

Quarterly News Letter

Winter 2011



I hope everyone has been spending time enjoying the fruits of your labor and doing some hunting, fishing and spending quality time with friends and family. **We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year!** We have been so busy the time slipped by and I was slow in getting this out. This quarter we are just showcasing some success stories from friends and clients regarding their hunting and fishing this past fall and winter. We will be back next quarter with our usual lake and land educational and informational format. We hope you enjoy it!



Game camera photo (left) taken six weeks prior to this nice 8-point harvested (below) off of Ochwalkee Creek Plantation in southeast Georgia near Glenwood.



Here is Dylan Lageman with Dad Jeff who watched his son pull a double header one evening on their South Georgia property! One doe for management purposes, and a nice buck for the trophy room! As you can see Dad is as proud as son! I know exactly how you feel Jeff!



Owner Jeff Lageman and childhood friend Ed Popek show big smiles shortly after Ed downed this nice buck at dusk on Ochwalkee Creek Plantation during the rut in early November. Great deer Ed and I'm glad I was able to be there to experience it with you!



This beauty was photographed in Kansas and then harvested a few days later with a bow by Outdoors Show Founder and Co-Host Captain Kevin Faver. We know Kevin was proud as he was texting us all back at our respective home states before the deer even hit the ground – as he should be that is a bruiser!



Here is Southern Sportsman Aquatics & Land Grady Hathaway with his nice Texas buck he took the last week of the season.



This Texas bruiser (left) was nowhere to be found on 1,000's of trail cam pictures until a week before Josh Brown put the Smack Down on him one afternoon Thanksgiving weekend on our lease near Abilene, Texas. This was Josh's first buck, and it will look nice on the wall in his room. This deer has a twin brother that did not break his antler and we will be waiting eagerly for him next year, as he should be a really nice buck!

Here is a nice mess of bass (right) caught under 30 minutes at Doe Run Plantation. All the fish were released and just placed on the stringer for a photo. Owner Jim Fenton said it was some of the best bass fishing he had ever experienced!



Trail cameras are fun and cruel. The photo above was taken 45 minutes after I had to leave my stand to help another hunter. Oh well, he is still there, so he will be even bigger this year! Not sure I could have let that one walk if I had been there.



When you run the trail cameras you never know what you might see besides deer. At this particular site in Texas we also had hogs, Bob white quail, raccoons, skunks and even a rod runner on film.

We are now offering **Trail Camera Surveys** to be done on your property to assess your whitetail deer herd. Surveys can tell you deer herd health, buck age structure, overall population density, adult sex ratio, antler quality and fawn recruitment. Once you have this information well educated and sound management decisions can be made regarding improving or maintaining your deer herd. With every survey you will receive a quality picture book showcasing the bucks and other wildlife using your property. Please contact us for a site visit and estimate to conduct a survey for you in late summer/early fall 2012.

Events of Interest

The 36th Annual NWTF Convention and Sport Show will be held Feb. 9-12, 2012 at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn. For additional information go to: http://www.nwtf.org/special_events/convention.html

2012 National Conference of Private Forest Landowners will be held May 30 - June 1, 2012, Sawgrass Marriott Ponte Vedra Beach Resort & Spa. For additional information go to: <http://www.forestlandowners.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=184>

Quality Deer Management Deer Steward Course I & II Course I is May 11-14, Andalusia, Alabama at Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center — Field Trip: SDFEC Research Forest and Course II is being held June 1-4, Woodbine, Georgia at Cabin Bluff. For more information: <http://www.qdma.com/programs/certify/deer-steward-courses/>

Ducks Unlimited National Convention and 75th Anniversary Celebration is May 30—June 3, 2012 in Nashville, Tennessee at the Gaylord Resort & Convention Center. For more information: <http://www.ducks.org/events/National-Convention>

QDMA National Convention and Bass Pro Shops Land & Wildlife Expo is August 8 -11th at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee. For more information: <http://www.qdma.com/>

Pond Boss Conference & Expo is October 11-14th, at Big Cedar Lodge & Resort near Branson Missouri. For more information: <http://www.pondboss.com/events.asp?id=3>

Texas Hunter Winter Feeder Sale! Southern Sportsman Aquatics & Land Management clients and friends will receive an additional 5% off items already on sale. Browse the [Sale Flier](#) or [Texas Hunter](#) website and contact us via [E-Mail](#) or telephone (214) 383 - 3223 to place your order. We can have feeders delivered to you and you assemble and put out, or we can bring them to you assembled, install and set up with a short demonstration. We have been associated for over 20 years with various fish and game feeders and we feel these are the best on the market for the quality, price, easiest to operate and longest lasting. Besides feeders they have EZ Set Timers on sale, which come with multiple wiring harnesses so they can be used on other brand feeders. These are the simplest timers we have seen and have several clients that have perfectly good working feeders from other manufacturers, but wanted an easier to operate so they installed and are very pleased. Also on sale are Texas Hunter's wide selection of deer blinds, which can last forever due to the material they are made from. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us and we will gladly answer any questions you may have.

I also wanted to let you know about two of our clients taking reservations for quail hunts and corporate retreats. **Quail Creek Plantation** is now offering southern style quail hunts in Bryceville, Florida approximately 30 minutes northwest of Jacksonville. Contact Mike Townsend at (904) 222-5199 (miketownsend@windstream.net) for questions or to make reservations. Also good friend Dave Edwards has begun working at **Cabin Bluff** approximately 45 minutes north of Jacksonville just over the Georgia border. They offer quail, deer, turkey and hog hunting, fresh and saltwater fishing, golf and a conference facility. Cabin Bluff is an outstanding place for a three day corporate retreat. For more information: <http://cabinbluff.com/>

I encourage newsletter feedback and suggested topics, upcoming events that readers may be interested in attending and any of our clients with fish or game pictures to please submit to me via E-Mail or through our Blog and we can include them in the Quarterly News Letter and/or add them to the "Photos" page of the company web site. Also, if you are inclined to write a short paragraph to be published on the "Testimonials" page of our web site, please do so, as I am always updating it and would like to have more of those up from our satisfied customers. In future editions of our news letter we are considering adding Landowner Profiles and Merchandise/Manufacturer Spotlight. All previous Quarterly News Letters and links of interest can be found at: <http://www.southernsportsmanaquaticsandland.com>.

Southern Sportsman Aquatics & Land Management wants to remind you about our **Lunker Fish & Bruiser Buck Programs**. A commemorative plaque will be presented to landowners who experience an exceptional fish being caught from their waterbodies or whitetail deer harvested that we manage lakes and/or land on a regular basis. The landowner need not be the successful angler or hunter, but we do need a quality photo, date and time caught or harvested, the length, girth and weight of the fish or antler measurements of the deer. The categories for fish are bluegill, redear sunfish, black crappie, channel or blue catfish and largemouth bass. The size categories are as follows: largemouth bass $\geq 25"$ or 10 lbs, channel or blue catfish $\geq 33"$ or 20 lbs, bluegill $\geq 10"$ or 0.75 lbs, redear sunfish $\geq 11"$ or 1.0

lbs, warmouth ≥ 10 " or 0.75 lbs and black crappie ≥ 14 " or 2.0 lbs. Whitetail deer qualify if it scores ≥ 140 . Plaques will be presented to qualifying land owners during winter site visits for achievements the previous year. To date no one has submitted anything for 2011 and we know there have been some quality fish caught, so don't forget about this program.

If you are pleased with the services and products you receive from Southern Sportsman Aquatics & Land Management, please tell your friends and associates about us. The best compliment you can give us is a referral. We are always looking for additional clients from Texas to Florida.

Our spring 2012 work schedule has very few openings for electrofishing. If someone you know is interested in our services, they need to contact us to try and fit their work in this spring or electrofishing will have to be scheduled for next fall. We are also now conducting deer camera census surveys on properties throughout the southeast, if interested in booking a survey for your property in late summer/early fall 2012, please contact us now so we can get you an estimate and book a block of days to conduct surveys.

If you wish to be removed from this mailing list please E-Mail me and you will not receive these in the future.

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