

# Indian Creek Ranch

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Barksdale  
(830) 234-3473  
Camp Wood  
(830) 597-6100

### Border Patrol

(830) 683-2255

### EMS

Rocksprings  
(830) 683-3305  
Camp Wood  
(830) 597-4200

### Sheriff & Highway Patrol

(830)683-410



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## *President's Report*

### **Annual Gathering**

**October 2, 2010 11-2pm**

### **Airstrip**

Well the year is half over already which means its time to start planning for our annual meeting. It is just a little bit later than previous years because I thought it would be nice if the bowhunters did not have to make trips out to ranch on successive

weekends. We will keep the same format (potluck) with meat provided by the Association. We are working on an agenda and reviewing potential guest speakers. When we have our program finalized I will send it out in an email about 2 weeks before the meeting. If you have any ideas or guest speakers you think we should invite please send those suggestions to me by

the end of August. I hope you can make it to this years gathering as I am sure there will be some interesting discussion.

I have updated the rainfall graph so that you can see what has been happening at the ranch lately (July is month-to-date.).

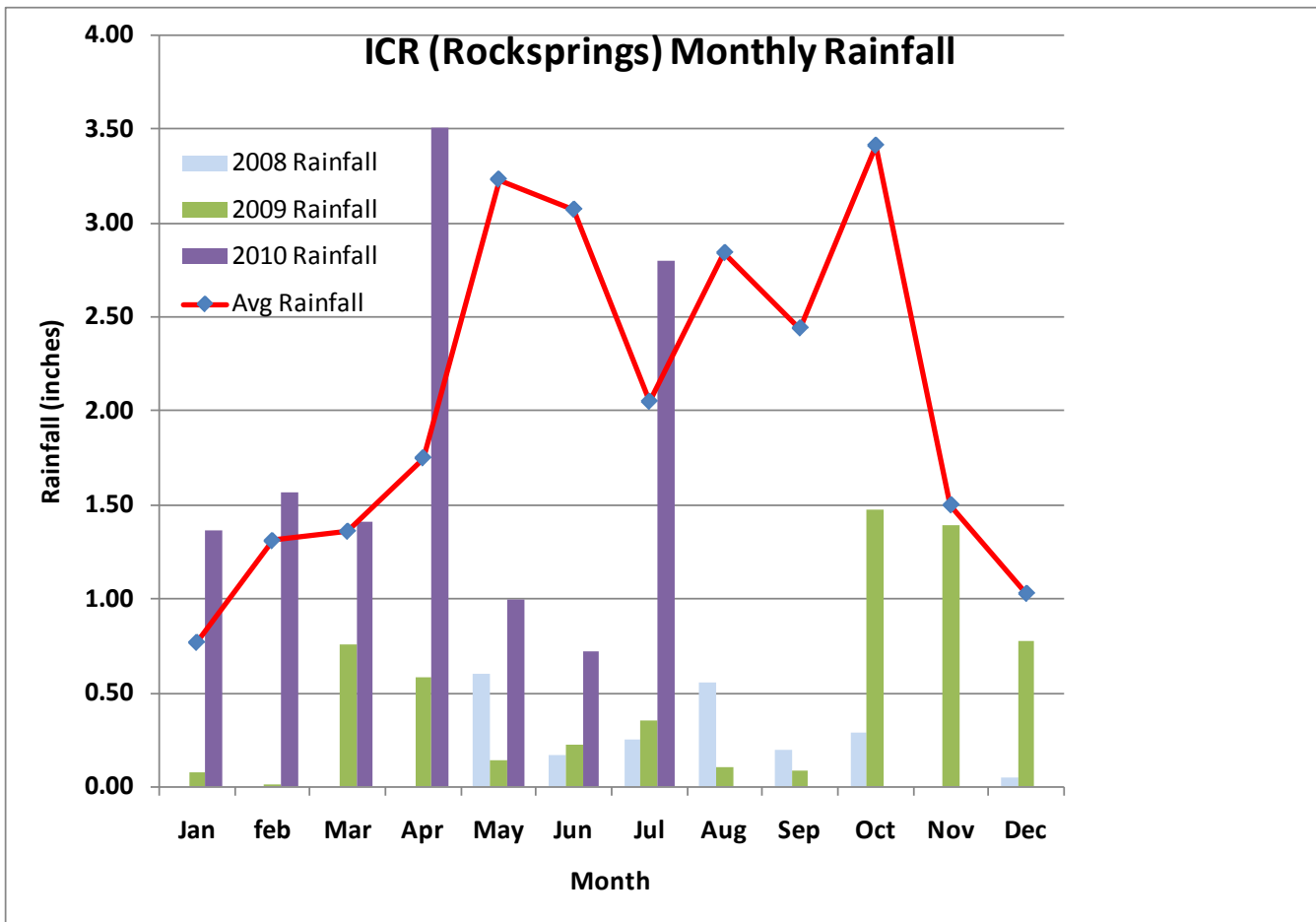
As it turns out, our road maintenance plan worked out well as far as timing was

concerned. We started work just after a rain when the roads were soft and workable and ended just before a light rain to settle things down a bit. Actual road work was done July 12-20. You should notice a significant improvement the next time you visit the

Ranch. We accomplished everything we set out to do with the exception of grading on the south end of Phase III. I would say we completed about 90-95% of what we planned. This was quite an accomplishment considering how spread out the work was.

I would like to thank Randy Wood for his supervision of the work while it was being done.

An additional few days of scraping will be considered later in the year depending on future rainfall and budget considerations.



Financially speaking we are in good shape. We have not had any significant surprise expenses. We have collected about 95% of our annual



dues, so there are a few out there that still need to pay.

Mike

### Vice President's Report



Well we are well into summer now and, as expected, we are seeing less problems with our water system. Hopefully our big problems are behind us for this year. With the summer heat it is still important to be checking your water lines for leaks. Hogs will capitalize on small leaks and make large wallows, which attracts more hogs. Please remember to close your water valves when you leave the ranch.



I have not had any recent notifications of illegals or damage caused by them but be vigilant. With the heat they will be looking for shelter and water so sightings may increase. Please report any illegal alien issues to me and also the Border Patrol.



Hunting season is rapidly approaching, which means we will be changing the main entrance gate combination. This change will be made on Friday October 8, after the Annual Meeting. The new combination will be announced at the Annual Meeting and will also be communicated by email and by

phone to those without email addresses.



Please take the opportunity to make sure your contact information is correct at the Annual Meeting. Please follow our Contractor Lock policy (see last newsletter) and help keep our Ranch secure from poachers and vandals.

Dan



### Wildlife Committee Report

Today the vegetation at Indian Creek Ranch looks great. Four weeks ago I would have said that it was

going downhill like a run-away truck. Brown was the coming color. Although hurricane Alex and the tropical disturbance in the following week did not come near Edwards county

the associated up slope rain was welcome. Rainfall varied significantly in the county. From 2 inches to 8+ inches. One large event



around the town of Rocksprings created tremendous runoff in Indian Creek (that runs through the ranch). The crest of the runoff at the crossing East of the north caliche pit was about 20 feet over the road into phase IV and VI. The downstream crossings crested at about 8-10 feet. Some landowners were stuck in the South end for up to two days. Feeders, hog traps and deer stands went downstream. I hear that some may still be missing.

Whitetail antler development is well underway. Some folks report few bucks while at our feeder we see at least 10-12 bucks nightly. One image has 7 (and maybe 8) bucks. Doe numbers have been lower (maybe a function of tending to fawns) . We have pictures of one fawn in the feed pen. We see at least three Hill Country ranch trophy bucks regularly -one with antlers about 3 inches beyond the ears and still under

development. We estimate him at 3 years old.

We are seeing more fawns , and a number of landowners have reported good numbers of turkey poults.

Overall it seems to have been a good spring. The real test is how hot and dry the summer will be. Therein lies a significant issue.

I do not want to cause excessive concern but the following addresses an issue that I feel is important to bring to your attention.



Many of you may know that a case of Anthrax has been reported in the media. The case was near Uvalde and the state has issued an advisory for the summer and early fall. HOWEVER, I have talked with several ranchers who have reports of cases much closer- just a few miles south of the Edwards County airport. An unchecked outbreak could be bad for our deer population. Anthrax spores

exist in the soil in a large area of Texas (as well as most of the midwest states). Grazing animals ingest the spores-normally under dry and dusty condition as they graze-typically in a hot and dry summer.

I am told that an infected animal will exhibit symptoms within hours and die within two days. Affected animals seem to stagger , tremble and show convulsions . Dead animals may exhibit two characteristics. First, blood will discharge through all body openings -eyes, nose, ears, etc.. Also the joints remain limp- no rigor mortis. Anthrax is also potentially deadly to humans. While I am not aware of any Anthrax cases on the ranch or any of the surrounding ranches, it is very important that all who come to Indian Creek be aware of the possibility of encountering animals that may have died



as a result of anthrax. Do not touch any part of a dead animal you may find. This includes harvesting antlers from a dead buck. The spores remain alive for decades. The danger to wildlife will generally be over by regular hunting season because of the cooler temperatures. However, do not take any animals that exhibit the symptoms noted above. In summary, while there seems to be a potential for a threat

to grazing and scavenging animals, there is not a threat to humans so long as contact with an affected animal is avoided.

We will start our deer census next month and plan to complete it and make harvest recommendations in late September. We will post the Census data and the harvest recommendations in the Kiosk at the main gate as well as communicate by email.

Bow hunters will want to review this information before the annual meeting. Should you have any information or questions call me at 830-683-4537

Please send me, Ron Itz or Mike Ashby any thoughts you have on wildlife management.

Randy



### *Treasurer's Report*

Well, there's been plenty of rain to help out the healthy looking deer we are seeing at the ranch. Hopefully this rain will continue to keep the grass green and the forbes sprouting...

We still have a few outstanding dues left to be collected... about \$1500 worth. For those of you that have not sent in your dues, please do so promptly. Even this small amount could stop us from doing some of our budgeted work in 2010.

Robert



## Financial Report

See email version or version sent by postal service.

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## Miscellaneous Business

### CALENDER - Upcoming Events

**October 2, 2010 - Annual Meeting  
BBQ (Airstrip, Potluck, Meat  
provided by the Association)**

**Please submit calendar items to  
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### ICR Website address:

**[www.Indian-Creek-Ranch.org](http://www.Indian-Creek-Ranch.org)**

### What is available on the site?

**Land Owner Info – By-Laws,  
Newsletters, Ranch Events, etc.  
Game Cam Photos – We need new  
pictures! Please send your photos  
to [Pnelson@newtek.com](mailto:Pnelson@newtek.com)  
Wild Game Recipes – Please share your  
favorite recipes for game that can  
be found out at Indian Creek.**

**If you have any ideas for the site or would like to write an article that would help  
fellow land owners, please let Mike Hoffman or Philip Nelson know.  
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