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2023 ON THE CALENDAR MONTHLY

Pistol League.....Tues. 7 pm
Trap & Skeet 1st,2nd&4th Sat. 9-1 pm
Trap & Skeet.....Sun. 1-5 pm
Trap & Skeet.....Wed. 3 pm- ?
Sporting Clays..... 3rd Sat
(www.nwtfsclays.webs.com)
NRA Rifle Match.....1st Sat

2023 ON THE CALENDAR

November

Girl's Deer Hunt11 -12th
Director's Meeting16th
NWTFS Office Closed23rd

December

Boys Deer Hunt.....2-3rd
Children's Home Christmas Party.12th
Director's Meeting14th
NWTFS Office Closed25th

SMILE YOU ARE ON CAMERA!

CAMERA PICTURE SAMPLES
AT THE 100 YD RANGE AND
ENTRANCE GATE AT THE
NWTFS RANGE.



SECURITY CAMERAS NOTICE!

Northwest Texas Field & Stream is very proud to announce that in the last several months that live cameras have been installed at the range. With the help of several Directors and Committees this system is up and running smoothly. Cameras have been placed at the gate as well as all four ranges by the scoring shack. New signage has also been put up along the various ranges and the rules have been reviewed and updated this year. Please take some time and read back through the updated rules so that they are fresh on your mind as you head out for a wonderful day of shooting.



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SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

COMPETITORS GROUP SHOT.

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Submitted by Mark Gallagher

Southwest Louisiana Rifle and Pistol Club hosted this NRA sanctioned tournament on the first weekend in October. This "New to Me" event is held just outside of Lake Charles, LA. A wonderful place to shoot and eat afterwards.

Because of its location one would assume it is going to be hot and sticky being so close to the swampy area.



SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

COMPETITION.

However, the weather was perfect for shooting. After a long day of shooting I was invited to join the group for a lovely meal at one of the local restaurants and who can say no to some good ole Cajun food.

I must say as much as I like eating it's the meal conversation I most enjoy. So many people from different walks of life all sharing stories around the table is part of the reason I travel to these events.

Time to get down to the brass tacks or casings depending on how you look at it. The service pistol and 22 EIC matches were both won by Odie Hitt with scores of 270-4 and 266-6 respectively. Service revolver was taken by William Barron with a 347-7. As for the 2700 match Odie Hitt again won this match with a monster score of 2594-88. William Barron with a 2473-56 took the combined Master and Expert class. Melinda Lowery cruised to 1st marksman with a nice 2137-24.

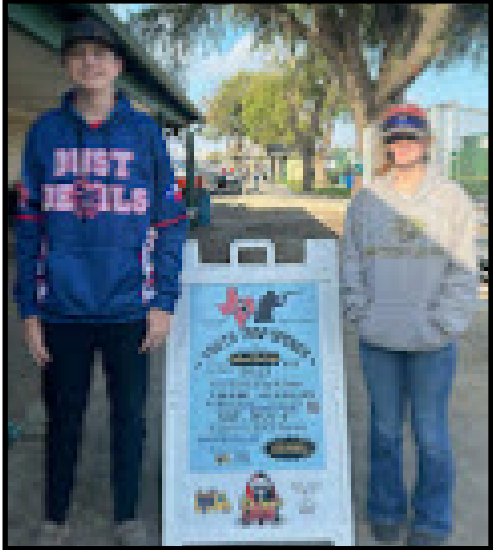
Special thanks go out to John Texada and company for hosting this event.

Happy Thanksgiving !!!!



GRANT ERDMANN & KARLA PRIEBE- PARKER COUNTY SPORTSMAN CLUB -4H FUNDRAISER SHOOT.

NWTFS members, Grant Erdmann & Karla Priebe, participated in a Fundraiser at Parker County Sportsman Club to help support Parker County 4H shooting sports. Grant came home with High male youth. Karla came home with High lady youth. Also they come home with High youth team. **Go Dust Devils!**



SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM - NOV. 4, 2023 TEAM DUST DEVILS.

Team Dust Devils competed in the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP). Season opener, November 4th, was 100 Trap. Grant Erdmann in the senior men's shot an 89. Karla Priebe in the senior lady's shot 93 and placed first place.

GOOD JOB DUST DEVILS.



KARLA PRIEBE AND HER AWARDS - OCTOBER 7TH TEXAS YESS-NORTHLAKE SHOOTING SPORTS.

We are excited for Karla!

Karla Priebe competed in Texas Yess at Northlake Shooting Sports on October 7, 2023. She came home First in Super Sport and Third for Double Skeet.

Thank you to all of you men that shoot and put up with her. The Priebe's

Thank you, Director Thomas Hutson, for trimming the trees over the parking area. Our secretaries are happy they don't have to worry about falling limbs anymore!!!!

Thank you to Charles Thelen for his donation for our youth deer hunts.



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MEMBERSHIP PRICE CHANGE NOTICE!!!!

At the August, 2023 NWTFS

Executive Board Meeting, due

to recent increase of gate

maintenance costs and increase

cost of the cards, it was decided

to increase the cost for a new

Member gate card fee, replacement of lost gate card, or reactivation gate card fee

from \$20.00 to \$25.00.

This new pricing will be effective on Dec. 1, 2023.

The family membership cost will remain \$50.00.

The only price increase is in regard to the Range Gate Card fee.

If you have any questions concerning this price change of the purchase of gate cards, please call our office at:

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1 PM to 5:30 PM



LINDA CARR, DIRECTOR FOR NWTFS, TOOK THIS BEAUTIFUL 11 POINT BUCK OPENING MORNING OF GUN SEASON AT 7:35 AM!. HUNTING WITH HER HUSBAND, LARRY CARR, IN NORTHERN CLAY COUNTY, SHE USED HER TRUSTY SAVAGE .243 FOR A ONE SHOT KILL AND A 30 YARD TRACKING JOB.

CLUB NEWS

NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M

Directors present were: M.&A. Bedwell, D.& F Bohuslav, K. & J. Cannaday, L. & L. Carr, L. Chaddick, R. Coughran, J. & M. Gallagher, L. Hare, P. Herrera, T. Hutson, B. Johnson, F. Jones, R. Kroes, N. Mason, E. Matelski, J. Petenbrink, T. Reis, B. Rowland, J. Sawyer, R. Spangler, B. Stephens, D. Wagner and A. Woods.

Thank you to the cooks.

Invocation: Larry

Pledge: Ana B.

Guests: Janet, Margaret, Max, Oliver and Matthew.

Minutes were reviewed. Linda motioned to approve. Larry seconded. Approved.

Financials were reviewed. Frank motioned to accept. Bill J. Seconded. Approved.

Correspondence: Roger: None

Gun Club: Rick: Wanted to thank a few individuals who have been working on the Gun Club range. Appreciate all their help in making it look good. Has been good activity on Saturday's now the weather has cooled down.

Rifle: Brian - No one present to give report.

Archery:

Pistol: Roger - The Fall League has started and is a large group attending. Have started 4H Rifle/Pistol training and attendance has been good. Do have 4 - 4H members who want to go beyond 4H training. Youth shotgun training in February.

Gun Show: Rick - Dec. 2nd 3rd which is the same weekend as the boys deer hunt so we won't be setting up as all Directors will be volunteering for the hunt.

Hunter's Ed - Frank - Oct 7th. Class had 25 participate and all passed. Next class in March 2024 before turkey season begins.

Safety - John P. - Wi-Fi cameras are set up on the 4 ranges and working. Did have someone who was downrange while another shooter was

starting to shoot. Trying to locate. Would like to purchase 2 more cameras (\$129.00 each est.) to place facing the archery range and parking area. Also would like to purchase 2 external solar power boxes (\$60.00 each). No other costs involved. Discussion followed. Also noted that he felt that our By-Laws need to be revisited and updated. Mark G. added our range rules state the range is available sun up to sun set and he has noted at least 2 instances where people are out there, with headlamps on, picking up brass after dark. He noted that if anyone happens to hit their heads on the baffles and get knocked out, there's no one there to help them. Safety risk. It was decided that we would vote on approval for more cameras next month.

Boy Scout reports:

Paul Herrera - They are in need of volunteers to be den leaders. If interested let him know. One weekend a month for 1 hour. Popcorn sales going on. Finishing soon. Troop went to Little Eden petting farm and had a great time. Also went to Lucy Park to learn about scat and plants that you do not touch. Will have a float for the Veteran's Day Parade on Nov. 4th.

Joe Sawyer - Went on a hiking trip. He will be attending a Range Safety Officer training on Nov 18th sponsored by 4H in Archer City. It will cover rifle/pistol/shotgun and black powder.



PHEASANT HUNT 2023

HUNTERS LOADING THE BUS FOR ANOTHER HUNTING SITE.



Terry Reis - His son Zack did his Eagle Scout project at the range but didn't get signed off on so it didn't count. Did a second project and he earned his Eagle Scout.

Old Business:

New Business:

LeRoy - Jacksboro work party set for October 28th. Has been postponed due to rain and flooding. Will be spraying the kitchen and dorm room Sat. Oct. 28th. Girl's Deer Hunt Nov. 11-12. Boy's Deer Hunt Dec. 2-3. Will be a max of 35 youth. Still in need of guides. Anyone who wants to volunteer needs to fill out the Background Check form on the website and submit.

Bill J. - 4-H Black Powder will be in the spring and he has roughly 6 students from the rifle/pistol group that are interested at present time.

Linda - Children's Christmas Party. Tuesday Dec. 12th at 5:00-6:30 at the children's home. Have been asked not to bring snacks so it will be Artie doing his magic show and Santa giving out the coats.

Mark B. - thanked Roger, Billy, Ed and Ana for all their help.

Artie - new crop of pecans in for \$12.00 a pound.

Thank you to Linda for decorating the tables for the meeting.

Jessica motioned to adjourn. Linda seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2023.

We will be collecting monetary donations for the State Hospital Christmas gifts.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!!!**

For the Gun Shows

Contact:

Rick Coughran 940-704-3415

Hunting Pheasant in Kimball, South Dakota

Submitted by Mark C. Bedwell

Well, this October last, thirteen hunters went again up to Jim & Patsy's Bed & Breakfast. Our dear friend, Patsy, is gone, yet her grandson Zak has taken over the family business. Zak is doing a magnificent job.

Under the guidance and leadership of our friend, Darrel Kirkland, on Thursday, October 19, 2023, several hunters left Wichita Falls around 8:30 AM. We did not stop until we were in the state of South Dakota. Eating fast food and stopping for fuel along the way. The weather was really nice. Our friend, Mike Bogart, and his friend, Don Cofer brought their hunting dogs along, Milo and Roxy, both are wonderful hunters. Milo is really trained well and Roxy is learning very well. I rode with Paul Baganz, a really nice guy and good friend of Darrel. Roger Kroes rode with Bob Kirkland and Richard Kirkland, Darrel's sons. They are very capable and helpful men.

We had reservations, thanks to Darrel, to stay and hunt at Jim & Patsy's Bed and Breakfast that weekend. We arrived Friday and relaxed until the next day's hunt. All eyes were on the Big Screen TV's throughout the Lodge watching the Texas Rangers battle the Houston Astros. Our good friend Craig Newcomb and his son, Brian showed up.

I was asked to help prepare breakfast

the next morning. I wholeheartedly agreed to help. I like to cook anyway and consider it an honor and a privilege to be on the Cooking Committee with NWTFS. But I'm getting sidetracked! Zak had purchase groceries for two large breakfasts in advance. I have to brag on Brian Newcomb, Craig Newcomb and Darrel Kirkland. I've had a bad knee, and I'm generally the last guy to show up. When I went upstairs to help with cooking, the smell of good hot Folgers Coffee filled my nose. Craig and Brian were already well ahead of me; Brian browning breakfast sausage, putting Pillsbury Grand Biscuits in the oven, browning hash browns, etc. Darrel was grilling up 2 pounds of good bacon. My assignment was to scramble 24 eggs and make good sausage gravy, which I can do! Brian took over the cooking of the eggs.

Hunters eat like horses and a hearty breakfast is not only expected, it is a necessity, I would agree. Hot coffee, ice cold milk, real Florida orange juice. Patsy had made several jars of strawberry & rhubarb jam and on a hot buttered biscuit with ice cold milk, was just as good as it gets. After breakfast, we let our stomachs settle and had 2 hours before we went out on the hunt. The sun was shining and the weather was remarkably warm, low to mid 60's for the high. Two people showed up that morning of the hunt must be mentioned. These two men came from Wichita Falls, Phil Pridham and Gary Crouch always show up together. I think highly of both men. Gary has hunted big game all over the world and just a nice guy. I watched Gary call in turkeys without a call. Gary is unique in that he can call turkey and dove with just his mouth and skill. I have never seen anyone else do this. Phil Pridham is remarkable also. Phil is 87 years old, wears only the best L.L. Bean hunting boots and always has a kind smile. Phil is a USAF Major Retired. He was the Radar Intercept Officer on F-4 Phantom Fighter jets during the Vietnam War. Phil's most notable

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Pheasant Hunt 2023

Richard Sutton , Phil Pridham & Richard Kirkland.

achievement, is that he was the 1st person to spot John Glen's capsule after Glenn had splashed down in Friendship 7. These men reside in Wichita Falls and I am honored and privileged to hunt with them. Nobody brags, nobody puts on airs. Just a bunch of guys coming up to Jim & Patsy's Bed & Breakfast to hunt pheasant. Richard Sutton was there also, Richard said it best I feel, when Richard spoke of camaraderie, of friendship, enjoying all the aspects of the hunt. I was glad Roger was there. He had made this spectacular heater and Darrel had presented this nice heater to Zak Bass the year before.

There were 13 Hunters total. We killed 78 birds over 2 days. That Saturday we hunted hard to get 39 birds. But we did it, all the birds were Roosters. The next day we got 39 more Roosters. The sun kept getting in my eyes Saturday. I will not shoot a bird that flies into the sun. I flushed 3 Roosters that all took off one after the other, all flew into the sun. Nobody else fired. I missed all 3 birds, but I made up for

that mistake later. The next day was overcast, no sun. I didn't miss! I saw my good friends, Mike Bogart and Roger Kroes make some good shots. I also saw Craig and Brian Newcomb made good shots. I saw Darrel, Bobby and Richard shoot well. Mainly, I was just focusing on my own shooting. But it's a good feeling to see one's friends shoot well also. I saw Richard Sutton make a couple of really good shots. No birds got by Gary Crouch either. All the while I would hear Zak and others hollering, "Hunt'Em Up! Hunt'Em UP!" The dogs were all over the corn fields.

IT WAS A WONDERFUL TWO DAY HUNT!

Phil did well also. I hope that I can still go hunt Pheasant if I am lucky enough to make it like Phil. Phil, being the decent, kind man that he is - assured me that I would. I hope so anyway. As Gary Crouch stated a couple years ago, this hunt can't be duplicated. Gary was right. Our friend, Jay Autry and his group weren't here this year. Jay brings in Prines Barbecue from Wichita Falls and unselfishly offers good eats to strangers like me. I also missed my good friend Jerry Norris. I saw Jerry shoot a Rooster that everyone else who shot at had missed. But Jerry didn't miss and hit the bird with an estimated 65 yard shot!

I guess what I like best about going Pheasant hunting at Jim & Patsy's Bed and Breakfast are the memories. Good memories. Hunting with good hunters, good dogs, and safe hunters. Going out to dinner at Al's Oasis. Coming back to Wichita Falls and feeling good about the hunt. My thanks to all who made this possible, especially the Bass Family. I am already saving my coins to go next October 2024.

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White-tailed deer season opened November 4, 2023 in both the North and South Zones.

Wild Turkey season opened November 4, 2023 in both the North and South Zones.

Mule Deer season starts November 18 in the Panhandle. November 24 in the Trans-Pecos region.

Cooler weather has arrived just ahead of the most promising white-tailed deer season of the past few years. Improved habitat brought on by spring rains is expected to translate into robust deer populations. Above-average antler quality is also expected due to reduced harvest numbers last season and benefits of the spring bounty.

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“Overall, the 2023-2024 deer hunting season is expected to be good in terms of harvest numbers and opportunities, so don’t let the chance to spend time afield with family, friends and fellow hunters pass you by, “ said TPWD White-tailed Deer Program Leader Blaise Korzekwa.

The 3 top areas for white-tails this year are:

Edwards Plateau- which has the highest deer population in Texas.

South Texas Plains, known for mature bucks and above-average antler quality.

Cross Timbers Region, with the second-highest deer population.

Get forecasts for all 6 regions of the state in the press release [Texas Deer Population Forecasted to Rebound from Drought Conditions](#). Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Webpage.

Good luck this fall, and enjoy your time hunting with friends and family.



PHEASANT 2023 HUNT.

**DARREL KIRKLAND,
ORGANIZER OF HUNT,
AND MARK BEDWELL.
NOTICE THE GUN RACK
TO THE FAR LEFT.**

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

You must carry:

Hunting License, Proof of Hunter Ed, For wild turkey hunters: Upland Game Bird Endorsement, For Bowhunters: Archery Endorsement.

You should also:

Correctly log and tag your harvest whether deer or wild turkey. Refer to the Outdoor Annual for county-specific regulations. Bring any deer harvested in a CWD Zone to a CWD check station within 48 hours for testing. Additional CWD Zones may be established at any time. Be aware mandatory harvest reporting for buck & antlerless deer remain in effect in Collin, Dallas, Grayson, and Rockwall counties, and for antlerless deer in 21 counties in South Central Texas.

New this year:

Several digital licenses that authorize digital tagging of deer and turkey are now available online. These include Youth Hunting, Lifetime Hunting tags, Super Combo, Senior Super Combo and Lifetime Combo Tags.

Go to Texas Parks & Wildlife website for more important information.

BOYS DEER HUNT

DECEMBER 2-3, 2023

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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