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What To Do Between Seasons Uses Shotgun

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This is the time of the year that's known as that in-between season.

Most hunting is winding down with the weather not being cold enough to build what I'd call really good ice in South Dakota or Nebraska.

Cold weather may have started out early and because of the unseasonably warm temperatures hasn't done a thing to make safe ice conditions.

During this time of the year there are several ice-fishing tournaments in Nebraska and South Dakota scheduled, but they too are being postponed or cancelled

because of concerns about the ice.

If you're going to do any ice fishing right now, you'll have to

head north to find a lo-

cation where there's The ice fishing in northeastern South Dakota has been good on several of the lakes

in the area, with nice

perch, crappies and walleyes being caught on many of the lakes and sloughs. If you're going to fish the lakes in that

area, you'll still have to exercise caution, as the ice is really thin for this time of the On an average year, you'd find good ice

in northeastern South Dakota, but this year, the reports are coming in that in

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The

Nebraska Game and Parks Com-

mission has scheduled meetings

tial changes in waterfowl zones.

across the state to discuss poten-

The commission says the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service last year

Mark Vrtiska is the Game and

ager. He says the meetings will let

duck hunters know about the ad-

vantages and disadvantages of

the new zoning as well as deter-

The first meeting will be held

mine any new zone boundary.

Monday in Columbus, followed

Omaha, Wednesday in Lincoln,

Thursday in Ponca, Jan. 16 in

Valentine, Jan. 17 in Kearney, Jan.

23 in McCook, Jan. 24 in Gering,

Jan. 25 in Ogallala and Jan. 30 in

on Tuesday by a meeting in

changed some criteria for duck

Parks waterfowl program man-



PHOTO: LARRY MYHRE

Ice fishing this season has been non-existing in some areas while other areas such as the Webster/Waubay area have some good ice. Cory Ewing (left) of Webster and Waubay Lakes Guide Service, and Gary Howey are pictured with these perch they caught on Bitter near Waubay during a recent outing.

some areas there's still a lot of open water. In an average January, you'd see pickups all over the ice, but not this year, as reports are indicating that travel on the

ice should only be done on foot, snowmo-If you have to drive on ice be cautious, as ice thickness may vary greatly from one

area to another If you have to drive on the ice, you'll want to make sure that you have good solid ice before driving out onto it.

I like to have at least fifteen inches of good ice before I venture out onto it with

Until we get some colder weather to build some ice, there won't be a lot of fishermen out on the ice and until people start getting out on the ice, drilling a few holes and fishing different areas of the lakes and sloughs, no one will really have the hot spots zeroed in.

One bright spot on the horizon is that in a week or so, the Boat Sport and Travel shows will start to open.

At these shows, you'll see the newest boats, motors, ATV's, fishing tackle, hunting/fishing seminars as well as many outdoor destinations.

• Des Moines (Iowa), Boat. Sports and Travel Show, Jan. 12-15, at the Iowa Events Center with one of the featured seminar speakers being Team Outdoorsmen Adventures member Joel Vasek, of Missouri Valley Guide Service (Geddes).

• Sioux Empire Boat & Marine Products Show, Jan. 27-29 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center in Sioux Falls.

• All Canada Show, Feb. 3-5 at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall in Sioux Falls.

 Nebraska Boat Sport and Travel Show Feb. 3-5 at the Lancaster Events Center where Vasek will also give seminars at the Lincoln show.

• All Canada Show, Feb. 7-9 at Omaha Central I-80 Neb.

 Omaha Boat Sports & Travel Show, Feb. 23-26 at the Century Link Center. Vasek will also give seminars at the

 Sportsmen's Boat, Camping & Vacation Show, March 8-11 at the Sioux Falls Arena Convention Center in Sioux Falls.

Another thing that you might want to look into is the Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Gun Shows held throughout the

Guns show give the shooter and hunter the opportunity to not only purchase a new gun, you'll also find reloading supplies, antique weapons and about any part for a gun that you might be re doing.

Jan. 14-15, 2012, Brookings at the Swiftel Center

• Jan. 28-29, 2012, Yankton at the Na-

tional Field Archery building • Feb. 4-5, 2012 Aberdeen in the Ramkota Hotel.

• Feb. 11-12, Sioux Falls, Trophy Show-The Big One in the Ramkota Inn Convention Center

Mar. 10-11, Sioux Falls, Collector Classic at the Ramkota Inn, Expo Building,

• Mar. 17-18, Watertown, Gun Show in

the Codington County. Ag Bldg.
• Apr. 14-15, Rapid City, Gun Show at the Rushmore Civic Center

Until the temperatures get a little colder and the ice becomes safe for all forms of travel when ice fishing picks up, these shows are a good opportunity for outdoorsmen and women to see what's new and available for the outdoors.

Keep an eye out as your local newspaper will have the locations and information of these shows in your area as these Sport, Travel and Gun shows are great places to get some truly great buys on all types of outdoor gear and trips.

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N.D. Official To Free Locked Antlers On Deer

BY BRAD DOKKEN

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GRAND FORKS, N.D. — It would be safe to say that Jeremy Woinarowicz's workday got off to a more eventful start than most that recent Wednesday morning between Christmas and New Year's.

Conservation officer for the Department of Natural Resources in Warren, Minn., Woinarowicz was responding to a call he'd received late the previous afternoon of two bucks locked at the antlers southeast of Warren in Polk County.

It was nearly dark by the time he'd gotten the message Dec. 27, but finding the two deer the next morning didn't take very long. As Woinarowicz approached, he could see the larger buck was dead; had been for quite some time, by the looks of it.

"I definitely would have called the dead one a trophy," he said of the eight-point buck.

For Woinarowicz, freeing the live buck from the dead buck presented a dilemma. There weren't any neighboring officers or other DNR personnel in the vicinity, and large angry bucks generally don't appreciate human intervention. This deer was no exception.

"The buck still alive was definitely lively, and when I approached, it frantically tried to free itself," Woinarowicz said. When I got closer, he tried to come at me."

With limited options, Woinarowicz remembered the story he'd heard about another conservation officer who used a handgun to shoot the tines off two bucks locked by their racks.

Woinarowicz decided it was worth a shot.

"I shot multiple tines off each of the bucks with my handgun, but even with the tines flying off, they were not able to break apart," he said. More firepower was needed,

so Woinarowicz walked back to his truck for the shotgun he carries while on patrol.

One slug to the dead buck's main beam later and the antlers The live buck bounded into

the woods," Woinarowicz said. "I'm fairly confident it will survive.' Woinarowicz said he walked

within five feet of the bucks, which was as close as he dared to approach, during the rescue. He said he'll remember the living buck's eyes the most. "He snorted, and his

just flared wide open," Woinarowicz said. "I was just there to help him, but he didn't know that. He was so angry.'

Woinarowicz figures the buck had been dragging its dead opponent for several days. Even so, the living buck had some strength. "When I pulled up to it, it

could still pull the dead buck," Woinarowicz said. "Not at a decent pace. It pulled the buck about 30 yards and then decided it was going to stay and fight."

Woinarowicz said the prospect of the live buck charging after being freed definitely crossed his mind, so watching it bound away was a relief.

He figures the whole encounter probably lasted half an

"Trying to figure out what to do first probably took the longest," he said. "I wanted to get him free as soon as possible."

Woinarowicz, who kept the head of the dead deer, said he hears occasional reports of bucks that become locked at the antlers while jousting for a mate, but this was the first time he'd witnessed the spectacle.

"It happens more often than we would actually think," Woinarowicz said.

One thing's for sure: Start the morning by staring into the eyes of a raging buck, and it's going to be all downhill the rest of the day.

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For Waterfowl Zone Changes

mits Available LINCOLN, Neb. — Spring turkey hunting permits for 2012 will be available from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission starting at 1 p.m. Central Time on Jan. 9.

Nebraska Spring Turkey Per-

The archery season is March 25-May 31 The youth shotgun season is April 7-May 31 and the regular shotgun season is April 14-May

The 2012 spring permit prices, not including issuing fees, are: resident turkey, \$23; nonresident turkey, \$90; and resident and nonresident youth turkey, \$5. Youth permits are for hunters who are under age 16 on the opening day of the youth archery season. All turkey hunters, except residents under age 16, are required to have a valid Nebraska Habitat Stamp

Each spring turkey permit allows a hunter to take one male or bearded female turkey with bow and arrow in the archery season or a shotgun in the shotgun season. A person may purchase up to three spring turkey permits.

Visit OutdoorNebraska.org or Game and Parks permitting offices to purchase permits. For more information on turkey hunting, check out the 2012 Turkey Guide, available soon

Briefs: Neb. Sets Meetings Zebra Mussels, Carp Nothing But Trouble

BY RAY SASSER

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DALLAS — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is asking for public feedback on proposed regulations aimed at stopping the spread of zebra mussels, silver carp and bighead carp.

Popular North Texas waters are included in the problem areas. Zebra mussels, in particular, have been well publicized. The small mollusks are thriving at Texoma, probably brought in attached to a boat moved to Texas from the Midwest. They reproduce at an exponential rate.

Bighead and silver carp are Asian exotics that feed on plankton. They are potential competition for important fishes like threadfin shad and gizzard shad.

It is already illegal to possess or transport zebra mussels, silver carp or bighead carp.

However, according to the news release, "TPWD biologists believe additional regulations are needed to prevent the accidental or incidental movement of these species from one water body to another."

The problem with small carp is that they blend into a crowd of native bait fish. A live bait fan might inadvertently catch two or three small carp with a cast net full of similar-sized shad and never notice the invasive fish.

The carp proposal would prohibit persons from leaving specified water bodies in the possession of live, nongame fish (this would primarily be fish used for bait). Collection and use of nongame fishes for bait on those water bodies would still be legal.

The zebra mussel proposal is intended to prevent the spread of the microscopic larval stage of zebra mussels, known as veligers, which might be in the lake water transported aboard the boat.

The proposal states: "To prevent the accidental transport of zebra mussel veligers to other water bodies, any person leaving the specified water bodies would be required to drain or empty all water from bait buckets, live wells, bilges and any other water intake systems or containers before the use of a public roadway.

"If a person follows these procedures, they would be deemed to be in compliance with the rules against possession of prohibited species that are not visible to the unaided eye. "A person traveling on a public

roadway via the most direct route to another access point located on the same body of water would not be required to drain or empty When I asked a law enforce-

ment spokesman in Austin if game wardens even have the authority to stop a vehicle towing a boat on a public road, I got this response:

"Game wardens do not have inspection authority on a public roadway, unless they have an articulable reasonable suspicion that an offense is occurring or has occurred."

The offense in question, he wrote, would be a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$25

North Platte.

LCC's next opponent is Hartington on Tuesday and Creighton battles O'Neill on Saturday.

Platte-Geddes 60, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 53 ĀRMOUR — The Platte-Ged-

des Black Panthers were able to withstand a late run from the Tripp-Delmont-Armour Nighthawks on Friday night. TDA outscored Platte-Geddes 20-12 in the fourth quarter, but a

15-point deficit proved to be too much for the Nighthawks as they fell 60-53. Josie DeGroot led the Black Panthers with 21 points, Kelly

Knudson added 19 points, and Kelli Sprik had 10 points. TDA was led by Julie Mingo with 23 points, Hannah Just had

12 points, and Kelli Batterman also ended with 12 points. The Black Panthers won the

JV affair 44-10. Platte-Geddes will now play South Central in Platte on Tues-

day. TDA will host Andes Central in Tripp on Monday. PLATTE-GEDDES (5-6) TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (2-8)....

Irene-Wakonda 75, Bloomfield 53

WAKONDA — The Irene-Wakonda Eagles were able to outgun the Bloomfield Queen Bees 75-53 in the cross-border matchup held in Wakonda. The Eagles were led by Haley

Hinseth's 20 points and six rebounds. Kyleigh Melstad added 17 points, Caitlin Hinseth had 13 points and five rebounds, and Makayla Mohr had 10 points and five rebounds to lead Irene-Wakonda to the win.

The Queen Bees received 24 points and five rebounds from Autumn Luger. Ashley Fiedler added 10 points, and Becca Broders had eight points and seven rebounds.

Irene-Wakonda, now 4-6, will play at Scotland on Jan. 17. Bloomfield, now 3-9, will play at Osmond, also on Jan. 17.

Scotland 56, **Andes Central 27**

SCOTLAND — Aisha Abbinik's 21 points and five rebounds led the Scotland Lady Highlanders to a big 56-27 win over the Andes Central Eagles.

Carley Škorepa had nine points and seven rebounds, and Kennidy Asche ended the night with nine points and 11 rebounds for the Lady Highlanders.

Andes Central was led by Kellie Winckler with 18 points, eight rebounds, and four blocked

shots. Scotland also won the junior varsity matchup, 47-11.

Scotland will now play Corsica-Stickney today at the Mitchell Corn Palace. Andes Central will play Tripp-Delmont-Armour on Jan. 16 in Tripp. ANDES CENTRAL (3-6) SCOTLAND (6-3).....16 33 48 56

Crofton 64, Neligh-Oakdale 29

NELIGH, Neb. — Bridget Arens posted a double-double to

lead the Crofton Lady Warriors past Neligh-Oakdale 64-29 on Friday night.

Arens recorded 19 points and 10 rebounds, while Maria Wortmann had 13 points and eight rebounds in the win.

Tiffany Tramp and Allison Arens each added nine points for Crofton (10-2), which held the Warriors to one point in the third quarter.

Joselyn Lemm and Emily Anderson each scored eight points in the loss.

Crofton hosts Lutheran High Northeast today (Saturday), while Neligh-Oakdale, 2-10, hosts Clearwater-Orchard next Tues-

CROFTON (10-2) NELIGH-OAKDALE (2-10)..... **Dakota Christian 52,**

Freeman Academy 29 CORSICA — Three players in double figures for Dakota Christian guided the Lady Cadets to

victory over the Freeman Academy Bobcats in a Class B girls' basketball game on Friday. For the Cadets, Sara De Waard led with 18 points, seven rebounds, and six steals. Brooklyn Vander Pol ended the night with

13 points and six assists while Laurel Zomer scored 17. Jaime Tschetter scored 18 points and grabbed seven re-

bounds for the Bobcats. The next opponent for Dakota Christian is Plankinton on Monday and Freeman Academy will face Centerville also on Monday. DAKOTA CHRISTIAN (3-6)..... FREEMAN ACADEMY (2-6).....11 33 44 525 7 19 29

Watertown 58, Pierre 35 PIERRE — Current Watertown

Arrow and future USD Coyote Tia Hemiller exploded for 19 points, 10 rebounds, six steals, and five assists on the way to a 58-35 Watertown win over the Pierre Lady Governors.

Mandy Tetzlaff aided Hemiller in the game with 16 points for the Arrows.

Pierre was led by Taylor Hyde's nine points and Kate Severyn had six points and 13 re-Pierre will play at Brookings

on Monday, and Watertown will host SF Washington on Tuesday. WATERTOWN (5-4, 4-4) ...

Thursday's Late Games

Hanson 72, Parker 65

PARKER — Ashley Robinson's big night helped power Hanson past Parker 72-65 in girls' basketball action on Thursday. Robinson scored 26 points, including the 1,000th of her career and also grabbed eight rebounds for good measure.

Cassidy Graham scored 21 points to go along with four rebounds for the Beavers. Kendra Cheeseman added nine points, six rebounds, five steals and three assists. Micalanne Hanten had 14

points and seven rebounds to pace Parker. Alycia Pesicka and Anna Leloux each added 12 points for the Pheasants. Hanson, 7-3, plays Mitchell Christian at the Hanson Classic

in the Corn Palace on Saturday. Parker, 3-5, will host Sioux Valley on Saturday.

Centerville 72, Irene-Wakonda 53

WAKONDA — Kieran O'Malley's 24 points and five steals led the Centerville Tornadoes to victory over the Irene-Wakonda Eagles in Wakonda on Thursday

For the Tornadoes, Samantha Blake scored 14 points and had two blocked shots. Logan Wieseler had 12 points and eight rebounds while Brittany Austin added eight rebounds and seven assists.

Bailey Hinseth, Makayla Mohr, and Kyleigh Melstad each scored 12 points for the Eagles.

The next match-up for Centerville is Clark-Willow Lake at the Hanson Classic on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Irene-Wakonda will take on Bloomfield, Neb. in Wakonda on Friday.

Irene-Wakonda won the JV game 47-37. ...17 43 60 72 CENTERVILLE (8-2) Platte-Geddes 72,

Andes Central 30

PLATTE — Kelly Knudson had 19 points, eight rebounds and six assists as Platte-Geddes ripped Andes Central 72-30 on Thursday night in Platte. Josie DeGroot added 10 points

and five rebounds for Platte-Geddes while Kellee Griese scored nine points, grabbed eight rebounds and had seven assists. Kelli Sprik also scored nine points for the Black Panthers (4-6). For the Eagles (3-5), Kellie

Wincklier scored 12 points and had six blocked shots. ANDES CENTRAL (3-5) .. PLATTE-GEDDES (4-6) ..

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