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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

December

Boys Deer Hunt.....2-3rd
Children's Home Christmas Party.12th
Director's Meeting14th
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2024

January

Director's Meeting25th

February

Director's Meeting22nd

March

Director's Meeting28th

Merry Christmas



2023 NWTFS GIRLS DEER HUNT

GUIDES AND YOUTH HUNTERS GROUP PICTURE.

NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD & STEAM ASSOCIATION'

GIRLS DEER HUNT 2023

(NOVEMBER 11TH -12TH)

This year marked the 9th annual Girls Deer Hunt. The hunt is conducted over a two day period and offers girls who do not have an opportunity to hunt a chance to get out in the outdoors and experience the thrill of a deer hunt. The hunt took place in Jack County on the 4 Amigos Ranch, the South Campsey Ranch and the Happy C Ranch.

This year twenty five girls from

Wichita Falls, Vernon, Jacksboro and the Dallas-Fort Worth area took part in the hunt. Conducting the hunt takes the support of numerous volunteers. In total 25 guides, 8 cooks, 13 Ranch Hands, 6 Game Wardens, 5 activity support people and a Game Biologist. In total the event required over 1,000 man hours of volunteer effort. Many thanks to the landowners and all of the volunteers that make this event possible.

The event started Saturday morning with a big welcome for everybody and presentations by:

Texas State Game Wardens - Gun safety and the Texas game laws.

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GAME BIOLOGIST - JENNIFER BARROW- TEACHING HOW TO IDENTIFY MATURE DEER & HOW TO PLACE YOUR SHOT.

Parks and Wildlife Game Biologist: Jennifer Barrow - How to identify mature deer and how to place your shot.

NWTF&S Girls Deer Hunt Chairman: LeRoy Chaddick - Event overview, guidelines and expectations.

Following the introductions the Game Wardens conducted live fire practice at the Firing Range. This gives the girls a chance to fire the gun they will be using and a chance for the game wardens to reinforce safe gun handling, once the firing was completed the girls were served lunch and participated in several activities such as tracking, fire making, antler rattling and other game calls. In the evening was a demonstration of night vision.

During lunch Charisma Owen, a former participant and a long time member of the NWTF&S Junior Shooting Team, gave an inspirational speech. Charisma is the current Rifle Champion for the state of Texas and is the first junior and first woman to do so. She has accumulated many other awards that are too numerous to mention. She is currently in a Master's Degree Program at Tarleton State University and wants to teach Agriculture after graduation. She credited her success to dedication and hard work and told the girls that the



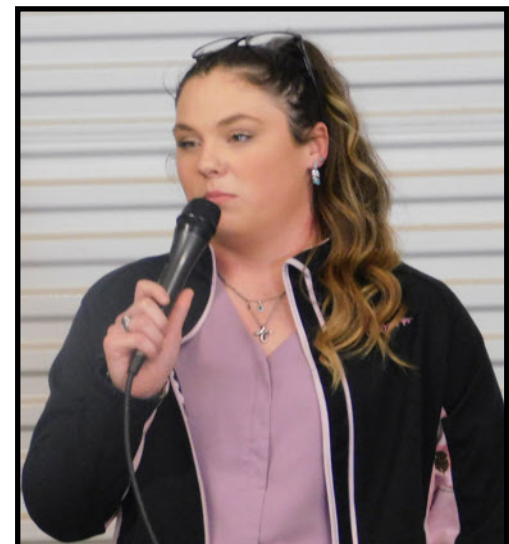
2023 GIRLS DEER HUNT

JACK COUNTY GAME WARDEN, TJ TWIDDEL, TEACHING GUN SAFETY & TEXAS GAME LAWS.

future is theirs and they can achieve anything they want with dedication and hard work.

Following the day's activities, the guides and their girls were transported to the various ranches and blinds for the evening hunt. This was repeated the following morning, completing the event by noon on Sunday.

In total the girls shot 5 deer and 5 hogs. The two largest test hogs were over 200 pounds. All the girls had a great experience and will remember these days for some time to come.



**CHARISMA OWEN
SPEAKING AT THE 2023
GIRLS DEER HUNT.**

EXCITING CHANGES TO THE FORMAT OF THE FAMILY SPORTSMAN NEWSLETTER!

Significant and exciting change regarding our long- standing tradition of the Family Sportsman Newsletter is forthcoming.

For the past 64 years, our organization has taken great pride in delivering the latest news, updates, and valuable content through our traditional mailed newsletter. However, as technology continues to evolve, we recognize the need to adapt and embrace new avenues for communication.

Therefore, we are thrilled to announce that starting January, 2024 our newsletter will be transitioning from a mailed copy to an internet version. This transformation comes with several advantages that we believe will enhance your overall experience as a valued member of our organization.

Benefits of the Online Newsletter:

- 1. Instant Accessibility:** The internet version will be available to you instantly, allowing you to access the latest information with just a few clicks
- 2. Environmentally Friendly:** Going digital aligns with our commitment to sustainability, reducing paper usage and its environmental impact.
- 3. Interactive Content:** The online format allows for interactive content such as videos, hyperlinks, and multimedia elements, providing a more engaging and dynamic reading experience.
- 4. Cost Savings:** The shift to an internet version will enable us to allocate resources more efficiently, ensuring that your membership fees continue to support the initiatives that matter most to you.

To ensure a smooth transition each month you will be emailed the Family Sportsman if you have a valid email on file. If you do not receive the email please go to our website www.nwtfs.org. Scroll down to the section titled (**Sign up for free email updates**) and enter your name and email address. You may also call our office at **940-692-1141** and we will be happy to assist you in entering your email address.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we embrace this positive change. Our commitment to delivering high quality content remains unwavering, and we are confident that the new online format will better serve the needs and preferences of our diverse membership.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our dedicated office staff at 940-692-1141. Thank you for your continued loyalty and support to the Northwest Texas Field and Stream Association. We look forward to sharing this new chapter with you.

Mark Watson,

President,

Northwest Texas Field and Stream Association



WEEKS PARK POND TROUT STOCKING DATES

December 8th and 20th,

January 6th and 20th

February 3rd and 17th

March 2nd.



TEAM DUST DEVILS FOR THE WIN!

Grant Erdmann and Karla Priebe participated in Texas Yess Defenders Veterans Day Shoot. Competition was 100 sporting and 50 super sport. Grant placed first in super sport, ending up with a score of 128. Karla placed second in super sport, first in sporting and took H.O.A. Lady with a score of 131. **Go Dust Devils!**

CLUB NEWS

NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Directors present were: D. & F. Bohuslav, K. & J. Cannaday, L. & L. Carr, L. Chaddick, R. Coughran, J. & M. Gallagher, P. Herrera, T. Hutson, F. Jones, R. Kroes, J. Lamberth, W. Mangum, N. Mason, J. Petenbrink, B. Rowland, R. Spangler, B. Stephens, D. Wagner, M. Watson and A. Woods.

Thank you to the cooks.

Invocation: Larry

Pledge: Artie W.

Guests: Margaret and Tom B.

Minutes were reviewed. Bo Frank motioned to approve.

Ray

seconded. Approved.

Financials were reviewed. Frank motioned to accept. Thomas seconded. Approved.

Correspondence: Roger: None

Gun Club: John - Annual shotgun match coming up Dec. 2nd. (410 Clay Shoot).

Rifle: Brian - No one present to give report.

Archery:

Pistol: John - Are in week 8 of the fall league. MP match Saturday at 9:00 (22 and center fire).

4-H rifle/pistol: Roger - They have the largest group they've had in the last few years. Some are interested in getting involved with Field and Stream Junior League.

4-H Shotgun: Frank - Should start the first or second week 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

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

**Time to renew you
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our Southwest Parkway
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Plan ahead.

**Renew now before
the rush.**



all directors will be volunteering for the hunt.

Hunter's Ed - Frank- Next class in March 2024, before turkey season begins. No date set yet.

Safety : John P. - Discussion at last month's meeting about adding 2 more cameras and 2 solar panels. Noted that there have been some incidents at the range. Had gotten call from Rick C. who had talked with a longtime member who was at the range and saw a person approach the 25 yard range with what looked like a gun that is not allowed on that particular range. He informed him of such and words were exchanged. Roy was struck in the face. Sheriff was called, person arrested and charges are pending. Reiterated that if you see something that's not in line with our safety rules please report. If it's something serious then call the Sheriff's Department, don't put yourself in harm's way. Get a license plate number if possible.

Boy Scouts reports:

Paul Herrera - Pack 13- They have finished their popcorn sales. Orders will be available for pick up on Friday. Had a float in the Veteran's Day Parade and threw out lots of candy. Christmas party in December.

Joe Sawyer -

Terry Reis -

Old Business:

Mark G. - Last meeting it was discussed about getting 2 more cameras installed at the range and 2 external solar panels. Was able to get 4 solar panels for not much less than the price he was quoted for 2. Cameras will be \$130.00 each + tax. Larry motioned to approve to purchase up to \$300.00. Norman seconded. Approved.

New Business:

Roger: We have been publishing our

newsletter since 1959 and haven't missed an issue! The costs to us have been increasing and the machine is old and parts are getting hard to come by. It was decided that as of January 1, 2024, we will no longer be mailing the newsletter. Will be on line only. Notice will be published in the December newsletter.

Linda - Children's Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 12th at 5:00-6:30 pm 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. They are in need of art supplies if anyone would like to donate. Canvas, paint brushes, tempera/acrylic paints. Need to be brought to the office by December 11th.

LeRoy : Girls Deer Hunt - Had 25 girls attend. 5 deer were harvested (2 bucks, 3 doe) and 5 hogs. Did have 33 guides sign up, but only 24 showed. This was an issue. Had programs lined up for them after lunch and s'mores after dinner. Did have one girl sent home. Had one of our members come out to help. Thanked all who came out to help and thanked the cooks for some good food.

December 2 & 3 is the Boys deer hunt. Will send out notices.

John P. - Would like to get a committee together to review and discuss our current By-Laws. Have not been updated since 1975. Was advised to go ahead and get a committee together.

Rick thanked Linda for decorating the tables for the meeting.

Mark W. let everyone know that Committee Assignment sheets will be handed out at the next meeting and will be due at the January meeting.

Linda motioned to adjourn. Jennifer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

**NEXT MEETING:
DECEMBER 14, 2023.**

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Dec. 2-3

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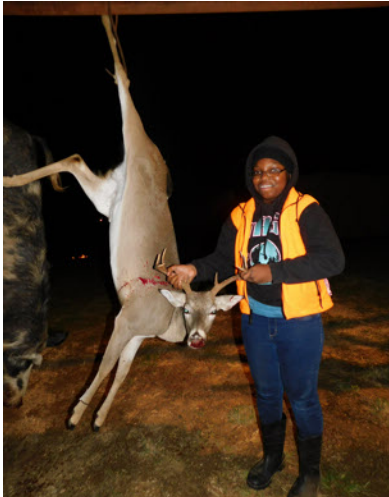
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News Release: Oct. 2023 Game Warden Field Notes -TPWD

A landowner notified a Hays County Game Warden that a hunter killed a white-tail doe out of season. The hunter, who paid a fee to hunt hogs that day, was visiting from Maryland with his son.

The landowner found out about the doe after he received pictures from the hunter and his son posing with their harvest and asking for a ride back to their truck.

The landowner provided the game warden the signed liability waivers from the hunters, which only mentioned hog hunting. The hunters said they were never told they needed hunting licenses and that they should have been provided with certain services like a hunting guide, verbal education on hunting regulations and signage around the site stating hunting laws. They also assumed that, like Maryland, they didn't need a hunting license and could hunt anything on private property. The hunters stated that after a day without services and no animal sightings, they became upset with the landowner. During a phone conversation, the landowner stated, "everything is open." The hunters interpreted the landowner's statement as every animal on the property is open to be killed, when instead, the landowner was referring to every blind and stand being open for the hunters to use. The game warden issued citations for hunting and possessing white-tail deer in a closed season and not having a nonresident hunting license.

JUST WINGING IT

A Karnes County Game Warden received a call from someone asking if dove season was open because their neighbors were shooting excessively.

When the warden arrived at the location, he could hear shooting. Making his way to the back of the property, he witnessed several subjects hunting doves and found they were over their bag limit of mourning doves, as Karnes County is in the Special White-Wing Dove Zone. Additionally, two of the hunters did not have valid hunting licenses, nor had they taken hunter's education classes.

The warden issued citations, seized and donated 29 doves.

IN A HEAP OF TROUBLE!

A Smith County Game Warden received a call from a landowner about materials dumped along a bridge and creek on his property.

While the materials included mostly sheet rock, housing trim and lumber. The warden did find a box with a bar code that allowed him to trace the materials to a local store and, ultimately, the owner of the credit card used for the purchase.

The warden interviewed the cardholder, who had just completed a home remodel for his family. He told the warden someone familiar with his family had offered to haul off the unused materials for a small fee. The suspect kept the money and dumped the trash onto private property.

Along with Smith County Sheriff's Office environmental deputies, the warden served a warrant for felony commercial dumping over 200 pounds. When arrested, the suspect had more building materials and trash in the truck.

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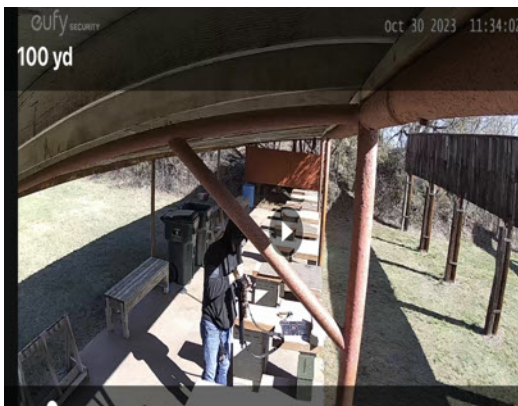
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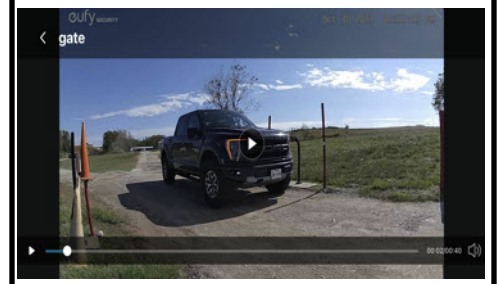
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