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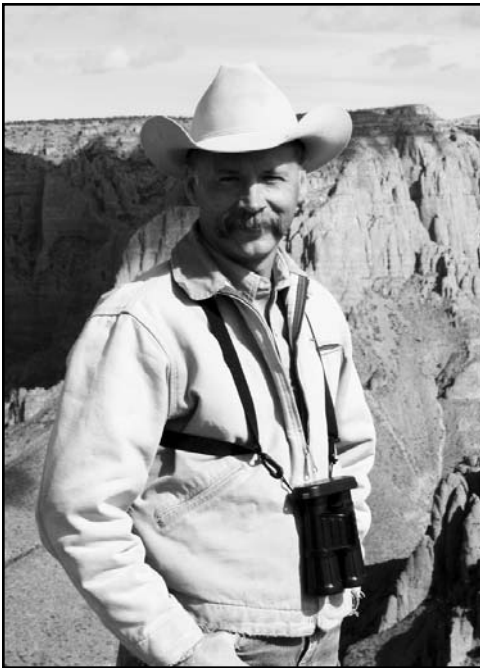
AWARD WINNING PUBLICATION OF AUSTIN WOODS AND WATERS CLUB

FEBRUARY 2012

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TPW WILDLIFE DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT FEB. EVENING MEETING



Clayton Wolf, TPWD's talented and affable wildlife director, will be the featured speaker at the Feb. 1 evening installation banquet at Mesa Ranch restaurant, at 8108 Mesa Drive, just north of the intersection of Mesa and Spicewood Springs.

Wolf will be talking about "The Role of Deer Hunting in Ecosystem Management." He has had a varied and extensive career in wildlife management, and is an engaging speaker. He grew up in Rockdale, and spent a lot of time on family land in Lee County. He earned a bachelor's degree in Forest Wildlife Management from Stephen F. Austin and a master's from A&M. His education was no doubt enhanced at SFA by rooming with AWWC member and Round Rock Mayor Alan McGraw!

(Knowing this, the Game Bag told Wolf that if he didn't supply the requested background information for this article, we would have to seek, uh, outside sources. He replied with the material by return mail!)

His first job after graduation was with Temple-Inland on the Scrappin' Valley Timber and Wildlife Research Area in Newton County. He also dealt with endangered species for Temple's Southern Region.

From there, he became TPWD's district wildlife leader in the 27 counties of the Pineywoods, overseeing technical guidance, regulatory and wildlife management work.

From there he became White-tailed Deer Program Coordinator in the Austin headquarters, handling regulations, data collection, research and management.

And dealing with the public and interest groups in the deer management arena where every constituent is convinced he knows more about the subject than anyone else on Earth. Somewhat illustrating the theorem that you can take the boy out of the country, but can't take the country out of the boy, he only moved part way from the big woods, settling in the Fayetteville suburb of Rek Hill instead of moving to the concrete jungle called Austin.

Surviving - and actually thriving - in the broiler of public deer management, Wolf soon was promoted to Big Game Program Director supervising whitetails, mule deer, pronghorns and bighorn sheep. In 2009, he ascended to the wildlife director's chair,

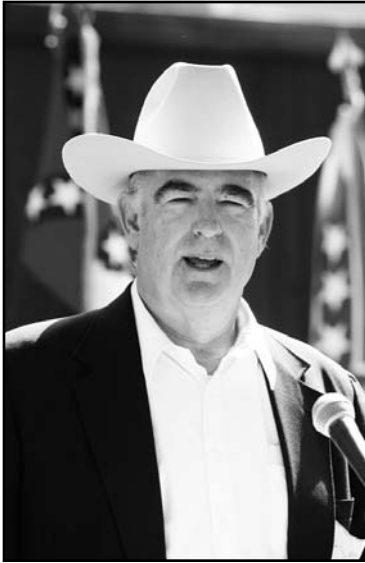
his current position. Most who held this job were older men, and those who weren't that old soon became so. It's a trying job, but one Clayton Wolf handles well. Perhaps driving back to Fayetteville helps him hang onto perspective.

When he can break away, he likes to bowhunt and fish. That no doubt helps, as does his teaching at church camp. After all, he is probably just seeking peace by following the biblical direction to "...go out into the hill country."

Reservations are required at Mesa Ranch, and seating is limited. NO PAYMENT AT DOOR! Use Pay Pal through www.austinwoodsandwaters.org.

AWWC Officer Installation Banquet
Wednesday, February 1 6:30 - 9
Mesa Ranch, 8108 Mesa Dr.
\$40/person
Reservation deadline: January 25

president's message



My final letter to AWWC

This year has been great and I have been truly blessed with first class Officers and Directors of Austin Woods and Waters Club. Thanks for all you have done.

Now it's time to introduce the new AWWC leaders for 2012 along with the McBride Foundation Board:

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I would like to leave the membership with the 2011- 2010 financials for the club:

*2011 Profit & Loss for AWWC

	Jan - Dec 11	Jan - Dec 10	\$ Change	% Change
Income				
Awards Dinner	2,350.00	600.00	1,750.00	291.67%
Game Bag Income	4,330.00	2,985.00	1,345.00	45.06%
Gift Received	2,595.00	7,144.81	4,549.81	-63.68%
Membership Dues	12,449.00	10,690.00	1,759.00	16.46%
Membership Party Income	2,520.00	2,520.00	-	100.0%
Monthly Lunches	9,546.00	10,297.00	-751.00	-7.29%
Shopping Cart Payment Received				
Spring Picnic	1,123.00	1,790.00	-667.00	-37.28%
Total Income	34,913.00	33,506.81	1,406.19	4.2%
Expense				
Accounting	500.00		500.00	100.0%
Admin Assistant	5,700.00	6,000.00	-300.00	-5.0%
Admin Expenses	425.20	499.59	-74.39	-14.89%
Advertising Sales Fees	231.00		231.00	100.0%
Awards Dinner Expenses	3,940.50		3,940.50	100.0%
Bank Charge		122.79	-122.79	-100.0%
Bank Service Charge	697.17	204.34	492.83	241.18%
Board Meeting	738.98	367.64	371.34	101.01%
Computer	67.00		67.00	100.0%
Game Bag				
Editor	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	-
Layout	920.00		920.00	100.0%
Printing	3,388.87	4,406.42	1,017.55	-23.09%
Total Game Bag	10,308.87	10,406.42	-97.55	-0.94%
Gifts Given	2,855.00		2,855.00	100.0%
Insurance				
Club Liability	798.00	798.00	-	-
D & O Ins.	900.00	900.00	-	-
Trailer Insurance	125.00		125.00	100.0%
Insurance - Other	125.00		125.00	100.0%
Total Insurance	1,948.00	1,698.00	250.00	14.72%
Meeting Expense	482.93		482.93	100.0%
Membership expenses	64.67		64.67	100.0%
Membership Party Expense	1,222.66		1,222.66	100.0%
Memorials and Flowers	175.80		175.80	100.0%
Miscellaneous	325.36	263.82	61.54	23.33%
Monthly Meeting				
Food Expense	5,830.50	7,011.96	1,181.46	-16.85%
Total Monthly Meeting	5,830.50	7,011.96	1,181.46	-16.85%
Open Seasons Subscription	1,766.00	2,532.00	-766.00	-30.25%
PayPal Fees	208.96	203.91	5.05	2.48%
Plaques & Awards	159.92	231.17	-71.25	-30.82%
Postage and Delivery	291.09	69.30	221.79	320.04%
Printing and Reproduction		127.32	-127.32	-100.0%
Spring Picnic Expense	866.18	450.87	415.31	92.11%
Web Site	1,299.00	1,271.96	27.04	2.13%
Total Expense	40,104.79	31,461.09	8,643.70	27.47%
Net Income	-5,191.79	2,045.72	7,237.51	-353.79%

* As you can see our income was up but so were our expenses. Our membership expenses were more this year but well worth it as the new members will make an immediate impact on the club in 2012. Also our gifts were up if you remember the shades in the Elks Club. 2011 was a building year which will produce good returns for AWWC going forward. Thanks for the ride AWWC. It's been a great year.

John N Bryan President AWWC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WHO: Austin Woods and Waters Club

WHAT: Installation-of-New-Officers Dinner

WHERE: Mesa Ranch Restaurant
8108 Mesa Drive, #C100
Austin, TX 78759
512/853-9480

WHEN: Wednesday, February 1, 2012
(No AWWC luncheon on February 1st)
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

AGENDA: 5:30 - Cocktails / two drink coupons
with reservation / then cash bar
6:30 - Buffet dinner w/wine
8:00 - Installation of new officers
8:30 - Guest speaker

WHAT ELSE: Cost - \$40 per person - Must mail
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DAUGHTER'S FIRST DEER

By Mike Cox

Sometimes, life works its way around 360 degrees and an ending neatly meets up with a new beginning.

When I turned 21, my late grandfather L.A. Wilke (former Game Bag editor and longtime outdoor writer) summoned me into his home office after supper one night. I don't remember his exact words, but he said I was plenty old enough to own my own high-power rifle.

"You can kill any animal in North America with this," he said as he handed me his Remington Model 700 carbine, a .308 he got from the factory in 1960. It had a Weaver scope and a custom leather strap.

Indeed, the first year he owned the rifle, he used it to bring down a buffalo on the Means Ranch in the Trans-Pecos. He donated the meat for that year's Outdoor Writers of America convention in Durant, OK. Later, he took the biggest buck of his life with that .308 on the King Ranch.

Since Granddad turned over the gun to me in 1969, I also have brought down numerous deer with it. Of course, I've missed a deer or two with it, too. These days, the rifle and I are both getting up in years, but each of us is still able to take to the field. It has a newer scope, and it still shoots just fine.

My daughter Hallie, who turns 18 this February, has been hunting with me since she was a little girl. She sat in my lap one time when I took a 7-pointer that had sure looked like an 8 through the scope. And she had been with me when I got a nice Axis doe. She even helped me track it down. More recently, she did most of the work field-dressing a buck I killed earlier in the just-ended season.

"I wish I could shoot a deer," she had said after that.

Well, I couldn't let her take a buck on the Lampasas County lease I share with fellow outdoor writers Bob Hood and John Gill, but they both said it would be just fine if Hallie wanted to harvest a doe on the place.

That's when it started getting complicated.

On her first outing, despite a little pre-hunt target practice, she missed a cooperative doe with Hood's loaned .243 not once, not twice, but three times. That afternoon, she missed a spike that only gave her one shot.

The next time we went to the lease, a strong norther had the deer bedded down. Finally, one lone doe walked out of the brush and started toward the distant feeder. Again Hallie shot, and again she missed. The score was now Deer 5, Hallie 0. The only difference on that last miss was that she had been using Granddad's old .308.

"I guess I'm just getting too nervous," she self-diagnosed, adding that she probably could use some more practice, too.

So, on Dec. 29, we went to the lease one more time. This time I brought along a package of those double-layer targets that leave a nicely visible hole when hit. Hallie and I hauled an old wooden bench to an empty stock tank and sat it up on its end with a caliche wall as a backstop.

Just to make sure the scope wasn't off, I took a shot at 115 full paces. The round hit at 12 o'clock, four inches above the red bull's eye.

"Well, not the best shooting, but that would kill a deer," I told Hallie.

She took the next shot, resting the rifle on the hood of my SUV just like I had done. When she squeezed the trigger, a hole appeared at 4 o'clock only three inches from the bull's eye.

Delighted that she had outshot her Dad, Hallie said she felt better about her prospects that afternoon.

We got into the blind about 4 p.m. and sat there for an hour. Finally, at 5:05 p.m., a doe appeared near the feeder. I glassed her and she looked OK, so I green-lighted Hallie to fire when she could get a shot.



"Daddy, there's another one," she said, pointing to a second doe that had just walked up.

I raised my binoculars again and saw that she was an even fatter doe.

"OK, try for that one," I said.

As Hallie leaned in to the scope, I could hear her heavy breathing. Once again, buck fever had set in.

But when Granddad's .308 went off, that doe crashed faster than the Greek economy. She was, as we used to say at the Department of Public Safety, DRT - Dead Right There.

After we cleaned the deer - with Hallie doing most of it herself - we took it to a processor in Lampasas and Hallie donated it to be transformed into hamburger meat for Hunters for the Hungry.

On the way home that night, I told her the story of the 50-year-old rifle that she had killed her first deer with.

"Are you going to give it to me someday?" she asked.

Yes, I told her, she'll get that rifle. But I need to get a little more use out of it myself first!

Upcoming AWWC fishing trips:

March: White bass on the Guadalupe above Canyon dam. Will pick a Friday when conditions seem best. Kayaks (option) and waders (a must) with light tackle. Fish fry and overnight camping optional. Email Dave at david@benchmarktx.net if you'd like to be on the list.

April: Rockport bay fishing. Date to be determined. Very limited openings for kayak/wade fishing with artificials. Must be in good physical condition for this trip! A second boat would open up additional spots - looking for volunteer. Travel Friday, fish Saturday and Sunday morning. Hotel and restaurant for R&B. Email Dave if you'd like to be on the list.

May-July: Guided bay fishing on the coast. Details to be determined, you can have input! Email Dave if you'd like to be on the list.

I am also exploring the possibility of a 3-day free-range cow elk hunt at the Longfellow Ranch in West Texas in fall, 2012. See www.longfellowranch.com for more details. Please contact Dave Mahn if interested.

SOMETHING ELSE FOR GUN OWNERS TO WORRY ABOUT

(Jimmy Cobb sent this to the Game Bag, and asked if was real or an urban myth. It sounds authentic, and if it isn't, it surely could be. ¡Cuidado!)

Gun lovers public service announcement: While I was in a Texas gun store today, my car was tagged on the wheel in the parking lot. The gangs do this on wheels or bumpers at gun stores, shooting ranges, gun shows etc.

Later when you are parked at a restaurant, hotel, or other location that's less well guarded or under video surveillance, other gang members spot the marker and break into the car for a quick gun grab. This is so RAMPANT in San Antonio where we were for a National shoot this summer, the Sheriff of Bexar County came out to brief the 400 participants of our competition. Too bad three teams had already been victimized the first day. This is the first I've heard of this in Texas.

Please pass this info along to your 2nd amendment list. Daily check you car, truck or motor home for unusual painted dots, marks, check marks or other strange looking symbols that are not normal to your type vehicle. It could prevent you from being a victim of robbery, or even save your life if you catch the thief in the act.

This next comment from a Gun Site instructor:

I don't know how widespread this is becoming, but the info regarding the NSCA Nationals in San Antonio is correct, as all of us who compete in sporting clays know. Competitors there were having their vehicles marked with a small adhesive dot on

the rear license plate or rear bumper, then followed for miles and having their vehicles quickly and efficiently broken in to when parked for lunch etc.

Some crews were working the parking lot at the Nationals itself. 27 high end shotguns were taken there recently. They know when 1400 shooters with high \$\$ competition guns are in town.

BTW, I shot with a young man who was trying out a new gun at the Nationals.

He and his father lost all their guns and equipment while making a quick stop for lunch at a BBQ place in Corpus Christi the month before.



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Super Hunt 9 - Still the Largest Youth Hunting Event in the World - January 6-8, 2012

By Doug DuBois, Jr.



Group Photo, Leah Pennick photographer using Kent Brenneman's camera

Thanks to everyone who contributed so much to the success of Super Hunt No. 9! Of greatest importance were our host landowners with the Cave Creek Wildlife Management Association. Without their generosity this would not have been possible. Thanks go to the Burrow Family and the Four B Ranch; Ronnie and Sandra Ottmers; Edwin Eckhardt; Cliff Steinbring; Don & Velna Jackson; Barbara Scherer; Sammy Segner; John Dittmar, Guenther Ottmers, Charles Klein, Steven K. Mohr & Family; Steve Eckhardt; Steven W. and Darrell Mohr; Redstone Ranch; Gerald Beckmann; and Dennis Yeager, who was new to the Super Hunt this year.

Also, thanks to our Austin Woods & Waters Club and other Heart of Texas Huntmasters who worked with our landowners and participating youth and accompanying adults. My hat is off to you for your leadership and guidance throughout the weekend. Lead Huntmasters and assistant Huntmasters included David Baxter, John Bryan, Roland Krienke, Kevin McConnell, Allen Hansen, Byron Kibby, Steve Hall, Corey Gaskill, Kirk Miller, Mike Kancilja, John McClary, Steve Shannon, David Giles, Steve Hollywood, Ron Roberts, Virginia Roberts, Tom Compton, William Krebs, Jim Cranmer, Terry "Big T" Sifford, Nathan Pettigrew, David Mahn and Eddie Hernandez, pinch hitting for Tom McGonagill.

The event was the largest ever with 62 youth from across the state participating in the hunt. In addition to Huntmaster and Kennard ISD Superintendent David Baxter bringing a group from Houston County (Crockett & Kennard) Huntmaster and Ag teacher Brandon Neal brought a group from Joshua ISD, near Fort Worth and fellow Ag teacher and buddy Phillip Lyles brought a group from Pasadena ISD. Included were foreign exchange students from Switzerland and Norway, each who harvested their first big game animal on the Super Hunt.

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Huntmaster Buddy Martin (left), leads a Hunter Education skills trail on Saturday, Photo by Kent Brenneman



Huntmaster Roland Krienke (back left) with Landowner Edwin Eckhardt and their four youth hunters, left to right, Lauren Gottwald, Allaney Bivens, Kyle Bentley and Jordan Krueger. Photo by Kent Brenneman

Of the 62 youth hunters, 17 were young ladies and they did their share of harvesting with over 50% success rate for a large number of first time hunters. All totaled there were 44 animals harvested, mostly whitetail does and spikes, but a few axis does as well. The hunting was tough with abnormally warm weather and clear moonlit nights.

I also appreciate our team leaders -

Jimmy Cobb, our chief cook and quartermaster with the outstanding assist from Mr. Larry Hassell and SCI - Austin and a variety of additional volunteers. Sharon Krienke was the lone Huntmaster assisting Jimmy, ably backed up by volunteers Lexie Allen, Tim Saunders, Dustin Saunders, Carol Hoch, Jessica Diedrich, Jacob Moore, Maurice Hohmann and many others of you who were recognized by Mr. Cobb.



Doug DuBois, Jr. Don Jackson, Kirk Miller & Steve Shannon, photo by Kent Brenneman



Landowner Ronnie Ottmers marks the cheeks of first time harvester Hunter Schneider. Photo by Kent Brenneman

Kent Brenneman, our Hunter Education coordinator who assembled a good variety of interesting presentations which I hope you all were able to witness. Tom Compton's firearms history and blackpowder demonstration was outstanding, as well as the hunter's skills trail with Buddy Martin and Robert Frederick; while Memphis diAngelis did an excellent job with a survival module.

Steele Zinser served as our Range Master at the rifle range on Mr. Edwin Eckhardt's ranch. Steele was ably assisted by Larry Terrell and Al Lagenour.

J.P. Bach led a phenomenal team at the processing area with Joey Martinez and Scott Wilkins assisting. Additional help came from father and son Paul and Jimmy Diedrich, Jacob Krebs and another father/son duo - Tim and Dustin Saunders. Dustin participated in Super Hunt 8 last year and suggested to his dad they come out and assist this year. They showed up Friday evening, were welcomed with open arms and they stayed throughout the weekend, doing whatever was needed to help the event run smoothly.

Pace Bonner was ever so generous by donating the Nilgai, sharpening knives and providing excellent photography and consolidation of photographs.

AND GUESS WHAT? SUNDAY NIGHT/MONDAY MORNING, STONEWALL RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 1.5 INCHES OF RAIN MIXED WITH HAIL!! Thank you Lord for a wonderful weekend!



Garrison Bach (son of J.P. Bach) dreaming of being old enough to join TYHP. Photo by Steve Hall



Eric Adams and daughter Neienda, photo by mom, Lori Adams



Xavier Johnson helps Landowner Ronnie Ottmers stuff a link of sausage. Photo by Steve Hall



Steele at Range - Steele Zinser, Range Master, with Larry Terrell on spotting scope, unidentified youth at the shooting bench; photo by Doug DuBois, Jr.



'I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets.'

The cowboy thought for a moment, then turned back to the road and continued riding, his dog trotting by his side.

After another long ride, at the top of another hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a ranch gate that looked as if it had never been closed. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

'Excuse me,' he called to the man. 'Do you have any water?'

'Sure, there's a pump right over there. Help yourself.'

'How about my friends here?' the traveler gestured to the dog and his horse.

'Of course! They look thirsty, too,' said the man.

The trio went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with buckets beside it. The traveler filled a cup and the buckets with wonderfully cool water and took a long drink, as did his horse and dog.

When they were full, he walked back to the man who was still standing by the tree. 'What do you call this place?' the traveler asked.

'This is Heaven,' he answered.

'That's confusing,' the traveler said. 'The man down the road said that was Heaven, too.'

'Oh, you mean the place with the glitzy, gold street and fake pearly gates? That's hell.'

'Doesn't it make you angry when they use your name like that?' the rider inquired.

'Not at all. Actually, we're happy they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind.'

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Is This Heaven?

An old cowboy was riding his trusty horse followed by his faithful dog along an unfamiliar road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when he suddenly remembered dying, and realized the dog beside him and his favorite horse he was riding had been dead for years!

Confused, he wondered what was happening, and where the trail was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall that looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch topped by a golden letter "H" that glowed in the sunlight.

Standing before it, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like gold.

He rode toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. Parched and tired out by his journey, he called out, 'Excuse me, where are we?'

'This is Heaven, sir,' the man answered.

'Wow! Would you happen to have some water?' the man asked.

'Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up.'

As the gate began to open, the cowboy asked, 'Can I bring my partners, too?'

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Steele Zinser Becomes New AWWC President

Steele Zinser will be installed as the 42nd president of AWWC at Mesa Ranch on February 1. See page 3 for details of the event.

Steele claims to have been named after his great uncle's mother's maiden name, and to have been born at a very early age on the Fourth of July.

He also admits that "The best years of my life were spent hunting and fishing in cut-off jeans, with no underwear, no shirts, no shoes, skinny-dipping and playing in the East Texas Piney Woods with nothing more than our own very vivid imaginations to entertain us", he says. "I had no mentor; my father neither hunted nor fished, had no uncles, just had outdoors in my blood."

Steele joined the Marines right out of high school, trained and saw the world as an Air and Naval-Gunfire Controller. He spent Christmases away from home and family in places like Okinawa, Korea, Japan, the Mediterranean Sea, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and other exotic locales. He was accepted in the Naval Academy at Annapolis in the Class of 1962, but elected to be discharged and entered The University of North Texas. That move cost him a trip to Vietnam.

After working his way through college, he earned a BBA degree with a minor in English. He spent eight years at Texas Instruments as a manufacturing engineer and purchasing agent but found that too structured. He soon became purchasing manager with a start-up electronics company in San Antonio, (Datapoint Corporation.) Corporate life convinced him there was more to be earned in sales so he left to become a manufacturers' rep. When he realized he could be his own boss, he became a sole proprietor.

Steele has been married to Beverly for 27 years and helped her through dental school and into dental practices. They have two children, three grandchildren, and a great-grandson! Steele Jr, still unmarried, has joined AWWC on several hunting ventures. (He is a good wing-shooter, thanks to his father.)

Steele Sr. is mostly retired but says, "I'm like an old fire horse that's been retired and put out to pasture; when I hear the fire bell ring I come a'runnin'."

The rest of the time, he hunts and fishes, talks about it, and spends valuable time with his family in a recently-purchased cabin in Utah. In 47 years, he has never been home on his daughter's birthday, September 3. It's the beginning of the hunting season! Steele has a 342 5/8" elk and a 212 5/8" mule deer as trophies, among others.

As next AWWC president, he hopes to help the club to new levels. Steele's goal is to influence new members to get involved. Amongst a few others, Steele has a 342 5/8" Elk and a 212 5/8" Mule Deer as his trophies. His Austin Woods and Waters' slogan for this year's agenda: "Get'er done!"



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AWWC MEMBER TOM HEWITT WINS TOP SCI-AUSTIN AWARD

At the Austin Chapter of SCI's Hunters' Heritage Banquet on January 20 at the Renaissance Hotel, AWWC board member, Tom Hewitt, received the Christo Kaiser Award, SCI-Austin's highest honor.

In presenting the award, Stephanie Wottrich, former chapter president and current secretary, noted that Tom unselfishly volunteers for a number of conservation organizations in Central Texas, most notably Operation Orphans, to whom he donated half the cash portion of the award. Tom designated the other half to Texas Youth Hunting Program.

Tom was accompanied at the banquet by his patient and loving wife, Pat, who tolerates and even encourages his many nights away from home working for conservation and sporting organizations.

In 2010, Tom Hewitt received the AWWC Volunteer of the Year Award.



Tom Hewitt receives top award from SCI-Austin, presented by Stephanie Wottrich. Photo by John Jefferson.



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1. Money cannot buy happiness but its more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy but remember the bastard's name.
3. Help someone when they are in trouble and they will remember you when they're in trouble again.
4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.
5. Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then again, neither does milk.

Jamie Gagulre, Genoa City, addresses 500 guests during the Walworth County ARC Women's Luncheon at the Abbey Resort on April 2. Gagulre, who works at VIP Services, has served as an ambassador for three years, talking to many groups about the company. He takes Zumba classes at the YMCA and won a bronze medal for tennis in the Special Olympics. (Beacon photo)

Assailant suffers injuries from fall

Orville Smith, a store manager for Best Buy in Augusta, Ga., told police he observed a male customer, later identified as Tyrone Jackson of Augusta, on surveillance cameras putting a laptop computer under his jacket. When confronted the man became irate, knocked down an employee, drew a knife and ran for the door.

Outside on the sidewalk were four Marines collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. Smith said the Marines stopped the man, but he stabbed one of the Marines, Cpl. Phillip Duggan, in the back; the injury did not appear to be severe.

After Police and an ambulance arrived at the scene Cpl. Duggan was transported for treatment.

"The subject was also transported to the local hospital with two broken arms, a broken ankle, a broken leg, several missing teeth, possible broken ribs, multiple contusions, assorted lacerations, a broken nose and a broken jaw...injuries he sustained when he slipped and fell off of the curb after stabbing the Marine," according to a police report.



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AWWC CALENDAR

- Feb. 1 AWWC Officer Installation Dinner
Mesa Ranch, 8108 Mesa Drive, #C 100
Speaker: Clayton Wolf, TPWD Wildlife Director
By reservation ONLY. See page 3
No monthly luncheon in February
- Mar. 7 AWWC Monthly Luncheon
Elks Lodge 700 Dawson Rd. 11:30
Speaker: Dean McCormick with the Appleseed Project
- Apr. 4 AWWC Monthly Luncheon
Elks Lodge 700 Dawson Rd. 11:30
Speaker: To be announced

Member To Member

- The Steele Zinsers and the Roland Krienkes are going to Florida on an Osceola turkey hunt in March with Walt Isenhour and want to know if any other AWWC folks would like to go. Call Steele at 658-7777.
- Jim Mallicote has several items of equipment for sale, including Fly Tech waders (XL) a backpack, shoulder bag and other goodies. 459-1012.

In the Olden Days, houses had thatched roofs, thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals, mice, bugs, lived in the roof.

When it rained it became slippery, and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof.

Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."

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