
ELM-HAT GAZETTE

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'07 – '08 Season Is Underway

This year is off to a good start. Several deer have already been taken. No major headlines yet, but it's still early. With all of the hard work and efforts put in this summer, we expect to see an improvement over last season. And if you remember, last season was one for the books!

Let's Get Together

Our annual fish fry will be held on November 24, 2007. We plan to meet at the clubhouse at 6:30 pm. As always, all side dishes/deserts are welcomed and appreciated.

New Land and Maps

Several new tracts of land were added this year, therefore; maps were re-drawn and new copies made. If you have not gotten yours yet, see Elvis for a copy. You can also get your maps on CD. This will allow you to print the size and quantity of maps at your leisure. Again, see Elvis for all maps and information.

New Club Rules

Just a reminder to re-read your rules before you go into the woods this year. There were several changes and additions this year, so don't get caught up in the old, "I DIDN'T KNOW THAT," story. As we grow and become a stronger and better club, we must also enforce every rule every time. This year will be a 'zero tolerance' season for anyone caught breaking our rules or any Alabama State Law. You may want to visit www.outdooralabama.com and get a quick

refresher course on what is expected of hunters in the state this season.

A quick look at the new state laws:

ANTLERED BUCKS – bare antlers visible above natural hairline – Statewide – one a day – three during all combined seasons.

Antler Restrictions (except Barbour County) – one of the three must have at least 4 antler points 1" or longer on one antler.

Muzzleloader season opens November 12th – 16th, 2007. Rifle season opens November 17th, 2007 – January 31st, 2008.

Food For Thought

With the new season comes new land, members and rules. Everyone, new and old, needs to remember why we are all here. Our club is about friendships, family and the opportunity to share our love of the outdoors. Now is the time to stop and ask yourself just why you are a member of Elm-Hat?

- Is it for the friendships made or hope to make with each passing year?
- Is it knowing that every time you cross into Society Hill, AL, you know that you are welcomed and wanted, no matter where you are from?
- Is it the quality time you have with that family member or neighbor?
- Is it for the pure enjoyment of being in the outdoors and the thrill of the hunt?

No matter what your answer may be remember this: Elm-Hat began because of a special friendship and respect for the land that God has given us. Because of that bond, a great idea came to life. With the help of each one of you Elm-Hat will not only be something that you are proud to be a part of, your children and grandchildren will be able to experience life as you do today, In The Outdoors.

Without our friends and loved ones to surround us and enjoy these special moments with us, we would be "Just another hunting club". I would like to think that each of you feel as I do, and that this is more than just a club, it is an extended family. One that works hard for the betterment of all, has the same goals in mind and will be there for one another in times of trouble. Be proud of who we are, where we are going and what we plan to be.

Just a little Food For Thought as you begin your new season at Elm-Hat.

From the Desk of Elvis

A state wide youth hunt for children under the age of 16 is scheduled for November 10th and 11th, 2007. I want this youth hunt to be the biggest and best ever! Each member is allowed to take 1 youth hunter each day and can be family or a friend. A licensed adult member must accompany the youth and must sit together. Stands may be in trees, houses or on the ground. Deer taken on Baker-Brown by youth hunters will count as Member's deer. **Remember, there is a 2 deer limit on Baker-Brown. All deer taken by youth must be reported to Elvis at 256-412-4590.

All unpaid camper fees are now past due and must be paid before you hunt. Each member is required to work 2 of 10 work days. Members that did not work will be charged \$100/day for each day they did not work. This must also be paid before you

hunt. (You know who you are and it is your responsibility to contact me!)

This is Elm-Hat's 6th year and we have gotten bigger, better and more stable each year. The club is truly a success. We want to be a club that helps to build the future of hunting, fishing & sportsmanship for many years to come. As your club leader, I feel confident in the future of Elm-Hat. I am proud of each member we have or have had and their help for the club. I appreciate the many efforts that each member has put into the club to bring us to where we are today.

Society Hill is holding its 1st Annual Coyote contest starting

November 1st, 2007

through March 1st, 2008.

The contest is open to anyone from anywhere in the state. A \$500 cash prize will be awarded to the person that checks in the coyote weighing the most. A \$500 cash prize will also be awarded to the person with the most coyotes checked in during that period. The check in station will be at Sistrunk's store located at US Hwy 80, Society Hill, AL, 334-724-6633.

GOOD LUCK!

Don't Forget

- Plan to be at the cook out on 11-24-07.
- Check your rules and maps. Be prepared.
- Keep an eye on our web site for any updates or changes to planned events.
- As always, submit those pictures. Several great pictures were taken this summer by our members. Have yours included on the site too!