

CBPBA Coastal Bend Prescribed Burn Association

January 2007 Newsletter

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Good for a grin...

How do you say

"Female Chauvinist"?

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweat shirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," I replied. "What does it say on your shirt?"

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.

All members who paid dues in 2006 are paid up through December 31, 2007.

WINTER PRESCRIBED BURN WORKSHOP SET

CBPBA is holding a 2 day Prescribed Burn Workshop January 24 and 25, 2007 in Victoria, Texas. Workshop topics include burn laws and regulations, fire weather, fire suppression, developing burn plans, and planning and conducting prescribed burns on private land.

Day one consists of classroom work at the Patty Dodson Center in Victoria. The second day will be a hands-on prescribed burn at the Angerstein Ranch in Victoria County, weather permitting (directions provided day one). Lunch is included both days. Four CEU credits will be available for pesticide applicator license holders on completion of the workshop. Texas Prescribed Burn Board CEU's are also available.

The cost is \$25 per person. For more information or to register contact CBPBA Board member Chris Lindquist at (361) 572-8711 ext. 302. You may

He yelled back,
"University of Oklahoma"

And they say blondes
are dumb...



A couple is lying in bed.
The man says,

"I am going to make you
the happiest woman in
the world."

The woman replies, "I'll
miss you..."



"It's just too hot to wear
clothes today," Jack said
as he stepped out of the
shower, "honey, what do
you think the neighbors
would think if I mowed
the lawn like this?"

"Probably that I married
you for your money,"
she replied.



Q: What do you call an
intelligent, good looking,
sensitive man?

A: A rumor



A man and his wife, now
in their 60's, were
celebrating their 40th
wedding anniversary. On
their special day a good
fairy came to them and
said that because they
had been so good that
each one of them could
have one wish.

The wife wished for a
trip around the world
with her husband.

Whoosh! Immediately
she had airline/cruise
tickets in her hands.

The man wished for a
female companion 30
years younger...

Whoosh...immediately
he turned ninety!!!

Gotta love that fairy!

also register at the door the day of the workshop.

When: January 24-25, 2006, beginning at 9:00am both days

Where: Day 1- Patty Dodson Center, 2805 N. Navarro St., Victoria, TX
Day 2- Angerstein Ranch in Victoria County

Cost: \$25 Make checks payable to CBPBA

CBPBA FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

The first CBPBA annual meeting and dinner is scheduled for Friday, February 23, 2007 at the Patti Dodson Center in Victoria. Doors open at 6:00PM, dinner at 7:00PM. Arrangements for our speaker and the other details are still being worked out. If we have your correct email address you will receive details when we have them. You can also watch your local newspaper or call Larry after February 1st at 361-362-0430.

BURN TRAILER

The Coastal Bend Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) has provided a \$12,000 grant that was used to purchase a burn trailer and related burn equipment for use in the Coastal Bend. We are fitting the trailer out now and making arrangements for a place to store it. We are also firming up the process for checking it in and out. More details will follow as we have them. The trailer and equipment will be on display at the January 24 Burn school.

BCWMA ANNUAL MEETING IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007

The Bee County Wildlife Management Association's 2007 Annual Meeting, Banquette, Election and Fund Raiser will be held Friday, February 9. Doors open at 6:30PM and dinner will be served at 7:15PM. There will be silent and live auctions, raffles, and three \$100 cash door prizes.

Mitch Lockwood, Wildlife Biologist and Texas Parks & Wildlife's White-tailed Deer Program Leader is the featured speaker. His topic, Selective Harvest Strategies, will compare various strategies for managing buck harvests, including spread based criteria, the 8 points or better approach, and the current TPWD Antler Restriction Program.

The event will be held at the Bee County Exposition Center, Beeville, Texas. Tickets are \$12 for adults through February 4. Starting February 5 tickets will be \$18. Children 12 and under are \$6 anytime. Mail your check and reservation information to BCWMA at P. O. Box 447, Beeville, TX, 78104 or call 361-362-0430. This event is open to the public. For more information go to <http://www.bee-county-wildlife.org>.

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.

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Q: Why do little boys whine?

A: They are practicing to be men.

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Q: What do you call a handcuffed man?

A: Trustworthy.

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Q: What does it mean when a man is in your bed gasping for breath and calling your name?

A: You did not hold the pillow down long enough.

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Q: Why do men whistle when they are sitting on the toilet?

A: It helps them remember which end they need to wipe.

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Dear Lord,

I pray for Wisdom to understand my man;
Love to forgive him; And
Patience for his moods.
Because, Lord, if I pray
for Strength, I'll beat him
to death.

AMEN

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Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the mail folder "Instruction Manual"

You may submit items for inclusion in future newsletters by emailing them to ljones@hrbizmall.com

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.

EVENTS

January 24 & 25, 2007 - CBPBA Burn Workshop & Demo Burn

Wednesday and Thursday, Victoria, Texas - see item above

February 9, 2007 - Bee County Wildlife Annual Meeting and Fundraiser

Friday, 6:30 PM, Bee County Exposition Center - see item above

February 23, 2007 - CBPBA Annual Meeting & Dinner

Patti Dodson Center, 6:00PM, see item above

April 18, 2007 - CBPBA Board Meeting (open to all members)

Wednesday, 9:00AM, Welder Wildlife Refuge, Sinton

Summer 2007 - Summer Prescribed Burn Workshop

Date and location to be announced

CBPBA Officers & Directors

President: Kirk Feuerbacher - 361-220-2520 - Victoria Co.

Vice President: Jim McKibben - 361-882-6611 - Nueces Co.

Secretary: Larry Jones - 361-362-0430 - Bee Co.

Treasurer: Chico Cravens - 361-526-1552 - Refugio Co.

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Lynn Drawe - 361-526-1552 - San Patricio Co.

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ADVISORS TO THE BOARD

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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.

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