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**2024 ON THE
CALENDER
MONTHLY**

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

**2024 ON THE
CALENDER**

OCT.

High Power Match: 5th
 Hunters ED:12th
Directors meeting:24th

NOV.

High Power Match: 2nd
 Girls Deer Hunt 9th-10th
Directors meeting: 21st

DEC.

Boys Deer Hunt 7th-8th
 High Power Match: 7th
 Children's Home Party: 13th
Directors Meeting: 19th

YOUTH DEER HUNTS

If you're interested in helping out with a great youth outdoor project, please join us by filling out your Background Check form (at nwtf.org). You will be contacted for additional info.

Work day: Oct 19th

Girls hunt: Nov 9-10-24

Boys hunt: Dec 7-8-24

This event is the largest and longest continuously run youth hunt in Texas and it depends on volunteers like you! If you like kids and want to help continue the legacy of hunting, PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

There are many other important volunteer activities other than being a guide that need to be filled.

This is an overnight event! Guides will be expected to commit to being with their assigned youth both days except Saturday night, when the kids must stay in our dorm for supervision!

Our lodge is located at 3503 Coca Cola Ranch Rd. Jacksboro, Tx

YOUR PAY: We feed you well and you will see and feel the genuine appreciation from an undeserved youth who has never been hunting nor likely will have this experience.

Lodging: Volunteers will need to bring sleeping equipment for Saturday night.

I've got access to 3 Cabins at Ft. Richardson State Park that hold 4-5 people each for the girls AND boys hunts.

There is limited space in our dining area, if you bring an air mattress/cot. It's limited to women during the girls hunt/men during the boys hunt.

Our main camp lodge has indoor restrooms but NO showers.

There is additional space for camping trailers and tents as well.

Please let me know what your needs are. Please contact LeRoy Chaddick at 940.631.8039 leroychaddick@gmail.com for other questions and/or information.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCT
24TH**

Northwest Texas Field & Stream would like to invite our members to our October meeting on Thurs, Oct. 26th. This would give you an opportunity to hear more about what's happening in our organization and ask any questions that you may have.

We do have a dinner that is served at 6:30 if you would like to join us. This month's meal is going to be a

baked potato bar. We do ask for a suggested donation of \$10.00 per meal to help cover the cost.

If you would like to attend we do need a reservation as seating is limited. **RSVP** Call the office at 940-692-1141 to make your reservation. Meal reservations need to be in by Tues., Oct. 22nd.

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2024 Youth Trap and Skeet Shoot

By Norman Mason, Committee Chair

Saturday, September 14th we held the second annual Youth Trap and Skeet Shoot. It was a great success with 11 youth from the Boys and Girls Club.

They were very competitive with one another. The two most competitive were a brother and sister. The sister who had never shot a shotgun, had the top score and her younger brother had the second high score. Roger K. had supplied us with medals that looked like the Olympic medals. We awarded 4 Gold Medals, 4 Silver Medals and 3 Bronze Medals. A total of 11 medals with each youth receiving one. The youth were thrilled to receive them. Thank you again Roger.

I want to give out special thanks to all the volunteers that helped make this a successful event. Mark B. and Mark G. cooked the hamburgers and Betty G. made the magic happen with the food spread. Betty also gave us a little excitement when she and her little snake friend decided to fight over the bathroom. Neither the snake nor Betty were injured in this bathroom brawl. Both lived to maybe encounter one another in the future. Thanks also to the Guides assigned to each youth. They were Larry C., Linda C., Bill J., Bobby R., Kyle C., Jennifer C., Billy S., Janet S., Mark B., and Darrel K. We also had a new member from Sheppard named Caleb to help us out. Frank J. and I ran the trap and skeet houses while the Guides instructed and assisted the youth in their shooting. Thanks to all for making this a memorable experience for the youth of our community. We are now looking forward to next year.



**MEMBERSHIP
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**Family membership ending
March 31, 2025**

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**DEER SEASON STARTS
NOV. 2ND**

**NORTHWEST TEXAS
FIELD AND STREAM
DIRECTORS MEETING
September 26, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Invocation: Larry

Pledge: Norman

Thanks to everyone for coming. Thanked the cooks for another good meal.

Guests: Deb

Minutes were reviewed. Bill J. motioned to approve. Linda seconded. Approved.

Financials were reviewed. Frank J. motioned to accept. Linda seconded.

Correspondence: Bo Frank: None to report

CLUB REPORTS:

Gun Club: John L. – Would like us to host a shoot to benefit Field & Stream. Probably won't be until sometime in March as we have a lot going on in the coming months. Would be like they do for other fund raiser matches for non-profits. Rick noted that it was going to take volunteers to get it done.

Rifle: Brian – John S. & James L. were shooting top notch at the last match.

Pistol: John P. – Just finished week 2 of the fall league. Having 9 – 10 each week come out. Hosting the Red River Regional Pistol Competition Sept. 27 – 29.

4-H Shotgun: Having the 4-H Dist. Nov. 9th, individual competition only. May only have 3 – 4 that will compete. Got approval last month to order shells but did a count on what they have and will hold off for now.

Archery: Mark G. – Waiting on a couple of people to complete the 4-H instructor's class. The stand has been on hold while Roger has been out of pocket for the last month.

Safety: Mark G. – Camera's for the office were supposed to be in today. Will install when in.

Gun Show: John – Nothing scheduled at this time. The one in December is out as it is the same weekend as our boys deer hunt. Had heard the other one may do one in October but has not been able to get ahold of anyone.

Hunter's Ed: Frank – Oct. 12th Will be short 2 instructors and is getting someone to cover those areas. Anyone 9 years and older needs to take it. Register on line with Texas Parks & Wildlife. Check in at 7:45 and class begins at 8:00. (Southwest Parkway building)

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Scout Reports:

Old Business:

Roger – Wanted to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for his wife Margaret this last month. She had a brain bleed and was transported to Dallas for treatment. He went on to explain what happened and her treatment. She is now back and will be at Encompass Rehab for 2 weeks.

Made note about Field & Stream’s Junior Rifle/pistol team is up to 8 after being down to 2.

Norman – Youth Shoot Sept. 14th. Gave thanks to the guides and volunteers that helped out and to Roger for the medals that were given out. They held a competition in which a young lady who had never shot before won and her brother came in behind her. Randy Cooper told him that they were still talking about the medals.

Start time 11:30 – 12:00 with lunch, then a safety meeting. Expect to be done by 3:00

New Business:

Frank: Need any articles and or pictures for the newsletter turned in no later than Monday. Wants to get newsletter out by the first of the month.

Rick – One of our freezers is in poor condition. Talked with Brian about fixing. Ray noted that it was donated by David Shoop and Frank noted it’s been here for at least 30 year. Consensus was to purchase a new one. Rick will check around for pricing.

Artie – Gun Show Oct. 12 – 13 at Bridwell Ag Center. He will have pecans next month.

Jennifer – ordered lanyards for both hunts. Has been working with LeRoy.

Rick – In the revised By-Laws the

member banquet was moved to October. Proposed we do it at next month’s meeting. We do have limited space and members would need to RSVP to hold a spot. Will write something up and put in this month’s newsletter.

Linda motioned to adjourn. Jennifer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 26, 2024

NWTFS HUNTERS ED CLASS OCTOBER 12,

If you were born on or after September. 2, 1971, you are required to have a Hunters Ed to hunt. Northwest Texas Field And Stream will host a Hunters Ed Class Saturday October 12th, 8:00AM till complete, approximately 4PM. To get certified you have to be 9 years old or older

the day of class. To get registered for class go online to Texas Parks And Wildlife , go to Hunters ed class room, find NWTFS class, register and make a copy, bring it to class.

Cost of class is \$15 the day of class. You need to be at 2005 Southwest Parkway 76308 by 7:45AM to check in, class starts 8:00AM. If you have any questions call Frank, 940-782-0592.



**MEMBERSHIP
FEES INCREASE
JUNE 1ST!!**

As you are all aware, inflation has had a dramatic effect on all of our life's. Our range operating costs have also risen dramatically. We have to cut expenses where-ever we could without diminishing our services to our members. It is with great regret we are forced to increase our membership fees from \$50 per year to \$75 per year. This will be effective June 1st.

**HIGH POWER RIFLE
MATCH**

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**GAME WARDEN FIELD
NOTES**

Texas Parks And Wildlife

Nov. 19th 2021

Perception Pays Off

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit released a "Be on the Lookout" bulletin to assist in the identification of an individual and vehicle last seen leaving a crime scene in the San Elizario area. An El Paso/Hudspeth County game warden remembered the vehicle from a recent encounter with fishermen which resulted in the arrest of the individual. The warden contacted the lead investigator and passed along the identifying information. Several days later, El Paso County Sherriff's detectives notified the warden that without firm leads in the case, the information he shared with their office was vital in locating the subject and the vehicle. Due to his inter-agency collaboration, an arrest was carried out.

Caught on Camera

In September, a Tyler County game warden received information on individuals potentially participating in road hunting. The warden worked with a landowner setting up surveillance cameras in their field. Not long after he set up the monitoring system, he observed a slow-moving vehicle spotlighting and headed towards his location. The warden initiated a traffic stop, determining the subjects were hunting at night. Inside the vehicle, the warden located a loaded .22 long rifle. Additionally, the subject was a minor operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Charges are pending.

Hold the Pepper

In September, a Bexar County game warden received a call from Austin communications about dove hunters peppering local residences with shotgun pellets. Upon arrival to the field, the warden observed two gentlemen hunting. As he drove up to the individuals, one of the gentlemen stood up and shot a bird that fell a few yards from him. The warden proceeded to complete a hunting check. He spoke with the individual and asked if he was aware of the type of bird he had just shot. The hunter did not know. The warden informed him that the bird was an American kestrel, a protected bird of prey, and is not allowed to be hunted or harvested. The warden checked the other hunters in the group and discussed the issues around peppering, ensuring their shotgun pellets did not cross property lines. A citation was issued for harvesting a protected species. The case and civil restitution are pending.

Off the Road Again

An Amarillo district game warden was patrolling in Potter County after dark when he was notified about an injured individual who had been "run over" by an all-terrain vehicle. The warden responded immediately. He found one adult male hit by an ATV and suffering non-life-threatening injuries to his legs. The victim and other eyewitnesses at the scene identified another adult male as the driver of the ATV. Upon speaking with the driver of the ATV, the warden noticed that he had heavily slurred speech patterns, glassy/bloodshot eyes, and the odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. The victim of the collision was transported to an

Amarillo hospital. The driver of the ATV admitted hitting the victim with the ATV and was subsequently arrested for driving while intoxicated and deadly conduct. The driver was booked into the Potter County Jail without incident.

GAME WARDEN FIELD NOTES

Texas Parks And Wildlife

OCT. 8 2021

Bee Careful!

A swarm of bees attacked a rancher utilizing an open top bulldozer to clear brush from his property when he inadvertently ran over their hive. Unable to be removed from his vehicle, a ranch hand covered him in blankets and called emergency services for assistance. Supported by local EMS, Sheriff's Department, and Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department, Schleicher and Sutton County Game Wardens responded to the incident. The volunteer fire department sprayed down the area to remove some of the bees. One of the responding wardens, an avid beekeeper in his spare time, applied his knowledge to reach the rancher. Wearing his personal beekeeping suits, the wardens and sheriff were able to remove the man from the bulldozer. Since the area was inaccessible to EMS vehicles, the wardens cleared their truck and transported the severely stung operator to EMS vehicles who were waiting to take him to the hospital. He recovered from his injuries.

Tubin' to the Oldies

Real and Uvalde County Game Wardens received a call about a 67-year-old man who had been separated from his family while tubing down the river. After interviewing the family and the outfitter, wardens determined that the tuber failed to exit at the designated area and continued downstream. One of the wardens drove to a nearby ranch where he launched a drone in an attempt to locate the tuber. At the same time the other warden spoke to the foreman of the ranch and requested assistance in locating the tuber. The foreman spoke to a group of tubers who said they saw the individual. The information was relayed to both wardens and based off their tips, the wardens located the individual and returned him to his family.

Shell Shocked

A warden was contacted by a state biologist about an inquiry made by a local elementary school regarding rehabilitating Texas tortoises. After learning more about the situation, the warden determined that the school was keeping approximately 24 tortoises inside a small atrium on school property. Unfortunately, the tortoises were a threatened species and unable to be possessed by any individual or entity. School staff stated that several years ago they acquired two tortoises and over the years, students brought more tortoises into the facility. The warden arrived at the school to collect the tortoises for TPWD assisted relocation. In doing so, the curious students and staff gathered around the atrium to

watch and the warden made use of the attention by turning the removal into an impromptu educational program on the tortoises and their natural habitat. The tortoises were later released at a nearby ranch in prime Texas tortoise habitat.

Old Fishing Buddy

Texas Game Wardens were patrolling for water safety and recreational fishing activity when they received information regarding a boat that potentially possessed over the daily bag limit of red snapper. The Wardens located the unoccupied boat moored at a dock. Upon performing an inspection, twenty-one red snapper were found on board, exceeding the individual fishing limit. Wardens attempted to contact the occupants of the house where the boat was docked. After approximately thirty minutes of knocking, announcing, speaking with neighbors and attempting to call the suspect and his family members, an individual exited the residence. The suspect was immediately evasive when questioned about the red snapper in the boat. He stated that he had caught them with five other people but only provided one name. The Wardens contacted the individual who stated he had not talked to the suspect in fifteen years. The suspect admitted to going over his daily bag limit to the wardens. Seventeen red snappers were seized, and citations issued, along with civil restitution.

Mother Knows Best

Over the Memorial Day weekend, game wardens conducting water safety patrols were sent videos of a male jumping off a red and white



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