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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

BY WADE MIDDLETON

It's turkey season and great fishing weather and I'm loving this time of year! I get excited being in the outdoors any time of the year but it's especially fun right now.

As we're entering into April, we're half-way through turkey season in our neck of the woods here in Texas, and we've been on some great hunts. A few weeks ago, we hosted ladies from Cabela's, Thompson Center/Arms, and Garmin at our camp to do some turkey hunting and everyone had a blast – and they all got a bird, for some, this was their very first turkey hunt. It was a fun time at camp, the weather was beautiful, and we were able to have some great meals out of our Bradley Smoker. It's not just the ladies from the industry who love turkey hunting, we have a few more hunts planned out through the rest of this month....gobble, gobble.

Our crew has also been traveling to fishing tournament throughout the season – in this issue, you'll find coverage on the Texas Team Trail presented by Cabela's, the Cabela's Collegiate Bass Fishing Series, and more. We even managed to run into some snow while covering a tournament at Kentucky Lake in mid-March. Be sure to check out the Garmin Collegiate Bass Fishing Team – quite an accomplished group of young anglers!

I've been able to get out on the water myself as well – and with that, one of my favorite hobbies is trying out new products. You'll get the scoop on here on my Top 5 Best Baits for spring time fishing from SPRO and Big Bite Baits, the new Cabela's XML rod series, new Yamaha Outboard releases, Bubba Blade fishing pliers, and more.

Good Luck getting those turkey and those fish to bite!

Wade Middleton

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MARK ROSE MAKES HISTORY

WITH BACK-TO-BACK FLW TOUR WINS

Has anyone had a better start to the 2017 season than Mark Rose? In only his second year running Garmin marine electronics, Rose, a seasoned FLW Tour pro, hit the ground running by winning at Lake Guntersville less than three weeks ago, and again this past weekend at Lake Travis. Rose has made his mark in the history books by becoming the first person to ever win back-to-back FLW Tour events.

We caught up with Mark after his win at Lake Travis to get the scoop on how he won and what's next...

GARMIN: Mark, congratulations on the win! It has to feel great starting the 2017 season off with two wins, but you have some very skilled anglers hot on your trail in the AOY race. What are you doing to prepare for Harris Chain and the rest of the season?

MARK ROSE: Honestly, I'm not doing much of anything to prepare. I'm just taking it one tournament at a time and don't really pre-practice this time of year. The only time I will do that is on the Tennessee River and other ledge fishing lakes. I'm just going to show up at Harris, put in my three days of practice and hope for the best!

Right now, I'm just going to enjoy the moment and soak it in. Nobody realizes how hard it is to win back-to-back Tour level events any more than I do. I've been doing this 17 years and have six Tour level wins to my name and two of them came back-to-back. There have been a lot of 'not-wins' during that time, so I'm just overwhelmed with everything right now and am just going to ride the highs, because there are always going to be some lows and in-betweens. That's what you have to do in this sport.

GARMIN: How did your Garmin units help you at Lake Travis last weekend?

MARK ROSE: Three features of my Garmin units stand out as playing a huge role in my success at Lake Travis.

ClearVü sonar was crucial for me this week. These fish on Lake Travis show up like Tennessee River fish and show themselves really well on the screen. I was doing a lot of idling and finding groups of fish on hard structure, such as stair-stepping ledges that lead into spawning bays.

The other thing was Garmin's CHIRP traditional sonar. It was unbelievably clear! I was catching fish in 49-60 feet of water and to have that amount of clarity on my traditional sonar was extremely helpful.

Lastly, the LakeVü HD Ultra mapping was great! Lake Travis

is one of the new MaxDef lakes that will be released soon, so it was nice to get my hands on that early in time for the tournament.

GARMIN: What baits did you catch your fish on this week?

MARK ROSE: I caught most of my fish on a Strike King Football Jig (3/4 oz. and 1 oz., depending on how deep I was fishing), and then I'd throw a Strike King Rage Bug around docks. I caught a few big ones the last several days on a swimbait as well.

Rose fished the final day with fellow Garmin pros Clark Wendlandt (5th) and Anthony Gagliardi (6th) in the top 10.

Mark Rose's Garmin Setup (below). Mark casts along docks on Lake Travis (left). Mark nets a keeper near a boat ramp (right). Bottom two photos courtesy of FLW.

Cabela's XML Rod Series

Using our input for our Pro-Staff, XML Bass Casting Rods use mixed high-modulus graphite with Carbon X-Wrap construction for blanks that are 11% lighter than the previous XML rods, yet retain all the exceptional strength for fighting big bucketmouths. Kigan tangle-free stainless steel gunsmoke guide frames with Coalite ceramic inserts reduce friction for long, smooth casts. MagTouch® reel seats provide a solid reel-to-fish connection, while the soft-touch paint and woven graphite hoods reduce hand fatigue. Split-grip design with Winn Grip® overlays on EVA and EVA butt caps. Hook Keepers.

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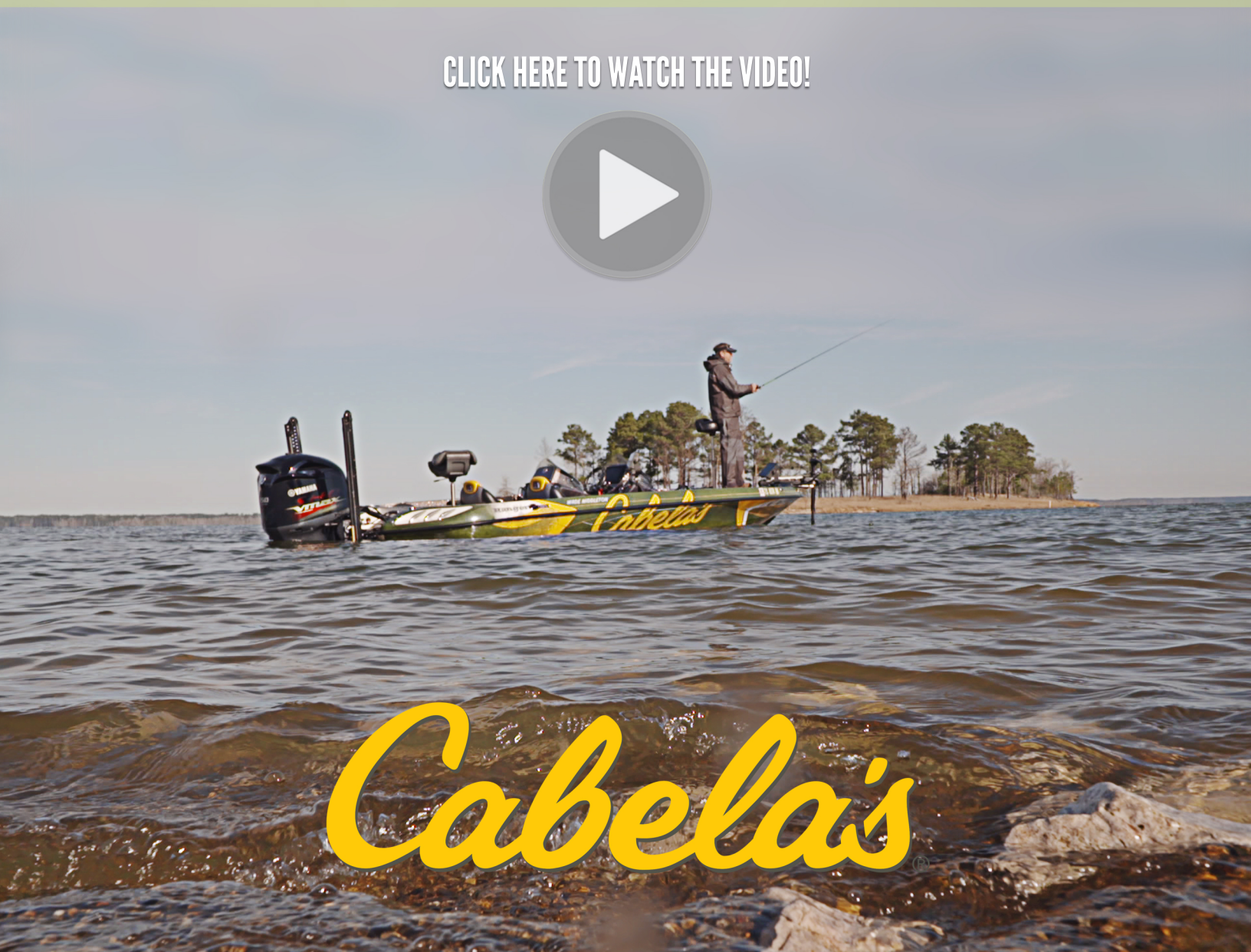

MOROCCAN SMOKED LAMB SHANK

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INGREDIENTS

4 Lamb Shanks

INGREDIENTS FOR HARISSA PASTE

6-8 Bird's Eye Chilies (or another spicy chili pepper), stems removed
1 Bulb garlic, skinned
1 Tbsp coriander
1 Tbsp cumin
1 1/2 Tbsp kosher salt
3 Tbsp chopped fresh mint
1/2 Cup chopped fresh cilantro
1 Tbsp sherry or red wine vinegar
Juice and zest of one lemon
1/2 Cup olive oil

BRADLEY FLAVOR BISQUETTES

Premium Chili Cumin Bisquettes

DIRECTIONS

1. Blend together all ingredients for the Harissa paste in a blender or food processor until smooth. Add more oil if necessary to reach the right consistency.
2. Rub Lamb shanks generously in Harissa paste and let marinate overnight (or a minimum of two hours before smoking.
3. Preheat your Bradley Smoker to 250°F with Premium Chili Cumin Bisquettes.
4. Place lamb shanks directly into the smoker and let smoke for 3 hours, or until an internal temperature of 145°F is reached.
5. Let rest for 5-10 minutes, and then serve.

TOP 5 BEST BAITS:

FOR SPRING TIME FISHING

We want to share some of our favorite baits for fishing in the spring time. During this time of year we have the bass in a transition period moving from their deeper winter location to shallow water to spawn and then to the flats to start feeding up for summer. As fish move shallow the water is still cold and a reaction bite is some times the best way to catch a good fish. Baits like the New Fat Pappa from Spro is a great bait to bounce off shallow cover generating a reaction bite. Once the bass are on the beds sight fishing begins and presenting a bait like the Big Bite Baits Real Deal Craw or the Coontail Worm are great to fish slowly on the beds. As the fish finish spawning they remain shallow and begin to feed for the summer and throwing a Spro Bronzeye Spit Shad can generate some big and explosive bites. These are just a few of our favorite baits during the spring and to see more great baits for spring or any season check out Big Bite Baits and Spro Baits.

BRONZEYE SPIT SHAD 60

The Bronzeye Spit Shad 60 was designed by B.A.S.S. Elite Series Angler Dean Rojas. The Bronzeye Spit Shad 60 was built to have a spitting and gliding action unlike any other hollow body weedless bait."The Bronzeye Spit Shad 60 can be fished in areas where you could never dream of throwing a hard bait with a similar action. The unique action is caused by a special "Spit Cup" on the front of the bait and vertical living rubber tails that give the bait a special Gliding Action. The Bronzeye Spit Shad 60 comes with sticky sharp Gamakatsu EWG Double hook and in an array of fish-catching colors. The Bronzeye Spit Shad 60 is tuned to Dean's standards and ready to fish right out of the package.

Weight: 1/2 oz
Size: 60 mm
Hook: Gamakatsu 4/0 EWG Double Hook
Depth: Top Water
Action: Spitting and Walking

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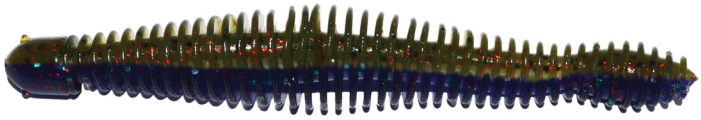

COONTAIL WORM

The Squirrel Tail worm has a new big brother designed by Russ Lane. This ringed bait can be used for practically any technique from flipping, shaky heads, to Carolina rigs. It features a bulb tail for increased action and the center core waves thru the bait to increase action and allow better hook presentation. It comes in a perfect 4.75" size and eleven colors.

BIG BITE BAITS

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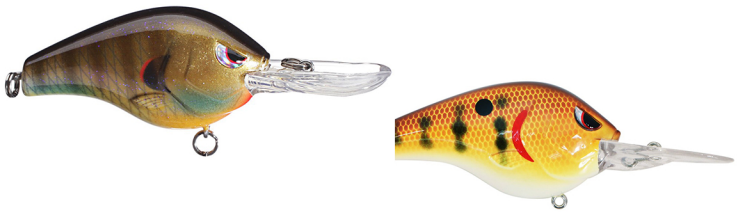

FAT PAPA SERIES 55 & 70

The Fat Papa 55 was designed by B.A.S.S. Elite Series Angler Russ Lane. You can fish the Fat Papa 55 in all types or weather and seasons. During the Fall through Spring you will get more bites with rattles in cooler water. The Fat Papa 55 comes with sticky sharp Gamakatsu treble hooks and in an array of colors, including some custom painted colors designed by Russ Lane.

Weight: 1/2 oz.
Size: 55 mm
Hook: Gamakatsu #4 RB Treble Hooks
Depth: 5-9 ft.
Action: Wide Wobbling Crankbait

The Fat Papa 70 was designed by B.A.S.S. Elite Series Angler Russ Lane, to be one of the most unique and productive crankbaits ever produced. Russ had everything custom made on this lure to do one thing Catch Fish! The Fat Papa 70 comes with sticky sharp Gamakatsu treble hooks and in an array of fish-catching colors.

Weight: 3/4 oz.
Size: 70 mm
Hook: Gamakatsu #2 EWG Treble Hooks
Depth: 10-14 ft.
Action: Wide Wobbling Crankbait

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ROJAS FIGHTING FROG

The Fighting Frog is available in 3 sizes and a number of fish catching colors. The color listing has a combination of top selling and new unique colors not available in other shapes. Unlike traditional frogs, this bait is designed to be used flipping, pitching, Carolina Rigged or as a jig trailer. Frogs have always been used as towater baits. The Fighting Frog takes frogs to a whole new level of fishing and is a new type of flipping bait. This frog is made to be used below the surface and give fish a new and realistic look. It features a compact body with small front legs for subtle action and larger back legs that have a great swimming action. When fished with a light weight, it has a natural gliding action on the fall or a heavy weight can be used for faster presentations. It is also the perfect follow up bait when you miss a fish on a topwater frog. One of the most important features of this bait is the innovative new design of pockets and grooves. The Fighting Frog has hook pockets on the top and bottom, but the key is additional grooves on the sides. These channels and grooves prevent the bait from balling up on the hook and interfering with hooksets.

REAL DEAL CRAW

The Real Deal Craw is Big Bite Baits most realistic craw design ever. It has CAD designed features to make it look like a real crawfish The pinchers are designed to be realistic, but have two possible swimming actions. The pincers are made in the connected posiion to give the bait a gliding action on the fall. By splitting the pincers, you can give the bait a subtle swiming action on the retrieve. The Real Deal Craw is available in Big Bite Baits' best selling standard colors or in our new high definition craw colors. The HD colors are hand painted to match crawdads for realism not seen in soft plastic craws before.

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DUAL POWER w/ Power-Pole

The time is here in many parts of the country for the bass to move up shallow for the spawn. One thing that every angler knows is when you are up shallow targeting fish on beds is you have to stay as stealth as possible. There are many different tools that can help you achieve this but one of the best is Power-Poles.

Being able to deploy your Power-Poles and stay off your trolling motor and just sit there in complete silence is huge when sight fishing. Any angler that has sight fished before without the aid of Power-Poles knows the constant battle of drifting away from the bed as you try and stay off your trolling motor.

Cabela's Pro and Television Host Wade Middleton has been a firm believer in using Power-Poles for many years.

"The Power-Poles allow you to slow down and fish, hold you boat in a good spot, work on your bait, really whatever you need to do. Without drifting to the other end of the county."

Having one power pole is better than having none but when using only one pole when up shallow sight fishing you have a pivot point now that will still allow the boat to rotate 360 degrees and thus making you make adjustments with your trolling motor. This is where running dual Power-Poles really can come into play. Using the dual set up takes the pivot point away and will help you sit in the exact spot for as long as you choose.

Cabela's Pro Jeff Reynolds has recently gone to the dual set-up after running a single Power-Pole for years. Jeff is known as one of the best shallow water and sight fishermen in bass fishing.

"Having two Power Poles allows you to drop both of them and your boat doesn't move, it stays in one spot with out moving" – Cabela's Pro Jeff Reynolds "With one Power-Pole you can just really spin around in circles." Jeff and many other anglers have added the second Power-Pole to become more effective when wanting to remain in a certain spot.

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Talon™ Pontoon Propeller / Talon GP™ Aluminum Propeller
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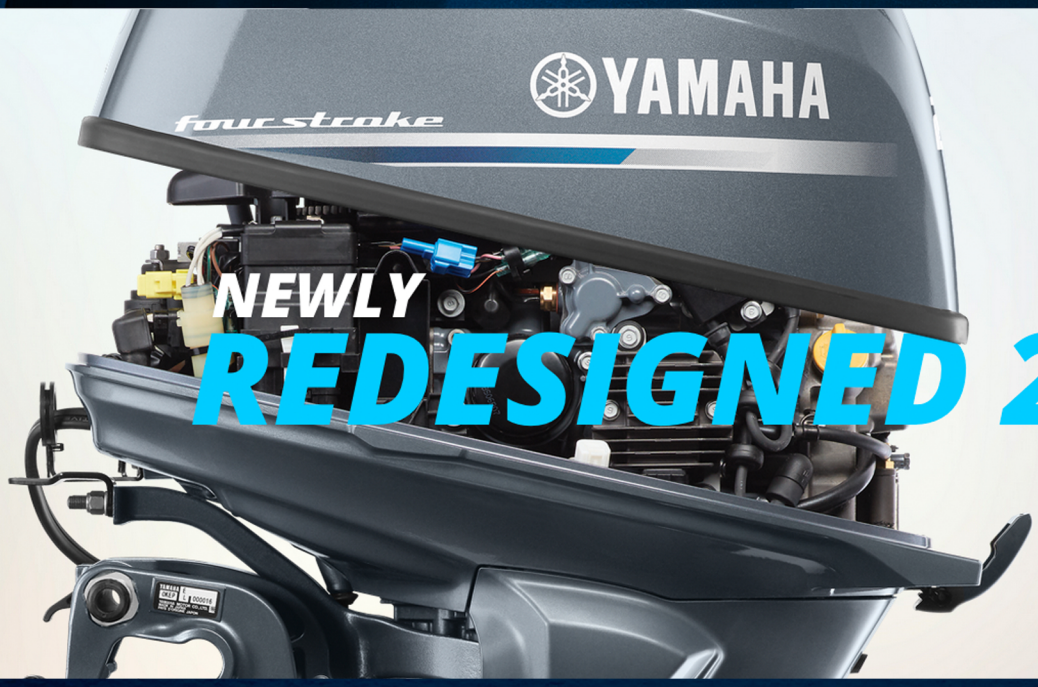

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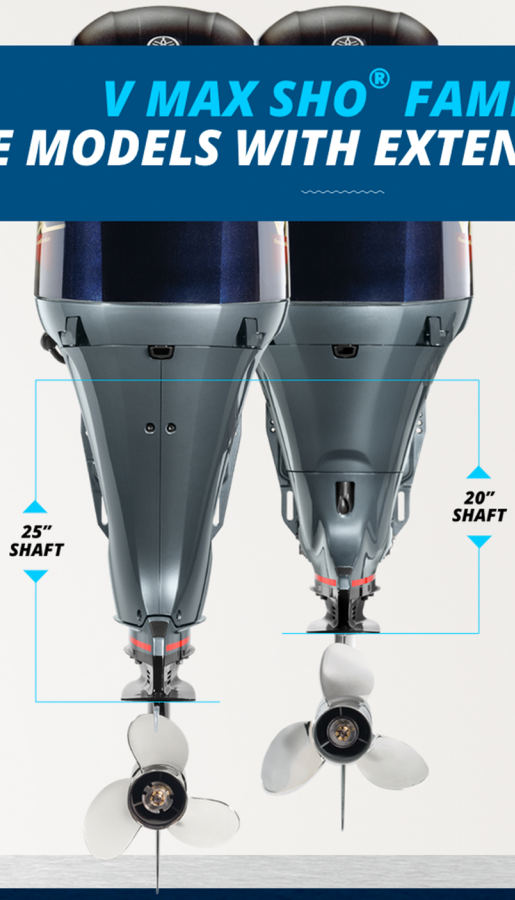

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The addition of 25-inch-shaft options on the VF175 and VF115 means the full line of I-4 V MAX SHOs now offers the option of an extended shaft. For boats with 25-inch transoms, such as multi-species boats, these new models deliver super-high-output performance in a convenient range of horsepowers. This is great news for walleye anglers.

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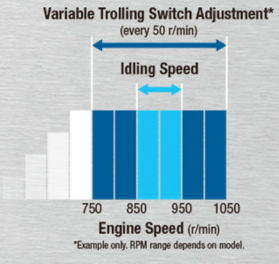

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This wearable gear ensures you're able to take on any weather to chase fish while creating an ergonomic angling system so you're always ready for the next bite. Fully seam-sealed GORE-TEX-laminated fabric sheds precipitation like a bad habit while providing a windproof, yet breathable barrier between you and the elements. Water is stopped from crawling up your wrists by neoprene cuffs with hook-and-loop cinching. Working together to keep water from getting in your face and down the jacket, a vented three-piece hood with two adjustment points and a tall, adjustable collar cinch down ergonomically to close the gaps and reduce volume for easy wearing as you cruise down the lake to the next hole. Underarm zips allow controlled ventilation, keeping you cool when you need it and trapping heat when you don't.

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SUNLINE - SX1

Developed with input from Brent Ehrler and Aaron Martens. They have used several generations of this line to reach this product. Get SX1 in 125yd, 250yd and 600yd spool sizes. Dark Green or High-Vis Yellow. SX1 is available in 10, 12, 16, 20, 30, 40 and 50lb tests. ULT-PE material for great improvement of abrasion resistance, which was the weak point of PE lines. SX1 retains the suppleness of PE for stress free casting. Sleek finish to reduce guide friction,improved casting distance and neutral buoyancy. Martens and Ehrler both wanted a neutral buoyancy for optimum bait performance. SX1 does not use a resin coating to compensate for fray or slickness, the raw fiber has been improved.

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WILEY X - OMEGA POL / KRYPTEK NEPTUNE FRAME

Unlike traditional stick and leaf camouflage, the Kryptek™ design incorporates micro and macro layering inspired by artillery camouflage netting. This creates a 3D appearance on a 2D surface and near-invisibility. The Kryptek Neptune™ frame pattern is designed for those who live on the water, chasing their favorite prey, whether off the coast or in the shadowy depths.

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GILL - FG23 Waterproof Drivers Glove

Designed for power boating use at high speed, theses gloves provide insulated warmth, waterproof protection and grip against the steering wheel. This newly designed glove will complement the FG22 Performance Fishing Glove to create the ultimate, two-part technical layering system for your hands in cold weather.

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WALKERS - Pro Low Profile Folding Muff (Mossy Oak)

Low profile contoured cup
- Padded headband for comfortable fit
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- Ultra-light weight
- Compact folding design
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The new Engel Backpack Cooler features a rugged, tear-resistant 500-denier polyester diamond ripstop outer shell with a waterproof TPE coating for easy cleaning. On the inside, there's two radiant barrier liners of reflective foil – another exclusive Engel feature you won't find on other bags. Sandwiched in-between the foil layers is a 1-inch thick layer of closed-cell foam insulation. While the insulation effectively minimizes heat transfer to maintain cold inner temperatures, the radiant barrier liners reflects the sun's long-wave heat radiation to further enhance the Backpack Cooler's cold-keeping capabilities. Under typical conditions, the Backpack Cooler will hold ice for up to three days.

ENGEL Coolers

Unlike the soft-sided coolers you'll find on the shelves of the big box stores, ENGEL Cooler Back-Packs are engineered to withstand harsh use on land or sea. It features a rugged, tear-resistant 500-denier polyester diamond ripstop outer shell with a waterproof TPE coating for easy cleaning.

FEATURES:

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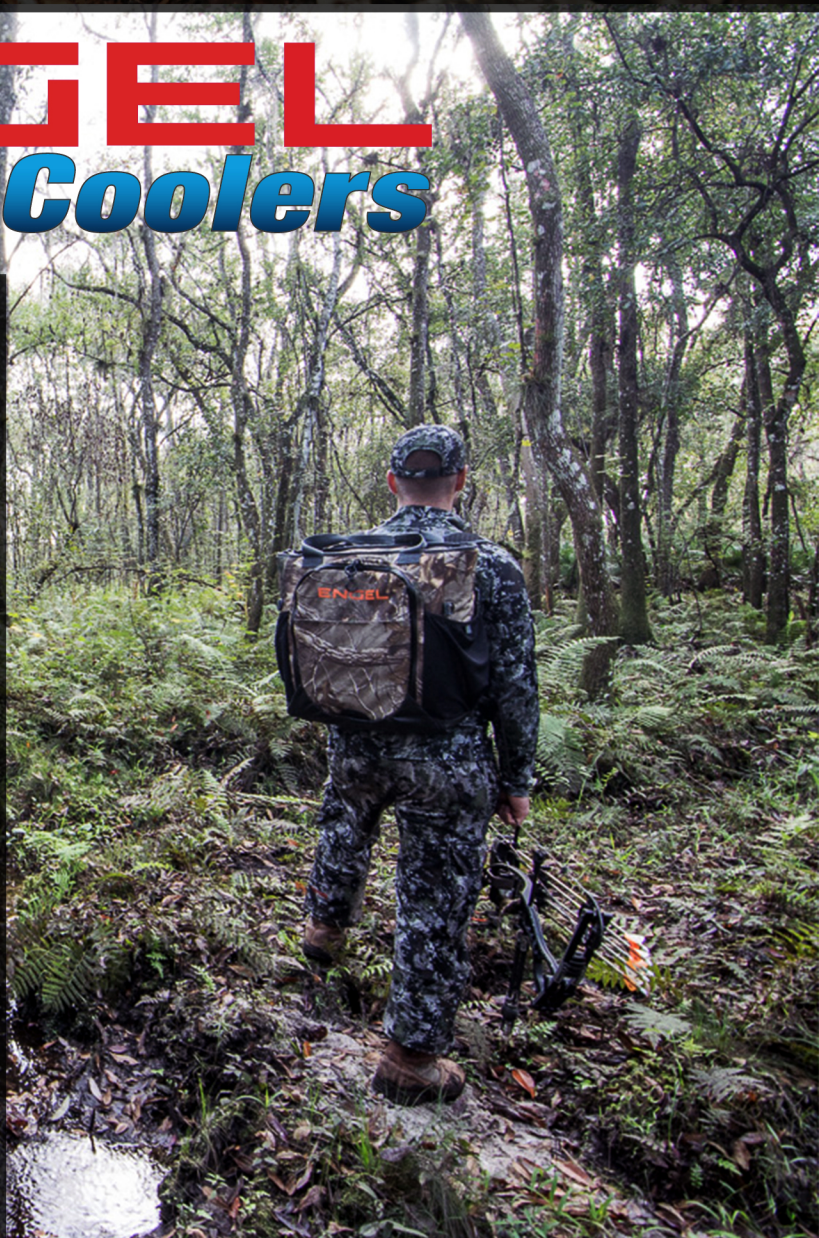

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GARMIN ANNOUNCES ANGLERS
FOR COLLEGIATE FISHING TEAM

The Association of College Anglers (ACA) is pleased to announce the 10 collegiate anglers/teams that have been selected to represent Garmin College Team/Angler Sponsorship for the 2017 college fishing season. The 10 anglers were selected from dozens of applications from anglers across the nation looking for a chance to be a part of the first collegiate Garmin team.

Each of the anglers will be equipped with detailed lake maps and best-in-class Garmin marine electronics and technology to use on their boats during tournaments, television shows, and in public appearances.

"Garmin continues to attract elite anglers from across the country and we're excited to add a collegiate team to the Garmin Marine roster," said Ted Gartner, Garmin director of corporate communications. "We congratulate those selected and look forward to their many successes this year."

The new 2017 Garmin College Fishing Team anglers include:

TREVOR WILLIAMSON - Morehead State University

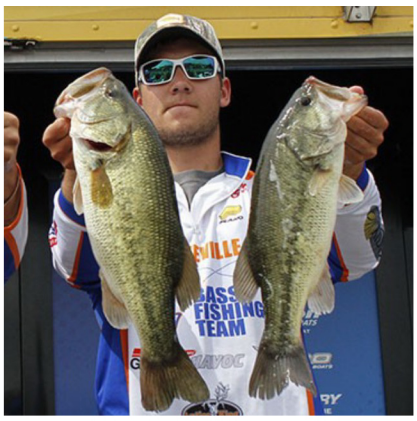
"I'm Trevor Williamson. I enjoy getting out on the water in the mornings and fishing til dark. Nothing excites me more than reeling in a monster bass. Fishing has been a big part of my life ever since I was little and that's something that will never change! "

CHANDLER ROBERTSON - University of Missouri

"I grew up learning to fish on Table Rock Lake in Branson, MO with my dad. I attend the University of Missouri as a Pre-Dental biology student. I joined the Mizzou bass fishing club as a junior and began fishing college tournaments, qualifying for FLW Nationals in my first year of competition. I am headed to Dental school at UMKC next year, and will continue fishing tournament trails back on Table Rock."

SHELDON ROGGE - Kansas State

"I am a senior at Kansas State University majoring in Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management. My dad got me into tournament fishing at a the age of six and I have fished competitively ever since then. My goal is to one day fish professionally and college fishing has helped me gain the experience to do that."



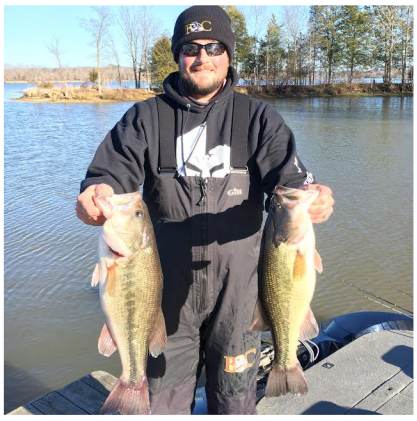
ZACH CLISCH - University of Wisconsin-Platteville

"I am currently a Sophomore at the University of Wisconsin Platteville and I am a Manufacturing Technology Management Major. I started fishing at the age of 6 and got into bass fishing when I was 14 years old and never looked back since. After college I plan on pursuing a career in the fishing industry."

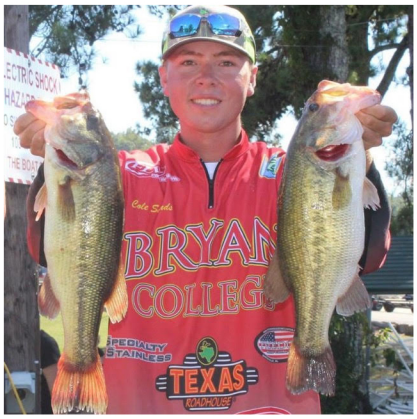
DANIEL HOLT - Tennessee Tech University

"At a young age, I was introduced to fishing through my dad and grandfather. This sport quickly became a passion of mine. This passion is what lead me to becoming a Fisheries major at Tennessee Tech, as well as a member of the bass fishing team. To me, fishing isn't just a hobby, it's a way of life."

TEAM OF NATHAN BELL & COLE SANDS - Bryan College



"I am a 1st year senior at Bryan College. I am a former Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. I served a combat deployment in Afghanistan from 2011/2012 as a tank gunner Alpha Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. Since getting out of the service I have been a full time student. Last year I transferred to Bryan College and started fishing in collegiate events. I fish the ACA, FLW, and BASS college series. I am a Tennessee river rat and do a lot of offshore fishing. I look forward to using Garmin electronics and I believe that they will help me excel in my type of fishing. I have been blessed with a good first college fishing season and can not wait to get this year started."



"I am a Sophomore Bryan College angler. As a collegiate angler I fish the ACA, FLW, and BASS tournament trails along with many other local tournament trails. My favorite style of fishing is using electronics to find deep schools of fish, and that is why I am so excited to be using Garmin electronics. I have been blessed with great success in the collegiate fishing circuit so far, and I can't wait to see much Garmin products increases my success this season."

JACOB HARRIS - Southeast Missouri State University

"I am currently a Marketing Management junior at Southeast Missouri State University. My passion for fishing was instilled in me along the banks of a farm pond at just 6 years old and I started fishing at the competitive level as a freshman in high school. After college I plan to pursue a job in the fishing industry and chase the dream of becoming a professional angler."

SAMUEL HARRIS - Kansas State

"I was born and raised in Kansas where I grew up fishing with my grandpa at the local lake in my hometown. When I was mid way through high school I met my fishing mentor, Mike Arnett, who taught me how to bass fish and taught me how to fish deep clear highland reservoirs such as Table Rock Lake. I then chose to attend Kansas State University to join the fishing team here while I am perusing my degree in Civil Engineering."

ETHAN RALEIGH - Morehead State University

I am a Junior at Morehead State University. This will be my second year of collegiate bass fishing. I am the current President of the MSU Bass Fishing Club. My teammates and I won the 2016 Kentucky State Championship at "The Battle of the Bluegrass". I am super excited to get this season started and I can't thank Garmin enough for such a great opportunity

CHRISTOPHER OJA - Ferris State University

I go to school at Ferris State University and am currently working on my bachelors in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) Engineering Technology and minoring in Facility Management Operation. I served 5 years in the United State Navy on the aircraft carriers USS Nimitz and USS George H. W. Bush where I worked on the flight deck. While in I did two deployments to the middle east one on each ship.I grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan which is in the Upper Peninsula. Growing up I never really got into fishing and really just played hockey it wasn't until I went fishing with a buddy in the Navy that fishing started interesting me. I have only been bass fishing for 4 years now and really got into it when I found out we had a team that competes across the state and nation. Luckily for me there were three guys on the team that really took the time to teach me about bass fishing and show me all their different styles of fishing. Without those three guys I would never have had a chance of making this awesome team and would like to thank them for all the influence they had on me.

"The Garmin College Fishing Team is a great opportunity for anglers to get a chance to experience what the professional fishing industry is about," said Wade Middleton, Director of the ACA and President of CarecoTV. "Understanding how to promote a brand is a difficult skill that Garmin is taking the time to teach to these collegiate anglers while allowing them usage of the best mapping and sonar capabilities available to them."

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CRELIA, GOODWYN CRUSH 30-POUND WINNING STRINGER

BY BRETT CARLSON

MANY, La. - With the distinction of being named the best black bass fishery in the country for two consecutive years, Toledo Bend has experienced an unprecedented amount of angling pressure. Truth be told, the pressure has started to have a detrimental effect on the fishing. To avoid the crowd, local sticks Philip Crelia and TJ Goodwyn backed away from the bank and targeted prespawn bass. Not only were there less boats to compete with, but the bass were fat, heathy and eager to cooperate.

For years, Crelia and Goodwyn were known as shallow-water sticks. More recently, they've become students of the offshore game. "We've really worked and worked at getting better out deep," said Crelia. "It's hard to find them offshore, but when you do you have a chance at winning. When you fish shallow, you're sort of rolling the dice on size. Offshore you can find the right size."

Crelia and Goodwyn also believed most of the 312 teams competing in the Texas Team Trail event were rushing the spawn. "I know there's fish up there and there's a bunch of females about to burst," Crelia added. "But there's also a bunch of staging spots that are loaded with fish. That's what we did. We basically ran a milk run of staging spots; we were catching them in the mid-point."

While Crelia and Goodwyn sampled 10 or 12 spots, they did most of their damage on three, all of which are located on the lake's northern end. "We live up on the north end of the lake so we went back to where we feel comfortable."

While they had a limit early, it wasn't until 11:45 a.m. that their day transformed from good to great. Visiting a hard-bottomed spot that's always held potential, Crelia and Goodwyn caught giants on three consecutive casts.

"The first one was our big bass, a 7 3/4, then we caught a 7 1/2 and then we caught a 6 3/4. It completely turned our day around."

Crelia described the area as bare, hard bottomed, and about the size of a boat. "I've known about it for a couple years, but I've never really caught them that well there. We drove by it yesterday in practice, made one cast and caught an 8-pounder. But we thought that was more of a fluke than anything."

Crelia and Goodwyn used Carolina-rigged Strike King lizards (green pumpkin, watermelon) and 5/8-ounce Strike King Structure jigs with Rage Craw trailers (watermelon red). While both produced fish, the lizards worked best - accounting for four of the five weigh fish. These baits were presented in anywhere from 8 out to 20 feet of water on the aforementioned hard bottoms, channel swings and secondary points.

"We were solely targeting prespawn fish," reiterated Crelia. Crelia and Goodwyn's official weight was 30.09 pounds, which earned them a Triton 189TRX with a 225-horsepower Mercury outboard. Combined with $3,105 of Anglers Advantage cash, their total prize package was $38,600.

"Everything went right today. We didn't lose but one fish. I'm a mechanic and I was worried we were having motor problems so after we caught the three big ones we took it easy and stayed close just in case. After weigh-in, our lower unit came off on the way to get the trailer. Talk about good timing.

"It's good to be back winning. We've been so close lately; somebody catches one giant and beats us. Even today we felt we needed one more cull - one more 6- or 7-pounder. It feels great and it couldn't come at a better time for us both. It gets our confidence back. The Texas Team Trail is just so hard to win because it's such a stout field."

The third qualifier of the 2017 Texas Team Trail season is slated for April 1 on Belton Lake.

2017 Texas Team Trail Schedule

BELTON LAKE
April 1st, 2017

LAKE TEXOMA
April 29th, 2017

LAKE LIVINGSTON
June 3-4, 2017
(qualification required)

TOP TEN RESULTS: Toledo Bend

1st: Philip Crelia and TJ Goodwyn, 30.09
2nd: Mike Gibbs and Dennis Rutherford , 27.97
3rd: Clint Fountain and Robert Glende, 25.67
4th: Ben Matsubu and Brannon Mire, 25.37
5th: David Mong and Derek Mong, 24.55
6th: Myron Beachy and Joe Mann, 23.64
7th: Larry Fitts and James Dutton, 23.50
8th: Jason Conn and Robert Brock Jr., 23.03
9th: Cole Temple and Tyler Bradfield, 22.83
10th: Stephen Johnston and Dan Wilson, 21.93

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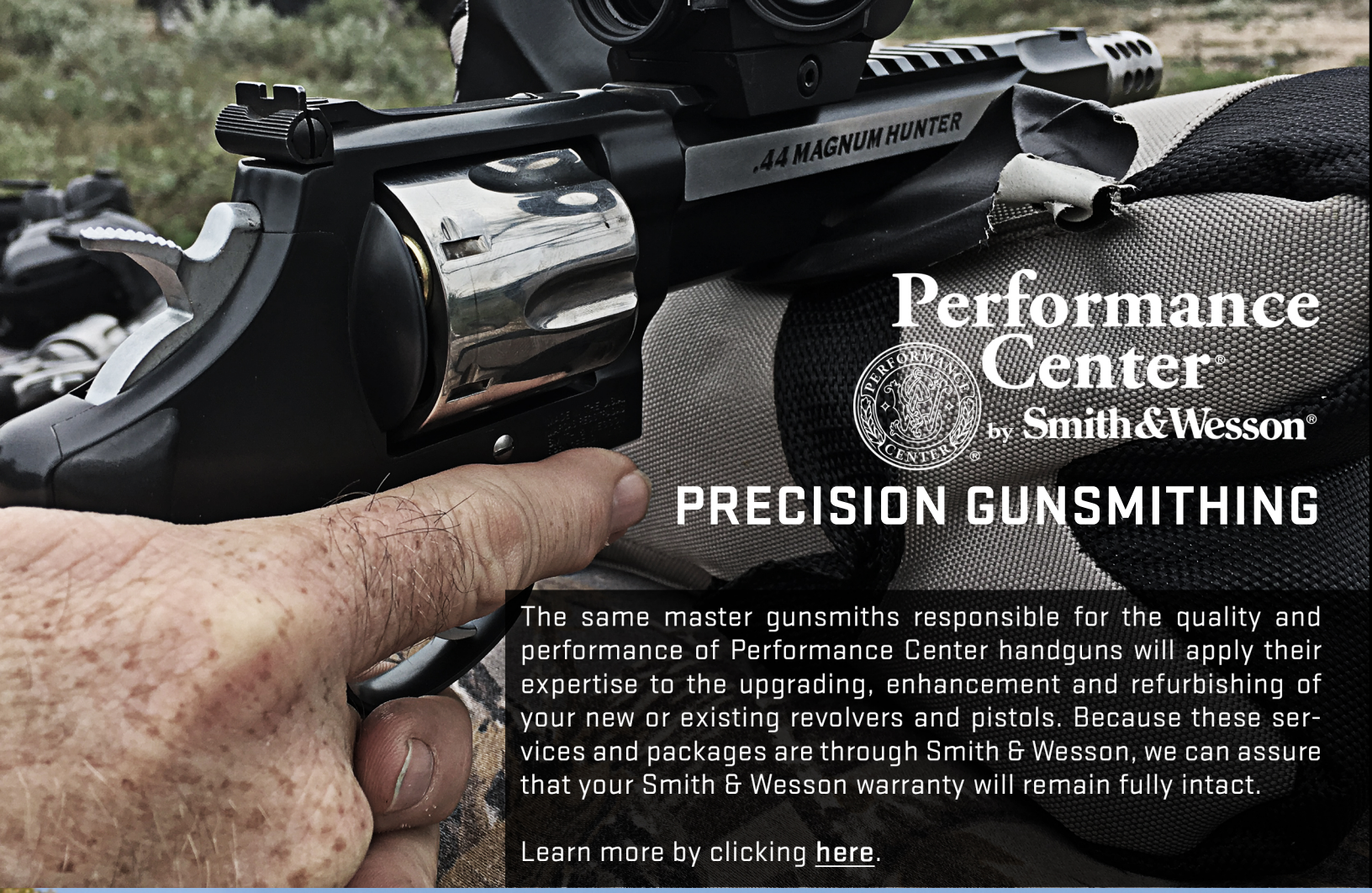

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BY WADE MIDDLETON

Choosing a turkey call to use is a personal preference a lot of times. Some love mouth calls, some boxes, while others lean toward slate calls. From there each of those call categories have a wide range of choices for all skill levels.

Personally, I think there is a time and place for all of those calls listed based on ability and skill but I'll also be the first to admit that hearing world champion callers like Paul Butski work a mouth call is something that never gets old (as well as makes me jealous that I don't have that skill). So for me that means using a mix of all three calling types in my efforts to call in a tom. One particular call that stands out to me is The Conductor Glass Friction Call that Paul has personally designed himself.

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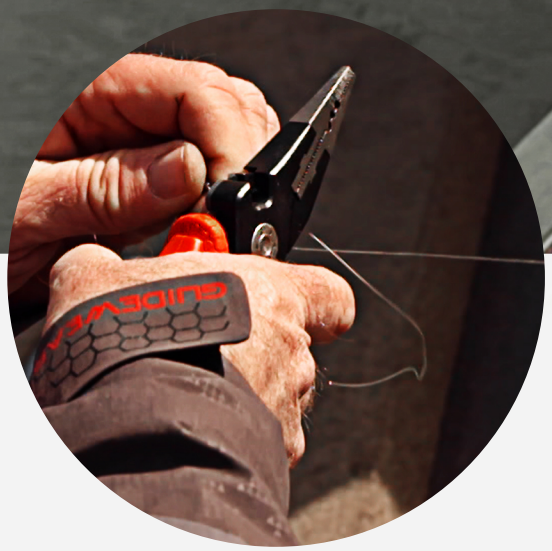

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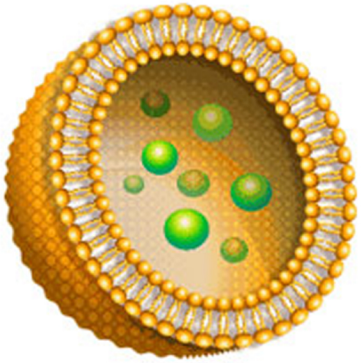

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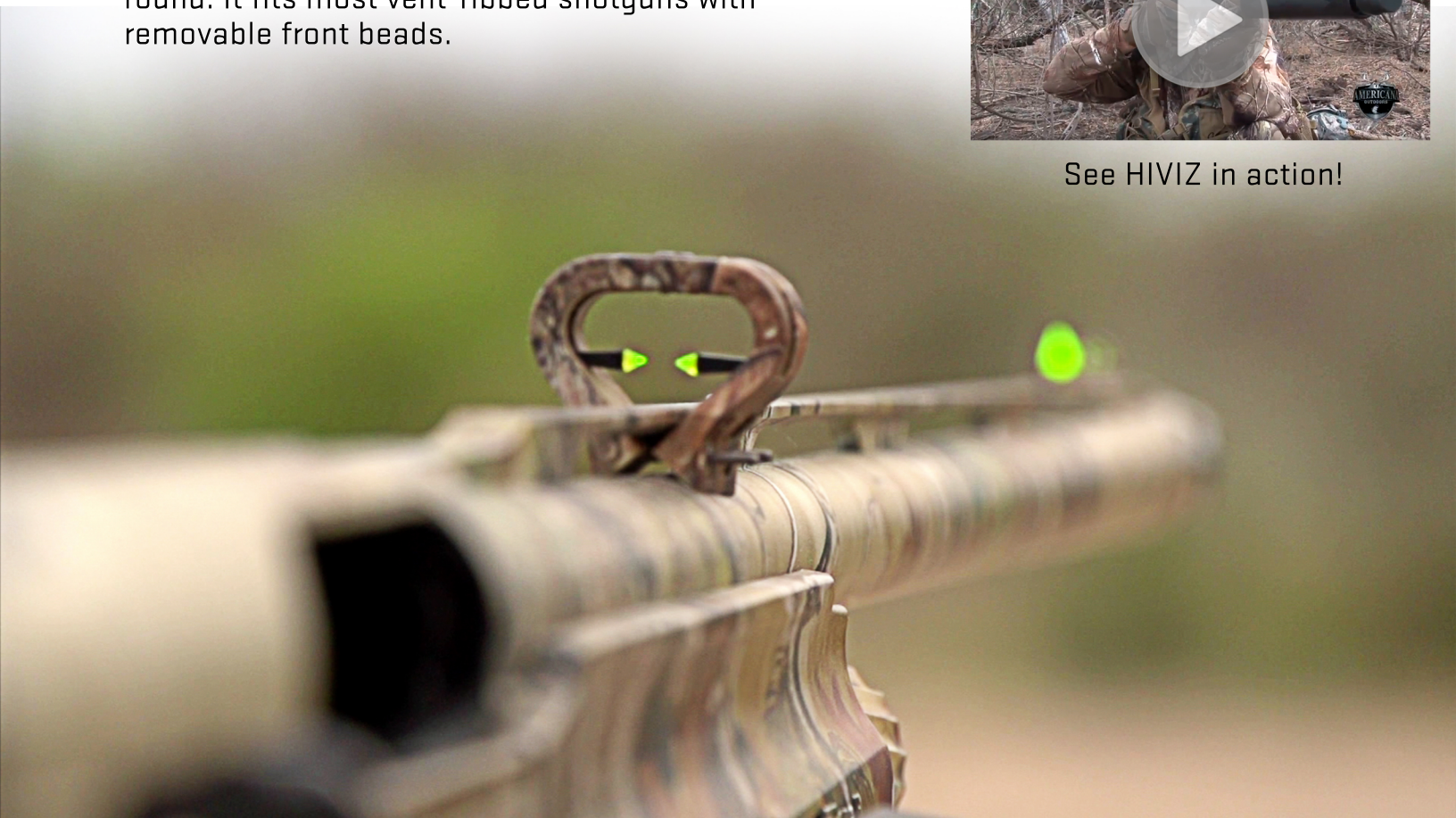

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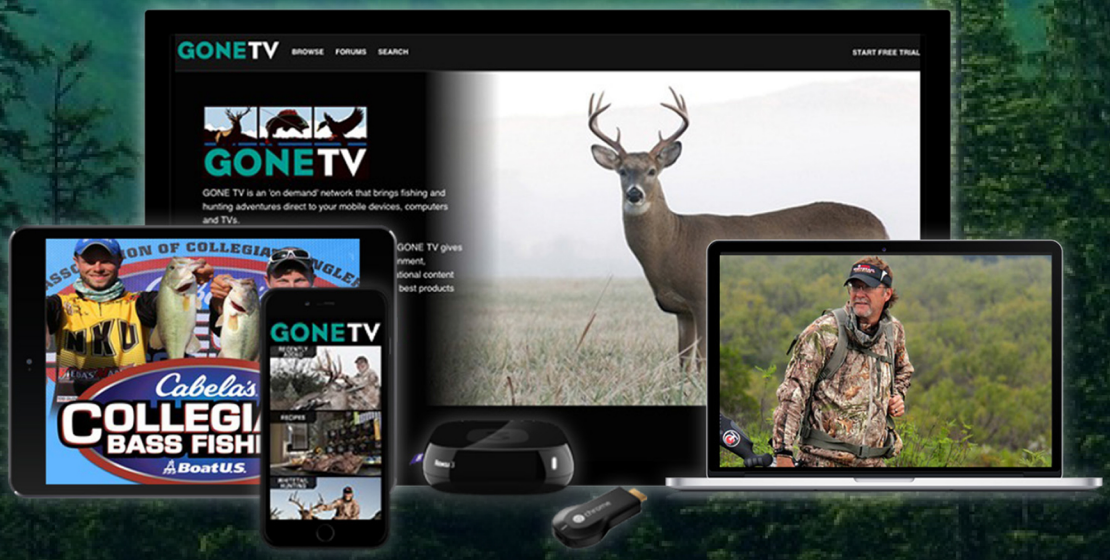

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