

Arkansas Deer Hunter's Alliance

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President Darrell Speakes' Message

As the new President of the Arkansas Deer Hunter's Alliance, I would like you to know my goals for the future and what I stand for. I have been a deer hunter since 1971 and started bow hunting in 1980. I have always loved the outdoors and it has always been a big part of my life. My grandfather and father farmed in Poinsett County so I have always been outdoors.

We, as hunters, have great opportunities to hunt here in Arkansas. We are blessed with several thousand acres of excellent public land hunting. Some of us

also are able to hunt private land that produces a healthy deer herd. With these great opportunities comes great responsibility. It is up to each of us to ensure that future generations are able to enjoy the outdoors as much as we have been able to. It is selfish of us to only look to the present and only care about ourselves and what we get to enjoy. We need to look to the future and work with the AFGC and other organizations around the state to ensure that deer hunting is here for many more

years. I would hate to see things go back to the way they were when I was growing up and it is a major event when someone actually sees a deer. That is how it was in NE Arkansas in the early 70's.

The first step is to come up with a plan. I believe the AGFC is finally working on a deer plan. They need the help of deer hunters in Arkansas. When they ask for data, we should be happy to help them. We should volunteer to help where needed, especially when it comes to youth. The youth of today have a lot more
(See "President" page 2)

Upcoming Deer Hunting Season

The 2006 Deer hunting season is upon us. The period for archery runs from October 1, 2006 through February 28, 2007.

Depending on what zone you

will be hunting in, the game limits will vary as determined by your weapon(s) of choice.

Remember that alertness must not be practiced at the expense of quietness. Your

movements must be made slowly and deliberately. Also remember that game detects movement most easily.

(See "Tuning" page 6)

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 9, 2006

The second annual ADHA Business Meeting was called to order by President Darrell Speakes at 9:00 a.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge in Sherwood, Arkansas.

Cory Gray, AGFC Deer Program Coordinator, was introduced and presented a briefing on the latest deer herd information and the 2005 Deer Harvest Summary. After his briefing he opened the floor to questions and many subjects were discussed - including Scatter Creek and Sunken Islands, 3-point rule, slot limits, poaching, food plots, diseases, urban hunting, etc.

Minutes of the August 2005 Business Meeting were presented by Interim Secretary Barry Comer. A motion was made by Tony Ramey to accept the minutes, seconded by John Mashburn and they were approved as read. The Treasurer's report was presented, motion to accept by Steven Stovall and seconded by Pete Clark. Financial report was approved with minor changes. Darrell explained that his withdrawal of \$135 on May 22d was for printing costs for the May Newsletter.

Since inception of the ADHA no renewal letters have been sent out. Listings by region were handed to the directors for them to send out the renewal letters. They will be reimbursed for any printing, postage, and envelope costs involved.

A discussion was held concerning the apparel that we have available. We will contact Gene Williams to see what he has and an updated inventory of what we have which will be posted on our web site.

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opportunities to do things other than hunting. It is our responsibility to introduce them to the outdoors and help them learn to enjoy the hunting way of life.

Some of my goals for the ADHA are:

- 1 - Minimum of 5000 members
- 2 - Youth programs to ensure the future of the sport
- 3 - Work with other organizations such as Bene-

Chat Forum discussion - we need more feedback or replies from members when an item is presented. Discussion should be to the point with any pros or cons you feel are necessary.

After a lunch break a plaque was presented to Freddie Beavers in appreciation for ArkansasHunting.net letting us on when the ADHA was in its infancy.

Plaques were also presented for the 2005 Deer Contest.

Dale Clark - Youth Modern Gun
Rodney Johnson - Adult Muzzleloader
Troy Greeno - Adult Archery
Abbie Little - Youth Muzzleloader
Carole Little - Adult Modern Gun

Larry Mallard, White River National Wildlife Refuge Manager, and Richard Hines, WR Wildlife Biologist, presented briefings on the history of WRNWR which included how the Refuge came about, what has occurred since its inception, how the Ivory Billed Woodpecker may possibly affect the area, and how the bald eagle is making a comeback in the area.

It was suggested that the Regional Directors submit a short write-up for the newsletter each quarter. After the first of the new year, the newsletter will be published during the third month of each quarter - Mar, Jun, Sep, and Dec.

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fit4Kids and Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry to help others who are less fortunate

4 - Work with AGFC to make sure that hunters voices are heard, that the deer herd is in good health and that hunters are provided all the opportunities that the resource allows.

We can only achieve these goals, and many more, if we are willing to work together as a group.

Thank you joining the ADHA and taking your time to preserve the future of deer hunting.

June Fishing Weekend at Lake Nimrod

(Information supplied by Pete Clark, Region 3 [West Central] Director)

Of those that showed up at the Lake (Darrell and his wife and Pete and his wife), Pete says they had a "good" time. They arrived about three on Saturday afternoon and left about eight Sunday morning. Guess they didn't know how to have a good time with only four people in attendance.

Several fishes were caught - three gar, one crappie and one mud cat. Nothing was said about who caught what but I'd almost betcha that Pete caught the mud cat! And knowing the wonderful wives of these two "gentlemen", they probably sat on the bank and let the guys do all the fishing.

Hamburgers were eaten - doused in what I don't know. I'm sure a few drinks (cokes) went down the hatch toasting those of us that were unable to be in attendance.

Unfortunately Pete's wife caught "the bug" and was sick Saturday night so they didn't get much sleep - couldn't have been from those tasty hamburgers!

Next time something like this is planned how about we have a better turnout! I would have been there except I had previous plans to be in Michigan for the Benefit4Kids 9th Annual Amy Pray weekend.

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Your ADHA Newsletter

The **ADHA Newsletter** is the official publication of the Arkansas Deer Hunter's Alliance. Opinions and suggestions of members are welcome as are manuscripts. All submissions will be subject to approval and editing by authority granted by the ADHA Board of Directors.

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COMMENTARY

Hunters must support each other

A campaign must be started to end the nonsense of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).

The point is that hunters in every state are their own worst enemy. Hunters have for years divided themselves on various issues, including styles of hunting. Instead of realizing that HSUS and the rest of the anti-crowd will stop at just one style of hunting, a group of so-called hunters has joined them to stop dove hunting in Michigan because they don't see it as a worthwhile activity. When hunters join in with these groups, you can be certain that this is exactly what the anti's want - divide and conquer.

If the hunting community can't get its act together, you can bet the anti's will return. Just like the anti-gun crowd they will not stop until we all lose our right to hunt and own a gun. And yes, the two issues are tied together.

Here and there!

Indiana - An Indiana couple's home needs extensive repairs after a 150 pound buck crashed through a window and splattered blood through much of the interior.

A truck driver called police to report seeing the deer jump through the window of the home after it had passed in front of him.

A police officer followed the blood trail through the house and found the exhausted deer lying on a bed. The officer stated that when the deer saw him it ran into the bathroom.

The homeowners were notified and arrived to find the deer still inside their bathroom.

Animal Control workers dragged the deer outside and euthanized it.

California - Authorities in Arcadia tranquilized a 100 pound black bear cub that wandered into the city and returned it to the wild.

California Department of Fish and Game Officers tranquilized the animal and transported it about five to ten miles into the nearby mountains.

When residents first spotted the bear, it prompted school officials to lock down a middle school.

F&G officials tried to scare it away when it was seen eating from neighborhood trash can.

**B4K Amy Pray Memorial Weekend**

The Huron Pointe Sportsmen Association, near Port Huron, Michigan, hosted the 9th Annual Amy Pray Outdoor Weekend, June 9-11, to help raise funds for the Benefit4Kids Outdoor Wish Program.

This was a family oriented event that exposes kids and adults to the exciting activities the outdoors has to offer. Benefit4Kids is a nonprofit organization formed in 1998 with its primary mission of making a difference in the lives of terminally ill and life-limited children.

Events at the memorial outdoor weekend included three 3D archery courses for archers of all ages, shot-gun and rifle shooting, arrow cresting, birds of prey, retrieving demonstrations, campfires, a chili and desert cook-off, a pig roast, raffles, auctions, and much more. Over \$13,500 was raised for helping future wish kids.

There were three former and one future wish kid in attendance this year.

Special programs/events are being tossed around for next years 10th annual B4K weekend. If you have any ideas or suggestions please let me know.

Arkansas State Director Barry Comer
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For more information contact 810-387-0454
Or visit our web site <http://www.b4k.org/>



First double-lunger of 2006! (Yes - a mole!)



Brendan's "Kitty"



Deerhunter's 2006 Buck?

Harold E. Alexander WMA, Saturday, July 22, 2006



"Tuning" (continued from page 1

Strive to prevent deer from sensing or seeing you by refusing to move even if you hear a twig snap or leaves crunch behind you.

One must shoot for practice as often as possible. This will assist you in being ready when drawing your bow or shouldering your rifle, thereby becoming an automatic movement when you center your crosshairs or sight pin and squeeze the trigger or release the bowstring as you've done so many times before.

Tuning your body for sitting still and spending considerable time in a tree stand might not seem physically demanding but indeed you must try it sometime. Getting your body in tune prior to the season, including mental concentration, will help you to hunt more comfortably and effectively. The odor of human sweat means you will

be "busted" by any downwind game. Being in good shape means your muscles won't cramp as quickly on stand and climbing will be safer.

While on your stand - SIT STILL! Whether you're being buzzed by mosquitoes or flies - make your moves extremely slow to avoid detection.

Sight and sound are our advantages while sitting in our stands. If you've set your stand where you know there are deer they shouldn't even know you are in the woods. While the deer are moving about on the crunch leafy floor of the forests you have your feet on a quiet platform or bare ground. In case you don't know, research has proven that whitetails probably hear only a little better than we humans do.

Control the controllable once you are settled into your stand by getting prepared (in shape) prior to the season.

The utmost discipline is required at the moment of truth. Do what is nec-

essary in your pre-season preparations and the whitetails should not even know you are in the woods.

Choose your shot wisely whether hunting with a gun or bow. Know your effective shooting range. How far can you consistently group arrows in a small circle and how far have you practiced with your rifle? Understand your angles and deer anatomy and be able to differentiate a high percentage shot from a low one. All deer hunters are depending on your performance in the field as it reflects, in the end, on all of us. We will make mistakes - physical and mental - whether it's proper trigger squeeze or jumping the arrow release. We must all do our best to control these lapses. After all, the whitetail deserves our respect every step of the way.

May you have a safe and successful hunting season.

Food Plot Preparation at Harold E. Alexander WMA

(See page 5 for pictures)

The following report was submitted by John Henry (Region 1 Assistant Director).

With the urging of Lee Lane and Gene Williams, the ADHA has started an adopt a food plot program for Harold E Alexander and Wattensaw Wildlife Management Areas. This is in conjunction with the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission and is to help the wildlife in these areas. No funds from the ADHA were involved but donations of seed were received from the following:

Hirsh Feed, Thayer, Missouri
Farmer's Supply, Waldenburg, AR
DNW Outdoors, Jonesboro, AR

In addition, Doug Jones of Ash Flat donated fertilizer, Don Mullis (Region 1 Director) and Troy Greeno donated Roundup, and Brendan Baldrige (Region 2 Director), Don Mullis, and Scatterlandshunting club pro-

vided equipment for the spreading of the Roundup, fertilizer, and seed.

We are hoping to have the program grow next year. The Harold E Alexander area has been mowed and sprayed and will be planted September 9, 2006. Anyone wishing to join us are welcome to do so. A squirrel hunt and cookout will also be held the same day.

Should you need more information concerning these food plots please contact your regional director or one of their assistants.

No specific date has been scheduled for the food plot at Wattensaw. Freddie Beavers (Region 4 Assistant Director) is heading this one up and will provide more details as they become available.

Special thanks to those that assisted in preparing the plot at HEA.



ADHA Merchandise Order Form

<u>Description</u>	<u>Circle Size and Enter Quantity Desired</u>	<u>Item Totals</u>
Sweatshirt (Logo front & back) (Small, Medium, Large, X-Large - \$10 each) (XX-Large - \$12 each) (XXX-Large - \$13 each)	Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL ____	\$
T-Shirt (Logo - front left breast and back) (Small, Medium, Large, X-Large - \$10 each) (XX-Large - \$12 each) (XXX-Large - \$13 each)	Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL ____	\$
Khaki Shirt (Logo - front left breast and back) (Small, Medium, Large, X-Large - \$12 each) (XX-Large - \$14 each) (XXX-Large - \$16 each)	Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL ____	\$
Polo Shirt (Logo - front left breast) (Small, Medium, Large, X-Large - \$12 each) (XX-Large - \$14 each) (XXX-Large - \$16 each)	Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL ____	\$
LL Bean Duffel Bag - \$20 each	Quantity Desired: _____	\$
Baseball Hats - Camo - \$10 each - Orange - \$7.50 each	Camo Qty _____ Orange Qty _____	\$
Straw Hats - \$15 each	Quantity Desired: _____	\$
Send all orders to: Jeff Vaughn 409 Thelma Street Lepanto, AR 72334 Email - jvaughn.64@eritter.net	SUBTOTAL	\$
	SHIPPING - \$5 minimum - 2 or more items \$7	\$
	GRAND TOTAL (Please enclose full amount)	\$
T-Shirts, polos, and sweats are forest green. Please inquire for other colors.		

Annual Meeting Minutes (continued from page 2)

A suggestion was made for when a Director is unavailable for the annual meeting that an assistant director be given his authority for voting purposes at the meeting. A motion was made by Don Mullis and seconded by John Mashburn - further discussion will be held on our chat forum.

A discussion was held for electing the President and Vice-President in alternating years - a new Vice-President will be elected in 2007 and a new President will be elected in 2008. Further discussion will be held on our chat forum.

Barry Comer was elected as Secretary and we are still looking for someone to take the Treasurer position as Bob Robertson is unable to continue. If you are interested in this position please contact Darrell. Brendan Baldrige was re-elected as Director for Region 2 (Northeast) and Ed Mulholand as Director for Region 5 (Southwest).

A motion was made by Brendan Baldrige and seconded by John Mashburn that we be represented at the 2007 Big Buck Classic and the Jones-

boro Sports Show, the same as we did this year. Motion carried. In addition, a committee of Tony Ramey, Freddie Beavers, Pete Clark, and Rodney Johnson was formed to find shows in each region for the ADHA to attend.

Darrell asked that any deer hides you have be donated to your local Elks Lodge. The Elks will have them tanned and given to the local DAV for making of wheel chair gloves.

Discussion was held on getting something going in Region 6 (Southeast). If anyone is interested in being the director for that region please contact Darrell.

It was discussed about the possibility of adjusting or realigning the region boundaries if necessary.

Motion by Pete Clark to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. and seconded by Brendan Baldrige. Motion carried.

After adjournment several attended for a meal at Golden Corral.