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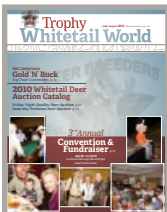
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We are rapidly approaching the annual convention, and the agenda and auction lots are full this year. In July, we will be electing three individuals to the board, as well as, reviewing proposed changes to the bylaws. We continue to grow as an organization and the general operating needs have followed. We have made some suggestions to adjust the bylaw requirements that will allow for our daily business to run smoothly. Don't forget to attend the annual membership meeting Friday July 30th at 10:30am. With the recent additions to our management staff, we are anxious to take advantage of every opportunity to support our members. Also at the convention, we will be announcing the winner of the Golden Buck Contest.

The convention agenda has something for everyone this year including the kids programs, a new golf scramble, and an excellent group of speakers will provide members with useful information to help their breeding operations. We will also have some comments from Amber Andel with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regarding regulatory changes.

On that note, we had a great turn-out from our members, as well as, all industry groups at the TPWD Commission hearing in Austin. On May 27th, the Commission made several changes including a reduction in fees to those who participate in reporting via online systems. While the commission made the decision to move forward with a provision that allows for TPWD to delay and/or revoke permits to individuals who have violated the Lacey Act, we hope that they will enforce those only on individuals who are blatantly in violation of the provisions. I am proud to say that the DBC had tremendous support in writing letters opposing the provision. I personally wrote a letter opposing the proposed changes. TPWD assures us that it will only apply to people who knowingly violate the act that could be affected.

Our DBC office has moved to Georgetown, TX. If you are in the area, I encourage you to stop by and visit Amy and the staff.

The EHD/BT vaccination program is a huge success. I would like to thank Dr. McBride and Dr. Dedwylder for making this possible. Also, I would like to thank Randy Hutto for organizing ordering and distribution of the vaccine. You should have already received your vaccines by now, and at the convention we will have a demonstration on how to collect samples for future expansion of the vaccine program. We will also demonstrate how to collect specimens for CWD testing.

I have a suite at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo. Recently, I invited Vickie and Bobby Hughes to go to the rodeo. They asked if they could bring their grandchildren, and I told them of course they could. Vickie is one of our DBC committee members. The week before the rodeo, there was some confusion if we were still going. Vickie called me and told me that her granddaughter, Bailey, was already writing an article about her first rodeo adventure and that she would be heart broken if she didn't get to attend. I assured her that we were still going to the rodeo. Bailey wrote such an entertaining story about her adventure that I decided to start a "Kids Corner" in our magazine. If any child would like to have their story published, please send it to the Co-op office along with a picture.

I hope that your animals are in good health and that your antlers are growing big. July will provide you with some great information, which will be very beneficial for your ranch. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, feel free to come talk to me. I hope to see all of you at the convention.

Sincerely,

Robert Williams, Sr.
DBC President

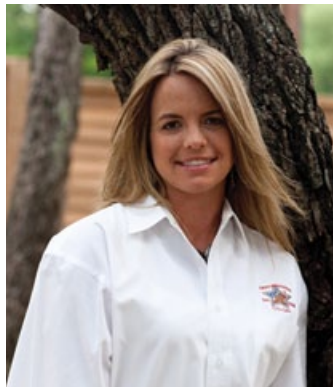
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Amy Clapper
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Charlene Ganski
Membership Coordinator



Taunja Schroeder
Design Coordinator



Shawn Sayre
Director of Promotions
and Events

Meet your new DBC team! I am pleased to introduce Charlene Ganski and Taunja Schroeder to the Deer Breeders Co-op. Charlene will serve as the Membership Coordinator and Taunja as the Design Coordinator. Both of these individuals bring a wealth of experience to the cooperative and even better they are excited for the opportunity to be here and assist you with your needs. We have been working to both assemble information for the convention and to organize the new DBC offices in Georgetown. I would like to thank Carrie Palmer for her work with the DBC and we wish her well with her new position at the Exotic Wildlife Association.

The regulatory groups have been keeping us busy these last weeks. As noted by Mr. Williams, we dealt with the TXPWD change to the permitting process and will be keeping in close contact with them to make sure your needs as a deer breeder are being met. In addition to attending the Commission meeting, the DBC had representatives at the Breeder User Group the following week. Mr. Carter made an appearance to assure the group that the permitting changes are intended to apply only to those who “knowingly” subvert the Lacey Act provisions. We also discussed numerous topics with the group including updates to the online system, release dates and facility standards. There are many other topics that Amber Andel will be touching on during her presentation on Friday, July 30, so don’t miss it.

The vaccination program, feed discount program and convention registrations are still being processed at our office. If you need anything, please don’t hesitate to call so that one of us can assist you.

Come by and visit us if you are in the Austin/Georgetown area!

We are looking forward to meeting you and having a successful convention this year.

Sincerely,

Amy Clapper
Director of Operations

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Call or email the DBC offices today to find out more on how you can order the current vaccine and assist with the continuation of this program.

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Exhibitor Move In / Setup
 DBC Board of Director Meeting (Members Welcome)

Friday July 30, 2010

8:00 am - 10:30 am
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

4 Person Golf Scramble
 Registration / Exhibitor Visitation
 Voting for DBC Board of Directors Opens
 Amber Anel (Online Inventory & Permit System with TPWD)
 Annual Membership Meeting
 Lunch Buffet
 Annual Membership Meeting Continues
 Dr. McBride and Dr. Detweiler
 (EHD Vaccine & Demo of Spleen Removal)
 Kids Laser Shot
 Panel of Experts (Question & Answers Session)
 Happy Hour
 Opening Ceremonies by Scout Troops / President RW Dinner
 Kids Dinner & a Movie (With Popcorn in Theater)
 Golden Buck Contest Grand Champion Awards
 (1st & 2nd Place)
 Friday Night Quality Deer Auction
 Board of Directors voting closes

9:00 am - 10:30 am
 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

4:00 - 5:30 pm
 5:00 pm
 6:00 pm

6:30pm

9:00 pm

Saturday July 31, 2010

7:00 am - 10:00 am

Dockside Fishing Tournament
 (On Dock Outside Conference Center)
 Guest Speaker Kevin Grace (Marketing Your Animals)
 Texas Parks and Wildlife Guest Speaker
 Tim Condict (Deer Breeder To Do's to be Successful)
 Lunch Buffet
 Kids Lunch and Putt-Putt
 Premium Deer Auction
 Cocktail Hour
 DBC Membership Appreciation Dinner
 (In Main Auction Room - Dinner Registration Ticket Required)
 DBC Board of Directors Election Results Announcement
 Saturday Night Grand Auction
 Poker Tournament

9:00 am - 10:00 am
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 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

2:00pm - 4:00 pm
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 6:30 pm

8:00 pm

Sunday July 31, 2010

Exhibitor Breakdown

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GOLDEN BUCK
2009
CHAMPION



Monarch I is quickly becoming a legendary sire and has been in the whitetail breeding cycle for less than 3 years. His look, pedigree, and young offspring have made him one of the most talked about bucks in the industry. Robert Williams has become accustomed to being in the spotlight when it comes to producing quality genetics but Monarch truly raised the bar far beyond what Robert himself thought was possible. Along with having a womb brother who is just as special as himself, Monarch I has consistently been over 30" wide and grew his most impressive rack to date last year scoring over 280". Having been sired by the legendary Bambi Longhorn, it is no surprise that his offspring are proving to be some of the highest selling, most marketable animals in the country. Monarch I was the DBC Golden Buck Contest Champion in 2009 and his track record speaks for itself. As we bid farewell to him as our Grand Champion, we now have the luxury of being able to sit back and watch the magic unfold as his sons and daughters flourish in our great industry.



MONARCH I
RW TROPHY RANCH

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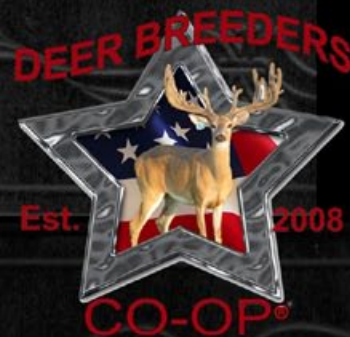
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SENDERO WHITETAILS

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RW TROPHY RANCH

Tips to Get You Started story by BILL COOPER

COYOTE HUNTING

In spite of being heavily persecuted for decades, coyote populations have spread across the country. Their expanded range, threats to family pets and whitetail deer fawns are bringing more and more predator hunters into the sport.



I took a much needed deep breath. I had been squealing hard on a diaphragm turkey call for five minutes or more. Indeed, that is not an effective turkey calling method. My ridiculous sounding calls were, in fact, to attract a coyote within shotgun range.

As I began to call once again, I caught movement far up the valley. A loping animal paused long enough for me to get a good look through my binoculars. “A coyote is on its way,” I whispered to my wife, Dian, who clung to her Stoeger 12-gauge in hopes of taking her first coyote.

I squealed on the mouth call once again imitating a dying rabbit. The coyote continued on its course towards us, pausing occasionally to get a better fix on the location of the meal in the bush. I paused my calling each time the coyote stopped. Another soft squeal from my call easily enticed the coyote to continue its search for an easy meal.

Dian watched intently, fully camouflaged and 15-feet in front of me and slightly downhill from my calling position. She eased her cheek down on the stock of her shotgun as the coyote closed to within 50 yards.

“Let him keep coming,” I whispered. I could tell Dian was a little nervous about the coyote approaching so quickly. I heard her safety click off as the coyote reached 30 yards. “Let him come,” I whispered again.

I squeezed one more soft call from the diaphragm and the coyote halted its approach at 15 yards. “Now”, I instructed.

Dian’s 12-gauge roared and the coyote tumbled over stone dead. The Winchester Extended Range 3-inch magnum number fours downed the animal cleanly.

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HUNT WHERE THE COYOTES ARE

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Coyotes can be found about anywhere in the country these days. Howling packs are commonly heard at dawn and dusk. Anxious predator hunters can drive around the countryside early and late in the day and often hear the serenades of hunting packs. Mark the locations on your map then seek permission to hunt on a later date. Few farmers and ranchers will deny access to coyote hunters. Most land-

WHICH CALL TO USE

The market is flooded with predator calls. Choosing one or several can be a daunting task.



Unless you want to spend the time trying them all, go coyote hunting with experienced hunters and see what they are using.

That doesn't mean you have to use the same calls as those guys, but it will give you some place to start as you figure out what you personally prefer. Too, one of the most enjoyable facets of the whole idea of predator hunting is figuring out the finite points which fit your personal style. As your predator hunting skills develop you will want to show your buddies what you can do and that often entails demonstrating how you can best use the calls you have chosen. Johnny Stewart's Preymaster Electronic Game Caller comes with a variety of cards for both coyotes and other game. Randy Anderson Calls are some of the most sought after hand held percussion calls.

Your number one priority in choosing a call should be to select one that you can use to best imitate sounds made by animals which coyotes prey on in your area. Rabbits are a prime target for coyotes and your arsenal of calls should certainly include a rabbit squealer. However, don't over use it just because it is easy to blow. Coyotes will catch on to you quickly.

Predator hunters mess with coyotes at every opportunity. I learned much about predators while deer and turkey hunting. Many years ago I entertained myself most of the morning, while on a deer stand, by squeaking like a mouse to tease a coyote crossing a field in front of me. The coyote took the better part of two hours to cross the field. It wasn't that the animal did not like my mouse squeaks. It simply kept finding mice in the field as it approached my location. There is nothing like a bird, or mouse in hand, even for a coyote. The antics of the coyote, as it jumped, lurched and stalked to find a meal provided grand entertainment during a slow morning on the deer stand.

Experienced coyotes can be a tough adversary and will require a greater diversity of calls. They will eat about anything and are particularly susceptible to distress calls made by a variety of animals including rodents, birds, fawns and young calves and lambs. Master the raucous calls of a bunch of crows and you have another tool of deceit in your growing arsenal of calls.

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owners would like to have the song dogs removed from their properties.

If you don't hear coyotes sound off, don't become discouraged. Scouting will more than likely turn up tracks, droppings and fur from kill sights. Coyotes prefer woods and hills and rough country. In open country they will seek out grassy depressions, gullies, swampy areas and brushy fencerows.

PLANNING AN APPROACH

Don't plan on sneaking up on a coyote. It is not likely to happen. They have a natural security system bolstered by keen senses and wild instincts. Begin your approach by keeping the wind in your favor, travel slowly and use the terrain to your advantage. And camouflage yourself from head to toe in a pattern which blends into the surroundings.

If you have trouble locating coyotes, rethink your approach into your hunting area. Make absolutely sure the wind is in your face. Improper wind direction ends more coyote hunts than any other single factor.

The best setup locations are normally elevated. This allows the shooter to see long distances. Approach the vantage points with stealth and do not skylight yourself. Circle a hill if needed rather than traveling across the top.

SETTING UP

Coyotes are survivors. They are very efficient predators and their ability to sneak up on their prey is almost unparalleled in the natural world. They use every natural terrain feature and piece of vegetation to their advantage. Hunting from an elevated position gives shooters a distinct advantage over these wily predators, which are masters at remaining undetected.

My hunting buddies and I often coyote hunt in the woods with shotguns. Visibility is seldom over 75 yards. Utilizing the slightest elevation gives us the best advantage we can gain in thick cover. Humps, knolls, and even the slight rise made by the roots of a fallen tree have come into play in our coyote hunting adventures.

Our home territory is made up of oak-hickory forests with lots of open spaces such as cow pastures and hayfields. A favorite tactic is to hunt the edges of these fields while making sure to setup on a hillside so we can see long distances. The name of the game in this scenario is to make the long shot with our chosen caliber rifle for the day.

MAKING THE SHOT

Witching a coyote approach your position can give even veteran hunters

a serious case of "coyote fever". Your success at taking the animal will be dependent on a number of items which should have been taken care of ahead of time. They include: excellent camo, proper setup, playing the wind, time on the range to know what your gun and loads will do and practice with your calls.

Unless you are a very experienced shooter, beginners should always shoot only at standing coyotes. A song dog running and darting through the grass and bushes can be a formidable target. That, too, is fun, but the more challenging shots will come with experience.

WARNING

Coyote hunting, or any type of predator hunting, becomes quickly addictive. Watch future issues of "Trophy Whitetail Magazine" for more predator hunting stories to feed your new addiction!

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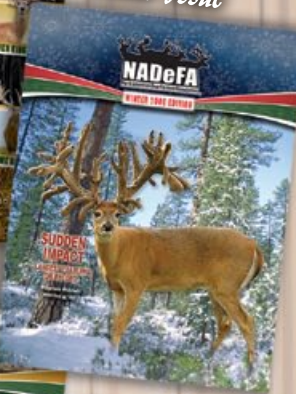
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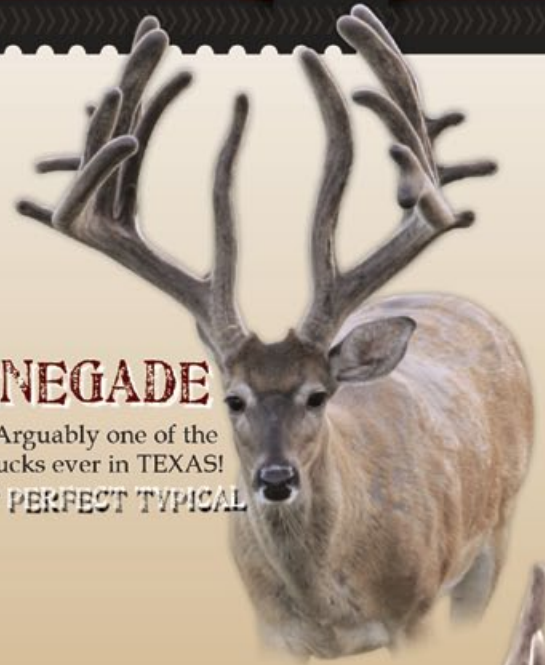
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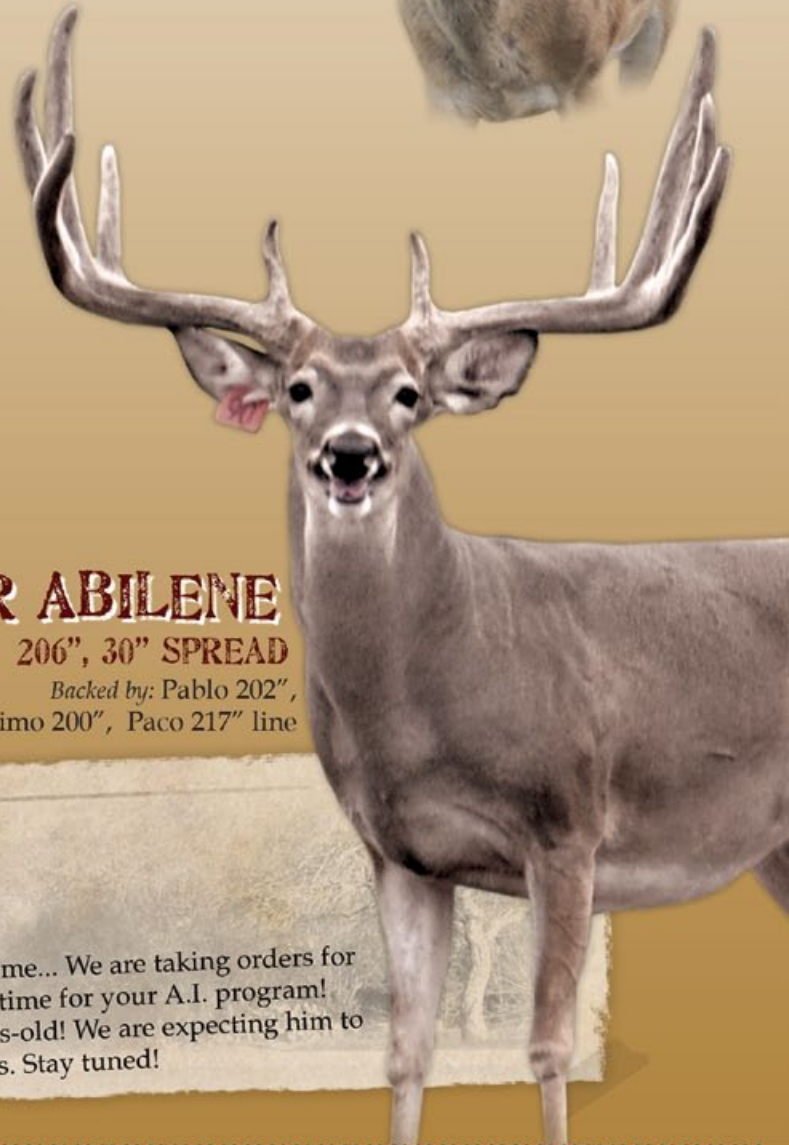
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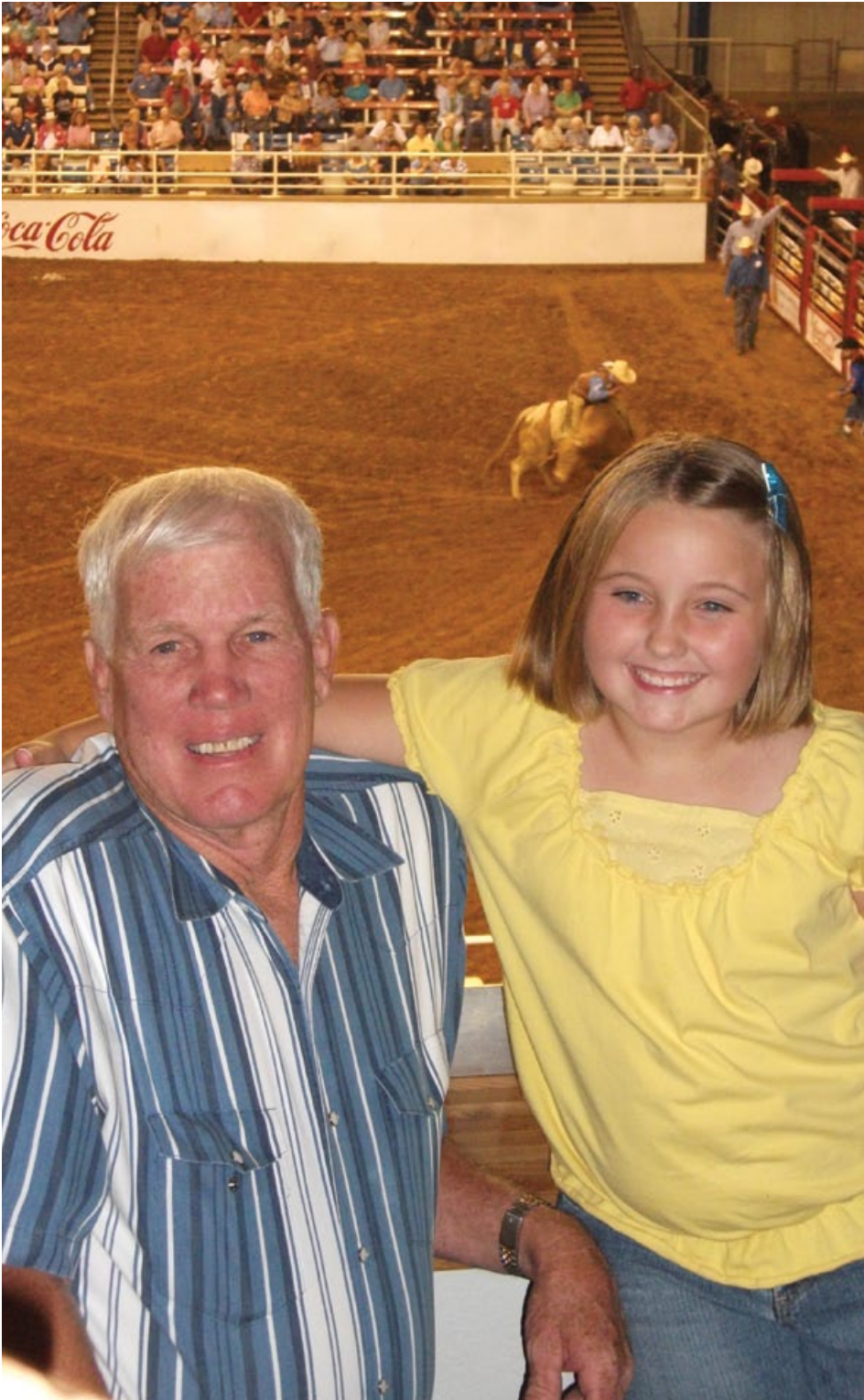
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My Greatest Adventure

story by **BAILEY YANDELL**, 9 Years Old



My name is Bailey Yandell. I am 9 years old. I am in 3rd grade about to go to 4th. I live in Alvarado, TX. My hobbies are I like to go fishing, hunting, varmit hunting, and spot lighting. I like working at my grandparent's ranch. I like it even more when we go into the deer pens and catch baby deer and tag them and give them their medicine. But the tough part is letting them go because they are so cute. But my favorite part about the ranch is going Varmint Hunting, and spot lighting. I have a younger brother named Kyle. He is 4 years old. I have a mother and a father their names are Russell, that's my dad, and my moms name is Felicia. When I grow up I hope to be a vet or work in the Air Force. I really don't know but I will pick one of those for sure. Well on to the adventure of my summer.

On June 11, 2010 the famous deer breeder Robert Williams invited my grandparents to the Mesquite Championship Rodeo. Mr. Williams seems like a nice guy. I was very thankful that Mr. Williams invited Kyle and I to the rodeo. As we arrived to the rodeo I was surprised that we got to sit in a suite and not the bleachers. As we watched the rodeo and ate Texas BBQ and on top of that Mr. Williams served us ice cream and cobbler. As the night went on Robert wanted to take pictures with me. We took several photos in front of the bull riding. Another great adventure was when Melanie (Mr. Williams's ranch manager) took Kyle and I down to the arena for the calf scramble. Wow, what a trip all those kids running in the arena trying to pull 2 tags off 2 calf's tails. And all the bull riding and barrel racing and steer wrestlers and man what a Texas Hoedown. As we arrived to our suite 3 great steer wrestlers came to shake our hands and to thank everyone for coming to the rodeo. One little short stack named Paul Dougherty is an ag teacher in Van, Texas. I thought that was pretty cool to meet a cowboy that is also an ag teacher because I doubt you would see a cowboy that is an ag teacher. Well thank you Mr. Williams this rodeo was a true adventure. And I really have to say you are not half bad!



DBC's Youth Committee

story by TRACI CARNELL, *Chairperson*

Back in January I was attending a DBC board meeting and as usual couldn't help but speak up about a subject I'm passionate about, the kids. I asked if DBC would be interested in inviting a local scout troop to perform their flag ceremony to pen our annual convention in July. After some discussion about this idea and a few others ways to start including youths in our events Robert decided we needed a youth committee. I loved the idea! I knew others would love it too and sure enough before the day was over we already had a few committee members and volunteers together to start making plans.

classes taught through his Laser Shot simulator programs. In the hotel's Adventure Pointe camp sessions younger children can join in the fun activities offered including miniature golf & building a bird house while the teens will have their own place to hang out at The Edge teen club. A playroom filled with toys, games & books will be open during the entire event for kids of all ages. To establish traditions the Coloring Page contest is back and Emil Kregci has volunteered to hold another fishing tournament this year for the kids. And as to the idea that started this whole thing, local scout troops will be in attendance performing their flag cer-

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The Youth Committee's main goal is to help provide a variety of programs for our member's children during DBC events because we realize for most members the deer business is a family business. The committee will also be promoting & educating outside youth groups on the deer industry by inviting them to participate in our events. This will all be accomplished through a cooperative effort between members, parents, and kids. We hope to encourage more youths to get excited about the deer industry by providing fun educational activities from a youth's perspective.

For our annual convention this year we have enlisted the help of Dan Atkinson to offer safety, ethics & instructional

emony to open up both nights' events.

We are very excited about this and would love to hear any ideas you might have to expand the youth programs. Volunteers & opportunities will always be welcomed. The benefits to providing more youth activities and child care during our events will allow for more membership attendance while giving parents peace of mind during those events. It also creates plenty of sponsorship opportunities to show how important family values are to members. We hope that by placing importance on youth participation we can add a whole new dimension to our events.

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Almost every deer breeder that I work with asks the same question “Doc, how can I grow the biggest buck?”. They are looking for the “magic pill” to maximize the genetic potential of their deer. They are incorporating the best facilities, genetics, nutrition, and medical care into their program. I have spent many hours exploring how to assist them with their long term goals. Then why is it that we can’t seem to maximize antler growth AND keep these deer healthy? I believe I have found the so-called “Magic Pill”, and it has been sitting in front of us the whole time. Its name is STRESS MANAGEMENT. We must remember that whitetail deer are wild animals. We have taken these animals, and for the most part totally changed their habitat and nutrition. Their flight response behavior has been modified or eliminated.

So, what are the consequences of these actions? For the deer, all of these changes create a tremendous response to stress. As we know from human studies, stress can have devastating consequences to our health and well being. Why would it be any different in our deer? Stress that affects captive-bred whitetails originates from many areas. It is impossible to eliminate all stress under captive breeding circumstances, but many can be positively managed. I would like to take the time to discuss a few of these that you can improve.

FACILITIES

Problem 1: INADEQUATE PEN SIZE AND LACK OF COVER

Small pens (less than 1 acre) without adequate cover do not provide deer with the visual sight barriers they require to reduce stress. Deer become stressed from having nowhere to hide and their immune systems are weakened. These small pens also lend themselves to overcrowding and super-saturation of the soil with urine, feces, bacteria and parasites. A weakened immune system with constant exposure to high levels of bacteria and parasites is the

perfect formula for illness. You can throw every drug in the book at these deer and most will not respond well.

This is especially true for fawns. Does this sound familiar? Pens that are too large can create other problems such as difficulty in handling.

Solution: Build pens of adequate size (1 to 1.5 acres) with sufficient natural or artificial cover and don’t overstock them.

Problem 2: INADEQUATE PEN NUMBERS

When you began as a whitetail breeder it all seemed very easy. You had heard about the many difficulties from the veterans in this business, but what could possibly be so hard about raising deer? The comment I hear the most is “I rarely lose any deer”. Then, 2-3 years after your successful start, your death loss increases dramatically especially in fawns. What is going on?

The answer is really quite simple. In that 2-3 year time period you have acquired more deer and are using the same pens that you started with. The environment is now being contaminated at a much higher rate. As discussed above, exposure to high levels of bacteria and parasites, and overcrowding leads to disease.

Solution: Calculate the maximum number of deer that you think you will ever have. Build twice the number of pens for this calculated number at a reasonable stocking rate (8-10 deer/acre).

This will allow you to perform frequent pen rotations. Pen rotation reproduces nature’s way of disease control. Space, rain and plant life act to dilute and filter these potential problems. Sunlight kills bacteria and parasites. Even stressed, pen raised deer have the immune function to protect themselves under these conditions. Pens are one of the least expensive operational costs in the long run. Especially when compared to medical costs, deer mortality and your personal sanity. Build more pens!

Problem 3: LACK OF WORKING FACILITIES AND/OR MEDICAL TREATMENT STALLS

If you have to dart sick deer to treat them, their survival rate decreases exponentially. It's hard enough to successfully treat sick deer under the best of circumstances. Stressing them further with general anesthesia is almost always a death sentence.

Solution: Ensure you can safely work your deer into a climate controlled medical stall. Your treatment success rate will improve dramatically.

Problem 4: HIGH MORTALITY IN DEER LESS THAN 9 MONTHS OF AGE

Solution: Minimize disease exposure to these immuno-compromised young deer. If you are bottle-raising your fawns, build a facility that is dedicated to that process. This will allow you to closely monitor your fawns and control disease exposure. Provide separate weaning pens for both bottle-raised and doe-raised fawns. These pens should be used exclusively for weaning. After the once yearly event it should sit idle for the rest of the year. Once again, disease exposure in these young bucks and does will be minimized greatly.

Problem 5: UNDER-UTILIZATION OF EXISTING WORKING FACILITIES

Many breeders have invested in wonderful working facilities. The problem is that the breeder and the deer are not familiar with these facilities. They are often utilized only during the reproductive season. The deer become stressed when they are utilized. This often leads to traumatic injury to the deer and mental anguish for the owner. Secondary illnesses along with decreased conception rates then become an unnecessary consequence of the process.

Solution: Use your existing facilities. Successful deer breeders acclimate their deer to the working facilities by opening their alley ways and chutes frequently to allow the deer access to visit. Getting the deer to enter is easily accomplished by providing them with their favorite treat throughout the whole facility. It's amazing how quickly their curiosity takes over. Taking the time to do this on a routine basis reduces everyone's stress when your facilities need to be utilized.

GENETICS**Problem 1: CRAZY DEER**

Crazy deer make all other deer in the pen crazy. This creates significant stress and secondary disease. Crazy deer also breed crazy deer.

Solution: Eliminate these deer from your herd even if they have the best genetics.

Problem 2: POOR SURVIVABILITY RATES WITHIN THE CAPTIVE SETTING

Solution: Analyze your records to determine which deer have had fewer medical problems therefore,

higher survival rates. Breed these "high survival rate" animals. To take it one step further, determine which does have had the healthiest fawns. Within this doe group, one may also determine if certain sires have had a positive affect on the survivability of fawns. This analysis may not be truly scientific but trends within your herd are often apparent when analyzed. Utilize this information to help create your foundational doe herd. Remember, the best deer on the planet is of no use to you unless it can be raised in the captive setting. These healthier animals will also have a much better chance of expressing their genetic potential.

Problem 3: NORTHERN GENETICS RAISED IN A SOUTHERN ENVIRONMENT

Southern breeders feel they must have significant northern genetics to keep up with the Joneses. The only problem with this practice is that these deer often do not survive to express their genetic potential.

Solution: Maintain less than 25% of northern genetics within your herd. It has been proven that southern deer have genetic immunity to many of the diseases to which they are exposed in their native environment. Northern deer usually do not possess this same kind of protection and will succumb to many of these diseases. Some northern deer seem to perform better than others in the south. Using the genes of northern deer that are proven survivors in the southern environments is highly recommended.

Problem 4: ANIMALS BRED PURELY FOR THE INCHES OF ANTLER

Solution: If we are going to breed for total inches of antler, we must help these bucks survive.

To increase a bucks survival rate one must breed for body size and conformation. How do we expect a 400" buck to survive if he has a small body and weak neck? We must breed for a body structure to support this extra weight. Though it may take time and effort I believe it's the most ethical thing a breeder can do today. In the end, the positive effects of stress management will benefit the breeder and the deer. If you can reduce stress, you can grow big deer. Each ranch is different but I know that there are at least a few things you can do to manage stress better. Now, what are you going to do?

This is the first in a series of articles about stress management written for the DBC by Dr. John Dedwylder.

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The 30-30 story by STEVE FELGENHAUER

America's First Deer Cartridge

First, last and always—the 30-30. Perhaps, no cartridge in history has accounted for as many deer as the grand old man of deer cartridges, the 30-30. Introduced in 1895, it was originally deemed the 30 WCF, and first chambered for Winchester's new lever-action rifle, the 1894 Winchester. When Marlin began producing the cartridge, they attached the -30 to designate 30 grains of the new "smokeless" powder rather than using the Winchester name on their guns. The moniker "30-30" stuck and today, it is still one of the most popular cartridges used by deer hunters throughout the United States.

Rimmed Cases and Round Nose Bullets

The 30-30, like other cartridges of that period, headspaces off the rim of the cartridge. Whereas, cartridges like the 30-06 headspace off the shoulder. This rim while effective on

most lever action and single shot rifles creates somewhat of a problem on bolt action, semi-automatics and most pump-action rifles. The extractor is not able to jump or grasp the rim of the cartridge due to its large diameter. The rim on the 30-30 also prevents rounds from passing one another without interference causing feeding problems. There are some exceptions; the Remington 788, Savage 340 and Winchester Model 54 come to mind. These bolt guns combated the feeding problem by using a spacer to allow the rounds to be loaded in a slanted manner inside of the magazine.

Most 30-30's use a tubular magazine. The cartridges are loaded into the magazine end for end; the bullet tip rests against the rim of the previous shell. Because of this arrangement, 30-30 shells for the most part are loaded with round nose or flat nose bullets. This school of thought suggests recoil from firing could cause spire point bullets to act

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Losing its Luster –Not Hardly

The 30-30 loaded with a 150 grain bullet carries enough energy to dispatch of deer sized game up to and including black bear up to 200 yards or so, modern cartridges like the 270, 30-06 and 7mm Rem Mag does this with ease, so why hasn't the 30-30 fallen into obscurity, in a word handloading. RCBS, the company that leads handloading equipment sales, annually compiles a list of their top selling dies used to reload ammunition – the 30-30 has never dropped from the top 20 list.

The 30-30 Becomes a Pistol Round

As good a rifle round as the 30-30 is,

it is a better pistol round, at least in a single shot like the Thompson/Center Contender or the Magnum Research BFR, a revolver, both of which are able to utilize the wide variety of 30 caliber bullets available including the aerodynamic spitzer bullets – wringing out the 30-30's full potential.

And A Platform For Wildcatters

The 30-30 also spawned an entire generation of wildcats. The now nearly extinct, 22 Hi-Power and the ever-popular 7-30 Waters are just two of the wildcats but dozens of others based off the 30-30 were created for and by shooters. Many of these cartridges were developed to improve the 30-30,

but did little to do so.

Technology – Raising the Bar

Historically, factory ammunition was limited mainly to 150 grain or 170 grain bullets for the 30-30 because of the round nose or flat nose configurations. However, Remington offers the Accelerator, a 22-caliber bullet surrounded by a 30 caliber plastic sabot, these Accelerators are not designed to be used in a lever gun or any other tubular magazine rifle and Hornady has introduced an offering made specifically for lever action rifles –the LEVERevolution. These cartridges use a rubber-tipped spitzer bullet, which is safe for use in all lever guns. By

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slightly increasing the velocity and by using a flatter shooting, aerodynamic bullet the 30-30 becomes a 300-yard deer gun.

Rethinking the 30-30

Many who scoff the 30-30 may want to rethink this cartridge. Using today's technology, Hornady's LEVERevolution offerings, the 30-30 retains nearly 1000 ft lbs of energy at 300 yards –this isn't your grandpa's 30-30. Sighted three inches high at 100 yards, the bullet drop is just 12 inches low at 300 yards. A Marlin 336 or '94 Winchester equipped with a low-powered scout scope or conventionally mounted scope is the perfect prescription for heavy brush hunting or watching an open field. The 30-30 has been given a boost and once again has become a contender as a legitimate deer rifle. Combine this with the fast handling of a lever action rifle, quick follow up shots at the flick of a wrist, this may be the only rifle a hunter will ever need, but don't tell my wife.

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