



OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER **June, 2010**

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT, ALLEN BYNUM

Dear Members,

As I reflect on the last three and a half years, I cannot help but be thrilled with the progress we have made in protecting and conserving our cherished outdoor activities. I would like to thank Scott Chapman for his incredible insight and unwavering dedication to get us to this point. His service and leadership are to be commended. The OWMA has grown in so many ways in our relatively short existence including our membership, our leadership, our influence, and our contacts. We have an influential voice at the Oklahoma State Capitol that is the result of hard work from many of our members and our effective resident advocate, Karel Brewster. Having addressed several problem areas, we have identified some other areas that also require our attention so be looking for further updates.

I appreciate the opportunity to lead us forward in the coming years. This group thrives on its membership and we will continue to need each and every one of you to keep spreading the word to help us grow. Let's make the "Enter to Win" membership promotion a huge success that we can cap off with an accomplished, fun Dove Hunt in September.

Allen Bynum

4TH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Our 4th Annual Legislative Reception was held March 29th at the Harn Homestead in Oklahoma City. We had a short business meeting before the reception where we elected/re-elected our new officers and heard from our Executive Director Adam Winters. The new officers are as follows: President-Allen Bynum, Vice President-Brett Addison, Secretary- Lisa Addison, Treasurer-Mike Porter, and Executive Director- Adam Winters.

Awards were presented to the following Legislators for their dedication to uphold wildlife- favorable legislation: Senator Todd Lamb, Senator Ron Justice, Representative Mike Sanders and Representative Ken Miller. A Wildlife Activist of the Year award was presented to Karel Brewster for her dedication and commitment to the OWMA. A President Appreciation award was presented to Scott Chapman in appreciation of his outstanding support and leadership of the OWMA. Scott served his term as the OWMA president for three years and upon completion of his term, is now an honorary Past President.

The reception that followed the meeting was a great success and we appreciate everyone who attended and those who helped plan, organize and sponsor the event. Together we are making a difference!



ENTER TO WIN
(membership promotion)

Beginning June 1, all current OWMA members who sign up a new member (at least an "Active" level membership) will be entered for a chance to win a **trophy bass fishing trip!** This will be 1 day of trophy bass fishing (catch and release) for 2 people on large, privately owned lakes in Carter Co., OK.

New members (all new members must be at least an "Active" level membership) will be entered for a chance to win the **trophy whitetail hunt** of a lifetime. This will be a 4 day trophy whitetail hunt good for 1 hunter harvesting 1 mature buck that scores up to 170 B & C gross in Love Co., OK.

Current OWMA members are encouraged to sign up as many new members as possible. Your name will be entered for the trophy bass fishing for every new member you recruit. Please click on the following link for Rules of Entry and more details. Winners will be drawn during the September Dove Hunt.

<http://ok-wildlife.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/entertowin.pdf>

For your convenience, you can now join online through our website <http://www.ok-wildlife.com>



3rd ANNUAL DOVE HUNT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!! Our 3rd Annual Dove hunt will be held September 17-18 in Altus, OK. If you were able to attend in the past couple of years, then you already know what a good time we had. We appreciate the continued interest, support, and enthusiasm for our organization. The OWMA continues to strive to be a strong voice that will enable hunters like you to be able to hunt safely and ethically now and in the future. Please contact Adam Winters (580)471-8264 if you have any ideas and/or concerns that could make our upcoming dove hunt even more successful.





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Several measures introduced this session focused on simplifying and reducing the types of hunting and fishing licenses. These bills were collected in an omnibus package through **HB 2963**. This bill extends nonresident hunting licenses from five to six days, allows active-duty military personnel to purchase resident licenses, creates hunting licenses that coincide with tag seasons, consolidates and expands senior lifetime license privileges, makes a regular fishing license valid for trout fishing, and allows minors to pay for lifetime licenses in installments.

Legislators also examined how to deal with individuals who violate wildlife-related provisions of the Oklahoma Statutes. **HB 1889** includes Oklahoma in the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, which allows participating states to suspend wildlife license privileges of any person whose license privileges have been suspended by a participating state.

SPOTLIGHT ON OKLAHOMA YOUTH

During a recent outing in southern Oklahoma, Taylor Dubea, 15, of Ardmore experienced the thrill of the outdoors. With his father, Allen, and OWMA President Allen Bynum - Taylor wrangled in several nice bass on his first bass fishing trip. But the real excitement came when the guys traded the fishing rods for rifles and took to the woods in search of wild hogs.

While stalking one group of hogs, a large sow came running right by them from another direction. Even though this was his first hunt, Taylor expertly slipped the safety off, took aim, and dropped the hog at about 20 yards with a .243.





UPCOMING EVENTS

“Enter to win” membership promotion
June 1-September 18

Hunters Education Course
When: July 17th

Where: Southern Oklahoma Technology Conference Center Auditorium in Ardmore, OK
Sign up with Tray Cumbie: 580-224-6411
Time: 8-5 (registration @7:30) Bring your SS number and address

3rd Annual Dove Hunt
When: September 17-18
Where: Altus, OK

Wildlife Expo
When: September 24-26
Where: Lazy E Arena-Guthrie, OK
Come see the OWMA booth