

THE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION AT INDIAN CREEK

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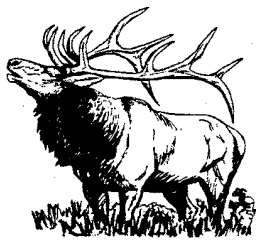
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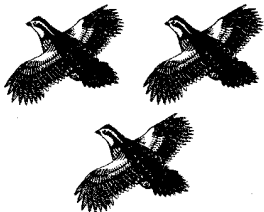
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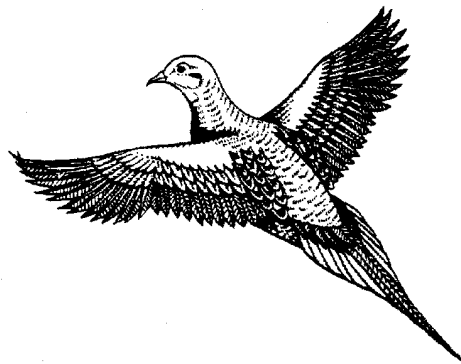
- Male elk can weigh from 600 to 1100 pounds.
- Elk generally live about 15 years in the wild and up to 25 years in captivity.
- When pursued by a predator, cottontails circle their territory and jump sideways to break their scent trail.



Message from the Association President:

Hello Indian Creek landowners! Well for those of you who missed the annual meeting, there was a wild time had by all. As many of you know, Jim Trotter has stepped down as our president and what a great job he has done in the last 2 1/2 years. Though we have made much progress in the last few years, we have a long way to go yet. Almost all of our budget has been eaten up by our water system. The system has been failing on a regular basis largely do to the original installation, but the problems seem to be getting less and less. We have been trying to update the system as problems occur, and we are hoping that Emmett won't need to come out so often. Because of our water system problems, additional revenues are needed to do some badly needed road work all over the ranch -- that solution will be spelled out later in the newsletter and in the attached meeting minutes. We had a great turn out at the meeting - it seems to be getting bigger and bigger each year. It's good to see so many who care so much about the ranch, and it was great to meet some new folks. The new member of the board is Bill Wilson as secretary treasurer. Welcome, Bill, I know you will do a bang up job. The board's goal this year is to get the roads back in good shape so if any of you have some trouble spots, please contact Jimmy Yarbrough or me. Good luck this coming season and thank you.

Dan D.



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello fellow members,

It was good to see all of you at the annual meeting. Our association has come a long way over the past few years and will be even stronger in the years to come. In our meeting we had two major concerns that need to be addressed in 2007, Road maintenance and a more reliable water system. I will be soliciting bids from local maintenance companies for Road repairs and plan on starting the repairs after this years hunting season. If you have concerns in your phase Please e-mail me at jry4275@aol.com or fax me at 210-362-6322. I have asked Emmitt King of King SELLS and Service to survey our complete water system and submit a proposal to replace all original fittings to help improve the integrity of our system. Once I have all of the bids for both water and roads the Board of Directors will review and plot a course of action. This action will be described in a future newsletter.

Good Luck to all of you this Hunting Season!!!

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello everyone!

This is my first report as your new secretary-treasurer, and based on input from many of you, I'm going to show both the expenses for the quarter and where we stand overall for the year (as of the end of the previous quarter). So, having said that, the figures in the report below are as of 30 Sep 06. Unfortunately, we've had a lot of expenses since then. As of October 15th, we only had \$63 in our account, with obligations to pay recurring obligations to Pedernales Electric through the rest of the year. Our Elk drawing, however, brought in \$2,925 -- giving us enough funds to cover the foreseen expenses through the rest of the year. Water system repairs have made a major impact in the budget these past few years, and no money has been spent on the road system in quite some time. The situation was explained by Jimmy Yarbrough in the annual meeting, and the membership voted both to increase the annual assessment by \$1 per acre and to have a special assessment of \$100 per tract to ensure needed road work was done (see the attached minutes for more detail). Although I was going to immediately send out invoices to everyone for the special assessment, we had to wait until this newsletter and minutes were published. Since we're going to have to send out invoices in January anyway for the annual assessments, I'm going to take a different approach. ***Based on this newsletter, please send the special assessment of \$100 per tract to me as soon as possible – we need this money in case we have more water repairs (a real possibility with the early freezes predicted this year). Make checks payable to "The Owners Association at Indian Creek" and mail it to the following address:***

***Bill Wilson
161 Sage Drive
Universal City, TX 78148***

If not paid by the first of January, I will include the amount in the invoice with the annual assessments. We appreciate your help on this one, though – if you can pay now, it will help to prevent potential problems in the near future. If you have any questions, give me a call at (210) 536-1871 (work) or (210) 658-6814 (home).
Thanks.

As a last item, please address all correspondence regarding administrative or treasurer matters to me now. Jimmy is going to be busy enough trying to see about the road repairs. OK, now for the report -- here are the figures as of 30 Sep 06. Give me some feedback if you like this format. I'm open to suggestions!

Third Quarter Treasurer's Report for 2006...

Quarterly Expenses (July – September 2006)	\$ 7,522.48
PEC charges:	\$ 650.91
Water System Maintenance:	\$ 3,687.00
Wildlife Biologist:	\$ 3,000.00
Grounds Maintenance (signs, locks, etc.):	\$ 143.35
Administrative Supplies:	\$ 41.22

Overall Picture for the Year (As of September 30, 2006):

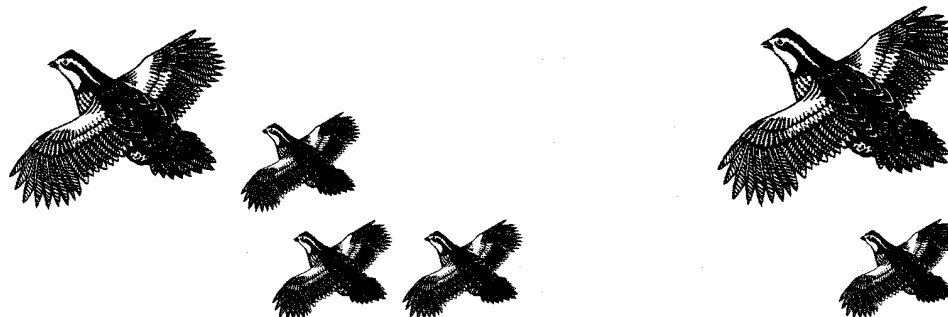
Balance forward from 2005	\$ 2,513.03
Total Income in 2006 (includes prior year collections)	\$ 22,997.21
Total Expenses in 2006	\$ 20,720.61

Water System Maintenance:	\$ 11,659.00
Wildlife Biologist (includes 2 qtrs in 2005):	\$ 6,000.00
Pedernales Electric Bills:	\$ 2,845.87
Grounds Maintenance (signs, locks, etc.):	\$ 143.35
Administrative Supplies:	\$ 72.39

September 30, 2006 Balance (People's State Bank): **\$ 4,789.63**

Association Dues Outstanding

Outstanding dues from 2003/2004	\$ 1,318.62
Outstanding dues for 2005	\$ 444.34
Outstanding dues for 2006	\$ 390.66



WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Deer spotlight counts conducted in early October.

First elk harvest lottery setup and completed for this hunting season. Over \$2900 raised for the general fund.

Cull buck defined for the ranch as part of harvest plan.

Edwards County Tax Office revisited the ranch in September with guests.

We voted to not do the hog helicopter roundup in exchange for exotics.

WILDLIFE INFORMATION

FOOD PLOTS – “If you will plant it, they will come” – Hey, I have seen it happen ...

Food plots, if done right, attract deer, supply deer excellent protein/water content and keep the deer around. They are also valuable for many other wildlife species including turkeys. You do not have to be an experienced farmer to plant food plots but please note, they are not inexpensive and require some work. To get started there are a few key steps to success.

1. Planning

Figure out where is the best location to put a food plot. In a clearing, old field or agricultural plot works best. Pick areas where the soil is workable, traffic is minimal and plenty of near by cover is available for the wildlife. Several smaller plots of ½ acre are good but best results are to have plots about 5 acres in size (that way deer do not eat them down before they have a chance to grow). Rule of thumb is to have 2 to 5 % of your land in food plots.

2. Land Clearing

Remove old grasses and weeds using an approved herbicide (like Roundup). Remove any brush, saplings and trees that could block the sun out. On our ranches, need to watch for rocks that can damage equipment.

3. Soil Testing & ph Adjustment

Soil ph is important to allow nutrients from the soil to be released for proper seed growth. Optimum range is 6.5 to 7.0, below 6.5 lime will need to be added to adjust ph up. Testing of the soil can be done yourself (I got a kit off the internet) or by sending a sample to one of the seed companies for testing (like Biologic). Be sure you test for nitrogen, phosphorus and pot ash as well. I tested our big food plot soil with the following results: ph = 6.5, and adequate to excellent levels of pot ash, nitrogen and phosphorus were present.

4. Soil Preparation

Some seeds can simply just be scattered over the herbicide killed vegetation but the most successful food plots require proper ground preparation. The ground needs to be thoroughly broken up and smoothed. I tried to just tine the soil and got poor results. To disc seems to be the way to go. You will need good soil to seed contact. Fertilize as needed. A used tractor with attachments will run \$ 3000 – 4000 or some companies sell attachments for your ATV's. To hire the work done will run you \$ 75 – 100/ hour.

5. Seeding

Choosing the right seed is extremely important. Food plots can have perennials, annuals or a combo of both. They can be planted in the spring and/or fall. It also helps at our ranch, to pick something that is somewhat drought resistant. Talk to your local seed suppliers for their advice.

Perennials – clovers, alfalfas (supposed to grow back each year)

Annuals – oats, peas, soybeans, Milo (need to be planted each year)

It is important to spread the seeds and work them into the soil for good contact. So far I have tried clover (not great), peas and soy beans (not too bad). This fall we planted oats and peas. We will see

6. Maintenance

Annuals require replanting, perennials may require cutting but what is most important is 'PRAY FOR RAIN'.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Hunting season, please record your harvests for data submission to Mike at the end of the year. Also start accounting for your feed and other expenses so that too can be submitted. An updated summary form will be issued to each of you by year's end for your convenience of submission.

Next article will be on Hog control. Future articles will include information on proper deer aging and to cover other topics raised in the wildlife surveys by the owners.

E-mail meeting of the wildlife committee to be held in late October.

Biologist Corner

The fall spotlight survey was conducted during the days before the annual meeting. Several landowners took the time to come and inspect what we were doing out there and I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with them and explain what we were doing. It's great to have landowners who are keeping an eye out for each other and keeping track of who is on the ranch.

According to the survey the deer density is at 1 deer per every 8.3 acres yielding an estimated 1309 deer for the entire ranch. The buck:doe ration was right at 1:2.5 and the fawn crop was 20 percent. The deer density estimate from last year's survey was a deer per every 7.5 acres so it seems we are headed in the right direction of getting our densities around a deer per 10-15 acres. Fawn crops were off this year by quite a bit no doubt as a result of little rain and poor forage availability during the late spring and early summer.

The harvest recommendations for this season are one buck per 75 acres and 2 does per 75 acres. These numbers are a bit higher than usual to account for the non-hunting portion of the membership.

Be sure to record your data in the logbook up at the mailbox. Please record only white-tail bucks and does. Hogs and other exotics should be kept track of personally to fill out the end of the year survey. If you have any questions regarding how to fill out the log book, please do not hesitate to call me.

I hope everyone has a great season!

Michael