

ORWMA update

Wow, what a year 2020 has been! Due to the pandemic, just about every event we had planned ended up getting cancelled. The CCWMA (of which ORWMA is a part) Spring Banquet was the first to be cancelled. ORWMA generally plans at least one habitat related seminar per quarter, but all these were cancelled. The April Fish Fry & Shrimp Boil, the July Ice Cream Social, the November Youth Hunt, and the December Christmas Party were all casualties of the Corona Virus.

We did manage to get the August Spotlight Surveys done as well as hold the September Doe Permit meeting. Deer Season is continuing, and we have 8 deer checkers available. Doug Mason and the Hog Busters continue to check traps daily. The hog count thru November 30th is 729 hogs removed from traps. This does not include hogs harvested by individual landowners. Starting next year, we are asking all landowners to report their harvest numbers to Doug Mason so we can have a more accurate count. You can text your harvest numbers to Doug at 979-732-7116.

Also, next April, we will begin rolling out the changes to the MLDP (Managed Land Deer Program) and how it is going to affect Oakridge Ranch. This was presented to us at the September Doe Permit meeting by Mark Lange, our Wildlife Biologist. We plan on having several meetings about this and hope that Mark Lange will be able to attend and help answer your questions.

2020 has not been all bad, though. You may not know it, but this year we have 10 new landowners. There is also lots of new construction going on around the Ranch. So, we are continuing to grow as a community. I hope you make the opportunity to meet your new neighbors and welcome them to the community.

On behalf of the ORWMA Executive Board, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Earl Fly
ORWMA President