



## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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**H**ello everyone! I hope you enjoy reading the summer issue of our magazine. We will continue to bring you interesting stories related to our jobs as well as information you may be able to use in the field.

Congratulations to the winners of the LWAA 2004 Gun Raffle drawing, which was held last Dec. 14. Boogie Barrios was the winner of the Benelli 12-gauge semi-automatic shotgun, with a 3 1/2-inch magnum, 26-inch barrel and synthetic stock.

H.P. Fruge took home the Browning 12-gauge, 31/2-inch magnum shotgun, while Timmy Hale won the Remington model 700 ADL 270-caliber, bolt-action rifle with scope combo. Dwaine Redlich claimed the Thompson Center Black

Diamond model, a 50-caliber muzzleloader rifle. David Diffy held the winning ticket for the Browning A-Bolt Medallion model, a 270-caliber, bolt-action rifle. The winners were from throughout the state.

The past spring was cool and very windy in south central and southwestern parts of the state, which made it hard for deepwater fishermen to get offshore to fish the reefs and rigs. Inshore fishing for redfish and speckled trout was affected by the same weather factors, which muddied up the waters and made for spotty and inconsistent catches. Let's hope that the fishing will improve for all of us during the summer months.

Summer also brings increased boating activities on the state's waterways. We can't emphasize enough the

commonsense precautions that operators of all boats and personal watercrafts need to take:

1. Have all necessary equipment for your boat.
2. Obey all boating regulations and laws.
3. Pay attention when operating the boat.
4. Be courteous.
5. Boat safely.

I hope all of you have a safe summer. Please keep our soldiers, who are fighting for freedom and justice throughout the world, in your thoughts and prayers.

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