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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

MARCH

High Power Match: 1st
Spring Pistol League Starts: 11th
NWTFS Trap Lessons: 11th
Hunters Ed: 22nd
Directors Meeting:27th

April

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

May

TSSRA State Match: 9th-11th
Kid's Fishing Rodeo: 17th
Sporting Clay Event: 24th

F&S SPORTING CLAY EVENT MAY 24TH

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.

Youth Trap Shooting Certification Course To Start March 11, 2025.

Wichita Falls, Texas, March 11, 2025

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 a 11 week course with classes held every Tuesday from March 11th until May 27th. The initial class on

March 11th is from 6:00-8:30PM 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 4:00-6:00PM. These classes will be one-to-one, hands-on instruction.

The course will conclude with a graduation ceremony on Tuesday, May 27th. All classes will be held at the Northwest Texas Field & Stream Association Gun Range on Old Friberg Road.

Contact: Lonnie Culley, Instructor.

940-733-9443

Northwest Texas Field & Stream Office.

940-692-1141

4H Youth Rifle and Pistol Training

The training has started and we have 13 students and in our 3rd week. We have lots of volunteer Instructors and the youth are making remarkable progress.

Four of the youth will be representing the NWTF&S at the NRA Indoor Sectional and the 1800 Match held in Amarillo at the Amarillo Pistol and Rifle Club on March 1st. In addition four of our adult members will also be participating.

Good luck to all the participants.









Potential Dangerous Ammunition

In the process of training youth in Rifle and Pistol we have seen a potentially dangerous condition as the quality of ammunition has declined.

We consume over 10,000 rounds, of 22 Caliber Long Rifle, ammunition a year training youth. In the past year we have had numerous rounds fail to fire, many rounds with low power and have had three Squib Loads where the powder charge is missing or compromised resulting in the bullet being lodged in the barrel.

This is very dangerous and can result in personal injury and or damage to the firearm. If this to happens to you be sure to remove the magazine and remove any rounds from the firearm and run a rod through the barrel from the breech to check if the bullet is lodged in the barrel.

If it does not sound right stop and check for bullet lodged in the barrel.

Sparks Of The Falls.

This morning started way earlier than a Saturday morning should. Several members of American Legion post 169 traveled to Denton to watch this young lady compete in the division level American Legion Oratorical Competition. .Lorelei Mitchell, a Memorial HS Student, gave an amazing 10 minute speech on the US Constitution followed by a 5 minute speech on the 26th amendment. Her efforts earned her 3rd place and over $1500 in scholarship money. It's things like this and people like these that make Wichita Falls the fantastic place to live that it is.



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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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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

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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.

NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM DIRECTORS MEETING February 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Directors present were: A & B Bedwell, D & F Bohuslav, K & J Cannaday, L. Carr, R. Coughran, J & M Gallagher, J. Godby, P. Herrera, B. Johnson, F. Jones, R. Kroes, J. Lamberth, N. Mason, E. Matelski, J. Petenbrink, B & D. Rowland, J. Sawyer, R. Spangler, B & J Stephens, M. Watson and A. Woods

Invocation: Larry
Pledge: Ana

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

Guests: Margaret, Andrew B., John Scales and Pat Mitchell. Roger noted that John and Pat had been helping with the 4-H rifle/pistol training for the last several years and may be interested in becoming directors.

Minutes were reviewed. Bill J. motioned to approve. Mark B. seconded. Approved.
Financials were reviewed. Bill J. motioned to accept. Frank J. seconded. Approved.

CORRESPONDANCE: FRANK BOHUSLAV
Received a Thank You card from Connor Burross who participated in the last boys deer hunt. He also wanted to thank his guide Mr. Kirkland. Mr. Bohuslav stated that he thinks that may be the first ever, thank you from a youth hunter.

GUN CLUB: JOHN L.
Has been light show except for Wed. night when the winds were howling!!! We will be having a Sporting Clay Shoot on May 24th to benefit Field & Stream. Still in the planning stages but need to finish up. We need station sponsors, door prize and raffle donations. They don't have to be shooting sport related. Anything that people may be interested in and

something for the ladies. Noted that meal will be a cook your own steak and we will have various sides. Jennifer is working on the flyer.

4-H: ROGER
Taking a small group to Amarillo this weekend for a match. Said he had 4 he would like to take to Camp Perry this year. Said the group they have now in 4-H are responding well to the training. Currently in their 6th week. 4-H Dist. Will be April 26th. Expecting another large turnout. Did get rained out last year and were not able to give out the buckles. Will save us some money this year.

RIFLE: ROGER
Brian is out for 6 – 8 weeks as he has had back surgery. This is the 40th anniversary of the rifle clubs inaugural match. John S. won with 488 out of 500, Charlie N. took 2nd. Richard S. had his first attempt at sling shooting and did well.

PISTOL: JOHN P.
Spring League will start March 11th with first shot at 7:00. Will meet every Tuesday with first shot at 7:00 p.m.

ARCHERY: MARK G.
Going to start March 18th. Beginner class. Katrina is going to help get it started as they don't know what levels to expect (beginner/ advanced?). Roger suggested Mark come to the rifle/pistol practice and talk to those youth about archery.

SAFETY: MARK G.
He had his IT guy come out to check on the gate camera. Need to put Cap 6 lines on a different corner in order to hit the gate better. Weather put a hold on it. He had gotten some solar panels for a few of the cameras and is finding there may be a few more that will need solar to power them. Will check on pricing.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: FRANK J.
March 22nd starting at 8:00 to anyone 9 years and older. Need to register on Texas Parks & Wildlife website. Noted that they will be starting Youth Shotgun on March 11th from 6 – 8. Course will run 4 – 6 weeks. Need not be a 4-H member or a member of Field & Stream.

SCOUTS: PAUL HERRERA
Cub Scouts were formed in 1930. The Pack held a Blue & Gold celebration at their last meeting celebrating 95 years. Noted that they'll be going camping in March.

OLD BUSINESS:
A blind vote was on the continued use of the building by the Scouts. There were 22 no's and 5 yes. Frank let them know that they are welcome to continue using the building but we will not sign the Charter Agreement. We will also give them time to find another location to meet if that is what they want to do.

NEW BUSINESS:
Roger:
Collected brass from both the rifle and pistol ranges, spent 4 hours sorting through it after finding several live rounds and ended up with 7, 5 gallon buckets. Collected over $700.00!!
Which he stated he would need in order to order targets and cardboard. Asked for a motion to approve an expenditure of roughly $850.00 of which is mostly covered by the sale of brass. Mark B. motioned to . approve. John P. seconded. Approved

John P. made comment about that we have more funds going out than we are getting in. Made a motion to shut down the office one day a week to save money. Also asked why we're not using the CD we have. Frank interjected to say that we going to take the small CD and put it into our account and that we needed to bring our membership numbers back up as they are low. Roger noted that we don't get any donations. Rick noted that they have talked to a few people about writing grants. Trying to develop that avenue.
The motion to cut back on office help was disapproved.

Bill J. – Has not had any interest in the Disable Veteran's Wild hog hung. Motioned to cancel. Mark B. seconded. Approved to cancel.

Artie – Car show March 15th at Lone Star Muscle Cars on Seymour Hwy. Will have some good food, raffles and a 50/50 pot.
Roger – Cinco Peso is starting back up and has booked 3 days so far.

Bill J. motioned to adjourn. Jennifer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

NEXT MEETING: March 27, 2025

The Great Texas Birding Classic (Texas Parks & Wildlife.

29th Annual Birding Classic

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2025 Birding Classic registration is now open! Gather your teammates and sign up today to be a part of the

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Tournament Dates: April 15 – May 15, 2025

Event Registration — Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

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- There's a tournament category for everyone - from the beginning backyard birder to the competitive lister!
- Registration fees raise money for Texas bird and birding conservation project grants.

Gather your team, register, and go birding - it's truly that simple.

How to Participate! — Texas Parks & Wildlife Department gives teams a step-by-step guide to help them put together and enter a team.

Visit Tournament Advice and Sponsorship Tips for tips on mentoring youth teams, advice from former winners on how to run a successful Big Day or the Weeklong tournament, pointers on birding with blind or visually impaired birders, and even advice on finding team sponsors to save you some money in registration fees.

The 2024 event was made possible by donations from event sponsors Texas Ornithological Society, Toyota, Awards Ceremony sponsor Audubon Texas, and team registration fees and corporate and community team sponsorship. Learn more if your organization is interested in sponsoring the 2025 event. Habitat conservation grants awarded are funded through event sponsorship and registration fees. The birds are counting on you!

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Family membership ending March 31, 2026

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NWTFS HUNTERS ED CLASS MARCH 22, 2025

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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,

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