J. R. (Jimmy) Reel Hunt Club has experienced guides, top areas

Agnes Reel Strauss and Loudon Reel are continuing the tradition started by their late 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 Sportsman's Restaurant, next to 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 234-2062 or 234-3808 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.

Reclassification proposed for alligators in Texas

Federal officials have notified the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department they are proposing to reclassify the alligator in Texas, a move which eventually would give the state management authority over the reptiles.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said alligators are variously classified as endangered or threatened in Texas. The proposal would change the species' legal status to the less restrictive category of "threatened due to similarity of appearance."

Public comments on the proposal may be directed to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P. O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, N.M. 87103.

Department officials said if the proposed reclassification is approved by the USFWS, limited hunting may be authorized in certain areas of Southeast Texas by fall 1983.

Pond management help available

Fall is an opportune time to take a look at your farm pond and consider a few management options which may lead to better fishing next year.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist Joe Toole of Marshall said although most Texas ponds may be suffering from low water levels, this condition may be beneficial from a management standpoint. "If vegetation control, shoreline maintenance or fish eradication is needed, this would be a good time to take those steps," Toole said. "These things are usually easier to do at low water levels, and the costs are generally lower."

Toole noted that shoreline areas may be dredged in older ponds which have suffered from years of siltation and erosion. Increasing shoreline depth is an effective method for preventing excessive growth of aquatic plants.

"Early fall also is a good time to stock channel catfish," Toole added. "However, the pond owner should remember that if his pond already contains adult largemouth bass, only catfish longer than eight inches should be stocked to reduce predation," he said. Otherwise the bass will eat the catfish.

There are a number of sources of information for pond owners. One is your nearest department fishery biologist. The department also offers pond management bulletins.

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Marvin's originates use of white spreads

When visitors think about hunting clubs in the Eagle Lake area, they think of Marvin's 'Blue Goose' hunting club, the originators of the use of the white spread in the field, according to Marvin and Gladys Tyler, owners.

Twenty-eight years ago the couple started their club and restaurant, and each year since, improved its operations to the benefit of visitors from around the region and around the country.

Many hunters look forward to Marvin's hospitality, with hunts on the best rice and soy bean lands from Sealy to Victoria.

Experience counts, and Marvin's Blue Goose was one of the first in the area to offer day hunting.

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

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The club has under lease some of the finest rice and soy bean lands in the coastal area and the great demand already shown to date indicates another busy year for the Tylers and their staff of experienced guides.

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No effort is spared in seeing that everyone 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 hunters always will have the satisfaction of seeing lots of birds and knowing that everything possible was done to make the hunt a good one.

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3-deer limit may not mean that

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Hunters in some counties this fall may discover that a three-deer limit really isn't.

"When a hunter sees in the regulations booklet that the limit is three deer, no more than one buck, he might assume he could take three antlerless deer in the event he didn't get a buck," said Horace Gore, deer program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "In some areas he could, but in many of these counties no antlerless deer permits will be issued due to low deer populations. In these cases the bag limit is really one buck."

In most counties under the department's regulatory authority, biologists issue antlerless permits to landowners based on the result of deer surveys. Issuance rates vary by county and portions of counties, depending on the herd density, fawn production and habitat conditions.

In some counties with high deer populations, landowners are issued special antlerless tags on an unlimited basis.

In Colorado County, antlerless tags will be issued on Nov. 8 and 9 at the courthouse in Columbus. They are good for land owners in roughly the western portion of the county, and are issued on a one per each 100 acre basis.

Duck, goose season

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daily limit for dark geese was amended to include black brant. West of U.S. Highway 81, the daily bag limit is five geese, not to include more than two Canada or white-fronted geese or black brant in the aggregate. Possession limit is 10, not to include more than four Canada or white-fronted geese or black brant. East of Highway 81, the daily bag limit is five light geese (snow, blue and Ross') and daily bag limit for dark geese is one Canada or black brant and one white-fronted goose. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.

Shooting hours remain the same for ducks and geese, at 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

The sandhill crane hunting season was set for Oct. 30, 1982, through Jan. 30, 1983, in Zone A. The Zone B season is Dec. 4, 1982, through Jan. 30, 1983. As in the past, a special permit, issued free by the department, is required for sandhill crane hunting. The daily bag limit remains at three; possession limit six. Shooting hours are one half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

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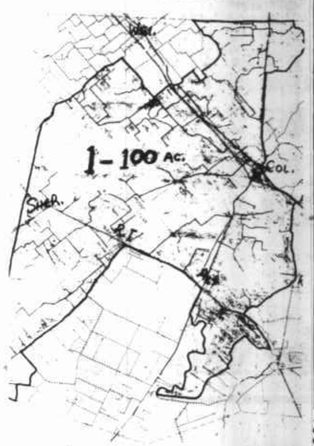
Quail habitat booklet offered

Landowners interested in improving quail production on their property can obtain an excellent booklet on the subject from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for only $1.25.

The booklet, authored by noted quail biologist A. S. Jackson, is entitled "Quail Management Handbook For West Texas Rolling Plains."

Although Jackson's studies concentrated on West Texas, the management techniques described in the booklet can be applied throughout the state, officials said.

To obtain the booklet, send check, cashier's check or money order for $1.25 (tax included) to the Information-Education Division, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.



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