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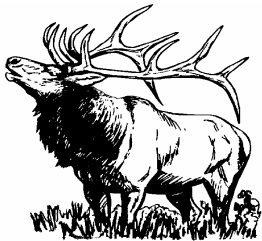
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Message from the Association President:

Hello Indian Creek Landowners! What a year. I'm sure everyone is growing gills at this point, but we couldn't ask for a better year for the fawn crop or for wildlife as a whole. The roads are coming along but it's been a battle as Jimmy will be going over in his section. We have also had several water problems this year. I don't know what we would have done if we didn't have the special assessment and dues increase. It looks like it's going to cost more per year than original estimates. Raffle tickets are in full swing and will be for sale now and at the annual meeting, which will be held on October 20th at the airstrip. Lunch will be at 11 and the meeting will begin at noon. Also, at that time the new board members will take over - Bill will cover the election of the new Secretary/Treasurer position in his portion of the newsletter. We are also going to have the elk drawing again. You will be able to buy 1 chance per tract of land. The number of elk will be determined after the wildlife survey. Finally, Cotton Ploesser, from the Edwards County Appraisal Office will talk to the group about the detailed requirements for individual Wildlife Exemptions. You definitely want to be there for this - if you lose your exemption, you lose it for a 5-year period!!

Finally, beginning in this newsletter, there will be a "Classified" section at the end. Members may post "for sale" items for free and businesses may post an advertisement for \$50 (\$100 if a full page ad is desired). For all subsequent newsletters, just submit your ad to our editor, Philip Nelson (pnelson@newtek.com).

I would also like to thank Jimmy Yarbrough, Bill Wilson, Mike Ashby and all others involved. It takes a lot of teamwork to manage a ranch this size and all the guys have done a really great job. I'm grateful for their support. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the annual meeting, and to a great deer season!

Dan Delich

Raffle Items:

- Weatherby Vanguard 30-06 raffle
- Ruger 45 cal pistol
- power inverter jump box
- \$100.00 gift certificate to Lowes
- (2) \$100.00 gift certificates to Cabelas. (Donated Item)

Please contact me, Mike Ashby, Jimmy or Bill about getting tickets to buy or sell. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00. A maximum of 1250 tickets will be sold.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello fellow members,

I guess you need to be careful for what you asked for. I know I asked for some more rain in our last newsletter, however I did not ask for floods. I had to mow the grass around camp as often as I did at home. On a positive note, game should be in abundance this year...I know the hogs are and what I have seen the deer/elk herd looks healthy!

On behalf of the Board Members, I want to thank all of you who supported the road assessment and the increase in dues at last year's annual meeting. This will be the first year the Association will end in positive balance since inception, barring no major repairs the remaining part of the year. This brings me to another item. Winter will be here before you know it and we ALL must insulate our valves this year to help reduce our water repairs.

As you know, with all the rain this year we have had a difficult time with the road maintenance. Once we finally did get the repairs started, Mother Nature was not very cooperative. I honestly feel that we got a fair deal from our contractor, Edmond Winston. Some areas may not have been repaired as quickly as we all would like and many spots were damaged by the rain soon after he completed them. However he did stay at the ranch until the rain subsided and completed the maintenance. Thanks to Randy Wood for looking out for the Association's interest and keeping track of the hours the road crew was working. The original contractor for phase VII gate has not been responsive and we are looking to secure someone else. I am finding it a little difficult to find reliable contractors in this area.

I would like to ask all of you for suggestions on what you feel the Association should be focusing on next year that would make us a stronger organization. How can we improve our game management practices, water system, roads, quarterly meetings, newsletter, security, etc.. We have a good foundation, but with anything else in life, improvement can always be had.

I hope to see you all at the annual meeting!!!!

Jimmy Yarbrough

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

We have had only one nomination for Secretary/Treasurer – James Hutchinson (Phase I, Tract 5). Please send me an email (or letter) if you want to place a vote for him. If you wish to vote for someone else, you can do that also – just make sure that person would serve, if elected. Personally, I think the nominee will do a great job – he has my vote! Please send your vote in by September 30th – the new Treasurer will be announced at the October 20th Association Meeting.

Below is the report for the second quarter of 2006. Unfortunately, this doesn't reflect a few recent major expenses. We just paid another \$12,000 on the roads and another \$2,000 replacing yet another water system pump. This has been a challenging year because of all the additional damage caused by the continual flooding. I don't know about you, but I didn't know I was buying property in the tropics!! We are very fortunate that we do have the funds this year to cover everything so far. We may not have the large reserve I was hoping for, but at least we've kept up with all the major expenses.

On a positive note (and not reflected in the June 30th figures), I have now collected all outstanding dues for all years! Thanks to everyone for their help in this effort!

One final note ... I personally believe the job of Secretary/Treasurer is too much for one person to do a good job in his/her "spare" time. In the next meeting, I will ask if anyone wants to volunteer to act as an assistant – to help with maintaining the address list and sending out any general correspondence (primarily through email). Philip Nelson has already volunteered to put together the newsletter, and that has been a big help. If you would like to assist also, please let me know. Thanks!

If you have any questions, give me a call at (210) 536-1871 (work) or (210) 658-6814 (home). Thanks, and we'll see you at the ranch!

Treasurer's Report for 2st Quarter ending June 30th, 2007

Balance forward from 2006	\$ 1,575.37
Total Income in 2007 (includes prior year collections,	\$ 39,332.53
Annual assessments (includes prior year):	\$ 32,227.53
2006 Special Assessment:	\$ 6,600.00
Raffle Sales:	\$ 505.00
Total Expenses in 2007	\$ 10,027.78
Road Work:	\$ 2,250.00
Water System Maintenance:	\$ 5,740.65
Pedernales Electric Bills:	\$ 1,760.32
Annual Meeting:	\$ 0.00
Grounds Maintenance (signs, locks, etc.):	\$ 30.19
Property Taxes	\$ 10.83
Administrative Supplies:	\$ 235.79
June 30, 2006 Balance (People's State Bank):	\$ 30,880.12

Thanks,
Bill Wilson

SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

No update this quarter.

WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/NEWS

Hopefully everybody had a good turkey season. Plenty of birds and yes, they were gobbling.

The Elk Harvest Lottery will be held again this year at the annual meeting, but with one change from last year. Chances will again be \$75, but each landowner will only be able to purchase one chance for each tract they own. We won't raise quite as much money, but this should give everyone a better chance to win a tag. As far as the number of bulls and cow tags issued, this will be announced at the meeting after a census is taken and we look at how many were taken last year. We anticipate at least 3 bull and 3 cow tags

Raffle plans for year are in full swing. Tickets are selling well and there are several very nice prizes to be won. Contact Dan to help sell some tickets or buy some. Six tickets for \$25 or \$5 each. Drawing for all prizes will be held at the annual meeting.

2007 spotlight census surveys this year will be 'do it ourselves approach'. Three teams have been put together. One will occur in August, September and October. Results and quotas will be announced at the annual meeting.

Need to be trapping and shooting those hogs every chance you get.

The WHIP program is alive and well in Edwards County. Terri and I applied early in the year for a 50% matching grant program for cedar removal on our ranch. We found out recently our 5 year plan was accepted and we begin work this year. For details go on the internet and look for the Texas WHIP program. The local agent in Kenneth Reed in Rocksprings.

1. Eddie Franco (830-863-3313) – removal by chain saw
2. Mike Groom (830-683-7190) – removal by bulldozer
3. Dalton Clements (361-920-1673) – removal by grubbing
4. Yourself – need Stihl chainsaw (\$300), gasoline and elbow grease - PRICELESS

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Reminder, it continues to be baby deer growing time and antler maturing time so it is critical that the 15% protein overall supplemental feed program for your ranch be in full swing at this time.

Elk lottery tickets go on sale. See Dan for raffle tickets.

Mike and Terri will be relocating to Qatar in the Middle East full time for a few years so leadership of the wildlife committee will be adjusted in the next few months.

WILDLIFE INFORMATION

Quiz on whitetail deer knowledge:

1. A White Tailed deer can run up to:

- a. 10 miles per hour
- b. 9 miles per hour
- c. 40 miles per hour
- d. 100 miles per hour

2. A male deer is called:

- a. Buck
- b. Boar
- c. Bull
- d. Ram

3. A female deer is called:

- a. Hen
- b. Queen
- c. Doe
- d. Vixen

4. The deer's eyes can view _____ degrees around itself.

- a. 45
- b. 310
- c. 30
- d. 180

5. The mule deer is also called:

- a. Running deer
- b. Jumping deer
- c. Walking deer
- d. None of the above

6. Deer can live up to _____ years in the wild.

- a. 30
- b. 18
- c. 25
- d. 11

7. A female Key deer carries its baby for:

- a. 100 days
- b. 20 days
- c. 204 days
- d. 365 days

8. A deer can detect _____ odors at a time.

- a. 10
- b. 20
- c. 30
- d. 500

9. Deer can smell a hunter from a distance of:

- a. 2 feet

- b. Half a mile
- c. 70 feet
- d. None of the above

10. The Whitetail Deer is named so because:

- a. The underside of its tongue is white
- b. The underside of its belly is white
- c. The underside of its tail is white
- d. The underside of its ears is white

11. Which of the following is not a deer species?

- a. Mule Deer
- b. Moose
- c. Dogfish
- d. Elk

12. The Red Deer Stag loses and again grows its antlers:

- a. Every two years
- b. Every three years
- c. Every year
- d. Every five years

13. How does a deer mark its territory?

- a. By urinating on its turf
- b. By leaving a pair of antlers on its turf
- c. Both a and b
- d. None of the above

14. How long can deer jump?

- a. 15-20 feet
- b. 5-10 feet
- c. 30- 40 feet
- d. Up to 50 feet

15. Deer are non-vegetarian.

- a. True
- b. False

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Free for members;

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Property, Guns, Equipment, Blinds, Feeders and more

- **For Sale** – 1979 Airstream 31' Sovereign Land Yacht – Trailer is already on property, Phase IV, Lot 21.
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