

Indian Creek Ranch

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President's Report

Well, hunting season is over and we are already well into 2013---how time flies. I hope you had a successful season. Don't forget to send your 2012 harvest information to Randy Wood so that we can track harvest progress for our ranch-wide management plan. This is also important for your own management plans and annual reports...it helps understanding census results and coming up with

this year's harvest recommendation.

A suggestion has been made by one landowner to canvas ranch landowners to see if anyone is interested in hosting Wounded Warriors this year. For those of you not familiar with the Wounded Warrior program, it is a non-profit organization that does wonderful things for US troops that have been injured in service





of our country and are transitioning to a civilian life. For more information on the program please go to their website, www.woundedwarriorproject.org. If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact me and I will work to get it started.

Annual Association dues invoices have been sent to all members. If you have not received your invoice please contact Robert Lenz. Last year we had 100% participation, so let's continue that trend this year ! Send your payments in as soon as



possible. For those that have already paid...thank you !!

Spring gathering !!! That's right, it's almost time again for our Spring gathering. While we haven't closed on an exact date yet, it will most likely occur on May 18, 2013, but I do need to confirm that before it is final. I can tell you it will for sure not occur on May 11 (Mother's Day weekend) or May 25 (Memorial Day weekend). Watch for a future email on this subject.



As far as the water well issue is concerned, we are converging on a solution for the location of a new water well in the northern part of the ranch. We have constructed a map of the depth to the "Blue Shale" from the information we have from wells on the ranch and have narrowed down the proposed location to just a few places. We are trying to collect additional

information from some wells just off the ranch before making a final location decision. We are targeting the second quarter of this year to drill the well.

Bill is going to mention Board Elections in his part, but I would like everyone to watch for an email from me sometime next month to formally vote in a new Treasurer. We have the potential to turn over all Board Members this year so it would be nice if we could advance the vote on a Treasurer so we don't turn over the whole Board at the same time...

Mike



Vice President's Report

Just a reminder to everyone that this year we will have our election for new board members at the annual meeting in the Fall. Robert Lenz has served the maximum number of terms as Treasurer and will need to be replaced (we already have a volunteer). We all greatly appreciate the work that Robert has done over the years. We will also need a new Vice President. I'm afraid that I

simply don't have enough time to really do a good job any more – my wife's health issues have taken almost all of my time and efforts.

Please let us know if you're interested in any position. We appreciate your efforts in making the ranch a better place. Since I have held all three positions in the past, I'd be happy to work with anyone that would like to take on these responsibilities. Thanks, and we'll see you at the ranch!

Bill



Wildlife Committee Report

Rain-Rain go away....

It seems to have gone away and we don't seem to have any influence in getting a return. It is dry, but some cool weather forbs are trying to come up as a result of the early January rain. However without some precipitation soon these will wither and wildlife nutrition will be in

short supply. Deer, Elk, Axis, etc. are sucking the protein out of my feeders at a rate comparable to the 2011 drought period. I hear the same from other owners. Remember, supplemental nutrition (16% protein) is required to be provided "when needed" if you claim to provide supplemental nutrition as an element of your wildlife tax "exemption". Based on my

observation of the level of browse evidence, I think it is probably close to that point now.





My analysis of the harvest log data is somewhat disappointing. Of the 93 tracts on the Ranch, only 60% reported some harvest. In past years, we have had reporting rates of 80% or better. If you have not provided your harvest information please do so. Call me at 830-683-4537 or email rw09176997@yahoo.com. Complete data helps us - including our biologist- develop good management recommendations and evaluate the effect of past recommendations.

The total harvest was: fifty six (56) whitetail bucks, 137



whitetail does, 21 turkey, 34 axis, 189 hogs, 18 aoudad, 1 elk, 2 black buck, 2 fallow, and 1 sika.

The whitetail harvest recommendation for 2012 was an attempt to reduce our herd to a level closer to the sustainable carrying capacity of the ranch. At a herd density of greater than twice the sustainable level, we needed to reduce the numbers-- both to protect our collective habitat and to avoid a disaster should an



outbreak of a disease occur. Based on the reported numbers so far, we fell well short of the target.

I hope you got your 2012 annual report in to the Appraisal office . I know that they are busy in review.

At the Annual meeting there was discussion of the Elk herd on the ranch. The size, distribution, composition, and health of the herd is

unknown. Thus, it is impossible to develop a rational management strategy. Discussion of possible census approaches



involving all owners is underway. We hope to lay out the details in the next newsletter or a special advisory. It will likely involve gathering all possible information of elk sightings, photos, dates, time ,location, etc. Stay tuned.

Have a good spring season.

Randy



Treasurer's Report



Hope everyone has completed their annual plan and filed it with county. Deer season has come and gone.....hmmm what to do? Time to feed the deer and

almost time to chase "thunder chickens".

Your 2013 invoices have been emailed or mailed to you please pay promptly, believe me I don't like to have to call people. I don't like playing bill collector. Please keep the gates closed around the ranch and please burn responsibly.

Robert



Financial Report

Income and Expense Report - 2012

The Owners Association at Indian Creek

31-Dec-12

	2011	1Q2012	2Q2012	3Q2012	4Q2012	YTD	Budget	Remaining
Balance brought forward from 2011:		\$44,189.17						
Total Income:	\$32,954.11	\$20,975.92	\$12,527.81	\$641.31	\$0.00	\$34,145.04	\$32,500.00	(\$1,645.04)
Annual Assessments	\$32,954.11	\$20,975.92	\$12,527.81	\$641.31	\$0.00	\$34,145.04	\$32,500.00	(\$1,645.04)
Special Assessments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses:	\$16,764.94	\$698.60	\$455.99	\$15,739.27	\$4,242.47	\$21,136.33	\$32,700.00	\$11,563.67
Road Work	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,375.00	\$0.00	\$11,375.00	\$15,000.00	\$3,625.00
Water System Maintenance	\$3,051.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$649.50	\$2,977.00	\$3,626.50	\$8,000.00	\$4,373.50
Wildlife Biologist	\$570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Electric Bills	\$2,417.09	\$642.27	\$415.55	\$1,051.93	\$551.54	\$2,661.29	\$5,400.00	\$2,738.71
Annual Meeting	\$901.91	\$0.00	\$40.44	\$2,620.89	\$0.00	\$2,661.33	\$1,000.00	(\$1,661.33)
Grounds Maintenance	\$130.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$245.96	\$245.96	\$1,500.00	\$1,254.04
Property Taxes	\$884.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$467.97	\$467.97	\$900.00	\$432.03
Administrative Expenses	\$259.80	\$56.33	\$0.00	\$41.95	\$0.00	\$98.28	\$400.00	\$301.72
Attorney Fees	\$49.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Raffle Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Current Balance (excluding reserve):		\$29,197.88						
Emergency Reserve		\$28,000.00						
Amount available for 2013		\$57,197.88						



Miscellaneous Business

CALENDER - Upcoming Events

Contractor Gate Combination Changes - February 25; March 25; April 29, 2013

May, 2013 - Exact date to be determined

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