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2018-19 ON THE CALENDAR

MONTHLY

Pistol League..... Tues. 6 pm
 Trap & Skeet 1st,2nd&4th Sat. 9-1 pm
 Trap & Skeet.....Sun. 1-5 pm
 Trap & Skeet.....Wed. 4-8 pm
 Sporting Clays..... 3rd Sat
 See Web site at
www.nwtfsclays.webs.com.
 NRA Rifle Match.....1st Sat

FEBRUARY

Directors Meeting.....28th
 4-H Shotgun classes begin.....12th

MARCH

Directors Meeting.....28th

APRIL

Directors Meeting.....25th

MEMBERSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your gun club is seeking membership volunteers to assist with the trap and skeet range operation. We are seeking 4 or more volunteers willing to help us at the range Saturday mornings on a rotating schedule. If 5 members volunteer the rotation would be every 5th week; 6 volunteers every 6th week and so on. Saturday hours are from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Duties include manning the desk, collecting fees and monitoring the range. All interested members are encouraged to contact Betty Getchell at our Southwest Parkway office (940-692-1141) or Frank Jones at 940-782-0592. **REMEMBER IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**



THE SHOOTERS ARE READY FOR THE START OF THE RED RIVER REGIONAL MATCH AT THE NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM DON VAN METER MEMORIAL RANGE.

WANTED TRAP/SKEET ASSOCIATE (PAID)

The Northwest Texas Field and Stream gun club is seeking to hire a Trap/Skeet associate. Duties for this position include opening and closing of the range on scheduled shooting days; loading clay targets into the trap machines, policing empty shot shells and trash from the ranges and some mowing of the trap and skeet fields. Hours of work are Wednesday evenings 5-9 pm; Saturdays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and Sundays 1-5 pm. This is a paid position. The preferred candidate is 16 years of age or older and possesses a driver license. Other Field and Stream family members will be considered. If you are

interested in this position or know a young person seeking part time employment contact Betty Getchell at our Southwest Parkway office, 940-692-1141, or Frank Jones at 940-782-0592.

NWTFS 2019 LOOKING AHEAD

NWTFS is looking ahead to many worthwhile projects in 2019. Some of them are: The NWTFS has agreed to host the VFW chapters 22 fun shoot. There will be youth and adult categories. Some time in late April NWTFS will host the 4-H District Rifle and Pistol Match. We are expecting 100+ shooters. The third Saturday of May NWTFS will host the 4-H Trap Shoot. There will be 100+ shooters at the Iowa

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Park Gun Range. The last Saturday of May we will host a Kid Fishing Rodeo at the Hamilton Park Fishing Pond. The first or second Saturday of June NWTFS will host a Girls Fishing Trip at the Happy C Ranch in Jack County. NWTFS will host two Hunter Ed classes in August and October. Weather permitting NWTFS will host a Youth Dove Hunt before the end of September. Before Thanksgiving NWTFS will host a Girls Deer Hunt in Jack County and a Boys Deer Hunt the first weekend of December. As you can see we have a lot of activities lined up, not including other special activities that may arise. If you feel like making a difference, call the office (940-692-1141) for more details or go to the NWTFS web site and fill out the background check form and we will contact you.

RIFLE CLUB

Some ice and snow on the range when the Rifle Club showed up for the first High Power Rifle match of 2019. It was a bit chilly until the sun helped us an hour or so later. But that same sun also made for a tough day of shooting at our east facing range. X counts were unusually low for all shooters. Robert David won with his featherweight 16 inch AR16. Brian Davis earned First

Loser. Rosa Weaver braved the cold to represent the youth. Jon Scales shot his third rifle match and demonstrated he was attentive in a recent training class by edging out Mark Johnson. New shooter Brett Thompson finished sighting in his brand new AR15 during the match. Once the temperature rose above frigid the shooters had a pretty good time. After the match several of us had lunch at Rapid Fire Pizza because we liked the name. Good people, good times. Any competitor thinking about going to a Prone or XTC match at OKC can check with us in case others are going. Also, check the Stephens County Rifle and Pistol (SCRAP in Duncan, Oklahoma) website for their next Military Bolt Action Rifle match. The shooting season is about to get busy. We have two new target numbers for the next match. Remember, it is club tradition to sign any errant bullet hole in numbers. Over the years a lot of good shooters have applied ink on the numbers. The old numbers will be donated to the Pistol Club for use during the District 3 Rifle and Pistol events. The NWTFS/4-H Winter Rifle and Pistol Class has finished two of the five Sunday afternoon classes on schedule.

DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS ARMADILLOS

A miscreant who found and tortured an armadillo, and then posted a video on social media of the despicable act now faces serious time behind bars thanks to the investigative efforts of a pair of Texas game wardens. A few months ago after learning of the incident, game wardens made a criminal animal cruelty case by securing videos and other evidence, statements and an arrest warrant that landed the young man in jail. The defendant's plea deal on two



NWTF&S DIRECTORS LARRY CARR, BILL JOHNSON, RICK COUGHRAN, MARK BEDWELL WORKING THE BB GUN RANGE AND BOOTH AT THE JANUARY GUN SHOW.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE APRIL 1. GATE CARDS AUTOMATICALLY EXPIRE AT MIDNIGHT ON MARCH 31 IF NOT ALREADY RENEWED.



EIGHTEEN SHOOTERS GO DOWN RANGE TO SCORING THE SHORT LINE AT THE RED RIVER REGIONAL MATCH SPONSORED BY THE NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM.

separate charges, including burglary of a habitation and the animal cruelty case resulted in a 6-year sentence on both charges to be served concurrently in state prison.

HIDING IN YOUR DIRTY LAUNDRY

A Houston County game warden recently received a call concerning possible illegal hunting activity in the Germany community outside of Crockett. The warden proceeded to the house in question and as he pulled into the yard, a female made a beeline to the front door of the house and closed the door behind her. In the front yard was an ice chest with a large 6-point buck's head on it. The warden knocked on the door and asked the female to come back outside, but got no response. He then walked around the house and discovered another deer head, and a Liberty County jail offender ID card nearby with the female's photo on it. A criminal database search found her to have two active felony arrest warrants. The warden, with help from a local sheriff's deputy, searched the immediate area near the home, but was unable to locate the suspect. Texas

Department of Criminal Justice tracking dogs were called in to assist, and after a couple hours, the dogs followed a scent trail back to the original house where the warden found the woman hiding underneath a pile of dirty laundry wedged between a washer and dryer. By this time the hunters who were the focus of the initial visit had returned and received citations for no hunting license and numerous warnings. The female suspect was booked on the outstanding warrants.

CLUB NEWS

January 2019 Directors Meeting: Directors present were Binnion, L & L Boedeker, F & D Bohuslav, Briley, L & L Carr, Chaddick, Coughran, B & R Davis, Hare, Hastings, Johnson, Jones, Kroes, D Morgan, Poirot, Rowland, R Spangler, Wagner, Wearth, Woods, and Yost. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Invocation was given by D. Morgan and the pledge was led by Johnson. The minutes were reviewed and motioned to accept by Linda Carr. The

motion was seconded by F. Bohuslav and was approved. The financials were reviews and motioned to accept by Johnson. The motion was seconded by Kroes and was approved. CORRESPONDENCE: Poirot had received a request for funds to send Harper Wood to Anniston, AL. Yost motioned to donate \$100.00, Jones seconded and the motion was approved. Also an announcement of the Friberg-Cooper Water meeting for new board member election. There was a thank you from the Food Bank for our donation. GUN CLUB: Jones reported there were clay events lined up. Lamberth has taken a break and we would like 4 people to work once a month on Saturdays to man the desk. If interested talk to Jones. Jones and Bob Walker a lternate on Sundays. Jones would be happy to talk to anyone who is interested. They also need a trap boy for 3 days/week and mowing.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE BB GUN RANGE AT THE FOLLOWING SHOWS

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stated that the 50 year old roof has been replaced. There is now a metal roof on the building and patio. Chaddick put in cables for the camera system before 6" more of insulation was added. 4-H: B. Davis said the Rifle and Pistol classes had started. They had 14 registered. There are 3 more Sunday lessons. PISTOL CLUB: Yost reported that Saturday will be a NRA 2700 Match. Nine more scheduled on the 4th Saturday of month. No league until May. May 17-19 will be TSRA even with 35-40 top shooters. September 28-29 will be NRA Regional Match. RIFLE: B. Davis said Robert Davis won and he was seconded. They had 6 regulars, 1 junior and 2 new. 4-H Trap lessons begin February 12 for youngsters 8-18 years old. Feb. 12 is mandatory orientation then every Tuesday for 10 weeks. A trap boy is needed for those 3 days and some



NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM DIRECTOR ARTIE WOODS IS PRESENT A PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION BY FRANK BOHUSLAV WITH PRESIDENT LEE BOEDEKER IN THE BACK GROUND.

mowing. SAFETY: Chaddick stated they were working on camera cables and setting up poles at the gate then the ranges. GUN SHOW: Johnson said all positions were filled with some people doing double shifts and on both days. He heard this may be the last year for the Gun Shows. ARCHERY: Kroes reported that classes should be starting soon on Thursdays. Bohuslav presented appreciation awards to Artie Woods, Greg Yost and Bill Johnson. OLD BUSINESS: James Campsey stated that the metal was all cut for the benches and



NWTFS DIRECTORS GREGG YOST (L) AND BILL JOHNSON (R) ARE PRESENTED PLAQUES OF APPRECIATION FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE CLUB BY FRANK BOHUSLAV. GREGG IS CHAIRMAN OF THE PISTOL CLUB AND BILL IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BB GUN RANGE.

NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM CONCEALED HANDGUN COURSE

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that frames were 3/4 built. He had 3 frames still to build and then put on wood and paint. He estimated the finish date at the beginning of April. NEW BUSINESS: John Skelton, Post 169, proposed a joint effort for a 22 challenge with 22 rifles & pistols to bring awareness to the 22 vets who commit suicide every day. This would help recruit new members for them and the Field and Stream. There would be youth, adult, ladies and men divisions. He is looking for our guidelines and help as they have never done one before. Kroes and Davis suggested some possible courses, possibly having some sponsors. Yost suggested a committee to work with them. Johnson offered. A portion of the entry fee would go to Field and Stream. Yost motioned to support and Poirot seconded. The motion was approved. Yost said Thursday, Sept. 5 was a possible date for the Friends of NRA Banquet. Woods reported on his annual fundraiser, for McGruff, Car Show on March 9. It is the Lone Star Mussel Car Show. He has raffle tickets \$1 to \$5. Kroes said Will Mangum has helped out with dove hunts and he would like to nominate him for Director. Johnson seconded and will be voted on at the next meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Jones and seconded by Linda Carr. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

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NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM DIRECTOR MARK BEDWELL AND WIFE ANA HELP OUT AT THE RED RIVER REGIONAL MATCH.



ODDIE HITT AND BARNY, THE RANGE DOG, TAKE A BREAK WITH OTHER SHOOTERS AT THE RED RIVER REGIONAL MATCH.

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HUNTERS EDUCATION CLASSES

NEXT HUNTERS ED CLASS WILL BE IN AUGUST, 2019

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940-692-1141
For more information**

NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. IF NOT RENEWED BY MARCH 31 YOU GATE CARD AUTOMATICALLY DEACTIVATED AND YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY A FEE TO GET IT REINSTATED. YOU CAN COME BY THE OFFICE ON SOUTHWEST PARKWAY OR USE THE MAIL IN FORM ON PAGE 7, JUST BE SURE WE RECEIVE IT BEFORE APRIL 1st.

STARTING OFF THE NEW YEAR IN A FOG

Just after midnight on New Year's morning, a Montgomery County game warden along with a ride-along were patrolling on Highway 59, when they entered a dense fog mixed with fireworks smoke. The warden noticed multiple vehicles were involved in a pile up and activated his emergency lights. Both the game warden and his observer provided basic medical attention and moved all the vehicles' occupants to safety. However, more vehicles continued to slam into the mound of crashed cars. As the warden was providing updates to dispatch, another vehicle came crashing into the

scene. He was able to toss his mic into the truck, slam the door, and jump out of the way as the SUV that had already hit several other vehicles came skidding by the driver's side of his patrol unit. In total, more than 20 vehicles were involved in the accident before emergency personnel were able to stop traffic ahead of the fog bank. The game warden's truck was the only vehicle on the scene that remained undamaged.

PEELING BACK THE ONION

What appeared at first glance to be a few paperwork errors ended up being a significant attempt to circumvent Texas deer regulations by a group of out-of-state hunters. While inspecting a New Braunfels taxidermy business, game wardens noted several entries in the resource log containing conflicting information. The business owner assisted in identifying the individual hunters and helped locate the corresponding antlers on hand. Three of the out-of-state hunters used Special Non-Resident 5 Day licenses, which are not valid for hunting white-tailed deer. A fourth non-resident hunter harvested a deer on October 18, 2018 and posted images and video on social media a couple of days later, but records showed

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he did not purchase a hunting license until Oct. 22. Subsequently, the four sets of antlers corresponding with these hunters were seized and citations for hunting white-tailed deer without valid general non-resident hunting licenses were issued. Wardens then interviewed the landowner where these four deer had been harvested and during an inspection of the property's deer harvest log found the landowner had claimed the buck killed by the unlicensed hunter and used his hunting license information instead. The landowner was cited for allowing a person to hunt under his license. Wardens then checked the hunting license status of all the hunters listed on the landowner's harvest log and found another out-of-state hunter who had harvested a deer on this property also used a Special Non-Resident 5 Day license. A warden from that hunter's home state was contacted and asked for assistance in locating this subject. The out of state warden made contact with the hunter and was able to determine that the subject had taken two white-tailed deer in Texas illegally. The warden seized the antlers from these two deer and returned them to the Texas wardens. Two additional citations for hunting white-tailed deer without valid general non-resident hunting licenses were issued. Cases and civil restitution now pending. **HAPPY VALENTINES**

TRIGGER HAPPY

On the night of Dec. 28, 2018 San Augustine County game wardens deployed a white-tailed deer decoy setup to catch would be road hunters near the Banister Wildlife Management Area and the Angelina National Forest. At about 10:45 pm the wardens observed a pickup truck drive past the decoy and come to a stop. The truck turned around and returned at a slow rate of speed. As the pickup approached the decoy, one of the wardens observed a red beam of light that appeared to be a laser. The pickup pulled alongside the decoy and fired a shot. A warden approached the vehicle and before he could finish announcing himself the road hunters fired a second shot at the decoy. Charges were filed for various hunting related violations at the San Augustine County Jail.

**THINK ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT SEVERAL UPCOMING PROJECTS HOSTED BY THE FIELD AND STREAM:
4-H DISTRICT RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCH
4-H TRAP SHOOT
THE KID FISHING RODEO
OR THE GIRLS FISHING TRIP
YOUR HELP WITH THESE PROJECTS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. CALL THE OFFICE AT 940-692-1141 TO VOLUNTEER.**

CAN'T GO BACK IN TIME

As one non-resident deer hunter learned the expensive way, purchasing a hunting license *after* you take to the field is not an option. He was about to enter his trophy-sized Texas white-tailed buck in a prestigious big deer contest when this individual got pulled over by a local police officer in Freer for a traffic violation. A game warden happened to be on hand and saw the big buck in the bed of the man's truck. The warden noticed the man was acting nervous about his presence and made contact for a routine compliance check. The warden verified the subject had a valid non-resident hunting license, purchased at 6:15 pm on Dec. 28, 2018, and had properly tagged his kill. The warden reached out to his colleague in Live Oak County where the trophy was taken and a subsequent call to the manager of the ranch the hunter noted on his license harvest log. The ranch manager validated the hunter's account and texted the warden a photo of the kill, which showed the deer deceased at 5 pm based on the digital time stamp, indicating the hunter bought his license after the fact. When asked about the timeline discrepancy the hunter stated that he had applied for a hunting license prior to going hunting, but it hadn't been approved until that evening. The warden informed the hunter that there is not a vetting/application process for hunting license in Texas and that it is valid upon purchase. Cases were filed and restitution is pending. The deer scored at 187 2/8 on the Boon & Crocket scoring system.



RANGE OFFICERS CHRIS BURDETT, BILL JOHNSON, TIM OWEN, ROGER KROES AND MARK BEDWELL AT THE RED RIVER REGIONAL MATCH.

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MARK BEDWELL, MARY OWEN, MARGARET KROES, ROGER KROES AND OTHERS LOOKING OVER THE SCORING DETAILS AT THE RED RIVER REGIONAL MATCH.

SNAIL'S END

On December 20, a Travis County game warden was contacted by a U. S. Department of Agriculture APHIS Smuggling Interdiction Trade Compliance officer to assist in having a local resident surrender some Giant African Land Snails. The Giant African snails are highly-regulated invasive species considered to be one of the most damaging snails in the world. If fruits and vegetables are not available, they will eat a wide variety of ornamental plants, tree bark and even paint and stucco on houses. The snails are known to carry organisms that can cause diseases in humans and livestock.

TIP FOR PROPER CARE AND HANDLING OF LUNKER BASS

1. Land the fish as quickly as possible. Playing a fish to exhaustion diminishes its chance of survival. 2. If possible refrain from using a dip net that has a mesh larger than ¼ inch and/or is not a smooth mesh. When using a net, always

make sure it is wet before it touches the fish. 3. Avoid excessive handling or dropping of the fish while removing the hook. The fish will benefit from remaining in water (boat livewell or a large cooler filled with water) while the hook is removed with needlenosed pliers. Hold the fish vertically by the lower lip while it is in the water so that the total weight of the fish doesn't rest on the lower jaw. 4. Take the fish to a marina or closest certified scales as soon as possible. Transport the fish in a properly aerated livewell or a large cooler equipped with an aerator. 5. Before removing the fish from the transport container, have the certified scales ready for weighing. Try to arrange to hold the fish in the marina's minnow vat after it is weighed. 6. To reduce stress when removing the fish from the transport container for weighing, move the fish as close as possible to the scales and holding vat before removal. If everything is ready before the fish is removed from the transport container, weighing time can be less than one minute.



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MEMORIAL

In Memory of: Priscilla Laurick
 From: Mrs. C. W. Sanders

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RENEW NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

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ENTERING SCORES FOR THE RED RIVER REGIONAL MATCH ARE MARY OWEN AND MARGARET KROES. THE MATCH IS HOSTED BY THE NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM ASSOCIATION.

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