

Indian Creek Ranch

Emergency Contacts

Fire

Rocksprings
(830) 683-4111
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

Big Buck Contest !

**Details at the main gate
Kiosk.**

Well, hunting season is upon us. This means we have to be extra vigilant about securing our ranch from trespassers and poachers. As previously communicated, we have changed the main gate combinations to 2471. We have also added contractor locks to both

gates so that no one needs to provide contractors with our main gate combinations. Please be sure to follow this procedure with contractors to help with ranch security. The contractor lock combinations will be changed around the first Friday of every month (November's contractor combination is 1492).

We had a very successful Annual Meeting last month...thanks to all those that attended. Attendance was about the same as last year -- 75-80 landowners, families, and guests. I will provide a very brief summary of the meeting here. [Please review the meeting minutes for more details.](#)



Key issues discussed at the meeting were:

- AirEvac Lifeteam presentation for emergency evacuation from the Ranch in the event of a medical emergency
- an update by the local Game Warden on hunting regulations
- ranch security including plans for main gate lock combination changes

- Caliche pits are on private property and not to be used by individual landowners
- Wildlife Management Plans (Annual Reports will be due at the end of January 2011)
- Census results and harvest recommendations (see Randy's report in this newsletter). Elk harvesting policy will be the same as last year.
- Landowner tags will be issued in 2011 to help with Ranch security Financially speaking we continue to be in good shape. Since we have had little rainfall since July our roads are in good shape. We do not expect to

have additional road maintenance expenses this year. There are still outstanding association dues that have not been paid, but we are taking appropriate action to collect them.

Finally, I would like to thank Bob Paukin for his photo contributions to the newsletters this year.

Good Luck hunting,

Mike



Vice President's Report



Ever been halfway up a tripod stand in high wind, or cutting cedar with a chain saw, and had the thought "boy, if I had an accident, how would anyone ever find me?".

Obviously we have the problem of getting the message out – the SPOT Personal Tracker is an interesting piece of technology in this arena; but presuming you can get a cellular signal, you still have the difficulty of describing to emergency personnel just where your cabin/house/ranch is located.

For some time, there's been an effort to expand 911 service to many of the ranches within Edwards County, and The Owners Association at Indian Creek has been mapped for 911 addresses!

This means that you can get a 911 address that is specifically pegged to your ranch, and one that emergency personnel (fire, police, sheriff, EMS) will know.

The process to get a 911 address is quite simple:

- 1) Sort out the GPS (latitude/longitude) coordinates of the main entrance to your tract, or to your dwelling, if it's close to the entrance
- 2) Call 1-888-945-3940, ext. 21268, or let the receptionist



know you want to get a 911 address

3) Provide the staff with your GPS coordinates, and they will:

a) assign a 911 address to your location (mine is 1172 SD52600)

b) Ask if you'd like a confirmation letter.

Response: "Yes"



4) Take the response letter to Deputy Adams at the Edwards County Sheriff's office (one block off 377 in Rocksprings). He will see to getting a 911 address plate made that you can post at the entrance to your ranch.

>> Note: It is critical that the sign be posted, so that emergency responders can see it

From this point on, if you have an emergency, just give the 911 operator your 911 address and help will be dispatched forthwith to your exact location.

Finally I will close with the usual reminders...turn off your water valve when you leave the ranch, fill out the ICR logbook if you have harvested ANY animal, and keep the

gates closed and locked when entering or leaving the ranch.

Have a safe and successful hunting season.

Dan



Wildlife Committee Report

Even though this material was covered at the Annual Meeting, it is important enough to repeat.



The 2010 census results show that our deer population continues to increase dramatically. In fact our estimated whitetail population is currently 4320 deer, up from 2965 just last year !! That's a 45% increase in just one year. A deer population of this magnitude on the ranch will reduce the overall health (and individual sizes) of the

herd, make it more susceptible to disease, and damage the ranch habitat.

Part of the problem also appears to be that we did not harvest all the deer recommended for harvest last season. Our harvest records indicate that we harvested less than half of what was recommended. If a significant number of deer

are not harvested this year we would expect an undesirable loss of animals due to starvation in the coming spring. So this year we request everyone follow our harvest recommendations and...just as important, report what you harvest on the ICR harvest log at the cattle guard gate when leaving the ranch.



The harvest recommendation this year is 4 does for every 100 acres, 1 mature buck (proud to mount), all spikes (within the limits of your hunting license), exotics (except elk), and hogs.

In order to increase our elk population, our elk harvest policy remains the same as last year..that is harvest of a 5x5 or larger bull only, by a landowner (no guests), and report if you harvest.

One new announcement is that Ricky and Sheila Evans have generously offered to sponsor a "Big Buck Contest" this year. The prize will be \$500 cash.

1) The rules will be the following:

- only landowners and their families are eligible
- deer must be harvested on ICR
- any potential candidate buck MUST be recorded as harvested in the ICR logbook.

2) The following photographic evidence will be required:

- antler front view with yardstick or other appropriate measuring device to show antler spread;
- side view photo of jawbone (teeth) to help in age determination;
- photo of hanging field dressed deer with landowner/shooter.



3) Scoring criterion (posted at the main gate Kiosk) includes:

- Boone and Crockett measurements (score sheets available at ICR logbook mailbox),
- additional point system for age (age 1-4 years 0 points, 5 years 10 pts, 6 years 20 pts, 7 years 30pts) and weight (<110 lbs 0, 110-119 5 pts, 120-129 lbs 10 pts, 130-139 lbs 15 pts, 140-149 lbs 20 pts and 150+ lbs 25 pts). Score sheets are in the ICR mailbox and must be filled out and returned to Randy Wood. Final score will be the sum of these three factors. Judging will be done by the Wildlife Committee Members.

If there are any questions about the contest, please contact me.

Good luck hunting

Randy



Treasurer's Report

Well, we are on track for remaining within budget for 2010. With a little luck we will end the year with an addition to our reserve. We still have outstanding Financial Report

association dues but appropriate action is being taken to collect them.

Safe hunting,

Robert



Income and Expense Report - 2010
The Owners Association at Indian Creek

	30-Sep-10						
	2009	1Q2010	2Q2010	3Q2010	YTD	Budget	Remaining
Balance brought forward from 2009:		\$20,750.55					
Total Income:	\$32,198.53	\$18,472.92	\$11,401.17	\$933.06	\$30,807.15	\$32,000.00	\$1,192.85
Annual Assessments	\$31,978.53	\$18,472.92	\$11,401.17	\$933.06	\$30,807.15	\$32,000.00	\$1,192.85
Special Assessments	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses:	\$29,391.32	\$6,217.25	\$1,563.76	\$15,383.45	\$23,164.46	\$32,750.00	\$9,585.54
Road Work	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00	\$11,350.00	(\$3,150.00)
Water System Maintenance	\$18,216.00	\$3,711.00	\$831.00	0	\$4,542.00	\$13,000.00	\$8,458.00
Wildlife Biologist	\$496.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Electric Bills	\$4,916.24	\$2,102.62	\$732.76	\$833.45	\$3,668.83	\$5,200.00	\$1,531.17
Annual Meeting	\$387.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Grounds Maintenance	\$1,348.55	\$382.84	\$0.00	0	\$382.84	\$1,500.00	\$1,117.16
Property Taxes	\$361.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Administrative Expenses	\$166.10	\$20.79	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$70.79	\$300.00	\$229.21
Attorney Fees	\$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
Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Current Balance:		\$28,393.24					
Emergency Reserve		\$20,000.00					
Amount Available for Current Year		\$8,393.24					

Miscellaneous Business

CALENDER - Upcoming Events

**January 31, 2011 - Annual Reports
due to Edwards County Appraisal
District**

**Please submit calendar items to
mwh1113@hotmail.com or
pnelson@newtek.com**

ICR Website address:

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**

**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.**

Pnelson@newtek.com

Classified Ads:

For Sale: 16' tandem axle lowboy for sale. Lights work, good floor, tires good, bearing buddies, heavy duty ramps, Used but not too abused. Asking \$650. Call Aaron MacIntosh at 832/279-5192. I'm in Phase 1, and can show it when I'm there.

For Sale: Indian Creek Ranch Phase VII Tract 6. Anyone interested please contact Jason Hatch at jasonhatch7@gmail.com