

Summer 2010

# HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS' NEWSLETTER



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*The men and women who volunteer as hunter education instructors serve as teachers, mentors and coaches. The service they deliver is, quite literally, lifesaving.*

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## After Teaching About Lifesaving, Instructors Save a Life

Quick action by a hunter education class on March 26 helped save the life of an accident victim in Harnett County.

Shortly after their basic hunter education class had concluded that Friday evening, some of the students and parents returned to report a car had struck a pedestrian nearby. The two volunteer hunter education instructors, Charles Perry and Joe Miller, rushed to the scene.

They found the victim pinned under the car. Perry, a nationally registered EMT-Paramedic, quickly assessed the victim and found his vital signs were deteriorating rapidly. The car was crushing his chest to the point where respiration and heart functions were almost non-existent.

Miller, who owns a local landscaping company, went to locate a jack while Perry informed dispatchers of his assessment of the victim, and requested an air ambulance to respond, citing multiple trauma.

Miller returned with a jack, which he used to slowly lift the car up, relieving some pressure from the victim but not enough to make the vehicle unstable. The victim's vital signs made rapid improvement and he actually began to speak to Perry, who maintained immobilization until the Harnett County EMS and Harnett County Fire-Rescue arrived moments later. Medics agreed with Perry to complete the stabilization of the victim and prepare for resuscitation efforts. Using pressure airbags, they lifted the car and carefully removed the victim from underneath, then prepared him for flight transport. The victim was flown to a local hospital and survived the incident.

The quick actions of the hunter education course students, who had just gone through the first aid portion of instruction, made a crucial difference in the patient's survival, as did the rapid and proper response by the hunter education instructors. Much longer and the outcome may not have been so successful.

"A key element we try to impart in hunter education courses is to be involved," said Perry. "To stop poachers, you have to be involved and alert officers to illegal activity. To support the tradition of hunting, you have to be involved and be a good reflection of the sport and encourage others. To be a part of the community, you have to be involved in the community. So the credit here has to go to our students, who got involved, acted quickly, and got help."



**Instructors Charles Perry, left, and Joe Miller**

## BREAKING NEWS: Blair Named Top Hunting Education Professional

Wes Blair, a Hunter Education Specialist with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission in District 8, has been recognized as the "Professional of the Year" by the International Hunter Education Association. The award was presented at their annual meeting, held in Estes Park, Colorado on June 3.



This puts the Lenoir resident into select company. Honorees must perform an outstanding service to their agency and state in hunter education and have supported the IHEA mission in doing so.

Through his dedication and diligence, there has been a 35 percent increase in participation in the program and an overall increase in the number of schools that participate in the Youth Hunter Safety Education Skills Tournament. His recruiting efforts show a 40 percent increase in active volunteer instructors in his district. He also developed local and regional instructor workshops, which have saved volunteer instructors out-of-pocket travel and fuel costs.

# 2010 District Tournaments Results

D-1 Senior                      Score  
Perquimans High School 3620  
Ridgescroft High School 3547

D-1 Junior  
Perquimans Middle School 3451  
Chowan Middle School 3313

D-2 Senior  
Farmville Central Blue 3694  
West Carteret Blue 3685

D-2 Junior  
Farmville Middle School Blue 3164  
Newport Middle School 3020

D-3 Senior  
Northeast Academy 3421  
Hunt High School 3413

D-3 Junior  
Northeast Academy 2955

D-4 Senior  
Western Harnett 3523  
West Bladen 3318

D-4 Junior  
Western Harnett Middle School 3199  
Harrells Christian Academy 2427

D-5 Senior  
Lee County Senior High School 3567  
Orange County High School Team #1 3484

D-5 Junior  
East Lee Middle School Team A 3097  
Lee Christian School Team 1 3085

D-6 Senior  
West Montgomery High School 3671  
N. Davidson High School 3666

D-6 Junior  
Park Ridge Christian Academy 3605  
S. Stanly Middle School Sharpshooters 3373

D-7 Senior  
Forbush Blue 3771  
Forbush Red 3702

D-7 Junior  
Starmount Middle Orange 3538  
South Davie Orange 3490

D-8 Senior  
Bandy's FFA- Green 3308  
Avery FFA 3260

D-8 Junior  
Mill Creek Middle School 3090  
Avery-Cranberry Middle School 2380

D-9 Senior  
Pisgah High School 3525  
N. Henderson High School 3396

D-9 Junior  
Apple Valley Middle School 3383  
Polk County Middle School 2974

# 2010 State Tournament Results

## Archery- Senior Team Score Xs

3rd- Orange County Team 1 986 22  
2nd- Forbush Blue 986 27  
1st- Forbush Red 986 30

## Archery- Junior Team

3rd- Piedmont Team 1 959 20 (Exam 402)  
2nd- Park Ridge Christian 959 20 (Exam 494)  
1st- Apple Valley 963 18

## Archery- Sr. Individuals School

3rd- Ryan McHenry Hunt High School 199 9  
2nd- Austin Bryn Northeast Academy 199 9 (Tie Breaker 1X at 25yds)  
1st- Todd Patterson Forbush Red 200 5

## Archery- Jr. Individuals

3rd- Davis Fender Apple Valley 199 6(2X 25yds)  
2nd- Hunter Efird Park Ridge 199 6(3X 25yds)  
1st- Caleb Rogers Apple Valley 200 7

## Hunter Skills (Hunter Education Exam + Orienteering)- Senior Team

3rd- Starmount 909  
2nd- Western Harnett 910  
1st- Gray Stone Day School 915

## Hunter Skills- Junior Team

3rd- Apple Valley 844  
2nd- Starmount Orange 863  
1st- East Lee Team A 866

## Hunter Skills- Sr. Individual Team

3rd- Matthew Mason W. Harnett 188  
2nd- Carson Perry W. Harnett 188  
1st- Matthew Spartz Lee Sr. 191

## Hunter Skills- Jr. Individual Team

3rd- Bryan Leblanc Stanford 178  
2nd- Josh Mullis Starmount Orange 181  
1st- Morgan Cox E. Lee Team A 186

## Rifle- Senior Team

3rd- Farmville Central Blue 918  
2nd- Forbush Red 938  
1st- Perquimans 941

## Rifle- Junior Team

3rd- Forbush 898  
2nd- Perquimans County 901  
1st- Park Ridge Christian 912

## Rifle- Sr. Individuals

3rd- Todd Patterson Forbush Red 191  
2nd- Jacob Longworth Surry Central 192 3Xs  
1st- Kyle Proctor Perquimans 192 5Xs

## Rifle- Jr. Individual

3rd- Colton Horn Forbush 190  
2nd- Hunter Efird Park Ridge Christian 194  
1st- Nicolas Forbes Perquimans County 197

## Shotgun- Senior Team

3rd- Forbush White 970  
2nd- E. Forsyth Blue 980  
1st- Forbush Red 980

## Shotgun- Junior Team

3rd- Park Ridge Christian 920  
2nd- S. Stanley 940  
1st- S. Davie 990

## Shotgun- Sr. Individual (Shoot-off)

3rd- Tyler Testerman Forbush White 200-  
2nd- Caleb Reavis Forbush Red 200  
1st- Jake Shields E. Forsyth 200

## Shotgun- Jr. Individual \*Due to a scoring error, second place awarded as a tie

3rd- William Darnell Apple Valley  
2nd- Brandon Spivey W. Harnett 200  
2nd- David Rushing Chicod Middle 200  
1st- Logan Jenkins Ridgescroft Academy 200

## Muzzleloading (Special Event) -Senior Team

3rd- W. Carterett 370  
2nd- Forbush Blue 380  
1st- Forbush Red 400

## Muzzleloading (Special Event)-Junior Team

3rd- Mill Creek Middle School 320  
2nd- Farmville Central Middle 320  
1st- Polk County Middle School 340

## Muzzleloading (Sp Event)- Sr. Individual

3rd- Matthew Gould W. Carteret  
2nd- Asa Matthews Farmville Central  
1st- Josh Melton John H. Holmes High School

## Muzzleloading (Sp Event)- Jr. Individual

3rd- Mason McPhearson Gates County  
2nd- Brandon Savage Gates County  
1st- Adam Harrell Farmville Middle School

## Overall- Senior Team

3rd- E. Forsyth Blue 3717  
2nd- Gray Stone Day School 3724  
1st- Forbush Red 3756

## Overall- Junior Team

3rd- Perquimans 3594  
2nd- Park Ridge Christian 3610  
1st- S. Davie 3617

## Overall Sr. Winners

\*Due to a scoring error, second place awarded as a tie

2nd- Matthew Spartz Lee Sr. 767  
2nd - Levi Epps W. Montgomery 767  
1st- Andrew Welker Gray Stone 772

## Overall Jr. Winners

3rd- Logan Jenkins Ridgescroft 748  
2nd- Matthew Flinchum Starmount Orange 749  
1st- Hunter Efird Park Ridge 758



# On Target with the State Hunter Education Coordinator

An opportunity that you provide to hunters is the advanced hunter education courses, and we have been stepping up promotional efforts to match your hard work and dedication. Featured elsewhere in this newsletter is an example of a house ad we developed and are trying to use at every chance we get. We have some news releases, articles, a poster and other materials in the works.

The instruction provides an excellent opportunity to improve ability and proficiency, or serve as an introduction to specialty skill. We want to let folks know about these courses and what a value the advanced courses are, how they can find out about schedules and enroll. Some students will show an interest during basic hunter education and we feel that advanced hunter education is a great way to further interests and involvement in hunting. It enhances enjoyment of wildlife resources and provides a sense of accomplishment in learning on a higher level that instills a sense of pride. Advanced hunter education is a benefit, but only if people sign up.

And congratulations to D-8 Hunter Education Specialist Wes Blair, named "Professional of the Year" by the International Hunter Education Association. Upon receiving the prestigious honor, Wes said "Most of all, though, I want to thank our statewide volunteer instructors, who provide countless hours in ensuring that our hunting heritage safely continues. Without the dedication of this all-volunteer force, our hunter education program would not be successful." Amen!



**Capt. Chris Huebner**

## Wildlife Commission Promotes Dale Caveny to Colonel



**Col. Dale Caveny**

Dale Caveny, a 25-year veteran wildlife enforcement officer, has been promoted to the top wildlife enforcement post in North Carolina.

Beginning July 1 as colonel, Caveny will lead the Division of Law Enforcement. He will direct 200 wildlife officers who enforce hunting, fishing and wildlife conservation laws, and boating regulations; offer hunter and boater safety courses; and investigate hunting and boating accidents.

"I consider wildlife officers to be some of the most professional and dedicated of all law enforcement officers," said Caveny. "It is a great honor to continue serving in this new role with those men and women. The strength of the division is sound, the resolve of its officers is unwavering and we will continue to diligently manage and protect the resources and ensure public safety."

The post was previously held by Kenneth Everhart, who is retiring as colonel after a 28-year career with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

A native of Kings Mountain, N.C., Caveny graduated from Kings Mountain High School and received an associate degree in Criminal Justice from Isothermal Community College and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Western Carolina University.

"The work of wildlife enforcement officers is critical not only for conserving the abundance and diversity of North Carolina's wildlife resources, but also for public safety, opportunity and access, and education," said Gordon Myers, executive director of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. "Colonel Caveny will focus on leading the Division of Law Enforcement in implementing the agency's strategic plan while continuing the traditions of excellence and integrity that are hallmarks of our wildlife law enforcement programs."

## District Hunter Education Specialists

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# Help Support National Hunting and Fishing Day

National Hunting and Fishing Day, formalized by Congress in 1972, was created to celebrate the conservation achievements of hunters and anglers that benefit everyone who appreciates wildlife and the outdoors.

All four N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission education centers will hold events and count on volunteers. For more information contact:

- John E. Pechmann Fishing Education, Fayetteville  
Kris Smith at (910) 868-5003.
- Centennial Campus Center for Wildlife Education, Raleigh  
Beth Gunn at (919) 707-0205.
- Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education, Corolla  
Karen Clark at (919) 707-0235.
- Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education, Brevard  
Lee Sherrill at (828) 877-4423.

According to National Hunting and Fishing Day leaders, North Carolina sportsmen are among the most prominent and influential of demographic groups, spending more than \$1.7 billion annually on their hunting and fishing activities.

Statistics from a Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation report shows hunting and fishing directly supports 29,000 jobs and provides \$818 million worth of paychecks around the state.

For more information, go online to [www.nhfd.org](http://www.nhfd.org) and [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

*Families celebrating the great outdoors*



**NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**

**Saturday, September 25  
10am-3pm**

Centennial Campus Center for Wildlife Education  
Raleigh, N.C.

John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center  
Fayetteville, N.C.

Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education  
Corolla, N.C.

Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education  
Pisgah Forest, N.C.

**See you Saturday, Sept. 25**

## Advanced Hunter Education Workshop Has New Date

The Advance Hunter Education Instructors Workshop is planned for Oct. 1-3 at Millstone 4-H Center near Ellerbe, and we hope you will join us. The workshop has been moved from its traditional September dates to better accommodate efforts to support National Hunting and Fishing Day.

All certified hunter education instructors are welcome to attend this weekend of instruction and fellowship. The workshop is designed to further the knowledge level of the Wildlife Commission's dedicated volunteers in their continuing effort to promote hunting safety and the continuation of the hunting tradition.

All courses will take an in-depth look at teaching techniques along with valuable hands-on training. Saturday courses are "teaching the teacher" instruction, with an emphasis on presentation and learning methods in addition to the topic curriculum. Sunday courses are skills improvement. Both days' curriculum should prove interesting and fun.

Interested participants should complete the registration form (inserted into this issue) and return it to the N.C. Hunter Education program before Aug. 31.

## Scenes from Last Year's Advanced Hunter Education Workshop



Boating Safety for Hunters



Crossbow demo



Long bow instruction

# Col. Kenneth Everhart Retires From Wildlife Commission

Colonel Kenneth Everhart, the ranking officer for the Division of Law Enforcement with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, has announced his retirement, effective July 1.

The 28-year law enforcement veteran has served as colonel since July 2004, leading 200 wildlife officers statewide who enforce hunting, fishing and boating laws; offer hunter and boater safety courses; and investigate hunting and boating accidents.

“One of the first things I plan to do (in retirement) is buy some clothes, since I’ve been wearing a tan and green uniform for so long,” Everhart said. “Then I expect to do something for a group like Habitat for Humanity, catch up on my hunting and fishing, and generally enjoy time with my family.”

He and his wife, Marilyn, have three children, Abby, Kyle and Hunter, and live in Raleigh.

“I know I will miss his humor, his wit and wisdom, but most of all I will miss his integrity,” said Gordon Myers, executive director of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. “I join with the sportsmen of this state in thanking him for his years of service and dedication, and in wishing him the best in his retirement.”

An Eagle Scout who grew up in Rowan County — where his parents Howard and Diane Everhart still live — Everhart recalls a camporee where a wildlife officer came and spoke to the young men attending.

“I came home from that weekend and told my parents I knew what I wanted to do,” he said.

Col. Everhart worked up through the ranks. He was first stationed in Granville County in 1982. He also worked in Union County, as a sergeant for Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston counties and as a lieutenant based in Wake County. In 1993, he earned a promotion to captain in charge of officer recruit training.

He was promoted to major in charge of wildlife enforcement’s administrative operations in 1996. A year later, he became major in charge of field operations, a post he held until promoted to head the Division of Law Enforcement upon the retirement of Col. Roger LeQuire in 2004.

During his tenure, Col. Everhart stressed that wildlife officers maintain the highest level of integrity and conduct themselves with dignity, pride and honor.

He is known for his fairness toward fellow officers and sportsmen, which prompted one wildlife officer to say, “If you’re in the right, there’s nobody better to stand behind you. But if you’re in the wrong, he’s the last person you want in front of you.”



**Kenneth Everhart**

**BROADEN YOUR HUNTING HORIZON**

Advanced hunter education courses are an excellent opportunity for anyone who wants to further their hunting knowledge.

Advanced hunter education courses are single-topic, designed to increase a hunter's skills and proficiency, or introduce a hunter to a specialty skill, such as muzzleloading, orienteering and archery.

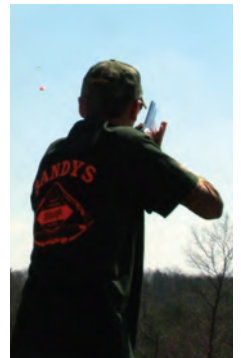
Advanced hunter education courses are offered statewide. For course schedules and availability, call (919) 707-0031 or go online to [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

**WITH ADVANCED HUNTER EDUCATION**



# Scenes from the District Tournaments

Participation for the youth hunter education skills tournaments in reached an all-time high in North Carolina. For the nine district-level events there were 2,753 participants, including coaches. At the state championships in Ellerbe there were 904 students and coaches, for 3,657 total for all events.





# Scenes from the State Championship

The 32nd annual Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament, presented by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission on April 24 at Millstone 4-H Center near Ellerbe, saw record-setting attendance and record-breaking scores. An estimated 3,200 people came for this popular competitive event, a component of the state's Hunter Education Program. Thanks to all the volunteers, spectators, staff and officers. And congratulations to all participants.



# ADVANCED HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP

## OCT. 1-3 AT MILLSTONE 4-H CENTER

### REGISTRATION FORM

*PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE 1ST AND 2ND CHOICE FOR EACH SECTION

#### **SATURDAY CLASS CHOICES** (ALL CLASSES ARE THE ENTIRE DAY)

	1ST CHOICE	2ND CHOICE
INSTRUCTING TODAY'S MUZZLELOADING	_____	_____
INSTRUCTING WINGSHOOTING	_____	_____
INSTRUCTING TODAY'S TRAPPING	_____	_____
INSTRUCTING TODAY'S BOWHUNTER	_____	_____
BOATER SAFETY FOR HUNTER EDUCATION	_____	_____
INSTUCTING MAP, COMPASS, AND GPS	_____	_____
NC RANGE OFFICER TRAINING	_____	_____

#### **SUNDAY AM CLASS CHOICES**

	1ST CHOICE	2ND CHOICE
TALKING TURKEY	_____	_____
HANDGUN	_____	_____
RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP	_____	_____
BIRD I.D.	_____	_____
BOW/ARROW TUNING	_____	_____
FIREARMS MAINTENANCE	_____	_____

PLEASE RETURN WITH CHECK NO LATER THAN AUG. 31 TO: NANCY BOYKIN,  
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, 1718 MAIL SERVICE CENTER, RALEIGH, NC 27699-1718.

PLEASE FAX COPY OF REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO NANCY AT (919)707-0045 TO  
ENSURE RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION FORM.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NCWRC HUNTER EDUCATION FOR \$10 (NON-REFUNDABLE)

A confirmation packet will be sent acknowledging receipt of your registration and class choices.



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