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**ON THE CALENDAR
MONTHLY**

Pistol League: Tues. 7pm

Trap & Skeet: 1st, 2nd &
4th Sat. 9am-1pm

Trap & Skeet: Sun. 1-5pm

Trap & Skeet: Wed. 3pm-?

Sporting Clays: 3rd Sat.

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CALENDER - 2026

February

NRA Rifle: 7th

Directors Meeting: 26th

March

NRA Rifle: 7th

Hunters Ed: 21st

Directors Meeting: 26th

April

NRA Rifle: 4th

4 H District Rifle & Pistol: 25th

Directors Meeting: 23rd

BOYS DEER HUNT—2025



2025 BOYS DEER HUNT

THIS YEARS BOYS DEER HUNT WENT VERY WELL. WE HAD 30 BOYS & 30 GUIDES.

THE WEATHER WAS EXCELLENT FOR HUNTING. BOYS HARVESTED 12 DEER & ONE PIG.

I'M SURE THEY WILL HAVE STORIES TO TELL FOR YEARS!

WE WANT TO THANK THE CAMPSEYS & 4 AMIGOS FOR PROVIDING A GREAT PLACE TO HUNT.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE GUIDES, TEXAS GAME WARDENS & ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKES THIS HUNT A SUCCESS.

HATS OFF TO ALL THE COOKS FOR PREPAIRING 3 MEALS FOR A HUNGRY GROUP.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 2026 HUNTS.

KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY.

Happy Valentine's Day!

BOYS DEER HUNT 2025



NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM DIRECTORS MEETING

January 22, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6.45 p.m.

Directors present were: D & F Bohuslav, K & J Cannaday, L & L Carr, R. Coughran, J & M Gallagher, J. Godby, K. Irwin, B. Johnson, F. Jones, N. Mason, P. Mitchell, J. Petenbrink, B & D Rowland, J. Scales, R. Spangler, M. Watson and A. Woods.

Invocation: Larry

Pledge: Betty

Thanks to everyone for coming. Thanks once again to the cooks and to Linda C. for the wonderful table decorations.

Guests: Rick introduced Mark Taylor who is a regular out at the gun club and had invited him to the meeting.

President Coughran started the meeting with a note from Mark B. who had been in the hospital for shoulder surgery. Wanted everyone know that he much appreciated and thanked everyone for their care and concern while he is recuperating.

He then passed the gavel to our new incoming president Norman Mason who then went on with the meeting.

Norman gave thanks to the cooks for the meal which was John P.'s recipe and responsibility to cook. Very good.

Minutes: Linda motioned to accept. Mark G. seconded motion. Motion approved

Financials: Frank motioned to accept. Linda seconded motion. Motion approved.

Correspondence : Jennifer took over in the absence of Roger. We received Thank yous from: MSU, Texas State Hospital for Nov. director's donations, WF Food Bank for December's directors donations, from our secretary for Christmas bonus, River Bend Nature Center for Margaret Kroes memorial donation.

Gun Club: Frank

Said that Sunday's have been slow. Rick stated he's had a steady 10 – 15 on Saturday's when he volunteers. Noted that the weather has been sketchy!

Rifle: Jon S.

Had a full house at last match (8 – 9) Was a good match. Had some of the Civil Air Patrol participants talking with them.

Pistol: John P.

Fall Pistol Banquet will be March 3rd with the spring league starting March 10th.

4-H Rifle/pistol: John P.

Started January 18th with 14 enrolled. They will start with rifle and then move on to pistol. Roger will be taking 5 – 6 advanced youth to Amarillo. 3 may go to Camp Perry.

Youth Shotgun: Frank

Will Start Feb. 17 for youth 8 – 18. 6:00 start time. They will need to shoot at least 250 targets to get certified.

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Archery: Mark G.

Class will start March. 10 at 5:00 at the high range. He still needs to get in contact with Katrina. Expecting 2 -6.

Safety: Mark G.

Has found some solar panels to charge the batter packs on the cameras. Doing more research.

Gun Show: John P.

Waiting on a call back to schedule for a gun show in Seymour in Sept.

Hunters Ed.: Frank

Will have a date next month.

Old Business:

Linda - Children's Home Christmas party went well. Only had 5 children aged 2 – 10 until the day of and they got 3 more in. Said Walmart was low on coats but were able to find what they needed for the kids. They were only given an hour to do the party due to early bedtimes. Served drinks and snacks before a visit from Santa who gave out the coats. Artie and McGruff did a short show. Santa noted that one little guy pulled on his beard and asked if it was real!!! Linda thanked everyone who helped and said they were very much appreciative of us doing this every year.

New Business:

Rick – talked about putting together a Grant Committee and that John G. was willing to chair it. He would be in charge of putting it together.

Discussion started in light of the incoming weather and whether or not to open the office. General consensus was no. Did not need anyone attempting to drive to open. It will be closed.

Linda motioned to adjourn. Jennifer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:17

NEXT MEETING February 26, 2026

**Northwest Texas Field &
Stream would like to
send our many thanks to
the Kramer Barnard
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Foundation for all of
their help to us in re-
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3/8/2026

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Please remember that we do not send out renewal notices!

Remind your friends!

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1) Stopping by the office at: *2005 SW Pkwy Wichita Falls, TX 76308 (Monday-Friday 1pm-5:30pm).*

2) Mailing in a check or money order to our:

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3) Submitting it online on our website: *nwtfs.org*

SAFETY REGULATIONS

This message is a friendly reminder regarding safety regulations at the North Texas Field and Stream (NWTFS) ranges. To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the specific rules for each shooting range.

Each of our ranges, varying in distance from 15 to 100 yards, have unique safety protocols in place. Clearly marked signage at each range details these specific requirements. We strongly urge you to carefully read these signs before commencing your shooting activities. Your adherence to these rules is crucial for maintaining a safe environment for all users.

While we want everyone to have fun and enjoy their time at NWTFS, it's important to understand that violations of these safety regulations can have serious consequences. Unfortunately, recent incidents captured on our range cameras have highlighted the need for increased vigilance. These incidents are being addressed promptly and appropriately.

For a complete overview of our standard range rules, please visit the NWTFS website. These comprehensive guidelines complement the range-specific signage and provide a complete understanding of our safety policies.

Your cooperation in upholding these safety regulations is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or require clarification on any of the rules, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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JANUARY 2025 RIFLE MATCH

The January rifle match was almost cold enough to need gloves. The winter morning sun is always at the wrong angle, casting shade over the target line and shining into the eyes, further restricting contrast.

The past few times James Lovingier attended, he was in high spirit until realizing Jon Scales showed up - "Well, I've got 2nd place locked!"

This time Jon had his M1903A3 zeroed for a reduced load, but not much practice with it. Mark Johnson tried some homebrewed boolits in his 7.62 side-charged AR15. The Standing position is not James' forte, but he started with the lead and increased the margin at each stage, including a clean 100 from Sitting.

After Sitting, four of us formed a mid-pack behind James. Brian Davis with 93, Roy Woodman and Jon with 91-1x, and myself with 91. Jon had the most interesting string, as round #5 popped out of the magazine. He stored it between his lips, charged the rifle, fired those 5 rounds, thumbed that single round in and finished just in time. Pat Mitchell began to struggle with a lack of eye relief in Prone, but maintained a good, consistent ~85%. I did not have that struggle, so maintained ~90%. Roy had a great Prone Rapid of 97-1x, but Brian began to ascend with 99-4x. At this point the sun was no longer in our eyes. The light did not shine directly on the targets, but reflected some off the ground onto the targets. Even with scopes, the perception of target center - your zero - can change. Several of us drifted a little left/high-left.

The next matches will be on 7-Feb, 7-Mar, and 4-Apr. Bring 50 shots for record.

\$5 fee for youths under age 21, \$10 for adults.

Registration at 8:30am. Firing begins at 9:00am.



JON WAS DETERMINED TO FIRE ALL 10 SHOTS WITHIN THE 60 SECONDS.



PAT MITCHELL (Left) , JON SCALES (Right).

**YOUR
CURRENT
NORTHWEST
FIELD AND
STREAM
MEMBERSHIP
EXPIRES
3-31-2026.
RENEW NOW!**



WINTER MORNING SUN ON THE RANGE.

Youth Trap Shooting Certification Course to Start February 17, 2026

Once again the Northwest Texas Field & Stream Association will provide a Youth Trap Shooting Certification Course for Boys & Girls ages 8 years old (and in the 3rd Grade) to 18 years old.

This is an 11-week course with classes held every Tuesday from February 17th until April 28th.

The initial class on February 17th is from 6:00-8:30 PM and is mandatory for first year participants.

All course participants will learn the proper techniques and safety elements involved in using a firearm and the rules and expectations of the course.

The following classes will be held every Tuesday from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. These classes will be one-on-one, hands-on instruction.

The course will conclude with a graduation ceremony on Tuesday, April 28th . All classes will be held at the Northwest Texas Field & Stream Association Gun Range on Old Friberg Road.

Contact: Lonnie Culley, Instructor
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