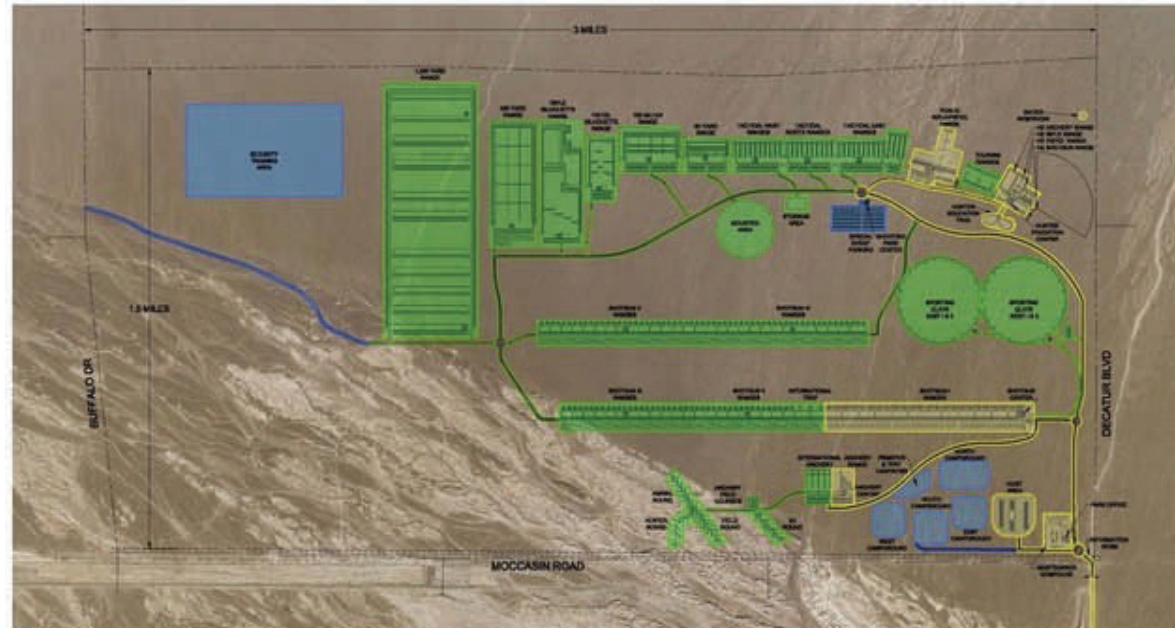


## Clark County Shooting Park Update

The Clark County Shooting Park is scheduled to open in the Las Vegas valley in late 2008. The Park will be located at the northern end of Decatur Boulevard and will boast a wide array of modern technology for NDOW's Hunter Education program. The \$2 million Hunter Education building will consist of three classrooms, two offices, a kitchen/break room and dedicated rifle, pistol, shotgun and archery ranges.



The HE center will also include two lighted hunter trails, complete with fences, boat and dock. The classrooms will be equipped with computers, A/V and Smart Board technology second to none in the industry. Instructors will have the use of the office and break room for added convenience. Restaurants and snack

shops will be on the range premises for student lunch needs. The majority of Las Vegas area Hunter Ed classes will be held at the CCSP, but at this point we will still be offering courses on the far reaches of the valley.



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## 2007 Outdoor Instructor Academy, Lake Tahoe

The weather was perfect, the food great and the company fantastic; with that mix of ingredients the 2007 Outdoor Education Academy couldn't have been anything less than a success.

The format was the same as past academies; begin mid-day Friday and run through Sunday morning. Over the course of Friday afternoon NDOW staff, instructors, their families and guests arrived and settled into camp with the evening meal bringing everyone together for the first time; funny how the dinner bell works like that.

This year's food service was once again expertly provided by Chuck and Nita and staff from John Mull's Road Kill Grill.



Food was never in short supply with the John Mull's Road Kill Grill Crew.

They drove all the way to Tahoe from Las Vegas early Friday morning **after** conducting a full day's business at John Mull's Meats on Thursday.

Even if instructors found some of the training not to their liking, there were no complaints about the food.

Chuck displaying his BBQ skills

Speaking of training, Chuck helped out there too by providing a BBQ techniques cooking demonstration. Thank you Chuck and Nita!



Carl Lackey and his bear hauler.

Carl Lackey, NDOW bear biologist, on the Bear Aware program.

All instructors in attendance completed Sexual Harassment training first thing Saturday morning.



The Tonopah bunch having way too much fun with Sexual Harassment training

Afterward Hunter Ed instructors sat through a review and

lively Q & A on the new books, final exam and class



Instructors gathered for Saturday morning's training session.

outline, while AE instructors attended HOFNOD training.

Instructors had a wide choice of training to choose on Saturday afternoon ranging from FFF fly fishing certification to



Instructors try their hand at catching the wily grass trout.

a thought provoking discussion presented by our guest speaker Dr. Randall Eaton.

Saturday's events culminated with an appearance by McAvoy Layne as Mark Twain (see his column inside). Breakfast and cleanup on Sunday brought an end to another academy. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the 2007 Outdoor Instructor Academy a great, informative event.

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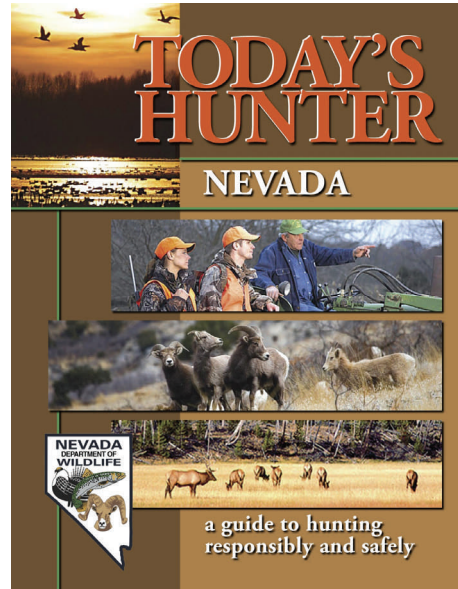
## New Student Manual, Workbook and Exam are Here!

As of September 1 the Today's Hunter-Nevada student manual, workbook and online course became available to students.

We have already had a number of students complete the new workbooks or online course and attend classes using the new curriculum. I'm happy to report...I have no problems to report!

The results from those few classes are promising. Students have apparently completed the new workbooks without much difficulty. And the accompanying final exams also seem to be working out and have not significantly increased the student failure rate.

We distributed the new exams, answer keys, answer sheets, class outline and an example of the online course completion confirmation to all instructors who attended the academy. Every other active HE instructor will find a copy of each enclosed in



this mailing. Please give us a call if you haven't received yours.

With the new materials there are a few things to keep in mind when holding a class.

- Teach your class as you always have using the new class outline as a guide for topics to cover and timing. Make sure to complete the required exercises.
- Continue to check workbooks as the students enter. The only difference is some students will have an online completion confirmation instead of the workbook. Contact us if you have any questions about a certificate's authenticity.
- Review the same topics (firearm safety rules, carries, fence crossing, safe zones of fire, etc.) in class.
- Test booklets are numbered in sets from 1 to 40. Have students write their booklet number on their answer sheet and make sure to collect their booklet when they turn in their answer sheet.
- Have fun!

## Important Reminders and Updates

### Instructor Contact Info Update

A previous mailing included an instructor information letter that we asked you to return so we could update your record in our database. We also asked for some new information such as shirt size and your name as you would like it to appear on your name tag.

The response has been good and most instructors have returned their letters. If you haven't returned yours yet, **please fill it out and return ASAP**. We are waiting to get your info back before we place the order for name tags, but will need to do so soon.

### Get your name here



### Instructor Guidelines

By now you all should have received a copy of the *NDOW Hunter Education Instructor Rules and Guidelines* that outlines the policies and procedures that you need to know as an instructor to function properly in the program.

When you received your copy you should have also received an Acknowledgement of Receipt letter. We asked that in order for you to maintain your instructor certification you return the letter so that we know for sure you have received your copy and have agreed to abide by the policies and procedures in it.

To date most instructors have returned their acknowledgement, but a few are still out there. Please return the AOR letter as soon as you can so we can get it into your file and stop bugging you about this.

### Online HE Class Registration

Another student convenience was added to the Hunter Ed program. On September 1, online registration went "live" for classes offered in Clark County. Students looking for HE classes can go to [www.ndowlicensing.com](http://www.ndowlicensing.com) or click on the link at [www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org) and find and register for the class of their choice.

The system has been tested over the last few months by Southern Region administrative staff to work the bugs out and is now being piloted in southern Nevada for some real world testing with consumers before going statewide.

Look for more info on this program over the coming months and when it will be available for your classes. In the meantime, go online, check it out and let us know what you think.

## Observing Two and Four-Legged Wildlife

By McAvoy Layne

"The careful readers of a few good newspapers can learn more in a year than most scholars do in their great libraries."

- F.B. Sanborn, 1874

This is why I read the North Lake Tahoe Bonanza and the Comstock Chronicle religiously; old man Sanborn was right as rain.

Some truths we are taught in school, while others we stumble across on the path of life, like the one I stumbled onto the other night at the 4-H Camp.

If you haven't had the pleasure of visiting the 4-H Camp at South Shore you have been missing out on one of Tahoe's hidden treasures. It's next door to the Edgewood Golf Course, though celebrities sighted there are next to none.

In 1938, 30 acres of lakefront property was purchased for this 4-H Camp. Each of Nevada's 17 counties contributed to the cost based on the number of 4-H members in the county.

The guy I got to talking to during dinner was Ed. Ed, a retired police officer, was there at the 4-H Camp to teach hunting safety, a program sponsored by the Nevada Department of Wildlife. Come to find out, Ed was once the recipient of an accommodation medal for bravery, as well as a reprimand for the same incident.

The accommodation medal was awarded for staring down the bore of a 44-magnum while disarming a child molester. The reprimand was for the language he used.

These were the best-natured people I've had the pleasure of gathering with this summer.

If all parents were like these outdoor mentors, well, there would be no gangs in our cities and no graffiti.

Families are the foundries of responsible behavior and many of these mentors serve as safety nets where the family fails.

One of the instructors, I recognized as a former denizen of the North Shore.

Dr. Randy Eaton, formerly of Incline Village, is now residing in Cincinnati. Randy left Northern Nevada a decade ago to chase Orcas around the world, eventually producing a nationally acclaimed DVD, "Orca: The Sacred Whale."

This insightful documentary credits the Orca for being the one animal species on earth that does not make war. Randy spends 58 spell-binding minutes making the point that we could learn much from these magnificent creatures if we'd only try a little harder to communicate.

With each personal encounter at the 4-H Camp I learned something more about the world around me and I wanted to sign up for the season to learn still more, but the evening came to an end and my newfound mentors disappeared into the night, leaving me starving for more information.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife manages, protects and restores Nevada's wildlife and its habitat and promotes safe boating on Nevada waters.

Check their Web site NDOW for programs available in science, education and recreation. Besides offering valuable wildlife programs, the NDOW has a curious way of converting two-legged wildlife to



McAvoy Layne lives in Incline Village and visits schools throughout Nevada as the ghost of Mark Twain

responsible caretakers of our environment.

In parting, I hope we get Randy Eaton and his family back one day; I'd love to sit around a fire and listen to him talk about the magnificence of that great regal ruler of the open seas, the sacred Orca...

**Editors Note:** One of the guest speakers at this year's academy was McAvoy Layne, a.k.a. Samuel Clemens, a.k.a. Mark Twain. McAvoy has traveled the country bringing Twain and his works to life since 1986 and is widely acknowledged as one of the world's preeminent Twain scholars.

In addition to his numerous appearances as Mark Twain, McAvoy also writes a weekly column for the North Lake Tahoe Bonanza. His column of August 15 relating his experiences at the academy is reprinted here by special permission of the Bonanza.