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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

HELLO EVERYONE!

THANKS FOR CHECKING OUT THIS MONTH'S AMERICANA OUTDOORS E-MAGAZINE. THIS HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH FOR THE AMERICANA OUTDOORS STAFF AS WE HAVE BEEN ALL OVER THE COUNTRY IN FULL HUNTING MODE! WADE JUST RETURNED FROM A DEER HUNTING EXCURSION IN MONTANA, CLARK HAS BEEN FISHING AND HUNTING THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF TEXAS, JEFF JUST TOOK DOWN A GREAT BUCK UP IN OKLAHOMA, AND JUST THIS PAST WEEKEND, I WAS ABLE TO DO A LITTLE HOG HUNTING WITH MY CABELA'S CREDENCE BOW AND TAKE DOWN A NICE 150LB SOW IN SOUTH TEXAS! THOUGH THE AMERICANA OUTDOORS STAFF HAS BEEN BUSY THROUGHOUT THE HUNTING SEASON, WE STILL HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER A GREAT SELECTION OF THE LATEST HUNTING AND FISHING NEWS, VIDEOS, TIPS, AND GEAR THROUGHOUT THE SECOND EDITION OF THE AMERICANA OUTDOORS E-MAGAZINE.

THROUGHOUT THIS ISSUE, WE'LL SEE IF GARMIN'S TED GARTNER WAS ABLE TO TRACK DOWN A BIG DEER WITH HIS GARMIN eTREX, CHECK OUT WHAT'S ON YOUR CABELA'S WISHLIST, TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF GARMIN'S NEWEST MARINE ELECTRONICS, AND SHOW YOU SOME TIPS AND TRICKS TO HELP YOU WINTERIZE YOUR BOAT USING SOME OF THE RESOURCES FROM BOATUS AND YAMAHA MARINE'S MAINTENANCE MATTERS PROGRAM.

ENJOY THE SECOND EDITION OF THE AMERICANA OUTDOORS E-MAGAZINE AND AS ALWAYS, GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE IN THE FIELD AND ON THE WATER!

CODY LEVY
AMERICANA OUTDOORS STAFF



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ON THE COVER



GARMIN'S TED GARTNER
WITH A BIG
SOUTH TEXAS BUCK!





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BRADLEY
TO YOUR
ADVENTURE

Smoked VENISON MEATBALLS



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INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 lbs venison pan sausage
- 1 cup Italian bread crumbs
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup parmigiano cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1 Tbsp salt
- 1 Tbsp pepper
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1/4 cup parsley
- Cubed pieces of your choice of cheese

PREPARATION

- Preheat smoker 230 - 250 degrees
- Combine all ingredients into large bowl
- Stuff a cubed piece of cheese while you roll the meat mixture into balls
- Place in smoker for 1 hour (1 hour = medium)
- As the meatballs smoke prepare your favorite sauce

SERVE

- A skewer for each meatball with your chosen sauce drizzled on each.

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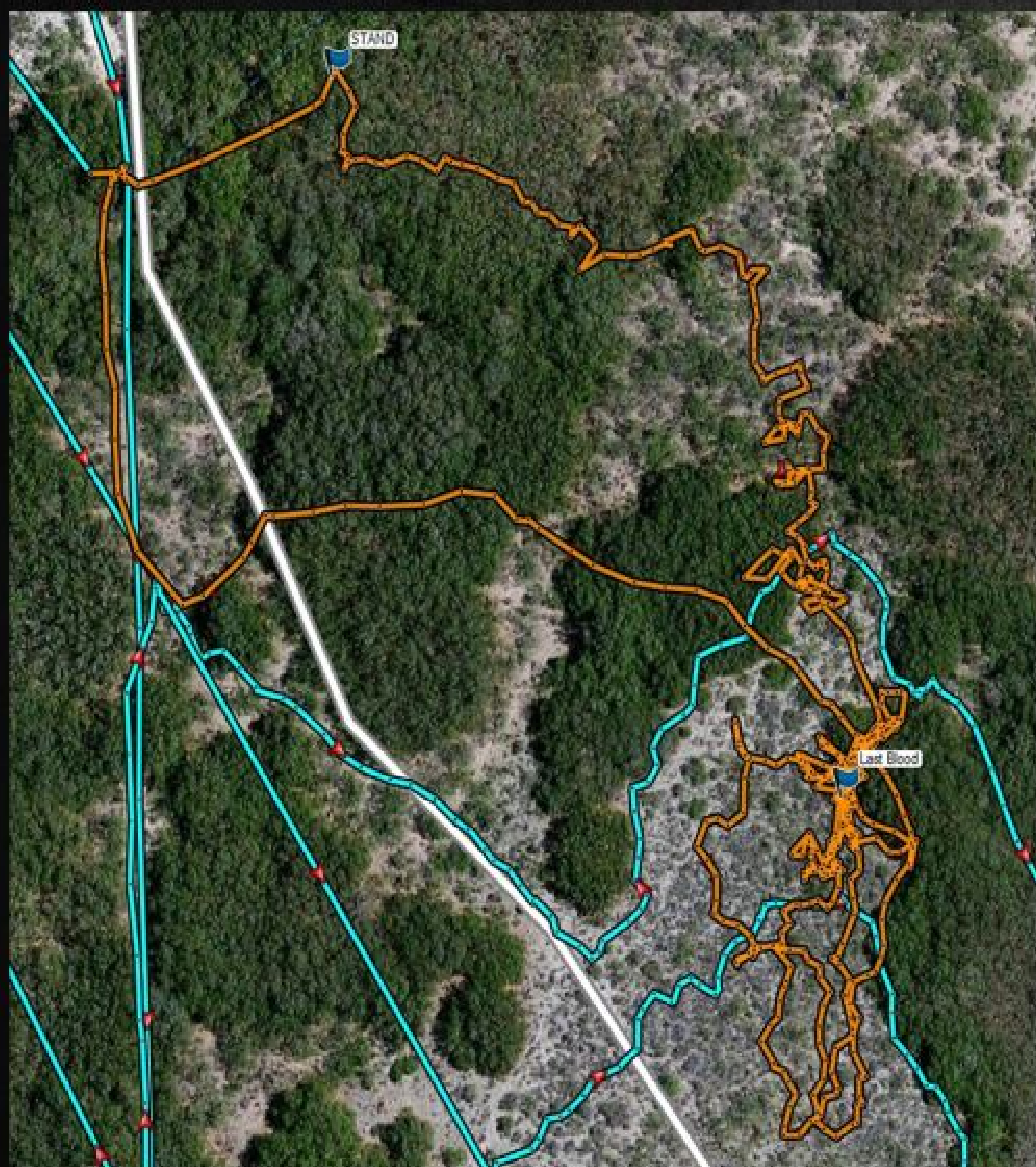
TRACKING A WOUNDED DEER WITH THE GARMIN eTREX

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By TED GARTNER

THE BIG DEER HAD BEEN BROWSING UNDER MY TRIPOD STAND LONG BEFORE SUNRISE. IT TOOK AN ETERNITY FOR THE SUN TO RISE, CONFIRMING THAT HE WAS INDEED THE ANIMAL I WAS TARGETING AS MY FIRST-EVER ARCHERY BUCK. TRYING IN VAIN TO CONTROL MY BREATHING, I DREW BACK, PUT THE PIN ON HIS VITALS, AND TOUCHED MY RELEASE. IT'S OFTEN SAID THE HARD WORK OF HUNTING STARTS AFTER THE ARROW FLIES. LITTLE DID I KNOW HOW TRUE THAT AXIOM WOULD BE ON THIS HUNT.

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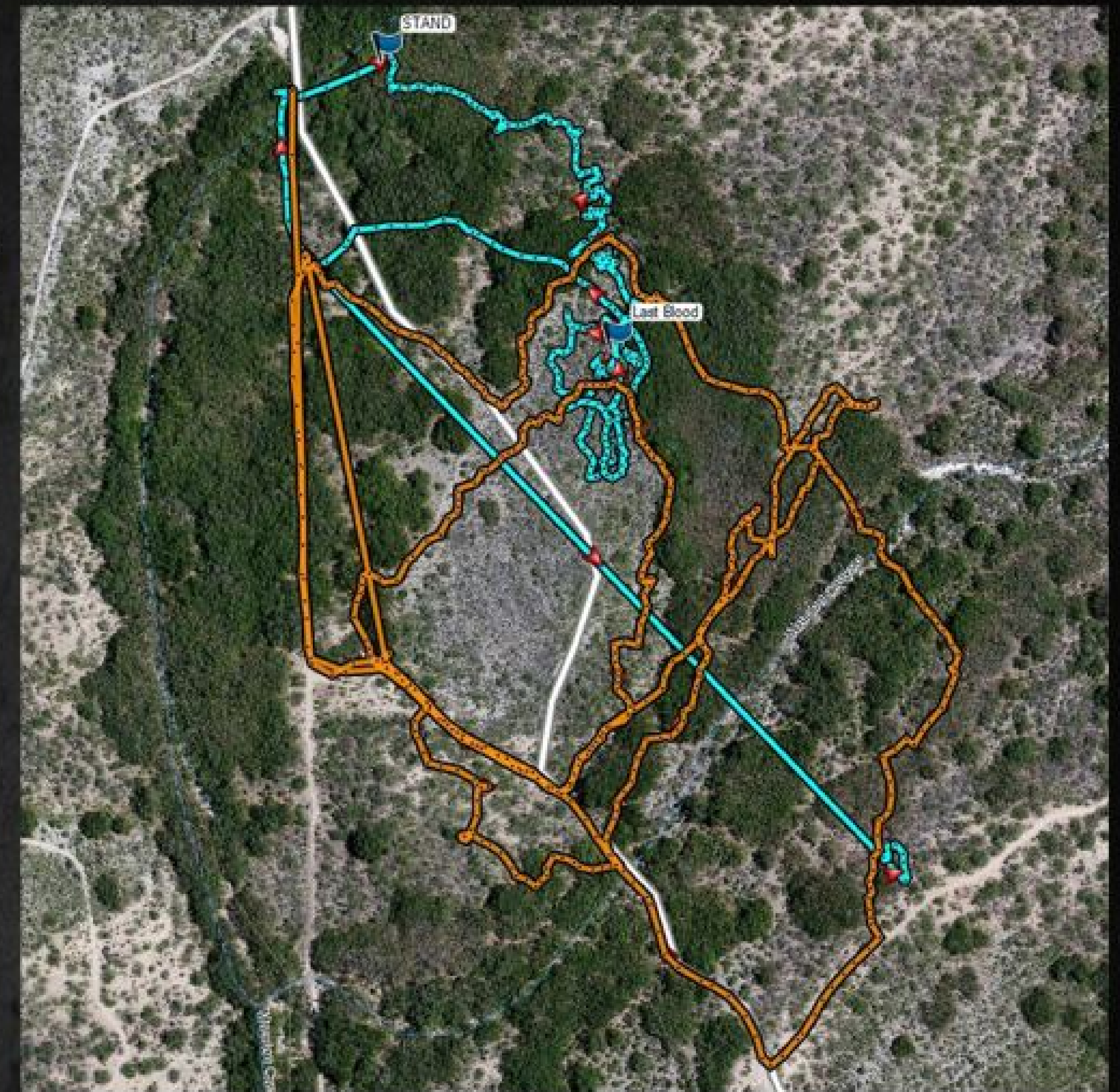
AS YOU CAN SEE IN THE IMAGE TO THE SIDE, THE FIVE OF US TRACKED THE DEER FOR ABOUT A QUARTER MILE, THROUGH THICK SCRUB OAKS TO THE EDGE OF A SAGE FLAT (INDICATED BY THE ORANGE TRACKLOG). YOU CAN SEE MY STAND IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE MAP, LEADING TO THE SOUTHEAST, WHERE I MARKED A WAYPOINT INDICATING THE LAST BLOOD FOUND.

THE TRACKLOG AND WAYPOINTS WERE TRANSFERRED TO A COMPUTER VIA BASECAMP, OUR FREE UTILITY THAT LETS USERS SAVE, TRANSFER, AND ANALYZE DATA. I LOADED THE eTREX WITH BIRDS EYE SATELLITE IMAGERY, WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO VIEW HIGH-RESOLUTION AERIAL PHOTOS OF YOUR HUNTING GROUND. IT'S INVALUABLE IN HELPING TO DETERMINE NATURAL FEATURES NEARBY – LIKE TREELINES, CLEARCUTS, STREAM BEDS, AND OTHER NATURAL GAME FUNNELS.

BY THIS TIME, THE CLOUDS HAD BURNED OFF AND THE TEMPERATURES WERE RISING, AND MY HOPES OF AN EASY RECOVERY WERE FALLING JUST AS QUICKLY. WE SPENT THE NEXT TWO AND A HALF HOURS COMBING THE AREA, SYSTEMATICALLY MAKING BIGGER LOOPS AS TIME WORE ON. THE FENIX 3 ON MY WRIST BUZZED – I CHUCKLED AS IT INFORMED ME THAT HAD HIT MY DAILY GOAL OF 11,000 STEPS (A LITTLE OVER FIVE MILES) BY NOON. WE SPENT ANOTHER HOUR SEARCHING FOR MY TROPHY BUCK IN VAIN, AND THEN RETURNED TO CAMP EMPTY HANDED.

THE ELATION FROM THE MORNING HUNT HAD NOW CHANGED TO WORRY AND SELF-DOUBT. MAYBE MY SHOT WASN'T THAT GOOD. MAYBE HE'LL BE OK. MAYBE HE WON'T. MAYBE I'LL NEVER KNOW. THE OTHER GUYS WERE ALL TRYING TO BE POSITIVE, BUT I KNEW THEY FELT THE SAME WAY. FOR ANY TRUE HUNTER, LOSING AN ANIMAL IS THE WORST POSSIBLE OUTCOME.

LATER THAT AFTERNOON, WE RESUMED THE SEARCH, THIS TIME IN WIDER CIRCLES (AGAIN INDICATED BY THE ORANGE TRACKLOG). WE RELIED ON THE eTREX TO TELL US WHERE WE HAD SEARCHED – AND JUST AS IMPORTANTLY, WHERE WE HADN'T. DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS AND ANOTHER FIVE AND A HALF MILES WALKED, THE DEER WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.



WE CALLED IT A DAY AND I SPENT A SLEEPLESS NIGHT WONDERING WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO MY BUCK. THE NEXT DAY, JEFF AND I DECIDED WE'D GIVE IT ANOTHER GO, ALTHOUGH BY THIS TIME, WE KNEW IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE A MIRACLE. WE DECIDED

TO DRIVE THE RANCH ROADS FROM THE YAMAHA VIKING AND LOOK FOR BUZZARDS CIRCLING – USUALLY A RELIABLE SIGN OF SOMETHING DEAD.

IT DIDN'T TAKE US LONG TO FIND A LONE CIRCLING BIRD, BUT IT WAS A SIGNIFICANT DISTANCE FROM THE LAST KNOWN BLOOD TRAIL. WE DECIDED TO TAKE A LOOK ANYWAY, AND VENTURED ON FOOT TOWARDS THE CIRCLING BIRD. SOON AFTER, MORE BIRDS STARTED TO GET UP FROM TREES. I STARTED TO JOG. ALL AT ONCE, AT LEAST 30 BUZZARDS AND CARACARA BIRDS ROSE FROM THE GROUND. IT WAS MY BUCK. SADLY, HE HAD BEEN MOSTLY RECLAIMED BY NATURE, BUT I WAS RELIEVED KNOWING THAT I HAD FOUND THIS BEAUTIFUL ANIMAL.

IT'S A LESSON I WON'T SOON FORGET. AS HUNTERS, WE ARE OBLIGATED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO RECOVER WOUNDED GAME. USE ALL AVAILABLE MEANS TO ASSIST YOU IN FINDING THAT DOWNED BUCK. IN MY CASE, THE HELP CAME FROM THE SKY – IN THE FORM OF ORBITING GPS SATELLITES COMBINED WITH PREHISTORIC CIRCLING BIRDS.



TO WATCH THE
FULL CLIP, CLICK
THE LINK TO THE
LEFT!



Tips on Winterizing Your Boat

It's already a brutal winter in parts of the country. If your boat and trailer are going to spend the snow season outside exposed to the elements, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has five tips to protect your investment and prevent winter's bitter effects from taking hold and causing problems down the road:

Water is enemy #1: Keeping the boat and trailer rig in a slightly bow-up position will allow water to drain. Don't forget to remove drain plug and tie it to the ignition key where you will find it in the spring. Yes, do this exactly as instructed. Now. You will lose it otherwise - trust us, we know. Also ensure that the boat's cover is tight and periodically check inside throughout the winter - just to make sure no water is accumulating and that no critters have moved in.

A little spray will do you good: Spraying water-and-dirt displacing lubricants such as Boeshield T-9 on metal trailer roller assemblies, winch gears and electrical connections will keep moisture away and rust at bay. Now may also be the time to take care of any rust spots on the metal trailer frame: sand, prime and paint.

Best boat theft prevention tip in the world: If you're storing your boat in the driveway, turn it around 180 degrees, with the tongue facing towards the house. Not only will this keep your neighbors guessing all winter long about that name on the transom, but it will make the job harder for a thief to steal your boat and that's the real name of the game here. Adding a lock on the trailer hitch only improves your odds the bad guy will look somewhere else.

What to do about boat trailer tires: In addition to being a theft deterrent, removing the tires and storing them inside the garage will keep the sun from damaging them. With the tires off, this may also a good time to repack the bearings. Block the trailer's frame and secure plastic (contractor grade) trash bags over the hubs and brakes to keep them dry. If tires won't be removed, position the trailer so that the tires rest on a piece of plywood or plank to prevent dry rot, as parking on grass can hasten a tire's demise. Cover tires (again with plastic bags or covers) to keep the sun off and hubs and brakes dry. To avoid flat spots from happening, move the trailer periodically a few inches throughout the winter.

Like an auto club for boaters and anglers, BoatUS offers Trailer Assist roadside assistance program, the only national roadside assistance service just for boat owners. In addition to BoatUS or BoatUS Angler membership of \$24, for just \$14 annually BoatUS' "Unlimited" Trailer Assist will tow both a broken down boat trailer and tow vehicle (while towing) up to 100 miles to a location of choice. Flat tire service, jump-starts, lock out and boat ramp winching service are also included.



Download "The Boater's Guide To Winterizing"

DEER HUNTING IN THE HILL COUNTRY

By **CLARK WENDLANDT**

EVERY YEAR, I GET INTO DEER SEASON... I MEAN HEAD OVER HEELS INTO DEER SEASON! I HAVE ALWAYS HAD THIS INCREDIBLE ANTICIPATION FOR THE HUNT. WITH SUCH A VAST IMPROVEMENT IN TRAIL/SCOUTING CAMERAS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, IT HAS RAMPED UP MY ANTICIPATION JUST THAT MUCH MORE.



CLICK THE LINK ABOVE TO WATCH THE FULL CLIP!

THE 2014-2015 SEASON STARTED JUST LIKE ANY SEASON, BUT THEN I GOT A GLIMPSE OF A REAL STUD. YOU SEE, WE ARE HUNTING THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY WHICH IS LOW FENCE CEDAR AND LIVE OAK COUNTRY AND REALLY DOESN'T PRODUCE TOO MANY REALLY BIG DEER. A 120-130 CLASS DEER IS A GREAT DEER FOR THIS AREA, BUT THE DEER THAT SHOWED UP ON OUR SCOUTING CAMERAS WAS EASILY OVER 150 AND MAY EVEN PUSH 160.

I HUNTED HARD FOR THIS DEER. ACTUALLY, SINCE WE WERE FILMING I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR A GREAT MATURE BUCK AND WOULD HAVE SHOT ANYTHING THAT WAS OLD ENOUGH, BUT I COULDN'T GET THIS DEER OUT OF MY MIND. THEN THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER ROLLS AROUND AND I PUT ALL I HAD INTO HUNTING FOR THIS PARTICULAR DEER. AT 7:30AM, ON A COLD, COLD MORNING THE DEER JUST APPEARS RIGHT BELOW US. MY BROTHER, SCOTT WAS FILMING AND WHEN I SHOT THAT DEER NEITHER OF US COULD EVEN BELIEVE THAT BIG A DEER COULD GROW IN THAT COUNTRY! IT WAS SUCH AN AMAZING HUNT AND I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT SEASON!!!



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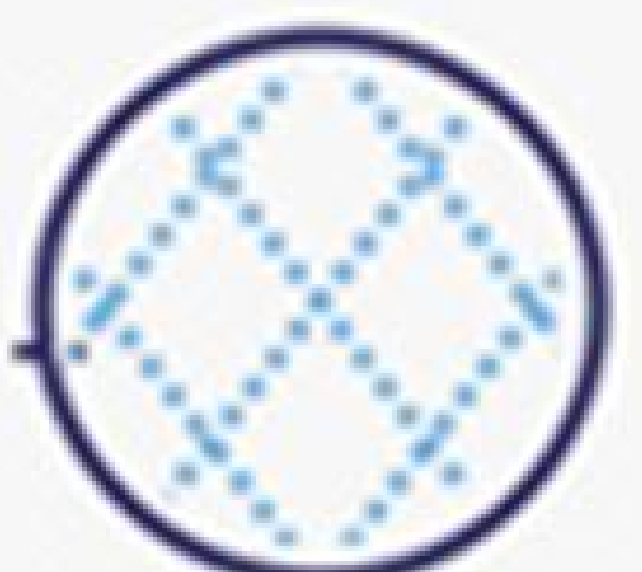
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My First 8 Point... With a TenPoint

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By Kevin Giesecke

After working all year on the ranch, I finally got the opportunity to go sit in the stand and hunt with the TenPoint Stealth FX4 Crossbow; my first opportunity to take a buck with a crossbow all year. In preparation for the hunt, I spent quite a bit of time practicing with the crossbow to make sure I knew what to do and how the crossbow would react. As I have found, crossbows are easy to use, fun to shoot, and amazingly accurate, so by the time I went into the field, my confi-



We got in the stand early and as the sun came up, the very first deer I saw was a nice 8 point buck. I turned around to Jeff, the camera guy, and we both agreed that this buck was a shooter. At this point, my heart starts going a hundred miles an hour and we start playing the waiting game, waiting for this deer to get in the right position. It seemed like it took forever, but the deer was comfortable, but as long as I didn't mess up, I knew he wasn't going anywhere fast.

Finally he presented us a shot that I was confident in so I squeezed the trigger and the TenPoint Stealth FX4 did its job! After the shot, the buck didn't go far at all. We found a steady blood trail that lead us straight to my buck. It's always nerve wracking until you can put your hands on the deer, once you do it is totally awesome! I got a great 8 point with lots of character in the antlers and I am proud to say he's going to be on my wall as my first deer taken with a crossbow, but it definitely won't be my last!



GPS 73 HANDHELD ANNOUNCEMENT

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OLATHE, Kan./November 16, 2015/Business Wire – Garmin International Inc., a unit of Garmin Ltd. (NASDAQ: GRMN), today announced the GPS 73, a new low-cost marine handheld designed for mariners who want a simple, rugged, and reliable navigation solution. This easy-to-use handheld is packed with marine-specific features like man overboard (MOB), marine alarms, routing planning, and navigation. New SailAssist has also been added, offering sailing-inspired features like virtual starting line, race countdown times, distance to start line, speed history graph, and tack assist.

“The GPS 73 is an update to the existing GPS 72 series that’s proven to be a powerful, yet low-cost, solution for mariners for over a decade,” said Dan Bartel, Garmin vice president for worldwide sales. “Now, with even more features, the GPS 73 is the perfect handheld GPS for power boats, sailboats or small watercraft that don’t have a chartplotter on board, or as an important emergency navigation backup for all vessels.”

The SailAssist features in the GPS 73 provide a competitive edge while racing. Sailors can have a perfect start by marking the starting line of a race and the predictive heading line, then use the built-in countdown timer to calculate both distance to the line and burn time, enabling the vessel to cross the line at maximum speed at the exact starting time. Once the race has begun, the GPS 73 automatically switches to tack assist mode. This gives the sailor information on whether the boat is being headed or lifted based on the optimal tack angle, which helps them to be the first around the windward mark.

With its high-sensitivity receiver, boaters can acquire a position fix quickly and easily with the GPS 73. It marks and stores up to 1,000 waypoints and 100 tracks, which can be transferred to other devices via its fast USB interface, as well as the tried-and-true NMEA 0183. Users can also connect the GPS 73 to a computer to utilize the free Garmin HomePort™ trip planning software to plan upcoming routes, and to backup and store tracks, routes and waypoints.

Battery life has also been improved to more than 18 hours on two AA batteries (not included). Like the legacy GPS 72, the updated GPS 73 is water resistant to IPX-7 standards (submersible in up to one meter of water for up to 30 minutes), and best of all, the unit floats in case of an accidental dunking. The GPS 73 features a high-contrast, sunlight readable display with a built-in backlight, and is easy to read in all lighting conditions. It also features built-in celestial data, including sunrise/sunset times and a fishing and hunting almanac.

Available now, the GPS 73 has a suggested retail price of \$169.99. For more information, visit garmin.com.



Smith & Wesson[®] Performance Center



Performance Center[®] By Smith & Wesson[®] Introduces New M&P[®] Shield[™] Ported Models

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Smith & Wesson Corp. today announced that the company is now offering its highly acclaimed M&P Shield pistol, in both 9mm and .40 S&W, with a factory ported barrel and slide. Engineered by the hands of some of the most skilled Master Gunsmiths in the world, the new Shield Ported pistols, available exclusively from the legendary Performance Center, provide a host of premium features desired by the most astute shooters.

Whether deployed as a backup or deep concealment sidearm for law enforcement personnel, or used by consumers for every-day carry, the new M&P Shield Ported pistols combine modern-day function with superior design and control. Available in both 9mm and .40 S&W, the new models retain original design features that have helped to solidify the M&P Shield's reputation in the marketplace as a reliable and accurate self-defense firearm.

Engineered on a high-strength polymer frame measuring .95-inches in width, the Performance Center M&P Shield is standard with a 3.1-inch factory-ported barrel. The new barrel along with the pistol's three precision cut ports across the top of the stainless steel slide aid in reducing muzzle flip and improve the ability to remain on target after firing. The new M&P Shield pistols have been further updated with fiber optic sights and an enhanced trigger.

"As small, thin-framed handguns continue to be the leading choice of today's concealed carry owners, we are continually working to enhance our products so that they deliver optimal performance and function for the user," said Tony Miele, General Manager of the Smith & Wesson Performance Center. "The new Shield Ported models help to reduce felt recoil while delivering improved muzzle control, speed and accuracy."

The Performance Center M&P Shield is standard with an 18-degree grip angle and a fixed, textured backstrap with additional texturing at the forward portion of the grip. An extended trigger guard allows for operation of the pistol with or without gloves. The new M&P Shield is also engineered with a Performance Center sear for a quick trigger reset and a Performance Center striker plunger for an enhanced trigger pull.

Internal features of the new M&P Shield mirror the standard M&P Series. Its stainless steel internal chassis reduces flex while providing a stable shooting platform and its low-bore axis helps maintain ease-of-use and a comfortable feel. A passive trigger safety prevents the pistol from firing if dropped and a sear release lever eliminates the need to press the trigger in order to disassemble the firearm. A loaded chamber indicator is located on top of the barrel.

The Performance Center M&P Shield is shipped with both an extended and flat magazine offering consumers the ability to customize the length of the grip. The 9mm M&P Shield offers an 8+1 or 7+1 magazine capacity while the .40 S&W M&P Shield is standard with either a 7+1 or 6+1 magazine capacity. Both the 9mm and .40 S&W M&P Shield carry an MSRP of \$490 and are backed by Smith & Wesson's Lifetime Service policy.

For more information on the new Performance Center M&P Shield Ported pistols, please visit www.smith-wesson.com.



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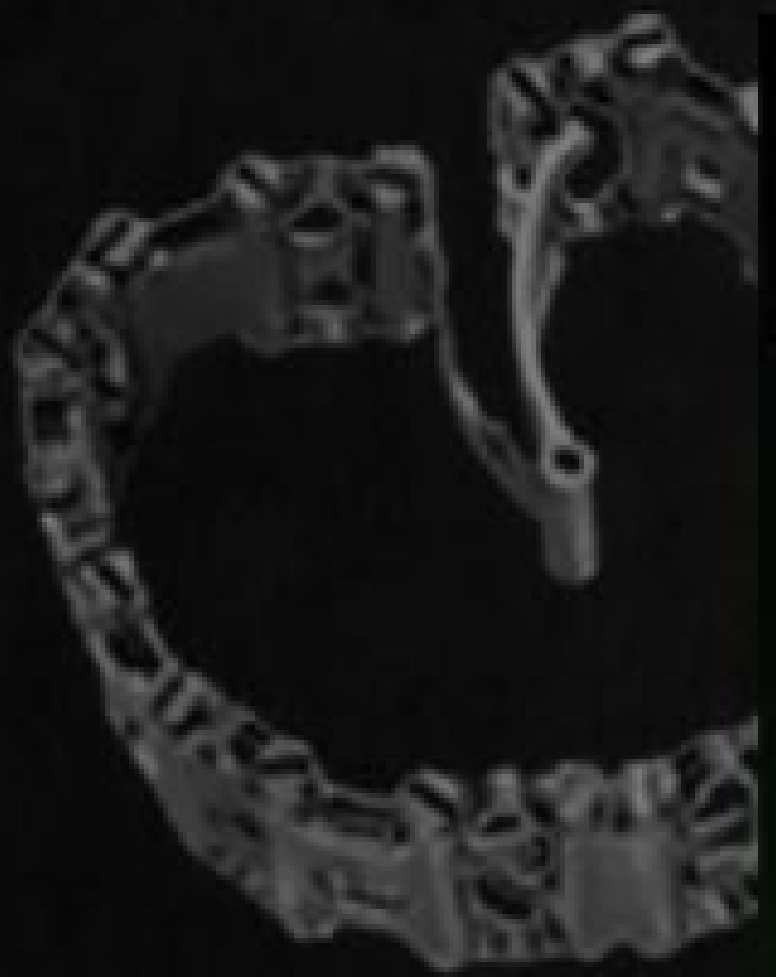
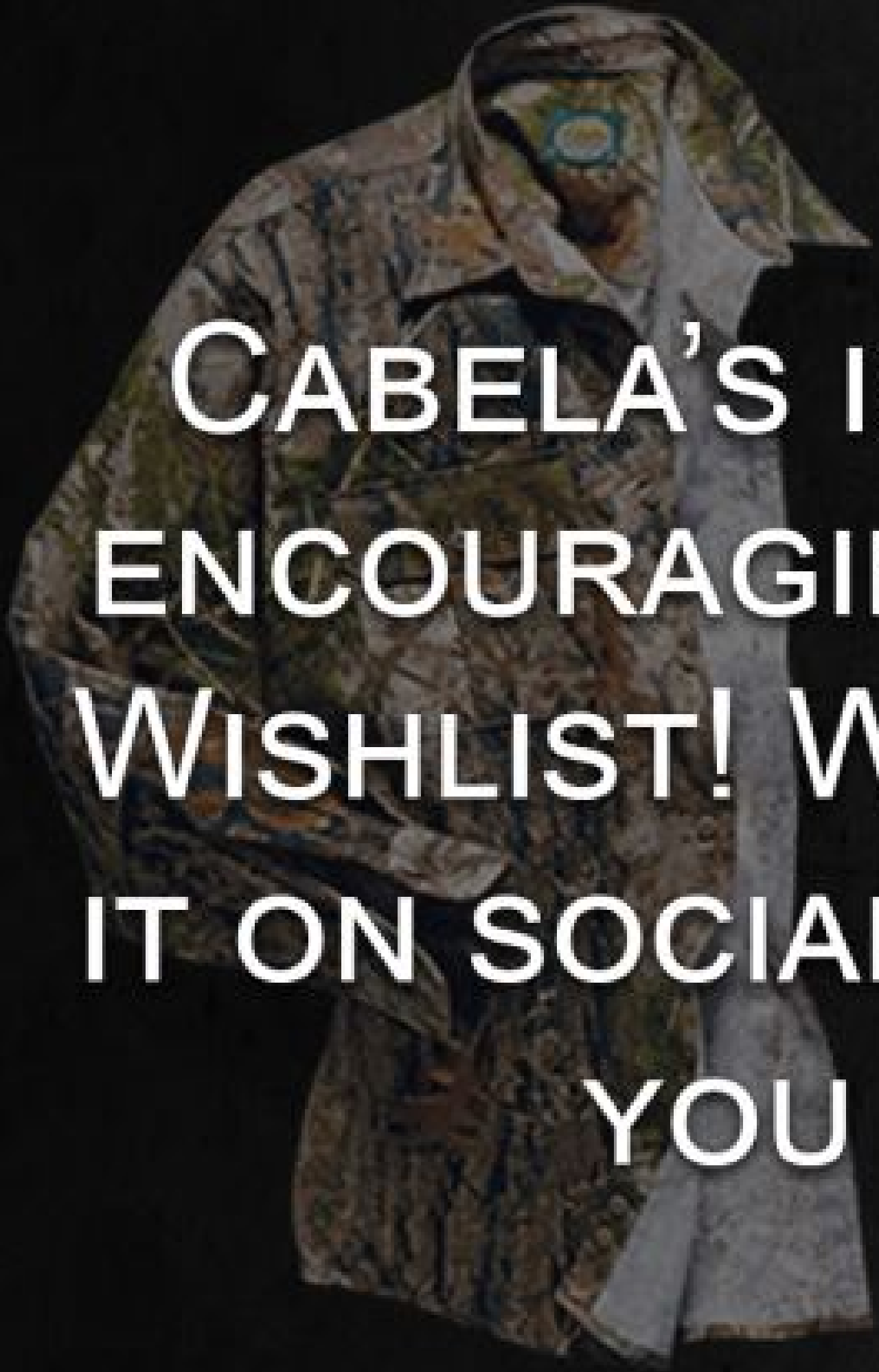


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THE TEXAS A&M FISHING TEAM JUMPS TO THE LEAD IN THE 2016 CABELA'S SCHOOL OF THE YEAR RACE

Nicholls State University
&
Northwestern State University
take 2nd & 3rd Place

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – With over four months of the Cabela's School of the Year Race in the books, the Texas A&M fishing team has seized control of the Cabela's School of the Year rankings, with Nicholls State University and Northwestern State University following close behind in the race for the most prestigious title in college fishing.

After twelve collegiate fishing events sanctioned for Cabela's School of the Year Points, the current No. 1 ranked Texas A&M Fishing team has accumulated 197 points, followed by 188 points earned by the No. 2 ranked Nicholls State Bass Fishing Team, and 167 points grossed by the No. 3 ranked Northwestern State Bass Fishing Team.

Josh Bensema, Texas A&M University Junior and Texas A&M Fishing Team Vice President has been very pleased with the team's efforts this season that have catapulted the team into first place.

"It definitely feels pretty good to be in the lead out of all these schools in the Cabela's School of the Year Race and I know it's gotten very competitive in the past few years," said Bensema.

"Being on top of the leaderboard is definitely one of our top goals.

A main goal we also want to accomplish is to get the club noticed and draw more attention from our finishes to get some notoriety among the school and to help recruit guys to come to A&M to be part of the team in the future."



When asked about what has been a key to the team's success thus stated that "Spending more time on the water is key. In the past years, we never got much practice time, but this year we've been able to take some time off and get some practice time in on the water. We want to be more competitive as a team and it helps that the club works together."

As many teams have found out over the years, in order to be competitive in the Cabela's School of the Year race, teams must work together and share the same mind set in order to accomplish their goals, which has been evident in Texas A&M's success so far in the 2016 Cabela's School of the Year race.

"We're all pretty close between the team. We share information at tournaments and point guys in the right direction to help everyone get a higher finish at each event. This year we've been able to send a few teams to each event and sharing information to help the team has been pretty beneficial," said Bensema.

“I think the biggest factor in getting us to the lead has been confidence,” added Bensema. “After our B.A.S.S. Championship win over the summer, even guys that weren’t part of the championship team, have gotten confidence in the team, and in their skills, which has really helped us so far this season and we look to keep that momentum going.”

Looking forward, Bensema and the rest of the Texas A&M Fishing Team plan on competing in more collegiate fishing events, including the 2016 BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship Presented by Cabela’s.

“Our main goal each year is to send a team to each of the collegiate national championships,” stated Bensema. “I have been planning on attending the BoatUS Collegiate National Championship this past year and due to boat issues, I wasn’t able to attend, but it is a goal of our team to send at least one team to the BoatUS Championship this year. Due to our club getting some publicity over the summer from our championship win, we’ve gotten more members which now means that we can send more teams to more events throughout the year.”



“I know a Texas team has never won the Cabela’s School of the Year Title and it’d be awesome to bring the title to Texas. The sport of bass fishing is huge in Texas and to bring the title to Texas would definitely be something special for the club,” added Bensema.

The remaining Top Ten in the current Cabela’s School of the Year Rankings are as follows:

4. Winona State University (Rochester, MN) – 159
5. University of Dubuque (Dubuque, IA) – 149
6. Louisiana State University - Shreveport (Shreveport, LA) – 147
7. University of Wisconsin (Whitewater, WI) – 143
8. University of Louisiana - Monroe (Monroe, LA) – 137
9. University of Wisconsin (Platteville, WI) – 131
10. Dallas Baptist University (Dallas, TX) – 131

To see a list of complete School of the Year Rankings, click here: [2016 Cabela’s School of the Year Rankings](#)

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STRIKER ANNOUNCEMENT

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OLATHE, Kan./November 4, 2015 – Garmin International Inc., a unit of Garmin Ltd. (NASDAQ: GRMN), today announced the Striker series, a new line of fishfinders with CHIRP traditional sonar and CHIRP DownVü™ and SideVü technology that come standard with a built-in high-sensitivity GPS receiver. Fishermen will now have the ability to not only see fish and structure below the boat, but also to mark hot fishing locations and get back to them. With GPS on board, users will also have access to accurate speed over the ground (SOG) information, even at very slow speeds. Raising the standard for fishfinder performance and ease of use, the Striker series is a powerful tool to help inland and near-shore anglers find and catch more fish.

“With brilliant sonar systems and unrivaled fishing features, the Striker series is the entry-level solution for anglers who want the best sonar available at an affordable price,” said Dan Bartel, Garmin vice president of worldwide sales. “CHIRP is the sonar technology our customers want, and thanks to the addition of the Striker series, it’s now available across our entire product line. Striker also adds GPS, so anglers can get back to their favorite fishing spots next week, next month or next year.”

The Striker fishfinder series is available in bright, sunlight readable 3.5-inch, 5-inch or 7-inch color displays that feature a new rugged design and keyed interface that’s built to withstand the harsh marine environment. All models are equipped with a built-in high-sensitivity GPS antenna and waypoint map, so marking and navigating to favorite fishing spots and other areas of interest like brush piles, stumps and docks, is quick and easy. When trolling, the high-sensitivity GPS provides an update once per second, giving fishermen the precision needed to dial in the exact trolling speed and optimize lure presentation. Users can also share waypoint data across multiple Striker units, as well as all echoMAP™ series devices.

CHIRP traditional sonar comes standard on all of the new Striker devices. Instead of just sending one single frequency, CHIRP sends a continuous sweep of frequencies and interprets them individually upon their return, creating crisper fish arches with better target separation. Even when the fish are stacked up, CHIRP sonar helps anglers better determine how many, and which one is the largest.

VIDEO

For anglers who want to see objects and structure below the boat, the Striker dv fishfinders feature built-in CHIRP DownVü scanning sonar, which provides a nearly photographic image with detailed representation of objects, structure and fish in both freshwater and saltwater. The premier 7-inch Striker 7sv also adds SideVü scanning for customers who want to see targets and structure up to 750 feet on each side of the boat, without being directly over them. Users can use the split screen feature to show various sonar options along with the waypoint map.

All Striker fishfinders come with everything anglers need – including a trolling-motor and transom transducer and mounting hardware – to make getting on the water fast and easy. The five new models offer flexible mounting so the devices can tilt and swivel for an optimum-viewing angle. An optional flush-mount kit is available for in-dash installation. Additionally, the Striker series is compatible with a wide-range of optional Garmin scanning transducers to customize sonar performance and installation options.

The new Striker fishfinders will be available in December 2015, with suggested retail prices ranging from \$119.99 to \$499.99. For more information, visit garmin.com/marine2016.

Recently, Garmin was named Manufacturer of the Year and received the honor of being the most recognized company in the marine electronics field by the National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA®). Garmin's portfolio includes some of the industry's most sophisticated chartplotters and touchscreen multifunction displays, sonar technology, high-definition radar, autopilots, high-resolution mapping, sailing instrumentation and other products and services that are known for innovation, reliability and ease-of-use.

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Ma Xiaohong
is crowned the 2015
Hobie
Fishing world champion!



Shang Lake, Changshu, China – November 17, 2015 – The 5th Hobie Fishing World Championship presented by Rhino-Rack® came to a close on Sunday as 45 of the world's best kayak anglers threw everything they had at the tormenting waters of Shang Lake in their quest to become the 2015 Hobie Fishing World Champion.

After 3 days of incredibly tough fishing, Ma Xiaohong from China scooped the title on the final day of competition with his Yellow Cheek Carp measuring 115cm. He took the lead from Li Haiyang, also from China, who netted two Top Mouth Culter measuring 99cm. Finn Sloth Hansen from Denmark picked up third with his Top Mouth Culter measuring 90cm.

In what has become known as the lake of a thousand casts, Shang lake and her fish proved formidable adversaries delivering only nine fish during the five days of the tournament. This situation was made even more difficult by the large numbers and sizes of fish the anglers had seen during the Lowrance navigation day. The fish were there, they just weren't eating.

The three competition days started with the anglers standing in their Factory supplied, fully rigged, Hobie Pro Angler 14's for the Chinese National Anthem before heading through the Power-Pole starting line and onto the tournament arena.

Conditions were consistent over the three days with mild, overcast skies and low winds. Many speculated that the fish seen on the Pre-Fish and Navigation days were less active during competition due to the temperature and a lack of wind. Whatever the reason, the fishing was incredibly tough, but not tougher than the spirits of the world class anglers who continued to go after the elusive three species each day.



The fishing improved again on the final day of competition. Mr. Li continued to work the area that had been productive over the previous two days while the rest of the Chinese competitors took a team approach and fanned out fishing the northern end of the lake.

It was Ma Xiaohong from China who topped the Lowrance Leaderboard on day three and took the title of Hobie Fishing World Champion with a massive 115cm Yellow Cheek Carp.

When asked about how it feels to be World Champion, Ma Xiao Hong replied. "I am honoured to fish for my country. I was determined to catch the biggest Yellow Cheek Carp of the competition and that is what got me here. The whole competition has been very impressive. I have been to three Worlds and this year in China has been impressive from beginning to end."

Li Haiyang held on to second place with his 99 centimetre total and while dissatisfied about his final day on the water was happy for China and Ma Xiaohong.

Li Haiyang said "It was hard to concentrate today, I think because I had been in the lead for two days, many anglers were fishing around me and I couldn't focus. I am very happy for Ma Xiao Hong and am glad to be a part for the winning team".

2014 Angler's Choice Award winner Ian "Dizzy" Harris said of the tournament. "I was really pleased to get 5th place. It was great fishing with my main man Matt Boast... We had a really great European team spirit. I will miss China, my friends and Hobie Europe team mates. Massive well done to Finn Sloth Hansen for 3rd place. Thank you to Hobie, the sponsors, the Chinese Angling Association and the Chinese people for making us so welcome. Thank you also to everyone who supported us back home – it meant a lot to us, and to the Hobie Cat Centre in Poole; I hope we did you proud".

While the fishing has been tough there is no doubt that the 2015 Hobie Fishing Worlds has been a spectacular event. The experience has been one of camaraderie as anglers have shared a challenging time on the water as well as experienced a taste of what China has to offer. From the opening ceremony, cultural demonstrations Chinese dragons, magicians and fireworks, the host nation, Hobie Cat® and the sponsors have pulled out all the stops to make this a Worlds to remember.



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BY JEFF REYNOLDS

WELL I'VE BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO GO ON QUITE A FEW HUNTING TRIPS WITH MY GOOD BUDDY STEVE NESSL FROM YAMAHA OUTDOORS AND I'VE SEEN HIM TAKE SOME GREAT DEER, BUT, I'VE ALSO GOT TO SEE A FEW MIS-HAPS ALONG THE WAY, WHICH HAPPENS TO ALL OF US HUNTERS.

ON THIS PARTICULAR HUNT, WE GOT TO HUNT A NEW PIECE OF PROPERTY, WHICH STEVE AND I WERE VERY EXCITED ABOUT! ON THE FIRST EVENING WE GOT EYES ON A DEER WITH SPLIT G2'S, WHICH GOT STEVE VERY EXCITED TO SAY THE LEAST. IT TURNS OUT THAT THE DEER DIDN'T HANG AROUND FOR VERY LONG SO STEVE NEVER GOT A SHOT AT HIM. THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS WE HAD BAD WINDS FOR THAT STAND SO WE HUNTED OTHER STANDS AND SAW SOME NICE DEER... BUT STEVE WAS STILL THINKING ABOUT THE SPLIT G2 BUCK.

FINALLY WE GOT THE RIGHT WIND AND WE WERE BACK AFTER HIM IN THE SAME STAND. NOT LONG INTO THE EVENING THE BUCK SHOWS UP AND THEN THIS IS WHERE THINGS GET INTERESTING. AFTER WATCHING THE DEER FOR SEVERAL MINUTES GO IN AND OUT AND AROUND THE BRUSH HE FINALLY GIVES STEVE THE SHOT. WITH BOTH OF OUR NERVES SHOT, HE FINALLY SQUEEZES THE TRIGGER... AND WHIFF!!! RIGHT OVER HIS BACK.

WELL TO SAY STEVE IS FRUSTRATED IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT. I TRY TO OFFER SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND TELL HIM THE DEER MIGHT COME BACK, BUT HE DIDN'T SEEM TO THINK SO. WELL LOW AND BEHOLD I LOOK TO MY RIGHT AND HERE HE COMES, BACK INTO RANGE! STEVE THINKS I'M JOKING UNTIL HE LOOKS AND SEES HIM WITH HIS OWN EYES.

THE DEER WALKS RIGHT BACK IN FRONT OF US AND OLE TWO SHOT GETS ANOTHER CHANCE AND DOESN'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE AND DROPS THE DEER RIGHT IN HIS TRACKS. ONE THING ABOUT HUNTING WITH A CAMERA ON YOU, IS THAT YOU CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM HITS TO MISSES. AFTER SOME CONGRATULATIONS AT CAMP THE RIBBING STARTED AND OUT COMES THE NICKNAME OLE TWO SHOT.



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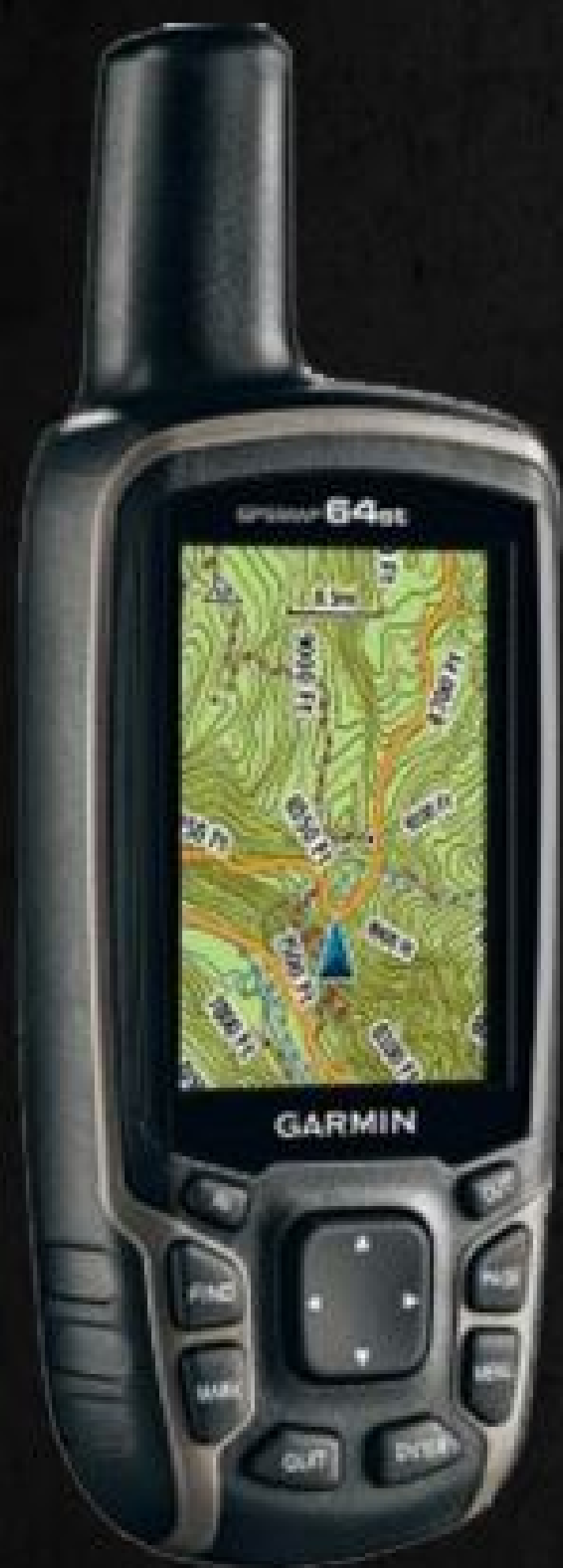
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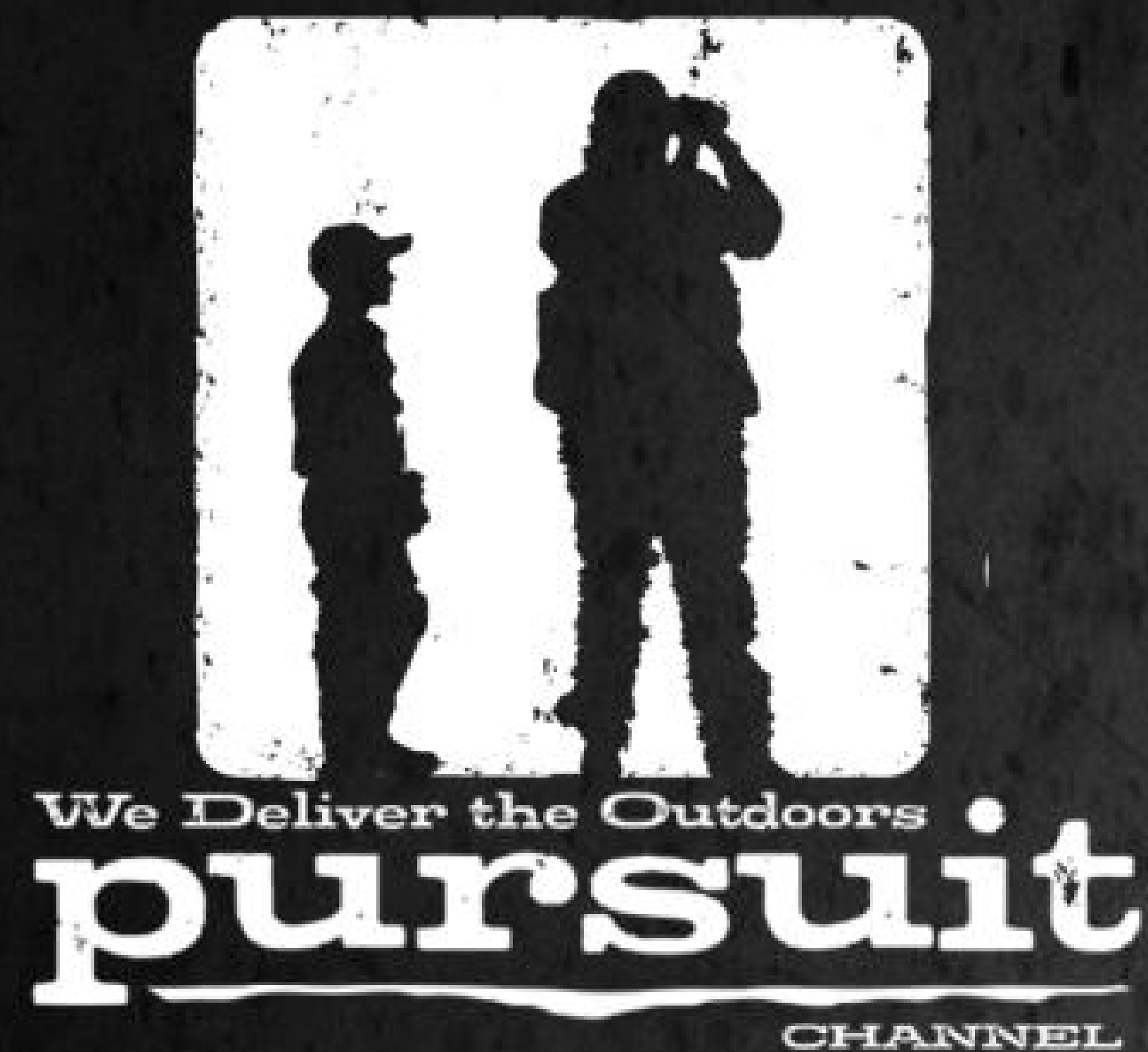
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