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# President's Message

## Traveling with Firearms: Nightmare or “nothing but bullseyes and smoked targets?”

By Bob Gruszecki



Bob Gruszecki  
President - AHEIA

During recent travels to participate in shooting competitions I was reminded about the things that need to be done to travel safely and legally, but mostly I was reminded of just how complacent we can get. I tend to dot the “I’s” and cross the “T’s” and so do my travel companions. But, I have certainly heard some horror stories from travelers that assumed they were doing everything according to the rules who got turned back at borders or worse. I have also seen a wide variance in the level of knowledge that the authorities and airline service attendants / baggage handlers have or more specifically don’t have. Many think they know the rules and clearly, they do not. The same goes for a number of customs officials that I have met in my travels at various places in the world.

One thing for sure... you can sure spoil your trip and plans for a shoot or a hunt can be turned upside down if you are offside on the regulations for storage or transportation.

My last trip to the USA via airline was fine on entry to the USA and yet upon return to Canada, I managed to get a customs agent who thought she knew the rules for traveling with firearms but clearly did not. It all turned out well but took a few extra minutes of tense discussion and finally included a supervisor before I was sent on my merry way. Remember: They have the power and regardless of them being right or wrong, they are in charge of your entry or departure, so it pays to ensure you have followed the rules. As I get older, it’s harder for me to remember, but remember I must... “you catch more flies with honey than vinegar!” From my police days, I also remember the axiom... “yes sir – no sir-

three bags full sir!” Don’t get cocky with the authorities – it will likely get you nowhere but somewhere you don’t want to be!

When I travel now, especially after the long difficult pandemic, I can see we’re not back to normal yet by any means, but hearing from my outfitter friends and watching the airline check in counters, it’s great to see that hunters have resumed travelling by air as they pursue their dream hunts.

Generally speaking, even with all our firearms restrictions and controls, Canadians are fortunate to live in a country where air travel with sporting firearms is relatively easy, but that’s certainly not the case everywhere. But we as Canadians can’t get complacent and need to remember there are rules and regulations you must be aware of to ensure a hassle-free trip.

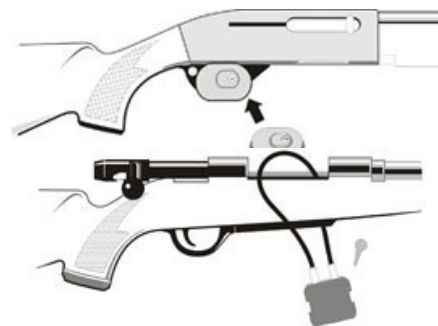
### Domestic Flights vs International Flights

We have more than one carrier in Canada. They may have similar rules but don’t bank on them being the exact same. Check with whatever carrier you are using to know what rules will be applied to you. Also, remember that rules frequently change! What worked for you last year may not work for you this year! Most airlines will allow you to travel with hunting / competition shotguns and rifles, and even a select list of other firearms. There are different restrictions by carrier for restricted firearms but generally they must be locked with either a cable lock or a trigger lock as shown here.



I prefer combination locks like the one displayed so as to avoid the issue of misplaced keys.

Some carriers don’t enforce that restriction for non-restricted firearms, including hunting / competition rifles and shotguns. The last few domestic carriers I have used as well as the international carriers enforced the rule that firearms must be “rendered inoperable by means of a secure locking device,” meaning a cable or trigger lock. I had to ensure that a declaration was signed and placed in the container showing that the firearms were unloaded.



Virtually all airlines require that all firearms must be transported in a locked, hard-sided, non-transparent gun case, and you’ll be required to sign a declaration stating the firearms are unloaded as mentioned above. You need to check on limitations that the carrier may have as to quantity of firearms you can bring. I have asked several ticket counters when checking my firearms baggage in and the answer varies... “Does the case need to be locked?” The answer is yes but what varies is how? To be safe, put a lock on every lock point on the case that can be locked. If the hard case has 4 locks such as the Pelican case displayed here, then put a TSA lock on each lock point. If you don’t have TSA approved locks then expect them to get out when they inspect the case before it’s loaded



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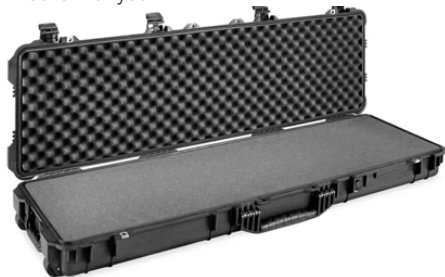
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on the plane (once the case leaves your sight and goes down the chute to luggage, it usually gets another inspection from CBSA down in the shadowy halls of the airport somewhere in luggage land. It's a good idea to carry a few spare locks with you.



Ammo is always problematic and generally only shotshells and rifle cartridges are permitted, and they must be packed separately from the firearm in a sturdy container – some say that the original packaging is required. There are usually limitations on quantities, and I have never found an airline that allowed me to travel with components such as powder or primers. Best check far in advance of your trip what unique requirements each carrier has. Remember that you may make a connection and have to switch carriers, so you need to be compliant from the start of your journey through to the end of the journey.

This is especially important if your plans take you outside of Canada with firearms. You never know when a trip may be interrupted, and you'll have to unexpectedly claim your luggage and 'schlep' it down to another carrier to continue your trip! Make sure there are no surprises.

There is no set standard regulation that ALL countries adhere to. It seems every country has different regulations for importing firearms. The U.S., for example, requires that you have an import permit. Getting the permit can be a quick or a lengthy process. The last time I spoke to ATF they asked me to tell folks it would start taking up to 6 or 8 weeks to process. When I submitted my application electronically, the efficient folks at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives had it back to me in 7 business days. I may be an exception. But since there is no reliable prediction, I recommend you start the process as soon as your travel dates are confirmed if you plan to carry firearms south of the border.

Some countries require permits to be completed and submitted before you travel, while others process your firearms when you get there. If you're hunting with outfitters, which is the case

with most hunts outside of Canada, they should be able to help you through the process. A call to the Canadian embassy in the destination country will be a huge resource for you.

If you do travel abroad with firearms, you should clearly expect to be questioned by Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) when you return. What they really want to know is if the guns you're bringing in actually left Canada with you in the first place. One option is to document your firearms with the CBSA before you leave using form BSF 407 (Identification of Articles for Temporary Exportation). It might also be wise to include the original bill of sale, a registration certificate or some other proof of ownership in the bevy or paper you take when you travel.

Checking-in with firearms can be a challenge, as most gate and ticket counter agents have very little experience with them. Therefore, it pays to check-in an hour earlier than you normally would. For the time it takes, it is a way of reducing travel stress by getting there early... once through the line you can always grab a "gut-puck" at one of the bistros in the boarding area. It's a totally different type of indigestion.

### Crossing the Border by Vehicle

When you arrive at the border, you will declare your firearm, provide the required documents, and answer all questions truthfully. The border services officer must be satisfied that you have a valid reason for importing the firearm, and may check to ensure that you have stored your firearm properly for transportation. They will review your paperwork and may verify that the firearm you have with you matches the one described in the documents.

You should store your gun in your trunk or another part of your vehicle that is not immediately accessible, and make sure it is not loaded. Keep ammunition separate, preferably in its original box (even if the box is not full). To avoid any issues, it's advisable to keep the ammunition in a different part of the vehicle entirely.

Travelling by air or by vehicle has become a necessity for competition shooters and for those that pursue exotic species globally or just North American big game animals. Most of us want to use our own guns to harvest that Bull Elk in Washington, or that Cape Buffalo in Africa or break that perfect score at the world trapshooting championships! Bottom line... if you fail to plan then plan to fail!

I will include a list of resources for you to search and gather detailed information for your journey.

### Remember:

- Don't forget to renew your firearms licence before it expires.
- Contact the CFP within 30 days if your address changes.

Good Luck and Travel safe!

Cheers!

Bob



## Resources:

A complete directory of CBSA offices is available at:

<http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/do-rb/menu-eng.html>

Import and export a firearm or weapon into Canada. (cbsa-asfc.gc.ca)

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/import/iefw-iefc-eng.html>

### VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES

#### ATF Form 6NIA

#### Bringing Firearms Into the U.S.

Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch

244 Needy Road

Martinsburg, West Virginia 25405

Phone: (304) 616-4550

Fax: (304) 616-4554

E-mail: [imports@atf.gov](mailto:imports@atf.gov)

Office hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

Monday through Friday (except federal holidays)

The ATF office will answer any questions.

#### Email

Before contacting ATF about not receiving a returned form, check your SPAM folder if you provided an E-mail address!

#### Renting or Borrowing Firearms

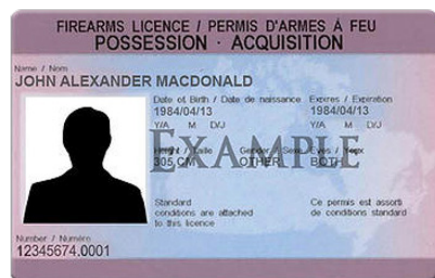
If not bringing firearms and/or ammunition into the states, but plan on renting or borrowing a firearm, you DON'T require ATF Form 6NIA.

#### Purchase Firearm

Firearms purchased must take place using an FFL. You cannot take possession! FFL must ship to your country! You can only take possession if you meet State Residency requirements. The FFL is issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE, commonly known as the "ATF").

Firearms and ammunition listed on a ATF Form 6NIA may be repeatedly brought into the states for twelve months from the date the permit is approved.

The application must be pre-approved by ATF Firearms and Explosives Imports





## President's Message *cont.*

Branch, West Virginia.

You may need a letter of invitation and or a shoot program to take your competition firearms with you into the USA. See the parent body of the discipline you plan to compete with as they have such documents and will provide them for you. Contact the facility where you are going and get them to send you an invite and a program with your name on it.

National Sporting Clays Association Registered Shoot letter request

<https://nsca.nssa-nsca.org>

Amateur Trapshooting Association Registered Shoot letter request

<https://shootata> see the shooter information centre

### **Gun Laws in the U.S. and Canada**

There is a fundamental difference between U.S. and Canadian gun laws. Canada does not have an equivalent to the U.S. 2nd Amendment. Generally speaking, you can bring more types of weapons into the U.S. than into Canada. What is legal in the U.S. may not be legal in Canada – and vice versa.

Required Documentation for Bringing a Firearm into the U.S.

If you want to visit the United States with guns or ammunition, you will need a permit from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). This applies even if you are a diplomat, foreign law enforcement agent, or hunter.

You will need to fill out ATF Form 6NIA to receive a permit. This is also called ATF Form 5330.3D Application/Permit for Temporary Importation of Firearms and Ammunition by Nonimmigrant Aliens. Processing time to receive approval varies, but can easily be as long as 2 – 3 months. The permit is valid for one year. You may use it to cross the border with your firearms any number of times during that period.

The form must include serial numbers of all firearms and a description of any ammunition you will be bringing into the country. You will undergo an ATF background check. If you have a criminal record it may very well affect your ability to get approval. Your form will be returned to you indicating whether or not it has been approved.

# USE RESPECT ASK FIRST



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from private landowners  
for access**

# Firearms Questions?

Get your answers here!

[www.albertafirearmfacts.com](http://www.albertafirearmfacts.com)





# First Time Hunter?

*Here's what certifications are required*



By Donna Hansen



Donna Hansen  
Administrative Assistant  
AHEIA Edmonton

As a first-time hunter, you are required by law to have passed the Conservation and Hunter Education program first. The age limit for hunting is 10 years old (to hunt birds only) and 12 and older for big game and entering the draw system.

AHEIA offers the Conservation and Hunter Education course at our centres in Calgary and in Edmonton. If you live outside these centres, you can access a list of Hunter Education Instructors who teach in your area under "Instructor Lists and Resources" on our website [www.aheia.com](http://www.aheia.com). The available Instructors are listed either alphabetically by the city or town they teach out of or by their last name.

Another alternative is to take the program online from your own home. Our Online Conservation and Hunter Education program can be accessed via our website. Click on "Programs and Courses", then "Online Training". The online course may be completed from a computer, laptop, cell phone or tablet. The program can be purchased with the manual (which is shipped via Canada Post) or without a manual. Before you start, however, you will need to create a username and password. Once you have registered you can begin the online program. The final exam is done online as well. This course is a Provincial requirement for first-time hunters in Alberta and, as such, complete certification is required with an 80% pass mark on the timed (90 minutes) final exam.

Once the final exam is passed, students should

wait one business day and contact AHEIA's Edmonton office (1-866-282-4342) and they will be issued a Hunter Education identification number that the student can enter into their AlbertaRELM.com WIN card account to update their Hunter Education Certification. Be sure to fill in section D-1 and D-2 (Eligibility to Hunt), initializing that you have successfully completed the Conservation Hunter Education course. If students do not have a WIN card, or their WIN card has expired, they will need to purchase one. Hard copy numbered certificates and cards will be issued by AHEIA via mail upon successful completion of the program (within approximately two weeks).

Blank numbered tags/wires are available from

vendors for hunters to enter the tag numbers when purchasing a select species of animal online. The number you enter for the species MUST match the tag number. The tag numbers entered are only valid for the current hunting season purchased and cannot be used the following year.

Consult the current Alberta Hunting Regulations for planning your hunt, reviewing the current regulation changes and licence costs. Regulations are available at no charge from the licence vendor or visit [mywildalberta.com](http://mywildalberta.com) and click on hunting regulations.



## How to Purchase a WIN Card

Purchasing a WIN (Wildlife Identification Number) Card and updating your eligibility to hunt is simple. Just visit <http://www.albertarelm.com/>. You will need the number from your Conservation and Hunter Education completion certificate on hand to set up this account. You will also need a piece of government issued ID.

Once you set up your Alberta RELM account, you can manage all of your licences and draws online. If you encounter any problems while using the website, call the RELM Support Line at 1-888-944-5494.

If you do not have computer access at home, WIN, draw and licence purchases can be made at most outdoor sporting goods store such as Canadian Tire, Bass Pro Shop, Cabella's, etc. The Calgary or Edmonton Conservation Education Centres for Excellence are also available to process RELM transactions for you during regular daytime hours (8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday). To purchase your WIN in store, you will need to have the number from your Conservation and Hunter Education completion certificate and a piece of government issued ID with you.



# Accessing Agricultural Crown Land



**Before entering onto agricultural leased crown land, you must contact the leaseholder.**

Detailed maps, leaseholder contact information and access conditions for leased land are found on the Recreational Access Mapping Tool through the Environment and Parks website.

**Leaseholders may limit or deny access if:**

- You are not on foot
- Livestock are present in the field
- A crop has not yet been harvested
- You wish to discharge a firearm or use explosives near livestock
- A fire ban is in effect
- You wish to camp
- You wish to hunt unreasonably close to livestock in a fenced pasture



**When on agricultural crown land, be courteous and remember to:**

- Pack out litter and do not damage land or property
- Park vehicles so they do not block lease access
- Leave gates as they were found
- Ask leaseholder permission before lighting a fire

**Failing to follow these regulations can be costly; with a penalty of up to \$500.**

For more information, please visit [alberta.ca](http://alberta.ca) and search 'recreation on agricultural crown land' or call 310-3773.

## Alberta Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

Alberta continues to track the occurrence of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in wild deer in Alberta. Information pertaining to CWD has been changing at a rapid pace and Alberta Environment and Parks advises hunters can find updated information about the 2023 surveillance program at

[alberta.ca/chronic-wasting-disease](http://alberta.ca/chronic-wasting-disease)

Information specific to hunters can be found at

[alberta.ca/chronic-wasting-disease-information-for-hunters](http://alberta.ca/chronic-wasting-disease-information-for-hunters)



# Hunting Together

*Empowering couples to forge a path of equality and conservation*



By George Randall



George Randall  
Assistant Program  
Coordinator  
AHEIA Calgary

In 2018 my girlfriend, now wife, broke her first clay on a snowy September morning at the AHEIA Calgary Firearms Center. A few years later she's a crack shot with her own rifle chambered in .243 Winchester consistently ringing the 6" plate at 200 yards. One day on the drive home from the range she expressed interest in getting her first deer. I was happy to oblige hoping she doesn't take the big buck I've been seeing on my trail cams. I want you to share with you why you should take your partner out with you, as when I did, I had the opportunity to share my experience with her and she learnt why I have such a passion for the pursuit of hunting.

Hunting has long been associated with traditional gender roles, where men have predominantly taken responsibility for providing. However, in today's progressive society, we must together try and break these stereotypes and encourage both men and women to embrace the thrill of the hunt. To some it is just a sport; to others it develops into a passion or a lifestyle that connects individuals with the great outdoors and cultivates a deep respect for nature. By encouraging your partner to join you on hunting expeditions, you create an opportunity to share this passion and forge a stronger bond.

Much like any other endeavor, hunting requires teamwork and collaboration. By involving your partner, you foster a sense of unity and cooperation. Oh and communication, lots of that will be required. Working together to plan strategies, track game, and navigate challenging terrains strengthens your relationship and enhances the overall hunting experience. Hunting demands commitment and dedication, as it requires patience, perseverance, and a willingness to learn.

By encouraging your partner to take up hunting, you inspire them to embrace these virtues. Together, you can set goals, develop skills, and support each other's growth. Breaking gender roles in hunting promotes equality and empowerment. By encouraging your partner to participate, you challenge societal norms and demonstrate that hunting is a pursuit that anyone can enjoy, regardless of gender.

Hunting, when practiced responsibly, aligns with Canada's strong values of conservation and environmental stewardship. By involving your partner in hunting activities, you can instill a deep appreciation for wildlife conservation and sustainable practices. Alberta's rich biodiversity, stunning landscapes and varied terrain make it an ideal location to promote these values and ensure the preservation of its natural resources

for future generations.

Encouraging your partner to join you in any pursuit is an opportunity to strengthen your relationship and embrace shared passions. By challenging the traditional norms of hunting, we can create a more inclusive community that celebrates diversity and fosters a deep connection with nature. So, grab your gear, invite your partner, and let the adventure begin!

That year my wife harvested her first deer, she has become my #1 hunting partner and the journey has only just begun.

Reach out to us here at AHEIA if you are interested in any of our introductory outdoor programs for you or your partner.





# Are You Ready?

By Shane Vaughan



Shane Vaughan  
Assistant Program  
Coordinator  
AHEIA Calgary

As the leaves turn red and yellow our minds switch from summertime activities to hunting season.

We've checked our draw status and found out that we were successful in getting a special license. Are you ready for the hunt? Are you ready to make that ethical shot?

You think back to last year's hunt and your gun was sighted in, it shot a MOA at 100 yds. But then you put it back in the vault. It should be good to go this year, right?

Or maybe you've decided to buy a new rifle scope combo and the sales person said it was bore sighted from the factory. That should be good enough, right? Not good enough.

We as hunters have an ethical and moral responsibility to do everything we can to make the best shot possible, and to do so we need to make sure our firearms are sighted in and will hit where we aim them. Just because our firearm was sighted in last year doesn't mean it is now. Being bore sighted at the factory doesn't mean it will be good for you.

There are many factors that could knock the

sights out of alignment. We may have banged our scope while hunting the previous year and not been aware of it. Or maybe our gun was bumped while in our vehicle or quad. With Alberta's dry climate, and if you have a wood stock on your firearm, it can and will shrink over time which if not checked every year can affect your sight alignment.

Then there is the new scope rifle combo that is bore sighted from the factory. This simply means that the gun may get you on a target. It does not mean the gun is sighted in for you. You must go to a range and finish the process.

As a former firearms store owner I cannot count the number of times a person would come in and buy one of these combo's and because it said on the box, or maybe after they had me bore sight the gun at the store, believe that they were ready to go hunting and were heading out that afternoon.

I would constantly remind people that they need to go to a range, field, or somewhere safe and finish the process. But unfortunately

the majority of the time I would be told that I was just trying to sell them more ammunition and their buddy said it was good enough. Not so, and this should actually be completed by everyone before each hunting season.

Everyone needs to practice, practice and then practice some more and not just shooting from a bench. Start shooting from a standing position. When we are hunting the majority of the time we will be standing when we take that shot either free hand or from shooting sticks.

The cost of another box of ammunition could be the difference between maybe wounding an animal, missing the shot altogether, or enjoying some tasty venison, moose or elk steak this winter.

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Contact AHEIA at [info@aheia.com](mailto:info@aheia.com) for additional information.



# Edmonton Report



“If you are interested in volunteering your help would be much appreciated.. ”

By Len Gransch



Len Gransch  
Program Coordinator  
AHEIA Edmonton

We are still extremely busy at the Edmonton office these days and could genuinely use some help. We are still looking for two Assistant Conservation Education Program Coordinators. The position requires a strong service mentality, public relations skills, as well as familiarity of Conservation Education program content and philosophy of our programs. Assistant Coordinators must be motivated and able to maintain organization of a number of concurrent projects with minimal direct supervision. For a complete description of this position as well as other opportunities please follow this link: [aheia.com/employment-opportunities](http://aheia.com/employment-opportunities).

If you are interested in volunteering as a camp volunteer/chaperone for one of our camps or events your help would be much appreciated. We are always looking for help and this is a perfect time to give back and would be much valued by everyone. If you are interested in helping with the Youth Hunter Education Camps, the Outdoor Youth Seminar or Provincial Hunting Day please contact me directly at [len@aheia.com](mailto:len@aheia.com).

I recently received an email from Peter Mergl who informed me that his father-in-law, Otto Bittner, was moving into a senior's apartment and had 70 years of hunting stuff he was looking to do something with. As it turns out, Otto was a Hunter Education instructor in his early days and was quite familiar with AHEIA and our programming.

I had a couple of great conversations with Otto and got to meet his daughters Helga Lair and Anita Mergl (Peter's wife). Otto also has two sons: Robert and Carl. It is a real family affair and support for Otto's passion is extremely strong.

A special thanks to Otto Bittner for his years of helping to keep Conservation Education alive and paying it forward. He was definitely following his love of the outdoors and hunting for over 70 years. Thanks Otto!

*Take Care and Enjoy the Great Outdoors!*



## AHEIA Staff Appointments



It is my pleasure to announce that, effective Tuesday September 5, 2023, George Randall has joined AHEIA as an Assistant Conservation Education Program Coordinator.

Although a native Albertan from Medicine Hat, George left Canada with his family at the age of 2 years and grew up in the UK. He spent 2 years in Australia then returned to Canada, settling in Calgary.

George was introduced to hunting at an early age. Upon returning to Alberta, he was introduced to AHEIA as an attendee at a Provincial Hunting Day/Novice Shoot at the Calgary Firearms Centre and resumed his passion for hunting.

George can be reached at the Calgary Office at 403-319-2281, and email at [george@aheia.com](mailto:george@aheia.com).

Please join me in welcoming George to the AHEIA family.



Robert A. Gruszecki  
President, AHEIA

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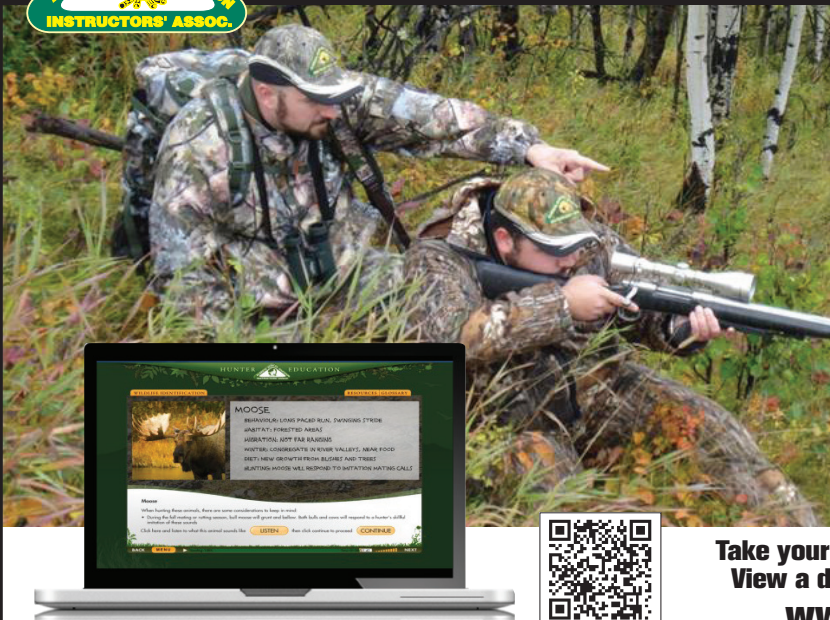
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# AHEIA'S Summer Shoots

This year, AHEIA hosted many shoots at the Calgary Firearms Centre including both the Stampede Grande and Provincial Trapshooting Championships in July, the Rose Bowl Trap Shoot in August, and the Brian Burke's Targets for Kids Fundraiser. Our popular Women's and Youth Shotgun and Archery Leagues were also held. Here are photos from some of these events!

## *Annual Stampede Grand Trapshoot July 12 - 16, 2023*



## *The Alberta Provincial Trapshooting Championships July 19 - 23, 2023*

This summer the Calgary Firearms Centre hosted the ATA Provincial Trapshooting Championships. We welcomed shooters visiting from western Canada and the United States, including Larry Sexton and his wife Claire, from Alabama. Following his participation in the tournament, Larry and Claire headed to the Grand American in Sparta, Illinois, then to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia for the 2023 Atlantic Provinces ATA Provincial Shoot. That marked the last of 50 States and all Canadian Provinces in which he has shot! Another very notable achievement is that during the tournament, Jacob Johnson not only shot a very impressive 400 straight singles, but was the Provincial Singles Champion. Congratulations Jacob!





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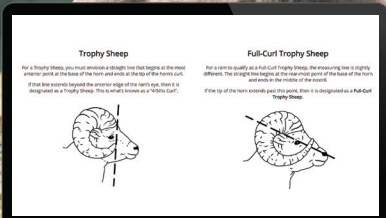
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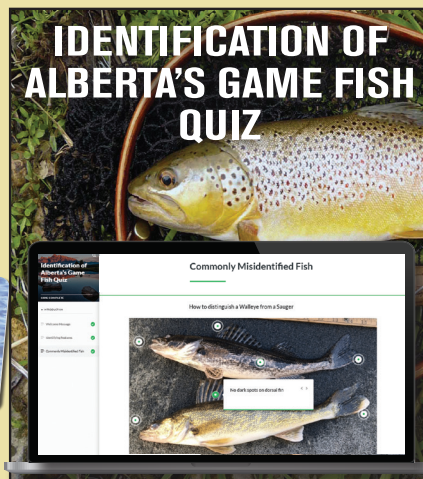
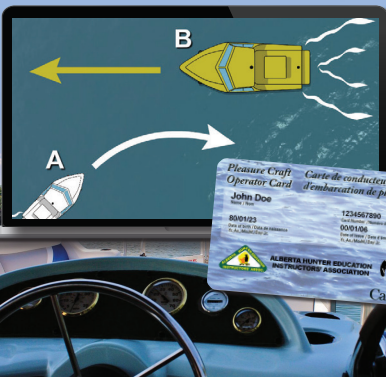
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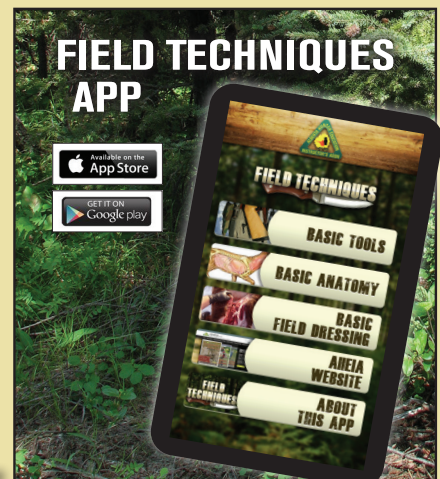
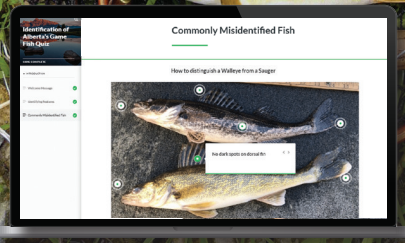
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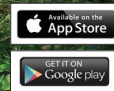
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# AHEIA: Alberta's Best Kept Secret



By Richard Brink



Richard Brink  
Assistant Program  
Coordinator  
AHEIA Calgary

For the last 40 years, The Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association (AHEIA) has been a champion of outdoor education and conservation in Alberta.

But despite our incredible contributions to the province, AHEIA remains somewhat of a hidden treasure.

Perhaps it's time to change that.

AHEIA is dedicated to creating an ethical, humane and educated Alberta that values wildlife, fish and the environment. In consideration of our goals and objectives, AHEIA is not only offering in person Conservation Education training but also online Conservation Education training.

## What is AHEIA?

At its core, AHEIA is a non profit organization and registered charity fuelled by a profound passion for education Albertans on the importance of protecting the wildlife and wild places we live. That means we rely totally on the generosity of people to run our programs.

Those programs include:

- Canadian Firearms Safety Course. We teach the safe handling and storage of non-restricted and restricted firearms. This course is required in Canada to apply for your Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL).

- Hunter Education Certification. This course is a provincial requirement for all first time hunters in Alberta and as such complete certification is required with an 80% pass mark on the final exam.
- National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). We coordinate this program in Alberta to educate youth in schools about archery.
- Pleasure Craft Operator Certification. We offer this course online for anyone wishing to operate a motorized pleasure craft in Alberta to obtain their boating licence.
- Youth Hunter Education Camp. This one-week camp at the Alford Lake Conserva-



tion Education Centre for Excellence certifies youth in the Alberta Hunter Education Program and Canadian Firearms Program among other activities.

- Outdoor Women's Program. This program is designed to encourage women to enjoy the great outdoors and learn new skills related to wildlife, fishing, firearms and the environment.
- Mentored Hunts. This program allows first time hunters to go out with experienced hunters to learn the ropes.
- Report a Poacher. Our trailer travels all over Alberta teaching people about wildlife, fishing and poaching. Our goal is to teach people what poaching is as well as how and why we need to report it.

## Where else can we find you?

You also catch AHEIA at various sportsman shows and other events in Alberta.

Throughout the year we host several events at the Calgary Firearms Centre and Alford Lake facilities like trapshooting competitions, workshops and open houses. To stay updated on everything we have going on visit us at [AHEIA.com](http://AHEIA.com) or follow us on social media.

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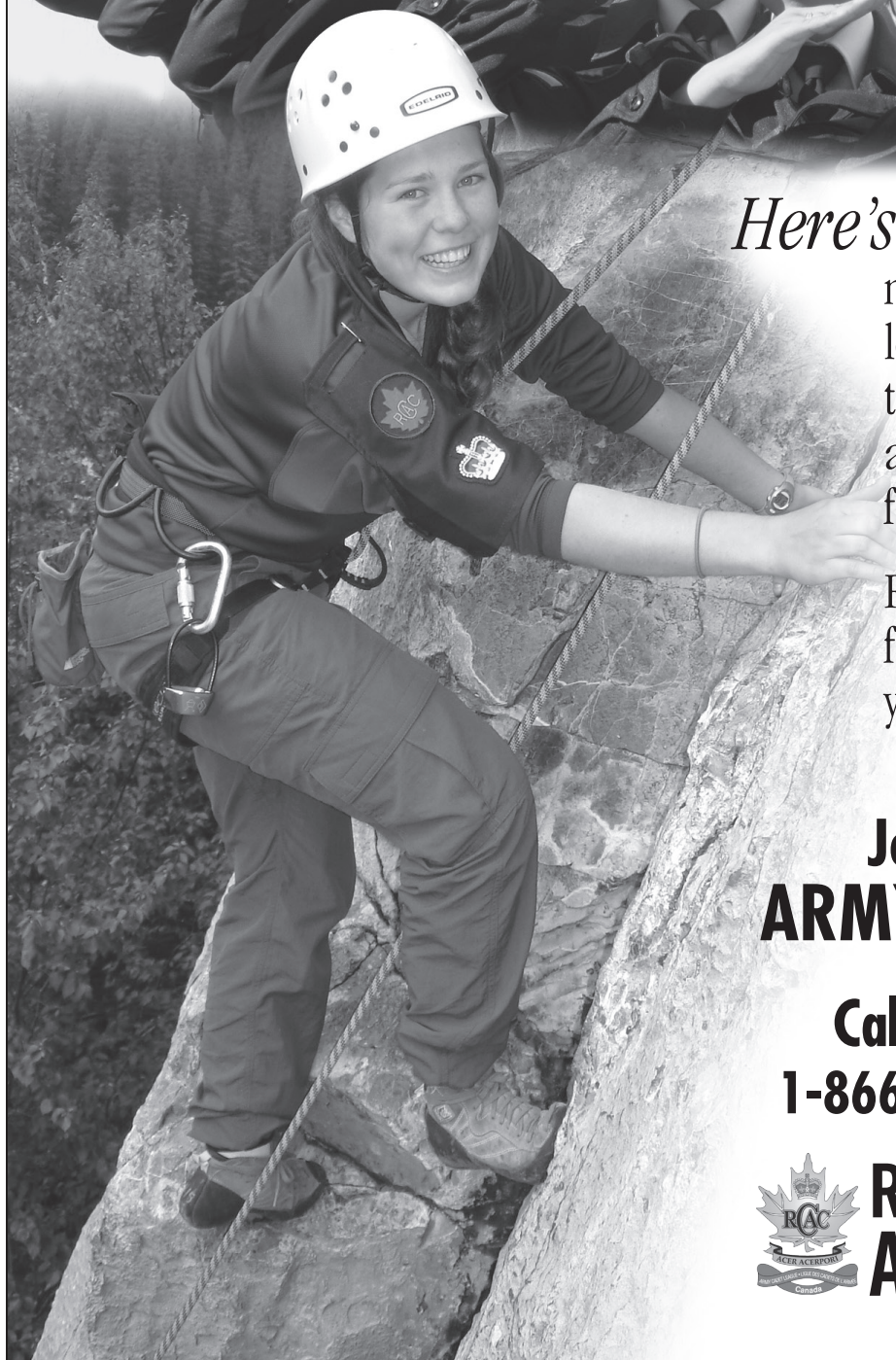
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# NASP Travels to South Africa for AGA World Tournament

In a resounding display of skill, teamwork, and international camaraderie, Team Canada emerged as champions at the Africa Genesis Archery Worlds (AGA) tournament in South Africa.

Hal Ziprick, the Head Coach for Team Canada in the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP), says the trip was an unforgettable journey.

"We had about 70 of us altogether traveling to South Africa," says Ziprick.

"Some of the students hadn't even been on a plane before, and for some of them the farthest they had traveled was Edmonton. So it was an amazing experience."

## A chance encounter

Back in 2015, Ziprick met the South African archery coach during an All-Stars event in Madison, Wisconsin. That meeting led to exchange programs between the two countries, and Team Canada's participation in an All-Star event in 2016, featuring teams from the US, South Africa, Namibia, and Zimbabwe.

Despite a temporary setback due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the AGA extended an inviting hand to Team Canada for the AGA Worlds as soon as circumstances permitted.

"Who knew that meeting in 2015 would lead to such great opportunities for NASP and our alumni," Ziprick says.

## Competing in South Africa

On July 19, 2023, Team Canada departed for Cape Town.

A week of cultural immersion, exploration and even a little hunting followed, allowing them to savor the vibrant tapestry of South African life.

Accommodation at Camp Discovery, nestled within a captivating wildlife refuge, was where Africa's natural wonders surrounded students, parents and alumni.

"Our time in South Africa was an unforgettable blend of culture, wildlife, and archery. Camp Discovery, with its exotic surroundings, was an archery paradise," Ziprick says.

The AGA Worlds competition comprised three rounds of bulls-eye and two rounds of 3D archery, with points awarded based on placement. Team Canada's tenacity and skill resulted in an impressive 113 points, ultimately securing the championship title.

"Our team's dedication and resilience shone through in every arrow. The results speak volumes, but it's the journey that truly mat-

ters," Ziprick says.

"NASP provides a life-changing opportunity. It's about creating bonds and memories that transcend borders. It's not about the results but the friendships made."

Team Canada also received another invitation to compete at the 2025 AGA Competition in Namibia.



## AGA World Tournament Results

Seniors Overall:

1. South Africa
2. Canada
3. Botswana

Juniors Overall:

1. South Africa
2. Canada
3. Namibia

Seniors Bull's Eye:

1. South Africa
2. Canada
3. Botswana

Seniors 3D:

1. South Africa
2. Botswana
3. Canada

Tournament Champion Country:

1. Canada - 113
2. South Africa - 111
3. Namibia - 95



# AHEIA OUTDOOR WOMENS PROGRAM



AHEIA hosted the Annual Outdoor Women's Program (OWP) at our Alford Lake Conservation Education Centre for Excellence from August 9-13, 2023. Over 110 women and 30 volunteer instructors shared in dozens of different outdoor seminars and informational evening sessions.

Since its inception in 1994, more than 3,000 women have attended AHEIA's annual four-day event, learning and connecting with Alberta's wonderful outdoors. The Outdoor Women's Program encourages women to enjoy the great outdoors by providing opportunities to gain confidence, increase competence, acquire experience, and promote personal growth in skills pertaining to the outdoors. This program is not only educational but is an excellent way for women to come together and enjoy each other's company at AHEIA's beautiful Alford Lake facility. The days at OWP are jam packed with courses – like fly fishing, archery, canoeing, shotguns, knife making, sausage making, leather footwear making and so much more. OWP has something for every woman to learn and enjoy.





## Melanie Reiz

Melanie Reiz kicked off her week at the 2023 AHEIA Outdoor Women's Program with the overnight survival course.

With some prior experience backpacking, Reiz wanted to expand her outdoor knowledge. She learned how to build a lean-to shelter and what to put in her day bag to prepare for a survival situation.

"I think I will feel a lot more confident when I go outdoors backpacking or hiking," Reiz says.

"Just being around other women who are asking questions and are interested in this lifestyle has been amazing. I don't feel like I'm an outlier."

Over the week, Reiz learned about handguns, fly fishing and fly tying. She also took a course in Traditional Knowledge where she learned to make sweetgrass baskets.

"I was sitting in the lunchroom and the room was simply buzzing with excitement from the week. This experience is one I will remember for the rest of my life. It's fun that it is all women."

## Jacqueline Cuevis

Jacqueline Cuevis enthusiastically embraced the outdoors during the 2023 AHEIA Outdoor Women's Program. Despite no prior camping or shooting experience, she decided to challenge herself by taking the overnight survival course.

"This experience was mind blowing for me. I have learned so much," Cuevis says.

"I learned how to start a fire and make a shelter. I have really enjoyed being around like-minded women."

Throughout the program, Cuevis also learned shotgun and rifle shooting, reel fishing, canoeing, and cooking in the wilderness. Cuevis says she is excited to put the skills she learned at OWP into practice and bond with her children, who are always outdoors.

"This will help me get on their level."



Melanie Reiz (R) Jacqueline Cuevis (L)



## Heather Sutherland

Prior to the 2023 AHEIA Outdoor Women's Program, Heather Sutherland had never held a firearm.

By the end of the program, however, Sutherland discovered a new passion for firearms thanks to the handgun and rifle courses.



"I had never shot a gun and never had so much fun in my life," says Sutherland.

"There are so many women from different walks of life out here, but we are all interested in learning. The instructors were so amazing and very patient with me."

Sutherland participated in the orienteering course where she learned how to use a compass and map for navigation. She also took the Predator Awareness course and discovered that perhaps she didn't know everything about bears.

"I thought I would never get into firearms, or even really the outdoors and hunting. I came here with three friends who are all hunters and I was the only one not," Sutherland says.

"It doesn't have to be about going to shoot an animal, but I could progress that way. I can 100 per cent see myself being more outdoors now."

## Murray Aberdeen

Murray Aberdeen is a dedicated volunteer at AHEIA, where he has passionately contributed his time and expertise for the past two years at the Outdoor Women's Program.



His journey with AHEIA has been a labor of love, as he enthusiastically shares his knowledge and skills in fly tying and fly fishing.

With over two decades of experience in this art, Murray's commitment to teaching others the craft is evident in his radiant smile and unwavering enthusiasm.

Murray's infectious enthusiasm for AHEIA has not only touched the hearts of those he has taught but also inspired his family to join in on the adventure. His daughter attended the Outdoor Women's Program this year after hearing about it from Murray.

What sets Murray apart as an AHEIA volunteer is his infectious joy and positivity. Whether he's wandering around camp with a cap full of fly ties to give away or helping women discover the world of fly fishing on the dock, his smile never fades. His patience and kindness shine brightly, creating an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for all camp goers.



# 2023 AHEIA Youth Hunter Education Camps



By Len Gransch



Len Gransch  
Program Coordinator  
AHEIA Red Deer - North

Our Youth Hunter Education camps continue to remain a very popular event. The interest in the outdoors and hunting associated activities continues to remain of interest to our young people. This is very inspiring considering this modern era of social media and other electronic distractions. They get to take

a break from video games and the like.

I am happy to report that we have another bright group of new youngsters who joined the hunting/outdoor sorority. Welcome aboard! The latest group to pass through our Alford Lake facility showed a great deal of interest in the subject matter and were very intent to do well so that they could pass the courses and make their parents and grandparents proud. They definitely accomplished that.

Some of you might be unaware of what our Youth Hunter Education camps comprises. The camp is a five-day event of enjoyable learning activities. Specialists share their knowledge and provide instruction in the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education Program, the Canadian Firearms Safety Course and much more.

The cost for the 2023 Youth Hunter Education Camp was great value at \$440.00 per person plus GST. This fee included lodging, breakfast, lunch and supper Monday through Thursday and breakfast on Friday. Also included was all instruction, course handbooks and testing for the various certifications as well as an AHEIA camp t-shirt. Upon successful completion of the appropriate exams, students were certified in the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education Program and the Canadian Firearms Program. They then qualify to apply for their Wildlife Identification Number (WIN Card) and were able to apply for their Minors Permit for firearms.

Thanks to the Alberta Conservation Association for their program which offers WIN Card reim-

bursement to youngsters under 18 who successfully complete the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course.

Our 2023 Youth Hunter Education camps ran July 2-7, July 9-14, July 16-21, and July 23-28. If you missed out on our 2023 camps and wish to be placed on our 2024 Notification List, please email us at [edmontoninfo@aheia.com](mailto:edmontoninfo@aheia.com) and we will make sure you are included.

The 2024 camps will run June 30-July 5, July 7-12, July 14-19, and July 21-26. We are once again considering offering one of these weeks as an Advanced Youth Hunter Education camp. Many parents are asking for an upgraded version of our regular Youth Hunter Education camp. This camp would provide advanced training in numerous facets of hunter education while still making it a fun experience.

Upon successful completion of the appropriate sessions, students will be certified in the Advanced Youth Hunter Education Program. Students will receive advanced firearms training including shotgun, centerfire, rimfire, black powder and maintenance. Other components could be field techniques, map and compass and GPS, upgraded survival (including an overnight stay in the woods), wilderness first aid, game care,

blood trailing, scents and game calling, use of blinds and much more. If you are interested please let me know ASAP.

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and guardians who volunteered at our camps. Without their tireless dedication and effort these camps would not be possible. A special thanks to all the Canadian Firearms Program instructors who volunteered to help with all the firearms handling and practical exams.

Take care and enjoy the Great Outdoors.





# Outdoor Youth Seminar

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# Teachers' Workshop

August 22-25, 2023

Alford Lake Conservation Education Centre for Excellence





# Age Your Game at the Lethbridge College Wildlife Analytics Lab

By Kelsey Gourlie & Lisa Kozleski  
Lethbridge College

A young hunter sits with her father on the edge of a narrow valley on a crisp October morning. They listen intently as the faint yet unmistakable grunt of a bull moose grows closer and closer. After building priority for over 13 years, she and her father are just happy to be out on this hunting trip, and the day gets even more exciting when they see a bull step out from the bush just 120 yards away. Once the bull clears the willows, she lines up the shot and fires, harvesting her first Alberta moose in an area where her family has hunted for generations. The bull is big compared to others harvested in that valley from years past, with a spread of 42 inches and other features that suggest he is a mature bull. Her father guesses he is at least eight, but her gut says he may be a little younger, perhaps closer to six.

Always one for friendly competition, the young hunter reaches out to Dr. Everett Hanna, a School of Environmental Sciences instructor at Lethbridge College. She remembers when he discussed aging wildlife teeth during a wildlife biology course she had taken at the southern Alberta college the year before. He had also shared with his colleagues plans for a new lab in the making to offer just that service, and so she took the opportunity to send in a tooth and have it aged. After garnering some more guesses from friends and colleagues, and sending in a tooth for analysis, her father won the right to boast about his wildlife-aging skills. The Alberta bull was determined to be nine and a half years old at the time of harvest, surviving nearly a decade in that rugged, beautiful territory that now holds an

even more special place in both the daughter's and her father's heart.

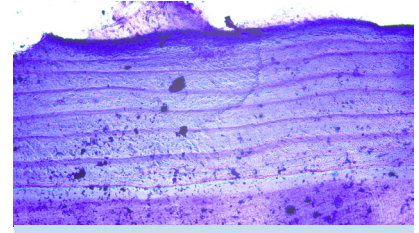
## Launching the Wildlife Analytics Lab

In the summer of 2023, Lethbridge College's Centre for Technology, Environment and Design launched its Wildlife Analytics Lab (WAL), a new research initiative offering fee-for-service cementum analysis of wildlife teeth. Cementum analysis is a technique that involves examining



the layers of cementum (a hard tissue covering the roots of teeth) to determine the age, reproductive history, and even migratory patterns of wildlife species. Tens of thousands of teeth are collected from wild animals in Canada every year to estimate their age.

The Alberta Professional Outfitters Society (APOS) played an instrumental role in establishing the lab by providing more than \$145,000 in funding and gifts from its Wildlife Management Fund (WMF). The funding allowed the WAL to purchase new analytical equipment from Leica

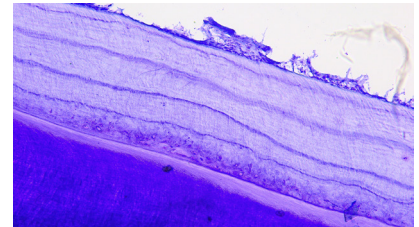


8.5yo Male Mule Deer

and to hire a dedicated lab technician.

"We are excited to have support from APOS as we work toward improving wildlife conservation and management in Canada," says Dr. Hanna, the WAL scientific lead. "We also look forward to the opportunities the WAL will create for students and employees at Lethbridge College, growing our presence on the national and international research stages." Dr. Hanna has over 20 years of experience working in wildlife research, including cementum analysis, and has been teaching at the college for more than seven years. He is joined by a team of skilled technicians with a passion for wildlife conservation, research, and innovation.

The team can now process and analyze wild-



4yo Male Whitetailed Deer





life teeth in the lab, first by decalcifying them to make them soft and bendable. Following procedures of routine histology techniques, they embed teeth into wax and cut into sections roughly eight microns thick, which is thinner than a piece of paper using a microtome. They then mount these sections to glass slides and stain them to clearly show the rings – or annuli – of the tooth under a light microscope.

### Analyzing Teeth

Cementum analysis is one of the most accurate methods to age wildlife, outperforming common field-aging techniques such as tooth replacement and wear observations. While field techniques can often aid in placing younger animals into age classes, cementum analysis can provide a more reliable and exact age estimate for animals of all ages. Cementum analysis can reveal other information as well, such as reproductive history and even migratory patterns in some species.

Age data obtained through the Wildlife Analytics Lab will be used to inform and support wildlife conservation and management initiatives, starting right here in Alberta. Understanding the age-structure of wildlife populations and how they change over time are important tools for wildlife managers. Age data may be used when setting sustainable harvest allocations, species management objectives, research goals and more. Biologists can submit teeth for aging and have confidence that they will receive precise and

accurate results, as the WAL uses leading-edge methods and technology.

Hunters and other consumptive users are also encouraged to submit teeth from legally harvested game to have them aged. Learning the age of an animal can further the connection with, and appreciation of, the life taken, says Dr. Hanna. This information can also improve hunters' field-aging skills, allowing them to better estimate an animal's age before harvest. Of course, adds Dr. Hanna, aging game can also offer bragging rights as hunters add one more layer to the tale shared around campfires for years to come.

Finally, the experience can help students at the college in their own education. "In addition to providing a unique service, this lab will also create training, research and employment opportunities for current students," says Lethbridge College's Centre for Technology, Environment and Design Dean Dr. Terry Kowalchuk. "It's an innovative way to satisfy the work-integrated-learning focus of post-secondary institutions and we are very thankful to APOS for supporting us in this endeavor."



8.5yo Male Mule Deer Skull

For more information on the WAL and the college's team, or to have game aged, visit [lethbridgecollege.ca/wildlife-analytics-lab](http://lethbridgecollege.ca/wildlife-analytics-lab); email [wildlife\\_analytics\\_lab@lethbridgecollege.ca](mailto:wildlife_analytics_lab@lethbridgecollege.ca); or call 403-320-3200 ext. 6088.



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# Diaries From Around Alberta *With* Report-A-Poacher

By Sarah Marthaller



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## Kids can Catch – Fort Saskatchewan

Report A Poacher was invited to attend this event once again. The trailer was situated across from the registration tent and was very busy with families checking us out. RAP had a fur kit, skulls, antlers, and horns. As well as the making tracks table where the kids stamped feet from different animals. We were also visited by Tank the Goldfish from Alberta's invasive species mascot. There were 400 kids and families that fished on the stocked pond for the first time.

## Crafting a relationship with Hutterite Colonies

Report A Poacher created a relationship with the Hutterite Colonies and has been requested to come back and present to the colonies near Vauxhall, AB. At the events we have numerous volunteers who help us to deliver our programs as well we send an invitation to the local Fish and Wildlife to invite them to join us when we are in their communities and to help with the delivery of our message. We have had positive participation from local officers with our Ice Fish-

ing program and at the youth camps.

## Report A Poacher attends the 2023 Trappers Rendezvous

AHEIA and Report A Poacher traveled to Pincher Creek for the Alberta Trappers Rendezvous! Participants were able to talk to multiple vendors as well as watch demonstrations of skillful skinning for taxidermy. Adults and kids could try their hand at skinning raccoons, beavers, muskrats, and coyotes. Outdoor activities included competitions at fire lighting, skillet tossing and the favorite trapper's race. Kids were making tracks and checking out the furs and antlers at the RAP trailer. This was a fun and well-organized event for participants and their families. There were an estimated 1500 people who attended this event.





# What is Lake Turnover?

*A natural phenomenon vital for Alberta Lakes*

By Aislinn Chapotelle



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AHEIA Calgary

Have you ever been fishing in an Alberta lake in the fall and noticed a number of dead fish, usually whitefish, floating along the surface?

There is a simple explanation to what is going on.

Lake turnover is natural phenomenon that happens in lakes generally deeper than 6 metres (20 feet). It occurs when the stratified temperature layers of water in a water-body trade places. It happens twice a year, both in the spring and fall, but it is most notable in the fall season.

As the surface of the water cools down with the changing weather, the wind plays a

crucial role in triggering lake turnover. The oxygen-depleted water from the hypolimnion rises to the surface while simultaneously pushing the oxygen-rich water from the epilimnion to the bottom layers.

Lake turnover can cause fish mortality due to the depletion of oxygen in the water where the fish are

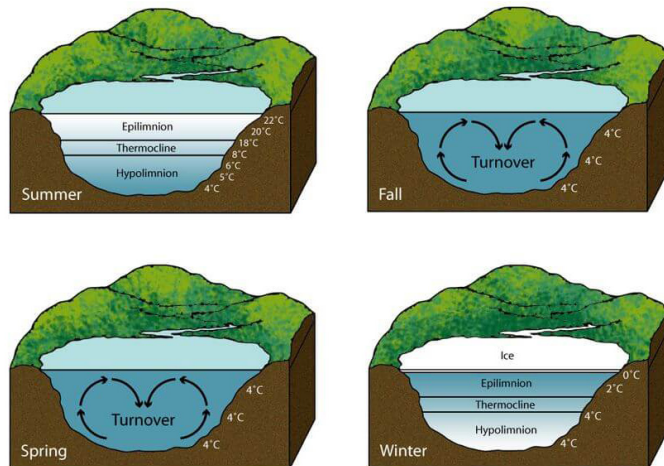
present. That being said, turnover is necessary for lakes so that dissolved oxygen is replenished in deep water prior to winter.

When freeze up occurs, no new oxygen will be incorporated into the water until the spring.

Lake turnover is also a natural process in disrupting the growth of algae and bacteria. By churning up these micro-organisms and sending them to lower depths, their growth is halted. The algae then can either become a food source for other aquatic life or decompose naturally.

As stewards of these national treasures, it is crucial to understand and appreciate this phenomenon for its vital role in maintaining the ecological well-being of our lakes.

For more information visit [akes.grace.edu/4-ways-to-describe-turnover-and-how-it-helps-our-lakes/](http://akes.grace.edu/4-ways-to-describe-turnover-and-how-it-helps-our-lakes/).



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# Great Meals

*from the*

# Harvest

*with Len Gransch*



Len Gransch  
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### Roast Mallard with Apple Dressing

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 mallard (or other) about 4 pounds | 5 stalks celery (chopped)  |
| 3 cups chopped apples               | salt and pepper to taste   |
| 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning        | 3 cups cornbread crumbs    |
| 1/2 tablespoon butter               | 1 teaspoon olive oil       |
| 3 tablespoons onion (chopped)       | 1 teaspoon garlic (minced) |

Rinse the duck and pat dry; rub with salt, pepper, and poultry seasoning.

Melt butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Sauté onion and celery in butter until tender. In a medium bowl, combine with apple and cornbread crumbs. Mix together to make a dressing (if necessary, add a little chicken stock to moisten)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Fill the duck cavity with the dressing and sew shut with kitchen twine. Rub the outside of the bird lightly with olive oil, and place in a shallow roasting pan or 9" x 13" baking dish.

Bake in preheated oven for 60 to 80 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 180 degrees.

Serve with wild rice and asparagus.

### Slow Cooker Venison Stroganoff

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| 1 pound venison stew meat                      | 1 teaspoon onion powder         |
| 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour                 | salt and pepper to taste        |
| 1 teaspoon garlic powder                       | 1 cup water                     |
| 1 can cream of mushroom soup                   | 2 tablespoons parsley (chopped) |
| 3 tablespoons olive oil                        | 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes  |
| 1 16 ounce package uncooked medium egg noodles |                                 |

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Toss the cubed venison with salt, pepper, pepper flakes, garlic powder, and onion powder. Cook the venison in the hot oil until it is browned on all sides, about 8 minutes. Once browned, remove from the skillet and place into a slow cooker, leaving the remaining oil in the skillet.

Reduce the heat to medium-low and stir the flour into the remaining cooking oil. Cook and stir until the flour has turned golden brown, about 5 minutes, making a roux. Be careful not to burn it. Stir in the water and bring to a simmer, then pour into the slow cooker along with the cream of mushroom soup. Cover, and cook on low for 4 hours, or until the venison is tender.

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the egg noodles, and cook until it is al dente, 8 to 10 minutes (or longer if you like); drain. Spoon the Stroganoff over the egg noodles to serve.

Serve with a great salad and some rustic garlic bread.

*Enjoy!*





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