



C.C.W.M.A. Members, Families & Friends



Our annual Spring Banquet is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the K.C. Hall in Columbus, Texas. We will have a full catered barbecue meal at 6:00 p.m. with free soft drinks and beer while it lasts. Meal tickets will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under.

We will have our big raffle and bucket raffles for great prizes . We will also have many vendors with nice merchandise to look over and purchase. The 2011 Scholarship winners and the Whitetail Contest winners will be recognized.

Bring your buck mounts and be eligible to win five \$50 gift certificates. All bucks harvested on C.C.W.M.A. property in 2011 and over the past years are welcomed and will be appreciated and enjoyed by all. Make sure they can be hanged for viewing. Also bring your game cam and regular photos for the Photo Contest. Details on the Photo Contest are explained in this newsletter. Speaking at the banquet will be a representative of the TP&WD on various topics concerning our WMA.

REMINDER: 2011 HARVEST DATA SHEETS ARE DUE ON FEBRUARY 14th 2012. Send them to your individual WMA Presidents. Late membership dues for 2011 are also due on this date. Failure to turn in harvest data sheets and dues for the past season will result in the landowner being dropped from the membership list of their individual WMA's and the CCWMA. Regardless if deer were harvested or not on your property and regardless if you were issued doe permits; all members MUST turn in a completed harvest data sheet indicating your harvest or "no harvest". A harvest data sheet is enclosed in this newsletter and they are also available on our website @ ccwma.org.



Hope to see you at the banquet!

Wayne Zimmerhanel

C.C.W.M.A. President

2011 Whitetail Contest Winners



Check out the winners and other participants on our website: ccwma.org

There were 360 entries this year and the CCWMA wants to thank all who participated in the 2011 CCWMA Whitetail Contest. There were many quality bucks taken during the year including trophies and culls. Thanks for checking in your bucks and doe that were harvested and supporting the contest! A special thanks to our scorers who volunteered their time.

COLORADO AND AUSTIN COUNTY BIOLOGIST POSITION

As most of you know, the biologist position formerly held by Ryan Schoeneberg who provided service to Colorado and Austin Counties has still not been filled. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is still not advertising many of their vacant positions and it is unknown how long this will continue. So, there is not much to report regarding finding a new biologist for these two counties. On the brighter side, this position did not succumb to the reduction in force TPWD experienced a few months ago, and we think this indicates an acknowledgement of the importance of this position by leadership.

A big thanks goes out to the Colorado and Austin County wildlife management association membership and particularly the volunteer leadership for these associations. We think we've done a pretty decent job collecting good population data on the deer herd in these counties and providing landowners/hunters with good harvest recommendations and permits. This could not have been accomplished without the association membership and leadership's cooperation and efforts. Hopefully, we did not have too many cases of people "falling through the cracks" and responded to any problems in a timely fashion.

Obviously, things will run a lot smoother once we have a full time biologist that can call Colorado and Austin Counties home. Our hope is that we can have someone in place well before next year's deer season, but that remains to be seen. In the mean time, feel free to contact us at the district office in La Grange if you have any issues or questions. You can reach David Forrester, District 7 Leader, at 979-968-6591 and Bobby Eichler, Technical Guidance Biologist, at 979-968-9942.

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CCWMA PHOTO CONTEST

We will be holding our Photo Contest at the Spring Banquet again this year. There have been some great pictures brought in over the past years and I'm sure this year will be more of the same.

There will be two divisions; "Trail Camera" and "Hand Held Camera".

To entry simply bring a 4"x 6" picture with your name and phone number written on the back to the banquet for display. There can't be any identification on the front of the picture. You can only bring one picture for each division (two pictures per person) and the general public attending will vote for the winners. The photos can be anything related to wildlife.

**** Important- Only 4" x 6" pictures will be accepted ****

A \$50 gift certificate will be awarded to the most popular picture in each division as well as four \$25 gift certificates for just entering a picture. Bring your photos to the banquet for everyone to enjoy and a chance at winning!

NEW PRESIDENT FOR COLORADO RIVER

Greetings,

My name is Jared Rutta and I have the honor and privilege to have been elected to the position of President for the Colorado River WMA. Verl Cash our former President was called away for an absolutely great opportunity in which he will be able to use his great skills and knowledge to promote excellence in wildlife in our great states southern region.

These are big shoes to fill; however I will devote myself to serve our members and our community so that we may achieve our management goals and continue to educate our youth.

My contact information can be found in this newsletter and our website; ccwma.org. I welcome questions and concerns along with any new ideas that may be considered for the betterment of our association.

Jared Rutta

SPECIAL THANKS

The CCWMA wants to thank Verl Cash and Lyn Schaefer for their dedication to Colorado River and Central WMA's and their contributions to the CCWMA. We will miss them and wish the best in their future endeavors. Jared Rutta has taken over Colorado River WMA and Roy Heffley is the new President of Central WMA.

All Colorado River and Central WMA's members will work with these two in any manners concerning their individual WMA's. Their contact information is in this newsletter and is also posted on our website; ccwma.org.