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Did you hunt outside of your home state last year?

Did you need a valid hunter education card or certificate in that state? In some states you must carry proof of hunter education completion while in the field while other states require proof of course completion before you purchase a hunting license. You may have been exempt from hunter education requirements because of your age or military/law enforcement background. How many square inches of blaze orange were you required to wear? Blaze orange may not be required at all in a neighboring state. One state may require hunter education certification only if you are under 16 while the adjoining state may require hunter education certification if you were born after 1949. Good thing the game laws are all the same from state to state. What? Really? Game laws vary greatly from state to state. Game laws can vary in the same state depending on what part of the state you are in. Some states have separate deer seasons in a particular county.

In an effort to ease the confusion, the hunter education community agreed some time ago that a hunter education card issued by any state wildlife agency will meet the legal requirement for hunter education anywhere in the U.S. We have a reciprocal agreement among ourselves. The IHEA was instrumental in fashioning the reciprocal agreement between states.

With that being said, let’s look at some definitions. The following are definitions for reciprocal and reciprocity. Reciprocal means shared, felt, or shown by both sides, or to be mutually corresponding. Reciprocity means mutual dependence, action, or influence, a mutual exchange of privileges or specifically, a recognition by one of two countries or institutions of the validity of licenses or privileges granted by the other.

All the states try their best to help an out-of-state hunter meet those requirements. It’s simply a matter of customer service. Some states provide shortened or one-day hunter education courses for out-of-state hunters. Many states provide some type of hunter education exemption for circumstances that put an out-of-state hunter in a bind. Unfortunately, each year hunters are denied hunting licenses because they cannot meet the state’s hunter education requirements. These people either return home frustrated and out of a lot of money, or they become the camp cook.

Cooperation between states is important when an issue like out-of-state hunters is concerned. State hunter education divisions are frequently in contact with each other during the hunting seasons, determining the status of an out-of-state hunter’s certification.

The role of the IHEA-USA is vital where reciprocity is concerned. In the past, IHEA-USA established core hunter education course standards that would produce a safe, responsible and knowledgeable hunter. Recently the IHEA-USA has begun the process of revising the course standards. The goal is the same, to produce a safe, responsible and knowledgeable hunter, but new delivery methods and time constraints placed upon families must be considered.

Our goal is to create a strong set of standards focusing on the safety of the hunter. I know that the group that has been tasked with the process of creating the new course standards will develop a set of strong standards that will produce a safe and responsible hunter. Hopefully, after we have created these new course standards, reciprocity between the states will be stronger than ever.
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Hunter Education—the Shaping of Sportsmen and Women!

By Steve Hall, Executive Director IHEA-USA, exdir@ihea.com

I once read a quote in a compendium of research entitled “Wildlife and the American Mind” (Responsive Management 1998). Mark Duda et al., cited Henry David Thoreau, “…when some of my friends have asked me anxiously about their boys, whether they should let them hunt, I have answered, yes—remembering that it was one of the best parts of my education—make them hunters, though sportsmen only at first…Such is oftentimes the young man’s introduction to the forest, and the most original part of himself…”

Had Thoreau been born in the 20th century, he couldn’t have penned it better—except, of course, that he may have included ‘girls’ and ‘young women’ in his prose as well.

What struck me about his insights were three points: 1) the word ‘anxiously’, 2) the phrase ‘though sportsmen only at first’, and 3) the part of the forest being the ‘original’ part of (one)self.

Think about it! More than a century and a half ago, there were those ‘city dwellers’ expressing fears about sending their young boys out to the ‘back forty’ with guns, exposing them to accidentally shooting themselves or other hunters and/or the killing of animals…and to the deep, dark woods where wild critters might turn on them. Today such fears persist, though people obviously have more modern conveyances, lodging, guides and gear and have an overabundance of information about hunting, wildlife and locations. I speculate that the kill, itself, albeit with upgraded gadgetry, has not changed. Emotion of hunters, especially young hunters, as they take game—bittersweet feelings of joy and sorrow, brought on many times by surges of adrenalin, probably hasn’t changed much either. Neither has the admiration and sense of awe when venturing (West) outdoors and into wild, scenic landscapes in pursuit of game.

What has changed are human perceptions about hunting and hunters.

Back then, Thoreau recognized that a hunter was not a hunter until he (or she) was a ‘sportsman’ first—meaning being safe and responsible (and legal), making a good shot, having a healthy respect and reverence for the land and the animal taken, showing the dignity of a ‘fair chase’ and taking care of the meat from ‘field to table’. A sportsman was one to be admired and revered as a true hunter, woodsman and naturalist with a sense of honor, respect and admiration for nature and her animals—one who demonstrated cunning and courage during a chase and fine marksmanship at the end of the chase. The Teddy Roosevelt era that followed certainly cemented that image.

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The final point is demonstrated by another Thoreau quote included in The American Mind, “Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.” Hunting evokes in oneself the original chase in man the survivor—within the realm of the most basic human needs and instincts. Man (and woman) may have left the forest/land—but it has not left them. One seeks his or her own virtues and character (see Michael Sabbath’s article within) while hunting and fishing—producing experiences, adventures, and memories and learning about the outdoors, animal habits, habitats, relationships and behaviors. The essence or core of hunting is at the heart of “finding oneself” in nature.

For over 60 years, hunter ‘safety’ education instructors have been instrumental in helping those that head into the wilds to be safe, prepared and confident. They have shaped modern day sportsmen and women and will do so well into the future—as eloquently described by Thoreau over 150 years ago. Hunter educators also know that passing on heritage of hunting encourages many to take the path of finding their true inner selves.

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In our town here in northern Minnesota we just completed our fall range day for our youth firearm safety class, and it truly was a busy one. We had nearly 30 youth who had taken the fall classroom safety course, and about the same number of young adults who had taken the online course. It was a busy range day that came off very well, considering we had to coordinate around 60 students taking tests and attending the different range day stations. We had ten instructors and between ten and twenty adult parents helping out. Besides the busy nature of the day, I am always struck by the very young age of most of our students—more than ninety percent of them are only 11 years old when they take the course. The importance of adult time and attention given to them is something that should not be under-appreciated.

The station I handle most often is the small-bore rifle range, and I want to present a couple of ideas in this article for effective teaching of marksmanship in our youth firearm safety classes. Part of my interest in this idea comes from a long-time interest in the works of a favorite author of mine, classic shooting sports writer Townsend Whelen. A phrase I remember from a recent re-reading of his 1941 work, Handbook on Small Bore Rifle Shooting, where he reminds the reader, “Good rifle shooting is almost a continuous process of sight adjustment, and if one would shoot accurately he must be able to adjust his sights accurately. No good shooting can be done day in and day out, nor can any great interest in the game be sustained with cheap, poorly equipped rifles.” I would add to that, the youth will not take an interest in marksmanship if they cannot attain the simple task of consistently hitting an assigned beginner’s target during one of their first shooting experiences.

At our range day there is a very limited amount of time in which the students come to the .22 rifle shooting station, and shoot in prone, sitting, kneeling and offhand positions. Our sportsmen’s club owns ten standard youth-sized bolt action .22 rifles that we use for this purpose, and herein lies the problem for a few of the youth who shoot them.

The rifles are good, basic quality firearms with open sights. They have seen a lot of use, and despite being cleaned at every course and carefully maintained and stored, their open sights are not terribly on when they are used. I have noticed that even I have a difficult...
time lining up the sights. One of the longest-serving instructors told me that he took these .22 rifles home a few years ago and spent the better part of a Saturday of his weekend checking and adjusting the sights as he fired each rifle, and even then there were several that still were not sighted-in too well.

There is always maybe one youth out of ten who has an opposing dominant eye issue, which takes some special time and attention. And there typically will be several youth who have already done quite a bit of small-bore shooting. But there are also one or two youth of every ten or so who have never shot before and will have enough of a difficult time with lining up open sights for the first time. If the sights are off on their rifle, and they don’t even hit a target one time in ten to twenty shots, it’s a shame to send them on to the next range station feeling dejected about not being able to hit the target. On a few occasions I have had instructors send one or two students back to my station so that I can work with those students until they can finally hit the target and feel good about their accomplishment. I shorten the range to the target by half, typically, and then sit right next to them and converse with them as they make each shot.

One new thing I have done in the last few range days is to bring a personal .22 target rifle. In this case it’s a bolt-action Anschütz hunting model, with double-set triggers and very good open sights that I know are perfectly on and very precise. The youth who have trouble hitting the target feel all the better, I think, if they are considered important and responsible enough to use the instructor’s own personal rifle. They are all the more elated when they find they can easily hit a 15-yard target once they try shooting this rifle.

Adding to the idea of bringing along a personal rifle with precision sights, this last summer I built an AR15 M4-style carbine up from a stripped lower, partly so that I could use this also for youth to try out, with an aperture rear sight and also with an added aftermarket beryllium-wire crosshair front sight. I take out the bolt-carrier assembly and use an aftermarket .22 caliber adapter, so that they are using the same target ammo as the bolt-action .22 rifles. The rear aperture peep sight with a front crosshair is quite easy for them to automatically line up and shoot at a target with. They are invariably pleased with what they can do and have a positive shooting experience during their first range day.

When we have our Saturday Range Day, after several evenings of class instruction, it is always a challenge to get everything covered on our desired schedule for that day. I am always a stickler for constantly making sure they remember the three main rules of firearm safety, among other things. But a satisfactory time spent on the small bore rifle range with youth is vital also for the memory of accomplishment they will take away with them of the overall safety course.
A scene in the 1997 James Bond movie Tomorrow Never Dies can usefully guide hunter education instructors. Questioning whether Bond was involved in the disruption of his gala event, evil media mogul Elliot Carver told his wife, Paris, that early in his career he learned that the key to a great story was not ‘who’ or ‘when’ or ‘what’ but ‘why.’ In this case, why was Bond interfering with Carver’s empire?

Carver was right. Focusing on the ‘why’ can enrich our teaching methods and enable us to be better instructors. Instructors must deliver information about lots of topics—statutes, regulations, ethics and how firearms work, among other matters. We teach this material to improve the enthusiasm, safety, ethics and proficiency of hunter education students.

To achieve these goals, instructors must be skilled in the art of persuasion: to persuade students that what is taught should be obeyed; that the material is meaningful and virtuous and that your material will inspire your self-selected students to be ethical and skilled hunters.

Ethics is the study of what is good and virtuous and how to live a life of honor and high moral character. Practice, training, knowing rules and statutes, self-reliance, self-control and fair chase are all founded on ethical principles such as Sanctity of Life, Justice and Autonomy. The effective instructor will show how each subject module relates to ethics.

The art of persuasion is founded, in large part, on asking and then answering a blizzard of ‘why’ questions. The most effective method of persuading an audience, I suggest, is presenting material in the context of an ethical analysis that links desired actions to personal...
virtue. Instructors can more easily facilitate a discussion and engage students when ‘why’ questions are framed as ethical issues.

The module that covers hunters’ image, ethics and responsibility presents numerous ethical issues that merit discussion. Why is an act ethical? Why is caliber selection an ethical issue? Why does avoiding drugs and alcohol during a hunt show respect for one’s self and the game being hunted? Why does the hunter’s image influence political policies? And perhaps, the most important ‘why’ question, Why is a hunter’s behavior an accurate indicator of his or her character and honor?

“The most powerful person is he who has himself in his own power.” Seneca, (5BC-65 AD)

It can be helpful to instructors to reference these key points when teaching:
• As the facts change, the ethical situation changes. Intending to shoot an animal at fifty yards is ethically different from shooting the animal at four hundred yards.
• Every hunter has a moral duty to be informed of many things such as rules, the hunting environment, his or her competence and the worthiness of the hunting equipment.
• Every hunter has moral duties to be self-critical, to be self-aware and to reason. Hunters should understand that reasoning is not an end in itself but has value only to the degree that it serves the higher calling of virtue.

I wrote above that the most effective way to persuade is to appeal to the ethics and virtue of the audience. A teacher is most persuasive when establishing a link between an action and personal virtue. This requires the instructor to encourage the student to see beyond him or herself and recognize that he or she is part of a larger mosaic. The great teacher expands the minds of his or her students.

Doing good is not easy. Doing good often has a price. Thus, the most effective instructors make the students stronger: intellectually, physically, if appropriate, and, above all, morally. The student then is more likely to have the will and competence to do good more often than not. Aristotle rightly observed that virtue is best achieved through habit and practice. Habit and practice are ethical virtues.

The Hunter’s Code is a list of pledges. Honoring those pledges is a matter of character. Instructors can powerfully influence not only the image students project to the world but also influence the honor and character the students possess within. This is the noblest act of the instructor.

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Emphasizing safety is what you do. Don’t many people still refer to your course as “Hunter Safety?” That’s because most people recognize that while ethics, knowledge of game and the other facets of hunting and firearm fundamentals that you teach are important, nothing is of higher priority than teaching safety. Though the safety you particularly emphasize is in the field, you certainly also review the necessity for safe habits with firearms both at home and in transit.

Other organizations share your concern for safety. In fact, the National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®), the trade association of the firearms, ammunition, hunting and shooting sports industry, and USA Shooting announced this summer that they would be working cooperatively to promote firearm safety in the home as part of the NSSF’s Project ChildSafe® “S.A.F.E. Summer” campaign. USA Shooting is chartered by the U.S. Olympic Committee to oversee the development of U.S. National teams for international competition and promotes the shooting sports throughout the country.

NSSF launched Project ChildSafe in 1998 (prior to 2003 the program was called Project HomeSafe) as a nationwide initiative to promote firearms responsibility and provide safety education to all gun owners.

“We stand beside the NSSF and the shooting sports industry in the promotion of firearms safety,” said Kevin Neuendorf, USA Shooting’s Director of Media & Public Relations. “The ability to serve as ambassadors for our sport and project this message of safety, awareness, responsibility and education is an obligation we take seriously. The future of the shooting sports depends on each of us doing our part to endorse, encourage and exercise safer gun handling and responsibility.”

NSSF President and CEO Steve Sanetti agrees, emphasizing that Team USA’s involvement helps spread the message that resources and tools are available to help firearm owners practice and promote firearm safety in the home, and highlight the importance of properly storing firearms.

“Nearly all firearm accidents in the home can be prevented when gun owners take simple precautions, and proper storage is the number one way to help prevent accidents,” Sanetti said. "We're proud to partner with Team USA to help firearm owners become powerful voices in sharing safety messages with family members and others in their community."

Together, NSSF and Team USA Shooting have been participating in a series of events as part of Project ChildSafe’s “S.A.F.E. Summer” campaign, with “S.A.F.E.” serving as an acronym for Secure your firearms when not in use; be Aware of those around you who should not have unauthorized access to guns; Focus on your responsibility as a firearm owner; and Educate yourself and others about safe firearm handling and storage.

The S.A.F.E. Summer campaign focuses on equipping gun owners to take responsible action to help keep their families and communities safer, particularly while children are home from school and more likely to be unattended. While children are a focus, Project ChildSafe is intended to help young people and adults practice greater firearm safety in the home. More information is available at www.projectchildsafe.org.

Some members representing USA Shooting who are participating are Jamie Gray, Corey Cogdell and Kelsey Zauhar. Here’s what these three expert shooters had to say about the importance of proper storage and use.

“By accepting the responsibility of being a gun owner, it shows yourself, your friends and especially children that properly caring for and safely storing and using firearms can lead to a lifetime of enjoyment,” said Gray, a two-two Olympian who won the gold medal in Women’s Three-Position Rifle at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Corey Cogdell (above) is a two-time Olympian, who earned bronze in Women’s Trap at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. She is a hunter.

“Teaching your children firearm safety and properly securing your firearms MUST go hand in hand. Respect, education and security are the first steps to keeping firearms out of unwanted hands.”

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Development Team Member. She recalls the beginning of her education in firearms safety.

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The first event at which USA Shooting lent the prestige of one of its representatives to this cooperative effort to promote safety through Project ChildSafe occurred when 2012 Olympic Team member Amada Furrer joined NSSF President Steve Sanetti to kick off a firearms safety education effort in New Orleans with a press conference in the heart of the tourist district. Furrer and Sanetti stressed the program’s Own It? Respect It. Secure It. message.

“The number one way to help prevent firearm accidents in the home is to securely store your firearms when not in use,” said Sanetti, who encouraged listeners to sign the program’s gun safety pledge at www.projectchildsafe.org and take advantage of the program’s safety resources, such as its popular safe gun-storage infographic. The New Orleans launch has been supported by a two-month billboard campaign. Subsequent launches have taken place around the country for the expanded Project ChildSafe program, which the firearms industry is supporting with an additional $1 million contribution this year.

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In 2013, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks piloted an innovative new program designed to expose more teachers—and ultimately more students—to Hunter Education. The intent is to eventually partner with the State School Administration and gain the approval to reintroduce Hunter Education in the school systems throughout the State of Mississippi.

“Teaching Hunter Education in schools still exists on a small scale, however we would like to build it into a larger program” said Steve Parham of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP). Parham says, “There’s reluctance to have firearms near schools. So, we are researching the concept to reintroduce Hunter Education without live firearms. We would focus more on safe firearm handling, using training guns, in hopes that school administrators will be more accepting of Hunter Education in the schools.”

Course topics include hunter responsibility, hunter ethics, wildlife identification, conservation and natural resources management, firearm safety, wilderness survival skills, and first aid. The program will be open to teachers of all grades and subjects and is free.

“This is a ‘train the trainer’ concept, in which teachers would gain critical knowledge and understanding of Hunter Education and conservation, so they can help provide training and guidance to students who have an interest in hunting and the outdoors,” Parham said.

The class is designed so that the teachers take the standard Hunter Education student course and the Instructor training course in succession. In this way, they are exposed to the material students receive in a typical Hunter Education course, while also receiving training in presenting the curriculum and leading a class on their own. They get a full understanding for hunter education values as well as how to incorporate the information into a classroom setting.

The program offers an overview of different teaching methods for Hunter Education, and ideas for classroom and outdoor activities that teachers can use to inform and motivate students. The workshops offer Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits to teachers for attending the two-day class. As part of the course, teachers receive the Mississippi Hunter Education Manual and a Hunter Education card, which certifies them to teach Hunter Education in or outside of the classroom.

The new program is a creative approach to reinvigorating Hunter Education in Mississippi’s schools. “We have lost Hunter Education in Mississippi schools over the years for various reasons and we hope to regain some ground,” Parham said. “Teachers come in contact with many students on a daily basis and are a great resource for getting students excited about hunting and conservation.”

Currently a pilot program, the hope is that the course will eventually be available to teachers throughout Mississippi. The MDWFP has piloted this course in two locations in the
State so far. The first was at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science in Jackson this past May. Matt Bostick, a Hunter Education Coordinator for MDWFP, taught this course with the assistance of Museum personnel. About 25 teachers attended the two-day training. The MDWFP held the second course at Plantersville Middle School near Tupelo, with about 15 teachers attending. Alan Mumbower, Matt Bostick, and Jennifer Holcomb, all staff of the MDWFP, taught this class. The MDWFP plans more courses in the future.

These successful pilot classes recruited teachers who went on to offer Hunter Education to their students. Parham says, “There have been a couple of teachers that have gone on to teach the class outside of the school. We have plans to expand the program state-wide in the near future. Hunter Education used to be widely taught in the schools throughout Mississippi. Over time, teachers who were certified either left the school system or retired. It's one of the things you need to continue to offer in order to keep the program in place and moving forward.”

Program leaders hope that Mississippi schools will make Hunter Education available as an elective or as a standard physical education option open to all students.

Funding for this program comes, in part, from hunters themselves, who pay an excise tax on firearms and ammunition as well as archery equipment and supplies. Federal tax collection agencies are responsible for collecting the taxes. The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau collects taxes from firearms and ammunition. The Internal Revenue Service collects excise taxes from archery equipment and supplies. Collections agencies deposit the funds into the Wildlife Restoration Account, and then the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service distributes funds to all the States by a legally mandated formula. States can use these funds to pay up to 75 percent of the expenses associated with a Hunter Education program. State agency hunting and fishing license revenues generally contribute the remaining 25 percent of costs.
My name is Luke Hull and I took a Hunter Safety class when I was 10 years old in 2009. Each year the Hunter Education Instructor provides a class for the 4-H Shooting Sports youth in our county, my 4-H Shooting Sports coach and the Hunter Education Instructor are great friends. I did a lot of learning beforehand on the computer and it helped that I knew some of the information before the class. I had a lot of fun at the class. After I took and passed the written test I got to shoot a .22, muzzleloader, shotgun, archery, and my favorite a 30-06. I received my Hunter Safety card and started shooting a .22 in the 4-H Shooting Sports program and earned the opportunity to compete at the state level. I would go and practice with my single shot .22 every chance I had. I liked shooting pop cans, plinkers and prairie dogs. My brother then gave me a muzzleloader and I got all of the supplies I needed to shoot it. The next year I shot muzzleloader in 4-H and got to go to state with that. The next year in 4-H I shot .22 rifle, muzzleloader and pistol. I had a .22 pistol and was part of a program trying to introduce small bore pistol to Yuma County 4-H. The next year I did .22 rifle, muzzleloader, pistol, archery, shotgun and outdoor skills. This year I did all of the disciplines again and earned a spot on the Colorado State 4-H Outdoor Skills team to compete at the National event. I went to the National 4-H Invitational event and placed 9th in hunter skills and safety and 14th overall individually. Our Colorado team placed 1st in hunter skills and safety and 4th overall.

I am also an avid hunter. I have shot a deer with a muzzleloader and a deer with a regular rifle. I have also shot a turkey, pheasants and rabbits. I eat all of these animals. My favorite thing to do is hunt prairie dogs since they are so abundant. Shooting is my favorite sport and I try to practice at least once a week. I try to promote shooting and hunting all I can. I enjoy helping other kids, next year I plan on being a 4-H Junior Leader for Outdoor Skills. Outdoor Skills in 4-H is like hands-on learning of the outdoors. It takes everything you learned about in hunter safety and lets you actually do it. Once a year, we go to a 4-H Shooting Sports family camp-out in Victor, Colorado. There we shoot all kinds of guns, we throw knives, we shoot archery, and we get to use an atlatl. An atlatl is an arm you hold and put a spear in. You then use the atlatl to throw the spear. At the local shooting range I like to practice shooting with fun, reactive targets such as steel, shaving cream cans, wobblers, golf balls and just things like that. With my shotgun I shoot trap, skeet, sporting clays and five-stand. Sporting clays is my favorite since it is the closest to a hunting scenario. All I have is a spring powered thrower so I enjoy going to a real shotgun range. Shooting and hunting supplies are the only things I really enjoy shopping for. I had a lot of trouble finding ammo this year so I did not get to practice as much as I would have liked to. I think not getting to practice as much probably has a negative impact on my shooting competitions. I was thankful though that arrows were still easy to get so I could shoot my bow a lot. I also go fishing too, I do not enjoy fishing as much as I do hunting but it is still fun. Sometimes, if I do not have luck with hunting I will go fishing because I feel hunting and fishing go hand in hand. I would not be doing anything I do in the outdoors if it had not been for me taking hunter safety. By taking hunter safety I have been able to put food on the table, be a shooting competitor and best of all, make new friends. I feel I have been very successful in hunting and shooting for being only 15. Nothing I have done would have been possible without my great 4-H Shooting Sports coach and Hunter Safety instructor!
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Responsive Management has been tracking trends in public approval of hunting since 1995, which has remained generally consistent during this time: 73% in 1995, 75% in 2003, 78% in 2006, 74% in 2011, and now at 79% (see graph below). At 79%, approval is the highest since Responsive Management has tracked it. The reasons for this increase are still unclear, but it may be related to the recent increase in hunting and shooting participation that has occurred. (See Fig.2)

Since 2006, hunting participation has increased by 9%, according to the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2011). Meanwhile, shooting participation has increased by 18% since 2009 (Responsive Management, 2013). Other studies on public opinion on hunting conducted by Responsive Management
show that the strongest correlation with approval of hunting is knowing a hunter—over and above demographic variables or any other factor. With the increased number of hunters in the field and sport shooters at the range, it is possible that this increase is being reflected in support for hunting as well.

Overall, the most recent study found that more than half of Americans (52%) strongly approve of hunting (79% strongly or moderately approve). At the other end of the spectrum, 12% disapprove (strongly or moderately) of hunting. Another 9% gave a neutral answer.

**Methodology**

Conducted in February 2013, the study surveyed 1,306 Americans 18 years old and older using random digit dialing and supplemental cell phone sampling. The sampling error is +/- 3.00 percentage points. The survey was the fifth in a series of surveys by Responsive Management to track trends in public approval of hunting.

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George Oberstadt supervises California Waterfowl’s Hunting Heritage programs. He joined California Waterfowl in July 2005 and brings a multitude of business, managerial, education, and recreational skills to this position. George is a certified Hunter Education Instructor, NRA Certified Shotgun Instructor, NRA Range Safety Officer, NSCA Level 1 Archery Instructor, and Boy Scout Merit Badge counselor. George serves as president of the Northern California Hunter Education Instructor Association and has recently been nominated to serve on the IHEA-USA Instructor Advisory Committee. George was awarded a Director’s Achievement Award by the state of California Department of Fish and Wildlife for development of CWA’s Hunter Camps program. George can be reached at GOberstadt@calwaterfowl.org.

RW “Ricky” Roland was born in Clewiston, Florida in March of 1954 and has lived in Florida most of his life. He was raised on a large corporation ranch in South Florida and learned to hunt and fish at an early age. His parents took him on vacations all over the continental United States. Ricky worked with a large animal veterinarian in high school and went to school in Jacksonville, Florida. He worked for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for 28 years then retired in 1997 to take care of his mother. He has been a hunter safety instructor since 1973, was Duval County Area Coordinator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and has earned the following awards and certifications:

- Past Regional Instructor of the Year in 2000, 2002 and 2006
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Through the years, women have become much more active and engaged in hunt tests and field trials as well as waterfowl hunting with their Labrador Retrievers. According to The American Kennel Club’s 21st Century Dog Owners Study released in 2008, women make up 77% of the AKC registered dog owners while men account for 21% of those who responded to the survey. From 1990 to 2010, the lab remains the #1 registered breed. Boys, do the math and this too is becoming a ‘Woman’s World.’

While hunting as a whole increased in participation the past decade, waterfowl hunting desperately needs new blood and new bodies. This ‘secret-weapon’ of sorts (the female waterfowl hunter) could be just the ticket we need to pump some life back into waterfowl hunting. From 2001 to 2011, numbers of waterfowl hunters in the United States dipped from 2,900,000 to 2,583,000. We need more waterfowl hunters across the board.

“In the thirty years I’ve been involved in every aspect of field trials, I’ve seen the numbers and success of women in the sport increase exponentially.” So says Vickie Lamb of Double Barrel Kennels (www.vickielamb.com). She goes on to say, “the fact that women are swelling the ranks of waterfowling is a good thing…numbers matter and this growing interest may help spark a resurgence of the heritage from an overall hunting perspective.” Vickie admits she has been chasing and hunting ducks since even back when hunting ducks wasn’t cool for a woman.

Fact of the matter is, overall waterfowl participation in this country is on a decline. Suffice it to say, this is tough news for the history and traditions of waterfowling. The buzz today is to get kids outdoors and involved. Everyone should do their part to share the passion of waterfowling with a sister, a sweetie, a spouse or maybe that little girl next door whose dad is in the military protecting our freedoms abroad and unable to take his daughter hunting this season. We collectively need to take the necessary steps today to ensure our waterfowl hunting future tomorrow.

John DePalma is a freelance writer and photographer and lifelong waterfowl junkie living in Littleton, CO.
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America's New Target Shooters: Younger, Female and Urban

New NSSF® report shows one in five began shooting in the last five years

The face of America's target shooters is changing. New target shooters—those who have taken up the sport in the last five years—are younger, female and urban when compared to established target shooters, or those participating for more than five years, according to a survey commissioned by the National Shooting Sports Foundation®.

Just how this new segment of target shooters varies from established target shooters can be found in the Analysis of Sport Shooting Participation in the U.S. 2008-2012, the findings of which are based on a survey conducted by Responsive Management, a public opinion research firm specializing in outdoor recreation issues. The report is available free to NSSF members as a member benefit.

The demographics of new shooters show they are:

- **Younger**: 66 percent of new shooters fall into the 18-to-34-year-old category compared to 31 percent in the same age category for established shooters.

- **Female**: 37 percent of new target shooters are female compared to 22 percent of established target shooters.

- **Urban**: 47 percent of new target shooters live in urban/suburban settings versus 34 percent of established target shooters.

The report shows that one-fifth of target shooters in America first started participating in the shooting sports between 2008 and 2012. That means 20 percent of all target shooters began participating in the past five years.

"The landscape of target shooters has shifted," said Jim Curcuruto, NSSF's director of research and analysis. "This is data that everyone doing business in our industry should be aware of."

Mark Damian Duda, executive director of Response Management, pointed out, "While mentoring by family members in a generally rural setting is the traditional pathway for newcomers to participating in target shooting and hunting, the research shows that new shooters today include many who did not follow or have access to the traditional pathway."

The expansion of younger, female and urban-based participants coincides with the surge in firearms sales that occurred over the same 2008-2012 period.

The report also covers factors related to why new and established target shooters participate, as well as the types of activities they are participating in.

For more information go to www.nssf.org.

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Letter to the Editor

Like most folks, I have a long backlog of reading material. Spending a good deal of time afield does not help matters. I hope to live till I’m 117 so I can become current.

In any event, I just got to the Winter 2012 IHEA Journal, just in the nick of time too. There’s a class this evening. I teach some of the advanced hunting topics at North Mountain in Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. Tree-Stand Safety is one of my specialties.

The article by Dr. Norman Wood is fantastic! I can say with all certainty that I am now educated beyond my level of intelligence when it comes to “Suspension Trauma”. I intend to use some of the good Doctor’s excellent points this evening to drive it home. This is some really serious stuff and I had no idea how deadly one’s safety device can become. Sort of ironic.

In any event, keep up the good work and please continue publishing articles regarding such relevant and serious topics.

Sincerely, Michael Scott, PA Instructor

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your note, we appreciate knowing you are able to utilize the information from articles included in the Journal for your classrooms. My sincere thanks to you, and all hunter education instructors, for all you do to help preserve our hunting heritage and for your tremendous efforts towards ensuring that all new hunters are safe, responsible, knowledgeable and informed.

Susie Kiefer, Editor, Hunter & Shooting Sports Education Journal
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Hunting Tip—A Dozen Riflescope Mounting Tips for Success

How to properly mount your new riflescope...

By Zeiss Field Staff

1. Most Important – if you are not comfortable with installing a riflescope, then seek the help of a qualified gunsmith, friend or relative to assist you with the installation of your new riflescope. Avoid an unsightly job that can result in a damaged riflescope tube or rifle receiver.

2. Safety first – make certain the firearm is unloaded.

3. Depending upon your objective lens size, select the proper ring height that will mount the objective bell as low as possible to the barrel without actually touching it.

4. Only use rings and bases made from high quality materials or better yet, machined from solid bar stock steel. The Weaver style is a favorite and simple design that has worked well for many years.

5. Some integral bases are great for eliminating potential problems, but be aware that ring selection can be limited or a little more difficult to find.

6. Use a good quality gun vise to support the firearm during the mounting process. It will help prevent damage and keep the firearm level.

7. Add a quality screwdriver and Allen/Hex wrench set with torque settings to your kit. Hollow ground or fitted screwdriver blades prevent slipping and screw damage.

8. Clean mounting screws with a degreaser or rubbing alcohol to remove packaging oil.

9. Follow all ring manufacturer directions in sequence and take your time.

10. Use a wooden dowel fitted to the ring diameter to ensure correct alignment with the receiver, prevent loss of adjustment range and ultimately unwanted crimping of the riflescope body. Lap your rings to ensure alignment and perfect fit.

11. Use a small amount of Locktite on all ring and base screws. Be certain to use less aggressive types like #638 so you will be able to break screws free if you need to.

12. If a bolt action: remove the bolt and while the firearm is in a vise or sandbag, look down the bore at the bull’s-eye at 25 yards. If the crosshairs are not on paper you have an alignment issue between the mounting system and the barrel. Start over.

There are other exciting solutions for mounting a riflescope like the Zeiss Railmount System. A Railmount scope eliminates many of the problems addressed above. (But more on that another time.) Shoot straight, be safe, and get out there and have fun.

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Sitka Gear Inc., has a few suggestions for hardcore whitetail hunters that find themselves looking for a layering system that performs during all aspects of the hunt.

Layering has been a highly effective method for active hunters in mountainous terrain to stay comfortable in the fluctuating conditions the high-country doles out and now whitetail hunters can maximize their field time by layering with Sitka Gear’s appropriate offerings.

To start with, all hunters need a base layer. The ideal candidate for this crucial, next-to-skin component is the Core Zip-T (Core Bottoms are available as well). Equally important is the insulation layer, and Sitka’s Kelvin Jacket fits the bill perfectly. The lightweight Kelvin Jacket (pants are available as well) has an extreme heat-to-weight ratio and is filled with Primaloft, a synthetic high-loft insulation. Lastly, to stave off the most brutal of outdoor conditions, Sitka recommends the Fanatic Jacket and Bib, which feature WINDSTOPPER® fabric. The same layering principals apply to the waterfowl hunter as well and with Sitka Gear, a hunter will still be able to move and function in the blind and not be hindered by bulky, cumbersome outerwear.

Starting with a Core base layer, followed by a Kelvin insulation layer will give the solid foundation of warmth and moisture wicking that is key to any Sitka system.

The layers can consist of the Pantanal Parka and Bibs or the new Boreal Jacket. The Boreal incorporates the protection of a GORE-TEX® membrane with the warmth of 650 fill down. The build of this jacket maximizes mobility to keep you free to swing and shoot, but delivers the ultimate in warmth and shelter from the elements. Mix that with a feature set that is classic minimalistic Sitka, but absolutely functional for even the pros.
Volunteering as a hunter education instructor is a personal commitment and sometimes challenging. Obtaining quality hunter safety and educational materials shouldn’t be. The National Shooting Sports Foundation® has been supporting hunter education instructors for more than 30 years.

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Alvin Richard Pecchenino, California's Longest-Serving Hunter Education Instructor

California’s longest serving volunteer Hunter Education Instructor (HEI), Alvin Richard Pecchenino, passed away on August 15, 2013, after 60 years of service. Pecchenino first started instructing with the National Rifle Association in 1952, who considered him too young at the time since he had not yet reached his 18th birthday. However, he had a troop of Boy Scout Explorers that needed a firearms safety class and he became certified. Pecchenino began his service with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) hunter education program as an instructor when the program launched in 1954.

Pecchenino (above) was a California native from a family of hunting and fishing heritage. In a 2004 interview, he described himself as having been “born with a rod in the right hand and a gun in the left.” Because of Pecchenino's years of dedication to the hunter education program, he was named International Hunter Education Instructor of the Year by Winchester International in 2005. The prestigious award singled out Pecchenino among thousands of volunteer Hunter Education instructors worldwide.

“Al's 60 years of volunteer service to the state of California is an unprecedented record that I am sure will stand for years to come,” said CDFW Capt. Roy Griffith. “He made a difference in the lives of generations of new hunters. It was an honor to know him.”
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