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# Nowhere to go?

## Chances to find a last-minute dove hunt still out there

By CRAIG NYHUS

It's a week until dove season opens in much of the state. You have no lease. You have no friend with a dove field. But staying home for the annual Texas ritual isn't on the wish list.

Don't give up. Spend some time on the phone and on the Web. There are opportunities out there — and some good hunting — for those willing to look.

### Option 1: Check with outfitters

The cost per day is usually around \$100, and tends to go down after opening weekend. And they do the scouting for you, upping the odds of getting more shots.

Many North and Central Texas outfitters are full for the Sept. 1 opener and the following weekend, though, with repeat and early booking clients. But some searching may turn up a diamond in the rough.

"We're booking dove hunts for the first time this year," said Bill Horn of the Horn Ranch in Eastland County. "We've started cutting strips through the sunflowers and there have been lots of birds around."

Brandon Hughes in Kaufman County has begun offering day

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**NOT TOO LATE:** The local chamber of commerce is a good place to look for a last-minute opening day dove hunt. Some outfitters still have openings, and public land hunts are available. Photo by David J. Sams.

## Texan shoots way to Olympic gold medal

### Five other U.S. shooters medal

Glenn Eller of Katy and 19-year-old Vincent Hancock of Eatonton, Ga., captured gold medals at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Eller set two Olympic records in the Men's Double Trap competition, and Hancock set an Olympic record in the qualification round of Men's Skeet.

Eller, a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, who finished 12th at the Sydney Games and 17th in Athens, entered the final round four targets ahead of Italy's Francesco D'Aniello with a qualification score of 145, setting a new Olympic record.

After missing his first pair in the final, Eller ended up shooting 45 tar-

gets and finished with a total score of 190 targets, setting another Olympic record and taking home the gold.

"I was so happy after I won, but I didn't know whether to cry, smile or jump up and down," Eller said. "After my performances in the last two Olympics, I really wanted to come here and bring home a medal for the U.S. This is definitely one of the greatest moments of my life so far."

Hancock, a world champion and world record-holder in Men's Skeet was in first place going into the final after hitting 121 out of a possible 125

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**GOLD RUSH:** Katy's Glenn Eller, center, waves from the podium after receiving the gold medal in Men's Double Trap at the 2008 Olympic Games. Photo by USA Shooting.

## Bennett wins richest bass tournament

### Reels in \$1M in Forrest Wood Cup

Michael Bennett of Lincoln, Calif., caught a two-day total of nine bass weighing 24 pounds, 15 ounces to win \$1 million in the Forrest Wood Cup presented by BP and Castrol on Lake Murray, S.C. The 24-year-old Bennett became

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## CONSERVATION

# Elk numbers still on the rise

Hunters will chase wild elk this fall in almost half the states and provinces in North America, and a comprehensive hunt forecast has been prepared by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

"Elk and elk hunting opportunities are plentiful," said David Allen, president and CEO of the Elk Foundation. "In fact, nationally, elk populations are more than 30 percent higher than 25 years ago, so it's a great time to get out and experience elk country and rediscover the ties between good conservation and good hunting."

This summer, the Elk Foundation passed the 5.4 million acre mark for elk habitat conserved or enhanced.

A condensed look at elk numbers from the Top 10 states for total elk populations is below. The full forecast is available at [rmeef.org](http://rmeef.org).

### Colorado

• Estimated Elk Population: 292,000

• Bull/cow ratio: 26/100

### Montana

• Estimated Elk Population: 150,000

• Bull/cow ratio: varies by unit

### Oregon

• Estimated elk population: 120,000

• Bull/cow ratios: varies by unit

### Idaho

• Estimated elk population: 115,000



**MORE BUGGLING:** Conservation efforts have helped the elk populations in the U.S. to rise by more than 30 percent over the past 25 years. Photo by RMEF.

• Bull/cow ratio: varies by zone

### Wyoming

• Estimated Elk Population: 95,000

• Bull/cow ratio: 15-29/100 for "recreational herds," 30-40/100 for "special hunts"

### New Mexico

• Estimated Elk Population: 70,000-90,000

• Bull/cow ratio: 40/100

### Utah

• Estimated Elk Population: 60,000

• Bull/cow ratio: 30/100

### Washington

• Estimated Elk Population: 58,000-60,000

• Bull/cow ratios: 12-20/100

### Arizona

• Estimated Elk Population: 15,000-20,000

• Bull/cow ratio: 15-25/100

### California

• Estimated Elk Population: 11,400

• Bull/cow ratio: 25/100

— Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation report.

# New conservation mechanism developed for imperiled species

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced it has developed a new tool modeled on a pilot program developed at Fort Hood designed to help federal agencies conserve imperiled species on non-federal lands.

A recovery crediting system will give federal agencies greater flexibility to offset impacts to threatened and endangered species caused by their actions by undertaking conservation efforts on non-federal lands, with the requirement that there is a net benefit to recovery of the species impacted.

"The recovery crediting system serves as an additional cooperative conservation tool that will provide incentives for private landowners to conserve endangered species," said Lynn Scarlett, deputy secretary of the Interior.

Federal agencies will be able to use a recovery crediting system to create a "bank" of credits accrued through beneficial conservation actions undertaken on non-federal lands. A federal agency can develop and store these conserva-

tion credits for use at a later time to offset the impact of its actions. Credits must be used to benefit the same species for which they were accrued.

The pilot program at Fort Hood involved the Service, the Department of Defense, the Texas State Department of Agriculture and other agencies. Using the recovery crediting system, the U.S. Army was able to fund habitat conservation and restoration projects with willing local landowners on more than 7,000 acres of private land surrounding the military base to benefit wildlife species — including the endangered golden-cheeked warbler.

The credits accrued through the off-base conservation efforts ensured that the Army could conduct mission-critical field training at Fort Hood. Fort Hood has also been able to build partnerships through the program that will continue to benefit imperiled species.

— U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report.

# Roland Ward headquarters moves to Texas

Roland Ward USA announced it is moving its office from Fredericksburg, Va., to Dallas in August. Haskell Stricklen has accepted the position of vice president to head the group's expansion in this region. Stricklen was previously the deputy director of the Dallas Safari

Club.

The Rowland Ward Records Of Big Game, or The Book (the name by which it is known to hunters around the world), is the accepted source that establishes what a trophy animal really is, whether in Australia or Austria, Brazil or

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— Rowland Ward report.

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## HUNTING

# Scorer for the ages

## Horace Gore to enter 40th year scoring trophies

By CRAIG NYHUS

In the world of record-keeping trophies, no records are kept of who has scored the most deer in Texas. But there is little doubt that Horace Gore would be the winner of that contest.

Gore has been the senior field editor for the Texas Trophy Hunter's Association responsible for scoring the groups' contests for the past 13 years.

"I began as a Boone & Crockett scorer in 1969," Gore said. "My registration number is G014. I don't know exactly what it means, but I think it means I was the 14th scorer in Texas. Now there are 68."

Gore has scored all of the big game species, including bear, moose, pronghorn antelope, elk, even

muskox. "I've seen a whole lot of animals," he said. "But most of them have been whitetails, mule deer, pronghorn antelope and elk."

Gore enjoys his position in scoring the TTHA awards along with other official scorers. "I was privileged to be asked by the club to participate," he said. "Now, if there is a big argument on something, I'm the argument settler."

Gore has some favorites of the animals he has scored over the years. "I was fortunate to score the pronghorn that held the world record for a long time," he said. "And I scored the Henson buck, a world-record typical whitetail that scored 195."

Some big breeder bucks have been scored by Gore as well. "I scored

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**STILL GOING STRONG:** Horace Gore scores a whitetail at the Texas Trophy Hunter's Extravaganza in Houston. Gore began a career as an official Boone & Crockett scorer in 1969. Photo by Craig Nyhus.

# NO TIME TO PRACTICE

## Tips to down more birds in dove opener

By RALPH WININGHAM

In the dove field, the difference between Sammy Skyblaster and Larry Limiter can often be traced back to a little preparation and shooting practice before the bird season started.

Hitting more birds is a common goal among the more than 400,000 hunters who participate in the annual Lone Star State celebration of dove season. Achieving that goal is not as complicated as some shooters might think.

"The most common problem I see with people getting ready for dove season is that they don't know how to use their equipment," said P.D. Parker, manager of the San Antonio Gun Club, which conducts an annual "Bird Hunters' League" for more than 100 shooters each August.

"They come out here and don't know how to load their shotguns, don't know how to work the action or don't remember to take off the safety when they are trying to shoot," he said.

Taking a few minutes to re-familiarize with the operation and function of a hunting firearm not only will lead to better shooting success, it will keep the shooter and his companions in a safety zone, Parker said.

Another recurring issue with many dove hunters is attempting to use the most inexpensive ammunition available, according to Benny Lyssy, one of the coordinators of the Karnes County Lonesome Dove Festival that attracts about 10,000 hunters and their families for the opening of the South Zone dove season.

"Cheap shells will still go bang, but they just won't bring down the birds if they are flying high and fast," Lyssy said. "I couldn't even guess at the number of semiautomatics that I have seen jam on the cheap shells."

Even with today's higher ammunition prices, Lyssy said that spending a few more dollars per box will mean better patterns down range and more birds

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**GETTING READY:** Gus Wheeler lines up to fire at a clay target thrown from the bed of a pickup before last dove season, with help from his father, Jim Wheeler. Photo by David J. Sams.

# When to take the shot at that big buck

## Some deer hunters wait until after rut

By BILL MILLER

A 180-class deer appears within range with antlers sporting dozens of points, including drop tines.

If you can hear yourself think over your pounding heartbeat, the only question now is, wait for broadside shot or shoot for the neck.

But if you're really putting some thought to it, you might not be so quick to squeeze that trigger, at least not until after the rut.

Some ranchers who conduct October hunts for archers, or early hunts in the Managed Lands Permit program, may not want a trophy

buck harvested until after he has mated for another season.

"We remove them following the first rut and maybe after the second one," said Mike Franz of Burnet, a family physician who operates Rock Creek Ranch near Marble Falls.

"The DNA," he added, "is what I'm interested in. If that mature buck breeds one or two does, then that line is carried on, and it has been paying off, actually."

Franz described one Rock Creek buck whose shed antlers scored 192 this year.

"We have to decide if this year we're going to take him or not," Franz said. "Even though

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**TAKE THE SHOT?** Whether it's a 130-class buck like this one or a 150-plus buck, some hunters prefer to let the buck breed one more season of does before harvesting. Photo by David J. Sams.



**COMING IN:** Texas waterfowl hunters will see little change in the new season dates. Populations of ducks are down but still above the long-term average.

## Waterfowl seasons to mimic last year's

Texas waterfowl hunters will again have the Hunter's Choice bag limit during the 2008-09 seasons. The Central Flyway, of which Texas is a member, will complete the three-year experimental Hunter's Choice bag limit pilot program this season despite a decline in canvasback breeding population numbers that man-

**2008-2009 Waterfowl Hunting Season Dates**  
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date a conservative harvest federal framework.

The Hunter's Choice allows hunters to shoot five ducks daily, but only one in the aggregate of certain species. In the aggregate category, that one bird could be either a pintail, or a canvasback, or a "dusky duck" (mottled, black duck or Mexican-like duck) or a hen mallard.

All other flyways will see a closed season on canvasbacks and a more restricted season for scaup.

The general duck season length will be the same as last year in the North and South Zones at 74 days and 89 days in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit.

"In the High Plains, the season will be seven days shorter than last year because we're taking advantage of a 16-day teal season," said Dave Morrison, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department waterfowl program leader.

This year's North American waterfowl spring breeding population survey showed populations of the 10 most popular duck species were down 9 percent below last year, but remain 11 percent above the long-term average with an estimated 37.3 million birds.

— Texas Parks and Wildlife report.



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## FISHING

# The line that shouldn't get bites

Teeth weren't meant to cut fishing line

By KYLE CARTER

Here's the scenario: You pull up on a huge school of bass, but you don't have the right lure on your line.

Then comes the decision: bite the line or cut the line?

If you're a dentist like Dr. Lynette Ogletree, who works at Smith Dental Care in Tyler, it's no decision at all.

"There's no way I bite that line," Ogletree said. "I don't use my teeth to do anything. I don't open packages, bite my nails — nothing."

If you're Matt Reed, an Elite Series angler from Madisonville, the decision is just as simple.

"I bite it," Reed said. "I've had to switch sides because one side has been dulled down. I haven't had any work done, but I have asked my dentist if he could sharpen my dull teeth. He said no."

Ogletree said she treats patients all the time who have abused teeth from biting fishing line. According to her, it wears down the enamel and creates intensified craze lines (tiny cracks that affect only the outer enamel of the tooth), which makes the tooth easier to chip.

"It doesn't matter if you're using your teeth to hold the line, or to cut it," Ogletree said. "It creates problems and if you don't treat those problems, it will make your teeth look awful as you get older."

Elite Series angler Kevin Short, of Mayflower, Ark., said he gets that same advice from his dentist, but when hundreds of thousands of dollars are on the line, it's hard not to go with the quickest method.

"My dentist has straight up told me, 'Do not bite your line anymore,'" Short said. "I try not to, See BITE, Page 29



**TAKE SCISSORS:** Mark Nichols uses his teeth to assist in knot-tying and in cutting fishing line, but dentists say anglers often chip their teeth in the process. Photo by David J. Sams.



**MORE PAPERWORK:** Even inshore fishing guides will be required to obtain a Transportation Workers Identification Credential by Sept. 25.

## National security at heart of TWIC

Charter captains, guides must get card

By DAVID SIKES

Anyone holding credentials required to be a U.S. merchant mariner, which includes coastal fishing guides and charter captains, must have a Transportation Workers Identification Credential by Sept. 25.

Fishing guides in the Corpus Christi area say they're receiving their cards a full three months after applying. Longtime Corpus Christi guide Mike Singletary, who already has his TWIC card, said he was told they

could present their receipt as proof that they've applied for the card.

This is known as a TWIC card and it'll cost \$132.50. The cards are available by appointment only at locations throughout the state. To save time, officials recommend pre-enrolling online at [www.tsa.gov/twic](http://www.tsa.gov/twic) or by calling (866) 347-8942.

A background check is required and it will be matched against criminal databases, terrorist watch lists and immigration status.

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## More room on popular drum fishing pier

By CRAIG NYHUS

Six years ago, Nancy Noland and Freddie Edgemon bought the Red Dot Pier at South Padre Island Drive and the Humble Channel. They have been improving and expanding ever since.

"We got a permit to build the new pier out 500 feet," Noland said. "So far, we've done about half of that."

The new pier was finished in July and is bringing in about 100 people each weekend. "We plan to double it after the drum season," she said.

Noland said the old pier at the facility was rebuilt a few years ago. "We do it in stages," she said. "It costs a lot."

For a mere \$2 per person plus \$1 per rod, an angler can head out all night. Rods and reels are available for rent, and the store carries bait, tackle, food and drinks, including beer.

And the fishing? "It's been good," Noland said. "Not great yet. They're

catching speckled trout, some drum, and some fish we weren't used to getting before the Packery (Channel) opened up. Especially snook and shark."

Noland said the summer anglers prefer trout, and winter anglers prefer drum, and the tourists like anything big.

Despite the long hours, Noland enjoys the people headed out to fish. "Everyone is going fishing," she said. "They're pretty excited and usually in a good mood. We hold a lot of contests — the customers like that."

The downside? "We're open to the public and they sometimes tear things up," she said.

The owners have even more activities planned. "I have a girl coming to run karaoke in the back so people can have a beer on the back porch," Noland said. "But we don't want to be a bar where people stay too long — I don't want to have to throw anyone out."



**REACHING OUT:** The Red Dot Pier is a popular black drum fishing location near Corpus Christi. The owners plan to extend the new pier another 250 feet. Photo by David J. Sams.

# A WEIGHTY MATTER

## Stonze product an alternative to lead

By MARY HELEN AGUIRRE

Go ahead and cast the first stone.

If Pallatrax had its way, everyone would be casting stones or rather casting with Stonze.

The British manufacturer's inspired-by-nature Stonze weights are an environmentally friendly alternative to lead weights, which were banned in Great Britain in 1987. If a Stonze weight breaks off, no problem. It's just one more rock at the bottom of the lake or river.

The company's Stonze weights have proven especially popular among the country's carp fishermen.

The product created a buzz among retailers at the recent ICAST industry show in July, where it was named best in the terminal tackle category.

Pallatrax USA, the Washington-based U.S. subsidiary of the British fishing tackle and bait company, is expected to start shipping the Stonze weights to nationwide retailers in November.

The weights, which will be offered in a variety of sizes, are naturally porous and will take on and hold attractants. They will be available in both swivel and in-line versions.

But, will the Stonze weights fly with Texas fishermen?

Anglers concerned about lead left in our waters might go for them.

Dr. Miguel Mora, an expert in wildlife exotoxicology at Texas A&M University's Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Sciences, says the lead weights can pose a danger to water birds who ingest the lead.

Some diving birds swallow the smaller lead weights when they scoop up pebbles from a lake or river's bottom to help grind their food. Birds also can ingest the lead by eating fish that have swallowed the sinkers.

So far, four Northeastern states have banned lead weights, with some of them specifically focusing on those under 1 ounce.

It's Bruce Hysmith's opinion that any alternative weight system would have to be cost-competitive or mandated before fishermen get reeled in.

The fisheries biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife works near Lake Texoma, where he sees a lot of fishermen using inexpensive lead weights.

The Stonze weights are expected to carry a price tag of \$1.95-\$2.25 each.



**ROCK BOTTOM:** Real stones are being modified for use as fishing weights by a British company.

# FLW ups purses for 2009

## Saltwater tours to be discontinued

FLW Outdoors announced its 2009 bass tournament details that include enhancements at every level, starting with 150-boat fields in all FLW Tour and FLW Series tournaments.

In addition to scaling boat fields from 200 to 150, in FLW Tour events pros will no longer be allowed to enter just one tournament. Pros must commit to fish all six FLW Tour qualifiers.

Top payouts in FLW Tour qualifiers will remain \$125,000 for pros and \$25,000 for co-anglers, including Ranger Cup bonuses of \$25,000 and \$5,000, respectively.

The purse for the 2010 Forrest Wood Cup will increase from \$2 million to \$2.5 million. Every pro who qualifies will earn at least \$7,000.

Siren Series tournaments will be cut from four days to three days in an effort to help anglers feeling the pressure of higher fuel prices and increased expenses.

The saltwater tours, which include the Redfish Series, Kingfish Tour, Kingfish Series and Striper Series, will be discontinued following the 2008 season.


— FLW Outdoors report.

## HOT SPOT





### Baffin Bay

Trout are good on soft plastics and live bait on the edge of the spoil banks. Trout are good on piggy perch on the edge of the channel in the Landcut. Pluggers have taken good trout on grass beds and around small rocks. Capt. Rhett Price (361) 779-8650 said the upper and east end of Baffin has been good for trout on live piggees, croaker and Mr. Twister Crodes. "Just target the potholes along the shorelines," he said. "We've been drifting and wading. Wading seems to be a little better." See full fishing report on Page 15.




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## GAME WARDEN BLOTTER

### WOMAN WITH FAWN INFORMED OF LIVE GAME LAW

Reagan County Game Warden Matt Adams made contact with a woman in possession of a live white-tailed deer. The woman admitted to picking the fawn up off the road and taking it home. Adams informed her of the law and wrote a warning for possession of a live game animal. The deer was transported to the closest rehabilitator.

### WARDEN ASSISTS WOMAN, CHILD IN ONE-CAR CRASH

While transporting a BWI violator to the sheriff's office, Val Verde County Game Warden Marcus Vela witnessed a vehicle swerve off the road, hit a utility pole guy wire, and finally come to rest on the railroad tracks running parallel to a highway. Vela checked the vehicle and found the woman driver unconscious and a 4-year-old child standing up in the back seat. He immediately called for EMS and advised the dispatcher to notify all trains that a vehicle was wrecked on the tracks. Word was immediately transmitted to an out-bound train, which was able to stop before reaching the scene of the accident. Vela returned to the victim and assisted her and the child until EMS and police units arrived.

### LIGHT VIOLATION LEADS TO PUBLIC INTOXICATION CITATION

A boat on Lake Texoma was operating 25 minutes after sunset without its lights on. When Game Warden Dale Moses approached the boat, he noticed three swimmers approximately 50 yards from the boat. Moses told the swimmers to come back to the boat, and one was so intoxicated that he fell off the ladder twice while attempting to

### MAN ARRESTED FOR IMPERSONATING GAME WARDEN

Abilene's law enforcement office received two reports of a man impersonating a game warden around local lakes. One report was from a police officer who spoke with an individual claiming to be with Texas Parks and Wildlife. The man was checking licenses and IDs on young people related to alcohol violations. The same police officer checked the lake area and

talked with young people at the lake and told them to call 911 if this person contacted them. A short time later, the young people reported the same situation. Officers responded and made a felony stop of the man. He was wearing a gumbelt with a Glock .40 caliber handgun and had two shotguns and body armor in the truck. The vehicle was equipped with two sets of red

and blue lights, take down lights, siren, electrical cutoff switches, long blade knives, and other police/military equipment. The man was arrested for impersonating a public servant and unlawfully carrying a handgun. The vehicle was impounded for evidence. Taylor County Game Warden Steve Medford assisted with the investigation.

get into the boat. The man finally got onto the back of the boat but lost his balance and fell back into the water. Moses cited the man for public intoxication and released him to the sober driver of the boat. The boat driver was cited for the light violation.

### OPERATOR LOSES CONTROL OF PWC, HITS DOCK

Palo Pinto County Game Warden Bill Jones worked a PWC accident on Palo Pinto Lake involving an operator who lost control of his boat and hit a dock. The passenger was transported by helicopter to Fort Worth with a possible head injury. This was the second time the operator had driven a PWC, and the first time with a passenger.

### DRIVER FALLS OUT OF MOVING CAR TRYING TO SHUT PASSENGER DOOR

Anderson County Game Warden David Raybin passed an object on the shoulder of the road that looked like a carcass or other debris. Upon returning to the location, Raybin observed that the object was a person. After notifying EMS, Raybin found the man trying to sit up, with road rash but no obvious

life-threatening injuries. The man had been driving his vehicle at 65 mph, noticed a loud noise coming from the incorrectly closed passenger door, and opened the passenger door to close it correctly. He was not wearing a seat belt and was sucked out onto the road. The man was transported by EMS, and was cited by DPS for the seat belt violation.

### FIVE ARRESTED FOR SHOCKING CATFISH

Cooke County Game Warden Jim Lundberg arrested five local residents for shocking catfish. The men were shocking fish in Fish Creek that runs off the Red River. Twelve fish shocking cases pending.

### FAMILY MEMBERS SEARCHING FOR MISSING BOATERS GET LOST

Three boaters from San Antonio were reported stranded and lost on Toledo Bend. Sabine County Game Warden Henry Alvarado responded. After arriving at the lake, Alvarado learned that more of the family had gone to look for the three missing boaters and now they were lost. At 2 a.m., Alvarado found both parties within a mile of

each other and was able to get all returned to where they started.

### WARDENS ASSIST SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSING HUNTER REPORT

A missing hunter was reported in a remote area of Polk County. Polk County Game Warden Ryan Hall and Tyler County Game Wardens Bryan Baronet and Bill Zappe were called to assist the Polk County Sheriff's Office. The hunter had wandered away from camp at 2 a.m. to go rabbit hunting on foot. Baronet and Zappe located the man at dusk the next day walking along a hunting club road in Tyler county, more than 2.5 miles from where he had started. The man had been missing for 20 hours with no water and 100-degree daytime temperatures.

### TIP LEADS TO MAN SELLING WATER HYACINTH ON INTERNET

Harris County Game Wardens John Rao, Jennifer Inkster and Kelly Newman received a tip that an individual was selling the prohibited exotic species water hyacinth on the Internet. The wardens went to the individual's residence and found numerous small ponds and con-

tainers with the water hyacinth and water lettuce. Both are noxious aquatic plants. The wardens seized a sample of the plants and cited the man for possession of noxious plants. Cases are pending.

### 'THEY TOLD ME THAT THE LEGAL SIZE WAS 12 INCHES FOR BASS'

Zapata County Game Warden Roy Martinez received a report of a fisherman in possession of undersized bass. As Martinez arrived at the location, the fisherman was loading a cooler into the trunk of his car. In the cooler were more than 50 tilapia and three undersized bass. The fisherman said, "They told me that the legal size was 12 inches for bass." The fisherman received a citation for possession of undersized bass.

### WARDEN CATCHES BULLY 'GATOR IN STORE PARKING LOT

An alligator in the parking lot of the Speedy Stop convenience store in Lamar was aggressive and scaring customers away. Aransas County Game Warden Danny Flores captured and relocated the angry gator, and on the way home assisted in catching three men running from Aransas County Sheriff's deputies on Hwy 35. The men were apprehended and transported to jail.

### TWO CITED FOR HUNTING DOVE IN CLOSED SEASON

Ellis County Game Warden Jeff Powell and Dallas County Game Warden Sergio Bazaldua cited two men for hunting dove in closed season. The men were driving down the road shooting at dove on the power lines. They had five dove in their possession. Multiple citations pending.

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### Moon Phases



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9/4	5:33 a.m.	10:54 p.m.	1:50 p.m.	12:54 p.m.	9/4	5:57 a.m.	10:48 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	9/4	5:59 a.m.	9:29 p.m.	5:20 p.m.	12:34 p.m.
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9/7	5:36 a.m.	1:42 p.m.	3:27 p.m.	4:24 p.m.	9/7	6:00 a.m.	1:50 p.m.	7:18 p.m.	3:32 p.m.	9/7	6:02 a.m.	11:44 p.m.	7:10 p.m.	2:29 p.m.
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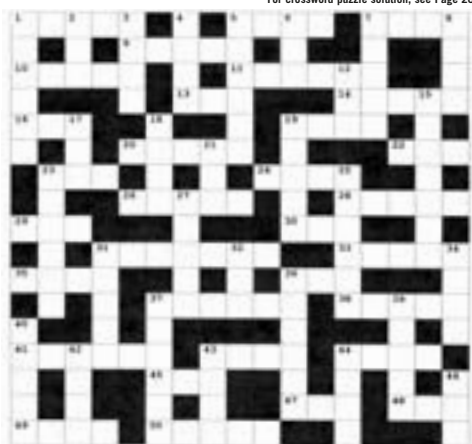
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## OUTDOOR PUZZLER

For crossword puzzle solution, see Page 20

### ACROSS

1. A popular bait for lake trout
  5. Trout have the sense to \_\_\_\_\_
  7. Name for a brand of ice shelter
  9. Describes a trout's vision
  10. Part of ice-fishing gear
  11. After hatching trout are called this
  13. To firm the hook on a strike
  14. A fly pattern term for steelhead
  16. The grommet on a fly rod
  19. Fallen one makes a fish habitat
  20. A name for the lake trout
  22. A best of the firewoods
  23. A group of decoys
  24. Brand of ice shelter, Sno\_\_\_\_\_
  26. A method of fishing
  28. The fishing regulations
  29. An artificial trout lure
  30. To construct a fly lure
  31. Trout will feed in a \_\_\_\_\_ current
  33. The hunter's concealment
  35. Material in a fly rod handle
  36. Sterno is a \_\_\_\_\_-like fuel for camp stove
  37. A saltwater game fish
  38. A predator of fish
  41. The expert fisherman
  43. A baitfish
  44. Trout are often found in \_\_\_\_\_ waters
  45. The female bear
  47. A type fly lure
  48. The largest species of trout
  49. This brings a catch to the boat
  50. Number of fish allowed to keep
- DOWN**
1. On trout fly rod, this is a tippet
  2. Trout production through spawning
  3. Describes the mouth of the bass
  4. A major food of the trout



5. Part of ice-fishing gear
6. A trout's scale can reveal this
7. Good boat for lake trout fishing
8. A fly-casting contest
12. The rugged method of fishing
15. Trout species, \_\_\_\_\_ brook trout
17. The loop in a bowstring
18. Cast method for trout, \_\_\_\_\_ casting
19. Salmon, grayling, char family
21. The slippery swimmer
23. Eggs eaten by all trout
25. A type fishhook
27. A quick-to-erect type tent
31. Fly-casting requires great \_\_\_\_\_
32. Fish eggs
34. Summer trout are found in \_\_\_\_\_ waters
36. A mountain stream trout
37. The main fin on a fish
39. The fish breathing organ
40. Wear for fishing trout streams
42. Large trout is classed as a \_\_\_\_\_ fish
43. Deer will do this to escape danger
44. The camper's beds
46. Sport fish for the bow fisherman

## WILD IN THE KITCHEN

### Speckled Trout with Herbs and Feta Cheese

4 Servings



### Ingredients:

- 4 Trout fillets
- 8 Slices Roma tomatoes
- 1/4 Cup crumbled feta cheese
- 4 Sprigs fresh oregano
- 4 Teaspoons olive oil
- Lemon herb seasoning

### Instructions:

For each fillet, place in a microwave-safe dish. Sprinkle with lemon-herb seasoning and drizzle with oil. Cover dish with plastic wrap, turning back one corner to vent. Microwave on high for 1 1/2 minutes.

Uncover; arrange 2 tomato slices and a sprig of basil and oregano on fillet.

# Van Dam wins Angler of the Year

## Texan Faircloth misses cut at final event

Todd Faircloth of Jasper finally missed a top-50, two-day cut on the Bassmaster Elite Series this season. And it couldn't have come at a worse time for him.

When Faircloth weighed in only 6 pounds, 6 ounces on Day Two of the Champion's Choice at New York's Oneida Lake, it allowed Kevin VanDam to claim the 2008 Toyota Tundra Bassmaster Angler of the Year title.

Separated by only 4 ounces after Day One, VanDam rallied with 13 pounds, 1 ounce to make the top-50 cut with a two-day total of 23 pounds, 14 ounces, and Faircloth finished in 93rd place with 16 pounds, 15 ounces. That was more than enough for VanDam to overcome the 21-point lead Faircloth had entering this final event of the season.

Dean Rojas of Lake Havasu, Ariz., used a variety of hollow-bodied frogs fished in the grass to win the event with a four-day total of 65 pounds, 2 ounces, his first victory since 2001.

Faircloth had made every two-day cut in the previous 10 tournaments this season. But the AOY title came down to survival on Oneida Lake.

The 33-year-old Faircloth has admittedly felt like he had the weight of the world on his shoulders the last two weeks. It only multiplied over the last two days.

"It's just been physically and mentally draining," Faircloth said. "I wake up thinking about it. I go to sleep thinking about it."

"I'm glad it's over with, but I'm sorry I didn't win it. I feel like I really had a legitimate shot at it this week, and I just didn't get it done."

Faircloth felt good about his chances. He'd passed VanDam in the standings with a sixth-place finish at Lake Erie and entered the final event with that 21-point lead in the AOY standings.

During practice at Oneida, Faircloth found some deeply positioned smallmouth and caught some 3- and 4-pound fish in that area. But once the storms rolled in on Day One, they wouldn't bite — and Faircloth had to switch to a shallow-water largemouth bass pattern to rally with a five-bass limit in the last two hours.

On Day Two, he couldn't even find those deep smallmouth on his electronics, so enticing them to bite wasn't an option. Nothing he caught shallow was big enough to make a difference, even though he weighed in a limit.

"I can't explain where those fish went," Faircloth said. "If they would have been there, I think the outcome of this tournament would have been a little different."

"Once those deep fish were gone, I was really kind of lost out there. I couldn't get comfortable doing anything else I tried."

— ESPNOutdoors report.



**SO CLOSE:** Todd Faircloth of Jasper congratulates Kevin Van Dam after Van Dam topped him for the 2008 Angler of the Year at the season's last event. At left, Dean Rojas fishes a frog in the heavy grass at Oneida Lake to win the Champion's Choice event. Photos by ESPNOutdoors.

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# 2008-2009 Waterfowl Hunting Season Dates

(Shooting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset)

### Ducks

**Duck Daily Bag Limit:** The daily bag limit shall be 5 ducks with the following species and sex restrictions — 2 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 wood duck; only 1 from the following aggregate bag: 1 hen mallard, or 1 pintail, or 1 canvasback, or 1 dusky duck (mottled duck, Mexican-like duck, black duck and their hybrids), all other ducks not listed — 5. Merganser Daily Bag Limit: 5 in the aggregate, to include no more than 2 hooded mergansers. Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag limit.

### High Plains Mallard Management Unit

- Youth — Oct. 18-19, 2008;
- Regular Gun — Oct. 25-26, 2008; Oct. 31, 2008-Jan. 25, 2009

### North Zone

- Youth — Oct. 25-26, 2008;
- Regular Gun — Nov. 1-30, 2008; Dec. 13, 2008-Jan. 25, 2009
- Falconry — Jan. 26-Feb. 9, 2009

### South Zone

- Youth — Oct. 25-26, 2008;
- Regular Gun — Nov. 1-30, 2008; Dec. 13, 2008-Jan. 25, 2009
- Falconry — Jan. 26-Feb. 9, 2009

### Geese

Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag limit for dark geese, no possession limit for light geese.

### West Zone

West Zone Daily Bag Limit: Light geese — 20 in the aggregate; Dark geese — 4 Canada and 1 white-fronted goose.

- Light and Dark Geese — Nov. 8, 2008-Feb. 8, 2009
- Light Geese (Conservation Order) — Jan. 26-Mar. 29, 2009

Order) — Feb. 9-March 29, 2009

### East Zone

East Zone Daily Bag Limit: Light geese — 20 in the aggregate; 3 Canada geese and 2 White-fronted geese.

- Light Geese, White-fronted Goose, Canada Goose — Nov. 1, 2008-Jan. 25, 2009; Nov. 1, 2008-Jan. 11, 2009; Nov. 1, 2008-Jan. 25, 2009

• Light Geese (Conservation Order) — Jan. 26-Mar. 29, 2009

### Sandhill Crane

• Zone A — Nov. 8, 2008-Feb. 8, 2009 — Bag Limits: 3 daily, 6 in possession

• Zone B — Nov. 28, 2008-Feb. 8, 2009 — Bag Limits: 3 daily, 6 in possession

• Zone C — Dec. 20, 2008-Jan. 25, 2009 — Bag Limits: 2 daily, 4 in possession



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## Florida team wins Redfish Cup event

Texans finish third, fifth

Oh Boy! Oberto Redfish cup anglers Mark Sepe and Andrew Bostick won for the second time this season in Hopedale, La.

With 16.49 pounds on Day Three, Florida's Sepe and Bostick bested Kevin and "Cajun" Phil Broussard.

Local favorites, the Broussards finished the tournament with 16.23 ounces. In third place, Stephen Stork of Houston and teammate Terry Thomas of Huffman put 15.96 pounds on the scale. Bill Faulkner and Kevin Mihailoff, the tournament leaders on Day One, posted 15.70 pounds to finish fourth and Andy Mnichowski of Marrero, La., with teammate Billy Nicholas of San Marcos caught 15.10 pounds of redfish to finish in fifth place.

Kevin Broussard was among those standing at the front of the winners' receiving line after learning his team's fate moments earlier.

"I'm tired of being the bridesmaid," Broussard said, turning to rejoin his father. "I'm tired of catching the bouquet."

Despite forgetting their "lucky" push pole before launch, Sepe and Bostick returned to their winning spots and their winning ways by sight-fishing the shallow waters of the Louisiana Marsh. The majority of their catches came on Berkley GULP! jerkbaits or shrimp fished weedlessly or with a jighead.

"They were a little spooky today," Sepe said. "But if you lead the fish just a little bit and drag it right across their nose, they'll hit it."

— Redfish Cup report.

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# FISHING REPORT

## HOT BITES

### LARGEMOUTH BASS



**AMISTAD:** Black bass are good on white buzzbaits early and late, midday switching to shad-colored spinnerbaits and dark jigs along timber lines.  
**FORK:** Black bass are good on Pop-Rs and Stanley Ribbits early and late, mid-morning switching to spoons, deep-diving crankbaits, drop shot rigs and Carolina rigs.

### WHITE/HYBRID/STRIPER



**CALAVERAS:** Striped bass are good on spoons and stripers jigs near the dam and the crappie wall in 15-20 feet.  
**POSSUM KINGDOM:** White bass are good on small silver crankbaits on the north end early in the morning or at night.  
**RAY ROBERTS:** White bass are excellent on torpedos and Pop-Rs.  
**TEXOMA:** Striped bass are good on live shad, Storm WildEyes and topwaters.

### CATFISH



**FALCON:** Channel and blue catfish are excellent on stinkbait.  
**GRANGER:** Blue catfish are good drifting cut shad across main lake flats.  
**LBJ:** Channel catfish are good on liver and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are very good on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.  
**TRAVIS:** Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut shad in 28-35 feet.

### CRAPPIE



**BASTROP:** Crappie are good on minnows and white tube jigs.  
**LIVINGSTON:** Crappie are good on minnows over deep brush piles.  
**O.H. WIE:** Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

### BREAM



**HOUSTON COUNTY:** Bream are good on live worms off piers and near grass beds, and on the south side of the islands.  
**TOLEDO BEND:** Bream are good on crickets and nightcrawlers off docks in 4-5 feet.

**ALAN HENRY:** Water lightly stained; 86 degrees; 79° low. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.  
**AMISTAD:** Water clear; 80 degrees; 17.91° low. Black bass are very good on shad colored deep diving jigs, spinnerbaits, and on topwaters early.

**ATHENS:** Water lightly stained, 83-88 degrees; 0.92° low. Black bass are good on soft plastic frogs and buzzbaits, later switching to 4" Senkos, Texas rigs and Carolina rigs — night fishing is good on a variety of black artificial baits. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.  
**BASTROP:** Water clear. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad, liver, and nightcrawlers.

**BELTON:** Water clear; 84 degrees; 0.26° low. Hybrid striped are good on live shad early. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait.  
**BOB SANDLIN:** Water fairly clear; 83-89 degrees; 0.8° low. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs over brush piles and around bridge columns. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

**BRAUNIG:** Water stained; 87 degrees. Striped bass are excellent on liver and shad off points, and down rigging silver and gold spoons near the jetty and dam. Redfish are excellent on perch, shad, and silver spoons, and down rigging spoons near the jetty and dam. Channel catfish are excellent on liver, shrimp, cut bait, and cheesebait near the dam.  
**BRIDGEPORT:** Water lightly stained; 82-88 degrees; 3.38° low. Black bass are good on topwaters early, later switching to crankbaits, Carolina rigs and shad head rigs. White bass and hybrids are good on slabs and topwaters.

**BROWNWOOD:** Water clear; 86 degrees; 4.27° low. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits near the docks, and on shad heads worms near the docks and rocks and over brush piles in 12-15 feet. White bass are good on L'il Fishes and crankbaits off lighted docks at night.  
**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 86 degrees; 6.26° low. Striped bass are good on plastic swim baits and drifting live bait around Lighthouse Point at first light on the surface. Yellow and blue catfish are very good on goldfish and perch upriver.

**CADDO:** Water stained; 83-89 degrees; 1.18° low. Black bass are good on frogs early and late, midday switching to Senkos, chatterbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows and jigs. White bass are good on white Road Runners and minnows.  
**CALAVERAS:** Water stained; 87 degrees. Black bass are good on dark soft plastic worms, spinnerbaits, and crankbaits over reed beds and near the dam. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on liver, cheesebait, shrimp, and shad near the railroad trestle and 181 Cove.

**CANYON LAKE:** Water clear; 85 degrees; 5.91° low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters, watermelon Whacky Sticks, and Texas rigged blue flake worms in flooded bushes and grass banks. Yellow and blue catfish are good on live bait.  
**CEDAR CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 83-89 degrees; 1.25° low. Black bass are good on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and shad pattern crankbaits. White bass are good on slabs and topwaters. Hybrid striped are good on large Road Runners and swim baits.

**CHOKE CANYON:** Water lightly stained; 93 degrees; 3.19° low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and large soft plastics. Channel and blue catfish are good on punchbait. Yellow catfish are good on live perch.  
**COLEMAN:** Water clear; 86 degrees; 3.84° low. Crappie are good on minnows and green tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp.

**CONROE:** Water clear; 1.13° low. Black bass are good on watermelon/white Carolina rigged soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are good on stinkbait, liver, and shrimp.  
**COOPER:** Water lightly stained; 82-88 degrees; 1.77° low. Black bass are good on topwaters early, later switching to drop shot rigs, Carolina and Texas rigs and Senkos. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows over brush piles. White bass are good on Rooster Tails and Little Georges. Hybrid striped are good on Sassy Shad and live shad.

**FALCON:** Water stained; 85-90 degrees. Black bass are good flipping soft plastics in treetsops, deep diving crankbaits over flats and weighted Senkos and flukes in 8-12 feet.  
**FORK:** Water lightly stained; 83-89 degrees; 0.15° low. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows around the bridges and over brush piles. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

**GRANGER:** Water clear; 86 degrees; 1.56° low. Crappie are good on 1/32 oz. jigs in 5-15 feet.  
**GRAPEVINE:** Water off-color; 83-89 degrees; 2.7° low. Black bass are good on crawfish pattern jigs, crankbaits, Texas rigs and Carolina rigs. White bass are good on Rooster Tails, topwaters and slabs. Catfish are good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

**GREENBELT:** Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 28.44° low. Black bass are good on topwaters early and late, midday switching to white spinnerbaits and Carolina-rigged pumpkin soft plastic lizards around grass lines. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait. Smallmouth bass are good on live bait, topwaters and crankbaits along grass lines.

**HOUSTON COUNTY:** Water clear; 89 degrees; 0.49° low. Black bass are good on watermelon/red flake, smoke, and purple/glitter worms, and on crankbaits near the dam in 8-14 feet. White bass are good along the northeast shore. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad and on perch.  
**JOE POOL:** Water off-color; 83-89 degrees; 1.17° low. Black bass are good on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs and crankbaits. White bass are good on slabs.

**LAKE O' THE PINES:** Water stained; 84-89 degrees; 1.01° high. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, Carolina rigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are good on minnows over brush piles.  
**LAVON:** Water stained; 84-89 degrees; 2.06° low. Black bass are good on chatterbaits (fished slow), crankbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs over brush piles. Catfish are good on cut shad and prepared bait and cut shad.

**LBJ:** Water stained; 86 degrees; 0.42° low. White bass are fair on L'il Fishes at night. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles.  
**LEWISVILLE:** Water off-color; 83-89 degrees; 2.27° low. White bass are very good on lead babies and Rooster Tails. Catfish are good on prepared bait and cut shad.

**LIVINGSTON:** Water fairly clear; 88 degrees; 0.52° low. Black bass are good on soft plastics, spinnerbaits, and crankbaits. White bass are good on helibenders, pet spoons, and Charlie slabs.  
**MACKENZIE:** Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 76.06° low. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are good on minnows on live bait.

**MEREDITH:** Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 77.39° low. White bass are good on live bait and shad-colored crankbaits. Channel catfish are good on live bait.  
**MONTICELLO:** Water fairly clear; 85-95 degrees; 0.28° high. Black bass are good on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and chrome Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are good on minnows.

**O.H. WIE:** Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 13.23° low. White bass are good on live bait. Smallmouth bass are good on live bait and shad-colored crankbaits. Channel catfish are good on live bait.  
**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water stained 85 degrees; 1.75° low. Catfish are very good on cut bait, worms and liver along the river channel and under docks in the Rock Creek area.

**PROCTOR:** Water stained; 88 degrees; 2.82° low. Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits and minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and shad.  
**RAY HUBBARD:** Water off-color; 83-89 degrees; 1.3° low. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs over brush piles, around the bridges and in the marina slips. White bass are good on topwaters and slabs. Hybrid striped are good on Humdingers and Sassy Shad.

**RAY ROBERTS:** Water clear; 84-88 degrees; 0.91° low. Black bass are good on brush piles and around isolated trees on minnows.  
**RICHLAND CHAMBERS:** Water off-color; 83-89 degrees; 1.86° low. White bass are good on slabs. Hybrid striped are fair to good on Sassy Shad and live shad.

**SAM RAYBURN:** Water lightly stained; 87 degrees; 4.05° low. Black bass are good on black/blue flake soft plastic worms. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait and cut bait.  
**SOMERVILLE:** Water murky; 86 degrees; 1.54° low. Perch are excellent on worms.

**STILLHOUSE:** Water clear; 88 degrees; 1.53° low. Black bass are good on minnows, minnows, and soft plastic worms.  
**TAWAKONI:** Water lightly stained; 84-89 degrees; 1.45° low. Black bass are good on buzzbaits and Zell Pops early, later switching to Texas rigged Creatures, white spinnerbaits, chatterbaits and Senkos. White bass are good on slabs and minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

**TEXOMA:** Water off-color; 82-88 degrees; 1.87° low. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs over brush piles and around bridge columns. Catfish are good on cut and live shad.  
**TOLEDO BEND:** Water clear; 86 degrees; 3.44° low. Black bass are good on craw worms early and late. Channel and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait, livers, and hearts.

**TRAVIS:** Water clear; 84 degrees; 16.62° low. White bass are good on chrome chuggers and silver spoons in 5-25 feet.  
**WEATHERFORD:** Water stained; 80-87 degrees; 3.04° low. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on slabs and minnows.  
**WHITNEY:** Water clear; 86 degrees; 6.27° low. Catfish are good on shrimp and liver.

## SALTWATER SCENE

**NORTH SABINE:** Rain and wind has muted the middle of the lake and the river. Redfish are good in the marsh on small topwaters, and in the middle of the lake under birds.

**SOUTH SABINE:** Trout, redfish and jack creviale are good around the jetty on live bait. Trout were taken in the surf, but stiff south winds have hurt water conditions.

**BOLIVAR:** Trout are fair on the south shoreline on She Pups and Super Spooks. Flounder are fair to good around Rollover Pass on jigs tipped with shrimp.

**TRINITY BAY:** Trout are fair to good on the shell for waders tossing plum or lime/rose plastics. Redfish have been schooling on top when winds allow.

**EAST GALVESTON BAY:** Some trout have been under birds during calm conditions. Trout are fair to good around the channel on croakers. Trout are fair to good on shell pads on live shrimp and plastics.

**WEST GALVESTON BAY:** Trout are fair to good in Bastrop Bay on live shrimp under a popping cork. Trout are good off the spoil banks on croaker. Gafftop, sand trout, trout, redfish, sharks and whiting are good from the beachfront piers on live bait.

**TEXAS CITY:** Black drum, redfish and gafftop are fair to good around the rocks on shrimp. Trout are good at night under the lights on live shrimp and DOA Shrimp.

**FREEPORT:** Trout, redfish and sand trout are good at San Luis Pass on live shrimp and plastics. Trout, sand trout, gafftop and sharks are good along the Surfside Beach on live bait.

**EAST MATAGORDA:** Trout are good for waders working the mid-bay reefs, but stiff winds have hampered their efforts. Trout are fair to good while drifting deep shell on live shrimp, Gulps and topwaters. Redfish are good on the west end of the bay on live shrimp.

**MATAGORDA:** Trout and redfish are fair to good on the grass and sand on soft plastics. Trout are fair on the edge of the channel on soft plastics and croakers. Redfish are good on the south shoreline on plastics and live shrimp.

**PORT OCONNOR:** Trout are fair to good on the grass beds near Pass Cavallo on croakers and soft plastics. Redfish are fair to good around on the grass beds along the south shoreline of Espiritu Santo Bay on small Super Spooks and Gulps.

**ROCKPORT:** Trout are good on the sand and grass near Mud Island on croakers and piggies. Redfish are fair to good on the grass on Estes Flats on gold spoons and mullet. Trout are fair to good at Allyn's Bight on glow/chartreuse plastics.

**PORT ARANSAS:** Redfish, whiting and sand trout are fair to good at the jetty on shrimp. Offshore is good for ling, dorado, amberjack and kingfish.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Trout and redfish are fair to good on live shrimp and Gulps along the drop-offs of the spoil banks. Trout are fair to good on piggy perch and croakers on the reefs in Nueces Bay.

**PORT MANSFIELD:** Tarpon are showing along the beachfront. Redfish are good for drifters working the portholes on gold spoons, live shrimp and soft plastics.

**SOUTH PADRE:** Trout are good on the edge of the channel along the grass on DOA Shrimp and Gulps. Redfish are fair to good while drifting the flats on plastics and DOA Shrimp. Fishing has been at best since the hurricane.

**PORT ISABEL:** Trout have been fair along the Gas Well Flats on small topwaters on Gulps under a rattling cork. Snook are fair in South Bay and around the jetty. Redfish and trout are hanging on the edge of the channel on soft plastics and live bait.

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**Aug. 23-24:** Cabela's in Buda and Fort Worth will host its Fall Great Outdoor Days, with a Youth 3D Archery Shoot for ages 16 and under, seminars, prizes and more. For information, call (512) 295-1100 (Buda) or (817) 337-2400 (Fort Worth) or visit cabelas.com.



**Aug. 23:** The 16th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Clay Shoot benefiting the Outdoor Mentoring Programs will be held at Alpine Shooting Range in Fort Worth. Call (972) 573-2383 or e-mail daguirre@bbbstx.org for information.

**Aug. 23:** The Panhandle Big Game Awards will be held at Fair Park Auditorium in Childress. Call (210) 826-2904 or visit TexasBigGameAwards.com for information.



**Aug. 26:** The Wimberley DU banquet will be held at the Wimberley Community Center. Call Allan at (512) 847-0869 for information.

**Aug. 28:** The Johnson County DU dinner will be held at the Cleburne Civic Center. Contact Doug at (817) 905-5049 or djones@lochinvar.com for information.

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**Aug. 28:** The Alamo QU dinner will be held in San Antonio. Call Helen at (210) 332-3560 for information.

**Aug. 28:** The Dallas Safari Club Austin Regional Meeting will be held. Call (972) 980-9800 for information.



**Aug. 28:** The Spring Delta Waterfowl dinner will be held at Spring Chateau. Call Dan at (281) 797-5754 for information.

**Aug. 28:** The Tomball NWTFF dinner will be held at VFW Post 2427. Contact Jess at (281) 806-9066 or jrw1217@gmail.com for information.



**Aug. 29:** The Amarillo NWTFF dinner will be held at the Amarillo Civic Center. Contact Gary at (806) 355-3540 for information.

**Aug. 30:** The Cabela's Fall BBQ Blast competition will be held at the Fort Worth store. No entry fees. Call Stephanie at (817) 337-2400 for information.

**Aug. 30:** The Mexia DU Sporting Clay Shoot will be held at the Robinson

Range. Call James at (254) 747-0967 for information.

**Sept. 4:** The Lake Lewisville DU dinner will be held at Marine Max in Lewisville. Contact Ron at (972) 786-6630 or late-ron@aramark.com for information.

**Sept. 5-6:** The Dallas Safari Club Members Only Dove Hunt will be held at the Hailey Ranch in Abilene. Call (972) 980-9800 for information.

**Sept. 6:** The Coastal Prairies Texas Big Game Awards will be held at the Seguin Coliseum. Call (210) 826-2904 or visit texasbiggameawards.com for information.

**Sept. 6:** The Gulf Coast Quail Forever banquet will be held at the Houston Distributing Company. Contact Dave at (281) 332-6672 or info@gulfcoastquailforever3066.org for information.

**Sept. 9:** The Stephenville DU dinner will be held at City Limits. Call Richard at (254) 965-7680 for information.

**Sept. 11:** The Dallas Delta Waterfowl dinner will be held at the Houston Oaks Country Club. Call Bryan at (214) 561-1963 for



information.

**Sept. 11:** The Dallas Woods and Waters Club monthly meeting will be held at the Sheraton North Dallas Hotel. Call (214) 570-8700 for information and reservations.

**Sept. 11:** The Garland/Mesquite DU dinner will be held at The Atrium in Garland. For information, contact John at (214) 677-7405 or garlanddu@yahoo.com.

**Sept. 12-13:** The Hold'em and Hit'em Club Dick Stipanovic Memorial Fishing Rodeo will be headquartered at Ron Hoover Marine Center in Seabrook. For information, contact Ken at (281) 451-7769 or kenfishing@sbcglobal.net.

**Sept. 12-14:** The Legends Dove Hunt and Concert benefiting Hendrick Children's Hospital will be held in Abilene. Visit legendsdovehunt.com for information.

**Sept. 12:** The Wise County DU dinner will be held at the Wise County Fairgrounds in Decatur. Contact Justin at (940) 577-2910 or justinmathison@hotmail.com for information.

**Sept. 13:** The Cross Timbers Texas Big Game Awards will be held at the Abilene Civic Center. Call (210) 826-2904 or visit texasbiggameawards.com for

information.

**Sept. 13:** The Paloma Blanca Laredo Rotary Club Sporting Clay Shoot will be held at the Laredo Shooting Complex. Contact Becky at (956) 693-8700 or laredorotary-skeetshoot@yahoo.com for information.

**Sept. 17:** The Doorkeepers Wild Game dinner will be held at The Private Museum of Wild Game in Houston. Call (713) 921-7520 or visit opedoorhoustan.org for information.

**Sept. 18:** The Lake Grapevine DU dinner will be held at the Grapevine Convention Center. Contact Fred at (817) 368-7310 or fssahs@msn.com for information.

**Sept. 18:** The Beeville CCA Fish Fry will be held at the High 5 Ranch in Beeville. Call (713) 626-4222 for information.



**Sept. 18:** The Dallas Safari Club monthly meeting will be held at Royal Oaks Country Club featuring Larry Weishun. Contact Debi at (972) 980-9800 or debi@biggame.org for information.

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### CCA State of Texas

#### Angler's Rodeo (STAR)

LEADERS AS OF: 8-18-08

#### STARKIDS DIVISION (AGES 6-10)

##### Flounder

Cole Crutchfield, 10, of Danbury 6 lbs. 15 ozs.

##### Sheepshead

Albert Guzman, III, 10, of League City 8 lbs. 2 ozs.

##### Gafftop

Austin Junot, 9, of Nederland 6 lbs. 7 ozs.

#### STARTEENS TROUT & INSHORE DIVISIONS

#### (AGES 11-17)

##### Upper Coast Speckled Trout

Cody Green, 17, of San Augustine 6 lbs. 6 oz.

##### Middle Coast Speckled Trout

Chandler Faickney, 15, of Lake Jackson 8 lbs.

##### Lower Coast Speckled Trout

Christopher Walls, 15, of New Braunfels 8 lbs. 3 ozs.

##### Sheepshead

Brett Green, 16, of Baytown 9 lbs. 5 ozs.

##### Gafftop

Cody Green, 17 of San Augustine 7 lbs. 3 ozs.

##### Flounder

Andrea Peters, 16, of Porter 4 lbs. 9 ozs.

#### STAR LEADERBOARD

##### Upper Coast Speckled Trout

Jason Lingo of Seabrook 8 lbs. 7 ozs.

##### Middle Coast Speckled Trout

Robert A. Daffern of Sargent 8 lbs. 13 ozs.

##### Lower Coast Speckled Trout

Noe Morales of Bishop 9 lbs.

##### Flounder

Henry M. Mills of Houston 7 lbs. 3 ozs.

##### Sheepshead

Rick Graham of Friendswood 9 lbs. 12 ozs.

##### Kingfish

Robert Sanger, Jr. of Corpus Christi

54 lbs. 11 ozs.

##### Dorado

Ryan David Foster of Harlingen 65 lbs. 7 ozs.

##### Ling

Rachel Adams of Pinehurst 74 lbs. 2 ozs.

##### Gafftop

Tina Guernsey of Beaumont 7 lbs. 5 ozs.

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##### REDFISH DIVISION

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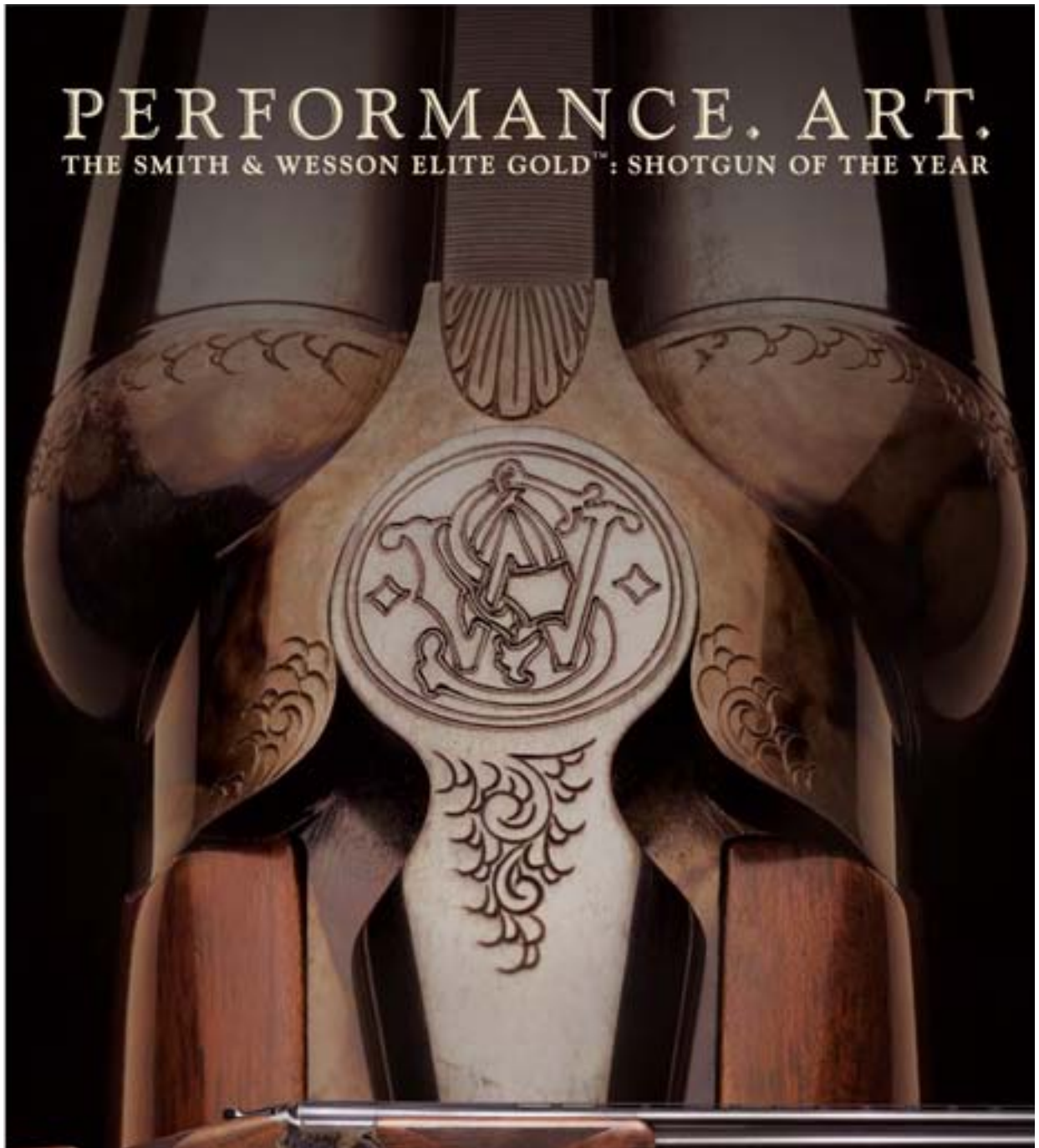
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is now at dealerships. The company has made the 2009 models available earlier in the year for hunters. The 700 side-by-side off-road vehicle features an all-new engine, four-wheel hydraulic disc braking and an overall quieter, smoother ride. It comes in Hunter Green, Steel Blue, and Realtree AP HD Camouflage (about \$10,700 to \$11,250). A Ducks Unlimited version and other special editions also will be offered. To find a dealer, visit [www.yamahahoutdoors.com](http://www.yamahahoutdoors.com).



### LIGHTWEIGHT REVOLVER: Taurus' Hip Carry 444 Ultra-Lite Hunting Revolver

is a 28-ounce, six-shot multi-alloy revolver. The .44 magnum handgun features a forged titanium double lock-up cylinder, a cushion insert grip that pillows the recoil, and high visibility fiber optic sights. In the titanium blue finish, it sells for about \$680. For dealers, visit [www.taurususa.com](http://www.taurususa.com) or call (305) 624-1115.



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### COMMEMORATIVE RIFLE:

Henry Repeating Arms has released its Henry Golden Boy "Boy Scouts of America Centennial Edition" licensed rifle. The 22-caliber lever-action repeater rifle, which commemorates the group's 100th anniversary coming up in 2010, is embellished with the Boy Scouts' logo on the receiver, a "100 Years of Scouting" logo, the group's oath and law plus decorative scroll work and etchings. The rifle features an American walnut stock, adjustable rear and beaded front sights, and a brasslite receiver with brass buttplate and blued barrel. It sells for about \$900. For a brochure, call (866) 200-2354 or visit [www.henryrepeating.com](http://www.henryrepeating.com).

### BIG GAME GUIDE: "Do It Yourself Dream Hunts"

(Krause Publications, \$21.99) is a resource for big game hunters who want to arrange affordable, first-rate hunts. Written by well-traveled hunter Mike Schoby, the guide shows outdoorsmen on any budget how and where to hunt such game as Roosevelt elk, Rocky Mountain elk, moose, sheep, caribou, bear, mountain goats, antelope, mule deer as well as trophy whitetails. Schoby includes such information as state-by-state license costs; choosing the right firearms; accessing public and leased properties; and roughing it in the back country. He also tells hunters how they can find the best deals on guided hunts through cancellations. The 255-page book includes about 100 color photos. To purchase a signed copy, visit [www.mikeschoby.com](http://www.mikeschoby.com).



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## Practice

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in the game bag at the end of the hunt.

Many Texas dove hunters head out for one short practice session in the week or two before the dove opener. Some simple target-hitting advice from National Sporting Clays Association Chief Instructor Gary Greenway may help those with limited or no practice down more birds.

Shoot the birds where they eat, not where they seat. Lead is required for any moving target — the shot pattern must be where the target is going and not where it is at the time the trigger is pulled. "You have my permission to shoot in front of the target," is one of Greenway's most common pieces of advice. Shooters should focus on the bird's head, rather than its moving wings, and put the shotgun barrel in front of the dove to achieve better results.

Get comfortable before you touch off a shot. A firm, comfortable foundation is created when a shooter stands with his or her feet squared up to the target path. If the shooter is off-balance, shotgun con-

**"Bad balance restricts movement; good balance results in good tempo and target hits."**

— Gary Greenway

trol and shooting success will both suffer. "Bad balance restricts movement; good balance results in good tempo and target hits," Greenway said. Try to be in your most comfortable position when you touch off a shot attempting to intercept one of those darting doves.

Make the shot count. A final piece of advice is offered by Milo Abercrombie, manager of the 74 Ranch and Resort in Campbellton where hundreds of hunters test their dove-shooting skills each year.

Abercrombie said that particularly with shooters using pump-action or semi-automatic shotguns, he has observed a lot of sky-blasting and throwing lead in the air without any bird-downing impact.

"Most hunters (with three potential shots) will waste the first one, knowing they have two more to back it up, or just throw away the last shot at a bird that is out of range," he said. "In either case, the third shot is normally just a waste."

Dumping three shots in the air every time a bird comes into view is just not conducive to filling a game bag, plus it can lead to shooting shoulder shock.

"Make that first shot count, put that bird in the bag and then move on to the next shot," Abercrombie said.



**HELPING HAND:** A young shooter is given assistance at the Dallas Safari Club Summer Blast sporting clays shoot. Photo by David J. Sams.

## Buck

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he's old, is he necessarily out of production?"

Franz's Rock Creek Ranch is actually two properties that are managed under one umbrella.

The operation also provides hunts on hogs and exotic game such as black buck and axis deer. It's high fence with aggressive protein feeding programs, Franz said.

But although Franz favors waiting on the rut, there are other deer to shoot during the first two thirds of the season at Rock Creek.

"Not all of our bucks are super breeders," he said. "We have all levels of bucks. The majority of people are happy to shoot a 120- to 130-class deer."

Franz acknowledged, however, that what works on his Hill Country property in Burnet County may not suit another rancher's management goals.

Marko Barrett of San Antonio waited about five years to finally take a shot at a massive buck on his family's Las Raices Ranch in Webb County.

Patience paid off.

The buck scored 268 and 6/8 and was best overall last season in the 22nd Annual Los Cazadores and the Texas Trophy Hunters Deer Contests.

But Barrett, who manages the ranch, was less concerned about his trophy completing one last mating season.

He was more concerned about him dying prematurely, and not to a bullet.

The 7-year-old deer was a known scrapper; his shed antlers routinely bore battle scars.

"These deer die all the time to fighting," Barrett said. "So you risk losing him to that. And, once the rut hits, there's no telling where he's going to go."

Barrett also noted that a mature deer tends to breed less, so chances were diminished that his trophy would sire any more fawns.

And at age 7, the deer probably had already made his mark, Barrett said.

"I reached the pinnacle of our management program with that deer," Barrett said. "I probably will never grow another one like him, so we took him."

"We didn't want to risk him getting away from us."

"If you're shooting a trophy, I figure a bird in the hand is better than two in the bush."

For some hunters, when faced with the buck of a lifetime, the timing of the rut is the last thing on a hunter's mind. "If I have permission and I get a shot at a buck of a lifetime," said deer hunter Derek DeWitt of Stockdale,

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Turner was fascinated by the Mexican culture, lifestyle and the challenges of providing clients with the finest in "outdoor adventure travel."

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With offices in McAllen and Monterrey, Mexico, Turner welcomes any questions or inquiries you might have regarding hunting and fishing in Mexico or any of his other incredible destinations. You may visit his Web site at [www.viphunts.com](http://www.viphunts.com) or contact him directly at [turnerhdq@hotmail.com](mailto:turnerhdq@hotmail.com).



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With SCTP now of a size and scope beyond the NSSF's mission parameters, responsibility for its continuation and development is being passed along to the newly formed Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation.

"We are confident that this transfer of responsibility to the SSSF will be in the best interest of the program to serve its youth participants and coaches," commented NSSF President Steve Sanetti. "The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation has the talent and experience to assure the continued success of this vitally important program. NSSF

is proud to now be included as one of many sponsors of SCTP."

The new foundation will be responsible for all aspects of SCTP, including participant registration, coaches, state coordinators, state and national championships, promotion, communications, Web sites, public relations and growth strategies.

SSSF is headed by Dr. Bill Christy, who has extensive experience in the organized youth shooting arena. His involvement in youth shooting dates back to the mid-'60s, when he was one of the founders of the groundbreaking 4-H Shooting Program. Since then, he has taught hundreds of firearms instructors, and coached a number of youth clay target teams.

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# HEROES



**IV WEBB** shows his first bass caught fishing with his dad, **TREY**, at Lake Travis.



**DAVID JONES** of Bedford harvested this 8-point buck using a .50 caliber muzzleloader on public land.



**MCCALL SAATHOFF**, 14, shows catches made flounder giging at the Port Bay Club.



**MATT REED**, **ERIC ROONEY** and **KELLY JORDON** caught this yellowfin tuna off of Port O'Connor.



**MIKE GINTHER** and **JIM GARZA** hooked these 30- and 35-inch redfish while fishing with Capt. Herbert Bode at South Padre Island.



**VICTOR MARTINEZ**, 10, shot these two Rio Grande gobblers on the last weekend of the South Texas spring turkey season within sight of the Rio Grande River.

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**KONNER SMITH**, 10, of Floydada, caught this speckled trout while fishing in Matagorda with his family and fishing guide Jay Huitt.



**CASE** and **FIELD GATLIN**, ages 9 and 7, caught two redfish and some trout on a fishing trip to Port Aransas.



**A.J. HAYSE** of Katy caught this 21-pound red snapper aboard the Capt. John out of Galveston on his first offshore trip.



**LANDON EARLY**, 12, of Bogata, caught this 35-pound kingfish aboard the Dolphin Express at Dolphin Dock.



**SKREET SKILLS:** Vincent Hancock, 19, center, of Eatonton, Ga., took the gold in Men's Skeet at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China.



**SHINING SILVER:** Kim Rhode, left, of El Monte, Calif., won the silver medal in Women's Skeet at the Olympic games. Photos by USA Shooting.

## Olympics

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targets in the qualification round, a new Olympic record. Hancock shot 24 targets in the final to finish tied with Norway's Tore Brovold, who shot a perfect 25, at 145 targets. Both shooters hit their first pair in the first shoot-off and in the second shoot-off, Brovold missed one of his targets, while Hancock hit both to claim the gold medal.

"I've always dreamed of getting gold and now I've got it," Hancock said. "I like to deal with pressure and now it has paid off."

Sean McLelland of Mission ended the competition in 11th place overall.

In Women's Skeet, Kim Rhode of El Monte, Calif., captured the silver medal. Rhode, who won the gold in Women's Double Trap in 1996 and 2004 as well as the bronze in 2000, also shot in the skeet event at the Sydney and Athens

Olympic Games, but switched to skeet shooting full-time after the Women's Double Trap event was taken out of Olympic competition in 2004.

"After double trap was eliminated in 2004, it was a bittersweet win for me," said Rhode. "On one hand I won the gold, but on the other hand I knew the challenge I faced in completely switching to skeet. I couldn't be happier with winning a medal today. Gold, silver or bronze, I don't think it matters. I am just so glad to be back at the Olympics and representing my country."

In Women's Trap, 21-year-old Corey Cogdell of Eagle River, Alaska claimed the bronze medal after an exciting shoot-off.

Cogdell, who has been shooting International Trap competitively for a little more than two years, entered the final round with a qualification score of 69 out of 75 targets.

In the 25-target final, Cogdell shot a score of 17 and ended the final round in a four-way tie at 86. Cogdell drew the fourth spot for the shoot-off and after the first three shooters missed their

targets, Cogdell hit a small piece off her target to take third place and claim the bronze.

"I didn't expect to do this well after only shooting competitively for the past two years," Cogdell said. "I wasn't even supposed to get on the Olympic team. My goal was to be on the 2012 Olympic team, so to win a medal at the Olympics at this point in my career is really a dream come true."

Matt Emmons of Browns Mills, N.J., won the silver in the Men's 50m Prone Rifle Event.

Emmons, the 2004 Olympic gold medalist in prone, fired a score of 597 out of a possible 600 points and entered the final in second place behind the Ukraine's Artur Ayvazian. Emmons shot a final score of 104.7 finishing with a total of 701.7 to claim the silver medal. Ayvazian held on to win the gold after shooting a 103.7 in the final and a total score of 702.7.

"I had the best match of my life today, but it turned out that someone else shot a little better," Emmons said.

Michael Anti of Winterville, N.C., a Major in

the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, finished the prone event in ninth place.

Emmons also finished fourth in the Men's 50m 3 Position Rifle event.

Jason Turner of Rochester, N.Y., was awarded a bronze medal in the 10-meter air pistol event after Kim Jong Su from North Korea was disqualified for a positive drug test. Turner was fourth in the competition before Kim's disqualification.

In other events, Jamie Beyerle of Lebanon, Pa., finished fifth in the Women's 50m 3 Position Rifle; Libby Callahan of Columbia, S.C., finished 25th and Beki Snyder 28th in the Women's 25m Sport Pistol; Daryl Szarenski of Saginaw, Mich., finished 14th and Jason Turner finished 21st in the Men's 50m Free Pistol; and U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Keith Sanderson of San Antonio placed fifth in the Men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol.

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**BIG PAYDAY:** Michael Bennett of Lincoln, Calif., won \$1 million in the Forrest Wood Cup on Lake Murray, S.C. Photo by FLW Outdoors.

## Bennett

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"This hasn't sunk in at all," said Bennett, who became the youngest angler to reach \$1 million in career earnings and has banked \$1.4 million in FLW Outdoors events. "I mean, I'm excited and have an unbelievable feeling inside, but overall it hasn't sunk in. It's incredible."

Bennett said he had a solid pattern targeted in practice, but heavy rains before the tournament began changed his approach. Bennett decided to start the tournament by fishing shallow.

Bennett admitted to "junk fishing," or fishing without a pattern, although he finetuned his approach to fit the situation. Bennett targeted clear, shallow water with a patient retrieve.

The last two days of competition Bennett targeted specific mid-lake spots featuring structure or grass.

Bennett's bait of choice was a Snag Proof Fred Frog Custom Color.

Lefebre caught a two-day total of 10 bass weighing 19 pounds, 12 ounces to claim second place and \$100,000.

Lefebre said he caught every fish he

weighed in during the tournament on a 6-inch Berkley PowerBait Flippin'Tail Worm. He rigged the worm with a 3/16-ounce weight and a 3/0 hook.

"I just wanted one bait that would let me fish everything," Lefebre said. "Today I was skipping it in the river around bushes and docks."

Rounding out the top 5 pros were Terry Bolton of Jonesboro, Ark., with 10 bass totaling 19 pounds, 9 ounces; Chris Baumgardner of Gastonia, N.C., with 9 bass totaling 16 pounds, 9 ounces; and Kevin Vida of Clare, Mich., with 9 bass totaling 15 pounds, 14 ounces.

Bennett's big purse consisted of \$500,000 for winning the event plus a \$500,000 Ranger bonus.

Bud Pruitt of Houston narrowly missed the cut to 10 anglers after the event's first two days, finishing 11th but winning \$20,000.

David Curtis of Trinity finished 29th, Shinichi Fukae of Mineola 42nd, and Clark Wendlandt of Leander finished 54th.

David Hudson of Jasper, Ala., won the Co-angler Division and \$50,000 Saturday with four bass weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces followed by Brian Tidwell of Seneca, S.C.

—FLW Outdoors report.



**FROGGING TO VICTORY:** Bennett used an artificial frog to land many of his fish in taking the Forrest Wood Cup. Photo by FLW Outdoors.

## Gore

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High Roller, officially the biggest whitetail in the world," he said. "He was an Amish pen-raised buck that scored 377 2/8 at 4 years old, and 418 before he died."

Gore also scored Stickers, Texas' biggest buck. "I scored him when he was 324," he said.

Gore supervised the scoring of about 150 racks scored at each of the three Texas Trophy Hunter's Extravanzas, and he goes to Mexico each year to help with the "Los Gigantes" contest that uses the

"I've scored a lot of deer that missed the book by less than one inch. I always re-score them to make sure."  
— Horace Gore

Boone & Crockett scoring method. The biggest native Texas buck scored by Gore? "For a typical whitetail, it would be the 1934 Shiner Ranch buck shot by Bill Glendening," he said. "And for a nontypical, it would be Marko Barrett's buck this past season."

Barrett's buck scored 275 at Las Casadores after it was shot, and is thought to be the largest native buck ever taken in Texas.

"I scored Marko's buck again at the TTHA show in San Antonio," Gore said. "When I got done, it scored 263. So I scored it again and it was still 263. I knew the bucked scored 275 at Las Casadores, so I was worried."

Gore called Mark Barrett, Marko's father, to get in touch with Marko to tell him the news.

"Marko told me that they sent the head to Arkansas to have replicas made," Gore said. "The deer had been in velvet when it was shot, and the velvet had been taken off. As it turned out, in Arkansas the antlers were too rough for the mold and they shaved it and rubbed and sanded it down."

Could that account for a 12-inch drop in the buck's score? "The buck had 32 points," Gore said. "If you shave a quarter-inch off of 32 points, you'll lose 8 or 9 inches."

And what has been the toughest part of his lengthy career? "I've scored a lot of deer that missed the book by less than one inch," Gore said. "I always re-score them to make sure. Some people get really upset when their deer misses the book by one inch or less. Some have asked if there was anything they could do, but in 39 years, I never took anything to add an inch."

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**Bushmeat trade threatens East African wildlife**

Increasing pressure from poaching is driving the decline of Eastern Africa's wildlife.

Fueled by an expansion of the commercial trade in bushmeat — a term applied to any wild game hunted for food — illegal hunting is decimating the populations of hippopotamus, wildebeest, zebra, and many other species.

The threat is not just to wildlife but to a tourist industry that is also one of the continent's biggest employers. The pressure is overwhelming the capacity of wildlife agencies to address the issue that includes a demand for bushmeat from urban markets and from African immigrants living in the United States.

As part of a larger effort to raise awareness, build conservation capacity and take direct action in Eastern Africa, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently launched an new fellowship program at the College of African Wildlife Management in Mweka, Tanzania.

The MENTOR Fellowship Program (Mentoring for Environmental Training in Outreach and Resource conservation) is aimed at training wildlife professionals from four Eastern African countries (Kenya, Southern Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda) in the skills required to address the illegal bushmeat trade.

The MENTOR fellowship program is funded through an agreement signed by the USFWS, the College of African Wildlife Management, and the Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group, (a consortium of the African Wildlife Foundation, Conservation International, the Jane Goodall Institute, the Nature Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Resources Institute, the World Conservation Union, and the World Wildlife Fund).

— U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report.

**Florida man catches state-record blue catfish**

Long-time Washington County resident James Mitchell caught a new state-record blue catfish late Monday afternoon on the Choctawhatchee River.

The blue catfish weighed 64 pounds, 8 ounces and was 53.5 inches long. The fish is three pounds heavier than the previous record, a 61-pound, 8-ounce blue cat caught in the Little Escambia Creek.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission fisheries biologists Chris Paxton and Claire Mangum met with Mitchell in Bonifay and weighed his fish on certified scales.

The 64-year-old Mitchell, who is disabled but still enjoys fishing, fished a favorite spot on the Choctawhatchee near Caryville, Fla. He caught the record catfish at sundown but needed the help of his son and grandson to pull the fish over the side of his boat. He caught the blue cat on a



**BIG BLUE:** James Mitchell's 64-pound, 8-ounce blue catfish set the Florida state record. Photo by FWC.

hand-sized bluegill, 6-foot rod and bait-caster reel loaded with 50-pound-test line.

"The bigger the bream the better," Mitchell said. He catches his

bream using either a fly rod or cane pole.

— Florida Fish and Wildlife report.

**Subway cars to hit bottom on Cape May Reef**

In August, 50 stainless steel subway cars will be deployed on the Cape May Reef site as part of New Jersey's Artificial Reef Program. Also located on the Cape May Reef are Redbird subway cars, concrete, reef balls, army tanks and various vessels, all of which total just under 104,000 cubic yards of reef material.

A total of 600 decommissioned stainless steel subway cars are to be deployed, all being given to the reef program by the New York Metropolitan Transit Authority. Each car is approximately 60 feet in length, 10 feet in width and 11 feet in height. The average weight of an individual subway car is 18 tons.



**DOWN THEY GO:** Decommissioned subway cars are used to create artificial reefs in New Jersey. Photo by N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Prior to the deployment each car is stripped of all plastic, degradable materials and grease to avoid contamination to the

marine ecosystem.

— New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife report.

**Group says hunters provide funding for grizzly bears**

British Columbia guides and outfitters stress the importance of hunting to maintain a healthy grizzly bear population in the province.

According to an independent scientific panel, government biologists, and carnivore experts, the population of grizzly bears in BC is 17,000 animals and growing. The annual harvest is 2 percent of the population and the target animals are older boars past their prime.

Since 1981, the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund has raised in excess of \$100 million for more than 2,000 wildlife management

and habitat enhancement projects throughout the province. More than 40 percent of this funding comes from licenses, tags, fees and royalties paid by non-residents.

The hunting industry contributes approximately \$350 million annually to the province. There are 233 guide outfitters in the province that employ more than 2,000 people in rural communities. The commercial revenue from guide outfitting is \$120 million annually.

— Guide Outfitter Association of BC report.

**Duck harvest up last year, goose unchanged**

More than 14.5 million ducks were harvested in the United States during the 2007-2008 waterfowl hunting season, according to preliminary estimates by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This is up from 13.8 million ducks harvested the previous season. Hunters harvested almost 3.7 million geese, similar to the 2006-7 estimate.

In the Central Flyway, hunters bagged nearly 2.7 million ducks last season, an increase of 200,000 birds. The harvest of more than

900,000 geese was similar to last season.

Mallards were the most prevalent duck bagged by hunters in the United States, with approximately 4.9 million birds harvested.

Canada geese were the most prevalent geese harvested, with almost 2.7 million birds taken. An estimated 560,000 snow geese were harvested.

— U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report.

**Bowfisher arrows state record bighead carp**

A 70-pound fish on the end of bowfishing line conjures tales of the Amazon or maybe Africa. Greg Mitchell's tale comes from Arkansas County.

Mitchell, of Roe, Ark., got a draw on a 70-pound, 8-ounce big-

head carp July 31 and managed to land it near Wilson Bridge on Wilson Road. His fish — 51 inches from nose to tail — is the state-record bighead carp taken with unrestricted tackle.

Wilson weighed the fish at the

Stuttgart Post Office and it was verified by an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission fisheries biologist.

— Arkansas Game and Fish Commission report.

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# Dove

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hunts on more than 200 acres of sunflowers, and has room for more. "The sunflowers are looking real good, and the birds are still here after the rains," he said.

Another property opening its doors to dove hunters for the first time is S&B hunting in San Saba. "We still have room for eight on opening weekend for two-day hunts," said J. D. Smart. "There's plenty of grain, water and birds."

Other outfitters encouraged hunters to book for later weeks. "We're pretty much sold out for the opener," said Alan Schaffner of Lone Star Hunts in Henrietta. "But there's room in the later weekends, and the prices go down."

### Option 2: Call or visit the chamber

The chamber of commerce, that is. Many have a list of hunting opportunities close to home, with or without outfitters.

For example, the Coleman County

chamber's Web site lists at least 29 places offering day or weekend dove hunts. The Breckenridge chamber's site lists seven. Beeville's — more than a dozen. With some time and effort, chances are an opening can be found.

### Option 3: Go public

Texas has been trying for years to allow hunters access to public hunting grounds that actually hold doves, and the available acreage keeps growing. There are more than 1.1 million acres of public hunting lands in the state in 66 counties. Add to the list 140 areas offering dove and other small game hunting.

When a hunter buys a \$48 Annual Public Hunting Permit, he or she gets a supplement called the *Public Dove Hunting Areas and other Small Game Leases*. After buying the APH Permit, a copy of the public dove hunting areas supplement and *Public Hunting Lands Map Booklet* are mailed to you. If it's too late to wait on the mail, the areas are available for viewing on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Web site.

Scouting on the public lands is a must, but some good hunts can be had, and the price is right.

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## Roadless rule concerns conservation groups

The Department of Agriculture adopted a final rule regarding roadless areas on National Forest System lands. The rule prohibits new road construction and reconstruction on National Forest lands, with such exceptions as protecting public health and safety in cases of flood or fire, or where a road is needed in conjunction with the continuation, extension or renewal of a mineral lease.

The rule requires governors to petition the federal government to protect roadless areas in their state.

The previous rule was enacted in 2001. But a federal judge in Wyoming overturned the Clinton-era ban on road construction in nearly 60 million acres of national forest, extending a long-running dispute over U.S. Forest Service rules for large sections of undeveloped land.

U.S. District Judge Clarence Brimmer issued a permanent injunction, saying that the ban was enacted in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Wilderness Act.

Wyoming Attorney General Bruce Salzburg, who supported the injunction, cited concerns over beetle infestation and forest fires in national forests.

Idaho and Colorado are submitting their draft rules for their states' roadless backcountry.

Public meetings are scheduled on Colorado's plan. "Colorado's hunting and fishing traditions could be compromised unless this roadless plan is fixed," said Joel Webster of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.

Trout Unlimited opposes the decision and the new rule. "Hunters and anglers across Colorado and the West want people to listen to what the real experts on fish and wildlife habitat have recommended, and that's to leave roadless lands intact," said TU's Dave Peterson.

—Staff reports.

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## New paddling trail is first in DFW Metroplex

City and state officials dedicated the new 10.9-mile Lake Arlington Paddling Trail on Aug. 14 at Richard W. Simpson Park in Arlington. The trail is the first Texas Paddling Trail on a lake and the first in Dallas/Fort Worth or any other urban area.

All other paddling trails to date in the state have involved sections of rivers or bays, and all have been located outside of major metropolitan areas.

Since 2006, TPW has partnered with cities, counties, river authorities and other partners to create Texas Paddling Trails. There are now seven coastal paddling trails and seven inland paddling trails in Texas.

Paddlers can put in and take out water craft at the following three points along the shore: Eugene McCray Park, Richard Simpson Park and Bowman Springs Park. Between these

points, the paddling trail hugs the lake shoreline north, west and south.

The Lake Arlington Paddling Trail will be open to the public from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. A lake pass is \$5 per day or \$25 per year and \$12 per year for seniors. Paddle time on the trail will range from three to six hours.

—Texas Parks and Wildlife report.

## TWIC

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Applicants who owe child support are advised to settle up before applying. Most felons need not apply, but then felons also are prohibited from becoming a legal fishing guide.

After the initial visit, applicants must return in four to six weeks to the enrollment center to pick up their high-tech biometrics card that'll be valid for five years. To receive the card, applicants must have a photo ID.

Federal law requires that guides keep their TWIC cards with them on the water. Guides will not be allowed to renew their Coast Guard licenses without presenting the card.

Applicants without a passport or current merchant mariner document must bring two of the following: driver's license, military ID, voter registration card, birth certificate or certified copy. For a full list of

requirements, visit [www.tsa.gov/twic](http://www.tsa.gov/twic).

The process also will include fingerprinting each fingertip. This information will be embedded electronically into the card, along with a digital photograph of the holder.

The card is being touted as a way to guard against people who might pose a threat by gaining unescorted access to secure facilities or vessels. This was prompted by the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. It's one of many security programs ordered by Congress as part of the Maritime Transportation Act of 2002.

So far, the program has cost about \$61 million. And according to reports, about 750,000 cards will be issued. Cardholders will include truck drivers, ferry operators, port industry employees, dock workers and, oddly enough, fishing guides.

The program is administered by the Transportation Security Administration, but the U.S. Coast Guard is helping get the word out.

Texas coastal fishing guides also must hold a state guide's license

from Texas Parks and Wildlife. The fee for this is \$200 annually.

And they must have a saltwater fishing license. And they're required to possess a federal guide's license issued by the Coast Guard, which requires a physical. The fee for this document is \$145 every five years.

Most professional guides also have paid a \$900 tuition fee for a rigorous course that prepares them for the required Coast Guard test on maritime regulations, boating safety and such. This course also includes CPR instruction, which costs an additional \$85.

And then once on the job, they must be enrolled in a random drug-screening program, which carries a fee anywhere from \$45 to \$100 a year. And most fishing guides pay about \$1,000 annually for a \$350,000 liability insurance policy on their business, which is required to launch from or fish within any federal facility such as Padre Island National Seashore.

Such is the price of making a living off a public resource.

## Bite

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but sometimes you get in a hurry and it's just so much faster."

Ogletree said there's no shortage of Shorts in the world. She said she treats repeat offenders all the time.

"It's pretty common in our office," she said. "The symptoms are similar to those of nail biters, so I'll start running through some questions.

"If they say they don't bite their nails and it's a male, I'll go straight to the fishing question. If it's a female, I ask if she sews because they get a lot of the same stuff from having the thread in their mouth."

One professional angler who has retired his teeth from the tackle box is 2008 BASS Angler of the Year runner-up Todd Faircloth. He cites

one of the side effects Ogletree mentioned as his reason for stopping.

"My dentist tells me all the time to stop, but I just can't. I just don't want to take the time to get the pliers."

— Matt Reed

"I don't bite my line anymore because my teeth have become really sensitive," Faircloth said.

But that hasn't stopped Reed. He

said he has biting the line down to an art, and even knows which line is tougher on the teeth.

"I can't bite anything 25 pound [test] and above," Reed said. "I also can't get through braided line no matter how hard I try. It doesn't hurt the teeth but it just flattens and spreads out and you can't get through it."

"My dentist tells me all the time to stop, but I just can't. I just don't want to take the time to get the pliers."

Ogletree said Reed, 46, will one day pay, both physically and monetarily for his dental sins of the past.

"If you keep biting that line it could undo some of the work in your mouth and create a lot of expensive problems," Ogletree said. "And as you age, it makes you look even older because of the oversized craze lines."

"It's not worth it."



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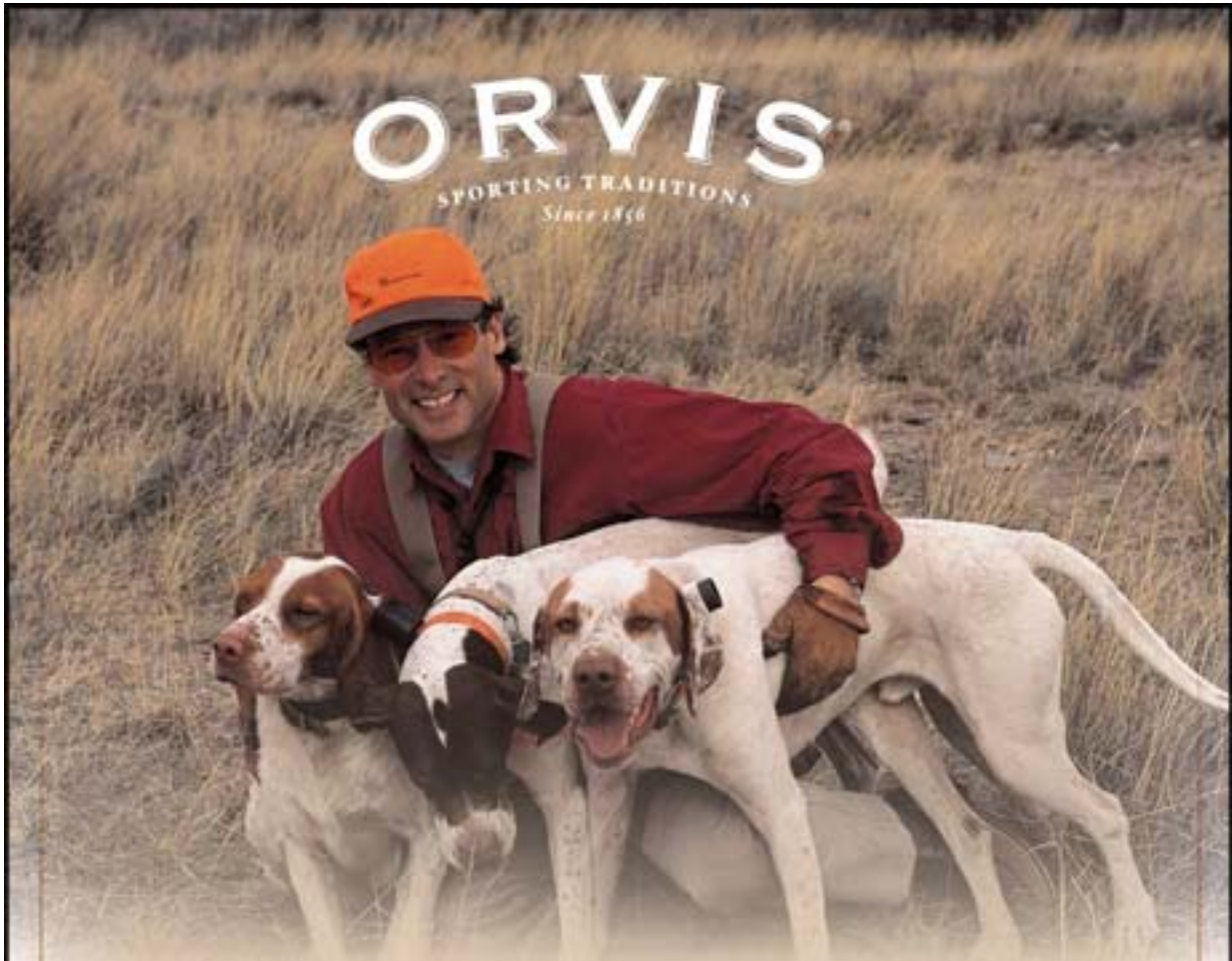
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