Reel Club offers use of AT vehicles

Continuing the tradition started many years ago by the late J.R. (Jimmy) Reel, Bill Appelt, owner and manager of the Jimmy Reel Goose Hunting Club, provides duck and goose hunters with some of the finest hunting in this area.

Appelt has been associated with the hunting club for many seasons. His staff includes some of the top guides in the area, lined up for hunting on some of the best land in the area. Appelt reminds senior citizens and handicapped patrons who like to hunt that the club has All Terrain vehicles available to make their hunt more enjoyable. Be sure to ask about them when hunting reservations are made.

The meeting place for the Reel hunters will be at the Blue Plate Cafe, 727 E. Main, at 4:30 a.m.

Hunters can be assured that the experienced guides will do everything in their power to make yours an enjoyable and successful hunt.

The club's leases are in the immediate Eagle Lake area, as well as Lissie and East Bernard.

For reservations with Reel Hunting, you may call 409-234-3808 or write to P.O. Box 83, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434 for information and reservations and other services that promise to make your hunt with the Jimmy Reel Hunting Club a truly memorable experience.

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Firearms guidelines offered by TPWD

Legal firearms for hunting are listed below along with what is not legal for hunting in Texas.

Legal

Game animals and game birds (except migratory game birds) may be taken with:

•rifles (except prairie chickens);

•shotguns;

•other legal firearms (Muzzleloading weapons and center-fire handguns are legal firearms);

•only muzzleloading weapons (including handguns) of .45 caliber or larger are lawful to hunt deer during any Muzzleloader Only Deer Season.

Except for shotguns used for hunting migratory birds, there are no restrictions on the **number of shells** a shotgun or rifle may hold when hunting other birds or animals.

Not Legal

It is against the law to use jet guns, rocket guns or pellet guns and other air guns for taking game birds or game animals.

It is against the law to take game animals or game birds with:

•firearms capable of being fired fully automatic;

•firearms with silencers or sound-suppressing devices attached.

It is against the law to use any firearm utilizing rimfire ammunition:

•for taking deer, pronghorn, or elk;

•in certain Panhandle counties for taking auodad sheep.

It is against the law to shoot **migratory game birds** with any firearm other than a shotgun not larger than 10 gauge.

Shooting straight about gun safety...

Prevention is the best weapon

Firearms are commonplace in most farm and ranch households, but familiarity does not stop accidents from occurring.

"Most firearm accidents happen while people are cleaning or hunting with guns," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "Prevention is the best weapon against these firearm casualties."

Families should make sure that the home has safe and secure storage place for guns that is beyond the reach of children and careless adults. Store firearms and ammunition seperately, and keep both locked up.

Hunting is a natural sport for many rural families.

Perry said that hunting accidents can be prevented by following these basic safety rules:

•Control the direction of your firearm muzzle. Carry your firearm safely. Keep the safety on and your finger off the trigger until you are to shoot.

•Identify your target and know what is beyond it.

•Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and you have only the proper size ammunition for the firearm you are carrying.

•Unload firearms when not in use. Leave the action open. Firearms should be carried empty in cases to and from shooting areas.

•Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot. Avoid all horseplay with firearms.

•Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch or log with a loaded firearm. Never pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle.

•Never shoot a bullet at a flat or hard surface or water. During target practice, be sure your backstop is adequate.

•Avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while shooting.

"The best advice for gun safety is to treat every firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm," Perry said.

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destination and is finally processed.

Sale of Deer Antlers and Hides

The law prohibits the sale of any game animal or part of a game animal except for deer antlers and deer hides.

Deer antlers may be sold and bought if the required Deer Antler Sale Invoice is correctly filled out. Invoices are available at all law enforcement offices of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Sale of deer hides is not restricted.

Clifton Tyler Club... top notch hunting with the best

Preparing for waterfowl hunting season each year goes far beyond leasing land and hiring guides for Clifton Tyler. "One of the most often asked questions is why hunters can't hunt the natural ponds that form on the prairie," Tyler commented.

The answer may surprise you... "Because there aren't any," he said. They hamper farming operations, so in working land farmers cut drainage slopes so the natural prairie formations will not hold water.

Each year, Tyler and crew rework those natural pond areas so they will hold water, at least for the season. Once drainage lines are closed, hunting operations depend on rain to fill them. If not, Tyler said he would even go to the expense of having water pumped in. All in all, 20 to 30 ponds are created each year.

Even after the ponds are covered with birds hunters aren't allowed to stalk their prey at the water's edge. Tyler stated the ponds are for attracting the birds into certain field areas and to hold them there. Without water, the birds would fly on to other areas.

Tyler and his guides know where that water is, and put hunters into an area a field or two away. This placement enhances the morning's hunt and explains the reason hunters need to be in the fields well before shooting time. They want to make sure all is ready when the birds come off the water.

Clifton has a long history of working with visiting hunting groups and has been one of the top duck an goose guides in this area for more than 20 years. He has put that experience into his own duck and goose hunting club known as the Clifton Tyler Goose Hunting Club. It has thousands of acres of top rice land scattered across the Eagle Lake and Garwood prairies. The rice prairies of Eagle Lake and Garwood are the winter home for the largest concentration of wild geese in the world.

"Run and Shoot" in last season provided some of the best hunts of the year. All hunters enjoyed the action very much. I was surprised by the number of successful decoying hunts. It has always been thought that by February geese are too smart to decoy. This simply is not correct. With proper conditions we enjoyed some outstanding decoying shoots. I believe that the main factor is a lack of hunting pressure during that time of the year. The geese are calm and inclined to maintain their anticipated flight patterns.

The Tyler Hunting Club will again offer the "Run and Shoot" which is for snow geese only. This will take place during late Jan. and Feb. when there is not much pressure in the fields allowing the hunters and guides greater mobility. It is also meant to be a fun time for everyone involved. The price is $75 per man which will allow those thinking about hunting geese, but not sure if that's what they would like to do, to take part in the experience without incurring a large expense.

Tyler's Club can accommodate up to 60 hunters with a fourper-party minimum. A guide will be provided for each hunt from legal shooting time until noon only. Decoys, white spreads and parkas are furnished. Every guide has his own trained retrievers.

Hunting season headquarters for Tyler is the famous Farris 1912 Hotel in Eagle Lake. Lodging can be arranged there or at one of several hotels and motels in the area. Breakfast is served at 4:30 a.m. at The Farris.

Tyler, who has lived in this area all of his life, has experienced guides available for the hunter including: Davis Waddell, Mike Mangum, Ricky Kramr, Louis Schorlemmer, Bill Blair, Bobby Marsalia, Craig Tyler, Rod Adkins, Mike Schorlemmer, Dwayne Pagel, Phillip Schorlemmer, Craig Guthman, Neil Marsalia and Matt Weller, all from Eagle Lake; Bill Sweat and Nolan Blaschke from Columbus; Rex Mobley of Dallas and Jody Szymanski and Harlen Boettcher from East Bernard; and Craig Guthman from Lissie.

For reservations you can contact Ida or Clifton Tyler at 409-234-3346 or 409-732-6502 in Columbus or write to Clifton Tyler Goose Hunts, 300 Boothe Drive, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

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Know your ducks...

What to look for...

Habitat, action, color, shape and voice — all help distinguish one species from another.

Shallow marshes and creeks normally attract few divers; large, deep bodies of water are usual feeding grounds of puddle ducks.

The measures of a flock in the air can help indicate the species. Mallards, pintails, and widgeons form loose groups; teals and scoters fly by in small bunches; merganser often appear in single file; canvasbacks shift from wavering lines to temporary V's; redheads "boil up" in short flights from one end of a lake to the other. Closer up, individual silhouettes can show large heads or short, stubby necks; long tails or bodies or slender, long bills or small, bulbs or narrow, flat bills may be clues to the bird's identity. Sound of wings can be as important as that of voice. The sound of wings can be as important as that of voice. The pinions of goldeneyes whistle in flight; the swish of wood ducks is different from the steady rush of canvasbacks; Not all ducks quack; many whistle, squeal or grunt. Experience can teach you the difference.

MALLARDS

Most common duck. Extremely hardy, wintering as far north as it can find open water. Flocks often leave the water in early morning and late afternoon to feed in nearby harvest fields, returning to roosting areas at dusk. Flight is fast, usually in a direct line. Drakes have a cr-ee-ek when in flight; hens have a cr-ee-ek-ek-ek-ek-ek-ek. Drakes whistle and hens quack like a mallard hen, but softer.

GREAT SCAUP

Flock movement is rapid, in fairly compact formation; over feeding areas they normally fly under hundred-foot altitude. The wings produce a loud rushing sound.

WIDGEON

Nervous birds, quick to take alarm. Agile fliers, usually in compact flocks. Flight is fast, irregular, with many twists and turns. White belly and forewing very conspicuous in the air. Flocks often leave the water in early morning and late afternoon to feed in nearby harvest fields, returning to roosting areas at dusk. Flight is not particularly rapid; voice of the drake, a lower-pitched kwek-kwek.

BLACK DUCK

Most wary, regarded as the wariest of all ducks.

Shy and wary, regarded as the wariest of all ducks. Flight is swift, usually small flocks, in V's or angular lines. Most abundant along the Atlantic Flyways.

GADWALL

Not plentiful anywhere; greatest numbers in the Central Flyway, fewest in the Atlantic Flyway. The only puddle duck with white in the speculum.

Small, compact flocks fly swiftly, usually in a direct line. Wing beats are rapid. Drakes whistle and hens quack like a mallard hen, but softer.

PINTAIL

Found in every flyway, most plentiful in the west.

Extremely graceful, fast fliers; can show large heads or long bills or narrow, flat bodies or slender, long tails or short, trained observers also identify ducks from the wing beats; they may be fast or slow, short rapid flutters or long strokes.

Drakes whistle; hens have a hoarse quack.

SHOVELER

Early fall migrant; usual flight is steady and direct. When startled, the small flocks fly erratically, twisting and turning like leaf.

Greatest numbers occur in the Central and Pacific Flyways.

Aquatic animal life forms a third of its diet.

Drakes call wuh-wuh and kow-kow; hens have a feeble quack.

WOOD DUCK

Found in all Flyways; most numerous in the Mississippi Flyway.

Flies through thick timber with speed and ease, and feeds readily on acorns, berries, and grapes on the forest floor.

Flight is swift and direct. Flocks are usually small.

Drakes have a boo-w-eet, often in flight; hens have a cr-ee-k when frightened.

Usually spends the day in the large rafts in deep water; feeds mostly at evening and in more shallow sections.

Drakes purr and moow; hens have a loud squawk, higher than hen mallard's.

CANVASBACK

Extremely powerful fliers, migrating in lines and irregular V's; in feeding areas, compact flocks fly in indefinite formation.

On the water, body size and head shape distinguish them from scaups and redheads.

Drakes croak, peep, and growl; hens quack, similar to a mallard hen.

REDHEAD

Range coast to coast, often found with canvasback. On migration, large flocks travel in V's; in feeding areas, flocks fly in irregular formations. Movements in the air always seem to be hurried.

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RUDDY

Often seen in pairs, or very small flocks.

The birds are graceful fliers; give an impression of great speed. Flushes straight up or pairs along water.

Wing strokes are short, rapid; the wings appear to blur.

Seldom goes to salt water; wintering grounds are the inland waters in all coastal states.

Only call is a series of coarse grunts.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

Flight is very similar to common mergansers, but drakes show farm less conspicuous white.

Juveniles and many adult drakes resemble hens during migration, for adult males grow out of eclipse plumage late.

Winter principally along both coasts, as well as Gulf of Mexico.

Voice: croaks, seldom heard.

(See Ducks, Page9)

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Some scope lights are legal

Law enforcement personnel and legal staff at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have ruled the legal use of certain battery powered, artificially lighted scopes which prohibits hunting with an artificial light originally was written in 1897 and was enacted with almost same wording as at day's statute.

"It states in Subsection a, "No person may hunt an animal or bird used or in hunt an animal or bird.

Charles Hensley, TPWD law enforcement director, said such devices are legal if no light beam or illumination is projected at or onto the target or causes the eyes or other parts of the target to be illuminated in any manner or degree.

Department officials can only define what devices are legal if a person may hunt an animal or bird or a headlight, hunting lamp, or artificial light attached to a motor vehicle." Subsection b speaks to the possession of a headlight or hunting lamp used on or about the head.

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"We can be certain," Hensley said, "that research in those days never dreamed of the artificially lighted spinning devices modern technology has given us today. These devices greatly enhance the hunter's ability to place the bullet or arrow in an area that reduces the number of crippling losses, especially for those hunters experiencing failing eyesight."

This interpretation does not include and artificially lighted spinning device which projects what is commonly referred to as a laser beam or laser dot or any other artificially lighted device that may illuminate, in any part or parcel, that animal or bird. The ruling also does not change the legal hunting hours.

Hensley concluded, "In today's world, we have a responsibility to increase wounding loss. I feel a certain responsibility, if a product is on the market to enance one shot kills, we should do that."

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A resident is a person who has lived continuously in Texas for more than 6 month immediately before applying for a license or members of the United States Armed Forces (and their dependents) on active duty anywhere.

A non-resident is any person who does not qualify as a resident.

While hunting, fishing, or trapping, persons 17 years of age or older must carry on their person a driver's license or person a driver's license or personal identification certificate issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Non-residents must carry similar documents issued by the agency in their state or country of residence that is authorized to issue drivers licenses or personal identification certificates.

It is against the law to:

•Hunt (take, seek or pursue) without a valid license;

•use another persons license to hunt or fish;

•let someone else hunt or fish with your license;

•purchase more than one Resident Hunting License per year;

•purchase more than one General Non-Resident Spring Turkey Hunting License and a Non-Resident Spring Turkey Hunting License during a license year.

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(See Licenses, Page 16)