

# CBPBA Coastal Bend Prescribed Burn Association

## February 2009 Newsletter

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You may submit items for inclusion in future newsletters by emailing them to [ljones@hrbizmall.com](mailto:ljones@hrbizmall.com)

### **PRESCRIBED BURN PLANNING FORMS NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE**

You can download the CBPBA Prescribed Burn Plan forms from the TOWMA (Texas Organization of Wildlife Management Associations) website [http://www.towma.org/information.php?info\\_id=74](http://www.towma.org/information.php?info_id=74)

### **CBPBA BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE ON LINE**

A PDF copy of the CBPBA brochure is available for download here: [http://www.towma.org/information.php?info\\_id=74](http://www.towma.org/information.php?info_id=74)

### **WINTER PRESCRIBED BURN WORKSHOP & DEMO BURN**

CBPBA will hold a Prescribed Burn Workshop the morning of February 18th in Port Lavaca, Texas. An actual burn will be conducted that afternoon, weather permitting.

The school consists of classroom work and presentations, and topics include burn laws and regulations, fire weather, fire suppression, developing burn plans, and planning and conducting prescribed burns on private land.

A demonstration burn is planned from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM following lunch. Final details and a map will be furnished at the school on the 18th.

Lunch is included.

CEU credits will be available for pesticide applicator license holders on completion of the workshop. The number to be awarded is yet to be determined. Texas Prescribed Burn Board CEU's are also available.

The cost of the school and burn is \$15 per person to cover materials, drinks and meals. For more information or to register contact Larry Jones at (361) 362-0430. You may also register at the door the day of the workshop.

When: February 18, 2009, registration at 8:30, class begins at 8:45 AM

Where: Bauer Center at the fairgrounds, County Road 101, Port Lavaca, Texas

Cost: \$15, make checks payable to CBPBA

### **ABOUT US**

The CBPBA is a cooperative of landowners and interested parties in 12 Coastal Bend Counties, including Aransas, Bee, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Karnes, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, and Victoria. Additional counties may be added in the future. Members share manpower and resources to help each other burn on their properties. The Association has a burn trailer available for rent at a very nominal fee that includes most of the equipment needed to conduct safe burns, including radios, drip torches, and fire suppression equipment.

Prescribed burning is one of the most effective and economical methods of brush management and wildlife habitat enhancement available to landowners. Many plants in Texas are highly burn adapted and respond very positively to burning. Burning was nature's way of maintaining a healthy and dynamic environment until man decided fire was bad. Reduced wild fires have produced uncontrolled brush expansion, degraded wildlife and livestock habitat, and reduced the quantity of useful forage available to wildlife and domestic animals.

Prescribed burning is a safe and economical habitat management tool when applied by knowledgeable people. CBPBA provides prescribed burn training opportunities and encourages the safe use of fire in the Texas Coastal Bend.

Join CBPBA by sending your check for \$25 (annual dues) along with the completed application on the mailing label page of this newsletter to CBPBA, P. O. Box 447, Beeville, TX 78104.

## **CBPBA GUIDELINES**

Dues - \$25.00 per year. Income will purchase, repair, and maintain equipment and support activities such as meetings, newsletters and correspondence.

Fire Training Education - The Association shall conduct or sponsor one burn school each year. Members should attend a burn school to learn the basics of prescribed fire and receive training on how to operate equipment.

Fire Plans - Prescribed fires will have burn plans prepared by the rancher and reviewed by either the local NRCS office or the CBPBA prior to the burn.

Personnel - A critical number of trained personnel will be determined for each burn. The number will depend on the size and complexity of the prescribed burn as described in the prescribed burn plan.

Liability - Each rancher will be liable for fires on their property. Proof of insurance is required before CBPBA will assist in a burn and such proof should be submitted with the rancher's burn plan.

Fire Lines - Each landowner is responsible for preparing their own fire lines. Fire lines are subject to inspection before the initiation of the prescribed fire and should meet specifications outlined in the burn plan.

Equipment - Use of CBPBA equipment shall be available to all association members at the rate of \$50 for 24 hours or \$75 for 36 hours. A check out/check in form will be completed for each use to document the condition of the equipment and to determine the rate charged. Members are responsible for any damage to the trailer and equipment. Proof of liability insurance on the towing vehicle is required to check out equipment. The Trailer will be available for use by qualified persons who are not members on the CBPBA.

Fire Boss - Each rancher will be the fire boss on their own property unless other arrangements are made.

Participation - Members are encouraged to help on as many burns as possible. Participation provides members with fire-line experience, helps them become aquatinted with other members with the same goals and objectives, and builds an experienced team. Participation is recorded for each burn. Ranchers must assist in at least two burns for other members before CBPBA will assist them on their land. Exceptions are made for members not physically able to actively participate on burns. Participation sheets will be available at all burns and completed forms kept on file with CBPBA.

## **BURN EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR RENT**

*CBPBA has a fully equipped burn trailer available for rent at a very nominal fee. Virtually all the equipment needed to conduct a safe burn is included except for ATVs and other vehicles.*

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**2009 CBPBA Membership Dues Renewal Notice**

**2009 dues were due January 1, 1009.**

**If you have not renewed yet please send your check for \$25, made out to CBPBA, to:**

Larry Jones  
P. O. Box 447  
Beeville, TX 78104

Please include this page with the information below to update your member records and assure proper crediting of your check. Please print carefully as we often have trouble reading people's handwriting (big surprise, right?)

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ranch Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address, street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address, City & State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Message to Members and supporters: Web site fund donations needed**

CBPBA needs a better method of informing members when burns will be conducted in their area. Ready access to this information will ease the process of securing and sharing burn crew labor – you will know when neighbors will be burning and they will be aware of your burns, allowing members to assist in conducting the actual burns.

CBPBA is currently raising money to build a web site for the purposes above and to provide a communications vehicle for signing up to help with burns. If you would like to contribute to this fund please include a separate check marked "web site donation" with your membership dues. Donations of any amount are welcome and will be set aside in the web site fund until we have enough money to build it.

Thank you for your support,  
The CBPBA Board of Directors

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# Coastal Bend Prescribed Burn Association

## Membership Application

Please print carefully so we can read your information

Land owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ranch name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX number: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My property is located in \_\_\_\_\_ County(s)

**ANNUAL DUES (per calendar year) are \$25.**

**Make checks payable to CBPBA and mail to P. O. Box 447, Beeville, Texas, 78104**

For more information call 361-362-0430