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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

JUNE

Youth Fishing trip: 8th
Directors meeting: 27th

JULY

Office Closed: 4th
Don James Memorial Rifle Match: 6th
Directors meeting: 25th

AUG.

Hunters Ed Class: 3rd
Directors meeting: 22nd

4-H DISTRICT TRAP SHOOT

Iowa Park Trap Range was looking good. The weather was perfect for 4-H Dist. III Trap Shoot. The competition was strong as usual. 169 kids signed up and 160 showed up for competition. By the end of the day Wichita Cnty. Did well in all classes and brought home several team trophies. One of the Wichita Cnty. senior shooter won 2nd place and Wichita Cnty. high lady shooter won a belt buckle. Best I could tell, all shooters had a great time!



WICHITA CNTY. SHOOTERS HAVING FUN AT THE 4-H DIST. III TRAP SHOOT.



WICHITA CNTY. TEAM SHOOTING AT DIST. III TRAP SHOOT.



WICHITA CNTY. DIST. III TRAP SHOOTING TEAM 2024.



FIRST YEAR INTERMEDIATE SHOOTER PLACED 4TH.

NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 23, 2024.

Directors present were: M. Bedwell, D & F Bohuslav, K & J Cannaday, L Carr, R. Coughran, B & D Davis, J & M Gallagher, L. Hare, P. Herrera, B. Johnson, F. Jones, R. Kroes, E. Matelski, J. Petenbrink, B. Rowland, B & J. Stephens and Mark W.

Invocation: Mark B.

Pledge: Betty

Thank you to the cooks. Some mighty fine gumbo!!! All agreed!

Guests: Margaret, Deb and Easton.

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

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

Correspondence: Bo Frank: Received the Boys & Girls Club newsletter. Thank you from the Friberg Cooper Volunteer Fire Dept. for our donation. Received an email from a member in regards to the upcoming fee increase. Understands that it sometimes has to be done and doesn't have a problem with it.

Gun Club:

Frank: Things are starting to pick up. The cost of clays has been going up. Rick noted that they have implemented an increase in their price for clays recently. There had been a sporting event a couple of weeks ago and it rained. The field was under at least 4 ½ inches of water and the machines got left out. John L. worked on them. The City came out to check out the debris in the ditch to see what clean up needs to be done. Noticed that there was a tree hanging down on a power line which needs to be addressed for safety reasons. Oncor came out but it was too wet for them to get their big truck in there without getting stuck. Will come back at a later date.

Rifle: Robert – Only had 4 participants this month. Would have been 5 but Brian forgot his rifle!!! Mark J. had a decent score. John S. had his best prone match. Next match June 1st. July 6th will be the annual Don James Match.

Pistol: John P. – Week 6 of the Spring League. Have around 10 every week coming out. Noted that Cinco Peso comes out about 3 times a week.

Archery: Mark G. – Mowed the archery range and noticed we need at least one new target. Talked with a member about the range. Mark would like to make it a more active part of what we do and is willing to promote it more.

Safety: Mark G. – Had an issue with the gate but John P. fixed it. Has one more sign coming to put on the gate. Will do after it's repaired. Waiting on a sign for shot gun range.

Gun Show: John – One coming in July. Will talk with Mr. Rucker. Suggested the possibility of taking to other events besides the Gun Show. Will check into it.

Hunter's Ed: **Frank** – will have a class Aug. 3

Scout Reports:

Old Business:

Frank – 4-H Dist. Shotgun – His grandson was tied for 1st place but wasn't able to do the 21 yard shoot as he hadn't done it before but came in second. Carmen placed 1st in Senior Ladies and received a buckle. Team shooting did well also.

Rick – thanked Jennifer for helping with getting the word out at the schools for the Kid's Fishing Rodeo. Had contacted someone at Sheppard but didn't hear back. Also thanked Mark G., Billy and John P. for all their help in mowing and keeping the range up.

Bill J. – Youth Fishing Trip June 8th. Need cooks and fishing line wormers. Has not been able to get in touch with Will but will try again. Frank asked if

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anyone has had any contact with the Boys & Girls Club. Betty (secretary) spoke with the new Activities Director earlier in the week and she is working on getting permission slips for 30.

Paul H. – Had asked about moving their conex to our property. Has gotten verbal approvals from everyone needed but will get written approval also. **New Business:**

Roger – Camp Perry is coming up in July. Had 2 go last year but Charisma has aged out. Charlie will be going. We have covered the $250.00 for them and asked if we would consider it again. John P. motioned to cover. Mark seconded. Motion approved. Cinco Peso School Defenders have been working with us for 2 months now and have done really well with their events and cleaning up after them. Using the range and office at a fee of $100 per day. Would like to issue them keys to the office building and range to alleviate someone always having to let them in and lock up. Asked if we could vote them in as directors. John P. motioned. Billy S. seconded to approve motion. Approved. Will vote on next meeting.

John P. – Sent out revised By-Laws but was the wrong one. Will resend correct one.

Billy S. – Thinks the deer hunts should be open to member's kids and facilities we work with. Try to oversee that they don't go more than once. Discussion followed**.**

Upcoming Events:

Youth fishing trip – June 8th

WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS

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

NEXT MEETING: May 23, 2024

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

David & Dian - Fishing equipment/ Tackle.

The Bait Shop - Bait donation.

Marksman Gun Shop - Fishing and tackle donation.

Dr. Richard Sutton– Youth Development donation.

NWTFS HUNTERS ED CLASS

AUGUST 3,2024

IF YOU WERE BORN ON OR AFTER SEPT. 2, 1971, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE HUNTERS ED TO HUNT. NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM WILL HOST A HUNTERS ED CLASS SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 8:00AM TILL COMPLETE, APROX. 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 & WILDLIFE GO TO HUNTERS ED CLASS ROOM, FIND NWTFS CLASS REGISTER & MAKE COPY, BRING 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 QUESTIONS CALL FRANK 940-782-0592.

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THE 2024 KIDS FISHING RODEO







Last May 18th, Northwest Texas Field & Stream Association held our annual Kids Fishing Rodeo. It was a beautiful Saturday morning and many events were going on in Wichita Falls that day. That being said, at one point there were fifty kids fishing at South Weeks Pond ; these kids were participating in our Rodeo. Trophies and other prizes were awarded to children for smallest and largest fish caught. There were four categories of children: 1-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. All the gear was provided by Northwest Texas Field & Stream association. Personnel were there also to help the kids. Fishing Poles were also awarded as prizes. Charcoaled hot dogs, chips, cookies, and cold lemonade was also provided free of charge by NWTF&S Association. The Kids Fishing Rodeo is always so much fun. Families come out to fish. Everyone has good old fashioned fun. Many people need to be thanked for helping make the Kids Fishing Rodeo the successful event that it was. Much thanks to Frank, Larry, Rick, Norman, Bill, Bobby, Billy, Mark G., Mark W., Bo, Blake and to our wonderful ladies who helped: Jessica, Jennifer, Debbie, Janet, Linda, Ana, and Betty for getting the hot dogs put together. If I have left anybody out, I sincerely apologize, my memory is fading. Also, much thanks to Bird Dog Bait for contributing worms and Mitch and the gang over at Marksman Firearms for their contributions of tackle. Thank you KFDX channel 3 for getting the word out to the public about our Annual Fishing Rodeo. Again, we had a great time and a good turn out. I'm already looking forward to next year's Kid's Fishing Rodeo. The smiles on everyone's faces makes me look forward to next years Rodeo. Also, I would like to thank Ashley Thomas, The communications officer for WFISD.









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 so it would be to your advantage to get your membership before the increase on June 1st.

ANNUAL DON JAMES MEMORIAL HIGH POWER RIFLE MATCH.

Saturday July 6 will be the 32th annual Don James Memorial High Power Rifle Match. This event honors our military members, current and former, as well as Don James who was a great defender of the First and Second Amendments to the Constitution. Don was a NWTFS President, newspaper editor and Texas National Guard Colonel. He was one of the three directors who signed the paperwork that began our High Power Club in 1984. The High-power Rifle Club began this event to honor our soldiers after the Gulf War and to celebrate America. The competition uses NRA High-power Rifle rules which allow NRA Service Rifles or NRA Match Rifles.

This is a three position match: Standing (10 shots, single loaded), Sitting Rapid (10 shots, one mandatory reload), Prone Rapid (10 shots, one mandatory reload)and Prone Slow (two strings of 10 shots, single loaded) . NRA rule book can be found online or you can contact members of the High-power Rifle Club. It is possible to arrange some instruction in the days before the tournament.

Our pride is the Veterans Award given to the current or former military competitor firing a Service Rifle. We do invite people with military experience to compete. It is very likely a rifle and gear can be loaned if we know ahead of time.

We also have an award for Vintage Rifle.

AR15 Service Rifles can have iron or limited scope sights per NRA/CMP rules. Other service rifles must have iron sights. NRA Match Rifles can have scopes. This is a "sling shooter" match and slings are highly recommended. No firing is done from a rest.

Examples of Rifles you will likely see: AR15, many variations; M1 Garand; M1A; M14; M1 Carbine; Mauser bolt action, Springfield 03A3.

Our usual age spread for competitors is between 15 and 75 years of age.

Entry is $10. Juniors (Under 21 pay $5)

We will have awards and a free BBQ meal for all participants and spectators.







HIGH POWER RIFLE MATCH

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, HIGH POWER MATCH ON THE HUNDRED YARD RANGE. THEY SHOOT STANDING, PRONE & SITTING. APROXIMATELY 50+ ROUNDS. MATCH REGISTRATION INCLUDES TARGETS $10.00 UNDER 21 PAY $5.00. FIRST SATURDAY IN JULY IS A SPECIAL SHOOT, DON JAMES MEMORIAL, INCLUDES LUNCH & AWARDS. COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FUN.



CHARLIE NORWOOD AT HIGH POWER MATCH.

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NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM PISTOL CLUB HOSTS THE YOUTH PISTOL TEAM FOR JOINT 900 POINT COMPETITION.

In the heart of the shooting community, where precision meets passion, the Northwest Texas Field and Stream (NWTF&S) is making waves. This time, they're not just setting their sights on excellence but also on nurturing the next generation of marksmen. In an exciting development, NWTF&S invited its youth pistol team, consisting of 7 youth, for a joint 900-point competition at distances of 50 and 25 yards.

The event has sparked a wave of enthusiasm among both seasoned competitors and budding shooters alike. It signifies not only an opportunity for friendly competition but also underscores the club's commitment to fostering talent and promoting camaraderie within the shooting fraternity.

The joint 900-point event was a thrilling affair, combining precision, skill, and nerves of steel. Competitors were put through their paces as they navigated the challenges of two distinct distances: 50 and 25 yards. Each yardage presents its own unique set of challenges, testing shooters' adaptability and mastery of technique.

For the uninitiated, a 900-point competition is the epitome of precision shooting. It requires competitors to demonstrate exceptional focus and consistency across multiple rounds. Every shot counts towards the final score, leaving no room for error. Such events not only showcase individual prowess but also serve as a testament to the dedication and discipline of the entire team.

What makes this competition truly special is the participation of NWTF&S's youth pistol team. These young marksmen represent the future of the sport, and their inclusion underscores the club's commitment to nurturing talent from a grassroots level. By providing a platform for young shooters to test their skills alongside seasoned veterans, NWTF&S is laying the foundation for a vibrant and inclusive shooting community.

The joint competition also presents a unique opportunity for mentorship and knowledge sharing. Seasoned competitors have the chance to impart their wisdom and expertise to the next generation, fostering a culture of learning and growth. In turn, young shooters bring fresh perspectives and enthusiasm to the range, invigorating the sport with their passion and energy.

Beyond the thrill of competition, events like these foster lasting bonds and friendships among participants. Whether sharing tips at the firing line or swapping stories over post-match refreshments, shooters of all ages come together to celebrate their shared love for the sport. It's this sense of camaraderie that truly sets NWTF&S apart and makes it a hub for shooting enthusiasts of all ages. Of the 7 members of the Youth Team, 6 made it to the event. They were Charlie, Oliver, Hunter, Raylan, Shanna, and Lorelei

For NWTF&S, hosting such events isn't just about winning; it's about building a legacy that spans generations and instills a lifelong passion for shooting.



SUNDAY 900 POINT YOUTH EVENT AT THE RANGE.

FISHING TRIP

The morning of April 19th,2024, found Mark Bedwell, Billy Stephens, Linda Carr and Larry Carr At the Lake Arrowhead State Park boat ramp. They met catfish guide Brandon Brown and their adventure began. It was cloudy, breezy morning, but a short boat ride and the fishing began. Moments after getting their baits in the water, the fish began biting and they started filling the cooler. Texas has regulations and limits for blue cats, so the group was limited to 10 blues per person over 20 inches and 15 under 20 inches. By the end of the day they had caught their 40 overs and 18 under. Yes, Linda Carr caught the most, but the guy's thought Brandon was fixing her bait a little special. Brandon got them back to the dock by noon, cleaned and bagged their catch. Brandon is a great guide and person. You should contact



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