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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

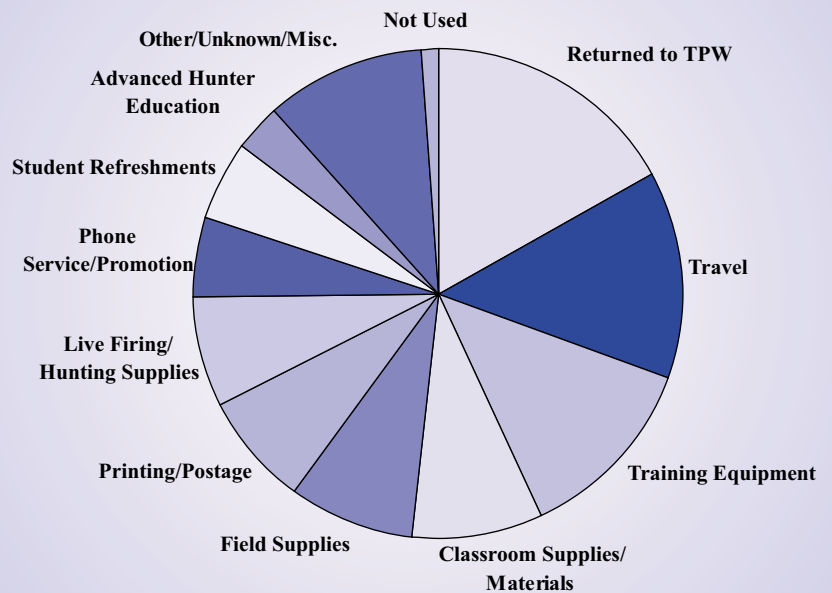
Society, member of art search committee of the State Preservation Board and part owner of the Armstrong Ranch in Kenedy County.

**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 Bureson, 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.

## TEXAS



### 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       |
| <b>Hunting.....</b> | <b>7.06</b> |

## Education Division Phone Numbers

#### General Information

1-800-792-1112 +0 ask for ext. 4999  
 (512) 389-4999  
 Fax (512) 389-8042

#### Records

Kathy Powell 1-800-792-1112 +63  
 (512) 389-8142

#### Videos & Supplies

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

#### Automated Hunter Education Course line

(24 hours a day)  
 1-800-792-1112 +62



## Did you know...

### 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.

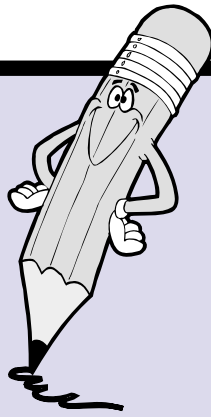
*Pearls of wisdom...*

#### 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.

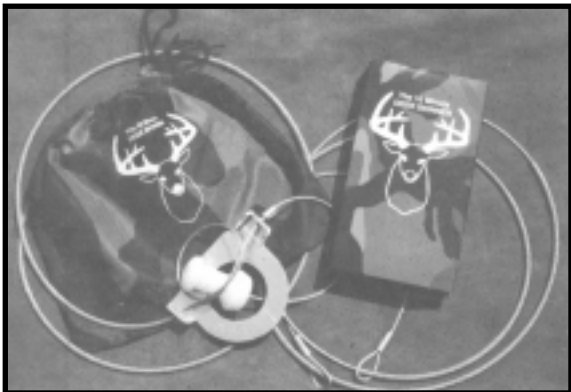
A number of students in the class have indicated that they want the student manual and patch mailed to them. Since I never received manuals or patches, I think that the department needs to pay the postage bill to these students requesting materials.

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.*

## The 10 Minute Deer Skinner



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Kit includes:

- Illustrated Instructions
- Instructional Video
- Deer Skinner Apparatus
- Camo Carrying Bag

For ordering information call: 1-405-377-2222 or write: The 10 Minute Deer Skinner, P.O. Box 158, Stillwater, OK 74076

# 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  |

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| 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           |

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

*\* New Assistant Instructor*

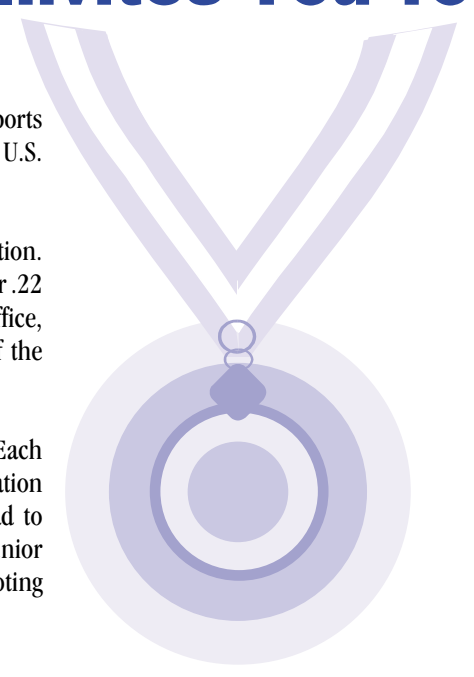
# U.S. Shooting Team & NSSF Invites You To "Take Your Best Shot"

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



### 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.

## "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."

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.

*Check out the IBEP newsletter included in this publication.*

*Operation Game Thief*



**To report any game or fish violation, call  
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

### Did you ever question the age of that big buck? *Check out the Deer Aging Plaque*

The age is determined by wear pattern on the teeth. This technique was developed by biologists throughout the U.S. The Deer Aging Plaque is an ideal gift for the hard-to-shop-for hunter who has everything. The plaque contains representative teeth from the 1 1/2 to 8 1/2 year old age classes of deer. This decorative plaque would grace the walls of any hunting lodge, den, home, office or classroom.

Cost of the plaque is \$48.50, and includes tax, shipping and handling. To purchase one or for more information, contact:

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