

2009 Deer Steward Course Instructors

Kip P. Adams, a native of Pennsylvania, received his B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from the Pennsylvania State University and his M.S. in Wildlife from the University of New Hampshire. He worked as a wildlife biologist for the Florida Game and Fish Commission for four years. In 1999, Kip took the position of deer and bear project leader for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. In 2002, Kip became the Northeast regional director for the Quality Deer Management Association and was promoted to Director of Education and Outreach for the Northern Region in 2006. He is a Certified Wildlife Biologist, a Certified Taxidermist and a resident of Knoxville, Pennsylvania.

Mark Buxton, a native of Maryland, spent 18 years as a large plantation manager in South Carolina where he took a low quality coastal plain deer herd and created one of the most successful deer hunting operations in the Southeast. During this time he increased the average body weights of mature bucks by 60 lbs. and average antler scores by more than 25 inches. He was one of the first managers in the Southeast to design and implement a harvest strategy based on aging deer on the hoof. For his efforts, he was awarded the inaugural Al Brothers Deer Manager of the Year Award from the Quality Deer Management Association. He is the owner of Southeastern Wildlife Habitat Services where he specializes in high quality food plots, habitat manipulation and successful hunting strategies for landowners of large and small properties. He has planted and maintained more than 10,000 acres of food plots and agricultural crops, conducted prescribed burns on more than 210,000 acres and has more than 25 years of experience in the operation and calibration of tractors, planters, grain drills and sprayers. Mark has been a featured speaker at the Quality Deer Management Association national convention, Deer Steward II courses and numerous QDMA Branch meetings.

Dr. Mark Conner is the manager of Chesapeake Farms, a 3,300-acre wildlife and agricultural research and management facility owned by the DuPont Co. He is also an adjunct faculty member at North Carolina State and the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Gino D'Angelo is a native of Pittston, Pennsylvania. Currently, Gino is a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services. His work mainly focuses on resolving deer-human conflicts. Gino received his Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from Penn State University. Gino also received his Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Wildlife Ecology and Management from University of Georgia where he conducted research on deer movements, deer senses and mitigation of deer-vehicle collisions.

Neil Dougherty, a native of upstate New York has been active in food plot and wildlife habitat research for more than 15 years. He is the Operations Manager for the NorthCountry Whitetails Demo Center located in Steuben County, New York. As a wildlife consultant he manages more than 200,000 acres of property across the country. During that time he has worked closely with whitetail industry leaders such as Dr. Grant Woods, Charles J. Alsheimer, Bob Foulkrod, and others. Neil and the 500-acre demo center he developed for NorthCountry Whitetails has been the subject of numerous magazine and newspaper articles, as well as appearing on numerous shows on *The Outdoor Channel*, appearing frequently on the Deer & Deer Hunting television

show and most recently acting as the host of QDMA's own Quality Whitetails Television. Neil is also co-author of the book, *Grow 'Em Right* and has also put together his food plot planting techniques on a DVD, *Plant 'Em Right & Deerscaping*. He has written for a number of magazines including *Quality Whitetails*. Neil has assisted scores of landowners develop habitat management and food plot programs for their properties all over the United States and Canada. When not assisting landowners, Neil can be found presenting educational and informative PowerPoint seminars or meeting the public at sportsmen's shows across the United States. He has been a featured speaker at the Quality Deer Management Association Annual Convention.

Dave Edwards, Jr., a native of Florida, is a Certified Wildlife Biologist with more than 15 years of professional experience managing wildlife and wildlife habitat on both public and private lands. Dave earned a B.S. in Wildlife & Forest Conservation from the University of Florida and a M.S. in Wildlife Management from Mississippi State University. Dave has a wide range of habitat management experience throughout the south and is a certified burn manager, herbicide applicator, and Quality Vegetation Advisor. Dave specializes in recreational property management, specifically for whitetailed deer, quail and turkey where he develops innovative habitat management and recreational property plans that satisfy the needs of hunters, landowners and wildlife. He is currently the manager of Westervelt Wildlife Services where he oversees a team of biologists and other staff that implement quality deer management on over 1 million acres across the Southeast.

Phil Freshley is a certified professional soil scientist, board certified soil classifier, registered forester, and president of LandTec Southeast Inc., a consulting firm specializing in soil and water science issues. He authored the soil chapter in QDMA's landmark book, "Quality Food Plots."

R. Joseph Hamilton, a native of North Carolina, received his B.S. in Forest Resources and his M.S. in Wildlife Biology from the University of Georgia. Joe worked as a deer research biologist and as a district wildlife biologist for 19 years with the SCDNR. With DU and TNC from 1997 to 2006, Joe worked primarily on protection of private lands with conservation easements. In July, 2006, Joe began working with the Quality Deer Management Association as the Director of Education and Outreach for the Southern Region. His list of newspaper, magazine, and technical articles numbers in the hundreds. He has received numerous awards including the prestigious Deer Management Career Achievement Award in 2000 from The Wildlife Society. He is the founder of the QDMA, a Certified Wildlife Biologist, and resides near Walterboro, South Carolina.

Dr. Craig A. Harper is a professor and the Extension Wildlife Specialist in the Department of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries at the University of Tennessee. He is a certified wildlife biologist and has published numerous articles, book chapters and manuals related to his work. He is a frequent contributor to QDMA's "Quality Whitetails" magazine and contributed multiple chapters to QDMA's "Quality Food Plots" book.

Dr. Mickey Hellickson is the chief wildlife biologist for the King Ranch in Texas. He received a Bachelor's degree in fisheries and wildlife biology from Iowa State, a Master's degree in range and wildlife management from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and his Ph.D. from The University of Georgia. Mickey also holds the position of Wildlife Research Scientist at the

Cesar Kleberg Wildlife Institute at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. He is also a Life Member of QDMA and a regular contributor to Quality Whitetails magazine.

Brad M. Mormann, a native of Iowa, graduated with distinction from Iowa State University with a B.S. degree in Wildlife Ecology and went on to complete a M.S. degree in Wildlife Biology at Missouri State University. Brad has been working as a wildlife biologist with Dr. Grant Woods for the past four years. During this time Brad has taken a hands-on approach to managing whitetail herds across the nation. He has written and co-authored many scientific and popular articles dealing with wildlife and habitat management. These articles have been published in the Journal of Wildlife Management, Buck Masters, North American Hunter, Farming for Wildlife, and Quality Whitetails. Brad has spoken at the Quality Deer Management Association's national convention, in addition to sportsman banquets and scientific meetings.

Dr. Karl V. Miller, a native of Pennsylvania, is a professor of wildlife ecology and management at the University of Georgia where he received his Ph.D. in Wildlife Biology. Karl's research focuses on the physiology, habitat requirements and management of white-tailed deer and the impact of forest management practices on deer and other wildlife. He is co-editor of the books, "Quality Whitetails—The Why and How of Quality Deer Management" and "Quality Food Plots." He also is co-author of "Forest Plants of the Southeast and Their Wildlife Uses." He has published over 150 professional reports, publications or book chapters, and has presented more than 300 papers and seminars. He is a leading proponent of QDM and Charter Life Member of the QDMA.

Brian P. Murphy, a native of Texas and Oklahoma, received his B.S. in Range and Wildlife Management from Texas Tech University and his M.S. in Wildlife Biology from The University of Georgia. Prior to joining the QDMA, Brian served as Wildlife Research Coordinator for the University of Georgia and Deer Project Biologist for the Australian Government. Brian has conducted over 500 lectures on deer biology and management, published more than 100 popular and scientific articles, and conducted hundreds of interviews for television, radio and the print media. He has received numerous awards including the E. L. Cheatum Award from The University of Georgia and the National Conservation Award from the Australian Deer Association. Brian has served as Chief Executive Officer of the QDMA since 1997.

Matthew D. Ross, a native of upstate New York, received his B.S. in Wildlife Conservation from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and his M.S. in Wildlife Ecology from the University of New Hampshire. He worked as a wildlife biologist and forester for a small natural resource consulting company in southeastern NH for four years after the completion of graduate school. In 2006, Matt became the New England/Canada regional director for the Quality Deer Management Association and was recognized as the Regional Director of the Year in 2007. More recently, Matt was named the QDMA's Certification Programs Manager. He is a Certified Wildlife Biologist, a NH Licensed Forester, a founding member and the former vice-president of the First NH Branch of the QDMA, and a resident of North Bennington, Vermont.

Lindsay Thomas Jr. is the Communications Director for QDMA and the editor of "Quality Whitetails" magazine.

Dr. Grant R. Woods, a native of Missouri, received a B.S and M.S. degree from Missouri State University and a Ph.D. from Clemson University. He created Woods and Associates Inc., and has been successfully developing site-specific wildlife management plans for landowners across the whitetail's range for over 19 years. Grant has authored 100+ popular and scientific articles, book chapters, and a book, along with regularly being a featured guest on numerous hunting and habitat management television shows. He has been the recipient of several awards including being one of 25 people cited by Outdoor Life who've had the greatest positive impact on hunting and fishing within North America. Grant is a Charter Life Member of QDMA and a huge fan of QDM.