
ELM-HAT GAZETTE

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'06 – '07 Season in Review

The Chinese have a system similar to our zodiac signs that relate people to animals depending on their year of birth, and each year one animal is 'Spotlighted' so to speak; i.e.: the year of the horse. Well Elm-Hat is naming the '06-'07 season 'The Year of the Women & Children'. That's right; this year was a fantastic year for the women and children of our club. We have had more involvement this year from our youth and women than ever before. You know when a 5 year old makes the local paper for his 10pt. buck, things are really looking good!

Now this is not to say that the men were slacking. As a matter of fact, we have had numerous reports of hunters seeing and harvesting bigger bucks this season. Our records have been tallied and stand as follows: 79 does & 86 bucks harvested this year. As you can see, Elm-Hat is not only growing in land and member size.

Let's Get Together

The next club cook out will be held on May 19, 2007. We plan to meet at the clubhouse at 6pm to enjoy BBQ and Chicken. As always, all side dishes/deserts are welcomed and appreciated.

The 2nd annual Elm-Hat run will be June 16th, 2007. A cookout is planned for after the ride. Hamburgers, hotdogs and homemade ice cream will be enjoyed by all. Remember to bring your 4-wheeler, cooler of water, ice-cream freezer and a change of clothes. We had a great time last year and learned a lot, so don't miss out. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out.

Attention All Members

Don't forget that your '07-'08 membership dues need to be in no later than June 30th to avoid a late penalty.

Also, if any member knows a perspective member, they should contact Elvis as soon as possible. Sponsored members will receive first consideration for new membership. Our club is rapidly filling memberships and we are considering placing interested parties on a waiting list so, do not hesitate to pay your dues or have that friend/relative call Elvis today!

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Now that the season is over and everyone will have a little 'spare' time, we hope you will remember to send in your pictures of the deer you harvested. Our web site growing more popular everyday and it is due to the involvement of all of our members. Don't be left out.... Send in your pictures/story today!

'07-'08 Deer Management

Planning is in the works for summer food plots and a feeding program. If you have suggestions, ideas, materials or information that we can consider please forward it to us at elvis@elmhat.com as soon as possible. If we want to grow even bigger and better

deer for next season, we have to work at it. Anyone that is interested in contributing to these efforts or helping with the work should let ELVIS know ASAP. Then we can plan ahead and know exactly how much we can plan to accomplish.

New Club Rules

There have been several rule changes effective for the '07-'08 season. These rules were thought out and planned with the interests of the entire club in mind.

Everyone knows by now that we have an issue with litter. This is on our hunting tracts as well as the club grounds. Because of this, a \$100 fine will be imposed for littering.

It is also time to address the age limit of a hunter on a stand alone. No hunter under the age of 13 years old shall be on a stand alone. At the age of 13, children that produce an Alabama Hunter's Education Program Certificate, will be permitted to sit on a stand alone provided a licensed hunter 21 yrs. old or older, is occupying the next closest stand. Any child under 16 not producing this certificate will not be permitted to hunt alone. There are no exceptions to this rule!

Scouting is always encouraged; this is the only way to learn your way around. This said, we do have to consider others that are hunting. As of the start of the '07 BOW season, scouting will only be allowed from named roads. Walking through the woods during the hunting season is prohibited.

Four-wheelers are a very valuable asset to any hunter, especially on our larger tracts of land, however; riding them off-road, through the woods is not acceptable. Four-wheelers should be kept on named roads only. The only exception would be for the

retrieval of game. If a four-wheeler is used for this purpose, it must be noted on the game Kill Card and must be reported that day.

Game Kill Cards are a very effective way of maintaining an accurate record of our success as a club. You will notice several changes to the cards this year and it is important that it is filled out in its entirety. You will be required to deposit kill cards in the box on the property you harvested your game within 7 days.

There are several other rules that are tract specific, as well as those "Common sense rules" that, until now, have been unwritten, that will listed in detail in our new rules list. This list is attached to this letter and should be read before you sign for your '07-'08 membership. New fines will also be enforced for breaking any club rule. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the new rules now, so that when October rolls around, you can concentrate on hunting and having fun! After all, that's what we are all here for.

Don't Forget

- Plan to be at the cook out on 5-19-07. We are always planning and preparing for the next season.
- Plan to be at the 2nd Annual Elm-Hat run 6-19-07. Bring your 4-wheeler, water, ice-cream freezer and an appetite. Details will be posted online.
- Keep an eye on our web site for any updates or changes to planned events.

FYI

The Parkman tract has been renamed Osage-Parkman. Please make a note on your map.