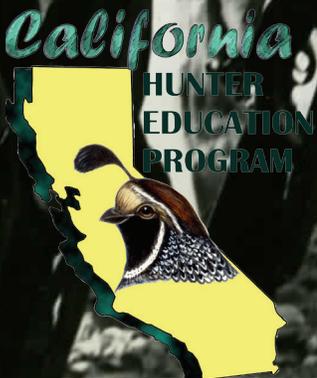


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# Hunter Education Map



# Administrator's Corner

By: Captain Robert Pelzman



Quick, what's important about the second week in July? That's correct; it's the start of the Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Program draw. Well, actually it's when we start contacting lucky HEI's that are fortunate enough to get drawn. This year I started calling the top few winners on Monday, July 11th. In addition to talking with HEI's by phone, I also sent e-mails to draw winners so they would be ready for the call. This makes the whole program work pretty smooth. Here are some examples of e-mail messages from this year:

E-mail from me:

"Congratulations, your name was selected for the Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Program! Please see the attached updated list of remaining incentives. If you're interested in the complete original list, visit the Instructor Resources webpage and look at the 2016/17 Hunter Education Incentive Program. You are between draw positions 21 and 33. Thirteen Incentives

remain so the likelihood that one of them will interest you is pretty good. I'll start contacting some of you later today, so have your choices ready! If you can, please e-mail me your top three or four choices."

HEI's reply with their choices:

"Wow. I can't believe I was drawn. My first four choices are

- 1)x6b deer hunt
- 2)x6a deer hunt
- 3)x3a deer hunt
- 4) the guided pig hunt in Salinas.

Thank you so much this is very exciting."

"This is exciting! Here are my choices:..."

Reply from me:

"You get your second choice - Two pheasants etc at Hastings Island! The certificate for this hunt will be mailed to you in the next week or so. Congratulations and thank you for all you do for the Hunter Education Program!"

"X-3A is yours!! Congratulations and thank you for all you do for the Hunter Education program. Someone from our license branch will be



contacting you to issue you the tag etc. Send us a picture of your X3A buck!"

HEI:

"Thank you. After all the years, almost 40, this is great"

"AWESOME! AWESOME! Thank you so much. Looking forward to the hunt. And, you are welcome. I love what I do. Teaching students to hunt safely is very rewarding to me. Especially in today's atmosphere. Thank you again."

The Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Program and the Instructor Fundraising Tag Drawing includes two distinct opportunities. The eligibility criteria are the same for both. In order to participate, Instructors must have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, including the year prior to the drawing. To maintain active status you must; complete in-service training, teach or assist in teaching at least one class per calendar year, and submit an annual income and expense record. These requirements must be met by December 31 to be considered for an incentive drawing the following year. Paid Hunter Education Program staff is not eligible for these drawings. Preference Points for general big game drawings are not affected (they are not gained or used) by these drawings.

## **The first opportunity is the HEI "Incentive Program".**

Under this program, the Department awards various incentives, including but not limited to, big

game tags and hunting opportunities. Every HEI that meets the eligibility requirements is automatically included in this drawing. An additional drawing entry is added for every ten years of active service as an HEI. For example, an HEI with eleven years of active service will have two entries in the drawing. HEI's that are drawn and accept an incentive are not eligible for the next five drawings. This drawing starts in the second week of July and proceeds until all available incentives are selected. The drawing produces a list of HEI names. The Instructor at the top of this list gets first pick. Next, number two on the list gets to pick from everything still remaining, followed by number three, and so on until all the incentives are selected. Instructors that select an incentive that includes a tag (such as an X zone deer tag) are required to pay the applicable tag fee.

## **The second opportunity is the HEI "Big Game Tag Drawing".**

which currently consists of one open zone deer tag. Additional big game tags, such as pronghorn antelope and elk tags could be included in the future. So for now, to be included in the HEI open zone deer tag drawing, an HEI must meet the eligibility requirements and purchase an application(s) for the drawing on or before June 2nd each year. When additional big game tags are added to this incentive opportunity in the future, the same application process will be followed. Basically, each year when

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## **Legal or Not?**



Jim and Joe have been hunting deer all day. It's about an hour after the end of shoot time when they arrive back at their truck. They unload their rifles before placing them in the cab. It's dark and this is their first time hunting this portion of the National Forest. Jim is driving so he has Joe grab the spotlight off the floorboard and shine it off to their right to help locate the small dirt road that leads back to camp. Jim and Joe make it back to camp safe and sound.

The next night was the same; except this time while attempting to locate the small dirt road back to camp, the beam of light located a monster buck! Jim slammed on the breaks and they stared at the monster. Joe thought about how impressed his girlfriend would be if brought home a buck like this. Jim thought about how easy the 40 yard shot would be and that this was the first deer he'd seen in two days. After several minutes, the buck left the area and the friends continued on their way back to camp.



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you apply for your normal yearly deer, elk, and big horn sheep tags, you simply purchase applications for the Hunter Education Instructor Big Game Drawings. Again, currently this consists of one HEI open zone deer tag. This drawing occurs within ten business days of the application deadline.

So that's it – two great opportunities exclusively for Hunter Education Instructors!

Thank you for all you do,

-Robert

## Answer to Legal or Not?



Jim and Joe were “spotlighting” in violation of section 2005 of the Fish and Game Code both nights. This issue is also addressed by section 353(j) of the regulations (CCR T-14).

Fish and Game Code 2005

(b) It is unlawful for one or more persons to throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light on a highway or in a field, woodland, or forest where game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, or non-game mammals are commonly found, or upon a game mammal, fur-bearing mammal, or non-game mammal, while having in his or her possession or under his or her control a firearm or weapon with which that mammal could be killed, even though the mammal is not killed, injured, shot at, or otherwise pursued.



# **NRA Training Courses Available**

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education is proud to announce that we are offering reimbursement for NRA instructor courses.**



**This advanced education is designed to create more versatile and educated Hunter Education Instructors. If chosen, you will get a chance to take up to five NRA courses. The Hunter Education program will reimburse as much as \$600 worth of the tuition fees.**

**The five approved NRA classes eligible for reimbursement are:**

- 1. Basic Instructor Training (6 hours)**
- 2. Range Safety Officer (8 hours)**
- 3. Shotgun Instructor (10 hours)**
- 4. Rifle Instructor (14 hours)**
- 5. Pistol Instructor (8 hours)**

**Only the first 10 Volunteer Instructors to apply for each district will be selected to participate. Hurry and contact your Lt. Coordinator to apply for this exciting opportunity!**

# Advanced Hunter Ed

By: Lieutenant Alan Gregory

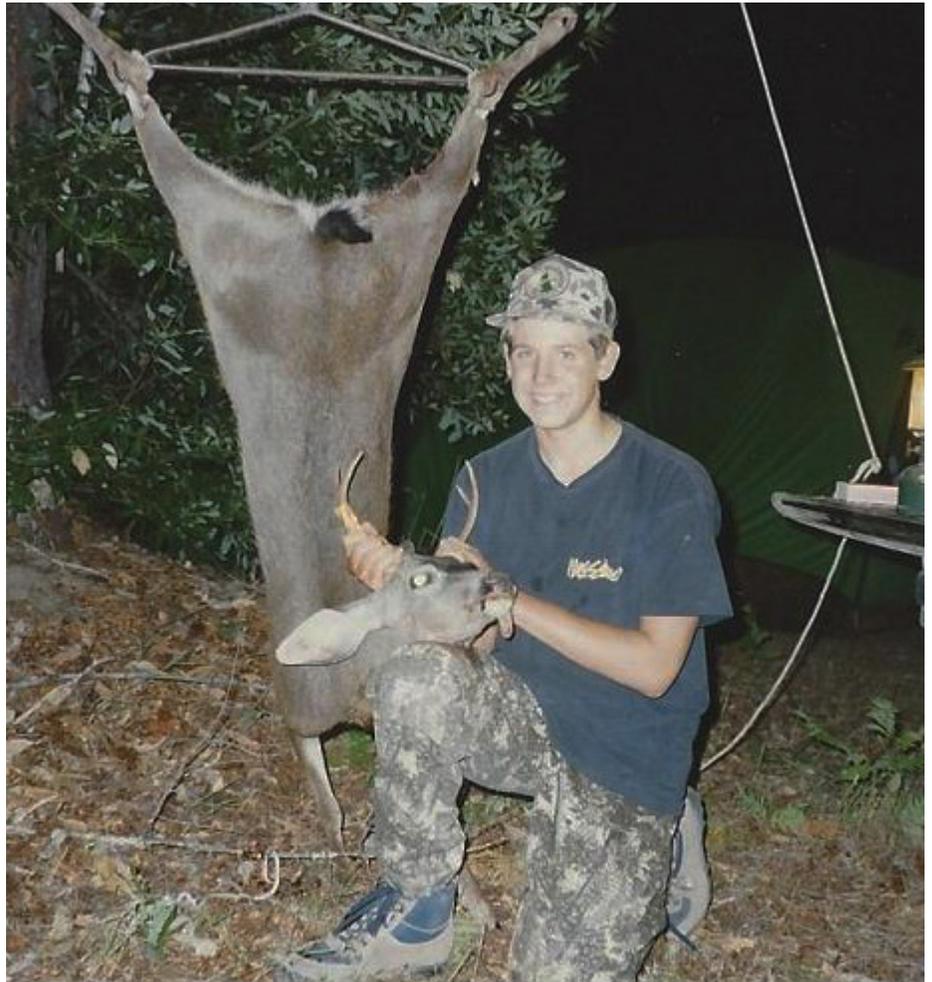
As I sit here in my office, a heat wave blazing outside, I think back to my early days of hunting. Riding passenger while my stepfather drove toward the coast for the A zone deer opener. The heat didn't bother me as much when I was young. We would get up early, do some glassing (boring), sitting over a water hole (boring), back to camp for lunch (awesome), maybe get a little driving practice, and then back to the glassing for the afternoon /evening (boring). As a teenager, anything that did not involve trying to make something happen was BORING!!! However, I never complained about the boring things and I would always ask when we were going again. I couldn't explain it then but, as a father now I am starting to understand the draw

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of the outdoors. The outdoors offers kids the opportunity to expand their world, to look for the

unknown. The only distractions would be a squirrel racing across a hillside or a woodpecker floating across an opening. Children today (mine included) are pulled in so many directions, have so many distractions, and are not allowed to explore on their own. The time I

sneak up and watch what they are doing and make sure they are safe. There is no fighting just exploration. They almost always run back yelling for me to look at a lizard, frog, feather, or rock they found. There is always an imaginative story that comes along with it.



spend with my children outdoors is critical for their future. I encourage them to go out on their own as my wife is reminding them to be careful, watch out for snakes, bees, poison oak, etc. I laugh and act as a barrier between my wife and them. Mothers will be mothers. As my children get out of sight, I love to

What's this have to do Advanced Hunter Education? Everything!!! As children are exposed to new things they are constantly learning about the world around them. It encourages curiosity, problem solving, imagination, and a greater more expanded view of the world. As adults, stuck in the rut of life



we tend to limit our learning. This puts us in our own personal bubble. After every clinic I put on, I am encouraged that there are adults that continue to learn and expand their bubble just a little more. As instructors, I encourage you to attend the Advanced Hunter Education clinics either as students or instructors. I also encourage you to take a kid or kids into the outdoors, bring them hunting, fishing, or hiking.

And now back to clinics. They continue to roll on with exceptionally high registration rates. I am working with several instructors to bring an air gun hunting clinic and a survival clinic. Hopefully these clinics will come to fruition next year. I would like to address one complaint I have received about not having pamphlets for the program. Since the inception of event manager and the ease of the registration process, I didn't need to print them this year. I am working on a gener-

ic handout that will have the basics of the program and how/ where to register. The pamphlet will be used for years instead of the old one that had dates for listed and was only valid for one year. I hope to have the pamphlet finished soon and out to you to pass out in your classes.

In closing, I wish you all good luck in your fall hunting adventures and I hope to see pictures of your successes.



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# North Coast District

*By: Lieutenant Bart Bundesen*

I've gotta tell you I'm not a big fan of summer. As the fall weather replaces the summer heat, I find my attitude greatly improves. Not that I dislike cookouts and family vacations, there is just something more relaxing about fall. It doesn't hurt that most hunting seasons are in full swing, or just starting up, and the prospects for the hunter are limitless.

One of the nice things about the addition of online class registration from a coordinator's point of view is the increased exposure I get to your hard work. The summer months brought a big uptick in class registrations and class offerings. Impressive to watch NCD instructors meet the demand.

Lt. Olague at one point did a little digging and found that in a 60 day period this summer; California Instructors had 200 Hunter Ed classes available, impressive numbers.

The bulk of NCD instructors have been doing a great job of processing their class results and instructor hours. If you complete a course and submit results, I'm generally able to process those results every evening. This means a student in your class on a Saturday would be able to purchase a license online Sunday. If nothing else the quick turnaround makes for good customer service because in reality that's one of the many facets of the Hunter Ed job.

We are still seeing some changes within the program due to the advent of the online system. The sampling size is still too small to make many inferences but I will touch on a few that I have seen across the state.

Simplified registration is pre-

ferred by students. The deletion of the much maligned Hunter Ed Doc # greatly simplified registration. The Online License Service (OLS) reports 40% of potential new students already have a GOID number, further simplifying for some. There is a lot of information already provided to potential students on the homepage and accompanying registration forms. Many instructors still feel the need to include long and detailed "Special Instructions". Careful with this as these can serve as a deterrent to potential students.

I have not seen a substantial "No Show" rate for classes with simplified registration and the "No Show" rate seems pretty consistent across the board. Some students just aren't going to show up and they aren't going to give the common courtesy of canceling their spot. It's just reality.

On the same front, students appear to be showing a preference for the first and closest class available. I get calls every once and awhile from the panicked HEI who only has a few students 3 weeks prior to a course only to have it fill up as it gets closer.

If you are personally in touch with students and want to guide them to your course, either use the "Invite Student" function or tell them to search via the zip code that corresponds to your class location.

On to the 2017 NCD Instructor Training, planning is in the works right now, but save the date: Saturday, March 4th.

I'm working on Gilroy, but can't guarantee it, trying to find a facility and some affordable lodging for 200 people in Monterey is a challenge. That being said I think it has a lot to

offer as a venue, and I am optimistic I can make it work.

Please if you have any issues or need any help do not hesitate to get in touch.

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

May your fall be prosperous and productive!



# Northern District

By: Lieutenant Peter Blake

It seems the older I get the faster time goes by. Just yesterday we were working on the new Event Manager System, getting ready to roll it out and developing a training program to present to all of you during the spring conference season. Now as write this, all the main and satellite conferences have been completed and some of the correspondence courses have already been turned in. The good news is things are moving along pretty smoothly and I look forward to some much needed time off as the hunting seasons approach. Hopefully all of you will make the time to get out and enjoy the hunting heritage we have all been so passionately fighting to preserve.

As the years click by, the Hunter Ed. family has definitely seen its fair share of turmoil and change. I applaud all of you for your continued dedication and support. It never ceases to amaze me the quality of individuals I have been so fortunate to know and work with. I have grown quite close with many of you and truly feel you are my second family whom I care deeply for both professionally and personally. Although at times the bond we share can be emotionally draining it is also a never ending source of inspiration and support and I thank each and every one of you for your friendship.



Now even though things have slowed to a more normal pace, it doesn't mean there's not a lot going on. Quite the contrary, the upcoming year should present some awesome opportunities for all of you instructors and the HE program. A few things I would like to get on your radar. It looks like we will be able to offer another round of NRA training to instructors. If you are interested please give me a call and I can get you dialed in. Also another shipment of inert gun sets has arrived. If you would like a set to use in your classes please contact me and we can make arrangements to get them to you. The ISE show is just around the corner in January and we are already making preparations to man a Hunter Ed. booth. Contact either myself or HEI Bill Adams at (530)622-3794 if you would like to attend the show

and help out in the booth. We are also making preparations for the 2017 conference training season. Although not set in stone, I am leaning towards going back to the casino in Corning. Last year was my highest year ever with over 300 people in attendance.

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## California Hunter Education Instructor Association North

(CHEIA)

This year has been filled with activities dealing with Hunter Education, starting with the ISE show in January. The instructor help was great. In March, the "Train The Trainer" classes held at the Nevada Sportsman's Club turned out to be a success with indoor classes and outdoor shooting. Thank you Nevada Sportsman's Club for hosting the event. Next came the Northern Conference. What a great turn out. CHEIA was able to donate \$1,200 to the conference.

CHEIA elections were held after the conference and new officers are now in place. Bill Adams President, Peter Maggenti Vice President, Scott McIntyre Secretary, and John Peplowski Treasurer. CHEIA is starting a web page to help inform instructors about what is happening with Hunter Education, and give up-to-date information of what is going on in the state. There will be links to other organizations to help keep you informed.

CHEIA is dedicated to helping Hunter Education Instructors and passing on the tradition through education.

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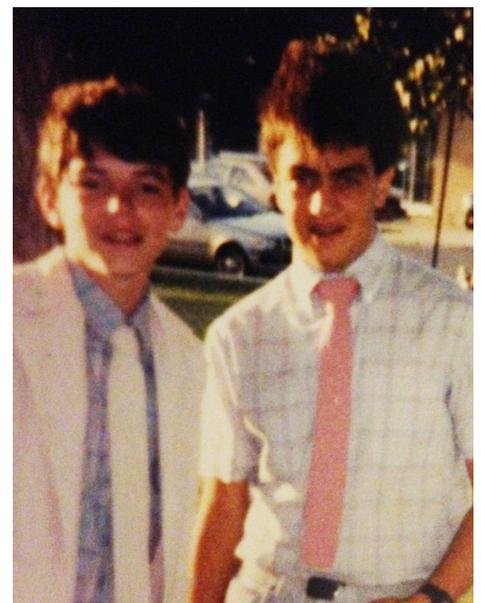
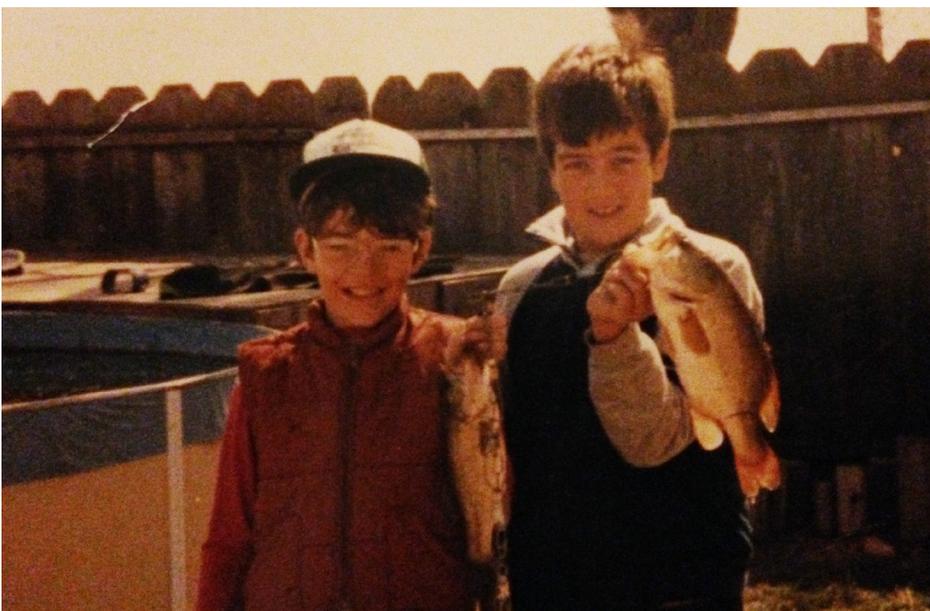


CHEIA North (CA Hunter Education Instructors Association) is alive and well. Your association has a lot to offer and is accomplishing some real awesome stuff. Unfortunately many of you appear not to know what CHEIA North is. Well it is your association, you are all members automatically just by being a HE instructor in the Northern District and they are there to assist and support you in your teaching efforts. An example of how CHEIA is supporting you is at the annual training conference each year. Un-

fortunately as a government employee I don't have a budget or the ability to just go out and purchase a lot of the cool stuff presented to you each year. The majority of the door prizes, guns and cool stuff presented each year are only made possible by CHEIA's support. Over the past several years CHEIA has also donated to the Instructor Recruitment and Retention Program and has put on a couple of train the trainer opportunities. As CHEIA becomes more prolific so do the opportunities they are able to of-

fer you. Please support the ones who support you. For more information about CHEIA North visit their Facebook page by searching CA Hunter Education Instructors Association, attend one of their monthly meetings or call me and I can get you all dialed in.

In closing I would like to thank all of you for your continued support, dedication and friendship. I wish you all the very best of luck during the upcoming hunting seasons and as always be safe.





Shawn Olague

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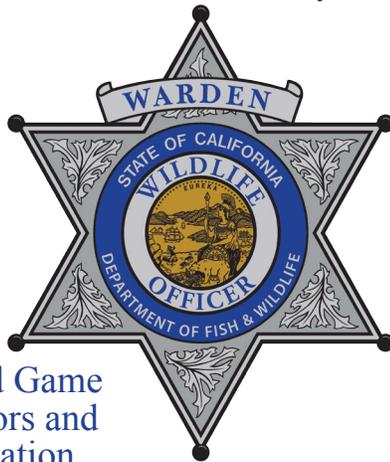
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**2016 HE Instructor Recruitment & Retention Incentive Program**

# Central District

By: Lieutenant Shawn Olague



As I write this, we are in the middle of a triple-digit heat wave that makes me dread summer and wish for the early onset of fall and winter. Hunting season is upon us and I hope everyone is geared up and ready to go. I am more excited this year than any I can remember because it seems like the stars are aligning for some memorable times. Does this mean I got a lucky draw? No. But here is the plan so far. I will archery hunt C-Zone with Lt. Blake, dove opener with friends, Wyoming antelope, duck opener, and accompany Roy on his well-deserved G3 Goodale buck hunt. I should have plenty of stories and memories after this season.

I hope you have found our Event Manager system to your liking. The only complaints I have heard recently are the lack of participants. I can only tell you I believe the system is working by having all the classes advertised as they should be. You may be seeing fewer students because they are now aware of more options. Nothing precludes you

from doing any of the additional advertising you were doing before. I actually encourage it. I had my local paper run a free community announcement about the class and within three days I went from having 8 students to 40 with a 15 student waitlist. We have changed the process of student registration to only include a GO ID. This has resulted in fewer problems.

I just did a check of the system to see how many classes are scheduled between today (7/26) and September 1 and found there are 108 traditional and 74 online. 182 different classes within 37 days and I am sure more will be added between now and then. That totally amazes me. There are some states that don't do that many in a year. You instructors are really doing a lot of work and this system helps show it. I commend you on all levels.

Mark your calendars for April 8, 2017. We will have our main conference at Tachi Palace again as they are a great venue for our program. I am looking into a day before event

at the Lemoore Naval Air Station. They have a shotgun range and I have a lot of lead shells to burn up. So with a little bit of planning and luck, we should have a good time the day before our training.

Good luck on your hunts this year. Send me your success stories and photos. Thanks again for all you do to keep the tradition going.



# Bob Fallis

HEI  
# 0989



# HEI Centerfold

By: *Lieutenant Peter Blake*

In every community across the state there is that guy who stands out as the face of Hunter Ed. Well that is definitely the case for HEI Bob Fallis who is this issue's pick as the Quarterly Centerfold. Bob is a very modest man who teaches Hunter Education purely for his love and passion for the sport and the traditions it represents.

I asked Bob how long he had been hunting? He responded it seems to be a couple of hundred years. Back in the old days everyone hunted and it seemed to him they always had. It was just a way of life. Bob's younger years were spent growing up in Sunnyvale where he hunted with both of his parents and three brothers, one older and two younger. Most of his hunting experiences were focused on hunting ducks in the bay or Pheasants. There were also the annual trips down to Kings City where the family would hunt dove and quail. When Bob was old enough he was exposed to some limited deer hunting on a private ranch.

In 1964, staying true to his volunteer nature, Bob volunteered for the draft and was shipped overseas to Germany for an 18 month tour. After serving two years in the Army he got out in the fall of 1966. Upon returning home Bob worked several odd jobs, even working for the DMV. After seeing the expression on his face I don't think he really liked working at the DMV. He said his favorite job was working for the Dept. of Agriculture where he was running trap lines for the summer.

In May of 1968 he got married to his wife, Janet, and they have been together for the last 48 years. The couple have one son, Sam, who is currently living in Atlanta Georgia. The couple moved to the very north-western corner of the state so he could attend Humboldt State University where he studied engineering. After graduating in 1973, Bob worked for the Coastal Commission and a couple of private engineering firms. Finally Bob was able to get on with Cal Trans where he eventually retired after a 23 year career.

Since moving up to Humboldt County and experiencing the bountiful resources available Bob became passionate about deer hunting. He told me stories of watching groups of fifty to a hundred deer working across the hillside and being able to pick which buck he wanted to shoot with his favorite rifle, a 30-06 bolt action model 70XRT. Those were truly the "good old days!" Bob also continued hunting pheasants over his Britney and loved the excitement of the dog just prior to flushing a big old rooster.

I asked Bob how and when he got into the Hunter Education program. He explained he officially got certified in 1989 but had been teaching for numerous years prior with his friends, Jerry Wescott, Jerry Beardsley and Chip Cannon. Bob felt a sense of duty to give back to the hunting traditions he so passionately loved. Since becoming a HE instructor, Bob has given his whole body and soul to the program, proving to be an invaluable member of the program and a true leader amongst his peers. I have heard different instructors say on numerous occasions there would be no Hunter Education Program in Humboldt County if it were not for HEI Bob Fallis. From my perspective I cannot agree more. If I had to describe Bob in one word it would be, "Patriarch!"

HEI Bob Fallis, thank you for all your years of service and dedication. The lives of the students you have taught and mentored are definitely better because of you.

Thank You!!!!

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# Southern District

## When Not Teaching, Show Up and Speak Up

*By: Lieutenant Mike Norris*

**A**t the risk of being shown the door or exiled to a file room in the basement of a nondescript government building downtown, I'm going to wander a little off the reservation in a bit.

But first, the news!

You SoCal HEIs got some good work done this summer. Collectively, HEIs in Santa Barbara, Ventura, LA, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial and San Diego counties presented 771 classes and from which 6,025 future hunters emerged.

Good work, folks—every graduate represents the future of hunting, a voice to counter those who say, “Hey, nobody hunts anymore anyways, so what’s the big deal in stopping hunting at (Your Favorite Spot) ...”

It’s those voices that will make the difference, along with you—Hunter Education Instructors who, by virtue of your classroom experience and wide-range of knowledge, can be among the most-informed and most-articulate advocates for hunting.

In July, I attended a meeting that sought to bring together sportsmen’s groups of all stripes to fight restrictions on hunting. The very effective--and thus far successful--divide-and-conquer tactics used by anti-hunting and anti-fishing forces were reviewed.

It was eye opening and downright scary.

If you want your kids and theirs to enjoy the same great opportuni-

ties afield that you do, get involved. While joining a group is good, adding your actual voice to those countering the well-organized, well-funded, and politically-aligned efforts to do away with our tradition and other consumptive uses of our resources is what’s needed because that’s what the other side does—they write the check and show up in vocal mass when it’s decision time.

In other words, sportsmen--sticking the sticker of a group on your rear window is nice, but doesn’t move the ball our way. To move the ball—heck, even to hold your position—you’ve got to show up and speak out at meetings of your city council, county supervisors, and Fish & Game Commission to begin to make a difference.

Although the passage of recent feel-good firearms legislation doesn’t bode well for sportsmen, it thankfully won’t hurt efforts to train young hunters. At first glance one of the laws, slated to go into effect Jan. 1, 2017, seemed to preclude the loan of a firearm to any minor not related to the owner. However, that is not the case.

HEIs who incorporate live fire can continue to do so without worry or alteration to their program. Students under 18 may still use a firearm which is not their own/their family’s in a range/training setting.

Instructors shall, of course, continue to require participants to sign a waiver (“Student Consent Form”), make sure to watch for our updated version and retain signed copies for three years.

***It’s those voices that will make the difference, along with you—Hunter Education Instructors who, by virtue of your classroom experience and wide-range of knowledge, can be among the most-informed and most-articulate advocates for hunting.***

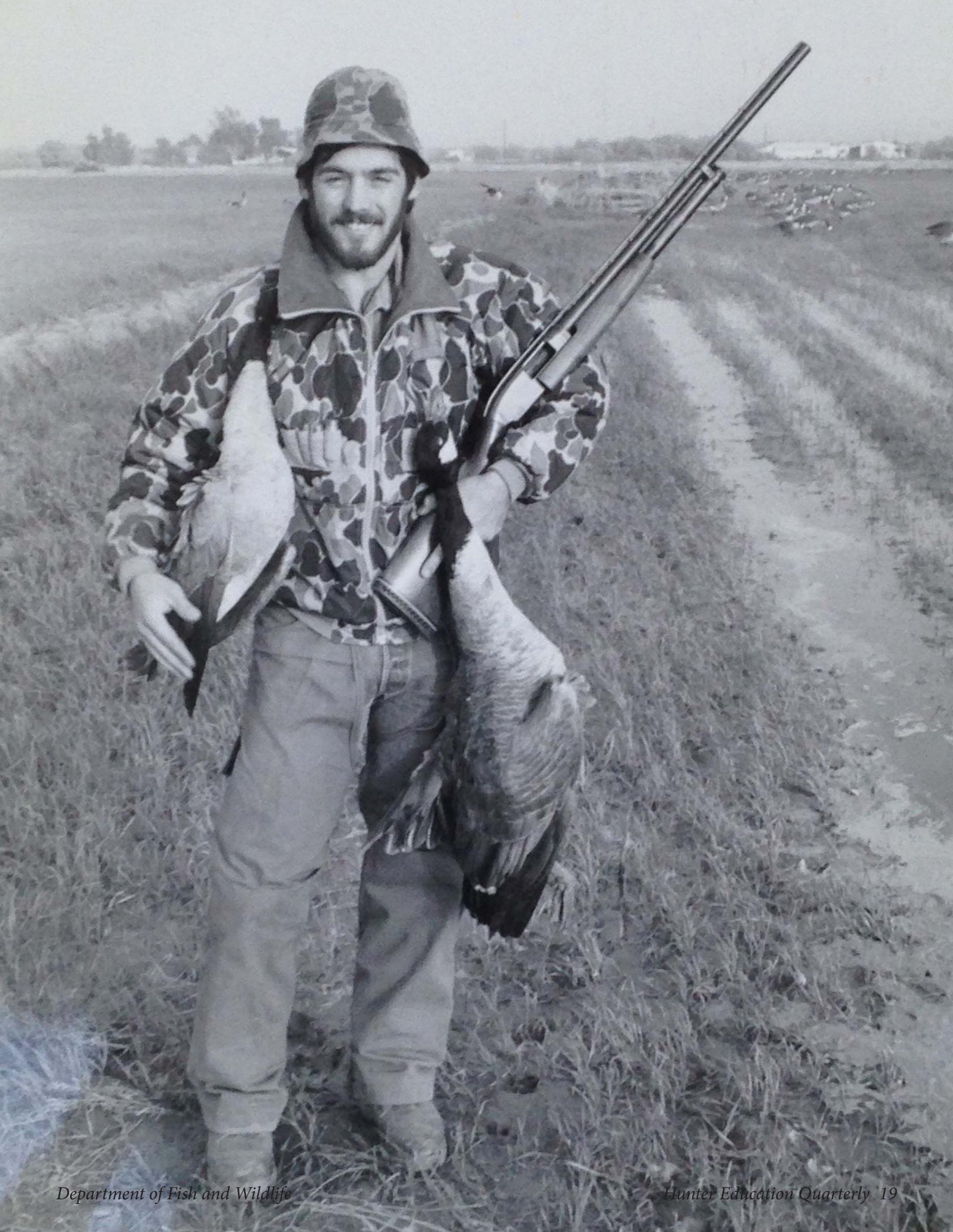
Why not just throw our collective arms up and walk away? Because that’s what they want! Same goes with the mandatory use of non-lead bullets, shot, and—coming soon, to be sure—fishing weights.

Don’t quit—adapt and double-down.

Copper, tin, steel, tungsten, bismuth—whatever, fine--let’s put it (accurately) downrange!

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**2017**

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Giving up is giving in. In appropriate circumstances, air rifles can even be used indoors so the possibility exists for even more live fire training resulting in even more future firearms owners. As for the non-lead issue--copper bullets are fantastically effective on big game, steel has been killing ducks for decades and, beginning Sept. 1, 2019, it will down doves in droves.

Illegitimi non carborundum!

OK, regular Mike is back.

In other news, although many instructors have found great success with the Event Manager system and are enjoying more efficient classrooms, a reduction in administrative time, and the elimination of paper forms and associated envelopes, stamps, and trips to the post office, a number of instructors can't bring themselves to get on-board and on-line.

Unfortunately, that has resulted in them choosing to be instructors in name only. Because, as the only way to offer a class and issue a hunter education certificate is via the on-line system, they haven't offered a class since Jan. 1, 2016 and in many cases, haven't completed their training obligation which involved registering with Event Manager.

So that means our ranks of certified HEIs will be reduced in the coming months as these non-on-line instructors are thanked for their service and switched to inactive status.

Like fine handcrafted buggy whips, an inactive status HEI isn't non-functional--just limited in application.

Inactive HEIs may still teach portions of someone else's class, but they cannot schedule/hold classes of their own, issue certificates, be covered by DFW liability insurance,

participate in the HEI Recruitment & Retention awards program, apply for the HEI- only open zone deer tag, or receive the discounts offered to active instructors through the IHEA.

Sad, but true. So, if you can't bring yourself to use a computer and have resigned yourself to the tack room wall, we're sorry but we'll miss you.

For all the rest, get out your calendars and a pencil and put a mark on this date—4/22/2017, when we'll get together on our district's annual conference. Watch your In Box for updates.

Make sure to snap some shots of your field successes this fall and email them to me @ [mike.norris@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:mike.norris@wildlife.ca.gov) . Also bring to me your questions, comments and concerns so I can address them. Thanks again for teaching! MN.



# DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

## CDFW is Recruiting Wildlife Officers Until October 17

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Enforcement/Career>

As of September 15, 2016

Age	Male	Female	Total
0-10	718	199	917
11-15	2920	956	3876
16-20	1653	444	2097
21-25	1845	560	2405
26-30	2432	572	3004
31-35	2134	472	2606
36-40	1588	343	1931
41-45	1307	277	1584
46-50	1119	221	1340
51-55	901	178	1079
56-60	744	110	854
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66-70	346	35	381
71-75	145	5	150
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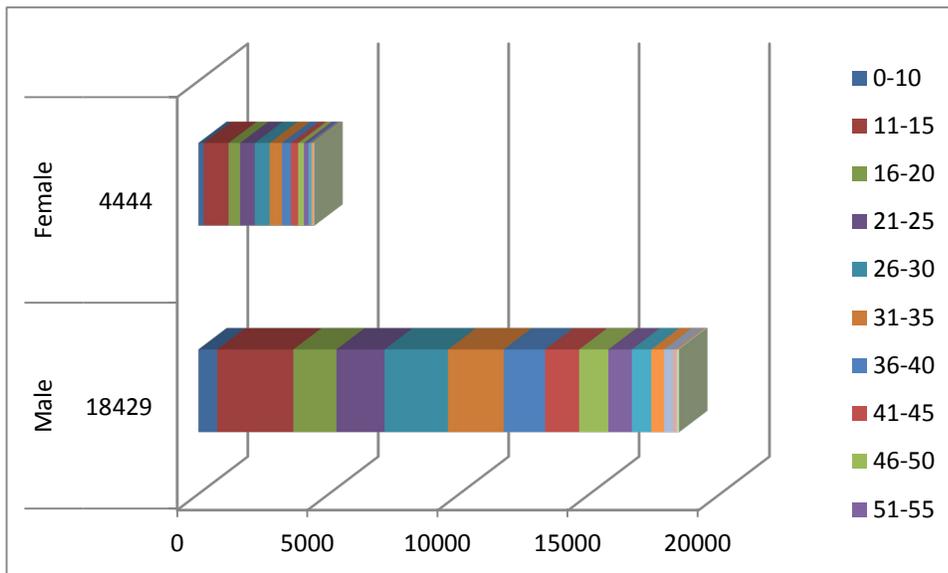
# Success!

Since the launch of Kalkomey  
Event Manager system,

# 22,873

students (and counting) have  
received their California  
Hunter Education certificates.  
Keep up the AMAZING work!

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” -Nelson Mandela*



# Where's Ed?



Mike Vaiana  
HEI # 0053  
Big Valley, CA  
Lassen County



“Here is a picture of me and my son with his 30 lb King Salmon on our recent fishing trip.”

Steven Balbo  
HEI # 3405  
Alaska





“510 Yards with my 338 Lapua, he was the smaller one”

Dale Guerra  
HEI # 3761  
Copperhead Canyon  
Guerra Ranch North  
Monterey County

“Sealed the deal”

Peter Blake  
NED Lieutenant  
Lassen County



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# Griffith



granted such as the peaks above Maple Hollow (especially how steep they are), friends/family, or the fact that we have the where-with-all and time to travel to these wonderful places.

I was totally impressed by the “best shot”, and the complete utilization of the elk. I have never seen such a clean carcass! My brother always takes a lot of time to get every spec of meat off of the animal, and I am always pushing him to hurry up (why? I do not know). Accurate shot placement, and complete utilization of the animal is the least we can do when the elk/deer gods shine on us with opportunity. Thanks for setting the bar a little higher.”

The Hunt could not have been complete without my good friend retired San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department retired lieutenant Dave Rehrer. I first met Dave 25 years ago on patrol in Southern California. While in line at the courthouse to file some citations, I was approached by David who told me; “Game Wardens do not stand in line in my courthouse!” After completing my business I met David in his office and of course we started

I recently had the honor of sharing an elk hunt of a lifetime in Utah with seven of my lifelong closest friends. Rather than tell another I climbed the tallest mountain, and took the greatest shot story... I thought I’d share the hunt as experienced through the eyes of seven of my closest hunting companions.

It all started over 14 years ago when a good friend of mine Fish and Wildlife Lieutenant Kent Harrison was drawn for a similar tag in Utah. Kent harvested a tremendous bull that year and told me; “You should put in for the hunt. If you ever get drawn I’ll guide you!” Lucky for me Kent is a man of his word and 14 years later I got to hold him to his promise! Kent shared the following; “The memory and meaning of Roy’s elk hunt to me, was fulfilling my promise made to him 14 years earlier, that if he ever drew the Fillmore Pahvant elk tag, I would happily ‘guide’ him on his hunt, the two of us patiently awaiting the witching hours of fading daylight on a high mountain ridge in Utah, culminating with a celebratory high five with a longtime friend.”

I was not raised in a family of big game hunters. My father’s passion was upland game and waterfowl so of course not knowing otherwise I followed in his footsteps. I went to Humboldt State to pursue a degree in Wildlife Management and it was there I meet my lifetime friend Dave McFarland. Dave manages and operates a private fish hatchery in Northern California. Dave shared, “Hi Roy, Just wanted to thank you again for letting me tag along on your elk hunt. Great group of guys, and plenty of nonsense to be shared by all! Hunting camp represents cooperation, support, appreciation of being immersed in the great outdoors, and the possibilities of what exists over the next ridgeline. It also, takes us away from the day to day bull sh\*t of work, and societal norms. Open spaces and getting away to the mountains recharge our batteries, and allow us time to reflect and appreciate the things we might otherwise take for

## LOLLAPALOOZA GANG 2015



# A Hunt of a Lifetime

By: Roy Griffith

sharing hunting stories. A week later we were fishing together in Baja. David quickly became my backup, fishing buddy, hunting companion and lifetime friend. Dave wrangled us two cabin tents and a toy hauler trailer 'The Clubhouse' that made the cold nights and entire trip possible! Dave shares, "I was thankful to have been asked by my good friend Roy to help with this hunt. The laughter and good natured joking with each other nightly around the dinner table added to the enjoyment and fun in continuing the hunting traditions."

I first met Lieutenant Shawn Olague about 11 years ago when he promoted to Hunter Education District Coordinator. I was quickly impressed with Shawn's dedication to the cause of Hunter Education. His passion for hunting and fishing goes unmatched. It was not long before he wormed his way into my heart and became known as, 'My son that hunts!' Shawn shared the following with me about the experience,

***"This hunt was about planning, teamwork, skill and a little bit of luck. In August, during our scout trip, we said we were going to "kill an elk on that mountain." Well, it happened. It was maybe not as planned but our persistence paid off. I will forever remember and be proud of the hunt."***

I first met Warden Jerry Kar-now when we attended the Warden Academy together in 1990. To say we hit it off like brothers is a bit of an understatement. We started hunting together while at the academy

and have not missed a year since. We have hunted everything from spot lighters to trophy mule deer I will always cherish his friendship! "I was privileged to again hunt with my long-time hunting partner Roy Griffith, along with several of our mutual hunting friends. Comradery and re-connecting with really good guys, most of us who live hundreds of miles from each other, was priceless; and in an outdoor setting many people don't ever realize in their lifetimes. Aside from a great hunting trip, focusing on Roy's hunt, the use of new and old specialized equipment, and sharing strategies for past and future hunts in the West, this hunting trip brought us together because of our common interests of the wholesome

tradition and adventure of a hunt. To add to the excitement, I brought my horse "Modoc." As for the use of a horse, which some people may not enjoy or understand in this day in age, new technology and equip-

ment could never replace what Modoc could accomplish for us. It was amazing to watch my Mustang pack out a few hundred pounds of Roy's huge elk in one trip! I think I had as much enjoyment watching Modoc transport the elk and be a part



We left the Coyotes hungry!

of the hunt, as did Roy who pulled the trigger on the big bull elk."

I first met George Oberstadt, California Waterfowl Association Heritage Program Supervisor, when he became a Hunter Education Instructor about 10 years ago. George and I have since hunted everything from quail to pronghorns from here to Wyoming! I consider his friendship an honor. George shares, "Team Roy, came together from all over California as a collection of the best of the best, carefully chosen for this elk hunt of a lifetime. Led by our inspiring and fearless leader, who made the "perfect shot" on an awesome bull elk and adventure of over 15 years in the making came to a close. From the elk tenderloin, teal and tuna grilled to perfection to the elk stew, homemade rice pi-

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laf and soups, this was the “perfect hunt” with great hunters and men of honor and dedication to hunting. Thanks Roy for having me as part of it.”

I have known Retired Game Warden Bruce Walder for about 25 years. We have shared many miles in the backcountry and countless campfires. His wit and sense of humor make for never a dull moment and his skills as a woodcarver go unmatched. I consider him a dear friend. Bruce shared his thoughts, “The special part of building a friendship over many years is to share the experiences and adventures as friends. The experiences and adventures become cherished stories and memories as the years move along. I have relished my friendships with the traditions and character of the people I have been fortunate to have met along the way. The trip to Elk Camp has reminded me again about the bonding of old friendships and the developing of new ones.

Seven people showed up in Utah to honor their friendship and give their support for Roy Griffith and his quest for a “Bull Elk”. OH YES! The hunt was a success, but the real measure of the hunt was in the seven friends who left their busy lives to enjoy a week with their friend Roy Griffith.”

The traditions that we share and are so passionate about are being threatened. There are people who believe their beliefs and core values are inherently more acceptable and just than ours. Unlike us they feel they need to impose their values on others and stand to take away all that we believe in.

To protect our traditions you must get involved! At whatever level you can! Share your passions with others. Have your neighbors over for a wild game dinner. Explain conservation and the sportsman’s role in wildlife management to the person who cuts your hair. Become a Hunter Education Instructor and take an active role in passing on our



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hunting heritage. Be a positive role model and hunter advocate every chance you get! Share your passions with anybody who will listen! Bottom line get involved!!!

Hopefully you enjoyed this story. If you have a hunting/education story of your own that you would like to share, please it send to:  
[fam.saeteurn@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:fam.saeteurn@wildlife.ca.gov)  
 Title the email “For Quarterly”. Include an attachment of the article (Microsoft Word preferred), and photos. **If there is room**, I will feature it in the next edition.

**Important!** Articles must not exceed more than two pages.



# This Point's for You!!!

By: Lt. Bart Bundesen

Fall is the time of year when many California hunters travel out of state on annual treks to harvest game. I'm one of them, and look forward every year to my Nevada and Colorado hunts. Let's take a look at some of the requirements of interstate travel for the hunter, and try to give you a primer to pass on to students.

First and foremost is the declaration, let's look at the highlights of Fish and Game Code section 2353:

(a) Birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians shall not be imported or possessed in this state unless all of the following requirements are met;

(1) The animals were legally taken and legally possessed outside of this state.

&

(3) A declaration is submitted to the department or a designated state or federal agency at or immediately before the time of entry in the form and manner prescribed by the department.

When returning to California drop a copy of your declaration off with the nearest point of entry. This is generally a California Ag check station, I know in Truckee they will take the declaration and in the past have provided me with an envelope to fulfill the second obligation of notifying the Department by mail.

*"The declaration form may be photocopied. The original copy of the declaration form shall be retained by the person importing the fish or game into the State. One copy shall be mailed to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1416 Ninth Street, Sac-*

*ramento, CA 95814, within 24 hours after entering the State. One copy shall be deposited at the point of entry with any state or federal agency or officer, and one copy shall remain with the fish or game if transported by other than owner or common carrier."*

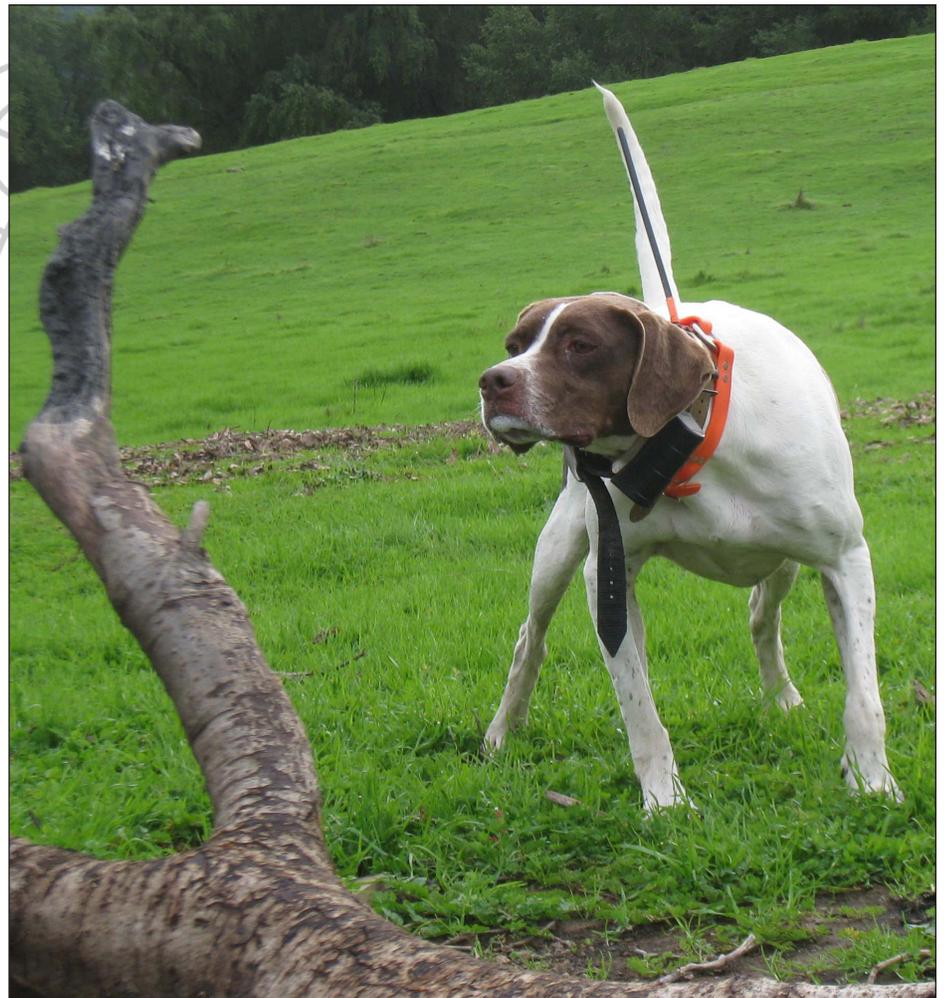
There are a few other points we need to remember upon entry. The spread of Chronic Wasting Disease has become a big concern in the West, and California restricts all out of state deer and elk hunters from importing any brain or spinal column tissue.

Secondly, I don't want to forget out returning bird hunters. Always

make sure that all birds, including migratory game birds, possessed or transported, have a fully feathered wing or head attached until returned to your residence or are being prepared for immediate consumption. Doves must have a fully feathered wing attached.

Finally, as if I even needed to write this, you'd be surprised how many times returning hunters run into trouble for possessing loaded guns in vehicles, illegal fireworks and open alcohol containers.

Be safe out there this year and enjoy the bounty Fall provides.





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California HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

# Passing On the Tradition!

B. Carl Huddleston Photography. Glendale, CA. August 22, 1958

Answer to Bonus Question:  
a. 1992

# History of California's Hunter Education Program

On January 1, 1954, the "Davis-Abshire Safety Training Law" became effective. This law required all persons under 16 years of age to show evidence of their ability to handle firearms safely.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (formerly known as Department of Fish and Game) was assigned the responsibility of providing the training necessary to enable junior hunters to meet this requirement.

Volunteer instructors, initially certified by NRA, provided training under the direction of Fish and Wildlife Wardens.

The first courses were designed to provide knowledge to junior hunters that could help prevent accidents. The courses were four hours long.

During the first year, more than 17,000 students were trained.

In 1965, the law was modified to include any person under 18.

In 1970, the requirements were extended to all persons who had not previously held a California resident hunting license.

Today, the regular hunter education course is a minimum of 10 hours long, and provides instruction in hunter safety, conservation, and sportsmanship. A Home Study option is also available, and requires only four hours of classroom time.

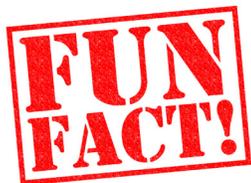
The instructors are still volunteers. They teach approximately 20-30,000 students each year, and since 1954, they have taught almost two million students.

The program works! The accident rate has dropped over 85% since 1954.

Keep up the great work!



Ward Gillilon, Photographer. Los Angeles, CA. September 1957



*In 2004, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of the state of California, proclaimed May 23-29 as "Hunter Education Week"*

Since the beginning of the California Hunter Education Program, which is the only year that there was not a single loss of life among hunters?

- a. 1992
- b. 2009
- c. 2001
- d. 1986



Flip Quarterly upside down and see answer on neighbor page

# Dan Odenweller

## HEI# 0380

I recently heard we lost one of our finest last October. In true form HEI Dan Odenweller left us with the same class that he lived, with dignity and no fanfare. I first met Dan when I promoted to Hunter Education Captain in the Northern District. Dan was a dedicated HEI and never missed a training conference or opportunity to teach. When Dan spoke, he spoke from his heart and always had something positive and constructive to say. Dan lived a full life and had a variety of interests, his stories and life experiences were vast. U.S. Navy quartermaster and submarine navigator, Fish and Game boat operator, dive certification instructor and Boy Scout training director. Dan left everything he touched better than he found it.

Dan was perhaps as well known to the SCUBA Diving industry, one of his other passions, as he was to the Hunter Education community. SCUBA diving, like hunting, is an activity that must be done with a high degree of safety, as long the participant adheres to certain standards. However, a mistake made while diving, like hunting, can have catastrophic consequences. So, early in his career at California Department of Fish and Game, Dan was instrumental in the development of the Department's Dive Safety Board, on which he remained a member until he left the Department. "Dan helped develop many of our rigorous safety and training standards that have helped keep Department divers safe for the last three decades," said Capt. Patrick Foy, an 18-year Department Dive Team member who logged a few dozen dives with Dan. "Our Diving Safety Program has Dan's name all over it." Dan's legacy will live on with the Department's dive program no one will ever know the lives he saved by the Certification and training program he developed.

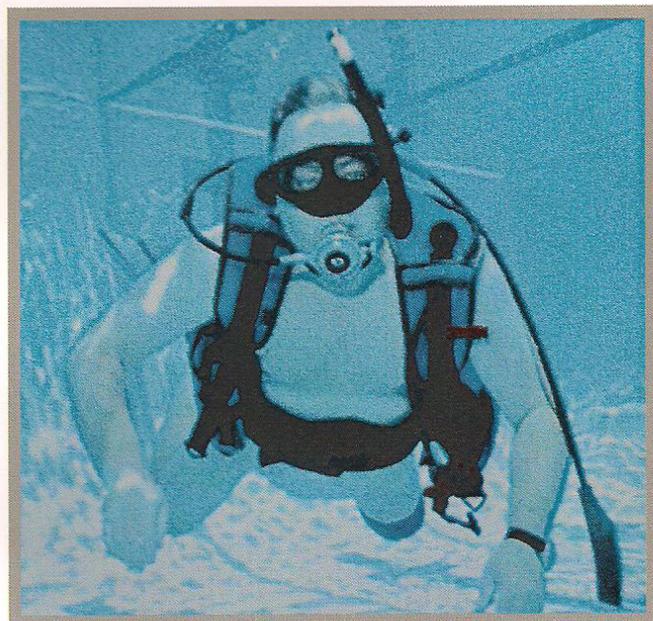
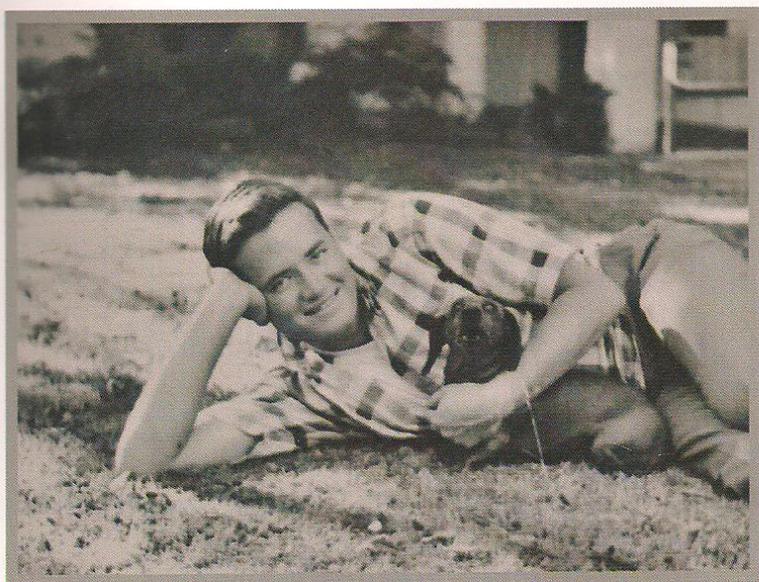
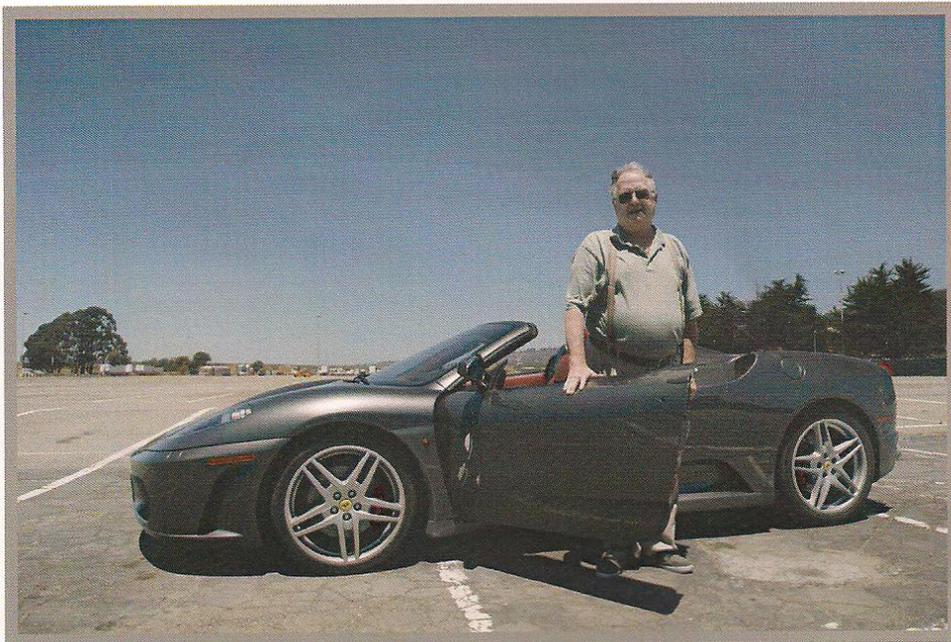
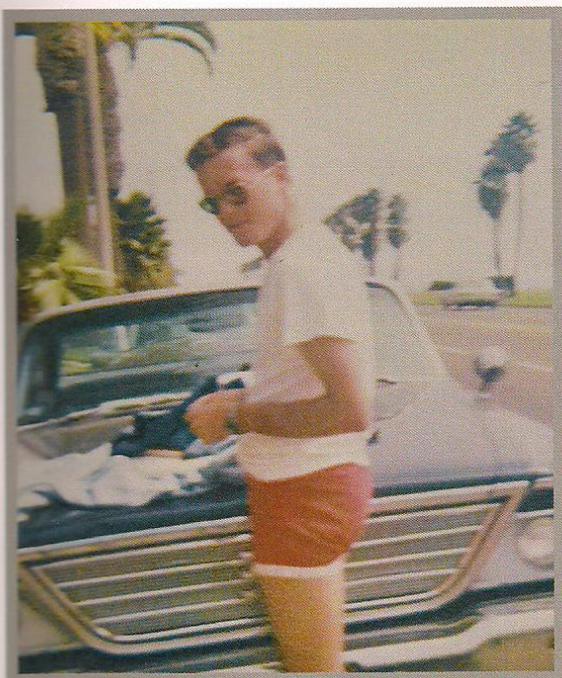
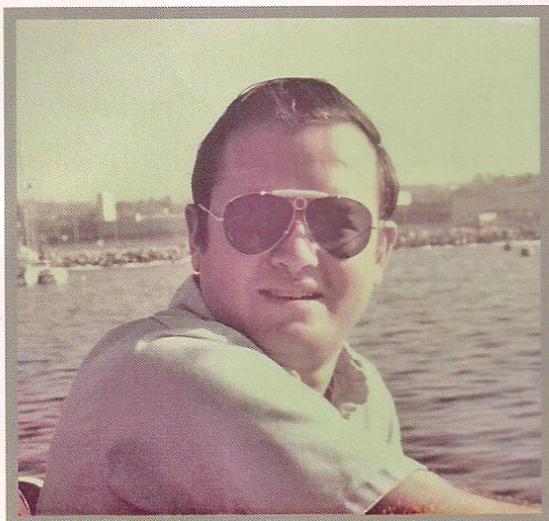
Dan never left anything on the table, when he retired from the CDFW, he went to work for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, seeking ways to continue to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. Not satisfied with that work, he was also appointed to the Regional Water Quality Control Board – Central Valley Board, again in seeking ways to protect California's aquatic resources. Dan was truly dedicated to protecting California's fish and wildlife.

I was proud to have the opportunity to serve with him as an HEI and I will miss his handshake, his smile and varied input at future Hunter Education Training Conferences.

Respectfully Submitted  
Roy Griffith, Retired Hunter Education Captain



# BELOVED SON, HUSBAND AND FATHER



# Introducing...

## the new HEIs of 2016

### NORTHERN

JORDAN CAYLOR  
Humboldt

JASON COBBE  
Sacramento

FRED GRUNDMAN  
Humboldt

DONALD OLIVER  
Nevada

DAVID ERICKSON  
Nevada

RANDALL MCCRUM  
Sacramento

STEVEN CLARK  
Humboldt

RICHARD STEIDLMAYER  
Colusa

BRANDY GROUT  
Butte

SARA HOLM  
Placer

MIREYA CABRON  
Siskiyou

JACOB WALDROP  
Shasta

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Tuolumne

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Kern

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San Joaquin

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Riverside

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Los Angeles

JUSTIN GRAHAM  
Orange

CHRISTOPHER LEVAI  
San Bernardino

MICHAEL GERACI  
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Riverside

RORY WATKINS  
Riverside

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Los Angeles

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Riverside

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