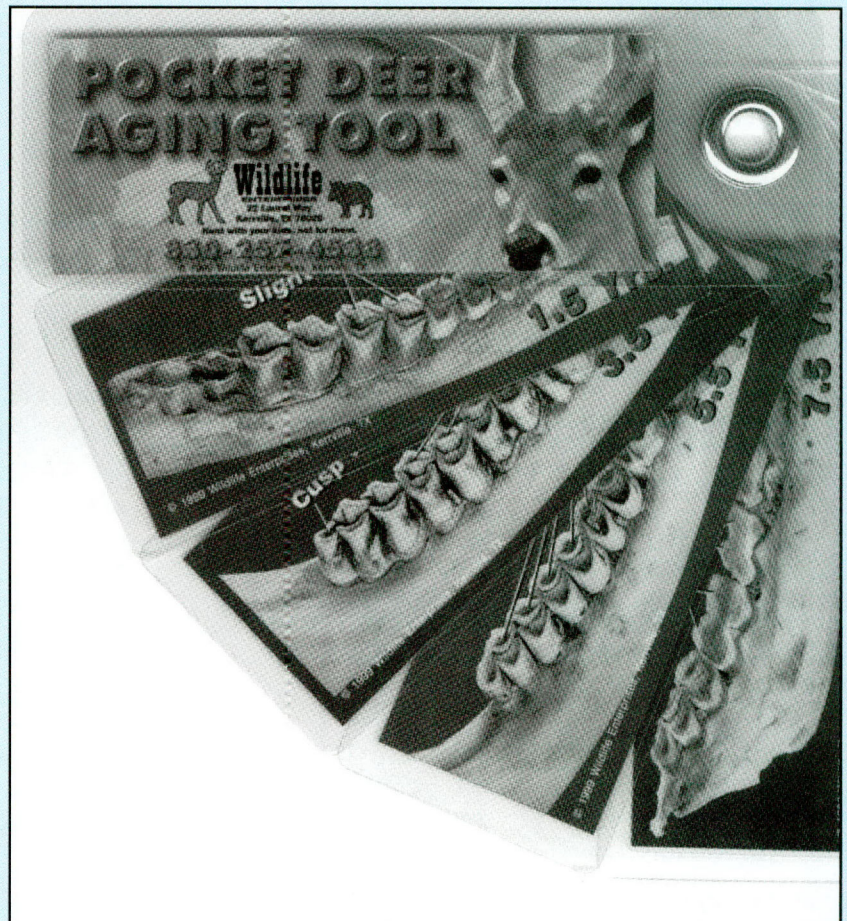
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What a great opportunity to instruct students in aging techniques and have them go out and purchase one of these tools for use in their own hunting activities. According to Rodney, it would be a tremendous help if hunters were more aware of the ages of deer harvested. That way, hunters could do more toward proper management of herds on their own property or leases. He also gave a demonstration of how to age deer on the hoof, and has a set of picture guides to go by. If interested in the "aging on the hoof" material, contact Rodney at the same number.

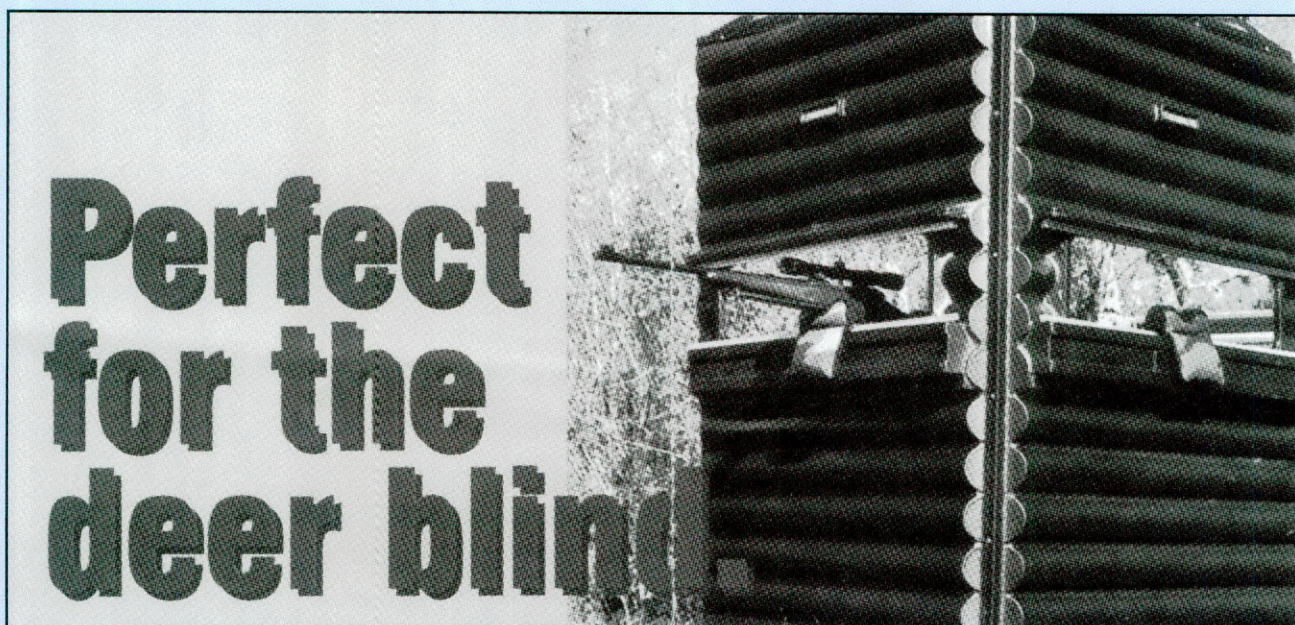




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Hey Folks: Why haven't some of you contacted me about your Instructor ID number in the last Target Talk? A lot of instructors asked why we stopped placing the ID numbers in the pages, so we decided to try it again. I have the prizes all ready to mail out. Keep looking!

I have just a few notes to share that would really help me so please take notice!

First off, we still have structured courses coming in with **no funding attached**. This only holds up processing and it takes longer for the students to receive their card.

We are missing **final reports** with the classes. Don't forget to attach and send them in with each class. Instructors should attach their final report to the students they sign off on, and if team-taught, place **all class registration forms/final reports in one envelope** with the funding. Separating the forms by instructor and sending separately causes confusion with incoming revenue upon arrival. **All forms from one class should come in together, even if you must tape two envelopes together.** We do NOT need the class roster. **Also, we need registration forms and funding on everyone who attends a structured class, even if they are under age or fail. We must account for the supplies and funding. No exceptions!**

**Remember, there are NO one-day classes, and the minimum time for any class is 10 hours, structured or Home Study.** Also, please send supply order forms separately, Att: Jack Nasworthy. If combined with coursework, the orders may get stapled to the class sheets and not be processed efficiently. The mailroom

does not open, separate and send supply orders to Jack, but rather they are stapled to the forms, and might be missed when stacked and delivered for processing. **Again, send in supply order forms separately, fax them to Jack at (512) 389-4372, or call 1-800-792-1112 + 61.**

We have some classes missing. We have issued cards based solely on signed temporary cards. The following ID numbers are of instructors who have not sent in classes. Please check your files and records and turn in these classes, or your student rosters ASAP. Some students are mighty upset.

- 6833 – missing class from November 2000
- 5155 – missing class from October 2000
- 11751 – missing class from 2000
- 8343 – missing class from June 2000
- 11491 – missing class from October – December 2000
- 6052 – missing class from 1998
- 7656 – missing class from July 2000
- 5641 – missing class from 2000
- 1394 – missing class from September 2000

One last thing. Please remember to sign all forms, include the ID number, record scores (mandatory), and mark under age, pass or fail on the forms.

Thanks folks! See, it wasn't all that hard. Just help us help you and your students. Have a good Holiday Season! See you at the Annual Conference in Rosenberg.

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Annual refreshers for our Instructors can benefit both communication and the mission.*

## 2002 In-Service & Instructor Workshop Dates and Locations

February 2 & 3, 2002 – Houston, In-Service  
 March 16 & 17, 2002 – San Antonio, In-Service  
 April 13 & 14, 2002 – Austin, In-Service  
 April 27 & 28, 2002 – Houston, New Instructor Course  
 May 18 & 19, 2002 – Denton, In-service  
 August 3 & 4, 2002 – Austin, New Instructor Course

*Please put these dates on your calendar for 2002. The In-Service/Workshop is for **YOU**.  
Encourage and recruit new potential applicants and direct them to the "New Instructor" Courses.*

Prizes and raffles for our 2002 In-Service/Workshops will include merchandise from Gametamer, Neverwear, Bodoodle, Sonoran Bowhunting Equipment, Gold Tip, Custom Archery Equipment and Easton-Beman.

Attending one of the scheduled In-Service/Workshops will meet your requirement for re-certification. I look forward to an excellent workshop and the opportunity for us to meet and share ideas about the future of Bowhunter Education. Please make every effort to attend. No fee will be charged to attend the In-Service/Workshop.

The **Prize** categories at the In-Service/Workshop are:

- "Oldest IBEP-TX Instructor in attendance at the In-Service".
- "Youngest IBEP-TX Instructor in attendance at the In-Service".
- "IBEP-TX Instructor who drove the longest distance to the In-Service".
- "IBEP-TX Instructor who drove the shortest distance to the In-Service".
- "IBEP-TX Instructor who had the most students in the 2001 calendar year".
- "IBEP-TX Instructor(s) who held the most classes in the 2001 calendar year".

Anyone can buy a ticket for one of the "**Raffles**" that will be at each In-Service/Workshop.

To qualify for the "**Prizes**" that will be given away at each In-Service/Workshop, you must have taught or assisted in teaching at least one IBEP class in the preceding year and you must be present to win.

### Any Questions...?

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