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**THE BULLSEYE BULLETIN**  
**WISCONSIN HUNTER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER**

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**Can't find ammo:**

As most of you are aware finding ammo these days is like finding gold. When you have to travel to 3-4 stores and find one box of .22lr for 3 times the price it can be frustrating.

Some of you have called Brenda and your RSW's to ask us to buy it for you. We don't have any to give out either.

Federal has announced that they intend on making 20 million .22lr rounds for the Boy Scouts and 4-H. As soon as that is done they also said they were going to make another 20 million for the Hunter Education Programs. They said this will be done over the next 3-4 weeks. If it does happen I plan on asking for a bulk amount for Wisconsin. We will let you know if it actually happens.

**International Scene:**

April 1<sup>st</sup> I got to attend the International Hunter Education Conference. While there I got the chance to listen to the other 49 states and the problems they are facing. It concerned me the number of states that have been ordered by their agency heads to redo

the Hunter Education Program. Some states have gone many routes including eliminating the need for the "Classroom Experience." Texas is going to nothing but one day classes. As you may know for the last 14 years we have been asking many groups to change their ways of teaching. Most of the groups have responded to the challenge and, well, a few have not. We will be talking about standards on a national level and on a local level as well. So over the next 18 months please be prepared to engage in a positive conversation with your fellow Hunter Education Instructors and department Staff.

**AWARDS:**

I would like to congratulate the following Instructors and employees for the great work they do for the Program. Having good people doing good things is a great benefit to the program. These awards are for the work this person, group, or professional did during 2012:

***Instructor of the Year- Hunter Education***  
Mike Vanschyndel-Oneida

***Instructor of the Year- Archery Education***  
Mike Vanschyndel-Oneida, WI

***Instructor Group of the Year-***  
Ridgerunners Sportsman Club- Cascade, WI

***Professional of Year***  
Kimberly Cooley- Green Bay, WI

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## **INSTRUCTOR INTERFACE UPDATES:**

### **Are you using the Instructor Interface yet?**

#### **What is the Instructor Interface?**

This site is for DNR certified volunteer recreational safety instructors. Only active, certified instructors can access the site to register a course, manage the course and submit course rosters and fees.

#### **What is the link and where can I find it?**

[https://jc.activeoutdoorsolutions.com/wi\\_ises/login.do](https://jc.activeoutdoorsolutions.com/wi_ises/login.do)

This link can be found on the WI DNR Volunteer Instructor Corner Website.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/volunteer/instructorcorner/>

#### **How do I mark my class full?**

Classes are no longer removed from the public DNR upcoming classes website. In order for you to mark your class full you must change the following on your class start card:

- 1.) Change your phone number to 000-000-0000
- 2.) In the Additional Class Date/Time/Location information section type: "CLASS IS FULL"

Remember any time you make a change to your class roster you will need to enter a phone number because it is a required field. Just continue to enter the zeros each time and save to update your roster.

#### **Online Student Registration now available:**

Online student registration is now active and available. Use of the system is a time saver for instructors and *helps manage data entry errors.*

#### **How do I allow online student registration?**

When completing the online start card an instructor can allow or not allow online student registration. This is the choice of the instructor. Simply check yes or no in the "Allow Online Registration" field.

#### **How do I know if a student enrolled in my course?**

The system does not generate an email notification to the instructor informing them when a student registers for their class or withdraws enrollment from the class. You must check your course roster to view your enrolled students.

#### **When will the system close the online registration for my course?**

The system will only allow the maximum number of students that you have designated to enroll in your class electronically. This maximum number of students is calculated by taking the maximum allowed in the class minus the number of reserved seats that you designated. The number of students after that calculation is complete, is the number allowed to enroll electronically.

*Example note: if you have a maximum of 33 students allowed and 3 reserved seats. The system will allow 30 students to enroll electronically before the Click to Enroll link on the website is disabled*

#### **What are the benefits of letting the students enroll online?**

By allowing online student registration it eliminates you from having to enter the information on the roster, the student record is automatically populated on the roster when the student registers online. The student will also be able to verify their personal customer record which includes their mailing address, name, and date of birth to *help reduce the number of returned certifications* and it will prevent future data entry errors.

**Can a student enroll in more than one class?**

No, the system will not allow students to enroll in more than one class of the same class type. That means they can enroll in one hunter ed, one snowmobile etc...

*Reminder;* the online student registration is only available to courses that are managed using the instructor database and only if the instructor allows online registration.

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**Student Certification Cards:**

I've had questions lately from instructors and wardens on how many cards a student gets when they receive their hunter safety certification card in the mail. Prior to 2008 students received two cards. *Students now only receive ONE card in the mail.* They can purchase a duplicate card for \$2.75.

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**Email Updates:**



Did you know you can receive important hunter education updates by e-mail?

To sign up for updates or to access your subscriber preferences, please go to <http://dnr.wi.gov/> and click on the Subscribe image (see above) and enter your contact information and choose Education & Training, Volunteer Safety Education Instructors and then choose Hunter and Bow Hunter Education.



**Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructor Association (WHEIA) Newsletter**

*The VOLUNTEER*

<http://www.wheia.com/>

At the time of writing this article we are a little over two weeks away from the 2013 Statewide Wisconsin Hunter Education

Conference. Looking at the sign-up list of folks coming to this day of training and live fire shooting at the range, we see an increase in the number of junior instructors, and apprentices in addition to regular instructors. This is fantastic!!! This year there were clinics on hunting handguns (the big magnums), shotgun, black powder rifle & shotgun, small bore rifle, and archery, in addition to instruction from the NRA on safe range operations and a roundtable session with the DNR asking for our input on their new computer system.

***Didn't hear of the conference?? You can fix that!!*** Instructors, use the link on the bottom of DNR Website and "Subscribe to DNR Updates."



We work with the DNR to provide you interesting and informative training opportunities. In addition to our website and newsletter to members, by subscribing to the DNR Updates, you have the chance to get information early to save everyone time, expenses, and room to adjust your busy calendar.

Throughout the year, we work with the DNR to promote hunter education. In Mosinee this past February and again on April 5- 7 in Madison, WHEIA member's staffed a hunter education information booth answering questions from the public on where and how to find classes.



And if that wasn't enough....

This past February WHEIA operated youth pellet ranges **on the same weekend** both in Green Bay at the State Hunting Expo and also in Mosinee at the Wisconsin Deer Classic and Hunting Expo.



2013 Deer & Turkey Expo – Madison WI

At both locations, range operations went very well, and we would like to thank the instructors (some who were WHEIA members and others who were not) and their spouses who showed up and helped. We put to use the new equipment obtained with grant monies from last year. Again, thank you to all who helped.

Speaking of grants, it sounds like we were successful in getting another grant for this coming year. We will let you know in the next newsletter!

WHEIA continues to be a moving-forward organization. If you've left the organization because of issues in the past, think again and rejoin. If you have never joined, consider joining us!!

As WHEIA President, once we get past the April 20<sup>th</sup> Training Conference I would like to propose to the Board of Directors that we hold a mini conference in the Northwest corner of the state in Warden Little's area.

Sincerely,

Joe Lacenski  
WHEIA President

To contact us, use the contact WHEIA tab at:  
<http://www.wheia.com/contact.html>

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A message to Kyle Drake from one of his hunter safety graduates!



Mr. Drake,

I apologize that this is coming to you so late, but I just wanted to thank you very much for everything in the Hunter Safety Course. I also included a picture my first deer (which just so happened to be an 8 pt buck)! My dad and Jay were so excited haha as was !! I really appreciate everything that you did for me and without the course I wouldn't have gotten my great buck :)

Thank you,  
Caitlin Goll