

outdoors

Hunting, fishing remain available

"Big Charlie," a magnificent 15-point White-tailed buck deer who has been the grandsire of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's research program on nutrition and genetics for the past six years, has died.

The big buck succumbed to a bacterial infection and pneumonia shortly before Christmas at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area in Kerr County.

During his 6½ years of life, Charlie contributed more to biologists' knowledge about the role of genetics in deer antler development than

because of the belief that they will develop into full-scale trophy bucks if given another year or two of growing time. "This study is showing that to be untrue, and continued protection of spikes is detrimental to the overall quality of a deer herd, not just antler growth," Harmel added.

Big Charlie as a yearling sported a six-point rack, and last fall he had 15 points with an inside spread of 19 inches. He tipped the scales at 216 pounds "live weight", which Hill Country hunters will attest is a giant in these days of declining body weight in that area.

the annual spring turkey gobbler season, which will be April 12-27 in 62 counties.

Public spring turkey gobbler hunts will be offered on four of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's wildlife management areas during April.

A total of 213 permits will be issued after a public drawing in Austin at 10 a.m. March 13. Prospective hunters have until 5 p.m. March 10 to submit applications.

Application forms and instructions are available from department

offices across the state or by writing the TP&WD at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744, or by calling toll-free 1-800-252-9327.

As always, wildlife officials point out that the management area hunts are not necessarily indicative of high game populations, but part of the department's ongoing management program. The general spring turkey season, offered this year in 62 counties, is April 12-27.

The management areas are:
Engeling W.M.A. — Located 20 miles northwest of Palestine on Highway 287 in Anderson County;

10,941 acres; April 11-13, 18-20 and 25-27; 75 permits.

Gene Howe W.M.A. — Located six miles east of Canadian in Hemphill County; 5,821 acres; April 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28; 30 permits.

Kerr W.M.A. — Located 11 miles west of Hunt in Kerr County on FM 1340; 6,493 acres; April 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28; 48 permits.

Matador W.M.A. — Located 11 miles north of Paducah on FM 3256 in Cottle County; 28,183 acres; April 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28; 60 permits.



A generally good 1979-80 hunting season is winding down, but hunters still have time to take advantage of long seasons on waterfowl, doves and quail in many counties.

Deer and turkey seasons already are over, and reports from around the state indicate a good harvest of both species. The only minus factor observed by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists was high natural mortality of deer in some Edwards Plateau counties because of extremely dry autumn conditions. Hunters in those areas reported numerous deer in poor body conditions.

The only remaining big game animal with an open season is aoudad sheep which range in the canyon country of the Texas Panhandle. The season continues through Jan. 20.

Quail hunting has been good virtually throughout the state, and hunters have until Feb. 17 in many counties to try their luck. The second segment of the mourning dove season is underway, ending Jan. 13 in the North Zone and Jan. 20 in the South Zone.

Ducks and geese are legal game statewide until Jan. 20, and the sandhill crane season in both zones will remain open until Jan. 30. Woodcock season closes Jan. 20, and Wilson's snipe (jacksnipe) are legal game through Feb. 17. The pheasant season in Panhandle counties ended Jan. 6, and the season in Southeast Texas closed earlier.

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