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2011 Missouri State Hunter/Bowhunter Education Instructor of the Year Award Winners



Winners pictured left to right: Bowhunter Education Joe McFadden, Hunter Education Floyd Bohler, MDC Staff Jean Mayer and Conservation Agent Mark Haviland

At its March 8, 2012, monthly meeting the Missouri Conservation Commission publicly recognized the 2011 Missouri State Hunter/Bowhunter Instructor of the Year

Award winners. Commission Chair Don Johnson presented each award winner with a special plaque and frame print in recognition of his or her achievement and selection from more than 1,700 instructors statewide.

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Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor of the Year**Mr. Floyd Bohler – St. Louis Region**

Floyd has been an MDC volunteer instructor for 16 years. As the St. Charles County Coordinator, he assists nine public high schools with hunter education courses and field trips to the Busch Shooting Range, sets up all the hunter education online field days, and supports all instructors and courses within his county.

Floyd taught 22 traditional HE courses, giving 258 hours and certifying 797 students. By conducting seven online field day courses he volunteered an additional 61 hours and certified another 205 students. Additionally, he taught a Bowhunter Education course where he volunteered 11 more hours and certified nine new students.

Floyd stepped up to improve courses and the flow of information in his county by assembling a HE kit with various teaching props and tools that is kept at the August A. Busch Conservation Area for use at Hunter Education classes. He has also developed a program on his home computer to print out HE certificates with all the students' information; all the instructor has to do is sign it. The certificate also prints a reminder on the back about the free hour of time they get at a MDC shooting range

Floyd sponsors youth and women on MDC managed hunts when they do not have someone as a mentor. This year a young girl was successful in harvesting her first deer with Floyd and her mother. He is actively involved with the August A. Busch Conservation Area as a MDC Range volunteer where he has volunteered 461 hours in 2011. He also volunteers for MDC as a scorer at the MO state high school trap shoot at Linn Creek. Floyd is a National Archery in the School's (NASP) Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) and assists schools with beginning classes around the region.

Floyd also assists with the week-long Hunter Education camp held at the August A. Busch Conservation Area and is a life member of the Missouri Hunter Education Instructor Association. He has additional NRA certifications as Range Safety Officer, Basic Pistol Instructor, Basic Rifle Instructor, and Basic Shotgun Instructor that he uses as an instructor with MDC programs.

Floyd is also active outside the Department and brings much credit upon himself as: Secretary to the Board of Directors for the Missouri Gun and Quail Club; volunteer at Our lady of Guadalupe Church for various projects; Chairperson for Annual Catholic Appeals for past 11 years and assisted the school bingo chairperson. He also works fish fries during lent, works food pantry every week, is active in the Men's club, and fills in as a school cook and maintenance person as needed.

Floyd earned his lifetime achievement award (engraved shotgun and metal card) for 1000 volunteer hours in 2003. To date, he has given a total of 3,759 volunteer hours, which

has a value of \$51, 010 to the Department in Federal Aid.

Volunteer Bowhunter Education Instructor of the Year**Mr. Joe McFadden – St. Louis Region**

Joe has been a volunteer Bowhunter Education Instructor with the Missouri Department of Conservation for three years. During 2011, as the primary instructor, he taught three bowhunter education courses, volunteered 35 hours and certified 44 students. His efforts lead to 2011 having the largest statewide number of Bowhunter Education certifications in our program's history.

He is also a volunteer Hunter Education Instructor and assisted with six hunter education courses, volunteering an additional 44 hours. Joe is also one of our August A. Busch Shooting Range Volunteers, where he donated another 20 volunteer hours in 2011. Additionally he is a NRA certified Pistol Instructor, NRA certified Range Safety Officer and is one of our National Archery in the School's (NASP) Basic Archery Instructor (BAI).

He also teaches the week-long archery camp at the August A. Busch Shooting Range, where he started a MoNASP home school program with the hopes of having a team to compete in the state tournament. For the past few years, Joe has been hosting an open shoot every other Tuesday at the range for anyone who needs additional help with shooting fundamentals.

Joe's other efforts include being a Go Fish volunteer for MDC for three years. In his community he is an active member of his church where he served on its board. He is the captain of the Kneric Seminary fund raising committee, a 4th degree Knights of Columbus, and captain of the Tootsie Roll Drive.

MDC Staff Hunter Education Instructor of the Year**Mrs. Jean Mayer – Southwest Region**

Jean has worked at the MDC for 15 years, five of which have been directly with Hunter and Bowhunter Education volunteers. In 2011, she provided training and technical support to more than 150 instructors in her district. She conducted three Hunter Education and one Bowhunter Education Instructor certification classes in her district. She assisted with eight hunter and bowhunter education student classes and online field days. With the full implementation of the new MDC Event Manager Web-based hunter education management system, Jean conducted 10 training session for instructors in her district to ensure ample opportunities for all instructors to attend.

In her eight county districts, Jean works diligently with teachers and schools to get them supplies, training aids and other items to ensure a robust in-school Hunter Education program in the Southwest Region. Jean also works with other education institutions to promote hunting and shooting sports, such as training pre-service PE teachers from MSSU in air rifle and archery safety and principles, conducting Basic

Archery Instructor trainings for the MoNASP Programs, conducting 17 outdoor skills training experiences at local schools, and more. She also conducts numerous programs on hunting and shooting for families, women, teens, and others.

Jean is committed to her volunteer instructors, treating them with respect and kindness. After the Joplin tornado in May, 2011, Jean contacted all of her instructors living in the area to see if they were all right and if they needed anything. She discovered that three of her instructors lost everything. Jean and her husband Ric donated one of their vehicles to instructor John Eubanks and coordinated the donation of another vehicle, from a neighbor, to instructor Stuart Crawford. She then took annual leave to volunteer 32 hours to help remove debris from homes hit by the tornado. Jean also led a donation drive, collecting items/money from other MDC staff for instructors affected by the tornado. Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor, Stuart Crawford, had this to say about what Jean did for him: "If it were not for Jean, I wouldn't have a vehicle. After the tornado, I had nothing. Jean asked if I'd be interested in a small pick-up and I just kissed her! I could never thank Jean enough; she's my angel."

Jean is an accomplished outdoors woman, combining activities such as hunting, hiking, and resource management into her outdoor experiences. Currently, she manages her own prairie and recently volunteered to guide new hikers on a Rocky Mountain hike. Jean lives life to the fullest!

Hunter Education Conservation Agent Instructor of the Year - Agent Mark Haviland - Central Region

In all counties in our state, our Conservation Agents are the "Face of the Department" to the public they serve. Mark is a great ambassador for Hunter Education, Agents, and our Department. He attended every HE classes held in Osage County this past year and assisted with two classes in Cole County, certifying 229 students in 2011. He is the sole contact in Osage County for the 20 Volunteer Hunter Education Instructors for materials and assistance with their classes.

Mark sets up and promotes Hunter Education Courses through local contacts including the newspaper in Linn. He also actively recruits and mentors new instructors in Osage County. He took the initiative to make sure hunters were educated on the new permit and tagging procedures. He also created a training aid, using three replica permits and bags with twist ties, to educate students. During the deer seasons, he used these training aids during routine contacts to demonstrate the correct tagging procedures.

Mark provides firearm safety programs at schools throughout his county and was a guest speaker for the new students at Linn State Technical College. He used this opportunity to welcome them to Osage County and to talk to them about the resources, regulations, Department areas and

accesses, and common items that have proved challenging for students in the past.

Mark was involved in over 120 different O&E efforts, ranging from one-on-one contacts to large group presentations for diverse audiences. In addition, he has regular media contacts with the local newspaper and shares a radio spot with the Cole County Agent to highlight and promote conservation programs, messages, and efforts. He remains very active in school events, scout programs, and MU extension programs.

Mark caught an injured eagle, arranged for the transport to Raptor Rehab, and was able to share this magnificent bird with a hunter education class while awaiting transportation. He also worked closely with a local law enforcement agency with a search warrant on a suspected meth lab that led to several wildlife violations.

Mark has developed and maintains an excellent public relations program in Osage County and strives to relay the conservation message on a daily basis through one-on-one contacts, newspaper articles, and Hunter Education Courses and school/group programs.



Coordinator's Corner

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Well, turkey season was a slight bummer this year, but it gave me a chance to try out some things we teach in classes. April 29, I went out hunting, but most of the birds on the land I hunt had moved down to other properties in the bottom fields to feed on alfalfa and bugs, and for the hens to nest. The high hardwood area I have permission to hunt on is left to the occasional wandering tom. After hunting the trails and edges with not a sound, I moved over to one of my blind setups I have for taking beginners, disabled, and other folks, to rest up a little and do some calling.

I had a tom way north of me answer a few times, but he was happy where he was. Later, I decided to make a commotion and began calling, flapping an old wing, kicking leaves, etc. and then I just sat. Unfortunately, I leaned my head forward and my eyes closed. In a few minutes I opened my eyes to see the dark black figure of a turkey about 16 yards in front of the blind slowly heading toward my hen decoy.

Slowly, I worked my shotgun up to my shoulder and into the blind window opening, verified a head, color, beard, and spurs. But, I was worried he was too close to my decoy. It was an inflatable type and thought my shot might deflate it permanently, but the risk was going to be taken. I aimed a little high and pulled the trigger. Bam, the tom dropped like a rock without so much as a twitch.

I gathered my gear into my vest and headed out to the tom. I laid my shotgun down and laid the bird next to it to take an early picture, thinking I would take some better posed pictures later. I clicked one photo and leaned closer for a second and “tick,” I knew I was in trouble. My back had just gone out. I went down to my knees, then prone on the ground.

I pulled my cell phone out of my vest pocket and texted my wife (not sure why I texted instead of calling), but told her “Got my bird, I’m on the ground with it, back’s out.” She asked if I needed help. Wanting to keep my tough male image intact (or at least in my mind), I told her no, I would be alright.

As I laid there, decided to take that second picture from my new prone position. Then I thought, “I may have to crawl or hobble out of the woods,” and wanting to be legal, I dragged the turkey over to me, took out my tag, notched it, put it in the plastic bag I brought, and rubber-banded it to the bird’s leg. As always, I had some coffee, bottle of water, and some snacks with me, so I indulged in a little water and a jelly sandwich.

Then the unthinkable happened -- I had to go to the bathroom. Now my manhood really kicked in and there was no way I was going in my britches. So I made sure my shotgun was unloaded, placed one of our orange Saf-t-Plugs in the action and used the shotgun as a crutch to get to a tree. Mission complete, I thought I would try to hobble out. I got about 10 yards and my back would have none of that. So back to my gear and the prone position. Lying there was pretty comfortable, and I dozed off. I woke up about an hour later, but still couldn’t move, so I had to give in and called my brother to come and pick me up, literally.

About two hours after the whole ordeal began, my brother and sister-in-law arrived, got me into the vehicle and out of the woods. Everything worked as it should, my family had a hunt plan with my main hunt locations on it, had emergency supplies, a working cell phone, and most important, “toilet paper.” So, now I have another grand tale to pass on to my grandson and hopefully to future great grand kids. Though I think the tom got the last laugh, one day in my walker, one week on my cane, and two weeks later my back is still out.

I hope to see many of you at the IHEA Conference or at least the Saturday instructor portion.

Effective Wingshooting for the Hunter Program Gaining Momentum!

From humble beginnings in 2007, the Effective Wingshooting for the Hunter program has grown tremendously. We started with just three instructors and offered five workshops that fall. In 2011, we offered 13 public workshops, plus we piloted two Turkey Patterning workshops, reaching 270 people. We are up to nine instructors now and with the growth of the program, we see

a need for additional instructors and support assistance.

For those not familiar with the EWFTH program, here is a short summary: The EWFTH program provides an outdoor skills educational program to teach the fundamentals of wing shooting. EWFTH is an important component of our Discover Hunting and MO Hunter Education Programs. Through hands-on experiences and coaching, participants gain confidence in their shooting abilities, range estimation and proper load/choke selection, making them a more competent hunter and resulting in a decrease in the wounding loss rate found in upland game and migratory bird hunting. It is an excellent follow-up activity for those who have completed the Missouri Hunter Education Program and who are looking for follow-up – “build upon” activities, which has been recognized as a key element of successful recruitment and retention programs.

EWFTH instructors met in November to plan 2012 workshops and new instructor training. Our goal with the training is to double the number of instructors and expand the outreach of the program, which would include Volunteer Hunter Education Instructors as part of the support assistance for the program. There are numerous opportunities for volunteers to earn “green sheet” credit for assisting with the workshops and to learn more about the program and wingshooting fundamentals. Contact your local Outdoor Skills Specialist to learn more.



Skills Assessment



Subtyping & Range Estimation Exercise



Effective Wingshooting for the Hunter

2012 Workshop Schedule

August 14-16 – J. Henges Range - St. Louis – 636/938-9548
Sept. 1 – OZ Regional Office/White Ranch Shooting Range – 417/256-7161
Sept. 8 - Lake City Range, KC – 816/249-3194
Sept. 18-20 – J. Henges Range - St. Louis – 636/938-9548
Sept. 22 - Green Area - Ashland – 573/884-6861
Sept. 22 – UCM - Warrensburg – 660/530-5500
Sept. 29, NE Regional Office - Kirksville – 660/785-2420
Sept. 28-30 - Busch Range - St. Louis – 636/300-1953
Oct. 6 – Duck Creek CA – SE MO – 573/290-5730
Oct. 6 - Salt River Gun Club - Hannibal – 660/785-2420
October 13 - NW Regional Office - St. Joseph – 816/271-3100
Oct. 20, Dalton Range - SW MO – 417/742-4361

This is a free workshop that will help migratory and upland bird hunters improve their hunting skills with non-toxic shot. Topics include: how to select the best ammunition and choke combination for hunting, how to improve your shooting skills, general information on the latest non-toxic shotgun ammunition, how to improve your range & distance estimation skills, and how to properly pattern your shotgun.

Participants should bring their hunting shotgun & choke tubes if applicable, non-toxic shotgun ammunition they wish to pattern, eye/ear protection, a stool or chair, a sack lunch and drink. Clay targets, 12 & 20 gauge non-toxic practice ammunition will be provided.

DON'T MISS OUT...

There's still time to be involved with the IHEA Conference in Kansas City. If you cannot make the full conference due to work schedule or cost, don't forget to check out the Saturday Instructor themed sessions and banquet options. You will be missing out on some great speakers, information, and the chance to pick-up some good bargains at the auctions, and have a real great time with other instructors from all over the world. <http://www.ihea.com/news-and-events/annual-conferences.php>

There are couple of other options to help out: Jim and Peggy

Ragland need folks to be ambassadors and help with directing attendees, and Steve Elliott and Allan Hoover need folks to help with the range events on Friday. If you cannot attend the conference on Saturday, but want a great experience, world-renowned exhibition shooter Tom Knapp will be performing Saturday at the Lake City Range and Outdoor Education Center. The range is offering other free public events on that day, and the range could sure use help controlling things. For range activities contact Steve Elliott at (816) 249-3194 or steve.elliott@mdc.mo.gov. To be an ambassador, contact Jim and Peggy at (314) 839-0660 or pjragland@sbcglobal.net.

Missouri Students Compete in State Trapshooting Championship

More than 75,000 shots rang out from the Missouri Trapshooters Association home grounds at Linn Creek, Mo., on April 28, 2012, for the 25th Annual Missouri FFA and High School Trap Championship. More than 750 students from all over the state participated in the event.

“The weather turned out to be nice so we saw several good scores. We even had to have a shoot-off to decide placement in some divisions because of all the 99- and 98-out-of-100 scores these kids put up today.”

Overall High for the Championship went to Austin Harris from the Gateway-Clay-Busters with a perfect score of 100 out of 100!



Top honors for the Ladies division went to Samantha Frope from Team Henges with a score of 98 out of 100.



Rebekah Lowen, Emily Hampson, Tricia Cook, Torie Beckmann, and Katy Stecker from the Gateway Clay-Busters took the team high overall for Ladies with a score of 441 out of 500



High School Division Champs were Corey Green, Joseph Mace, Tyler Schulte, Zach Schmitz, and Kurt Grote from the Gateway Clay-Busters with a team score of 487 out of 500.

“Some of these kids are multi-sport athletes, but for many of them this is their passion. I talked to one young lady earlier who just returned from shooting in a tournament in Florida -- it’s how she spent her spring break! It just amazes me how dedicated these young men and women are.”

These outstanding youth along with their dedicated coaches show that not only is Missouri a great place to hunt and fish, but great place to enjoy the shooting sports, too!

Southwest Region

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What a spring! The Youth Turkey Season just concluded and the weather was perfect! Our very own Nicholas Rose enjoyed a Saturday afield. Nicholas is the son of Southwest Regional Supervisor Warren Rose. Many of you know Warren and Nicholas, so I thought the picture might bring a smile to your face.



Late this winter, two instructor training classes were held at the Southwest Regional Office. Those in attendance included members of the Protection Volunteer Program as well as the general public. Their next step is to complete the mentorship portion of the requirements, but all are well on their way to becoming Missouri Volunteer Hunter Education Instructors!

Upcoming trainings and events include:

- May 15th & 17th – Basic Archery Instructor Class (BAI) for the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) – Bolivar Middle School –We’re

looking for professional educators who may be interested in offering the NASP. If you know some, please share this information and have them contact Greg Collier to register.

- June 7th – Discover Nature Women Introduction to Rifle Shooting - Ft. Crowder Range. Please contact Jean Mayer if you would like to assist.
- June 26th – Discover Nature Families Introduction to Archery - Walter Woods CA. Contact Jean Mayer if you would like to assist.
- July 26th – Hunter Education Instructor Training - SW Regional Office – For those wishing to become HE Instructor Certified please register by July 1st by contacting Greg Collier
- August 2nd - Online Hunter Education Training - SW Regional Office - For those volunteers wishing to conduct Online HE Field Days. Please contact Greg Collier to register
- August 11th – Bowhunter Education Class - Andy Dalton Shooting Range – please contact Andy Rhodes at the Range to register (417) 742-4361
- August 14th – Bowhunter Education Instructor Class - SW Regional Office – Please contact Greg Collier to register
- August 25th – Youth Pre-Dove Workshop – Shawnee Trails CA. Contact Jean Mayer if you would like to assist.

Couple of House Keeping Items:

- 1) When creating a HE, BHE or Online Field Day in the system, please list the Conservation Agent(s) in the particular county you plan to teach on your roster of instructors. You may do so under the “Manage Instructors” tab. This ensures the agent(s) will be informed of any upcoming classes in the county they serve. It is also a friendly way to invite them to attend your class.
- 2) If possible, please enter the students on the roster prior to starting and definitely by time the course concludes. Waiting until the class is over to enter students is not acceptable. Thanks!

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need assistance.

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National Archery in the Schools Program

Southwest Missouri schools were well-represented among the 1,169 archers who competed in the Missouri National Archery in the Schools (MoNASP) State Tournament on Saturday, March 24, at Warrensburg. Teams and individuals representing 53 schools participated in the event on the campus of Central Missouri State University. Those schools competing from the SW Region included: Aurora

JH, Billings HS, Buffalo HS, Buffalo Prairie MS, Crane HS, Crane MS, DA Mallory ES, Galena HS, Hickory County R-1/Skyline, Pepperdine Alternative, New Heights Christian, Logan-Rogersville HS, Logan-Rogersville MS, Seneca HS, Willard HS, Willard MS & WOLF.

Crane won the High School division, followed by Willard and Galena. Individually, Anna Hughes of Logan-Rogersville had high score in the High School female division. Four of the top five archers in the male and female High School individual categories were from area schools. In Middle School competition, Crane’s Lexie Vaught was the high female individual.

MoNASP is coordinated through the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Conservation Federation of Missouri partnership with schools and supporting organizations throughout the state. MoNASP is an affiliate of NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program), a nation-wide program that promotes education, self-esteem and physical activity for students in grades 4-12 through participation in the sport of archery.



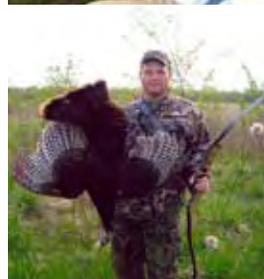
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The success of the Missouri Department of Conservation’s (MDC) Hunter Education Program (HE) and Bowhunter Education Program (BHE) would be impossible without the help of hundreds of volunteer instructors throughout the state. And from among those, two St. Louis area instructors have recently received Missouri’s top honors.



Floyd Bohler of Ferguson was awarded the 2011 Missouri State Hunter Education Instructor of the Year. Bohler’s award was based on outstanding performance as an instructor in the HE Program. Bohler taught 22 traditional HE classes, seven online classes, and one Bowhunter Education class. He certified a total of 1,011 students in 2011. Bohler has acted as volunteer HE Coordinator for St. Charles County for the past two years, and is also the chief HE instructor for St. Charles Community College. Bohler also coordinated field days for the online HE classes for both St. Louis and St. Charles counties, as well as assisted in nine HE high school class field trips to the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area, and with the week long HE summer camp also held on the area.



Joseph McFadden was awarded the 2011 Missouri State Bow Hunter Education Instructor of the Year. McFadden’s award was based on the 35 hours he volunteered as an instructor in the BHE Program. McFadden taught three classes in 2011 and certified a total of 44 students. McFadden is also active in the Missouri National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP), where he volunteers as a Basic Archery Instructor. He teaches the week long archery camp at the August A. Busch Shooting Range, and has recently started a NASP homeschool program there. In addition to acting as volunteer instructor for the BHE Program, McFadden served another 44 hours in 2011 as

a volunteer instructor for the Hunter Education Program, volunteers at the shooting range on the Busch Conservation Area, and has been a volunteer instructor for the MDC Go Fish! Youth angler education program.

Becky Robertson was awarded the 2011 St. Louis Region Agent Hunter Education Instructor of the Year. Roberston’s award was based on 29 hours she spent visiting several Hunter Education classes held in the St. Louis Region to answer regulation questions and teach as needed. Robertson worked with 120 kids at the August A. Busch Conservation Area and Weldon Springs Conservation Area Youth Deer Clinic and also visited several High School HE classes and talked about conservation careers and answered regulation questions. She also planned, designed, and put together a girls camp for girls 11-15 to become hunter education certified, created the Jefferson County fall HE brochure to advertise classes in that area.



This year we also added six new members to the St. Louis Region Hunter Education Hall of Fame. This honor is for instructors who have earned their lifetime achievement award and have at least 3000 hours or 25 years of service.

	Hours	Years	Start date
Floyd C. Bohler	3304	15	6-1-1995
Herman E. Neiter	1965	27	1-1-1983
James G. Burnett	1863	25	3-1-1986
Larry D. Satterthwaite	1465	42	6-1-1969
Eddie B. Murray	1221	26	7/1/1985
Daniel G. Zerr	1000	26	7/1/1985

Nationwide, sportsmen’s dollars outpace tax dollars for conservation efforts by a ratio of 9-to-1!

Study: Coyotes find kitties most palatable
 A new study indicates that an increasingly urban coyote population has a diet consisting of a proportionately high number of outdoor cats—nearly 50 percent in some areas—a fact that has prompted one bird-conservation group to again urge cat owners to keep their tabbies indoors -- Spring edition of The Wildlife Professional, “*Observations of Coyote-Cat Interactions,*” by Shannon Grubbs of the University of Arizona and Paul Krausman of the University of Montana



The following instructors received their 1,000-hour lifetime achievement award this year:

- Robert Hendron
- Robert Mallery
- Dennis Shrout
- Michael Stassi
- Larry Satterthwaite
- Daniel Zerr

Upcoming volunteer training opportunities;
 -HE instructor training June 23 at Forest Park
 -Volunteer Orientation June 4-5 at Powder Valley

If you know someone interested in becoming a volunteer have the contact their local Outdoor Skills Specialist for more details.

Effective Wingshooting for the Hunter Workshops are a great training opportunity for current Hunter Education instructors. For more info go to the following: <http://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/learn-hunt/hunter-education/effective-wingshooting-workshops>

shared with friends and family.

Spring has arrived though the passing of winter was hardly noticed and with it comes the urge to rush to the nearest lake or stream to pursue our other passion, fishing. With spring also comes the push for Hunter Education courses prior to the spring turkey season. As usual we will meet and exceed the expectations of the public, providing courses to meet the needs of hunter old and young. Traditional courses, online field days and Bowhunter Education courses are all scheduled for the next few months. I appreciate all you do for Hunter Education in Missouri.

I want to extend a big “Thank You” to all of you. You have helped man booths to educate the public about MDC programs and Hunter Education, you have assisted with youth hunts and clinics, passing on the tradition of hunting to a new generation, you have helped with the teaching of young and novice shooters in the shooting sports of rifle, handgun, shotgun and archery. Thank you for your enthusiasm and willingness to volunteer your time.

I enjoyed the awards banquet and being able to visit with you and your families. Congratulations to Shane Luallen, Kansas City Metro District, Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor of the Year; Brian Bartlett, Conservation Agent Instructor of the Year; and Bill Wilkinson, Newcomer of the Year. Also a well-deserved recognition of those who volunteered more than 100 hours, 150 hours and even 200 hours! I hope you had a good time and you have my promise that our next banquet will be held in a large room with plenty of space to move around! I look forward to our annual gathering to shoot and enjoy a picnic together this summer. Information will be coming out soon!

Get outside, enjoy the spring, take a kid fishing and be safe!



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I hope all of you have enjoyed a safe and happy hunting season. The record duck migration fizzled a bit as temperatures stayed warm enough to disrupt the movement of waterfowl north to south, but I still very much enjoyed the duck season and have lots of new stories of hunting glory and probably more about hunting blunders. Deer season found me in the stand for at least one hour every day of the season, and I enjoyed every minute. Two days, I was in the stand from dark to dark and though I saw lots of deer, I never pulled the trigger. Maybe I will find “him” this coming season. I hope you have enjoyed your time in woods, field and marsh and have lots of new memories



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Greetings from Sedalia and Clinton

Winters like this make me think less of migrating south when I retire. Not that retirement is in my near future, but I am getting to an age when thoughts cross my mind about how I might want to spend my golden years. None of those thoughts ever include wearing heavy coats, breaking ice or cutting firewood. I didn’t have to do any of those things this winter. I’m reminded nearly every time I drive that I live in a retirement community, maybe I can just stay right here.

Nevertheless winter is over, and it is shaping up to be

a great spring. I want to thank everyone for their help with recent events. The KC Regional MONASP archery tournament in Cole Camp was a success, with nine schools and more than 300 shooters. The State Tournament in Warrensburg had nearly 1,200 shooters. Without help from HE Instructors in this region and district events like these would not be possible. Not to mention the facts that, while these large events are taking place, others of you are stepping up to help with other events and conduct classes. I am truly fortunate to work with such a great group of volunteers and MDC staff.



In closing I want to acknowledge the instructors of the year for the Clinton/ Sedalia District. The Instructor of the Year was Jim Wilson of Vernon County. The Employee Instructor of the Year was Matt Bryant. Matt is currently in the Agents Training Class. The Agent Instructor of the Year was Shawn Pennington of Vernon County.

Thanks for All You Do,
As Always -- Hunt Safe



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Spring is finally here and things have been quite busy in Northwest region. I would like to say thank you to all the Hunter Education instructors and their families for all the

hard work and dedication that make this program the great one that it is. In addition, many thanks to the Conservation Agents for their hard work in providing support for this program.

The New Year started with Hunter Education banquets for the Northwest Region. On January 21, we had our St. Joseph District Hunter Education Banquet. We thought we would mix things up a bit and have a lunchtime banquet at Missouri Western State University. We had 51 people present including instructor quests and MDC staff. I am pleased to announce that Chuck Bravo was the St. Joseph District's Hunter Education Instructor of the year. I am also pleased to announce that Conservation Agent Brandon Lyddon received the Conservation Agent Hunter Education Instructor of the Year for the St. Joseph District. On February 24, we had our Chillicothe District Hunter Education Banquet with about 25 people in attendance. We had an excellent dinner catered by Piggly Wiggly. Jared Cosgrove was named Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor of the Year and Jake Strozewski was the Conservation Agent Instructor of the Year.

On February 25, MDC staff and numerous hunter education volunteers conducted the annual antler-measuring day in St. Joseph. This event has been going on in the Northwest region for quite some time now. The event began in 1968 with antlers being measured in Phil Rice's (former Protection Regional Supervisor) basement. Due to popularity of the event, it was moved to Hatfield's Sporting Goods in 1971. It was moved again in 1986 to East Hills Mall to accommodate for increased security and the need for more room. The promotion of deer hunting safety though the involvement of Hunter Education is included. The event continues to be an annual event each year held at East Hills Mall. This year Volunteer Hunter Education instructors staffed a booth handing out hunter education brochures, answering questions and registering people online for upcoming hunter education courses.



Ozark Region

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This is a photo of Brayden Lane

Bybee, my great-grandson. He was born January 11, 2012, and looks really good in both hunter orange and camo. Without question, he is a keeper, and I'm quite sure that in due time he will accompany his Pa-Pa Larry on a fishing trip or at least a nature hike.



Also please join me in congratulating the recipient of the Ozark Region's agent HE Instructor of the Year, Mr. Matt Franks. Besides being committed to the HE program in Howell County, congratulations are also in order for Matt and his lovely wife, as they became parents for the first time on March 31. Their daughter, McKinley Jo, also a keeper, arrived on the opening day of the 2012 youth wild turkey season, weighing in at 7 lbs 2.5 oz, and measuring 21 3/4 inches long.



Congratulations are likewise in order for the Ozark Region's Volunteer HE Instructor of the Year for 2011, Mr. George Dalgetty from Pulaski County. George not only is passionate about the HE program but he devotes a substantial amount of time enjoying his pursuit of gigging suckers. George annually and unselfishly introduces youngsters or first-time giggers to this sport. I even had the privilege of being in his boat last year for some special one-on-one instruction and it was obvious that I needed it!

Thanks to both of these honorees, and I salute all of those who wave the orange banner of Hunter-Ed throughout the entire state. The job you do is reflective in the reduction of the hunting incidents statewide, so thank you again!

Besides the great job you do in the HE classroom, I'd also like to challenge you to not only lend your expertise to the preparation, scouting and actual hunt itself, but in the event that a youngster also bags a bird, either help or supervise the cleaning of the bird and allow the taker of the bird to experience this. Not only can cleaning a bird be a necessary "evil" by dirtying one's hands in order to prepare the bird for the dinner table, but a biology/anatomy lesson could be made of the entire process. I recall helping my grandfather as he skinned and processed wild game and pointed out the various internal parts and explains the workings thereof...besides, it is a wonderful hands-on experience and hopefully the seed of curiosity and enjoyment of the outdoors will be planted for generations to come.

Another thing that I found to be of great interest in my

earlier years was to harvest other wild edibles, many of which were found while out scouting or hunting for wild turkeys. This time of year these include those wonderfully delicious morel mushrooms but also many types of wild greens. Location of blackberry vines as well as wild gooseberries can also be noted for a return later in the year along with a bucket. I can hardly wait until it is time for cobbles and pies.

Should any out there be willing to share, I would be interested in receiving any original, unusual, sure-fire recipes that HE instructors may have had passed down from generations, especially those that feature wild game or wild edibles. Those can be sent to the Ozark Regional Office at 551 Joe Jones Blvd., West Plains MO 65775 or can be emailed to me at larry.lindeman@mdc.mo.gov.

I am indebted to all of you instructors and your spouses for what you do for the youth of our great state, and thank you again from the bottom of my heart for keeping them all pointed in a safe direction!



Central Region

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Wow! These past few months have been a whirlwind of activity around the Central Region. Our Instructors and staff gathered on February 21, at Bradford Farm near Columbia, for the annual Instructor Banquet. I received many great comments on the event. Lonnie Hansen and Jeff Beringer, both Resource Scientists, were our guest speakers and did a great job explaining the status of mountain lions and elk in Missouri. Conservation Agents Brian Ham and Matt Spurgeon detailed a large wildlife case that they recently worked involving a large deer in Montgomery County taken illegally out of season by a trespasser. Reports such as these keep Instructors informed on the latest happenings in MDC and help them pass along information to the public. Everyone should look forward to more of these reports in the future.



Dave Boucher, Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor of the Year 2011



Kyle Lairmore, MDC Staff Instructor of the Year 2011



Mark Haviland, Conservation Agent Instructor of the Year 2011 and Conservation Agent Instructor of the State 2011.

Congratulations to all of the award winners.

On February 26, along with several Conservation Agents, gave a presentation to the 2012 MHEIA Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. The presentation involved profiling four hunting incidents that took place in 2011. You should have recently received in the mail the annual summary of incidents. Please review the information contained in this report and utilize it in your upcoming classes.

On March 10, Rob Garver and I organized the 2nd Annual Central/Northeast Regional NASP tournament at Helias High School. Four hundred student archers gathered to compete for awards. The tournament ran smoothly and everyone had a great time. OSS Rob Garver deserves a big pat on the back for a job well done. Rob was on top of every aspect of the tournament and did a magnificent job.

On March 24, everyone gathered at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg for the 4th Annual Missouri State NASP tournament. This year's event drew a record 1,320 student archers to the UCM campus for a

full day of archery competition. The NASP program is growing worldwide and a recent calculation shows that Missouri's program grows at a steady 37 percent each year. If you have an interest in archery and would like to become involved in this great program, please contact your OSS.



The final item of note is the recent move of the MDC Central Region Office. After many years on top of the hill at 1907 Hillcrest Dr., Columbia, we have moved. The new facility is located at 3500 East Gans Rd., Columbia. The new facility will house both MDC Regional staff and Resource Science staff formerly located at the College Ave facility in Columbia. The new building features a classroom that will seat 48 for teaching hunter education and to host public meetings. Please contact me, to stop in and take a tour of the new office. The Office opened for business on Monday, March 26.



Northeast Region

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Howdy! Man, it's warm for the beginning of April. I hope you all had time to find some mushrooms and get some fishing in before it gets to miserably hot out. Throughout the winter I was able to catch up with many of you and even got to see some of you teach. I must say I am proud of the way the instructors in the northeast do business. There are so many different and energetic teaching styles, and that really helps keep the student's attention.

Thank you for coming to this year's instructor banquet. It was nice talking with all of you, and a special thanks to Dave Murphy, Executive Director of the Missouri Conservation Federation, for coming and speaking to us

about preserving our hunting heritage.



Kathi Moore received the Employee Instructor of the Year at the banquet. Kathi is a go-getter, and anytime instructors need a hand she is willing to help. She is always good about recruiting people for programs and getting people involved in the outdoors. Congratulations, Kathi, on being this year's Employee Instructor of the Year.



Matt Bergfield received the Agent Instructor of the Year award this year. Matt takes pride in his job and his community, and puts on and helps with special events for kids and families. Thank you, Matt, for your hard work with hunter education and other programs.



This year's Volunteer of the Year award, goes to Larry Harlan. Larry has been hard at work as a volunteer for more than 20 years. He helps out in many counties and does a couple of classes of his own each year. Larry, your work is much appreciated by the Department and your community.



I was also given the pleasure of handing out many awards for the hours of work you have all put in, including two guns. Larry Harlan (left) and Jim Robertson (center) have earned their lifetime achievement award and firearm for putting in more than 1,000 hours of service.



Have a safe summer, and I'll be seeing you soon!



Southeast Region

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I am looking forward to a new Hunter Education season officially starting July 1. It has been a full year since our region has used the new online registration system. I haven't heard from any of you that you prefer using the blue bubble forms! Our Hunter Education program is moving forward in the right direction and I hope you will see many positive changes coming soon. I wanted to share some of the pictures from our Hunter Education Banquet. When our regional instructors get together, we always have fun. I wanted to include some of the most memorable pictures from the banquet:



Dee Dee Dockins at a loss for words!



Ron Valleroy and Austin Bock, Perryville



Sara Turner, Nature Center Manager, brought out the big guns!



Jake Hindman, Outdoor Educational Manager for Henges Range provided our entertainment with his calling demonstration.



Scott Bumgardner, Madison County, Southeast Regional Agent of the Year Pictured (from l to r) Ken West, Regional Protection Supervisor, Mike Huffman, Outreach and Education Division Chief, Bumgardner and Russell Duckworth, District Supervisor



Gary Ozment, Southeast Regional Hunter Education Instructor of the Year picture with Mike Huffman and Leather Branch, Scott County Conservation Agent Ron Valleroy, Southeast Regional Bowhunter Education

“Just once, I would like to get down on all fours and be able to inhale the odor of Bobwhite. I want to know what it is like to have eyes water, body tremble, chest tighten from shallow breathing, throat ache from a wild heart fighting to get past. Maybe somewhere in another time another Hunter did just that, and maybe the scent from a crude blueprint of today’s bird flooded him with sensation.” - Tom Huggler, *Quail Hunting in America*, 1987



Instructor of the Year pictured with Mike Huffman and Russell Duckworth

Did you know? The average age of someone that falls from a treestand is 44. Of all individuals in treestand falls, 82 percent have no fall restraint at all. Of all treestand falls, 21.4 percent end in permanent disabilities or death. Homemade treestand falls account for 10 percent.

MISSOURI HUNTING HERITAGE FEDERATION

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MHHF Members continue volunteering their time mentoring youth in 2012

The Federation conducted four clinics in the first quarter of 2012. A total of 21 participants, their adult chaperones, plus mentors and instructors attended the four clinics that included:

- Trapper Education & Trapping in Cass County
- Hunter Education & Quail Hunt in Bates County
- Hunter Education & Turkey Hunt in Clay County
- Hunter Education & Turkey Hunt in Cass County

An informational video for the MHHF Clinic model can be viewed on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/MoHuntingHeritage/>

We celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with a bang as more than 50 people attended the first annual MHHF “Spring Fling” Trap & Turkey Shoot fund raiser at the Lake Lotawana Sportsmen’s Club. Several shooters were accompanied by their entire family on this fine “Irish” day (windy) to enjoy a round of doubles trap and other shooting challenges. Shooters registering for the event ranged in ages from 9 to 70-plus and included 16 youth.

Our Fund raising Committee is already planning the second annual MHHF “Shoot for the Future” Sporting Clays Fun Shoot in September at the picturesque Saddle & Sirloin Club.

Many members and guests attended the annual business meeting in January – attendance this year was second only to the 2011 annual meeting, which featured Olympic Medalist Corey Cogdell as a special guest speaker.

Membership in the Federation continues to grow with nine new members thus far, in 2012, as we maintain efforts to expand the clinic program throughout Missouri. You can find a schedule of events on the MHHF web site at www.mhhf.us and follow our progress on Facebook.

MHHF is actively involved in planning the 2012 International Hunter Education Association annual conference in Kansas City later this year. The Federation's clinic program will be included in presentations during the conference. MHHF Members are planning Field Day activities at the Lake City Range including a BBQ lunch sponsored by the Federation.

For complete information regarding MHHF Clinics and starting a new chapter in your area, contact Allan Hoover at (816) 392-5549 or allan@mhhf.us



with great ideas and enthusiasm. The display has been used for several classes so far, and comments from participants have been positive. Check it out the next time you come to the Henges Education Center.

For a list of programs for upcoming months

please visit our website at www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/henges.

I urge you to take a first-timer out hunting or just exploring nature, and mentor them along the way, you will be glad you did.



Henges Range & Outdoor Ed Center



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The 3rd annual St. Louis Region Range Volunteer Appreciation Banquet was held on January 27, 2012, at Spazios. The event was well attended and served as a small token of appreciation for the dedicated volunteers that volunteer at the Henges and Busch ranges. Below is a list of the volunteer milestones that were reached during the 2011 incentive year (December 1, 2010 – November 30, 2011). In addition to volunteer milestones reached, Ron Weiss was named the 2011 St. Louis Region Range Volunteer of the Year! Help me congratulate Ron on this outstanding achievement!

2011 Volunteer Milestones

<i>100 hours of service:</i>	Ron Novak
Chris Curtis	Michael Hillard
Sue Haskins	Carl Moritz
Dutch Hemmer	<i>400 hours of service:</i>
Karl Ream	Ray Keller
Andy Sanchez	<i>500 hours of service:</i>
Jim Morgenthaler	Kim Bell
<i>200 hours of service</i>	<i>750 hours of service:</i>
Brian Alcaraz	Gwen Morris
Terry Husk	Ron Weiss
Bart Natoli	<i>2000 hours of service:</i>
Bill Tumbriak	John Zimmerly
<i>300 hours of service:</i>	
Harlan Giacomo	

The Henges Hunter Education Corner was finished in February. Thanks to Guy Vogt for completing the project



Andy Dalton Range & Outdoor Education Center

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Greetings from Dalton Range. I have been suffering from a severe case of spring fever what with the rise in temperatures and the increase in gobbling activity, so I decided I needed a "fix." We loaded up in the car and took a day-trip drive deeper into the Ozarks. Along the way we witnessed some of the finest and most enjoyable flowering dogwood viewing that I can recall. Our predetermined destination was the Alley Spring Mill just west of Eminence, and since I was already in the neighborhood, I had to stop at one of my favorite places, the Twin Pines Conservation Education Center.

I was glad I did because not only did I get to see and visit with the facility manager Melanie Carden-Jessen and her professional staff, I witnessed a real treasure and piece of local Ozarks history that you simply don't get to see every day. It is the addition of a collection of homemade turkey calls made by several of the well-known call-making legends who reign from the Eminence, Mo area, which is famous for its "cedar fence post" style turkey calls.

On display are box calls that were made by fellow turkey hunters and Ozarks craftsmen like Dan Searcy, Walt Winterbottom, John Spurgin, Cecil Fry, and our own David Ferguson just to name a few. While these box calls are music to an old gobbler's ears, each one is a true work of art and an example of some of the finest craftsmanship ever

assembled in one place. I appreciate the staff at Twin Pines for helping preserve such an important piece of our hunting heritage and encourage all of you to stop by to see this collection when you are in the area.

We have hosted several school groups and have conducted several shooting programs this spring. The 8th annual turkey hunt for disabled individuals is coming up April 28 and 29. We will be hosting the 9th annual Day at the Range and Outdoor Adventure Fair on June 16, from 8:00AM to 2:00PM for those of you who would like to lend a hand. We will be holding an Explore Bowhunting Summer Day Camp in July and would welcome your assistance with that, too.

Dalton Staff has been busy this spring replacing archery targets and backstops with new ones and we have been working to keep up the pace with facility maintenance and grounds keeping responsibilities. I hope by the time you read this you will have had time to get outside and enjoy spending time viewing nature, catching a few crappies, or chasing that old tom around the woods all in an effort to get your own "fix."

Stay Safe.



Lake City Range & Outdoor Education Center

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History has been brought to life at Lake City Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. Richard Dale, a volunteer at Lake City, is quite the gunsmith and marksman. Richard is a black powder enthusiast who has built dozens of muzzleloader pistols, rifles and shotguns. He built his first black-powder gun in 1968 after being introduced to black powder by a friend's dad.

Shortly after building his first black-powder rifle, he started shooting flintlocks. Flintlocks are Richard's favorite firearm to shoot. "I build everything except the lock and barrels," he said.

He has built many types and styles of flintlocks, including some that represented the simple trapper's model the explorers used in the 1700 and 1800s. Richard has worked with many different kinds of wood, looking to build that perfect rifle stock. "I prefer to use bird's-eye maple," he said.

Another of Richard's hobbies that he is very passionate about is shooting skeet. His extensive



experience in shooting skeet competitively with black-powder shotguns and his willingness to share that experience with others always draws a crowd to the skeet ranges.



Richard facilitated several skeet programs this past winter at Lake City. His students enjoy watching him break out the flintlock shotgun, load, walk up to station one and call, "pull!" As the clay target flies through the air, it is quickly lost in the cloud of black smoke that is generated by the muzzle-loader shotgun.



Parma Woods Range & Outdoor Ed Center



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Greetings all Hunter Ed and Bowhunter Ed enthusiasts. My how time flies by; it seems like just the other day I was sending stuff in for the last edition. Hope you all had a safe, enjoyable time afield since our last issue. I also hope you all found a little more time for outdoor fun than I did.

Though I didn't have a lot of time available, I was still able to make some lasting memories this winter. I got to introduce several new hunters to new outdoor pursuits including taking my nephews turkey hunting. These boys (ages 9 and 11) had a blast just sitting in the blind. Though no turkeys were harmed in the adventure, we did get to see a white hen. I know they will both remember that for a while. It was pretty cool to see her, and the best part was watching other hens chase her around like they were trying to run her off. They tried it over and over, but she didn't seem to get that the "regular" hens didn't like her.

I also got to introduce a couple of newbies to the fast-paced, rewarding, frustrating, challenging, time-consuming, expensive, home-wrecking activity of predator calling. I always enjoy seeing folks ate up with something new. They seem to spend all their free time trying to figure out how they can get better at it. In the end I think we are all better off by introducing new folks to the outdoors. As the mentor there are too many benefits to list them all, but one of the greatest is that your apprentice gives you a reason to spend more time in the field.

The final highlight I will mention would be taking my oldest boy (now 3) fishing. He has a Spiderman pole with a red, rubber casting plug in the shape of a fish. He likes to just cast that plug into the water and reel it back in. I don't think he quite gets the fact that he probably isn't going to catch anything without hooks on the end. Maybe we spent a little too much time casting in the yard? One of these days we'll graduate up to real hooks and bait, and maybe by the next newsletter we'll have some big fish pictures to share.

In other news, Parma Woods Range has made some changes to hours and staffing.

Effective March 30th, 2012, the days of operation at Parma Woods Range & Outdoor Education Center are Friday through Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Summer hours take effect May 1, 2012 and are from 10:00 a.m.

From Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - Reason No. 19 why: Deer collisions kill 200 motorists and cost \$10 billion a year. Imagine costs without hunting

to 4:00 p.m. This is a temporary change in days of operation. If you have questions or need information, please call the Range Office at (816)891-9941.

Once again this is a temporary change until we can get staffing needs addressed. By the time you get this, we should have one of our vacancies filled, after that we will take it a step at a time till we can reopen on our normal days of operations.

Due to our staffing challenges we won't be offering a lot of programs. One I would like to mention is our Annual Hunter Education Day Camp. This event will be held on June 18-22. I am going to need some help with this event. If you can help, let me know. For a full list of classes or info on anything else, try going to our website. Don't hesitate to call me if you need anything, and until next time, take care and hunt safe.



Busch Range & Outdoor Ed Center



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The 3rd annual St. Louis Region Range Volunteer Appreciation Banquet was held on January 27, 2012, at Spazios. Below is a list of the 2011 Busch Range Volunteer Incentive Awards.

2011 Volunteer Milestones

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| <i>100 hours of service:</i> | <i>500 hours of service:</i> |
| Pam Ahlvers | Dan Ahlvers |
| Dick Ameduri | Don Draper |
| Larry Satterthwaite | |
| | <i>750 hours of service:</i> |
| <i>200 hours of service</i> | Paul DeMoss |
| Floyd Bohler | Don Draper |
| Mike Butler | Steve Grote |
| Jim Daniels | Len Patton |
| Joe McFadden | John Stokes |
| Bill Morton | |
| | <i>1,000 hours of service:</i> |
| <i>300 hours of service:</i> | Don Draper |
| Floyd Bohler | Bill Henderson |
| Jim Daniels | Mike Hirsch |
| Bill Morton | |
| Frank Scott | <i>1,250 hours of service:</i> |
| | Bill Henderson |
| | <i>1,500 hours of service:</i> |
| <i>400 hours of service:</i> | Bill Henderson |
| Frank Scott | |
| Mike Stassi | |

Busch Range Volunteers Larry Satterthwaite and Mike Stassi received their HE Lifetime Achievement Award. Floyd Bohler and Larry Satterthwaite were inducted into the St. Louis Region HE Hall of Fame.

Congratulations are in order for several Busch Range

volunteers. Floyd Bohler received the 2011 Missouri State Hunter Education Instructor of the Year. Joe McFadden was awarded the 2011 Missouri State Bow Hunter Education Instructor of the Year. Floyd and Joe also received the St. Louis Regional instructor of the year awards.

We are fast approaching the busy program season at Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. The staff at Busch Range would like to thank all of you HE, BHE, and Range Volunteers Instructors for all that you do and ask for your support moving forward. We will be hosting many programs in the next few months and your help will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call / email me for information or to sign up to teach/assist with a class or program. Our new phone number is (636) 300-0258 or you can email me at dan.barnard@mdc.mo.gov

On May 16 & 19 we will be holding a Basic Shotgun course, Firearms Care & Cleaning May 23, and Discover Nature Family Camping on May 25 & 26. For a list of programs for upcoming months please visit our website at www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/busch.

The IHEA Conference is May 30 – June 2. The draft agenda, registration forms, and hotel information are all posted on the IHEA website at <http://www.ihea.com/news-and-events/annual-conferences.php>

Records Fall at State Tournament

A record fell as archers shot more than 40,000 arrows Saturday, March 24, during the fourth annual Missouri National Archery in the Schools (MoNASP) state tournament. The tourney drew 1,169 competitors from 53 schools across Missouri to the Multi-Purpose Building on the University of Central Missouri campus.



Brandon Whitley of St. Clair Junior High School set a new scoring record for the meet and was top individual male shooter and top shooter for middle school males. Anna Hughes of Logan-Rogersville High School was the top female archer. The highest possible score from shooting

30 arrows at two distances is 300. Whitley set the new meet record for an individual competitor with a 293 score, while Hughes was tops among female archers with 281. They each received trophies and a special edition Genesis bow.

The archery match awarded prizes for top finishes in

three different age groups for individual competitors and for the top teams in the elementary, middle school and high school categories. Winning teams and individuals, along with other teams and individuals with qualifying scores, will compete in the National Archery in the Schools (NASP) national tournament May 11-12 in Louisville, Ky. State regional tournaments were held earlier in the year.

George Guffey Elementary School of Fenton, Mo., won the elementary team category for the fourth year in a row.

More than 34,000 Missouri students from 218 schools participate in MoNASP. Since NASP's beginnings in 2002, more than 8.8 million students have participated in the program through more than 10,000 schools in 47 states and five countries.

Winning teams and individuals include:

High School Division

- 1st: Crane High School, Crane
- 2nd: Willard High School, Willard
- 3rd: Galena High School, Galena

Middle School Division

- 1st: Ridgewood Middle School, Arnold
- 2nd: Holy Rosary, Clinton
- 3rd: Crane Middle School, Crane

Elementary School Division

- 1st: George Guffey Elementary, Fenton
- 2nd: St. Joseph Cathedral School, Jefferson City
- 3rd: Simpson Elementary School, Arnold

Individual High School Males

- 1st: Tryston Bax, Helias High School, Jefferson City
- 2nd: Brandon Vermillion, Crane High School, Crane
- 3rd: Tanner May, Galena High School, Galena
- 4th: Jeremy Seelye, Crane High School, Crane
- 5th: Steven Hellmer, Willard High School, Willard

Individual High School Females

- 1st: Anna Hughes, Logan-Rogersville High School, Rogersville
- 2nd: Kylie Vaught, Crane High School, Crane
- 3rd: Tessa Suedmeyer, Seckman High School, Imperial
- 4th: Ally Hultgren, Willard High School, Willard
- 5th: Emma Glossip, Crane High School, Crane

Individual Middle School Males

- 1st: Brandon Whitley, St. Clair Junior High School, St. Clair
- 2nd: Weston Humble, Logan-Rogersville Middle School, Rogersville
- 3rd: Skylar Price, Maries County R-2, Belle
- 4th: Ryan Myers, Willard Middle School, Willard
- 5th: J.R. Schrader, Cole Camp Middle School, Cole Camp

Individual Middle School Females

- 1st: Lexie Vaught, Crane Middle School, Crane
- 2nd: Sarah Rains, St. Clair Junior High School, St. Clair
- 3rd: Olivia Moore, Logan-Rogersville Middle School, Rogersville

4th: Rebecca Martin, Crane Middle School, Crane
 5th: Michaela Theiss, Hillsboro Junior High School, Hillsboro

Individual Elementary School Males

1st: Caden Manthey, Dent-Phelps R-3 School, Salem
 2nd: Jordan Guilfooy, George Guffey Elementary, Fenton
 3rd: Josh Ruggles, Pepperdine Alternative, Springfield
 4th: Alex McKay, George Guffey Elementary, Fenton
 5th: Josh Hoffman, George Guffey Elementary, Fenton

Individual Elementary School Females

1st: Phoebe Harris, George Guffey Elementary, Fenton
 2nd: Rachel Schulte, St. Joseph Cathedral School, Jefferson City
 3rd: A.J. Macay, George Guffey Elementary, Fenton
 4th: Abby Street, Simpson Elementary, Arnold
 5th: Grace Patterson, George Guffey Elementary, Fenton

The following teams also had qualifying scores for the national tournament:

- Willard Middle School
- Logan-Rogersville Middle School
- St. Clair Junior High School
- Maries County R-2 Middle School
- St. Joseph Cathedral Middle School
- Cole Camp High School
- Hillsboro Junior High School
- Cole Camp Middle School
- Phelps County R-3 School District
- St. Stanislaus Middle School
- Meramec Heights Elementary School
- Maries County R-2 Elementary School
- Longview Farm Elementary School

Our New Certified Instructors for Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education Courses.

Welcome New Instructors!

(Dec 2011 - Apr 2012)

These new instructors have completed their training, "First Course" mentorship teaching certification, background checks, and are ready to teach and start accruing hours. So all you senior instructors out there, be the great mentors we know you are. Get with your OSS and make contact with these folks and get them involved now. If you recognize any of these folks who might live near you, please give them a call and ask if you can help them get started. Remember, it is always appreciated when you lend a helping hand.

Central Region

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| <i>Boone County</i> | <i>Miller County</i> |
| Steve Kistner – HE | Caitlin Schulte – HE |
| <i>Callaway County</i> | <i>Morgan County</i> |
| Landry Jones – HE | Bobbi Dittmer – HE |
| <i>Camden County</i> | Eric Hedrick – HE |
| Randy Gardner – HE | Virginia Williams – HE |
| <i>Cooper County</i> | <i>Osage County</i> |
| Sabe Caton – HE | Joseph Edwards – HE |
| Brian Ridgway – HE | <i>Saline County</i> |
| Jordan Williams – HE | Terry Yokeley – HE |

Kansas City Region

- Bates County*
- Melvin Lee – BHE
- Cass County*
- Marlow Doucette – BHE
- Wendy Stewart – BHE
- William Wilkinson – BHE
- Clay County*
- Mason Hurley – HE
- Joseph Mosely – HE
- Gary Stewart – HE
- Eric Wilson – HE

Jackson County

- Robert Cross – BHE
- Dennis Heller – BHE
- Shane Luallen – BHE
- Steven Marshall – BHE
- Ilene VanMeter – BHE
- Victor VanMeter – BHE
- Johnson County*
- Jaymes Hall – HE
- Timothy Wieland – HE

Lafayette County

- Barbara Capps – HE
- Joseph Jones – HE
- Platte County*
- Benjamin Greene – HE
- Tammy Kram – HE
- Vernon County*
- Casey Long – HE

Northeast Region

- Macon County*
- Nicholas Thrasher – HE
- Monroe County*
- Douglas Buie – HE

Northwest Region

- Buchanan County*
- Catherine Gaune – HE
- Daviess County*
- Toby Mast – HE
- Ivan Yutzy – HE
- Grundy County*
- Robin Chambers – HE
- Kathy Savage – HE
- Livingston County*
- Travis Henry – HE

Ozark Region

- Dent County*
- Terry Parker – HE
- Megan Simpson – HE
- Oregon County*
- Jarvis Reed – HE
- Phelps County*
- Charity Satterfield – HE

Pulaski County

- Kevin Jacobs – HE
- Evan Jacobus – HE
- Brian Randall – HE
- Gary Zalatan – HE
- Ripley County*
- Tyler Harding – HE
- Wright County*
- Fred Webster – HE
- Karen Webster – HE
- Audra Williams – HE
- Carolyn Williams – HE

Southeast Region

- Iron County*
- Terry Dumke – HE
- Reynolds County*
- Dustan Lee – HE
- St. Francois County*
- Joshua Shearrer – HE
- Dustin Smith – HE
- Chris Stroup – HE
- Jeffrey Vandiver – HE

Southwest Region

- Cedar County*
- Brent Jackson – HE
- Christian County*
- Pamela Price – HE
- Greene County*
- Bigo McNeil – HE
- Ryan Wood – HE
- Jasper County*
- William Harryman – HE
- Caleb Patrick – HE
- Laclede County*
- Michael Assel – HE
- Esther Hurney – HE
- Carl Romesburg – HE
- Webster County*
- Christopher Plaster – HE

St. Louis Region

- Crawford County*
- Tex Rabenau – HE
- Franklin County*
- Richard Aholt – BHE
- Randy Meyer – BHE
- Wilbert Meyer – BHE
- Jefferson County*
- Todd Shearrer – HE
- Kristin Stephens – HE
- Guy Vogt – BHE
- Lincoln County*
- Patrick Cody – HE
- Jason Vandivort – HE
- St. Charles County*
- David McCorkell – HE
- St. Louis County*
- Jack Russell – HE

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- Science is the Basis for Wildlife Policy

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