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Mailbag Questions

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program going.

Q: I am new in shooting sports and am looking for a publication that can give me info on guns, prices, military museums, wildlife agencies and other such information.

A: The Shooter's Bible is for you. The 1983 edition is now available for \$11.95 by mail to Stoeger Publishing Co., 55 Ruta Court, South Hackensack, NJ 07606. Also you will find it at book stores and many sporting goods outlets.

Basically, the book is 576 pages packed full of information on guns, plus a reference section that lists various agencies of interest to shooters.

Q: I am interested in boating in San Francisco Bay. Are there any special guides available to show access points?

A: New is a guide called "Bay Edges: A Four Part Guide to Public Access Along the Edge of San Francisco Bay." Each guide covers a different quadrant of the bay and also includes a geographic and historic description of the area. Guides are available for \$1 each or \$4 per set by writing Bay Conservation & Development Commission, 312 Sutter St., Suite 608, San Francisco, CA 94108.

Q: I recently acquired a run-down farm and would like to improve the land for wildlife. Any suggestions?

A: Cornell University's Cooperative Extension Service recently published a booklet to guide landowners on improving wildlife habitat. It's called "Enhancement of Wildlife Habitat on Private Lands," and the 40-page booklet is available for \$3.95 postpaid from Cornell University Distribution Center, 7 Research Park, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Q: We are planning a camping trip next summer to western Canada. My wife is worried about bears invading our campsite, as we will be using a tent.

A: Bears get hungry and if they think there is food in your camp, they might pay a social call without an invitation. Canadian officials offer these tips to campers: Do not store or cook food inside a tent; store all food inside a vehicle with closed windows; throw all garbage into a covered can when leaving your campsite; and bring all garbage with you. While away from a campsite, make lots of noise to warn bears of your approach. Above all, never try to retrieve food taken by a bear. If a bear wants the food, let the bear have it.

I was camped at Yellowstone National Park once when a bear raided camp, and they can do considerable damage. They can easily wreck a cooler and often will rip a tent apart. They are not to be taken lightly.

Q: Fur-Fish-Game once mentioned how I could buy a guide to free campgrounds. Can you give details?

A: Such a guide is available for \$9.95 postpaid. It is called "Free Campgrounds." (Continued on page 37)

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