



Instructors' Challenge

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Coordinator's Comments

Dear Instructors— It's hard to believe we are halfway through 2008 already. The Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp is just around the corner in August. The camp is held in Chesterfield, MA and each year over one hundred young people from around the state attend. Every year we offer a Basic Hunter Education course to the campers and last year there were approximately ninety who took part. The details are in the article on Pg. 4. We had a great turn out for the Annual Instructor Banquet this year. The Prime Rib was enjoyed by all, and it was a real pleasure for me to finally put faces to names for so many of you. The instructor ID photos I have don't do you justice! There were 51 instructors who were recognized for their service milestones this year including one twenty-



Instructors enjoyed some time visiting with one another at the 2008 Instructor Banquet.

five year recipient. A complete listing and the banquet dedication is on Pg. 2.

~ Todd Olanyk, Volunteer Coordinator ~

Waterfowl ID Instructors Needed

A Waterfowl ID & Hunting course will be offered at the Reading Rifle Club on Saturday October 4, 2008. We are encouraging any existing instructors who are interested in becoming Waterfowl ID & Hunting instructors to attend. Currently the program has just five certified instructors

for this advanced course, and only one located on the east coast. We currently have a team out west that teach at the USFWS in Hadley. We would like to develop a team on the North Shore and eventually one on the South Shore. As with all of our courses

instructors must be graduates of the course, and preferably have some level of experience / expertise in the field. Please contact the office if you are interested as either an instructor or student or both . We have an agenda and other materials to get you started.

Instructors Honored For Service At Banquet



Anna Ansaldi and family attended the banquet to receive a clock memorializing her late husband Vito.



The Otter River Sportsman's Club was the venue for the 2008 banquet. The weather cooperated to give us a bright, beautiful, sunny day.

Dedication: The 18th annual Massachusetts Hunter Education Instructor Banquet was held on June 7, 2008. This year's banquet was dedicated in memory of two long time instructors with the program who recently passed away. Robert H. "Bob" Chantler of Westborough, and Vito Ansaldi of North Andover. Bob Chandler was a certified Master Instructor in the Basic Hunter Education Program and was with the program for more than 25 years. He has taught with the same team from the Southborough R&G club in Hopkinton for his entire tenure as an instructor. And in the past twenty five years, he provided over 600 volunteer hours and taught more than 1400 students. Vito Ansaldi was a Region Manager in Black Powder Education Program and was a Certified Master Instructor in the Basic program from North Andover. Vito provided 15 years of service and participated in several courses each year with the same group of instructors in Northeastern MA. Vito was known for being a good all around instructor who was reliable, good with the students, and a pleasure to work with. Together, Bob and Vito combined for over forty years of ser-

vice with the HE program. Countless students have benefited from their expertise and careful instruction, they will be missed. We presented commemorative clocks on behalf of Bob and Vito for their tireless efforts with the program.

The following is a complete listing of people who were recognized with service awards this year. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to the program.

5 Year Awards:

Roger V. Beaulieu—Salem
A. Kenneth Bonanno—Methuen

Dale Crandall—Ft. Meyers, FL
Michael G. Denault—N. Adams
John B. Garcia—Fairhaven
James G. Geiger—Amherst
Ronald Giard—E. Longmeadow
George Haas—Montgomery
Thomas J. Healy—S. Hadley
Lawrence W. Hill—E. Douglas
Alexander Hoar—Amherst
Peter B. Markert—Hardwick
Wayne S. McLain—N. Adams
Paul M. O'Neil—Leyden
Daniel J. Shine—Methuen
Larry W. Snider—Royalston
Thomas W. Walsh—Newburyport
Craig Wood—Wrentham
Lee J. Wright—Woodville
William Zinni Jr.—Ware



Some of the 15 Year Service Award recipients include (from left to right): Jim Smith, George Reasor, Dennis Lefebvre, Jim Benoit, and Dick Bart.

Service Proposes to Expand Hunting and Fishing Opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges **Contacts: David Eisenhauer 703-358-2284**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today opened a 30-day public comment period on a proposal to add one national wildlife refuge to the list of areas open for hunting during the 2008-09 season and increase hunting opportunities at six other refuges.

The Service today also published a final rule that opens Cape May National Wildlife Refuge (New Jersey) to fishing, makes minor administrative changes, and modifies existing regulations.

Initially proposed in July 2006, the hunt program changes were withdrawn because of a lawsuit and subsequent court decision requiring some refuges to revise Environmental Assessments to incorporate cumulative impact analyses. Refuges named in the lawsuit have completed the revised assessments, as have the seven refuges included in today's proposed rule.

The proposed rule, published in the June 11, 2008 *Federal Register*, would open Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge in Minnesota to migratory bird and big-game hunting. In addition, the rule increases hunting opportunities to include migratory birds and upland game at Agassiz and Blackwater national wildlife refuges, in Minnesota and Maryland, respectively. At the Whittlesey Creek (Wisconsin) National Wildlife Refuge, big-game hunting would be permitted.

Hunting opportunities at three refuges in Louisiana (Bayou Cocardie, Tensas River and Upper Ouachita) would be increased because land has been added to the refuges. No



The new rule expands hunting opportunities on refuges such as the Blackwater NWR in Maryland

regulatory changes, however, are proposed for Bayou Cocardie. The rule also adds a turkey hunt at Upper Ouachita. The Service also proposes removing Stillwater Wildlife Management Area (Nevada) from the list of areas open for hunting. The land has reverted to U.S.

Bureau of Reclamation management after expiration of a 50-year agreement under which the Service managed the land in partnership with two state agencies.

Some of the nation's finest hunting can be found on national wildlife refuges, as well as excellent opportunities for fishing, wildlife photography, wildlife observation, environmental education and interpretive programs. More than 300 national wildlife refuges currently have hunting programs and more than 270 refuges have fishing programs.

To view the final rule, visit: [http://](http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-12188.pdf)

edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-12188.pdf

To view the proposed rule, visit: [http://](http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-12193.pdf)

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The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.

Service Awards Cont. from Pg. 2

10 Year Awards:

William Boice—Ipswich
William J. Chazey Jr.—Dalton
Robert Dargis—Attleboro
Herman A. Drost—Colrain
Tom Dussault—W. Springfield
Edmond L. Ferriter—Pittsfield
John A. Green—Adams
Robert J. Kennedy—Methuen
Rodgers Madison—Easthampton
Randy Paul—Tolland
Robert L. Rooks—Northboro
David M. St. Laurent—Blanford

Francis A. Tremblay—Pittsfield
Patrick K. Warriner—Westminster

15 Year Awards:

Kenneth Anderson—Hanson
Richard P. Bart—Haydenville
James A. Benoit—Florence
Thomas E. Bonnell—Ayer
Robert M. Butler—Nantucket
Donald Dextraze—Haydenville
John M. Giunta—Townsend
Robert M. Koerner—Pelham
Dennis A. Lefebvre—Pepperell
George Reasor—Windham, NH

James H. Smith—Ayer
Geoffrey H. Walker—Newbury

20 Year Awards:

Donald Desrosiers—Danielson, CT
Stanley McCauley—Tewksbury
Steven F. Stella—Tewksbury
Paul J. Topham—Wrentham

25 Year Award:

Paul Westgate—Attleboro

New Hunter's Handbook

The latest edition of The Hunter's Handbook is out. This IHEA supplement is printed annually and we include a copy for all of our Basic HE students with the course material packages. The handbook is loaded with information and articles that your students will find interesting and informative. Be sure to check it out when you get your next shipment of course materials.

Turkey Brood Survey Underway At MassWildlife

Help MassWildlife count adult and young turkeys for our population estimates. Outdoor enthusiasts and other cooperators are invited to join in MassWildlife's turkey brood survey, conducted annually from **June through August**. The survey aids in estimating poult production and survival. Reports from knowledgeable cooperators are important in obtaining a large sample for this survey. People interested in helping with this survey may download the survey instructions and data form at the MassWildlife website. Follow the links from the home page, wildlife, wildlife facts, birds, wild turkey page.



The 2007 Wild Turkey Brood Survey counted 2,607 poults. There was one brood spotted for every 4.2 hens in the count.

MASSACHUSETTS HUNTER EDUCATION VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR WEB PAGE

We would like to remind you about the Hunter Education Instructor Materials web page that contains links to several downloadable forms used throughout the program. You can find the site by logging on to: http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/education/hed/instructors/hed_instructor_home.htm Please "bookmark" this site and stay updated with this webpage as new materials and forms will be available via the Internet.

MA Junior Conservation Camp

Chesterfield, MA— The Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp is scheduled to run August 10th—22nd this year. Founded in 1949 as a cooperative project between the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Game and a citizens group, the camp is a unique outdoor experience offering a balanced program of conservation education and instruction



in outdoor recreation activities. Many MassWildlife staffers and Volunteer Instructors provide instruction on a variety of topics.

Team Leader George Haas of Montgomery, MA instructs on the finer points of treestand safety while an engaged camper gets an up close look at the 2006 MJCC.

Smith & Wesson Makes Discount Program Available To HE Instructors

Enclosed in this mailing you will find an order form for a program made available by the Smith & Wesson Company of Springfield, MA. This discount program is for Hunter Education Instructors who wish to purchase firearms to aid them in their course activities. This offer is valid through December 31, 2008.

Federal Cartridge Company Ammunition Booklet

We have enclosed a Federal Cartridge Company booklet on ammunition basics for your reference. This instructor resource provides the fundamentals needed to teach students the components of modern firearms ammunition. It includes information on shot shells and cartridges as well as chokes and bullet styles.



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