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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 FEB.

High Power Match: 1st
Dirty Ducks: 22nd-23rd
Directors Meeting: 27th

MARCH

High Power Match: 1st
Spring Pistol League Starts: 11th
NWTFS Trap Lessons: 11th
Hunters Ed: 22nd
Directors Meeting:27th
Veteran's Hog Hunt: 29th

April

High Power Match: 5th
Directors Meeting: 24th
4-H District 3 Rifle/Pistol Comp.: 26th

VETERAN'S HOG HUNT

The NWTFS and the 4 Amigos Ranch will offer 10 disabled veterans that are members of NWTFS the opportunity to go to Jack County Ranch for an afternoon and early evening of guided hog hunting over bait from covered blinds. We can accommodate 2 non – Ambulatory and 8 Ambulatory hunters. The hunt is currently scheduled for March 29th, 2025. With your arrival at 3503 Coca Cola Ranch RD, 1300 Hr please notify Bill Johnson via text at

940-636-0512 if you are interested.

ELEVATED ARCHERY STAND CONSTRUCTION

Last month we discussed the Elevated Archery Stand that Lorelei Mitchell chose for her Eagle Scout Project. As with all Eagle Scout Projects Lorelei was responsible for the design, funding, material acquisition, construction and installation. She recruited many scouts and adults to help complete the projects.

Once the design was on paper, the angle iron, expanded metal, square tube, hardware, and paint was procured. Then the real fun started with the fabrication of the platform. The pieces were cut to length, fitted, and welded. The expanded metal was fit and welded to the top of the platform. Then the guard railing was fit and welded. Once completed it was time to cut and fit the 24 pieces of the support structure. With all the parts on hand the job of bolting the supports to the platform. Lots of scouts got experience with hand tools. The ladder and guard railing were donated by Mark Watson. It had to be fit to the platform which was quite a task.

Next month we will focus on the transportation and erection at the range.



ELEVATED ARCHERY STAND.

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COME JOIN THE FUN AT THE CLUB EVERY SUNDAY FAMILY DAY 1:00 TO 5:30.

TRAP,SKEET AND FIVE STAND.



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RANGE SAFETY

This message is a friendly reminder regarding safety regulations at the North West 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, has 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.

Mark Gallagher (Safety Committee Chairman)









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.

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David Shoop

It's time to start thinking about renewing your membership for 2025. You can start anytime after December 2nd. Renew early to avoid the reactivation fee on your keycard.

THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD!

If you can't make it to the office you have other options to pay:

1: Mail check or money order to:

NWTF & STREAM

P.O. BOX 9161

Wichita Falls, TX 76308

2: Pay online at www.NWTFS.org

3: Gun Club– There's a volunteer manning the desk Wednesday 3 to dark, Saturday's from 9-1 and Sunday's from 1-5.

YOU MAY BEGIN RENEWING YOUR FIELD AND STREAM MEMBERSHIP ANYTIME ATER DECEMBER 1ST.

Here are the pictures from the Pistol Banquet mentioned in the December newsletter. Don't forget the new spring league starts March 11th. First shot at 7pm so please be there about a hour early for setting up and prep.



























MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

This is your invitation to ***Join & Enjoy*** the **Northwest Texas Field & Stream Association.**

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AND

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"Families that hunt and fish together stay together."

MAIL THIS APPLICATION TODAY

With your check for **$100.00** for Range Membership

Name_____

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City_____ **Zip**_____

Phone_____

E-mail_____

Family membership ending March 31, 2026

NWTFS Association

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Wichita Falls, TX 76308-0161

Questions call 940-692-1141

VARMINT HUNT FUND RAISER

The Dirty Ducks 3rd annual Varmint hunt is scheduled for February 22-23/2025 to benefit the NWTFS youth deer hunts. See the attachment for more details.

Weigh-in will be 9-11 am Sunday at 3505 Coca Cola Ranch Rd, Jack County at the NWTFS Lodge. Prizes will be paid out to winning teams, a raffle will be held, and lunch served at 11:00 am Sunday. Please consider signing up for this fun event! To sign up or ask questions, please contact Gage Piper at 940.224.3121.

DIRTY DUCKS
3RD ANNUAL VARMINT HUNT

Proceeds Benefit Youth Deer Hunts

All money earned from the hunt will be donated to the North West Texas Field & Stream Youth Deer Hunt. There will be door prizes for all hunters in attendance. Thank y'all for helping support a great bunch of guys and gals growing and educating youth about the outdoors.

FEBUARY 22-23, 2025

1 to 4 man teams
$200 a team
80% payout
Most points wins

Additional Information:

- Each team member will be entered in a raffle for door prizes (must be present to win)
- Door prize raffles and hunt results will begin at 11am, Sunday (Feb. 23)
- Weigh in will be held at 3599 Coca Cola Ranch Rd Jacksboro, TX, 76458

Side pots: 100% payout
Heavy cat- $25
Heavy dog- $25
Heavy fox- $25
Heavy coon- $25

Contest Rules:

- NO trapping
- NO using dogs
- NO pooling animals
- NO cap on number of animals
- All animals MUST be shot between 9 am Saturday and 9 am Sunday
- Weigh in is 9 am to 11 am Sunday. (You must have at least one team member come check your team in by 11 am, not a minute later.)
- Must follow all state and federal laws
- Ties will be broken by most head shots
- If animals have more than ONE bullet wound it will not count as a head shot
- Each team must dispose of their own animals
- Any disputes over points of stringer must be handled before leaving the judges stand
- Judges will be hunting
- Teams will be allowed to run two stands but all team members must be present at the time of weigh in (unless discussed before hunt with judges)
- Main pot pays 1 spot if less than 10 teams
- Main pot pays 2 spots if 10-20 teams
- Main pot pays 3 spots if more than 20 teams

Points:

Hog- 5
Coon- 10
Fox- 20
Coyote- 50
Bobcat- 100

Contact Gage Piper for any further questions and sign up
Phone-(940) 224-3121
Venmo-@rgapiper

NWTFS HUNTERS ED CLASS MARCH 22, 2025

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 MARCH 22ND, 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.

NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM

DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Directors present were: A. Bedwell, D & F Bohuslav, K & J Cannaday, L & L. Carr, L. Chaddick, R. Coughran, M. Gallagher, J. Godby, P. Herrera, B. Johnson, F. Jones, N. Mason, J. Petenbrink,

B. & D. Rowland, B & J Stephens, M. Watson and A. Woods

Invocation: Larry

Pledge: Ana

Thanks to everyone for coming. Thanked the cooks for another good meal and Linda Carr for decorating all the tables. Apologies for not thanking you for last month's meal and decorations.

Guests: None

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

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

CORRESPONDANCE: FRANK BOHULAV

Invitation to Lorelei's Eagle Scout Court of Honor Feb. 22nd at 3:00 American Legion Post 169. Thank you from the WF Area Food Bank for our donation. Thank you from the State Hospital for our donation. Thank you from our secretary Betty for the Christmas bonus and pay raise. Very much appreciated.

GUN CLUB: RICK

Has been cold but did have 7 show up in the snow a couple of weeks ago! Need to start working on planning for a clay fundraiser. Frank noted that a trap machine was out of commission after only 25 years of service! John L. is working on an alternative replacement with low voltage.

4-H: JOHN P.

Rifle and pistol will start Jan. 26th. They're going to stagger it this year with rifle only on the 50 yard range and pistol the following week.

FRANK:

With the Dist. Shoot moved to November they won't start youth shotgun until sometime in March. Possibly the second Tuesday. Open to anyone 8 – 18, do not have to be 4-H. Is a fee for targets and ammunition.

PISTOL: JOHN P.

Spring League will start March 11th with first shot at 7:00. There is an indoor tournament March 1st – 2nd in Amarillo. We will have 4 youth and 4 adults participating.

ARCHERY: MARK G.

Going to try get a 4-H class started

around the pistol league start date but at 5:00.

SAFETY: MARK G.

Have had some incidents caught on camera. Do have good shots of the people and are investigating. Reminded everyone that if you something say something. He had his IT guy come out to check on the gate camera. Had to order a part but thinks the signal is now reaching.

GUN SHOW: JOHN P.

Was moved to Burkburnett but didn't have the space for us. Will let us know about the next one if space available. Thought about the possibility of setting it up outside.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: FRANK J.

March 22nd starting at 8:00 to anyone 9 years and older. Need to register on Texas Parks & Wildlife website.

SCOUTS: PAUL HERRERA

Pinewood Derby, Sun. Jan. 26th from 3:00 – 4:00 will be serving pulled port. Will set up Friday and have a workshop Sat. for anyone who needs to finish theirs.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Rick: Committee assignment sheets – need to be completed and turn in ASAP.

*Need dates for any upcoming events at least thru July to get them on calendar.

*Scout Charter Agreement – asked everyone to get a copy at the front and ready it over. Specifically Section 2. We will do a blind vote at the next meeting as to whether to continue with them or not. We've apparently not been doing everything that's been expected of us. Paul noted that it's not just the Cub Scouts but includes the Boy Scouts as well. It's an agreement between us and the Scouts.

*Thanks to Betty's husband for trimming the yard and to the grounds crew for working on the ceiling tiles.

LeRoy: Dirty Ducks Varmint Hunt, Feb. 22nd – 23rd. 1 – 4 man teams, $200.00 per team. Awards given on the 23rd at 11:00. Will have a raffle but will need to be present to win. Contact Gage Piper for more info: 940-224-3121. The flyer is on Facebook. This is a benefit for Field & Stream.

Noted that they'd made $820.00 from the youth deer hunt raffle. Will be going towards the cost of corn for the feeders.

John P. – Gave an update on Margaret K... Will be in therapy for 10 more days. Last CT scan showed she's healed up well. Good news!!!

Larry: Received a call from Academy Sports earlier in the week. Their freezer had gone out and they had just received a shipment of bait. Could we use any?????? If not they would have to throw it out. Larry was there in 10 minutes! Bait consisted of shrimp, shad, chicken livers and hearts. We could use it for our youth fishing events.

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

NEXT MEETING: February 27, 2025

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