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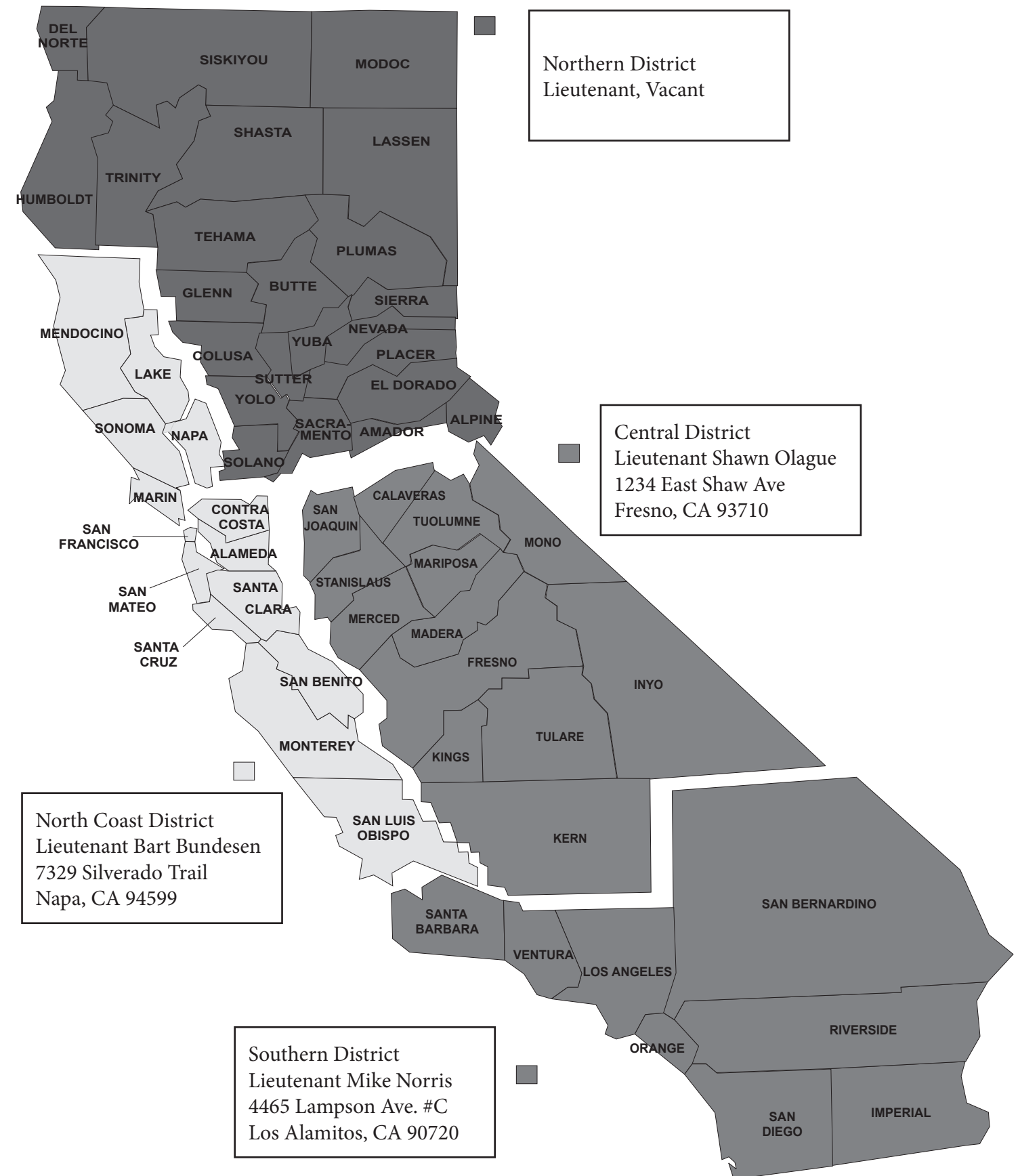
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Hunter Education Map



Administrator's Corner



By: Captain Robert Pelzman

California HUNTER EDUCATION



Since the passage of the Davis – Abshire Hunter Safety Training Law in 1953, the Department has relied on volunteer Hunter Education Instructors to meet the public's demand for Hunter Education classes. Implementing the mandates of this law (and later amendments to it), would have been impossible without the thousands of dedicated HEI's who volunteered their time and shared their knowledge with others. Because of HEI's, the rate of hunting incidents or casualties, has gone from nearly 16 incidents per 100,000 licensed hunters in the 1950's to less than 5 incidents per 100,000 licensed hunters today. Hunter Education works!

You should be proud of your contribution to this Program and the future of hunting. Being a Hunter Education Instructor is a big deal; it's important. An HEI is often the first Department representative with which many members of the public interact. Therefore, HEI's need to be competent, professional, and effective. A couple more traits or qualities that are important are integrity and trustworthy. Thankfully, the vast majority of the nearly 1,000 HEI's exhibit these qualities. They are active in their communities and dedicate thousands of hours each year to teaching others about firearm safety, conservation, ethics, and more. However, sadly, on occasion some individuals are lacking in regard to these qualities. When Hunter Education staff learns of inappropriate actions by HEI's, we will take all appropriate steps to protect the Hunter Education Program, the Department, and hunting. If you make an honest mistake, contact your coordinator and let them know about it. They can normally help address and mitigate the issue. If you take an over limit of ducks or take a deer out of season and then lie about it to the investigating Wildlife Officer – there really is not much that can or should be done.

After nine and a half years as the Northern District Coordinator Lt. Peter Blake has moved on. He is now the supervisor for the Shasta and Tehama County squad of Wildlife Officers. Congratulations Peter, best of luck to you and be sure to handle your business!

While the Northern District Coordinator position is vacant, the other coordinators will cover it.

Speaking of coordinators, please remember that the district coordinator for your area is your primary contact for questions and assistance. Please do not make a practice of contacting headquarters staff (Fam Saeturn wood) as the first step. Remember, beginning of this year, Fam has a new role with her primarily du-

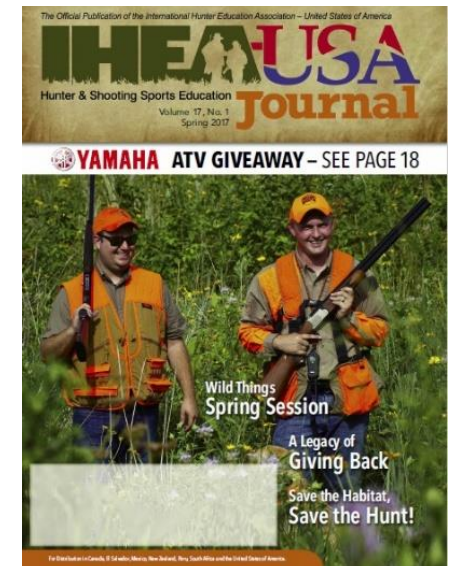
- **Competent** - know the course material
- **Professional** - adhere to the policies and procedures of the Program
- **Effective** - be a good teacher for each student.

ties focused on purchasing and financial issues. Contact information for all of hunter education staff is at the beginning of every quarterly and on the Instructor Resources webpage. Please us this information if needed. However, the majority of questions and request for assistance can and should be directed to your district coordinator.

Thanks you for all that you do,
-Robert

Become an IHEA-USA Instructor!

As one of the largest volunteer corps in the United States, **IHEA-USA** is asking you to formally join! The annual fee is \$30. It comes with great benefits such as liability insurance, exclusive "Instructor" only opportunities, (Up to 60% off brand name items!), subscription to Award Winning IHEA-USA Hunting and Shooting Sports Education Journal Quarterly (pictured), and more! To sign up, visit: www.ihea-usa.org/



New! Buck Gardner Discount Offer for CA HEI's!!

We now have an order sheet for the duck calls presented at this year's training. Buck Gardner Calls is offering some of their duck calls and varmint calls with our CA Hunter Education logo imprinted on them. These come at a very significant discount and can be great giveaways for your students.

All orders can be made through Rick Risvold at his contact information on the flyer (pictured), available on the Instructor Resource page. He would prefer it as an email order to get you started.

For more information, visit:
www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Instructor-Resources

Happy hunting!

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Northern District

By: Lieutenant Peter Blake

It is with both sadness and excitement that I am writing what will be my last quarterly article as your coordinator. After ten years in Hunter Ed. I have officially accepted the position of the Shasta and Tehama Counties Supervising Patrol Lieutenant. It has been an awesome run and I consider myself blessed to have worked with all of you. Over the years, we have built strong friendships and I consider you all family and will do my best to stay in touch as time goes on. I plan to stay active in the Hunter Ed. Program both teaching in my local community and attending the trainings.

Please be patient with whoever ends up replacing me. I have heard there are many interested folks. That is no surprise seeing it is probably one of the best positions in the state, working with the most passionate and dedicated individuals I have ever met. For the new coordinator, there will be a very steep learning curve but I am confident you will get them all dialed in no time.



program truly making a difference in the future of the hunting and shooting traditions.

As I move forward into my new role as a patrol lieutenant I look forward to seeing you out in the field partaking in the actual sport we are all so passionate about.

Thank you all for the awesome time I had being your coordinator.

Peter J. Blake

Department of Fish and Wildlife



I would like to express a huge thanks to all the Hunter Ed. staff and especially my lifelong friend Lt. Olague; I have worked with over the past 10 years. If it were not for all your guidance, support and counsel, I think my efforts would have been much less successful. It has definitely been a team effort. I am very proud of our accomplishments over the years and I see this pro-



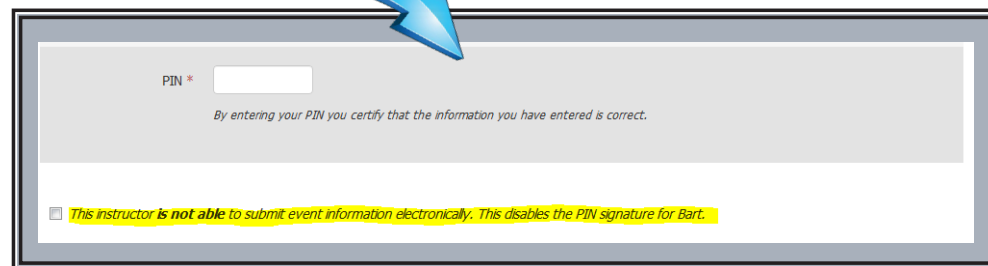
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North Coast District

By: Lieutenant Bart Bundesen

Time is flying and things have been busy in the Hunter Ed world. It seems like I just wrote my last Quarterly article. Many of you attended one of this year's training conferences. By doing so, you completed your yearly training requirement. If you still haven't completed your yearly training, make sure you get in touch with me ASAP.

On the administration front, I'm starting to see some HEI's reverting to using the disable PIN# function. (See figure 1)



The Federal auditors will not accept hours without a digital signature. In addition, it's much more work for you to scan and upload the paper time sheet. Hours submitted in this manner will unfortunately have to be rejected back to the HEI. If you are having login trouble or forgot your username/password, just get in touch with me. That's what I'm here for and I'm happy to help.

As of right now, I'm certifying new instructors at the highest rate I've seen since I started. The Department has started including new instructor advertisements in many of the Hunter Updates, Big Game Digest, etc..... Many of these new instructors are looking for a team to join, and many of those teams have filled up in recent years.

What are some new ways we can help assimilate them into our team? If you have a venue that would allow for more dates, the demand is there. Consider creating multiple teams at your venue to provide more class dates throughout the year. Anyone looking for new HEI's to team up with please let me know.

In addition, if anyone out there has or knows of a venue that would work for Hunter Education I'd love to find a way to get it in the fold. Send me the contact info and I'll see what I can work out.

One change you will see is the Bay Delta Fish and Wildlife Headquarters is moving from Yountville to Cordelia.

CDFW's License Sales Office along the Silverado Trail in Napa will close permanently on Wednesday, June 13 at 4:30 p.m. CDFW's new License Sales Office in Fairfield will open to the public Friday, June 15 at 8 a.m. The new address is 2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100, Fairfield, CA 94534.

The move to Fairfield, however, will benefit a majority of our customers and employees by creating an office location that is easily accessible to all.

How does this affect Hunter Ed? It really doesn't, my office is



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mobile and I use all of the offices in NCD at one time or another. Hunter Education is generally Headquarters based (Sacramento) in this day and age of digital communication,



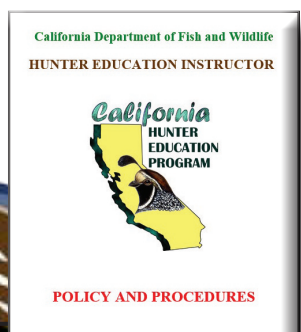
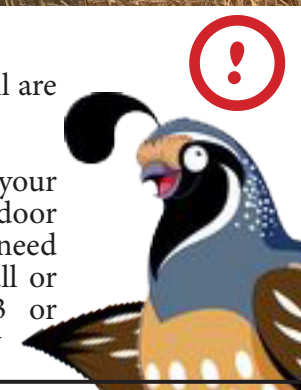
online license sales, and overnight shipping of class supplies.

On the class supply subject, please give Billy and Jake in the warehouse at least 2 weeks notice to ship class supplies. Don't use the fact that they ship overnight as an excuse to wait until the last minute. There may be times when they won't be able to complete your order if not given proper notice which would jeopardize class completion.

Keep up the great work! Classes have been running very

smoothly and as a team you all are exceeding expectations.

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



FRIENDLY REMINDER:

An Instructor may hold a class with no fewer than 3 students. The maximum class size shall be **25 STUDENTS** per certified instructor. Any more, you must seek authorization from your Lt. Coordinator!

Advanced Hunter Ed

By: Lieutenant Alan Gregory

The spring Turkey season is over and summer is on its way. This year's spring Turkey season was nothing short of phenomenal. California's turkey hunters everywhere are reaping the benefits of the fantastic winter of 2016/2017. The heavy and timely rains provided for excellent grass growth and bug production, resulting in higher nesting success and poult survival. That resulted in a very high number of 1-year old turkeys running around and that made for some exciting close encounters. My son and I took advantage of the good weather and hunted the early Junior Turkey Season. We hadn't had a chance to do any preseason scouting but we had hunted the area in the past so we had an idea of where to set up. As grey light approached, numerous gobblers originated from a traditional roost area about 400 yards away. As the turkeys flew out of the roost trees, they stopped gobbling completely. I gave a gentle call and nothing responded. We waited and waited until we finally saw a couple of turkeys materialized from behind a knoll. That couple of turkeys ended up being approximately 40 birds. We noticed one

gobbler that stood out from the rest. He chased several other large gobblers away from his harem of hens keeping them separate from the numerous jakes and gobblers. They slowly worked their way up our direction until we were completely surrounded by birds. Our blind consisted of a length of camouflage netting staked up at the base of a large oak tree. We were exposed to say the least. Luckily for us the group of hens walked about 20 yards in front of us with the gobbler following behind. As he came into range, the hens stopped allowing the gobbler to weave his way into the group. The large gobbler strutted his stuff for the hens. Like an old pro, my son tracked the gobbler with his 20 gauge until the strutting bird finally took a second to relax exposing his head. My son fired, the gobbler jumped

and began to run back the way he came. We watched in amazement as the gobbler ran away showing no signs of being hit. When he was about 100 yards away, he started to fall behind the group and veer off to the left. A few small circles later and the trophy gobbler was down. We approached him slowly until we were sure he was dead. My son took a few minutes to revel in the old gobbler's beard, tail fan, and double spurs. He has yet to let me live down the fact that he has killed a bigger gobbler than I have.

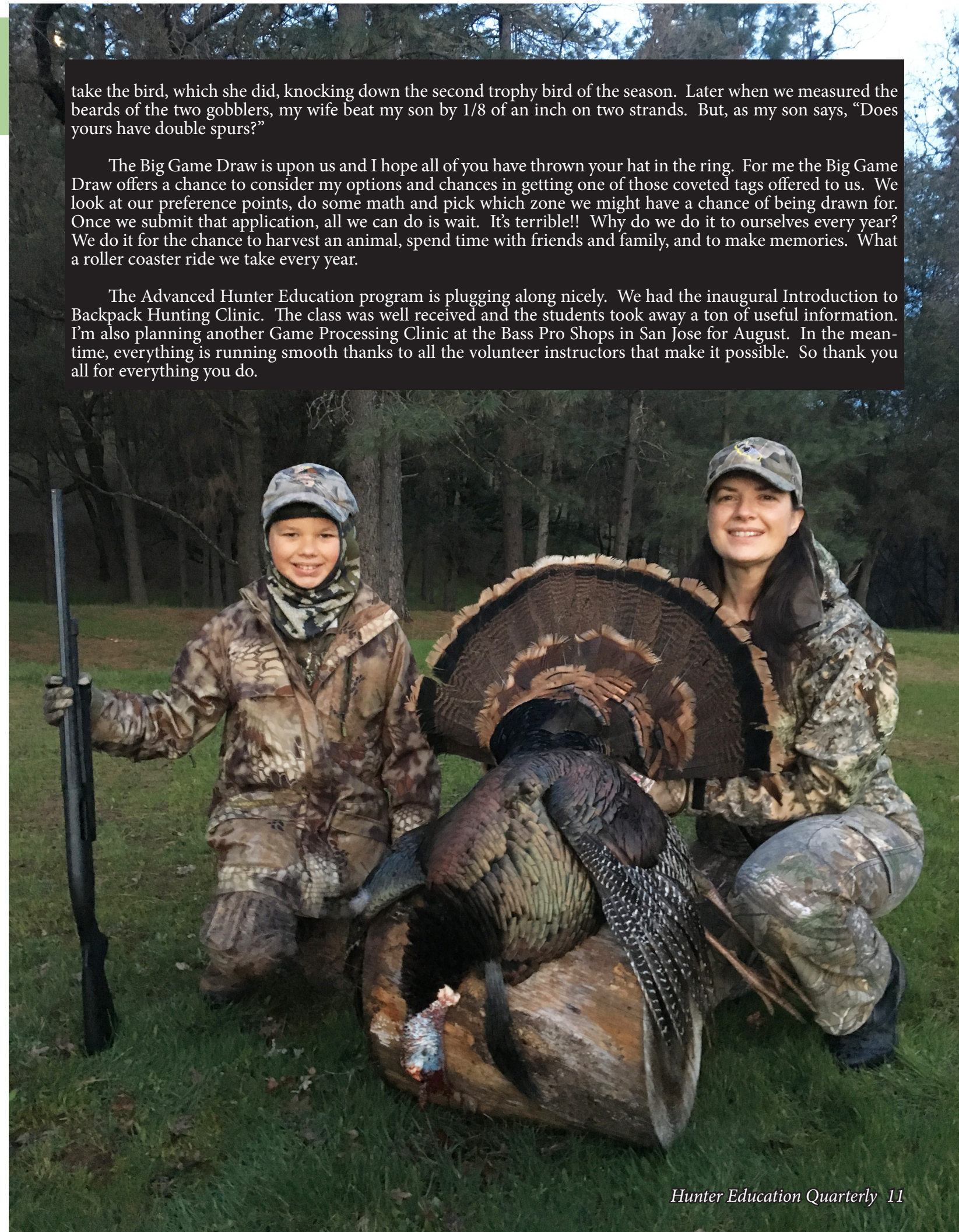
Several weeks later, my son and I took my wife out turkey hunting. As we parked our truck and began walking to the area we wanted to set up, a booming gobble exploded from a nearby tree. We quietly set up our camo netting blind and waited for light. A couple of soft tree yelps kept his attention. As shooting time passed by, the gobbler came out of the tree, landing on the hill in front of us. He quickly moved to our spot wasting no time

take the bird, which she did, knocking down the second trophy bird of the season. Later when we measured the beards of the two gobblers, my wife beat my son by 1/8 of an inch on two strands. But, as my son says, "Does yours have double spurs?"

The Big Game Draw is upon us and I hope all of you have thrown your hat in the ring. For me the Big Game Draw offers a chance to consider my options and chances in getting one of those coveted tags offered to us. We look at our preference points, do some math and pick which zone we might have a chance of being drawn for. Once we submit that application, all we can do is wait. It's terrible!! Why do we do it to ourselves every year? We do it for the chance to harvest an animal, spend time with friends and family, and to make memories. What a roller coaster ride we take every year.

The Advanced Hunter Education program is plugging along nicely. We had the inaugural Introduction to Backpack Hunting Clinic. The class was well received and the students took away a ton of useful information. I'm also planning another Game Processing Clinic at the Bass Pro Shops in San Jose for August. In the meantime, everything is running smooth thanks to all the volunteer instructors that make it possible. So thank you all for everything you do.

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Telling Ya What I told Ya

By: Lieutenant Mike Norris

Southern District

They say the key to getting your point across to an audience is to Tell Them What You're Going to Tell Them...Tell Them...and Tell Them What You Told Them.

And when that doesn't work...
You Tell Them All Over Again.

So here goes—a review of the top three We Covered That topics that hit my e- and v-mail boxes, required reading for new HEIs and those who forgot to read their Quarterly before lining their chicken coop with the thing.

A Martian May Take Hunter Ed

It does not matter if the person presenting herself at your classroom doorstep beamed down from Planet Mars—they may take Hunter Education. Visitors from Trinidad, Turkmenistan—even Texas—may all obtain a Hunter Education card.

To repeat—anyone may enroll in your Hunter Education class.

American Sign Language Interpreters are supplied

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If you need a sign language interpreter for your Hunter Education Class, please fill out this form and return it to our office at least forty-five (45) days prior to the class. California Department of Fish and Wildlife will provide the reasonable accommodation; there will be no cost to the person with a disability. The Department will not reimburse any services contracted by the person with a disability. For further questions, or assistance, please contact:

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Fax: 916-453-1772
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Address _____
Telephone No. () _____
E-Mail _____
Location of Course _____
Dates of Course _____
Other Comments or Notes _____

If someone requires ASL (American Sign Language) interpreting services, the State can make accommodations, but must receive the request well in advance to the class.

If a deaf or hearing impaired student requests one, **you should contact your coordinator or Fam immediately.** Arrangements are made through a state-contracted service. Typically, interpreters must be scheduled at least four weeks in advance, and students may not arrange for their own ASL State-paid interpreter.

To repeat-- The Department will supply an American Sign Lan-

guage interpreter but needs several weeks to make the arrangement.

No Cell Phones (or anything else with a camera) at Test Time

In addition to the ability to obtain and supply answers to test questions by texting or consulting the Internet, cell phones and tablets have cameras which can photograph and distribute the exam itself. Therefore, students should not be allowed to use these devices for any purpose once testing begins, including translation applications.



To repeat—Come exam time, nothing on the table except the test, answer sheet, and a pencil. Period.

Insurance? We've Got You Covered

It is not uncommon for an HEI seeking to rent a venue for their class to be asked to supply liability insurance. As long as HEIs operate within the program's Policy & Procedures, they are covered by the State of California. A statement of insurance is available for HEIs to download and present to requestors inside the HEI Resources area on our web page, <https://www.wildlife>.

[ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Instructor-Resources](https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Instructor-Resources). However—if you do things your own way, if you offer one-on-one classes, fail to adhere to the no-ammunition-in-the-classroom mandate, or other shenanigans...you're on your own.

To repeat—Stay within bounds and you've got liability insurance. Downloadable "evidence of" is available on our website.

All good? Good. I'd like to close out by saying how much I appreciate each of you for teaching and putting in another great year. What you're doing works, and works well—as of

press time, we had no major hunter casualties here in our district, a direct reflection of your efforts to keep our sport safe.

Also, You've also made the adjustment to doing things electronically and the (almost) paperless record keeping has been a godsend to both HEIs and administrators alike—thanks for hanging in there and making the switch.

I hope your spring was fantastic and you get the jump on whatever you put your sights on this fall. Please share your successes and keep sending your photos with the who, when, & hows to me at mike.norris@wildlife.ca.gov.

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Central District

By: Lieutenant Shawn Olague



Is it Fall yet? As I write this, we are preparing for summer heat. I do not like summer. The beginning and end are okay, but not the middle.

This year has been good to the CA Hunter Education Program in that we had one of our finest instructors recognized at the annual International Hunter Education Association conference and banquet. This year's CA Instructor of the Year, Marsha Womack of Modesto, was also chosen as International Instructor of the Year. She was presented with a trip to Alaska to attend the conference and recognition at the awards lunch hosted by Federal Ammunition.

Marsha was a proud recipient of the award and I was a proud co-presenter. Marsha taught 53 classes in 2017. They included traditional, follow-up, and bow hunter formats. Marsha logged in many hours and reached over 1200 students. Thanks Marsha.

The big buzzword these days is R3. We mentioned it at our conferences and you may have caught it or missed it. R3 stands for Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation. It is a big movement these days to help preserve our hunting and outdoor heritage. Hunter Education Instructors are ground zero for the recruitment aspect. You are part of the recruiting trail when you allow a student to go through your hunter education class and obtain a license. Retention is a factor that may be out of our hands in some aspects, but a good mentor can help an unsuccessful hunter remain in the game by stressing that getting a limit or success on every trip is not the important part. It is the fact you were able to go and share an experience with someone you may not have had a chance to share with otherwise. Reactivation is just that, someone coming back to the tradition after being away for a while. I am sure many of you know someone who used to hunt but have not in a while. Maybe all they need is an invitation by you to get them going again. Success in the R3 program could be a direct result of our single actions. If you asked one person to try hunting and convinced another to get back into it, you have participated in R3. Imagine if every current hunter managed to do the same. We could make a real turnaround in the number of hunting licenses sold.

"Guidance is a great thing to give and receive. If you have an opportunity to be a mentor to someone in need, reach out a hand and introduce yourself. It could result in a long and rewarding experience."



I mentioned an important word in the previous paragraph that is a big aspect in what I hold as valued. The word is mentor. I recently lost an import-

ant mentor in my life. I met him as a sophomore in high school and he helped me become who I am today. A good mentor will bring you happiness in your pursuits and help you obtain them. Guidance is a great thing to give and receive. If you have an opportunity to be a mentor to someone in need, reach out a hand and introduce yourself. It could result in a long and rewarding experience. My mentor and I used to loudly give thanks to my old football coach who introduced us even though he was not currently in our presence. We cherished our friendship and the times we shared in our pursuits. As a human being the spirit of a shared event is much grander than one spent alone. Any one person who gave you a guiding hand should be thanked and

addressed for what they meant to you. I was lucky to sit by my mentor's bedside just a couple of days before he passed and tell him thanks and rehash some of the good times we had.

Thank you all for continuing your service to the Department and the tradition. I really appreciate your devotion to our program. Always be on the lookout for additional instructors. You know the rewards, the pay stinks but the job product is priceless. Have a great hunting season hope to see some of you out there. Please share any pictures.



CDFW is proud to announce that Modesto resident Marsha Womack was named by the International Hunter Education Association – USA (IHEA-USA) as the Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor of the Year for 2017. Womack is one of approximately 55,000 hunter education instructors across the United States. In 2017, Womack taught 53 hunter education classes, logging in 604 hours of donated service as she guided more than 1,200 students toward the goal of becoming safe, knowledgeable and responsible hunters. Earlier this year, Marsha was also recognized as the California Hunter Education Instructor of the Year.

Congratulations, Marsha! 🎉 We thank you for your service to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the people of California. (Photo: Marsha Womack is recognized as the Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor of the Year at the Federal Premium Ammunition IHEA-USA Award Luncheon during the annual IHEA-USA meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. With her are Jake Edson of Vista Outdoors and CDFW's Lt. Shawn Olague.)





Central District Conference



Los Banos Sportsman Association





North Coast District Conference





Southern District Conference



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Malcolm (Mac) McFarland is the pick for this Quarterly Centerfold and is definitely deserving of the honor. I met Mac back in 2009 when I became the Northern District Coordinator and from that initial meeting Mac has stood out as an instructor. His dedication and passion for the outdoor sports and hunting heritage has proven Mac reliable and one of those individuals you can always count on. Working with Mac over the years has proven to be nothing less than a pure privilege and I consider myself a better person for knowing him.

When I told Mac he was my pick for the centerfold it prompted quite the discussion. Mac in his true humility felt he was not worthy and there were many other deserving individuals out there. After some pretty heated debate, I conceded I am very lucky as the Coordinator for the Northern district and I do have many fine candidates, which are deserving of this honor. I finally just told him it was my decision and in my opinion, which I explained was what mattered at the time, he was the most deserving and my choice. Mac reluctantly gave in and let me interview him.

Mac Grew up on a small horse and cattle ranch in Hugo, Oklahoma. We both laughed and joked that he was a true, "Okie" and is probably the reason we get along so well. Mac's father was a carpenter during the week and a Baptist preacher on the weekends raising five children, including two older brothers and two sisters. Mac has fond memories of growing up hunting, mostly birds, with his father and brothers.

When Mac turned eighteen, he bought a ticket and was off to California. Later on Mac decided to follow in the footsteps of his father and older brothers, when he joined the Air force. Mac served four years from 1953-57 and was stationed for two years in Japan. After getting out of the Air force, Mac worked in the aircraft industry and doing construction. In 1961, Mac married Betty and the couple has been together ever since. As I interviewed Mac for this article, Betty was there and I observed a level of love and respect between the two all couples should strive to emulate. Just another instance of Mac leading by example. Mac and Betty raised two children a son and a daughter.

In 1966, Mac moved to Placerville where he was eventually able to get on with the California Highway Patrol. Around 1970, Mac started teaching Hunter Education. Mac was



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Malcolm McFarland

By: Lieutenant Peter Blake



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an experienced hunter and knew the importance of giving back and passing on the values of a true sportsman to the next generation of hunters.

Mac was also very passionate about horses from his younger years growing up on the ranch. This passion led him to be involved in the Pony Express reenactments, which grew into an enormous venture, and



led to fame and fortune.....or at least some fame. The fame part came in 1983 when a huge mudslide covered Hwy. 50 with over 60 feet of mud. As you could imagine, this disrupted a myriad of services, including mail delivery. In what started out as a joke between Mac and the Post Master, turned into a contract for Mac and his fellow riders to officially reinstate the Pony Express. For the next six weeks, Mac and the other Pony Express riders transported the mail on horseback from Sacramento to the Truckee Basin on a daily basis. Because of this, Mac and his fellow riders became celebrities featured on the front page of most of the major newspapers. Mac himself was interviewed by Diane Sawyers and this fame reached a pinnacle when Mac was able to ride up to the White House on horseback to deliver an invitation to then President Ronald Regan.



Mac was also integral in starting the Hunters Return Banquet in Placerville. The concept of the banquet started as an attempt to entice the husbands of the, “Church Widows” to attend church. Mac explained the term, “Church Widows”, describes a situation where the wife goes to church but the husband does not. According to Mac, “the wild game banquet was a huge success, resulting in many of the men finding the Lord”. This was also an excellent example of how the hunting traditions bring people together forming life long bonds. March 2018 will mark the 50th anniversary of the banquet and serves as a lasting legacy to Mac.

When Mac was riding with the Pony Express and still working as a patrol officer for CHP, there was not much time to teach Hunter Ed. In 1992, Mac retired from CHP, started actively teaching again, and has been teaching ever since. Mac has actively hunted his entire life, visiting Alaska seven times and taking countless animals across North America. During this time, Mac has never missed an opportunity to give back. This has been demonstrated throughout his life whether he was serving his country in the military, working in a career of service as a CHP Officer, his dedication to his church and his beliefs, or volunteering for the Hunter Education Program and passing on the hunting traditions for the next generations of hunters. Mac truly is deserving of the honor of the 2018 Summer Quarterly Centerfold.

Thank you Mac!!!!

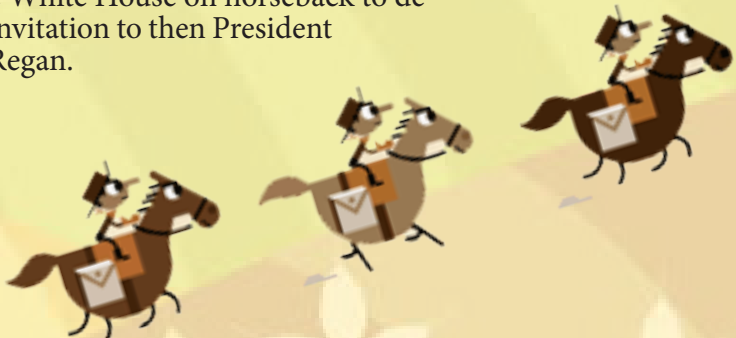


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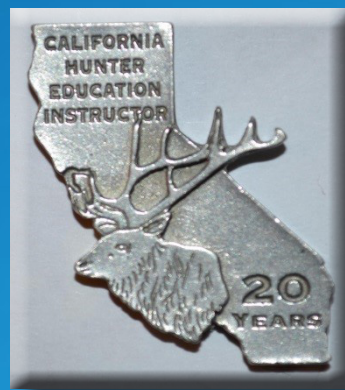
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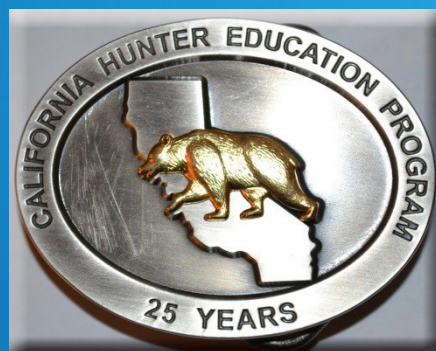


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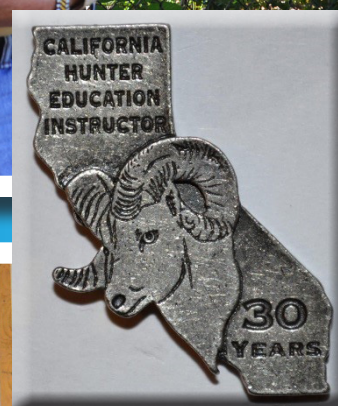


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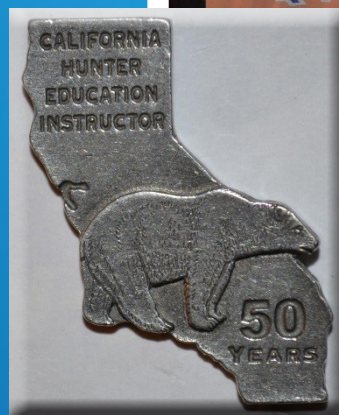
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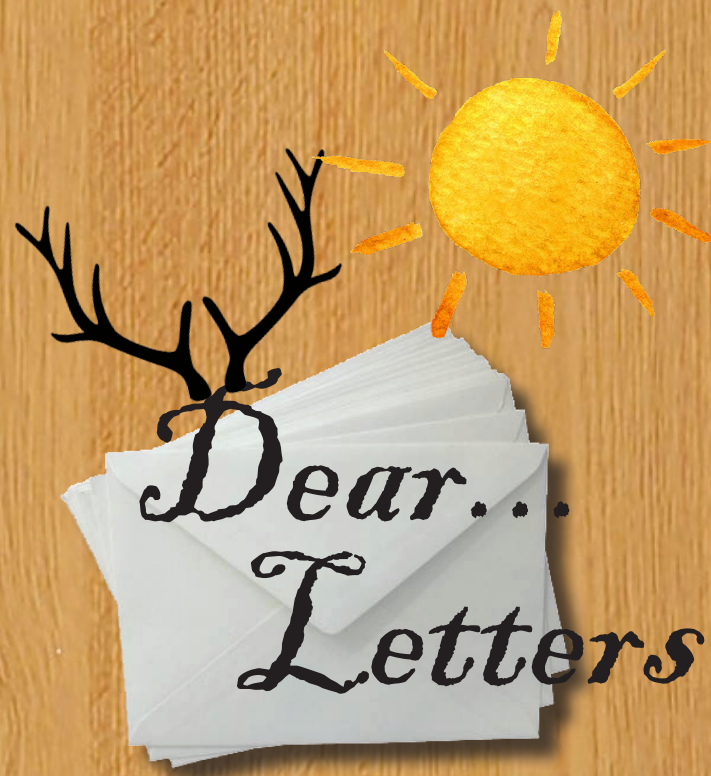


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Lieutenant Mike Norris,
I just wanted to let you know that my grand son and my self attended a hunting class at Mr Nasser Moghadam's home in October and that he instructed and presented an awesome class. Both my grand son of 10 years old and myself really enjoyed the class, Mr Moghadam was also a fine host he had drinks and food for us all. I just wanted you to know that we sent him a thank you card and a gift card but he sent it back as he said he could not accept it. But I wanted you to know that and that he does hold a fine class.

Mike & Brock
Montana, Ca.

HEI#
4263

Hello :
I don't know if you are the one I be writing to, but if not could you forward this to the right person...
I took one of your hunting classes with a friend on 11/11/2017 at bass pro. The instructor was Robert Govier. I've been hunting in california for over 20 years, but my friend is new. I was afraid that I would get bored and dose off, going over stuff that I have gone over with new hunters for years. To my surprise I didn't the instructor kept everything very interesting and not boring. I've been to two other classes with my grandkids and would have to say that instructor Robert Govier has to be the best one I have seen...
Thanks for your time just had to tell someone how much a benefit Robert Govier is to your department.

Thank You
Donald Fero

HEI#
4307



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My wife and I attended the DFG training conference in Carpinteria on Saturday. We had a great time. In the hurry of leaving I didn't get a chance to say thank you to the team for a great conference. You folks did a great job, I've been an on and off duck hunter for many years. I just bought a new duck gun several weeks ago a Benelli SBE3 and the conference got me all excited about going Duck Hunting again. Shawn's session was really good and I enjoyed his skills on the duck calls and the hints he dropped for success in duck hunting and the clue on the hawk call for quail hunting. Great session Shawn it's obvious you enjoy your job and your hunting.

Peter, I worked with you for 5 years up in Northern California and you treated me like a friend. It's always great to see you at these conferences and I enjoyed your training session, Well done. Mike Norris, As always you found a great venue with great training and plenty of training aids for all that attended. I really liked the Fleece lined Vest that we were given at the end of the conference. It's a perfect CCW jacket for my Sunday morning security detail at our local church. The security team this morning at church was green with envy and wanted to know where they could buy a jacket like the one I was wearing. Great line up of speakers. The lady from Australia was fun to listen to and had some great information on the flight patterns and lives of ducks. I've attended a lot of training seminars over the years and this one was one of the better ones. Keep up the great work in our Southern California district.

The Lunch was also first rate and the Lions Club members were great folks. I was fortunate enough to sit with another HEI instructor (William DeVroom) who does classes for Boy Scouts out of the La Verne area, we bonded during the class and I hope to assist him in this coming year with some of his classes and invite some of our Royal Ranger boys to participate in a joint Hunter Safety traditional course with Live Fire.

Fam, Thanks for all you do for the Hunter Safety program, it's obvious your a very organized individual and helped this training session flow seamlessly. Captain Pelzman you have a great team working for you and it's a pleasure to be a volunteer with this great organization. I volunteer with a boys mentoring program called Royal Rangers and manager their National Shooting Sports Program. Our boys can earn a merit for attending and passing a Hunter Safety Course.

Keep up the great work team,
Darell Freeman

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I just want to thank you [Dennis] and Jim both again. The class was so good and before the class, as I said, I was opposed to hunting. Now I can see that it is an important tool in wildlife conservation. Jaxon was SOOOO proud that he passed and he said it is because you covered all the material so well!

Thank you again,
Laurie Bradshaw

HEI#
0454

HEI#
3651

Tom and Sharon,

Luke and I just wanted to say a huge thank you to both of you for being so wonderful Thursday night! Your class was so fun and very informational. It meant so much that you stayed so late to allow Luke to finish his test. Looking forward to bringing our other kids, when they are old enough, to your class!!

Thank you again! Happy & safe hunting to you both! =)

Kellie and Luke Slocum

HEI#
3462

HEI#
3599



Dear Letters

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Honorable Mentions!



WOW!
HEIs Jim Tanner and Garth Gelster created a prop gun for students to learn how to use a scope.

Most of us Hunter Ed Instructors are pretty enthusiastic shooters. But few of us are at the point where we can compete and win on the national stage.

Cindy Vogl, who is a member of the Marin County Hunter Ed team, is at that point.

In 2017 Cindy not only won the California State Sporting Clays Championship Ladies Trophy, but a month later came home from Oregon as Oregon State Sporting Clays (non-resident) Ladies Champion.

Congratulations, Cindy!



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Frank Dimauro

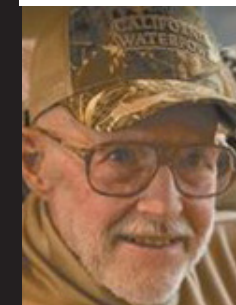
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"Frank was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing with family and friends. He was a lifetime member of the Konocti Rod & Gun Club. He was very proud of all the years he spent helping to teach the Hunter's Safety Program with the Department of Fish and Game, helping hundreds of kids and adults learn to use guns safely. He took gun safety very seriously, making sure those heading into the woods were well-versed in all aspects of safety and hunter ethics."

James Handel

HEI# 0150

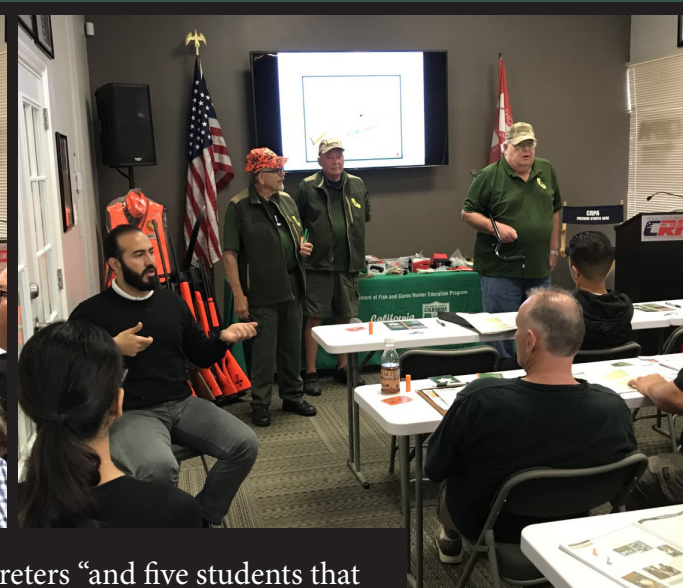


He was an avid hunter and fisherman, a hunter safety instructor, and was an active member of the Concord Sportsmen's Club.

John Galloway

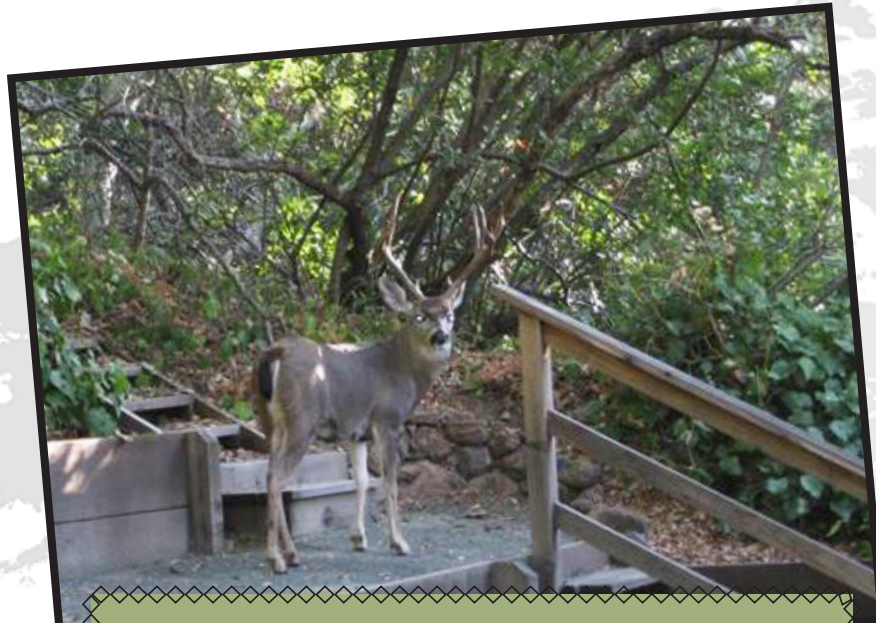
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*Thank you for your service
and for changing lives.*



Traditional H.E. Class, at CRPA Fullerton, we were joined by two "Sign Language Interpreters" and five students that required their services. H.E. Instructors worked well as a team and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Where's Ed?



9:30 am yesterday, in my backyard. with 2 other small buckies. Zoom in on this HOG.
-Gary Shweid, HEI# 3367, Millbrae CA

Don't see your picture? Don't worry, it'll be in the next edition! We love sharing your stories with the Hunter Education family, so keep them coming! Hunting, fishing, teaching, travelling on vacation with family & friends...we want to see it all! Email: fam.saeturn@wildlife.ca.gov. Title your message, "Where's Ed", and include your HEI#, your location and a short caption. Don't forget your Hunter Ed Hat!



Check it out! While conducting research in New Zealand, PCHEA director & HE Instructor (#3889) Bill Shepard was able to snap a picture with a New Zealand Fish and Game warden and truck! Thanks for the share, Bill!



CWA Youth pheasant hunt
-Larry Angus submission, HEI# 4126



Another successful duck hunt
Lt. Shawn Olauge, HEI# 9294. Los Banos, CA



Way to go, Rose Miller! Great shot!
HEIs Don(#3636) and Mary(#3635) Miller's granddaughter at the Fort Bragg, Youth Hunt, CA

Our sincerest **THANK YOU** to each and every instructor for keeping this program alive!

Thanks to all that attended our conference
For those who couldn't make it, we hope to see you next year!
-Hunter Education Family

Dear Coordinators,

Thank you for all you do in leading our HEI efforts. The conference today was fantastic and it was great to see you all.
Appreciatively,

Richard

When I sat down with Jerry Carroll & you, I ended up inviting him to be a part of the 1st aid adv. HE. He seemed passionate - eager to share and learn. THANK YOU so very much for bringing him into the fold. Understanding the great difficulty sharing such a personal message, I very much appreciated your effort and his strength here!!!! Surviving - to hunt another day is my passion.

So thankful to be part of such a healthy and invigorating program,
~HEI

Just a note to say a huge 'thank you' to each of you for the work, enthusiasm and passion as Wardens and HE Coordinators you brought (and bring) to all of us today in Marin. I know I see you through different lenses than most of the instructors due to our many years of teamwork and dedication to being the best Fish and Game Wardens we can be. I am extremely proud of each of you. When you get discouraged, remember that there are many of us who hold you close to our hearts.

My best to you,
Doug

As expected, another great job on the Hunter Ed Conference. It was a good theme with good speakers. It made for a nice day.

Please pass along my appreciation to all that worked to make it a success.

Thank you,
Garth

Another special thanks for keeping all of us weird HEI birds from pecking each other into extinction. The Bundesen, Olague, Blake, Norris, Gregory, and Emeritii are AMAZING.

~HEI