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Marvin Tyler's Blue Goose Club Offers Top "Hunting Package"

Marvin and Gladys Tyler, the owners of the highly popular Blue Goose Hunting Club, are preparing for another season of outstanding duck and goose hunting. The Blue Goose Club is one of the first in the area offering day hunting, and has the experience and facilities to make your hunt a memorable experience.

The Blue Goose Hunting Club is based at Marvin's Restaurant at the intersection of Highway 90A and 71 in Altair.

Marvin and Gladys are the managers of the Blue Goose Hunting Club and Marvin's Restaurant and for the hunters who are looking for a "package deal"—everything with a personal touch—the Blue Goose Hunting Club will more than serve their needs. The Club has under lease some of the finest riceland available in the Eagle Lake, Lissie and Garwood areas and the great demand already shown to date indicates another busy year for Tyler and his staff of experienced guides.

Marvin's is known far and wide for the fine steaks and seafoods prepared in its spacious kitchen. The restaurant has a bar and lounge area.

Cabins and mobile trailers are available for about 75 hunters.

The Blue Goose Club offers a buffet breakfast, with all you can eat, an experienced guide and hunting in some of the largest white spreads used by clubs in this area.

No effort is spared in seeing that every one of the hunters is made to feel satisfied with his day's hunt. It's not always that Mother Nature cooperates or that the geese see fit to come into shooting range but you'll always have the satisfaction of seeing lots of birds and knowing that everything humanly possible was done to make your hunt a good one.

"Vision is the art of seeing things invisible."
Jonathan Swift

Piranha-Like Fish Causes Stir at Austin

AUSTIN — A three pound fish caught from Austin's Town Lake recently caused a flurry of excitement at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's headquarters.

The fish appeared to be a South American piranha — the species feared by swimmers and loved by movie producers.

John Dickerson of Austin caught the toothy fish on an earthworm while bank fishing near Interstate Highway 35.

The piranha look-alike had everyone fooled until Nick Carter, the department's research coordinator, made a telephone call to Jeff Moore, Dallas Aquarium superintendent and acknowledged piranha expert.

The fish turned out to be a pacu, a docile vegetarian species which resembles the bloodthirsty piranha — right

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Contracts Are Important To Hunting Leases

With the hunting season right upon us, many Texans are still trying to find a hunting lease. For those interested in a place to hunt deer, turkey, quail or dove, it is probably too late for some choice areas, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

A hunter should not assume he can hunt the same place he hunted last year without a written lease. Many will be looking this year and they will be willing to pay the price for a good lease.

A hunting lease simply defined is an agreement between a landowner and a hunter whereby the right to hunt under certain conditions on a specified piece of property, is granted for a certain time and fee.

Generally, there are four different types of lease agreements: year-round, limited duration, day hunting and guided hunts for a few days.

Year-round leases usually include hunting privileges on all species and are made by a group of hunters. Leases of limited duration vary from an entire season to one week within the season.

Day hunting accommodates the large numbers of hunters unable to devote extensive time to the sport and is most common in areas which can stand high hunting pressure. Guided hunts are usually specialized ones for big game or migratory birds, but also include other species as well.

For hunters' and landowners' protection, a written agreement should be used because it spells out conditions and prevents misunderstandings. A good hunting lease should state what is leased along with the name and address of the landowner or his authorized agent. A description of the tract, size and boundaries should also be included. Maps are especially helpful. A hunting lease should also address payments, terms and deadlines, especially if there are special provisions.

The contract should specify in detail how many hunters will be allowed on the property and in some cases, the names of the hunters. The landowner may wish to reserve hunting privileges for his family or friends. This should be included in the agreement as well.

For information concerning the proper legal form, the hunter should consult an attorney. The fee charged will be well worth the hours of enjoyable hunting.

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Loudon Reel and Mrs. Agnes Reel Duke are continuing the tradition started by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. (Jimmy) Reel, many years ago of providing duck and goose hunters with some of the finest facilities in this area. They will be assisted by Bill Appelt who will assist them in managing the hunting club for the forthcoming season. Appelt has been associated with the club for the past several seasons and has some of the top guides of the area lined up for hunting on some of the top lands in the area.

The Reel hunters meet at Jack's Restaurant, next to the Sportsman's Motel, in Eagle Lake, and hunters can be assured that the experienced guides will do everything in their power to make it an enjoyable and successful hunt. The club has some of the best hunting leases in the Eagle Lake, Lissie, and East Bernard areas, with an abundance of ducks and geese in all areas.

For reservations with the Reel Hunting Club, you may call 234-2082 or 234-3626 or write to Box 756 Eagle Lake, Texas 77434 for information and reservations. You will be given assistance with hunting conditions, motel reservations and other services that promise to make your hunt with the J. R. (Jimmy) Reel Hunting Club a truly memorable experience.

After you get that lucky shot don't try to drag your critter out of the woods by yourself - wait for help.

Moss, decaying over thousands of years, formed the peat bogs that cover about a sixth of Ireland. Peat, a substance midway between soil and coal, is used as fuel in cookstoves and fireplaces, since the island has little coal and no oil, the National Geographic Society says.

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Lake LBJ Produces Big Smallmouth Bass

An Austin fisherman caught a four-pound, 15-ounce smallmouth bass Oct. 18 at Lake Lyndon B. Johnson in Central Texas.

Although not a state record, the fish is the largest of the nonnative introduced species reported from the reservoir. Johnnie Pechal said he caught the fish in shallow water on a chartreuse colored spinner.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department placed 25,000 smallmouth fingerlings in the lake in 1976, but none has been stocked since that time.

The state record smallmouth, caught last spring at Austin's Town Lake, weighed five pounds, 12 ounces.

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Deer Hunters To Soon Resume Annual Quest

Football will soon have serious competition.

In a few weeks, deer hunters all across the state will relinquish their roles as armchair quarterbacks to resume their annual quest for freshly stocked freezers and handsome wall mounts. Many, however, will be on their first big game hunt and may be somewhat confused over the inordinate amount of paraphernalia to choose from.

Deer season opens in Colorado County and surrounding counties on Saturday, Nov. 15th and ends on January 4th, 1981.

In Colorado County the limit on deer is three, with not more than one buck (that includes a spiked buck). The other two must be does which may be killed with special P&W permit only.

So, before taking to the countryside, it's a good idea for all hunters to make sure they have acquired adequate equipment and found it to be in good working order, says Dr. Dwight Guynn, a wildlife specialist based in Uvalde with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Firearm Selection Important

First and foremost is the selection of firearms assuming, of course, that leases and licenses have been secured.

Choose a rifle with sufficient caliber (firepower) for a quick, humane kill. It is important to match caliber with one's physical size and shooting experience. Hence, large, heavier men can probably handle larger caliber rifles more accurately than small, petite women.

The most popular deer rifles used today are .243, .270, .30-06 and .30-30 calibers. Selection of course varies according to hunting preference but inexperienced or beginning hunters can choose between these widely used models in good confidence.

Scope selection, often a critical factor in the successful hunt, is influenced significantly by the terrain. For open country with long distance shooting, Guynn suggests a six- to eight-power scope. Under heavy cover with close shots, an open sight or two-power scope is usually all that is needed.

Binoculars are a highly underrated item that many hunters often neglect to include in their gear. It allows a hunter to identify parts of deer in heavy brush surroundings and distinguish bucks from does in light situations. The 7x35 binoculars (7 power with 35mm objective lens) are the most common type used.

With so many knives on the market today, selecting a proper hunting knife can be confusing. A five-inch blade is plenty large for dressing and skinning deer.

Boots, too, are integral parts of the hunter's regalia. Comfortable boots, well broken in, are recommended. Also, choose boots large enough to allow for heavy wool socks in cold weather.

Clothes may well "make the man" (or woman) in the business world but not on a deer hunt. The "layered approach" is preferred with sweater, vest and light jacket which can be easily removed or added as temperature changes during the day. Bright colors that can be easily detected by deer are to be avoided. Blaze orange may be worn as a safety precaution where heavy hunting pressure exists.

Soft-textured clothing permits quiet movement for stalking prey. Brush scraping against stiff canvas pant legs can alarm deer as can the "swish-swish" sound of pant legs rubbing together as the hunter walks.

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He can accommodate up to 30 hunters with a four per party minimum. A guide will be provided for each hunt from legal shooting until noon only. Decoys, white spreads and parkas are furnished.

For reservations you can contact Tyler at 713 732-6502 or 732-2414 in Columbus or write to Clifton Tyler Goose Hunts, 1216 Walnut Street, Columbus, Texas 78934.

Breakfast is served at 4:30 a.m. at The Farris 1912.

Tyler has lived in this area all of his life and has been a professional goose hunting guide for over twenty years. This, plus the experience of other guides, including Jim Wiese, Allen Kohleffel, Rick Higgins, Mike Mangum, Davis Waddell, Ted Wiese and Jim Schilling, is reflected in the effort put forth to insure you an enjoyable hunt.

The world's fastest mammals, cheetahs can sprint to speeds of 70 mph, but the average speed for most chases is rarely more than 40 mph.

Archery Deer Hunting Season Ended Nov. 2

A special archery deer hunting period in 94 Texas counties, including Colorado and Lavaca counties, ended on Nov. 2nd. The season opened on Oct. 2.

During the season, archers were allowed to take three white-tailed deer, either sex but not more than one buck.

Parks and Wildlife Department officials estimate that the archery harvest comprises only about one percent of the total deer harvest in the state and has an insignificant impact on the deer population.

Illegal Waterfowl Hunting Can Get Expensive!!

Laws Designed As Incentive To Stay Within The Law

Duck and goose hunters who might be tempted to break laws on migratory birds should note that this could be a very costly practice.

The violation of migratory game bird law is punishable by a fine of no less than $25 and not to exceed $200. The exact amount of the fine within the framework is left to the discretion of the judge trying the case.

Hunting out of season, shooting before or after legal shooting hours, using an unplugged shotgun, possessing over the limit and possessing illegal species, are among the most common violations of migratory game bird laws.

The hunter shooting over the limit or possessing illegal species can be fined for each and every bird in violation of the law if the arresting game warden wants to file each as a separate case. However, normally, in the situation of a minor violation of a bag limit, it has been the case that the warden will file only a single case. However if at his discretion there is a flagrant violation or a repeated hardcase, he is within his authority to file a case on each illegal bird.

Other common arrests that are not violations of migratory game bird laws occur when hunting without a license and trespass. Hunting without a valid Texas state hunting license is punishable by a fine of not less than $25 not to exceed $200. The hunter must be able to present the license on demand at all times.

Also a game warden can arrest a waterfowl hunter for not having a signed Federal Migratory Waterfowl stamp, commonly referred to as a "duck stamp". However, a state warden can not arrest a hunter for not having a valid duck stamp, since the stamp is a federal issue, but he can take the violator's name and address and submit the information to the nearest federal warden who, rest assured, will soon come knocking on the violator's door.

Trespass on a hunting lease or property is usually defined as a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by

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