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Bowling and Billiards Day



The Turning Point Bowling and Billiards Event was a huge success. It was a dark and gloomy day full of thunderstorms and rain, but that didn't stop us from having a blast inside! We had many newcomers joining us at Turning Point. Julie, in the picture on the left, thought bowling was fun! And the billiards wow!

Look out at the billiard tournament before our upcoming Extravaganza, we have some pool sharks on our hands!

The day was great! We had a good time getting to meet all of the new people and reminiscing with some members we hadn't seen in a while like Dave Henderson and his wife as well as Tony Trift and his family! Shorty was deeply missed that day and we hope he gets to feeling better very soon! Special thanks goes out to all who braved the weather to join us and a very special thanks to the staff of Plano Super Bowl, They did a great job to make everything perfect for us



Caddo Lake Fishing

Outdoor Camp May 5 -9

Week long Camp - Improving your outdoor skills: Kayaking, Fishing, Air Rifles, Archery and more

22nd National Bass Championship May 9-11

May 9 Practice Day

May 10 Bass Championship \$75.00 Entry Fee

May 11 Free Big Bass Tournament

17th Annual Junior's Bream Championship May 10-11

May 10 Bream Tournament Free

May 11 Kayaking, Remote Control Cars, Handcycling, Archery, Air Rifles, Go-Devil Rides

Great Lakes Pheasant Hunt

Date: March 15th at 10:00AM

Place: Childs Place Buffalo Ranch, Hanover, MI



This event is **FREE** to Turning Point members. All you have to do is bring your small game license, shotgun n' shells, your positive attitude & willingness to have a great time! Whether you're a novice or an experienced disabled hunter, this is the event for you.

The Ranch is located just 20 miles south of Jackson.

For more information, contact:

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Carolina Snow Skiing

East Texas Youth Hunt



The weeker was cold but the bon fire were warm. JJ Kinney, his dad Charles, and

little brother Bo braved the cold weather for a bit of hunting during the youth season hunt January 19 and 20th. We were invited to hunt on Randy Dowden's land in East Texas. He was a great host and his friends were there to help us in any way they could. JJ hunted with Randy all weekend and saw a lot of deer. Too bad, they were just a little too far away. Bo and Charles saw a few too. But they decided to try a different spot and of course, the deer walked right by the blind they had just left. Patience is a hard virtue, especially when its cold! A big thank you to Randy and his hunting buddies for being such gracious hosts.

Shorty Undergoes Surgery



Jill Moore at Beech Mountain

We had 4 youth skiers take part from our chapter. Jill Moore became our first TP independent skier at 14 years of age. Yee-haa! The snow was the best it had ever been for the clinic with cold temps keeping the snow dry and great. Instructors came from all over the west to help as this clinic was the first of its kind in the United States!!

We honored our former board member and supporter who recently passed away in December, Tony DeLane; and all were sad as he was a big part of this annual event. Funds are being raised in his name for adaptive ski scholarships.



Up Coming Events

Turning Point North Texas

- April Camping Trip, East Texas
- May 5-9 Outdoor Camp, Caddo Lake
- May 10-11 Juniors' Bream Championship and
- National Bass Championship, Caddo Lake, Uncertain, TX
- June 5 Fundraiser: Golf Tournament/ Texas Hold'em Tournament
- June 6 Juniors/Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- June 7 Extravaganza, Bachman Recreation Center, Dallas
- June 7-12 Fishing Camp
- June 13-15 PVA Bass Tournament, Lake Ray Hubbard, Garland



Shorty, Turning Point's founder and CEO, was admitted to Baylor Hospital on February 8 with severe abdominal pains. After much testing, it was determined that he had a partial blockage in his small intestinal tract. Also it was determined that his colon had become elongated from 38 years of being in a wheelchair. His many specialists decided to remove part of his ascending colon. Upon opening his stomach, it was noticed that his descending colon had diverticulitis and his colon had ruptured. The blockage in his small intestine was a piece of his colon. As of today, March 1, Shorty is still in the hospital and is definitely improving, he hopes to attend his favorite PVA fishing tournament in Georgia the end of this month! Good Luck and Good Health. A special thank you to all of the friends of Shorty and Turning Point for your many phone calls, flowers, emails and support while our leader is recovering. We are running a little behind without Shorty's guidance. But, we will be getting our summer programs started soon. Thanks for your patience.

Learn to Sail



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Learn to Sail

Turning Point Galveston

- April 15 Black Drum Tournament, Galveston
- May 5-9 Outdoor Camp, Caddo Lake, TX
- May 10-11 Juniors' Bream Championship/National Bass Championship, Caddo Lake, TX
- June 7 Extravaganza, Dallas

Turning Point Carolina

- March 12 Adult Striper Trip, Lake Norman
- March 28-30 Clarks Hill PVA Bass Tournament, Clarks Hill Reservoir, GA
- April 18-20 Harris Chains Lakes PVA Bass Tournament
- April 10-12 Adult Camp out & Fishing Trip, Kerr Lake, VA
- April/May Turkey Hunt with Wheelin Sportsman
- May 2-4 Pier Fishing, Oak Island, Morehead City
- May 5-9 Outdoor Camp, Caddo Lake, TX
- May 10-11 Juniors' Bream Championship/National Bass Championship, Caddo Lake, TX
- May 16-18 Rend Lake PVA Bass Tournament, IL
- June 7 Extravaganza, Dallas, TX
- June 20-21 Kids' Camp Out/Fishing Derby, Lake Norman
- Summer 2008 Extravaganza, Lake Norman YMCA

Turning Point Great Lakes

- March 15 Pheasant Hunt, Childs Place Buffalo Ranch, Hanover, MI
- May 5-9 Outdoor Camp, Caddo Lake, TX
- May 10-11 Juniors' Bream Chamionship/National Bass Championship, Caddo Lake, TX
- June 7 Extravaganza, Dallas, TX

Turning Point Indian Nation

- April Lewis & Clark Outfitters: kayaking, remote control cars, archery, climbing wall
- April 26 Crappie Trip, Arkansas River Camp
- May Doodle Socking Day - crappie spawn with long rods
- May 5-9 Outdoor Camp, Caddo Lake, TX
- May 10-11 Juniors' Bream Championship/National Bass Tournament, Caddo Lake, TX
- June 7 Extravaganza, Dallas, TX
- June/July Catfish "Noodling"
- Sept 20 Dove Hunt, Webber Falls, OK
- Oct 18 Kayaking & BarBQue, Greenleaf Lake

5 Week Seminar

Starting:

Monday Evening, April 7, 2008
3 nights in the classroom and
2 nights 'on the water'

Weekly Topics:

Week 1 Monday, April 7

(7:00 - 9:00PM) Introductions, nomenclature, boat set-up, equipment, basic sailing

Week 2 Monday, April 14

(7:00 - 9:00PM) Sailing upwind & tacking

Week 3 Saturday, April 19

(11:00AM) At Hobie Point - Boat set-up, inspection and practice

Week 4 Monday, April 21

(7:00 - 9:00PM) Sailing downwind & gybing

Week 5, Saturday, April 26

(11:00AM) at Hobie Point & wrap-up

**Classroom activity at Mariner Sail
10903 Indian Trail, Dallas**

**On-the -Water activity at Hobie Poin
Lewisville Lake Park, Lewisville**

**Pre-registration NOT required, Just come
to the first class!**

**Contact: Sam Baker sdbaker@gte.net for
more details.**

**Boat not required for classroom - recommended for
on-the-water.**

Presented by: Hobie Fleet 23

www.HobieFleet23.com

- October Archery Season Hunt

Turning Point Tahoe

- March Winter Festival, Tahoe
- March Crab Feed Fundraiser, Truckee
- April Cross Country Skiing, Tahoe Donner
- May Mackinaw Fishing, Lake Tahoe
- May Hike in Sierra Valley
- May 5-9 Outdoor Camp, Caddo Lake, TX
- May 10-11 Juniors' Bream Championship/National Bass Championship, Caddo Lake, TX
- June Fishing & Hiking, Tahoe area
- June 7 Extravaganza, Dallas, TX
- July No Barriers Festival
- August Fishing, Tahoe Lakes
- Sept Camping & Fishing, Emerald Bay
- Sept Overnight Dove Hunt
- Oct Fall Hike, Tahoe
- Nov Fundraising Event

See our website for more info on upcoming events.

www.turningpointnation.org

Join Turning Point's Pool League



Turning Point is starting an 8-ball pool league! We will be playing Sunday afternoons at 3pm at The

Billiard Den, 580 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX 972-792-7665. The Billiard Den is fully accessible and has lots of rolling room around its beautiful new tables. We invite people of all ages and abilities to join in the fun. So register soon.

If you are interested in joining us please register with Jason Swanson at 214-649-7146 or Email JSwanson@turningpointnation.org

Handcycle Club

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Team Challenge



Team Challenge Roster

Shorty Powers	TX	Rance Bighorse	OK
Victor Leake	OK	Jason Swanson	TX
Lon Hilde	MA	Doug Moore	AR
Jeff Dills	NC	Rod Short	MS
Jon Bostic	OK	Dave Kiley	NC

You can see how the team is doing or join the tour c WWW.PVA.ORG

2008 PVA Bass Tour Schedule

Southeastern
March 28-30, 2008
Atlanta, GA (Clarks Hill Lake)

Central Florida
April 18-20, 2008
Tavares, FL (Harris Chain of Lakes)

Vaughn
May 16-18, 2008
Mt. Vernon, IL (Rend Lake)

Lone Star
June 13-15, 2008



Garland, TX (Lake Ray Hubbard)

National

July 11-13, 2008

Waldorf, MD (Potomac River)

Mid-America

September 12-14, 2008

Mannford, OK (Keystone Lake)

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September 26-28, 2008

Birmingham, AL (Lay Lake)

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The Turning Point North Texas Chapter is teaming with the Lonestar Handcycle Club to bring handcycling to more people in North Texas. We will be riding in the Dallas/Ft.Worth area twice a month. Jon Mattern and Rick Gore, from the Lonestar Handcycle Club, will be joining Turning Point riders like Randy Snow, Jason Swanson, John Faye, Richard Queen, Rick Cox, Tony Thrift and others. Randy Snow is excited to be hosting one of the rides that will be held in Terrell, TX. The rides will vary in difficulty and new riders are encouraged to attend. Our expert riders will work with new riders to give them tips and helpful hints about riding locations, new equipment that is available, and how to choose the right handcycle for you.

For more information and a list of riding locations check us out on the web www.turningpointnation.org

Contact Jason Swanson cell 214-649-7146 or Email JSwanson@turningpointnation.org

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If you have an article or event you would like us to publish please submit it to [Jason](#) by the 10th of the month. If we do not receive the information by the 10th it will go in the next issue.

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