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2016 Hunter Education Instructor Training Conference Photos Inside!

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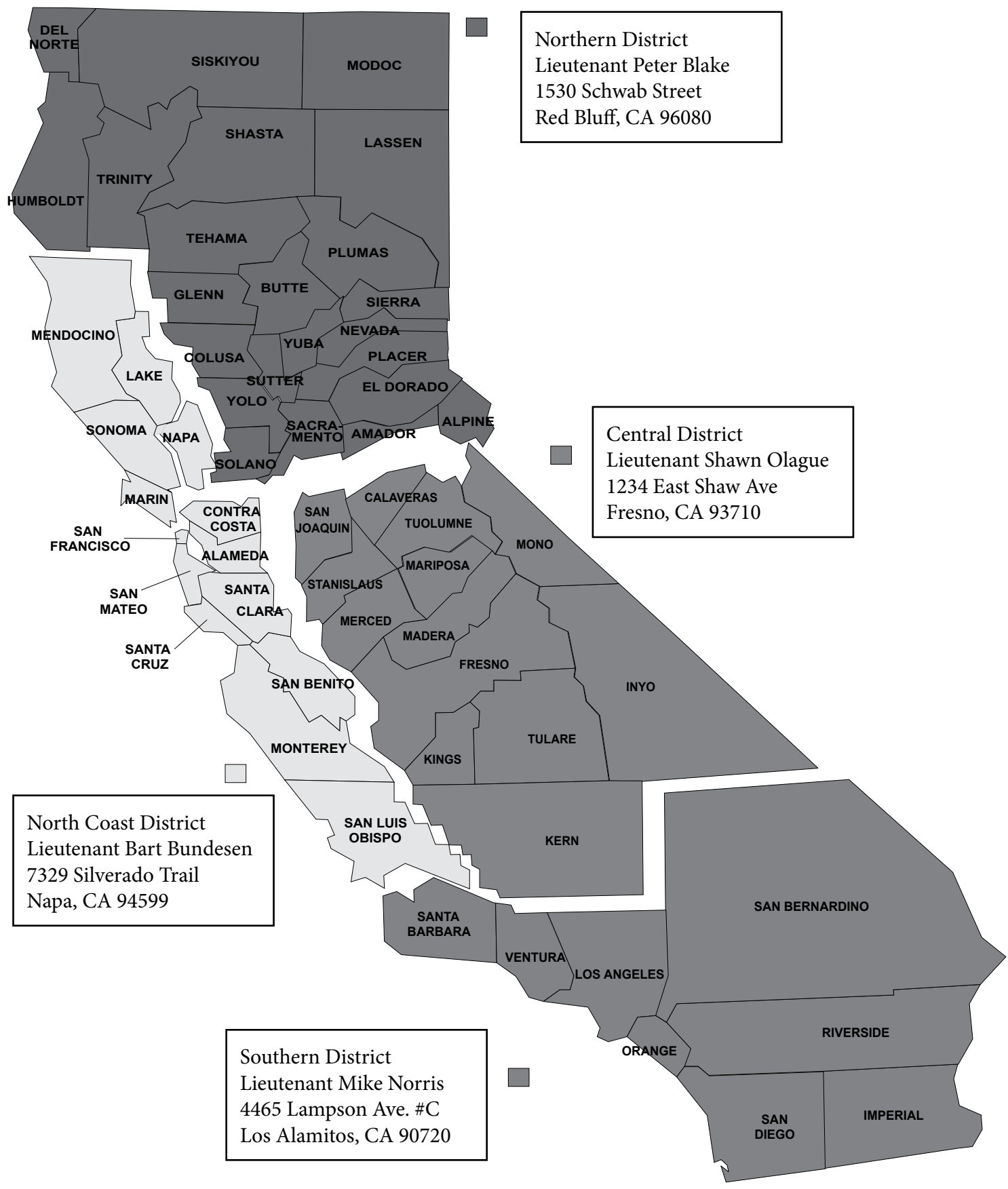
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Administrator's Corner

By: Captain Robert Pelzman

For years I have wondered why real estate agents put their picture on everything – billboards, newspaper ads, magazine ads, MLS listings, for sale signs, etc. I Googled the topic and found more web links than expected. Apparently, others have asked the same question. A quick check of several websites and it looks like it is not a requirement that agents plaster their mug on anything. Several sources indicate that it is all about marketing and recognition of the agent. That makes sense, kind of, I guess. I am not selling anything and I am not a picture person. I don't do well with pictures – just look at my last Quarterly article! I'd rather focus on you. So, please send pictures of you teaching a class and pictures of your classes with a brief caption too. I'll pick one or two of the pictures and include them with my future Quarterly articles.

About halfway through April was my one year anniversary as the Hunter Education Program Administrator. I have learned a ton and continue to learn daily. Thank you for working through the rollout of Event Manager! Yes, there were some bumps, but overall it has been a success and well received by HEI's and the public. Be assured, we are continuously working to improve the process.

We recently completed all of the yearly district HEI training conferences. I apologize for missing the Central District Conference in Lemoore. On the Thursday before the conference my back locked up.

This was a new experience for me and I laughed at first; as folks attempted to assist me to a standing position. About an hour later, it wasn't so funny - I was all sweaty, in pain, and unable to move on the floor. Anyway I'm good now, and I'm sorry I missed the Central District Conference. Overall, the training conferences were a success and well received. Each conference had the same basic agenda and information, but each had a unique flavor. Three featured a talk and

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Q&A session with Dave Bess, Chief of Patrol for the Law Enforcement Division. The North Coast District Conference included Chief Bess and Fish and Game Commissioner Eric Sklar. To the best recollection of CDFW Staff, this was the first time a Commissioner attended and spoke at a HEI Training Conference. Representatives from the California Rifle and Pistol Association

(CRPA) and staff from the Apprentice Hunts Program presented information at all of the conferences.

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Thank you for all you do,
Robert



Fam regularly deals with prospective Hunter Education students and Hunter Education Instructors in a courteous, friendly, and professional manner. Recently, a flower arrangement and "thank you" balloon was delivered to her. Attached to the arrangement was a note that read, "I just wanted to let you know how much I truly appreciated you going above and beyond to help me. Wish there were more people out there like you. Have a fantastic day!"
-Cameo Thomason"

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Legal or Not?

Test your knowledge

Assuming all situations include hunters who are not disabled, which of the following situations are legal uses of a crossbow? Circle all that apply. (See page ?? for answers).

- (A) Roy has been an archery hunter for 45 years but no longer possess the strength to draw a bow. Roy decides to hunt during the general deer season with a crossbow this year.
- (B) Ed the waterfowl hunter decides he wants to hunt with his crossbow. Ed doesn't own Flu-Flu fletched crossbow bolts, so he takes his conventionally fletched crossbow bolts. Ed paddles out in his scullboat and shoots a mallard that is sitting on the water.
- (C) Rob spent months waiting for bear season, he knew that a crossbow was not a legal method of take during archery season and reluctantly waited for general season to arrive. On opening day of general bear hunting season Rob successfully harvested a 130 pound bear with his crossbow.
- (D) Scott loves the taste of pheasant more than anything. Equipped with his crossbow and a handful of flu-flu arrows he takes a limit of pheasant in general pheasant season.
- (E) Kim is hunting deer with her crossbow. To save time she simply places her loaded or ready-to-fire crossbow in the cab of her truck for the drive back to camp.

Answer on Page 22

Advanced Hunter Ed

By: Lieutenant Alan Gregory

As spring comes to an end and the hot days of summer are closing in, hopefully your spring turkey season was successful. Mine was not. I hunted five days and was not able to close the deal. I was able to call in a bird for Wildlife Officer William Witzel, his first (See picture). By the time you read this the big game drawing deadline will have passed and we will have found out what, if anything, we have gotten drawn for. Hopefully you have drawn you desired hunts.

tral District to see if any instructors or teams of instructors would like to put on Advanced Hunter Education Clinics. At the conference, I got several ideas passed on to me that ranged from Women's only classes taught by women instructors to a group that wanted to teach a Marksmanship Clinic. I know all of you volunteer your time to teach Basic Hunter Education classes and I don't want to take any more of your valuable time away from you. However, if any of you would like

"I want to get my own food," "My dad hunted but I never got into it as a kid," "I've hunted doves but, I want to get into deer and pig hunting." I thought this was interesting that adults are jumping into a new sport that traditionally passed down generationally. I have also noticed that many of these new students are hesitant to take the leap from the classroom to the field. I recently ran into a student from the pig class in a sporting goods store. He told me the field work offered to him in the

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Unfortunately, I was able to attend only two of the four district conferences this spring. I apologize to those two districts that I missed as I really wanted to meet and get to know more of you. At the Central District conference, I posed the question of how do I increase the number of Advanced Hunter Education Clinics. The question stems from the fact that nearly every available seat in the clinics for 2016 was full by the middle of February. The demand for the clinics this year and has been off the charts and I would like to attempt to meet this demand. Since there is only one of me, I reached out to instructors in Cen-

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A recap of the 2016 spring clinics is follows: 192 students showed up to the clinics with an approximately 15% no show rate. The majority of the students were from counties with large populations, e.g., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Alameda, Santa Clara, and Riverside. Approximately 10% of students were female and 10% were juniors. Interestingly, most students were in the 20-40 year range. I asked some of the students in this age range, "What got you into hunting at this age?" The answers varied from,

class (tracking, scouting, and game care) eliminated that anxiety of going into the field. He knew what he had to do with an animal if he was lucky enough to harvest one. Reading into his comments, I felt that, as an adult he didn't want to make any mistakes whereas kids have some type of mentor to guide them the experience. Now we are getting into the adult learning theory and for my trying to figure out how to teach classes with 90% adults as students. As I work on that, I hope you all have a good summer and for those of you that hunt in the A-zone for deer, good luck.



Northern District

By: Lieutenant Peter Blake

As I am writing this article we have completed all the main conferences for the year and are getting ready for the upcoming satellite training opportunities. A lot is going on to say the least. This has by far been my busiest year ever since becoming the Northern District Coordinator and I sometimes feel I am unavailable to give the attention you all deserve. For this I truly apologize but know I am fully dedicated to both you and this program. The good news is I can see some light at the end of this tunnel and things should be getting back to normal soon. I look forward to working with all of you to make this year one of the best ever for the Hunter Ed. program.

The hottest topic right now by far is the new Event Manager program. Event Manager has been a huge success and continues to get better all the time. The vast majority of you have embraced this new program and the results speak for themselves. We are on re-

cord pace with number of students already taught and the number of classes being posted. GREAT JOB everyone and thank you for taking the time to learn and accept this new program. Now I am not saying everything has worked perfectly but overall the bumps we have encountered have been overcome with only some minor tweaks. The biggest issue has come with the students signing up and having to do the two

all have a person's GO ID number making the process even easier. Obviously this won't work for everyone, especially the young kids, but for those who do have one of these documents it makes the process very simple.

Now some of you, whose number are definitely in the minority, are still showing some reluctance towards the new system and have

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step process having to get the GO ID number and Document number from ALDS. By the time you read this the student should only be required to get a GO ID number greatly reducing the process. Just a little tip for all you instructors, every Fish and Wildlife document whether it be a fishing license, deer tag or Steelhead punch card

even blamed it a reduction of student numbers in your individual classes. The truth of the matter is the stats just don't support this. In my opinion this reduction of students is more likely a result of the number of classes being posted in specific areas that has caused some competition. A little competition amongst classes can be a healthy thing making everyone better. Although for this to work, instruc-



tors are going to have to coordinate, making sure they are not teaching on top of each other. Please get to know and communicate with your local instructors. I can definitely help in this coordination, just give me a call. For those of you who are still on the fence I encourage you to give it a chance. In the beginning I had a lot of hate mail and thought the Northern District roster was going to be cut in half with mass exodus of instructors. The reality has been quite different with less than 10 instructors throwing in the towel of which 2 have returned after becoming more aware of the new system. Not bad for a roster of over 300 instructors. After all of this if you still feel you cannot continue on with the new system, I completely understand and thank you for all you have done for the program.

Other good news is the Quarterly. This has been a huge challenge this past year and has taken a monumental amount of work to get back up and running. The brunt of this work has landed in the lap of Fam Saetern who replaced Sarah this past year. Yesterday at our coordinators meeting I previewed the spring issue, which you will have gotten long before reading this. Fam has knocked it out of the park, putting her style into it and making it one of the best issues ever. Awesome job Fam!!!!!!

I am going to sign off by giving a special thanks to the Hunter Ed. staff. We have overcome some huge obstacles this past year and I want to say thank you personally for all your hard work and support. I appreciate each and every one of you and ev-

everything you do for the Hunter Ed. program.

PJ





North Coast District

By: Lieutenant Bart Bundesen

This article should find you somewhere in the dog days of summer. Hopefully you have a spot to stay cool and plan your fall deer hunt, or contemplate decoy setups for the upcoming waterfowl season.

Today, I got a call from an Instructor who wanted to report a poaching violation. It was a “hot” tip and they weren’t sure where to take it. I was more than happy to pass it on to the Game Warden in that area. This got me thinking, what this HEI would have done if they were John Q. Public? What about one of our new hunters who don’t have a direct line to someone in enforcement?

We all know about Cal Tip (1-888-334-2258). There is nothing easier for a Game Warden than dispatch coming across the radio with a tip just around the corner. Unfortunately, a lot of times those tips go unreported for a myriad of reasons. Maybe concerns about anonymity and in this day and age a lot of times because the younger generation doesn’t want to make the phone call.

The answer for the younger folks is Tip411, a simple text to **Tip411**, followed by the words CalTip and the violation being reported. You can also encourage your students to download the cell phone application (see the Tip411 info on page 12).

The great thing about this is sportsman have access to a Game

Warden just as the HEI in the example above did. Anywhere in the State they can report a violation. Sometimes more information is required and the Game Warden and tipster can have a direct conversation back and forth without having to go through a dispatcher.

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Please get the word out to your students. I have seen it in action first hand and it’s a great tool in the fight against poaching.

Let’s continue with more on how we can keep our students updated on what’s going on. Lead was probably the most regular question we saw during the conference season. Like it or not it’s coming. What’s the next?

Phase 2 – Effective July 1, 2016, non-lead shot will be required

when taking upland game birds with a shotgun, except for dove, quail, snipe, and any game birds taken on licensed game bird clubs. In addition, non-lead shot will be required when using a shotgun to take resident small game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, non-game mammals, non-game birds, and any wildlife for depredation purposes.

This means your Fall Turkey hunt will require non-lead shot. These changes do not apply to air guns.

Phase 3 – Effective July 1, 2019, non-lead ammunition will be required when taking any wildlife with a firearm anywhere in California.

On to a few Hunter Ed Class items that I’ve seen recently from some new instructors. These are always a good reminder for us all.

Can I use a portion of the Traditional Course for the Follow-Up Class also? The answer is No. You are allowed to have students who need to retest come for just the test portion. Remember to issue the right test for the corresponding course.

How do I complete the Practical Firearms Handling and keep the Follow-Up Class at the 4 hour mark? Here’s what the session outline from the teaching guide allows for:

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NONLEAD AMMUNITION IMPLEMENTATION

PHASE 1

JULY 1, 2015



Nonlead ammo required on all CDFW wildlife areas, ecological reserves and bighorn sheep hunts

PHASE 2

JULY 1, 2016



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PHASE 3

JULY 1, 2019



Nonlead ammo required when taking any wildlife with a firearm in California



Stay Postive!

"The new online signup system is working out real good. It's amazing how much more time I have to teach."

".....this weekend completed our first class using the Event Manager scheduling and reporting system. Everything worked wonderfully. It is a great system. Congratulations to you and the other members of the Hunter Education program for bringing this together. Well Done!"

Central District

By: Lieutenant Shawn Olague

We just finished another conference season together, my 11th already. I can't believe I have been here this long. I guess the old saying is true, "Time flies when you're having fun." I hope you have enjoyed this ride too.

We would like some input for future conference considerations. We need the whole "Who, What, Where, Why and How" of things. For myself, I am thinking of making Tachi Palace an annual location for future HEI Training Conferences. They do a very professional job; the space fits us and is comfortable. I have mentioned the annual idea to a few and some were questioning the continuance of our Friday night events we have held in the past. I have looked into it and may have secured the use of NAS Lemoore's gun club which has a trap and skeet range. We could do some Friday night festivities out there. So there is the question of, "Where?" Anyone else have any ideas, suggestions or comments?

How about the, "What?" What do you want to cover at upcoming training events? In my 11 years we have covered many topics. Some were well received, others not so. It is very hard to keep you all happy. We have many new faces that would benefit from some of the topics we have had in the past and then there are those of you who would hate me for giving you something you've had already. You will have to excuse me though as many of you have been around 20+ years. So if you have



any ideas.....

ever collected in the paper method.

I hope you have jumped into the Event Manager program without too much heartache. I really appreciate the ease when it comes to turning in the results. The scantrons were a pain in the neck to have to fix and many times you were stuck guessing what the factual information really was due to the student not filling out completely or correctly. I have received some complaints about us trying to break an unbroken machine, but the truth is the system is providing our program way more information than we could have

As always, I can't tell you all enough how much I appreciate what you do. Hunting and fishing are my avenues of escape and since you are helping people get their chance to hunt, I know you are giving them something good that they will appreciate too. Please call me with any comments and/or suggestions regarding our program. We want to hear from you as we value your opinions.

Shawn

Southern District

By: Lieutenant Mike Norris

Inaugural Instructors' Pheasant Phest

Just when everyone had oiled and put away their scatterguns for the season, south San Diego County's dynamo Bob Fusco caught wind of an end-of-season gamebird bargain and got ahold of me.

"What do you think about having an Instructor's bird hunt," he asked. What did I think? It was like asking an opening day dove hunter if he'd like a free case of shells and a cold drink.

"Heck yeah!" said I. "When and where?"

In addition to a line on value-priced birds from Walt Garner, Bob secured use of the fields where the late-great HEI Doug Streed held his popular (and continuing) youth pheasant hunt east of Pine Valley. All he needed were some willing HEIs and to nail down the administrative details.

In short order and with the help of HEIs Virginia Duncan and Jeff Simonides and friend Ed Marr, they reached out to the San Diego chapter of Safari Club Intl. (covered liability insurance and a grilled lunch), then hit up NAVHDA and the San Diego Sporting Dog Club for dogs and handlers. Diamond Environmental donated use of a portable loo and wash stand to keep things clean.

What a blast!

HEI Alex Van and his daughter, Sylvia, drove down from the South Bay to go afield with fellow instructors in Eastern San Diego County at what will hopefully become an annual event.



First shots rang out at 9:30 a.m., and 16 hunters would go on to drop 25 pheasants and 40 chukar pointed by the dogs. After the gun and BBQ smoke cleared, everyone was on their way home by 2 p.m. with their birds cleaned and iced.

"We hope this becomes an annual event," said Fusco. "It's a great opportunity for our volunteer HEIs to have a fun get-together, a token of appreciation for their many hours of dedicated service promoting safety, conservation, and recreation within their communities."

Amen to that and to any other HEIs who wish to duplicate this event elsewhere in our large state—you all should pat each other on the back every chance you get. Hunts, fishing tournaments, clay contests, campouts—if you build it, they (you all) will come!

Speaking of fun, with dove and deer seasons rapidly approaching and with your classes running near capacity, remind students that a fun day starts and ends with safety... and they can find the answer to 10% of their test questions on the inside cover of their student manuals.

Nothing puts a damper on an opening weekend more than a hunter casualty, so let's all do what we can to make 2016 our first fatality-free season.

Finally, on an administrative note, I really, really appreciate everyone hanging tough thru these first six months with the Event Manager system. As a guy more comfortable dealing with shotgun parts than web site parts, I completely understand the frustrations some of you

have voiced. But IF folks follow the sign-up directions completely (and that's a big IF) then it works, as evidenced by nearly 12,300 successful sign-ups in the first six months of the system.

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We've been frustrated as well at times, but have taken our concerns to the programmers and they continue to tweak things—you may have noticed a (slight) stream-

lining of the sign-up process, including dropping the inclusion of the Document Number registration process.

So hang in there. It is a good system and will get even better. You won't have to spend the first 20 minutes of class dealing with student Scantrons, you won't have to keep and build a sign-up sheet/roster, you won't have to issue duplicate certificates anymore if you don't want to, and you won't have to mail any class records anymore.

As I've told HEIs hesitant to even try it out—if you can research and order a cordless drill on Amazon.com, you can use Event Manager.

Thanks for all you have done and will do for our sport. Remember and remind anyone who matters--without you, we wouldn't have hunting—never forget it.

Send me your field photos and questions, comments, or concerns--mike.norris@wildlife.ca.gov.



Practical Test 40 minutes

**Firearms handling safety
Fence crossing
Muzzle control**

Also a further review from the Follow-Up Class Manual:

One of the critical sections of this session is the practical test. Here you can watch the students as they handle firearms to determine if they are proficient. Some students may be new to firearm handling. They may be unfamiliar with different types of firearms and will need some coaching. If a student repeatedly handles firearms unsafely, you should take appropriate action. This may include additional instruction at the time or failure of the class. As an instructor, you have the responsibility to provide certificates only to those students you believe will be safe and responsible in the field.

What does this mean? In larger classes if you are not giving it the full coach and remediate students who may have issues.

40 minutes you are probably not getting the full indication of proficiency. Remember the student studied beforehand and most of what you are giving them is a review of the test. The Practical is where you as the Instructor have the one chance to truly gauge how safe they may be once out in the field. Appropriate allocation of time also allows you to

Let's finish with the yearly training requirement. You all did very well in completing the requirement for this year. There are still a few of you who have to take the Correspondence Course. I will contact you sometime mid-summer with the details. Where you can help me is keep an eye out for it and complete it ASAP. Every year we probably lose an average of 10 HEI's in the NCD for failure to complete their yearly training. There will be a deadline and I don't plan on chasing people around to get them to complete the training on time.

As always thank you, your hard work is appreciated! My door is always open, and if you need anything I'm only a phone call or email away: (415) 892-0073 or bart.bundesen@wildlife.ca.gov

To Report a Poacher or Polluter

If you witness a poaching or polluting incident or any fish and wildlife violation, or have information about such a violation, immediately dial the toll free CalTIP number 1 888 334-CALTIP (888 334-2258), 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Or you may submit anonymous tips to CDFW using tip411. tip411 an internet based tool from CitizenObserver.com that enables the public to text message an anonymous tip to wildlife officers and lets the officers respond back creating an anonymous two-way conversation. Anyone with a cell phone may send an anonymous tip to CDFW by texting "CALTIP", followed by a space and the message, to 847411 (tip411).

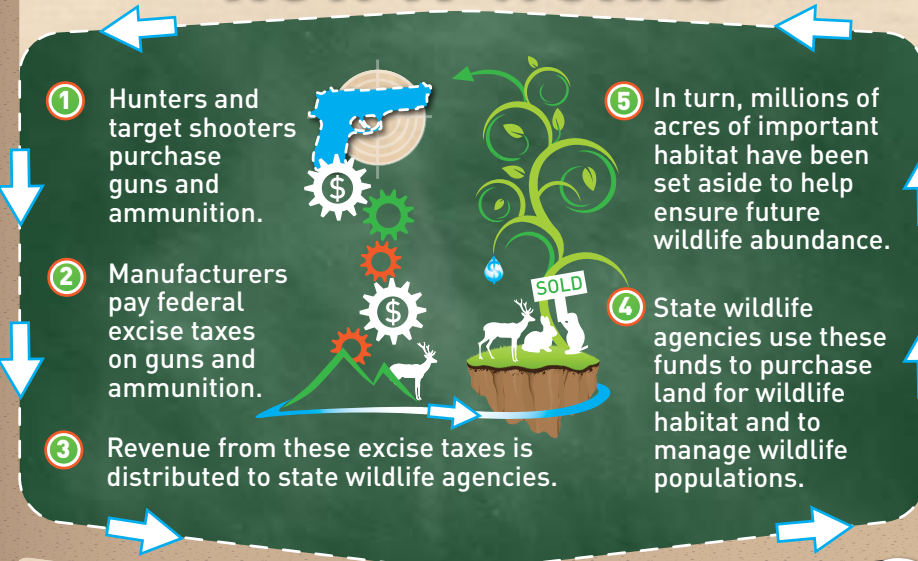
Or download the free CALTIP smartphone App which operates similarly to tip411 by creating an anonymous two-way conversation with wildlife officers to report wildlife and pollution violations. The CALTIP App can be downloaded for free via the Google Play Store and iTunes App Store.

Be prepared to give the fullest possible account of the incident including the name, address, age and description of the suspect, vehicle description, direction of travel, license number, type of violation and when and where it occurred. You do not have to give your name.



HOW WILDLIFE IS THRIVING BECAUSE OF GUNS & HUNTING

HOW IT WORKS



This System Has Provided
NEARLY \$10 Billion
For Conservation So Far

Where the Money Goes

Buy, develop, maintain and operate wildlife management areas

Research projects focused on wildlife conservation

Hunter safety and education programs

Construction and maintenance of public target shooting ranges

Quick History

Early 1900s
As many wildlife species are dwindling in numbers or disappearing, firearms industry steps forward and asks Congress to redirect excise tax on sale of guns and ammo to help fund wildlife conservation.

1937
Congress passes and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act into law.

1938 to today:
Revenue from this act has purchased millions of acres of prime habitat that is maintained by state wildlife agencies. These lands, where game and non-game species flourish, are purchased with sportsmen's dollars but used by all Americans.

Since the late 1930s, hunters, target shooters and the firearms industry have been the nation's **LARGEST** contributors to **conservation**, paying for programs that benefit America's wildlife and all who love the outdoors.

THEN & NOW

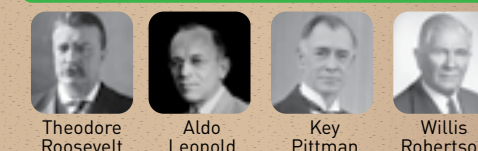
White Tailed Deer Population		
1900	500,000	32,000,000 TODAY
Ducks / Waterfowl Population		
1901	FEW	44,000,000 TODAY
Rocky Mountain Elk		
1907	41,000	1,000,000 TODAY
Wild Turkeys		
1900	100,000	7,000,000 TODAY
Pronghorn Antelope		
50 YEARS AGO	12,000	1,100,000 TODAY

OTHER WAYS SPORTSMEN CONTRIBUTE

Excise taxes combined with revenue from hunting and fishing license sales fund the majority of state wildlife agency budgets.

\$81 Million CONTRIBUTED ANNUALLY
Duck stamp proceeds are used by the government to buy or lease wetland habitat for ducks, geese and hundreds of non-game birds and animals.

SOME HEROES OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CONSERVATION MODEL IN THE WORLD ARE:



This Point's for You!!!

Duplicate Dilemmas

By: Lieutenant Mike Norris

It's that time of year—dove and deer seasons are opening soon. Little (or big) Johnny lost the Hunter Education certificate he earned in a class months (or years) ago, or he 'hasn't been hunting in years' and can't come up with an old hunting license to use in California as proof of Hunter Education.

Rooms and desks have been tossed, the workbench and laundry room have been searched—nothing! The opener is just days away and the panic meter's needle is nearing the red line.

Frantic, Johnny Jr. or Sr. contacts you, the friendly community Hunter Education Instructor for help. What are the options for a student and HEI when it comes to replacing a lost certificate?

First question for Johnny is this—how long ago did you take the exam? If he took the exam after 1989, chances are the DFW has a record of him having passed. Have him call DFW's hunter education desk in Sacramento at (916) 653-1235 and, assuming the HEI submitted his class records, his Pass status will be in a database and a duplicate certificate can be issued for an administrative fee just south of \$10. Also, if he purchased a hunting license after 2010—when electronic-based licensing began—he'll be in the system and can purchase another CA hunting license.

But, sadly, none of this is working

for Johnny. He knows you have the ability to issue duplicate certificates and says, "Hey, you know me—I think we had camps near each other that one year up on Pine Mountain...remember? I was deer hunting then, so I had a license. So can't you just cut me a duplicate--what do you say, man, c'mon?"

You know that you can't, even if came up with a tattered paper hunting license. Why? Because a hunting license is not proof of having passed a hunter education class...and you know that Johnny Sr. is the kind of

Exasperated and demoralized, Johnny Sr. turns and heads for the door...but stops, and exclaims, "You know what, I remember! I took the course at your gun club, from Milton Friedenheimer, in 2001!"

"You can hook me up now, right?"

Right?

Most likely. Even though 'ole Milt passed on 13 years ago, your club has had a Hunter Education Program for decades and has student records to match. Problem is,



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guy who may have signed the discontinued "I completed hunter education" affidavit year after year to obtain his hunting license to avoid taking the class.

Telling Johnny, "Sorry, I can't..." is easy though.

Just explain that all duplicate certificates require the name of the instructor who he took the course from, and that all duplicate certificates require a serial (certificate) number, neither of which you have. You suggest he log onto the Internet ASAP and search for an upcoming class.

you recall that Milt, which great at teaching, wasn't always good about mailing in student records and so it's possible he never mailed Johnny's Scantron in...which explains why there is no record in Sacramento covering Johnny Sr.

However, as a member of your club's hunter ed program, you have access to the binders of records and, sure enough, find Johnny Sr.'s name on a 2001 class roster with a Pass check next to his name.

Halleluiah!

You see Milt's name listed as

the lead instructor, along with his HEI#. In issuing duplicate hunter education certificates for students who were not your own, you know the procedure is to write the original HEI's name/number and the original Certificate Number and not your own name/number...but what about a certificate number?

Unlike the club's newer records, which have the certificate number recorded next to the student's name, this record and all the others issued prior to 2005 lack a certificate number. What the heck!

Before 2005, after passing the hunter education exam, students would obtain a validation stamp from the DFW which would have a certificate number on it. Those stamps were replaced by certificates with unique certificate numbers in 2005, the ones you issued to students until they were phased out when the Event Manager system was activated in 2016 and the numbers (starting with KE) were generated for students when they enrolled in your course, then recorded on their certificates and within the licensing system upon passing.

What you do in Johnny's case and for any other student who took passed the course prior to 2005 is call the hunter education desk at (916) 653-1235. A special certificate number will be generated for you to write on the duplicate certificate...you do so, and—voila!—Johnny Sr. can purchase a license here or in any other state.

"That's fantastic! Thank you so much," he says, shaking your hand. "I'll be able to take Johnny Jr. to Yuma to hunt doves with his grandpa—this is going to be so great!"

Thinking of the memories that three generations of Johnnies will generate hunting together in AZ, you smile as you wave goodbye. Next day, you're still smiling as you organize gear for your own dove hunt when the phone rings. It's Johnny Sr., now down in AZ and in a panic again. At wit's end, he says Johnny Jr. forgot his certificate and the hunt is in three days.

Kids! Fortunately, you recall Johnny Sr. mentioning little Johnny took hunter ed just last month and, as kids nowadays are prone to do, he's likely to have a smartphone in his pocket.

"Listen, he's put himself in a tough spot," you tell dad, "but there's hope. Because he registered for his hunter ed class on-line like everyone else has after 2015, he can order a duplicate hunter education certificate on-line.

"If he's lucky the mail will reach him in time. If not, then proper preparation is a lesson he needs to learn."



Help Recruit New Game Wardens



www.wildlife.ca.gov/Enforcement/Career



Answer to Legal or Not?

Test your knowledge Answers

A: Roy is legal! CCR T14-353. Methods Authorized for Taking Big Game. (g) Except as provided in subsection 354(j) of these regulations (354(j) is disabled archery permit exemption), crossbows may be used to take deer and wild pigs only during the regular seasons

B: Ed is legal! CCR T14-507. Provisions Related to the Taking of Migratory Game Birds.(a) Authorized Methods. Only the following methods may be used to take migratory game birds: (2) Bow and Arrows or Crossbows. Only arrows or crossbows bolts with flu- flu fletching may be used except that conventionally fletched arrows may be used to take waterfowl sitting on the water from scullboats or similar watercraft.

C: Rob is in violation of CCR T14-353 section (g). CCR T14-353. Methods Authorized for Taking Big Game. (g) Except as provided in subsection 354(j) of these regulations, crossbows may be used to take deer and wild pigs only during the regular seasons.

D: Scott is legal! Crossbows are a legal method of take for pheasants. CCR T14-311. Methods Authorized for Taking Resident Small Game. (n) Crossbows, except for provisions of Section 354(d) and (g). Scott use of the flu-flu is also is in abidance of section §354. Archery Equipment and Crossbow Regulations. (d) No arrows or crossbow bolt with an explosive head or with any substance which would tranquilize or poison any animal may be used. No arrows or crossbow bolt without flu-flu fletching may be used for the take of pheasants.

E: Kim is in violation of CCR T14 section 354(i) – No person may nock or fit the notch in the end of an arrow to a bowstring or crossbow string in a ready-to-fire position while in or on any vehicle.

HEIs Asked to Help Recruit New Game Wardens

By: Lieutenant Chris Stoots

Hunter Education Instructors are respected partners to California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Wildlife Officers and our mission. You are the dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to create the safe and ethical hunters of tomorrow. You know our laws. Many of you regularly work with CDFW Wildlife Officers or have met them in the field. Your first-hand knowledge, experience, and understanding make you an excellent untapped resource in our search for the next new-hires. Our annual announcement for accepting applications from men and women interested in becoming a CDFW Wildlife Officer is just around the corner. We anticipate hiring for new Warden Laterals (current peace officers who wish to transfer to CDFW) in June and Warden Cadets in September or October. We are asking for you to help us spread the word.

We are asking HEIs to help us find outstanding individuals who possess the following:

Minimum Qualifications:

- Minimum Age Requirement: Minimum age of 18 years of age
- Citizenship: U.S. citizen or a permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for U.S. citizenship
- Driver license: Possession of a valid (Class C) driver license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles
- EDUCATION: Equivalent to completion of two years (60 semester units) of college with 18 semester units in the biological sciences, police science or law enforcement, natural resources conservation, ecology or related fields. (Students who have 30 semester units of college, and have 18 semester units completed in the required or related fields, will be admitted to the examination, but must produce evidence of completion of 60 semester units before they can be considered eligible for appointment. **All applicants must meet the education requirements for this examination by the written test date.**

Physical Requirements:

- Sound physical condition and ability to swim
- Hearing adequate to perform the duties of the position
- Visual acuity of 20/40 without correction and corrected to 20/20 in each eye; with normal color vision

Personal Characteristics:

- Self-motivated
- Willingness to work unusual hours and on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays
- Willingness to live and work throughout the State
- Satisfactory record as a law-abiding citizen
- Neat personal appearance, tact, and reliability
- Ability to gather and analyze facts and draw valid conclusions
- Use correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, paragraph structure, reading comprehension, and writing skills
- Ability to interpret and apply Fish and Game laws, rules, and regulations
- Keeness of observation
- Interest in and aptitude for fish and wildlife conservation and law enforcement work

Disqualifications:

- Conviction of a felony and/or certain misdemeanor crimes
- Certain use history of “hard” drugs (e.g., heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, or hallucinogenic)

Anyone interested to pursue a wildlife officer career path should start here:
www.wildlife.ca.gov/Enforcement/Career

After reviewing the information on the website, any further questions can be emailed to:
becomeagamewarden@wildlife.ca.gov

SOLOMON SILVERSTEIN

HEI # 1206

When you ask your Centerfold subject to list some of his “other” interests outside of the hunting world and he answers, “building guns and hand loading”, you know you’ve found a person passionate about our pastime.

Sol Silverstein has been passing on the tradition to students for 25 years. To this day he feels his “life would be a little empty” without Hunter Education.

Sol’s personality is welcoming, educated and possesses a fun touch of sarcasm. This is evident when asked about where he was born. Sol starts by describing, “a little town on the east coast that no one ever heard of, Brooklyn, the eastern end of Coney Island”. Listening as he describes his youth, and walking to the Coney Island Amusement Park with his father was quite a treat.

It was there that Sol was introduced to what would become his lifetime passion, firearms. Back then the shooting gallery used actual guns. Sol explained they were .22 rifles with frangible ammunition. Sol was immediately hooked.

Not many years later at the age of 14, Sol got his first rifle a .22 Winchester Model 62A. He got the gun while away one summer in the Catskills. His buddy Steve and he would go out plinking every weekend.

These early practices lead to Sol buying his first centerfire rifle while in high school. It was a Sav-

age Model 99 take-apart in 32-40 caliber. With this gun he took his first deer, a spike buck, near Liberty, New York.

Sol and I are separated by probably 40 some odd years, but our interview kept digressing off subject as we talked about our many similarities. My first gun was the 62a, and I killed my first buck with a Model 99. By the time we got to .220 Swifts, we had turned a 20-minute interview into over an hour-and-a-half. I’ve never been accused of not having anything to say and I don’t think Sol has either.

Once again I digress, but that was part of the enjoyment of our conversation. Just before joining the Air Force in 1953 Sol bought a Winchester Model 70 in .300 H & H. Not long after, while stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi he bought another Model 70, this time a .220 Swift Sporter. Listening to Sol talk, it appears these two guns really shaped his shooting life. Sol spent many hours reloading cartridges for them and shooting them at the range. He still has both guns today.

Sol uses the .300 experience as an example in his classes to this date. He tells classes that hearing protection wasn’t the top priority back then and he has a profound hearing loss due to shooting so many years with no ear protection. Sol was shooting 40+ rounds per weekend in Biloxi, often under a small overhang.

The Air Force took Sol to Denver, and then school took him back to New York. Along the

way Sol met his wife of 58 years, Nadine, finally settling in San Jose via Orange, CA. Sol beams over his wife, and on more than one occasion has told me what a blessing those years have been. She has been a stalwart in his classes, always providing coffee and cold drinks to students, another example of the family aspect that Hunter Education provides.

Sol’s Hunter Ed career began when he went to get a haircut. The barbershop (where he still goes to today) had mounted heads all over. “My kind of place” Sol described. His friendship with the barber led him to shooting at the 10th Street Range in San Jose. Sol was asked to be part of Santa Clara Valley Rifle Club. He was searching for a way to help the club and found they lacked a Hunter Education program at the time.

Sol reached out to the old 10th Street instructor, now the venerable Placerville HEI Bill Adams. The two hit it off and remain friends to this day. Sol worked under Bill until Bill had to move. At that time, Bill asked him to become an instructor, and so in 1990 he became one.

Sol’s story of his first solo class is one of my favorites. He would go to range every Friday for three weeks before the class to sign up students and collect money. Sol recalls he, “ran out of smarts” and just kept adding students without keeping count, ending up with 95 people in the small 50’ x 25’ facility. The five lane range was bursting at the seams!

Sol taught the whole weekend by himself, with only seven failures, and remains in contact with one of the students from that day.

Sol went on to teach regular classes at 10th Street before moving to Santa Clara County Field Sports Park, where he still teaches today, in addition to Sunnyvale Rod and Gun Club. Sol says he “loves

to ham it up” in front of class, loves keeping the class interested, and really enjoys the opportunity to teach about firearms.

His knowledge has led to him being called as an expert witness on firearms in criminal court. In addition, Sol has been published in the IHEA Magazine, for a training device he invented and uses in every class. He was one of the founders of PCHEA, recently rejoined after a hiatus, and serves on the board today.

Sol enjoys participating in NRA novice shoots. These are events where individuals who have never touched a firearm get personal instruction in a one-on-one manner. He says he’s never seen anyone walk away without a grin on their face.

Sol’s commitment to “Carrying on the Tradition” of Hunter Education continues today. I for one enjoyed the story of his journey and it was a privilege to write this. In the end it is just a short overview of Sol’s accomplishments and memories.

I really want to thank Sol for including me in some of his “off the record” stories; somehow, I have a feeling if you met him in person, he would have no trouble letting you in on the secrets. He’s an engaging story teller and it’s easy to see why he’s such an accomplished Instructor.



Girl POWER

The number of women hunters, target shooters and gun owners has **increased** dramatically since the start of the new millennium. Here's a quick look at one the **fastest-growing** segments of the shooting sports.

10% of hunters were women in 2001

19% of hunters were women in 2013

1.8 Million women hunters in 2001

85% Increase

3.3 Million women hunters in 2013

3.3 Million women target shooters in 2001

60% Increase

5.4 Million women target shooters in 2013



Women gun owners spend an average of

\$870 annually on firearms purchases & \$405 annually on firearms accessories

Top accessories purchased by women gun owners:

- 1 Gun cleaning products
- 2 Targets
- 3 Ear Protection
- 4 Carrying Case
- 5 Eye Protection

Most Important reasons for owning a gun for women gun owners:

- 1 Self / home defense
- 2 Learn how to hunt
- 3 Go shooting with friends and family

73% of Women gun owners have taken at least one firearms training class.



43%

of Women gun owners go target shooting once a month or more.

Three most popular firearms purchased by women:

- 1 Semi-auto pistol
- 2 Revolver
- 3 Shotgun

In 2013, firearms retailers estimated 20% of their shooting- and hunting-related sales were attributed to women



up from 15% in 2010.

Top features influencing gun selection for women gun owners:

- 1 Fit
- 2 Quality
- 3 Practicality

73% of firearms retailers reported seeing more women in their stores in 2013 compared to 2012.

Sources:
 (1) National Sporting Goods Association Annual Sports Participation Reports
 (2) NSSF Report: Women Gun Buyers
 (3) NSSF Firearms Retailer Survey Report



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HUNTERcourse.com Team Photo, along with the Firearms Draw Winner from the 2016 IHEA-USA Conference
 From Left to Right: Katerina Douskova, Greg Gulliver, Brent McNamee, Miranda Lee, and Marc Bartlee (Iowa)

Where's Ed?

"I just had to share this pic with you. It's my first turkey, private land in El Dorado County. It was a solo hunt, I set up blind & decoys, called the birds from their roost in the early hours and after a couple of hours got this tom. About 25lbs, beard about 8', spurs just shy of 1'. What a thrill, used the 20ga I won at the Squaw Valley Conference"

-Peter Schooley
 HEI# 4199
 El Dorado County



Have a picture to share? Send it to fam.saeturn@wildlife.ca.gov

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Excerpt: Raised Behind the Trigger

By Tim E. Hovey

Beginning in 2007, I started teaching my daughters Alyssa and Jessica how to target shoot. We started simple and kept each outing fun and interactive. Having taught myself the ins and outs of shooting and ultimately hunting, I figured I could guide them through the specifics of the shooting sports.

During this journey, we encountered all sorts of issues that tested our dedication. Fear, apprehension and reluctance were all common emotions experienced during that first shooting season, but we persevered as a family and moved forward. We celebrated small victories, focusing on the successes and using the failures to motivate us. As the training progressed and the girls got better, they began to show an interest in hunting.

Each daughter came through this process in entirely different ways. Alyssa was ready to hunt from day one, and much like me, I believe she was born a hunter. Jessica's approach was cautious and apprehensive. She didn't become fully interested in the outdoors until about the age of ten. Despite their unique approaches to this process, once they both passed their hunter's safety course and acquired their hunting licenses, there was no stopping them.

Putting all they've learned to use, they began bringing home wild game of their own. Along the way I taught them the importance of resource management, hunter ethics and to respect all forms of wildlife. As our family shooting tradition continued, we built memories that will last a lifetime and developed an understanding of the importance of our hunting heritage.

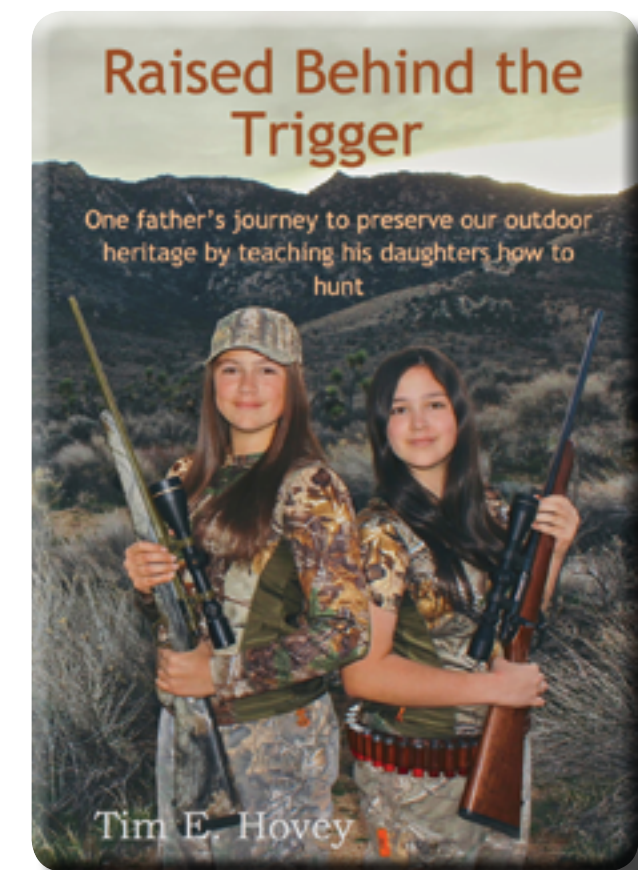
This book documents the eight year journey we took to get Alyssa and Jessica from toddlers to hunters. Along with exciting stories of their first hunts, the guiding text covers topics like safety gear, starter rifles, stepping up in caliber, shotguns for youngsters, eye dominance issues, muzzle management, handgun safety, hunter ethics, offhand shooting and much more.

Raised Behind the Trigger describes our journey as I lead my daughters down the hunter's path. Somewhere along the way, Alyssa and Jessica transformed from curious little girls into strong, compassionate young women that shoot straight and understand the value of a hunter's role.

This text would be ideal for new shooters and those wanting more information on how to get started in hunting. In an effort to get this text in the hands of those wanting to know more, we will be offering Raised Behind the Trigger at a discount to all hunter education students. Simply visit the website www.raisedbehindthetrigger.com and find the HES (Hunter Education Student) button at the bottom of the site to order your copy at a discount.

I would also be happy to discuss the book's availability to any of the hunter education instructors directly.

For more information visit www.raisedbehindthetrigger.com or contact Tim Hovey at timhovey4197@sbcglobal.net



Thank you all for your service!
- Hunter Education Staff

2016 CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

ATTENTION - ALL HEI'S WHO DID NOT ATTEND one of the four training conferences or make-up events in 2016 MUST complete an on-line training conference. Go to the Instructor Resources section <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Instructor-Resources> of the CDFW Hunter Education website and click on the 2016 HEI On-Line Correspondence Course link. The training must be completed on-line, there is no printed version because HEIS **MUST** register on-line with the Event Manager System in order to offer a class and issue certificates. Due date is 9/5/16 (Labor Day). Thank you!

KATHY'S KORNER

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Click on the "Supply Order Form", fill out the what you need and submit via webpage. Your order will be sent directly to me. I will verify receiving your order with a reply.

You must provide a class date on your orders. We cannot guarantee that orders received with no class date will be shipped to you on time. Requests are shipped ground transportation with no exceptions. Orders cannot be delivered to a post office box, so provide a physical street address.

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Don't hesitate to call if you have questions or concerns.

