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Leonel "Muy" Garza Featured Speaker at February Dinner Meeting

Already known in and around Duval County as "the hunter's friend" in 1965, Leonel "Muy" Garza created and promoted the very first deer contest out of the Center Circle Gas Station in Freer, Texas, where he was the manager. Beginning with just one category, The Widest Spread, "the hunter's friend" became known far and wide and his deer contest evolved into the now legendary Muy Grande Deer Contest, the oldest and probably best known such contest in the nation.

In addition to scoring around 18,000 deer in the last 50 years he has written a book titled The Legend of the Muy Grande and has produced three deer hunting videos, "The Legend of the Muy Grande Parts I, II, and III." He has been featured in many newspaper and magazine articles both for his contest and as a hunter, having taken several Boone & Crocket bucks himself.

He has been recognized twice by the Texas Legislature for the business, recognition and financial prosperity the Muy Grande Deer Contest has brought to the State of Texas through deer hunting. The Muy Grande has grown to 70 categories with several major sponsors which enables some very nice awards but also provides scholarships to students in Freer and Duvall County.

Bring a friend and join us for what should be a very entertaining evening with a legendary deer hunter!

February 12 at the Sheraton Dallas North Hotel by the Galleria, happy hour at 6:30pm, dinner at 7pm, make your reservations on line at www.dwwcc.org or by calling the office at (214) 218-6670. Kids and guests welcome!

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Happy New Year!

As I sit to write this very late message the regular hunting seasons are or are almost over. I sincerely hope you whitetail deer hunters out there had a better season than I did. I saw lots of pretty bucks on trail cameras but none within range during hunting hours. Just goes to show they are better at patterning us than we are of them! Anyway there are always hogs, varmints and exotics to fill some good hunting times coming up.

For any of you who got a really nice whitetail deer, mule deer, pronghorn or javelin, the Texas Big Game Awards program is accepting applications through February 15th. Look for more on this on page 5.

John Laverty and his banquet committee are busy preparing for what we hope will be a great 36th annual banquet on March 7th. He already has a number of new ideas and surprises working – like live music before the live auction, dancing afterwards, and silent auction bidding on your cell phone! Another new twist is that the only way to buy a ticket or a table is through an internet link provided by our new auction company. It's posted now on our website at: http://www.dwwcc.org/banquet.shtml. You will see and hear much more about this in the weeks to come.

The Dallas Safari Club Annual Convention and show runs from January 15th through the 18th at the Dallas Convention Center. As usual we will have our DWWC booth set up with Pat Johnson's LaserShot game to draw attention to our organization, help teach youngsters about gun safety, and generate some new members. If you volunteer to work the booth you get into the show free. After your DWWC booth time you can spend as much time as you want visiting the over 1700 exhibitors at the greatest hunting show on the planet. It is a fun time so if you want to help call the club office at 214-570-8700 or give Pat a call at 214-532-4434.

In addition to DWWC members working our booth at the DSC show, John Laverty's live auction committee will be visiting many of our outfitter & guide

friends and attempting to make new ones in an effort to solicit donations for our banquet. He has that pretty well organized so we should have another awesome collection of live auction items to bid on at our banquet.

Our February 12th membership meeting should be a real treat for whitetail deer hunters! Our speaker is the famed Leonel "Muy" Garza, creator of the oldest deer contest in America. The Muy Grande Deer Contest was started 50 years ago in Freer, Texas and is still one of the largest such contests in the nation. It is said that "Muy" has scored over 18,000 deer so I'm sure he will have some great stories to tell. Make sure

you RSVP to the club office for this one. Hope to see you there.

Joe Chenoweth

DWWC President



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Members Bulletin Board

This is a personal service to DWWC members ONLY, no commercial. You may submit your ad by email to the following: **info@dwwcc.org.** Send in Word format as an attachment. We can post for **three months**; if your item sells prior to that time, please email or call the office and we will remove the ad-

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We need all donations by February 20! Please call, email, or drop by the office today and help make our 2015 silent auction the best one yet! LeAnn AuBuchon, Executive Director, Woods and Waters Foundation, 1221 W. Campbell Rd. Ste. 215; Richardson, TX 75080. (214) 570-8700 or info@dwwcc.org.

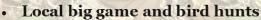
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UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>February 12:</u> Monthly dinner featuring Leonel "Muy" Grande, creator of the Legendary Muy Grande Deer Contest. Happy hour at 6:30pm, dinner at 7pm at the Sheraton Dallas North Hotel by the Galleria. Adults \$25 youth \$15 (\$30 and \$15 at the door.). Make your reservations online at www.dwwcc.org.

<u>March 7:</u> 36th Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction at the Plano Center—see complete information on previous page.

March 27-29: Youth Turkey Hunt near Jacksboro, Texas. \$150 per youth with parent, includes food, lodging, and guide. Hunt starts at 7pm on Friday with dinner and instruction, and ends on Sunday at noon. Limited spaces. Call office (214) 218-6670 to reserve your spot.

April 9: Monthly dinner featuring Texas Wildlife Association Director David Yates.

<u>April 10-12</u>: Spring Turkey Hunt at MBarH Lodge in Santa Anna, TX. Hunt includes meals Friday pm through Sunday am. Includes guides, lodging, and hunter may harvest up to 2 (two) birds. \$850. Please call trip chairman, Don Grogan at (972) 774-2059, to register.

<u>April 24-26</u>: Youth Turkey Hunt in Eden, Texas \$200 per youth with parent, includes food, lodging, and guide. Hunt starts at 7pm on Friday with dinner and instruction, and ends on Sunday at noon. Limited spaces. Call office (214) 218-6670 to reserve your spot.

May 14: Monthly dinner featuring Scott Kamp, local fishing pro.

Big Game Awards Accepting Entries

Hunters can show their Texas pride by entering their big game harvest in this year's Texas Big Game Awards program. The program is accepting entries now through Feb. 15, 2015. Hunters who harvest a white-tailed deer, mule deer, javelina, or pronghorn antelope this season meeting the minimum net score requirements set for their respective region may be eligible to receive recognition in the "Scored Entry" category. Scoring is done by local certified TBGA scorers using the Boone & Crockett Club Scoring System and entry is free. The landowner where the entry was taken is also eligible to be recognized. Also, hunters that harvest a bighorn sheep during the current season are eligible for recognition through the program. Hunters of any age who harvest their first big game animal in Texas are eligible for the "First Big Game Harvest" category. Hunters whose first harvest is a white-tailed deer, mule deer, javelina, pronghorn antelope, or bighorn sheep are eligible, regardless of sex or score of the animal in this category. For more information on the Texas Big Game Awards, entry information, or for a local certified TBGA scorer, visit www.TexasBigGameAwards.org or call 800-839-9453.

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Remembering Hartsell Ash

By Tom Stone

Annette and I attended Hartsell Ash's funeral in Throckmorton, Texas on December 31, 2014. There was a nice service in the local Baptist Church. The church was full of flowers and friends and relatives. The relatives filled the whole center section of the seating from front to back.

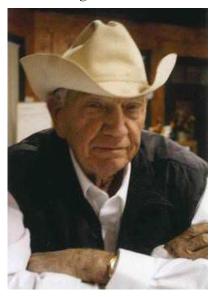
His eulogy, written by his 4 children (Barbara, Connie, Thomas and Dee Ann), was from the heart and full of love and stories from their memories of their Dad.

I met Hartsell in 1994 on the annual DWWC Dove Hunt at his ranch. Thereafter and for many years I chaired the annual dove hunt and became a close friend and admirer of Hartsell.

In 2007 I along with 15 members and longtime DWWC dove hunters donated a bronze plaque to honor Hartsell and his wife of 63 years, Oneta, as an expression of gratitude for their hosting our annual hunt from 1972 to 2007. This plaque is mounted on an iron post in front of the dance hall next to a similar plaque awarded to the family in 1986 for hosting the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train, which camped overnight at the ranch with 82 covered wagons and approximately 2,000 visitors.

Hartsell was born in 1927 in Throckmorton and lived there his whole life. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1944 (at age 17) and was honorably discharged in 1946. He was a real Texas Cowboy. He raised his family by going rodeo to rodeo in his old pickup with his wife and 4 children.

His children talked of how Hartsell and his older brother, J.W., would get up early in the mornings before school



and sneak out with their dogs and a piece of barbwire and go skunk hunting. They would run the barbwire down in a hole and twist it around until they caught the skunk and pulled it out and skinned it. They were not popular on the school bus, as they usually didn't take a bath before going to school.

Barbara told about one time her dad called her and said he needed a checkbook. She asked him why and he said he was in a restaurant and had bought everyone a hamburger and he needed a checkbook. Another time he called Thomas and wanted him to meet him at uh, uh then said wait a minute and let me go outside and read a sign and I'll tell you where I am.

Hartsell had many talents – he was a cowboy, a rodeo contestant, a rancher, cattleman, farmer, a sheriff, a volunteer fire fighter, president of the local Little League Baseball Association, an auctioneer, and a singer in the church choir where he would tell his children to bear down when they sang. He built a large Texas ranch with rodeo grounds and a dance hall, which was used by the community for many weddings and other gatherings. He bought, raised and sold many head of cattle. He was known all over for his fine cattle as well as being a buyer for a major cattle feed lot.

Charles Oliver, one of Hartsell's longtime friends and a DWWC icon, told me a story about when Hartsell was showing Charles a herd of ranch raised quality cows he had recently assembled and how pleased he was of them.

Charles recognized them as an excellent group of young stocker cows that anyone would be proud to own. Well a year or so later Charles was with Hartsell and he asked Charles if he remembered that herd he showed him. Charles said of course and DWWC NEWSLETTER PAGE 7

Hartsell said well he sold them to a fellow named Jones from south Texas. He said the guy came up with his foreman and looked at them and gave Hartsell a large deposit check for them for his asking price and wanted them delivered to his ranch in two weeks with balance due on delivery.

Well Hartsell being a good businessman went to the bank and asked the president of the bank to find out if this check from Jones was any good before he delivered the cows. The banker called Jones's bank and explained the deal and wondered if the check was good. Hartsell said the banker kept saying, "I see, I see", and then asked Hartsell if he ever went to the movies and Hartsell said not very often. He told Hartsell that the check was good because the fellow he sold his cattle to was Tommy Lee Jones, an actor and rancher also. Hartsell said Tommy Lee invited Hartsell and Oneta to come visit him at his ranch in San Saba, Texas and watch a polo match held on his private polo field.

Hartsell was very generous. One year he had us bring our grandchildren to the dove hunt for free and he brought out his horse buggy he used in parades. It was a one horse covered buggy like the one Doc Adams has in Gunsmoke. Well he rode us around in that buggy and I have to say it was a comfortable ride.

Another time Hartsell told us how he would use his auctioneer fast talk to bait his grandson (I believe either

Monty or Matt) into a bet he could jump thirty-five feet. Well for the hunt and say, "I was of course they did not believe him so Hartsell said well put up your money. He then said you did not listen close enough because I said three to five feet and he jumped 3 feet.

I will always remember how Hartsell would spend all day, the first day we hunted, cooking and the Home Place. Also the the beans in the large wash pot and broiling the steaks on the huge wood pit cooker while Oneta was fixing the salad, potatoes, etc. and that wonderful peach cobbler. Hartsell sometimes would fry up a batch of mountain oysters in his dutch oven and serve them to us as appetizers. Most guys never knew what they were lapping down with their beer.

One more story, in his later years after Oneta died in 2011 and Hartsell was living by himself and dementia was starting to get him, Hartsell called Connie late one night and said Connie you better come over I hurt myself. Well Connie and Gary lived across the ranch road from Hartsell and she ran over in her gown and slippers and found his hands all bloody and blood on the walls. Hartsell said he whupped up that so and so pretty good. Well it seemed he had seen someone on TV that upset him and in his sleep he took care of him.

Well there are a lot more memories of that wonderful genuine man and longtime supporter and donor to the DWWC. I for one will always remember him and how he would sometimes call me, even when he was out on his tractor disking or cutting the fields getting them ready hungry to talk to you".

And who of us longtime hunters will ever forget the fields where we had many hot, cold, rainy or just fantastic days of hunting or just enjoying the open spaces of the Dillard Place, Odell Place, Thomas Place, Steadman Place meals and comaraderie at the dance hall.

Connie asked that any tributes to her dad be made to "The Throckmorton Volunteer Fire Department" and can be sent to her to present to them. Her address is: Connie and Gary Ray at P.O. Box 9, Throckmorton, TX 76483.

Viya con dios mi amigo.

Now Hartsell Ash has gone away, but in our memories he is here to stay,

Loved by many, admired by all, a man of strong faith he was ready for his Lords call,

A man worn by many seasons of hot and cold, like a weathered old barn he held many tales to be told,

The legacy he left, built with Oneta too, lives on with his 4 children just to name a few,

His descendants are many and all should know that they are part of a legacy that will continue to grow,

Because Hartsell and Oneta are working up high to build another beautiful Ranch In The Sky.

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Hunting Firsts for 14-Year Old Hunter

By Charles Shelton

My grandson, Troupe, had helped me with off-season work on the hunting lease such as clearing shooting lanes and servicing feeders, and now it was finally hunting season and time to see if our work paid off with meat for the winter.



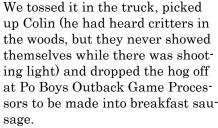
A rifle cracked at 5 pm. Then came a text from Troupe that he had a good shot on a nice hog at the feeder and it ran for the Honey Creek bottom (a place where wounded deer and hogs just seem to disappear) and would I come help look for it. I drove back to the stand and saw Troupe following a blood trail in the failing light. He then hollered that he had found the pig and it was dead. It was lying in

grass not far from a tower stand some 50 yards from the creek banks; so after being shot, it had run about 100 yards before it died.



together how to clean a feral hog- a bit smelly outside, but very clean inside because it had been shot through the heart and lungs only. I held the heart out so Troupe could

see the 7mm-08 bullet holes through it; and it still ran 100 yards!



The two firsts:

Troupe has his Hunters Safety Course Card, but this is the first time he had hunted alone and he did well.

He and I have killed several hogs each, but always on a property that provided field dressing and quartering services. This time he really got into it and will be able to field dress his next hog by himself.

By the way, the breakfast sausage is excellent.

On our first two outings I sat with him in our two person elevated blind, but the only four footed critter we saw was a grey fox hunting mice a few yards from us. On our third outing Troupe's mom, Lyle, sat with him in the elevated blind and just before dark they saw deer approaching in the woods beyond the feeder but they were spooked off by a small group of black feral hogs, one of which appeared to be a large boar. The hogs milled about in the brush so much it was impossible to get a clear shot before the gloom of night blacked out everything.

My son Colin accompanied us on our fourth outing and we arrived at 3:45 PM and parked near the entrance gate and I sat in the truck while Troupe walked to the box blind and Colin walked to the pop up ground blind near another feeder. I enjoyed the late afternoon and read and studied an aerial photo of the property and heard occasional sounds of a large hog in the Honey Creek bottom.



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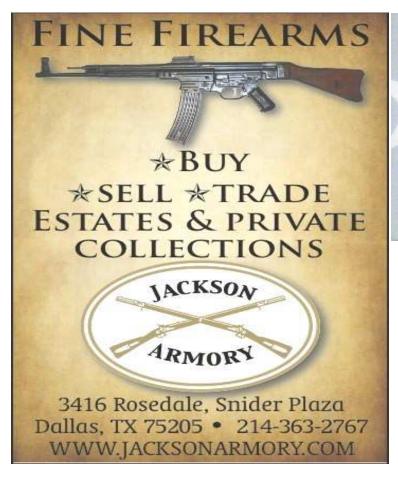
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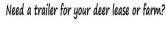
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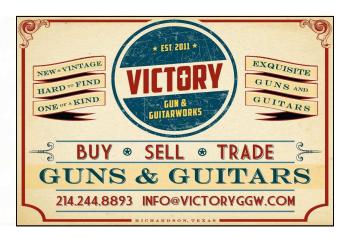
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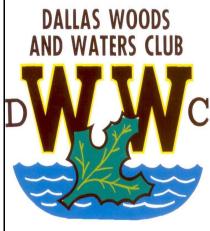
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