

Top finishers in 1995 Go-Texan contests



Champion pitchers
Donald Vanicek and Brandon Wagner, both of Weimar, took tops in horseshoe pitching competition.



Champion washer pitchers
Bobby Weid Jr. and Robert Weid Sr., both of Eagle Lake, took the top place in washer pitching.



Top quilt
Beverly Morris of Sheridan entered this year's top quilt in varying shades of blue.



Reserve champions at washers
Glen and Kate Noska, of Columbus, were the reserve champion washer pitchers this year.



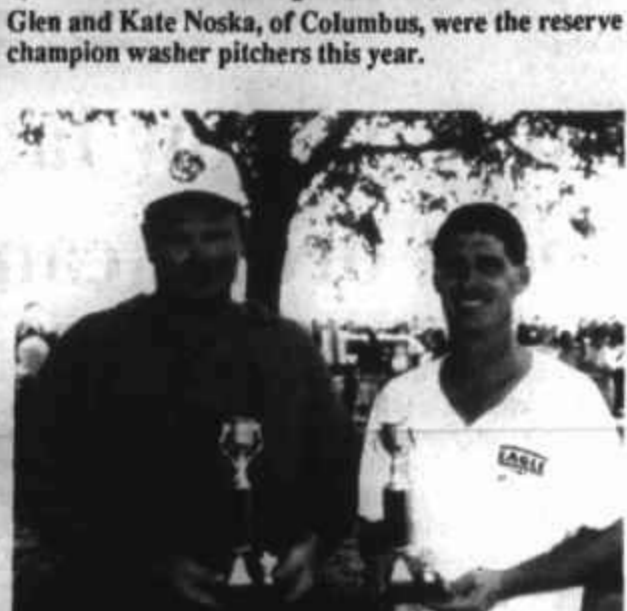
Boy's champs
Doug and Stephen Bradford of Frelsburg were the winners in the boy's division of washer pitching.



Open champs
James Moore of Altair and Kylan Flournoy of Columbus took top honors in the open washer pitching.



Open pitchers
Mary Lou Spalek of Alleyton and Wanda Henry of Eagle Lake took first in ladies open horseshoe pitching.



Men's reserve champs
Eddie Ellison and Ivory Brown, both of Weimar, took the reserve championship in the men's open horseshoe pitching competition.



Girls pitch, too!
Colleen Sevick of Sheridan and Robyn Alleyway of Altair took top place in the girl's washer pitching.



Reserve open
The reserve champions in ladies open horseshoe pitching were Teri Sissom of Weimar and Judy Williamson of Baytown.



BBQ cooks
"Talking Trash Cookers" of Wharton, chief cook Johnny Martinez, Jack Douglas and Bill Gibson, took top place in the open barbecue cookoff.



Singles champ
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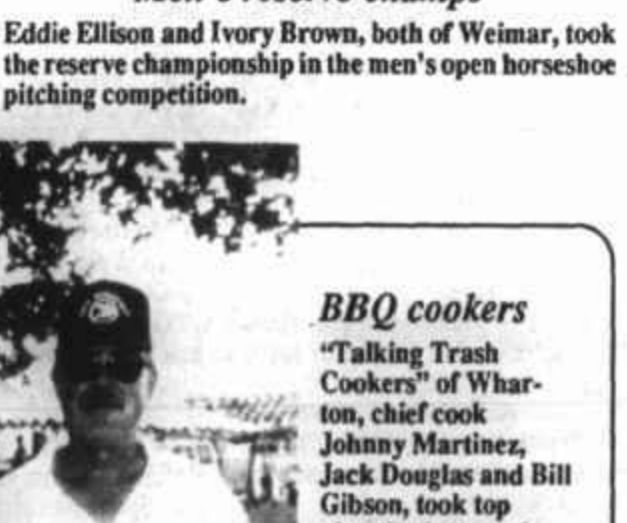
Tote that bale!
The men's Go-Texan reserve champion horseshoe pitching team was James Moore of Altair and Mike Bouche of Rock Island.



Ladies reserve
The reserve championship in ladies' team horseshoes were Luane Schindler of Alleyton and Kathy Moore of Altair.



Cook a mean pig!
Top pork cooks in the Go-Texan Cookoff were the "Crazy Cookers" of Weimar, including Sissy and Joe Till, Raymond Grunewald and Paul Oncken.



Spice it up right
The champion barbecue cooks were "Road Kill" from Weimar, including, from left, Donnie Head and Rodney Lacey and Lonnie Hinze. Not pictured were Boomer Hinze and Charles Jobb.



Champion haulers
Rachel Weishuhn and Michella and Vivian Spanihel, all of Matthews, took top honors in the ladies' hay hauling.



Reserve champs
Taking the reserve championship in open barbecue cooking were the "Last Minute Cookers" of Weimar; from left, Louis T., Louis W. and Ricky Menis.



Go-Texan Photographs
Courtesy of Pam & Henry Potter



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Nature

called *Twitchees*. Please keep these terms in mind when, like TWONC, prey Helen Craig did, you visit the "mother" country. Acting President Craig was recently in Europe and did decide to return to the 'States'. Hopefully, she will discuss her adventures abroad at the next meeting.

Calendar of events
TWONC calendar of events to year's end (subject to changes at any time) is: Monday, Oct. 9: 5:30 p.m. Allwater Prairie Chicken NWR fall migration. Monday, Nov. 13: 5:30 p.m. Waterfowl coming in to rest; Jimmy Thomas' Duck House, Eagle Lake. Monday, Dec. 11: 7:30 p.m. annual business meeting, membership drive and social; Prairie Edge Museum, Eagle Lake. Mark your calendars and attend!

Last meeting
There were 20 people present for the last meeting with 14 adults and 6 children. Donnie and Anna Mae Wiese were hosts for the quarterly meeting and tour of the Alligator Farm.

The tour began at the former swimming pool which holds close to 200 alligators in the one-to-four foot category. In the pool area, there is a smaller holding pen for last year's hatchlings.

The group then moved to an inside area holding pens and hatchery. Club members had the opportunity to view eggs and several freshly hatched babies. We then moved to the baby pen which holds nearly 280 of this year's hatched youths.

Donnie gave a very interesting talk on the incubation and care of alligators. Annually, he must be inspected and meet or exceed stringent standards set by Texas Parks & Wildlife.

Even then, he must apply for a permit to harvest the eggs on his own farm. Records are kept in readiness at all times for spot and yearly inspections.

Donnie went on to tell the group that in the wild, only 17% of the eggs laid will hatch, but with his breeding program 80 to 90% of the eggs hatch.

Some interesting alligator facts:
• Alligators can see, as well as bite, under water.
• Alligators have two eyelids.
• Alligators lower jaw teeth fit into the upper jaw when their mouths are closed.
• Alligators have different coloration markings when they are small.
• Alligators eggs have nine layers of shell. The hatchlings make sounds to attract the mother who will scratch the eggs open when eggs are ready to hatch. The hatchlings are born with an egg tooth to help them peck their way out.

The program ended at the large pen where Donnie feeds his big alligators. It was a very interesting program and we all hope his venture continues to succeed.

Next meeting
The next field event for club members will be a guided tour in the late afternoon, Monday, Oct. 9, at the Allwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge. Members will assemble on that day promptly at 5:30 p.m. at the Refuges quarters, about 6 miles northeast of Eagle Lake on FM 3013.

If your work forces you to arrive late, don't worry. Come when you can and catch up. If you have to leave early, you will be excused graciously.

The objective is to get an early fall view of newly arriving migrants, other wildlife, and late-plant associations in wetlands, along wooded stream borders and in open prairie.

Participants are asked to dress for the fields, wear walking shoes, and if possible bring binoculars, spotting scopes, cameras, and of course guests and potential new members.

Quarterly business meeting
The quarterly business was held at the Wiese's Alligator farm preceding the tour. The meeting began with the election of Chairman pro-tem John Canaris.

The treasurer's report was given. It was reported that there was \$113 in funds and a motion was made that a checking account be opened. A vote was taken and it was approved unanimously.

The membership report was given; 32 households have now paid dues. One addition member paid dues during the program bringing the number to 33.

Committee appointments were discussed but not approved with an absence of most members; nominating and elections: T. Lang (Chm), Donnie Wiese and Doris Laughlin; auditing: Bill Harrison (Chm), Jeanie Leopold and Mae Ashby.

The Allwater's Prairie Chicken Festival will be held March 22-24. Club activities will consist of a concession booth at the Refuge. We will sell only soda, bottled

tea, bottled water and packaged snacks. A motion was made to hold the concession stand and it carried. A schedule will be presented at the monthly meeting one month before the festival.

Eagle Lake Park Project was briefly discussed by Susan Tombeason. The City is carrying forward with plans for the Park. Eagle Lake Mayor Robby Cook is keeping us informed of any events that may be taking place where we can be of help.

Robby suggested that we contact the Audubon Society to help us with designing the Bird Tower and nature center. He is planning to address our group at the Oct. meeting to let us know of recent progress.

A future project we could provide would be to advertise a monthly tour of the APC refuge, guided by TWONC members with donations accepted.

Field tips for 1996 and programs can be scheduled at any time. If you have any suggestions, please contact one of the people at the end of this article. Moving the meeting dates from Monday was discussed, however, no change was made.

APCNWR news
Manager Steve Labuda is being promoted and transferred in early Oct. to supervise operations of the large and diverse Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge in the extreme lower Rio Grande Valley.

As a super-active Club member and our professional advisor, he will be greatly missed.

Steve invites anyone traveling in the lower Rio Grande Valley to visit and experience good nature trails in the "sub-tropical" environment.

In fact, he offers to assist if TWONC members want to make a special weekend field trip there.

Steve's many area friends with him and his family well in his own position. Terry Kossignol will be acting-in-charge until a new manager is named.

Monarch to be official Texas Parks & Wildlife now keeps us up-to-date on non-game and urban wildlife in the publication, "Eye On Nature". The fall issued discusses, for example, the "Adopt-A-Prairie Chicken" program.

It also lists upcoming nature festivals and features articles about the Texas Monarch Butterfly watch, hawk watching on the Upper Coast, looking for Texas marine mammals, managing for wildlife diversity, expanded wildlife, cooperative efforts to help endangered woodpecker, fostering environmental stewardship, etc.

Those wishing to obtain copies should write: Nongame & Urban Program, Texas Parks & Wildlife, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

Who to call
If you have any questions, comments or program ideas, call Helen Craig, 409-234-2807; Susan Tombeason, 234-2027; Rollin Baker, 234-2027; or Doris Laughlin, 409-732-8875.

"Lack of understanding is a great power. Sometimes it enables men to conquer the world." — Anatole France

Toasty toes

Mrs. Henry Sunderman is shown with a beautiful quilt made by Mrs. Jim Simcik and donated to the Study Club for their auction Oct. 21. With the cold nights and mornings, this would be great to wrap up in.

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1. You must use the entry form on this page. No facsimile copies will be allowed.
 2. Study the games listed in each advertisement. Each game is numbered. Pick the team you think will win. Write your guess on the matching numbered line on the entry blank. Enter guesses for each game. If guesses are not entered on the correct line, the entry is disqualified.
 3. After picking the winners, fill in the blank at the bottom of the entry form with the total score of the weekly Rice Raider football game. The total score is the number of points each team will score in the game, added together. For instance, Rice 13, Sweeney 6; the total score is 19.
 4. The entry with perfect guesses (excluding the tie-breaker score) will win. The prize is \$15 per week. If there is more than one perfect entry, the tie-breaker score will be used. If ties remain, up to three entries will be drawn from these entries, and the prize will be split three ways.
 5. If there is no perfect entry in any week, that week's prize will be added to the following week. For instance, if no perfect entry is received the first week, then the second week the prize will be \$30.
 6. If there is no perfect entry during the run of the contest or there is prize money remaining when the contest ends, the best entry during that time period will be declared the winner.
 7. Entry forms must be in The Headlight office by 5 p.m. Friday before the games are played. Or, if mailed, must be postmarked with Friday's date, and be received by The Headlight on Monday's mail delivery. The Headlight will not be responsible for entries postmarked correctly but received Tuesday or later.
 8. Winners will be announced on this page.
 9. Only one entry per person per week.
 10. Contest runs through November 9, 1995.

- ### YOUR NAME COULD BE HERE!
- #### WEEK #5 RESULTS
1. Bellville 35, Brookshire Royal 14
 2. Columbus 42, Edna 18
 3. East Bernard 7, Yonkum 28
 4. Sealy 76, Rice Raiders 0
 5. Weimar 7, Boling 7 (tie: does not count)
 6. Arkansas 31, Tennessee 49
 7. Notre Dame 29, Washington 21
 8. TCU 31, Univ. of Houston 21
 9. Texas A&M 7, Texas Tech 14
 10. Univ. of Texas 37, Rice Univ. 13
 11. Cincinnati Bengals 16, Tampa Bay Bucs 19
 12. Dallas Cowboys 34, Green Bay Packers 24
 13. Houston Oilers 17, Minnesota Vikings 23
 14. Kansas City Chiefs 30, San Diego Chargers 24
 15. Miami Dolphins 24, Indianapolis Colts 27
- Wied had only one wrong (Arkansas-Tenn.) until Monday night's game; she had chosen the Chargers. Szymanski, Paschal, Hurd, Frnka and Ramirez all went with the Dolphins over the Colts. Again, a logical choice, but not this week. Almanza went with the Colts, but took Arkansas over Tennessee.
- Better luck to all this week. The jackpot is up to a tidy sum! Be sure your entry reaches us in time to be checked for accuracy. We don't make exceptions for postal holidays.

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