

Indian Creek Ranch

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President's Report

I hope everyone is having a successful hunting season.

Traditionally, our third quarter newsletters aren't very lengthy since they are published right after our Annual Meeting -- this one is no different. I do want to thank everyone that participated in the Annual Meeting....it is your continuing support that makes these meetings productive and successful

(and the food you bring is always welcome !!!). For those of you that were unable to attend, we hope you are able to make it next time. By now you all should have received the Annual Meeting Minutes, the 2012 census results, and this years' harvest recommendation. If you did not receive them please contact me so I can get you a copy.

At the risk of beating a dead horse, I would like to remind

all landowners of a few things:

- please turn your water valves off as you leave the ranch...winter is coming...
- remember your hunter etiquette...minimize construction, ATV/UTV



traffic on the roads during hunting hours, and don't road hunt (at all!!)

- make every attempt to follow our harvest recommendations
- record your harvest as you leave the ranch



- do not give out the landowners lock combination to contractors...that's what the contractor lock is for.

Finally, there have been private locks showing up recently on the main entry gates. As a reminder, the association members have agreed that a contractor lock system is what we will use. Besides the fact that it negatively affects our ranch security, it is impractical to allow individual landowners to put their own locks at the main gates. Therefore, any individual locks found at the main gates will immediately be removed and a vandalism report will be filed with the Sheriff's Department (the gates are located on private property).

Happy Holidays to all !

Mike



Vice President's Report

Hello, fellow landowners! This will be an abbreviated section this quarter since we just published the minutes from our annual meeting. Basically there are two things I want to cover:

- (1). I will work to post several signs around the ranch reminding folks to turn their water off when they leave.

- (2). Don't forget to begin wrapping the pipe connections on your property. It won't be long until freezing temperatures will be with us again. Keep yourself from having to repair busted connections by protecting them now! We have had more than our share of private system water leaks this year, so let's take a few preventative steps so we don't make the problem worse.

Have a good hunting season and we'll see you at the ranch!

Bill





Wildlife Committee Report

Management plans do work-- if implemented.

Recently one of our members harvested a magnificent bull elk during bow season. Such an elk probably would not have made it to such status if the Indian Creek Ranch members had not taken to heart the management plan adopted several years ago. We all agreed to not harvest cow elk or bull elk with less than a 5X5 rack. Because most observed these plan guidelines, this extraordinary bull was able to mature. Granted, all of us will not be as lucky this year, but I think



that most of us are sportsmen/sportswomen and hunt for the thrill and the opportunity to find a true trophy.

With most of the tracts around 100 acres, we will be lucky to see a true trophy whitetail buck only if we follow the harvest plan that we all agreed to implement. As I noted in a previous newsletter, if we have a deer for every 5 acres (20 deer for a 100 acre tract) and we had an optimum distribution of does, bucks, and fawns, we would have only 5 bucks on each tract. Two of those bucks will likely be last years' fawns, and only one will be a truly mature buck. The others will be in-between. If we have harvested immature bucks in previous years, or we have harvested more than one buck in previous years, we have been "eating our seed".

This year the management recommendations are to harvest only one MATURE buck OR one management buck per 100 acres (no spikes) and 5 does per 100 acres. Following these recommendations (especially the 5 doe harvest) will move us to a better buck to doe ratio while improving the chances of better bucks next year.

We are the premier hunting subdivision in Edwards county, but we can be even better if we implement the whitetail recommendations just as we implemented the elk recommendations several years ago.



With this said, I have to note that ALL the professional wildlife management experts remind us that our current whitetail herd is well above the capacity that the land can sustain. While we provide significant supplemental nutrition and water we have to understand that a herd this size will ultimately degrade the natural ability of the land to provide nutrition. We all observed the over-grazing that occurred last year on surrounding ranches. Many of those ranches have had to reduce their herds below the economic sustainability level and some will not make it.

Let's keep our eye on the recommendations and do what we need to do to sustain our Ranch.

Good hunting!

Randy



Treasurer's Report



I hope everyone has a great hunting season. For those of you that are interested, the Game Warden has been out at the ranch checking hunters. Also remember to

be courteous about hunting hours -- I had two folks drive past me on opening weekend about 30 minutes before dark.

Robert



Financial Report**Income and Expense Report - 2012****The Owners Association at Indian Creek**

30-Sep-12

	2011	1Q2012	2Q2012	3Q2012	4Q2012	YTD	Budget	Remaining
Balance brought forward from 2011:		\$44,189.17						
Total Income:	\$32,954.11	\$20,975.92	\$12,527.81	\$641.31	\$0.00	\$34,145.04	\$32,500.00	(\$1,645.04)
Annual Assessments	\$32,954.11	\$20,975.92	\$12,527.81	\$641.31	\$0.00	\$34,145.04	\$32,500.00	(\$1,645.04)
Special Assessments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses:	\$16,764.94	\$698.60	\$455.99	\$15,347.76	\$0.00	\$16,502.35	\$32,700.00	\$16,197.65
Road Work	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,375.00	\$0.00	\$11,375.00	\$15,000.00	\$3,625.00
Water System Maintenance	\$3,051.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$649.50	\$0.00	\$649.50	\$8,000.00	\$7,350.50
Wildlife Biologist	\$570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Electric Bills	\$2,417.09	\$642.27	\$415.55	\$660.42	\$0.00	\$1,718.24	\$5,400.00	\$3,681.76
Annual Meeting	\$901.91	\$0.00	\$40.44	\$2,620.89	\$0.00	\$2,661.33	\$1,000.00	(\$1,661.33)
Grounds Maintenance	\$130.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Property Taxes	\$884.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Administrative Expenses	\$259.80	\$56.33	\$0.00	\$41.95	\$0.00	\$98.28	\$400.00	\$301.72
Attorney Fees	\$49.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Raffle Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Current Balance (excluding reserve):		\$33,831.86						
Emergency Reserve		\$28,000.00						
Amount available for 2012		\$61,831.86						

*Miscellaneous Business***CALENDER - Upcoming Events****Contractor Gate Combination Changes - November 26, 2012; December 31, 2012.****November 3, 2012 - Opening Day of Whitetail Rifle Hunt****ICR Website address: www.Indian-Creek-Ranch.org**