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President's Column

Writing this column is a challenge. It is always presented on the front page of the MHEIA newsletter, and is often the very first item everyone reads. The topics covered by past Presidents have been spiritual, insightful, and informative. The wisdom shared by those before me have sometimes bought inspiration and confidence to others, and have helped shape MHEIA as an organization.

In our last newsletter I stated that in 2006, we should focus our attention on MHEIA's Mission Statement, which is the support and enhancement of the hunter education program in Missouri. By reminding ourselves of what our basic purpose is, we can achieve greater results without becoming lost in the big picture.

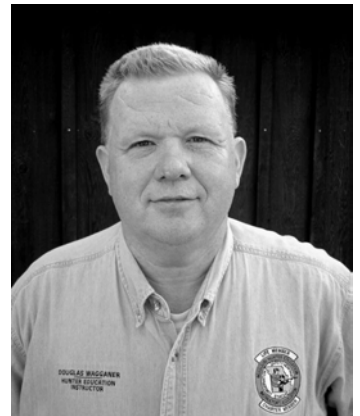
We all joined the Missouri Hunter Education Program to support the many activities that Conservation Department continues to present to the public. Through positive efforts we do achieve success in all our endeavors. Enhancement is not an easy task. It takes dedication, hard work, and a willingness to accept our simple roles in the overall scheme of things.

Removing personalities and not allowing our personal agendas to

cloud the effectiveness of MHEIA, must always receive our highest consideration. When each of us can commit ourselves solely to fulfilling MHEIA's prime directive, we are able to move forward towards obtaining the results we all know are possible.

Misunderstandings occur from time to time, but if we each remember why we are all united together, our dream for MHEIA will eventually be obtained. I believe I can now speak for the entire Board of Directors, when I tell you every Director is firmly pledged to the success of MHEIA as an organization. With your help and input MHEIA will complete it's Mission Statement, of supporting and enhancing of the hunter education program in Missouri.

Douglas Wagganer, President
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Bowhunters Rally to Help Solve Urban Deer Problems

The Missouri Bowhunting Council has set in motion plans to organize and train experienced bowhunters to help reduce urban deer numbers. Professionally trained, safe and ethical bowhunters, a product of the effort, have been shown to be a socially acceptable and fiscally responsible method of reducing in-town deer in other states.

Residents of suburban areas around Missouri's big cities have complained to the Missouri Department of Conservation about landscape and garden damage by deer, increased car/deer accidents and the threat of disease transmission by deer. Firearm use is generally prohibited in the suburbs, however, so more and more suburbanites have been willing to consider bowhunting as a viable option for controlling deer. The Council hopes to provide expert bowmen to those landowners wanting fewer deer and to increase access to additional properties harboring deer by offering landowners who are new to the use of hunting methods, well-trained urban bowhunting specialists, without cost.

Following several meetings with conservation officials, the Missouri Bowhunting Council has begun to assemble urban deer teams in Missouri's four urban deer hunting zones located in and around St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield and Columbia. Each team will work with conservation officials to target neighborhoods that are over populated with deer.

The urban deer teams, consisting of veteran bowhunters, will confer in June to begin developing a new program to train urban bowhunting specialists who will partner with individual landowners to reduce deer numbers on their properties.

Current bowhunting regulations allow bowhunting for deer throughout the state. Some municipalities, however, ban the use of "projectile firing devices", including bows and arrows, and thus prevent any control of burgeoning deer numbers. The Council will work with these municipalities towards liberalizing shooting device restrictions and towards allowing trained urban bowhunting specialists to remove deer from problem areas.

Safety is the primary concern of the Council and, therefore, each bowhunter certified by the Council's training course would have been thoroughly educated in proper suburban shooting techniques. Additional skills, specific to hunting urban areas will be mastered, as well, in tree stand use, the use of stealth, shot placement and proper deer removal.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

For the past 14 years, I have served the Missouri Hunter Education Instructor's Association as a Deputy Director, Director, and Executive Officer. During that time, I never missed a single board of directors meeting, drove thousands of miles to meetings, and spent countless hours serving this Association. I brought to this Board of Directors the best of my professional abilities to serve this Association as the current membership chairman (12 years), the editor of the newsletter (14 years), all as an uncompensated volunteer.

During the past year, one member of the Board of Directors has directed a personal vendetta towards me, and now other officers. This has included efforts to put pressure on me to make my position on the board as uncomfortable as possible, including taking away my right to vote on the board.

Recently, a list of accusations were made by this director regarding charges against the President, myself, and another director. A committee outside the board was formed to investigate these charges. After several weeks of collecting information the Investigative Committee reported to the board that all charges were without merit. No action against the accused officers was warranted.

The accuser offered no collaborating evidence, refused to apologize, and threatened the board of serious consequences if any action was taken against him. The board chose to take no action.

During the past 12 months, the MHEIA Board of Directors has spent most of its time in argumentative sessions with no real progress toward the mission of the Association. The Deputy Directors no longer attend board meetings, membership in the Association has fallen by 75 or more members to the lowest level in more than 10 years, very few MDC personnel rejoined at our annual conference, and membership renewals are fewer and fewer each month.

Since last fall, a significant amount of the financial resources of the Association have been directed to only one region. That region has received, or been allocated, nearly \$5,000. A request for another \$650 was turned down, and another \$3500 request is hinted. Perhaps if you live in other regions of the state, you should ask your Director what your region has received from the Association.

Recently, a request to support an outdoor and shooting program for surviving spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty was turned down, a request to support the two YHEC state champions to the NRA International was refused, as well as an AV equipment request for a region. I personally find this embarrassing that the board will only support causes based on whether or not one vocal member gives his approval.

In light of the fact that I believe that personal attacks will continue against myself and other members of the board, I believe that I can no longer contribute to the success of this Association in an atmosphere of fear and intimidation. I have time, energy and personal abilities that can be used in other areas of hunter education, youth shooting sports, and the bowhunting community.

Therefore, with this issue of *The Hunter Educator*, I submit my resignation as Executive Officer, Newsletter editor, membership chairman, and member of MHEIA.

- Jan Morris

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

In response to the "Hot Topics" column (*I Get Letters*) in the last issue of "The Hunter Educator" I would submit the following. There are several topics in the student manual that require special handling. Bow Hunter Ed is an 8 to 10 hour program, Red Cross First Aid requires 4 hours and the NRA muzzle loading class is 12 hours, even a non NRA Muzzle loading class generally runs over 3 hours. It is obvious that we can not cover these topics in enough depth to equip the students to safely and successfully participate in these activities.

We teach a safety program, not a how to program. We should cover the basic safety concerns of these programs and suggest anyone wanting to pursue these activities get the proper training. For example with Muzzle loaders we must explain the difference in black powder and modern smokeless powder, how to position a muzzle loader for loading, not using a wood ramrod, and how to determine if it is loaded. With archery, the dangers of dry firing a bow and handling broad heads. As to first aid we must cover proper bandaging of wounds and the importance of not moving broken limbs. We should put more emphasis on the importance of calling 911 for any injury. An injury in the field can rapidly turn into a life threatening situation.

There are a couple other items I would like to mention regarding safety in the field. It is important for everyone in a hunting party to know the health condition of everyone in their group. If someone carries an EpiPen pen because they are highly allergic to bee stings or peanut products, do you know where they carry the pen and how to administer it if needed? Does anyone have a heart problem and carry nitroglycerin, is anyone diabetic? These are important things to know in the event someone passes out. Even if you do not take action, knowing this and informing EMT personnel can shorten the treatment time by giving them a starting point.

One more item, on page 81 under food there is a statement, "As a general rule, anything that birds and mammals eat will be safe and will have some nutritional value." I have suggested this be removed in the next printing of the student manual. We all know the effect of poison ivy on our skin; I don't know what it will do if it is ingested but deer will eat poison ivy. According to the Colorado survival guide 95% of all white and yellow berries are poisonous, 50% of red berries are poisonous and although 85% of blue and black berries are edible, about 5% will kill you and the other 10% will make you wish you were dead. I always have my students draw a line through this statement and explain why.

In Missouri when we talk survival we most likely talking about unexpectedly spending one night or less in the woods. We are not in the wilds of Alaska or Montana; food should not be a problem. If we look at the rule of 3's we see that we can go 3 minutes without air, 3 days without water and 3 weeks without food.

Remember we are teaching students how to be safe hunters,

let's keep it to the basics and encourage more study and practice.

- Terry G. McCarty, St. Louis Region, MHEIA #32

Dear Editor and Friends of the MHEIA,

It has been a pleasure to be associated with a group of volunteer instructors and conservation professionals for the short time I have been a member of the MHEIA. It is exciting to me to see the dedication on both sides and I haven't witnessed that kind of selfless giving since I first started my involvement with firefighting as a volunteer, many years ago now. I referenced firefighting to bridge into a topic I believe we need to begin really exploring, or at least discussing as an association. We in the fire service have for the last several years been working within a computer based training concept that has in the opinion of the great majority of people in our industry been a great success. The example I will reference is the Hazardous Materials Operations certification course.

In this course students have the opportunity to complete an online training session and then must schedule a practical skills examination with a certified testing agency, using certified practical skills examiners. I would suggest that this type of a format could work for a Hunters Education Course too. While I would strongly agree with those who would speak for the value of the interaction that comes in a traditional classroom setting and the value an experienced instructor and hunter add to the overall learning experience of the student, there could be a non traditional group that we could reach by expanding the opportunities to obtain certification. I could visualize an opportunity to schedule a live fire examination at one of the MDC or private shooting ranges and bring people to not only facilities they might never know existed, but more importantly a controlled atmosphere to practice those skills that we so strongly believe in and teach.

We are fortunate enough in my small corner of the SW area to have Andy Dalton Shooting Range. Mike Brooks and all of the range and education staff there run a top notch facility and I always take the opportunity to try and steer people their direction. I would speculate that a successful practical skills examination (live fire) session could be conducted there on a reoccurring basis as needed with the proper planning and preparation. I certainly do not have the answers of how, who, or where this could be implemented, that would take the input of all of the divisions of MDC and the members of this organization.

I do see an opportunity to work towards a rapidly growing type of education delivery for the future. I would strongly state that this does not replace the traditional classroom delivery, it hasn't in my industry and wouldn't in Hunters Education either. It simply offers an alternative method of obtaining certification. If we get out ahead of the game, it is my belief we have more input on the outcome. I for one say, put my name in the hat for those interested in looking further into the opportunities of computer based Hunters Education.

- Jon E. Trent, SW Region, jtrent@cebridge.net

REGIONAL REPORTS

NORTHEAST

Once again it's time for my regional report so here goes.

A youth turkey clinic was held on April 01, '06 at Heartland Wildlife Ranch near Ethel, MO. It was well attended again this year.

Youth turkey season saw a low hunter turn out in the region. Too much other stuff going on I suppose.

I recently did a gun safety program for Farm Bureau Safety Day that was held in the Knox Co. School District. I passed out about 300 gun locks at this event which now depletes my supply. I also did a safety program for 4-H shooting sports recently. I really enjoyed the interaction with all the kids!!!

For the first time in my 15 years teaching Hunter Ed., I had to cancel a Hunter Ed. class in Knox Co. this spring due to lack of participation. I only had 2 people to preregister. Very unusual!!!

We have some things in the planning stages at this time. Dove Clinics and hunts are being planned as well as our annual picnic. Ben Schlader, NE OSS will let everyone know about these. I hope you can attend any one of these events.

The NE Region was unable to put together a YHEC Clinic for this year so hopefully things will come together for one next year. Everyone be safe and have a great summer!!!!!!!!!!!!

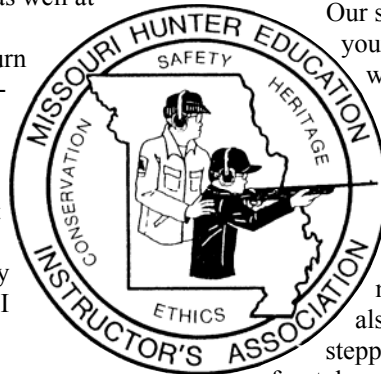
- Jim Robertson , MHEIA Director, Northeast Region

OZARK

My appointment to ramrod the creation of dummy ammo training aids is going pretty strong now. Jan Morris brought a bunch of fired brass to our May 21st directors meeting & I've been in the "get er done " mode since.

I've got enough brass for the 30.06, .308, 30.30, and .270. I've received donated brass from various sources including 80 rnds. from fellow instructor Matt Bookout, 60 more .270 from a friend of my brother, 30 from a hunter ed grad/friend in Seymour, and 20 more from fellow instructor Brian Byers. Also had 200 .308 brass and 85 bullets donated by a friends son. And I've been hitting on friends, hunters, and connections as I'm needing .243 & 7mm Rem Mag--which is sorta hard to get, but I'm making progress.

Our fellow instructor Brian Byers is drilling the 30.30 cases. I've prepped all the 30.06 cases. Most of the .270 are ready. The .308's are polishing. So right now I'm mainly awaiting bullets which Mr. Johnny Viebrock says he is working on. Earl Williamson will be working on the 9mm, .38, and .45 cal. pistol dummies. I'll figure out what/who does the .40 pistol stuff soon. It's kinda becoming fun, and shows you who your real friends are. Proud to say I have some darn good ones.



In other news we have a new private shooting range getting started at Mansfield in Wright Co. Larry Lindemann tells me it is not going to be supported by MDC as it does not fit all the criteria necessary for MDC support. But donations can be made to them if a person wishes.

Our spring turkey season was marred by a fatality. A youngster shot his uncle, Eddie Dean Bray. Bray was hunting just over the line in Christian Co. The youth saw what he thought was a turkey--mistaken for game. Of course we need to keep driving home the message--POSITIVELY identify your target before you shoot. It was only about 15 mi. from me.

If any of you have some spare brass to donate, call me at 417-683-3182. Donated time also appreciated. Squirrel season is on. I just about stepped on a fawn this morning fifty yards from my front door. Sure is neat to live in these Ozarks.

- Ron Boeddeker, Ozark Region Director

SOUTHWEST

Southwest summer is finally here. That means the Hunter Education Classes are smaller and fewer, and the only hunting with an open season is squirrel. While we are in the slow season this would be a good time to plan some of the fall activities. Youth hunts, both deer and turkey. or what about squirrel hunting? How many of you have taken a young person on a squirrel hunt? Small game hunting is very enjoyable to a young hunter who has never had the experience of squirrel or rabbit hunting.

MDC has announced the 2006 fall deer hunting dates. This year fall deer season will be November 11th thru 21st.

Congratulations to **Regina Knauer** who has taken a new position with MDC in Jefferson City. We are going to miss her here in Southwest. Still we wish her the best in her new position. She has promised to be back for our Instructor Awards Dinner this fall. Look forward to seeing her and hearing about her new job. Taking **Regina's** place as the OSS for the eastern half of Southwest Region is **Gregg Collier**. **Gregg** comes to Southwest from the Clinton office. I understand **Gregg** is originally from the Hurley area. So welcome home **Gregg**. We are looking forward to working with you. **Jean Mayer** is still OSS for the Western part of the Region.

Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Training Center will be conducting a Bow Hunter Education Class on July 22nd. Anyone interested in taking this class should call the range at 417 742-4361 because pre-registration is required.

Stan Moore our MHEIA Southwest Region Instructor of the Year last year has decided to throw his hat in the political arena. He is running for Circuit Judge of the 26th circuit. This is Miller, Morgan, Moniteau, Camden and Laclede counties. I know he would appreciate your encouragement and support if you are in a position to help with his campaign.

Hunt Safely & Often,
- Don Harris, Director SW Region

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TAKE A LOOK AT OTHER HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR ASSOCIATIONS

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**Thanks to Hunter Education,
Hunting is Safe
and Getting Safer!**

NEWTOWN, Conn.--New statistics show that firearm and ammunition sales are on the rise, coinciding with steady downward trends in gun crime, suicide and accident rates, in the U.S.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the trade association for the shooting, hunting and outdoor industry, has released U.S. Dept. of the Treasury figures indicating that 2005 retail sales of firearms and ammunition rose 2.6 percent for a total volume of \$2.1 billion.

For the year, approximately 4.7 million new guns were sold, bringing the estimated number of citizen-owned firearms in the U.S. to more than 290 million. The number of American households with at least one firearm is now estimated at nearly 110 million.

Of the various firearm types, the sharpest gains were seen in retail sales of handguns (pistols and revolvers). Handgun sales rose 3 percent while long-gun (rifle and shotgun) sales rose 1.8 percent.

Ammunition sales rose 3.5 percent.

Combined 2005 sales of firearms and ammunition generated \$224.3 million in excise taxes earmarked for wildlife and habitat conservation projects, through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act. Since inception, the act has raised more than \$5 billion for conservation.

As NSSF-member companies and conservationists laud the latest sales numbers, their applause coincides with more good news about American society in general.

According to figures from government and independent sources, firearm crimes, suicides and accidental fatalities, including accidents among youth, are all trending downward.

"Reductions in gun crimes and accidental fatalities have been documented for many years, even as gun sales and ownership in our country continue to rise," said Doug Painter, president of NSSF. "However, today's anti-gun organizations rake in lots of cash by perpetuating the myth that more guns equals more bad news. Clearly, there is no relationship between gun ownership and firearm misuse." Painter credited many different organizations and programs working together to ensure that gun owners are safe, active, responsible and aware of their 2nd Amendment rights.

Formed in 1961, NSSF is celebrating its 45th birthday in 2006. The organization recently reached important new milestones, topping 3,000 members and hosting the largest annual trade show (SHOT Show) in the history of the firearms industry.

How to Take a Youngster Hunting

10 Ways to Ensure a Family-Friendly, Can't-Wait-to-Go-Again Experience

NEWTOWN, Conn.--About half of U.S. hunters live in states where parents--not politicians--decide when their sons and daughters are ready for big-game hunting.

These [family-friendly hunting states](#) are at record number.

And many other states are inching their way toward such freedom, creating smaller opportunities to introduce youngsters to the rewards and values of America's traditional outdoor lifestyle.

"Most adult hunters say that learning to hunt was an essential step in their lives. They learned responsibility, discipline and respect for nature and cycles of life. Invariably, hunting also has given them a lifetime of wonderful memories of being outdoors with family and friends," said Melissa Schilling, manager of hunter recruitment and retention programs for the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF).

But what's the best way to start (or strengthen) your own family's hunting tradition?

NSSF's STEP OUTSIDE® program, which encourages hunters to introduce newcomers to the sport, offers parents the following tips.

1. Instill safety, etiquette and ethics. Teaching safety standards gives youngsters the responsibility they'll need to enjoy a lifetime of great hunting experiences. And by teaching etiquette and ethics you'll be showing what the traditional lifestyle is all about.

2. Keep it fun. Don't get too serious or competitive. There's no need to turn novices into pros on their first outing. It's far more important to just have a good time.

3. Start with basics. If you learned to hunt when you were young, today you likely perform the whole process automatically. Make a conscious effort to explain and demonstrate step-by-step what newcomers should do, so they will feel comfortable later doing these things on their own.

4. Create instant success. Recognize small accomplishments. Shooting game is always a bonus and helps them appreciate the experience even more. Youths also enjoy the pride of having provided a meal for their family.

5. Be positive. If you build a youngster's self esteem and confidence, it is more likely they'll enjoy hunting and want to go again. A well-timed compliment can go a long way.

6. Share your love of the outdoors. Help your young guests notice things around them. Stop and listen to birdcalls and sounds of a rushing stream. Draw their attention to signs of wildlife. Help them understand the important role that hunters play in the conservation of natural resources.

7. Provide appropriate equipment. Make sure the equipment you use is the right size and weight for a youngster.

8. Hands-on instruction helps. Everyone learns best by doing. Lecture is necessary, but as much as possible, intersperse the talking with doing.

9. Create a feeling of independence. Youngsters want to become increasingly independent. Having youths develop new skills and then giving them the freedom to practice those skills on

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Editor's Notes:

- Our sincere appreciation to the Missouri Department of Conservation for their donation of \$6,000 for the auction proceeds from the 2006 annual conference.
- Don't forget that on March 1, 2007, all Association memberships (except Life) will become due. This will be the annual renewal date. Renew your membership in MHEIA at the same time of the year when you buy your hunting and fishing permits!
- On July 8th, the Wheelin Sportsmen will hold an Outdoors event at the August A. Busch Conservation Area near St. Louis. The event is co-sponsored by the NWTF Big River Gobblers chapter. If you want to enjoy a day of worthwhile volunteering, come join us.
- Were you teaching a firearms safety program anywhere in Missouri in 1957? Well, maybe you took your firearms safety class as a student in 1957? If so, our President **Doug Wagganer** would like to hear from you. Give him a call at 636-448-3420.
- We express our condolences to the family and friends of Jefferson County instructor **Herb Wagner**. Herb passed away Sunday, June 6th. The previous day, he was presented with his point award jacket by OSS Conrad Mallady. Herb will be greatly missed.
- As this is my last newsletter, I wish to express my appreciation to **Mike Ohlms** who has helped me make this publication into a nationally known and respected instructor newsletter with his quality printing. Thanks Mike!

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Conservation Federation of Missouri Report

The 70th Annual Conference of the Conservation Federation of Missouri was held February 24-26, 2006 at the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO. The conference theme was 'Come Home to Conservation'.

Conference activities began on Friday afternoon with committee meetings and a board meeting followed by the opening of exhibits. The Annual Conservation Awards Ceremony that took place Friday evening celebrated the accomplishments and contributions of conservation leaders in many fields. Jake Jacoby of the KC Region received the Hunter Education Instructor of the Year Award. In accepting this award, Jake told how he was recruited to become an instructor while accompanying his young grandson at a hunter education class in the early 1990's. That grandson and his wife traveled from Wisconsin to accompany Jake on this special evening.

Activities continued on Saturday with the Natural Resource Committee meetings. These meetings produced 15 resolutions that were adopted during the Resolutions General Session on Sunday. One resolution of particular interest to MHEIA was to encourage the Missouri Department of Conservation to explore the best possible method of implementing an alternative delivery method of hunter education that will maintain our current level of educational reliability.

New officers were elected at this conference, which include: President Don Johnson, 1st Vice President Glen Chambers, 2nd Vice President Mike Schallon, Secretary Duane Addleman, and Treasurer Randy Washburn. In other business the board acknowledged the completion of transferring to a 501(c) 3 tax status, which allows donations to CFM to be tax deductible, and took steps to insure that sufficient funding would be available to defend against possible future attacks on the Design for Conservation Sales Tax. The Wildlife Society at Missouri State University has been approved as the first student affiliate of CFM. Current membership in CFM, affiliate and sustaining combined, is reported at 58,265. Future fundraising projects will include gun raffle, calendar sales, card sales, wreath sales, and a membership drive.

The 2006 Legislative Session proved to be very contentious with at least five bills that could have adversely impacted MDC. These bills called for a sunset on the sales tax, legislating a handfishing season, mandating money for every deer carcass, eliminating hunter education requirements for military personnel, and withholding \$15 million from the MDC budget. As the session ended on May 6, Missouri Conservation was still intact and each of these efforts had been successfully defended against.

The next CFM Board Meeting will be July 21-23 at the Orleans Trail Resort on Stockton Lake. Thank you to everyone who helped CFM in their efforts to defend and preserve our Missouri Way of Conservation.

- Allan Hoover, CFM Affiliate Director



HOW TO TAKE A YOUNGSTER HUNTING

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their own will prove very rewarding for you both.

10. Choose the right location. Convenience is a consideration. Whether on public or private land, NSSF offers online resources to find great places to hunt through www.huntinfo.org and www.wingshootingusa.org.

Since its inception, STEP OUTSIDE has helped introduce thousands to target shooting, hunting, fishing and archery by encouraging outdoor enthusiasts to invite others to share in their outdoor experiences. The program has assisted state fish and wildlife agencies, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, hunting clubs and conservation organizations in providing first-time experiences for newcomers through grants, workshops and other sponsored events. Learn more at www.stepoutside.org.

To learn more about national efforts to expand family hunting opportunities, a program called Families Afield, visit www.nssf.org.



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KANSAS CITY

MHEIA members and volunteer instructors in the KC Region are continuing to move forward in 2006 with our efforts to implement new programs that will significantly increase the contributions to hunter education that are made by our association. Our efforts this year have already proven to be some of the most rewarding yet and they bode well for the future of the organization.

Recognizing the importance of preserving each element of what makes the 'Missouri Way' of conservation a model for all states to follow, our instructors joined in efforts to defend the Conservation Commission against legislative attacks on the constitutional authority to regulate the fish, forest, and wildlife of our state. Two letter-writing campaigns were mounted against SB 1107, which sought to circumvent the Commission by legislating a hand-fishing season. Members also traveled to Jefferson City and presented testimony against HB 1459, which attempted to legislate an exemption to hunter education requirements for military personnel.

Our first youth hunt became a reality in April as members and instructors from the region organized and guided five first-time hunters on a spring turkey hunt. All five young hunters got to see or hear tom turkeys in action. Three of the hunters had shot opportunities and one hunter harvested a tom, which we were able to capture on video.

KC Region instructors handled every aspect of making this a tremendous first-hunt experience for these new hunters. The hunt took place on private lands that we sought and gained access to. Local businesses and individuals donated many items of gear that were presented to the hunters. Cash donations were made toward the purchase of ammunition, which was used to pattern shotguns for the hunt, and to provide a hot lunch both days of the hunt.

Without a doubt, the most rewarding part of this youth hunt was the smiling faces on those five new hunters. However, running a close second was the expression of accomplishment that radiated from the faces of the instructors who guided those new hunters.

Two days after the hunt we were able to share that reward when three of our young hunters joined the instructors who attended the MHEIA KC Region Spring Instructors Social. Nearly forty instructors and guests were on hand at the Anita B. Gorman Conservation and Discovery Center for the semi-annual event, which featured Missouri Hunter Education Coordinator Bryan Bethel as the guest speaker. We began the program with a power point presentation of the youth turkey hunt, which was followed by a video of the successful harvest. Mr. Bethel complimented the KC Region instructors during his remarks for going the extra mile in hunter education by conducting youth hunts.

Our members recently supported Boy Scout Venture Crew 2603 by donating three cases of shot shells and four cases of clay birds to be used in the BSA Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge program. These supplies were some of what was left over from our 2005 Fall Instructors Social. The balance of the clay birds and ammo are earmarked for a youth shooting clinic that has not yet been scheduled.

Other future events in the KC Region include our youth squirrel

hunt, the Fall Instructors Social, a youth archery hunt, an all-female youth deer hunt, and, possibly, a youth duck hunt. We have selected the guides for the squirrel hunt and are making plans to conduct this hunt within the next two months. Guides for the archery hunt are being contacted and plans for the all-female deer hunt are already underway. Our goal for the deer hunt is to have female instructors guiding first-time female hunters. We have inquired about the possibility of filming the all-female deer hunt for a segment of Missouri Outdoors. So far, no indication has been given that we will be included in the program schedule.

- Allan Hoover, MHEIA KC Region Director

ST. LOUIS

The annual Fun Shoot for the Saint Louis Region was held on June 3rd at the Jay Henge's Range. It was good to see so many familiar faces at this year's event. The Conservation Staff in Saint Louis once again did an outstanding job of putting this event. I want to personally thank each one of them for making this event a success.

Hunter Education classes and activities across our region continue to occur. Summer Day Camps are planned at the Ranges, and assistance is always welcome. YHEC Regional's are taking place across the entire state, and during the last weekend of June the State YHEC Challenge will again take place in Jefferson City.

Special congratulations to James and Peggy Ragland on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The dedication you have given to both Hunter Education and to one another is a true inspiration to all. I hope the next 50 years are equally as rewarding to you both. (They even took a romantic second honeymoon to Ireland this June)

If you attend the State Fair this August in Sedalia, be sure to stop by the Hunter Education Booth to say "Hello". Instructors from many areas of the State will be once more volunteering time at the booth. James Ragland has again assisted with this year's organization of the State Fair Booth for MDC.

Bless All of You, and Please Be Safe.

- Doug Waggoner, STL Director

CENTRAL

Courses have been run at Bass Pro this spring through the turkey season. There will be a Hunting Skills University put on July 7, 8, and 9th. Jeff Cockerham and Brian Flowers will be looking for help. I presented a letter from my son, spoke against myself and brought a retired Navy Petty Officer to speak against the Bill that would have exempted those who have been through Basic Training from the Hunter Ed. Class.

- Earl Williamson, Central Director



The International Hunter Education Association Annual Conference was held May 6-9, 2006 at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead, GA. The theme for the conference was 'Partnership for Responsible Hunting-Bridging Our Values'. Executive Producer David Blanton of Realtree Outdoors on ESPN 2 and the Monster Bucks DVDs was the Keynote Speaker during the Opening Ceremonies.

Conference attendees totaled 149, including 23 volunteer instructors from ten states, who enjoyed the southern hospitality of our Georgia hosts. Our first real taste of local flavor occurred Saturday evening with a bus ride to the outskirts of Atlanta for a Low Country Boil and a K-9 Unit demonstration at the Tom Lowe Shooting Center.

Conference activities continued through Tuesday afternoon and included an Executive Session for all the IHEA voting members and the Annual Business Meeting. During the business meeting Lance Meeks of Oklahoma was elected as the new Vice President of Zone II and Dave Bauer of Colorado was elected to another term as Instructor Representative of Zone II. Theo Venter of South Africa was appointed Instructor Representative of Zone IV by the board to fill a vacancy in that position. This was also the first opportunity for most of the members to meet our new Executive Vice President Gary Berlin. EVP Berlin reported to members that after six weeks on the job he continues to discover problems left over from the previous administration, but that he and the staff are working to correct those issues and prepare the IHEA home office for a return to a more normal condition.

Two points of interest to come out of this conference that will benefit volunteer instructors are the possibility of including advanced instructor training in future Annual Conferences and the creation of an instructor's listserv. Consideration is being given to conducting an advanced instructor training class that will create programs of interest to the volunteers and will run simultaneously with the administrator's schedule of events. The hosts of the next two conferences have expressed an interest in implementing this program. Also, the IHEA Board is considering the possibility of creating instructor listserves for each of the states/provinces. Such a listserv could provide an opportunity for coordinators to easily communicate with volunteer instructors. This service could also open lines of communication between instructors and enable the uncensored discussion of new ideas.

In a recent announcement from EVP Berlin, as of July 01, 2006, the IHEA Home Office will be relocated to Federal Heights, Colorado. The new facility is located less than 20 miles from the Denver Airport and is only three miles from the Colorado Division of Wildlife Offices. The new office is considerably larger and more modern than the office space in Wellington and rental costs will be about \$1000 less each month.

The 2007 Annual Conference is scheduled for Baton Rouge, LA and the 2008 Annual Conference is scheduled for Sparta, IL. The next IHEA Board Meeting will likely take place via a conference call due to current budgetary constraints.

Allan Hoover, IHEA Zone III
Instructor Representative

PROCLAMATION

*James and Peggy Ragland
1415 Acredale Drive
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WHEREAS: James and Peggy Ragland are Now in Celebration of their Golden 50th Year of Marital Bliss; and

WHEREAS: James and Peggy Ragland have Shown an Outstanding Ability to Be Good Parents, Grandparents, Friends, and Colleagues; and

WHEREAS: James and Peggy Ragland have Faithfully Represented the United States of America as Patriots with Pure Honor and Dignity; and

WHEREAS: James and Peggy Ragland are Outstanding Civic Leaders in the City of Florissant, the Saint Louis Region, and the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS: James and Peggy Ragland have dedicated their Life Work to Bringing Education and Safety to Children; and

WHEREAS: James and Peggy Ragland have each Contributed Countless Hours of Time, Money, and Effort in Delivering the Hunter Education Message to People Across All of North America; and

WHEREAS: James and Peggy Ragland are both Respected Missouri Hunter Education Instructors with the Missouri Department of Conservation; and

WHEREAS: James and Peggy Ragland are both Charter Members of the Missouri Hunter Education Instructors Association; and

WHEREAS: James and Peggy Ragland are Loved and Honored by the Entire Membership of the Missouri Hunter Education Instructors Association;

NOW THEREFORE, On Behalf of All the Present, Past, and Future Members of the Missouri Hunter Education Instructors Association, I, Douglas Waggener, President, do hereby honor and commend

James and Peggy Ragland

For Fifty Years of Marriage, and for All their Generous Lifetime Contributions to Everyone.

**ABBREVIATED MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 21, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by the President at 9:55am. Present were directors Williamson, Rapson, Wagganer, Harris, Hoover, Beoddeker, Joggerst, and EX/O Morris. Guests present were Sarah Smith and Dave Hoff

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

A check for \$6000 was received from the Missouri Department of Conservation for auction proceeds from the annual conference.

The Board went into Executive Session.

After Executive Session, Regional Reports were given.

Executive Officers Report: Jan reported the Jim Dickerson is now a National Coach Development Staff member and can now provide NRA Certified Shotgun Coach training. (Jim maybe contacted at MtmnJimd@aol.com)

The Missouri State High School Trap shoot took place at Linn Creek on April 7th. Hunter Education instructors assisted as score keepers.

YHEC Report: Jan has 145 participants registered for the state YHEC on June 23-25 at the United Sportsmens Club in Jefferson City. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

CFM Report: Representative Hoover indicated that MHEIA member Jake Jacoby was recognized by CFM as the Hunter Education Instructor of the Year. CFM passed 15 resolutions, one of which encourages MDC to set up an Alternative Delivery program for hunter education. CFM is now a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization.

IHEA Report: The 2006 annual conference was held in Atlanta GA. There were 23 volunteer instructors present from 10 states. The 07 conference will be held in Baton Rouge LA, and in Sparta, IL in 2008.

Old Business: None

New Business: Motion was made and approved that any future business of the Association requiring a vote be done only in person, not by email.

Motion was made and passed to purchase new membership database software.

Motion was made and passed to purchase two Henry rifles to be used as fund-raisers at the next annual conference, the 50th anniversary of Missouri hunter education.

Ron Boeddeker has agreed to head the project to provide a set of dummy ammunition for the membership.

Insurance quote for cargo trailer liability was deemed excessive. A request for insurance rate for liability for Directors and Officers was discussed, but no action taken.

The board discussed creating a guideline for funding requests. Director Rapson will craft guideline for future discussion.

The Southeast region is looking for audio visual equipment to assist classes. The suggestion was to look at state surplus.

A request from YHEC coaches to sponsor the two state champions to the NRA International died for lack of motion.

Steve McGhee was approved as the Deputy Director for the Central Region.

The annual renewal fee for membership in the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) was approved in the amount of \$100.

The renewal for affiliate membership in the Conservation Federation of Missouri was approved. The cost is \$1 per member plus a \$20 administration fee.

A request to support the COPS program (spouses of surviving police officers) died for a lack of motion.

The next meeting of the MHEIA Board of Directors is scheduled for Sunday, September 17th at the Waters House in Columbia, MO.

- Earl Williamson, Secretary, MHEIA

MHEIA TREASURER'S REPORT

February 12, 2006 to May 21, 2006

Beginning Balance:	\$15,655.51
Income:	
Membership Dues	\$330.00
Total Income:	\$330.00
Expenses:	
Tuition, Am. Wilderness Leadership School	800.00
CFM Representative Reimbursement	258.64
Winter Newsletter, printing and postage	270.37
6 Embroidered MHEIA table covers	663.36
Postage	53.84
Office Supplies	165.52
Laptop computer & software (Treasurer)	957.52
Printing	18.79
Regional cake (KC)	25.67
Total Expenses:	\$3,213.71
Current Balance:	\$12,771.80

YOU ARE INVITED

MHEIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

WATERS HOUSE, COLUMBIA, MO

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