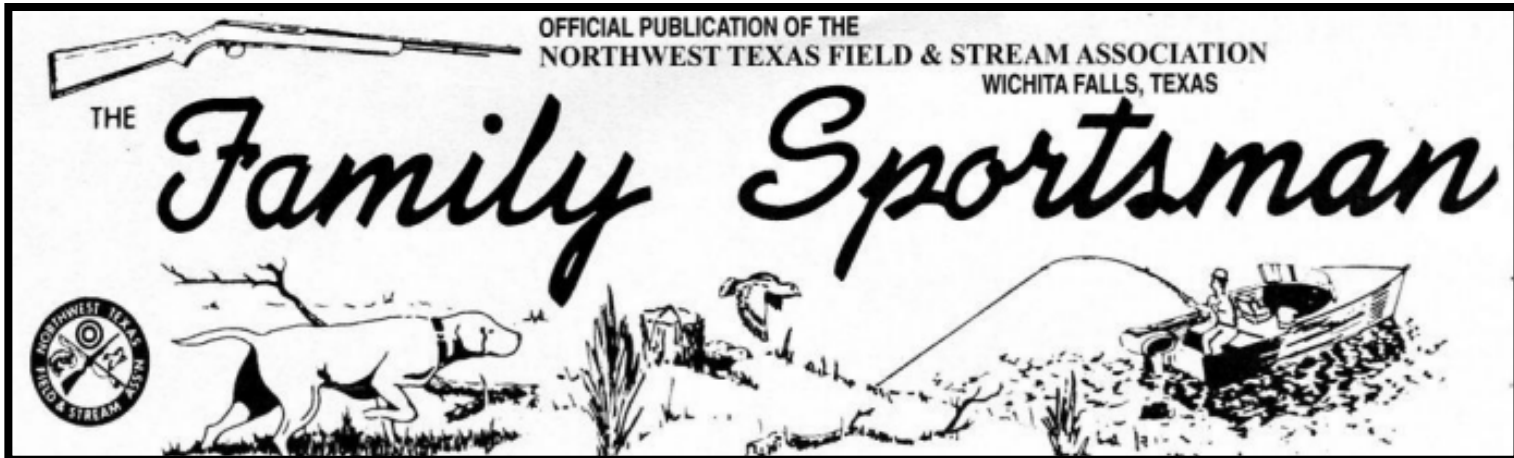




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2025 ON THE CALENDER MONTHLY

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)

2025 ON THE CALENDER

July

Don James Memorial Match:
5th

Directors Meeting: 24th
Hunters ED: 26th

August

NRA Rifle Match: 2nd
Directors Meeting: 28th

September

NRA Rifle Match: 6th
Youth Fun Match: 13th
Directors Meeting: 25th
Red River Regional Pistol
Competition: 26th-28th

BOYS AND GIRLS FISHING OUTING AT THE HAPPY C RANCH

On 7 June 2025, NWTFS and the owners of the Happy C Ranch sponsored and welcomed 30 some odd boys and girls their ranch once again. Once the youths had unloaded from the busses and some taken care of personal needs; they were given a safety briefing on water safety, as well as how to handle the cane poles with the fish hooks attached.

Once everyone agreed they understood these safety rules then they marched (walked) single file down the dam to get fitted for life jacket that they wear all the time they were beyond the cooking area, as per the water safety briefing. All individuals, adults and children, reminded others if they saw someone starting to slip a jacket partially off. The young people for the most part did remember to maintain control of their poles and hooks this year.

The most dangerous aspect of being around the kids was when they caught a fish, because that fish was going all over the dock in their

elation of the catch (God Bless them). I believe everyone of the young people caught at least three fish, and most of them catching over sixteen. They were having so much fun fishing that when lunch time rolled around we almost had to pry the poles from some of the little hands. We had a lot of first time fisher people this time, and they had their information duly noted to be sent to the DTWF for a certificate.

Lunch was excellent as usual, fried catfish fillets and chicken tenders, cowboy beans, coleslaw, fries, cold drinks.

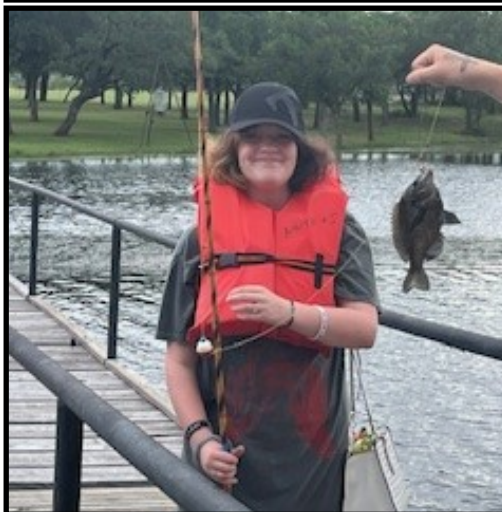
We had a wonderful crew of assisting people, besides our own NWTFS participating directors we had members of the Mangum Family, James Camsey, members of TPWF, and the two adults from the Boys and Girls Club of Wichita Falls.

Club President Rich Coughran thanked everyone for their participation, asked the kids if they thought the cooks did a great job BIG YES! And of course a great thanks from all of us to the Happy C for their continued support of this annual event.

I will end this report on a very positive note, I've been to quite number of these events involving youths but I

have state that this group was the
MOST POLITE I've encountered so
far. - Bill Johnson

HAPPY C RANCH FISHING OUTING PHOTOS.



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NWTFS TRAP SHOOT- ING 1980-2025

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THE NWTFS

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NWTFS WOULD HOST A NORTH
TEXAS TRAP SHOOTING EVENT,
INVITING ALL COUNTY SHOOT-
ERS THAT

NOW REPRESENTS DISTIII 4-H
(24 COUNTIES). THESE
EVENTS WOULD DRAW ABOUT
40 TO 50

SHOOTERS AND WOULD TAKE
ALL DAY FOR EACH TO SHOOT
50 TARGETS ON THE TWO TRAP
FIELDS

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THE MID 90's THE 4-H SHOOT-
ING PROGRAM GREW AND THE
TRAP

EVENT WOULD DRAW 100+
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MINUTES AFTER LUNCH.
IF YOU HAVE QUES-
TIONS
CALL FRANK

This is from the Face- book page of Camp Fire North Texas:

"A big thank you to North West
Texas Field and Stream Association
for sharing their knowledge and
passion for the outdoors with our
campers. Their commitment to your
education and conservation is truly
appreciated"

We are privileged to have had the
opportunity to host this event for
Camp Fire North Texas. The coun-
selors demonstrated exceptional
kindness and care, while the camp-
ers showed great respect and enthu-
siasm in learning new skills. We are
grateful for the opportunity to have
been a part of this meaningful expe-
rience this summer. We are looking
forward to hosting them again next
summer!



REMEMBER TO STAY
HYDRATED, IT'S
GETTING HOT OUTSIDE.



NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM DIRECTORS MEETING June 26, 2025

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

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

Invocation: Larry

Pledge: Betty

Thanks to everyone for coming.

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David Shoop

Thanks to the cooks for another good meal.

Guests: Margaret

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

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

**CORRESPONDANCE: FRANK
BOHUSLAV**

Received a very nice thank you card from the Friberg-Cooper Volunteer Fire Dept. for our donation. Rick mentioned that they will take care of the burn pile at the range when burn ban is lifted.

He also wanted to thank everybody for their help with all of the events we've had over the last 3 – 4 months. We've finally got a break!!

GUN CLUB: JOHN L.

Clay Shoot went well. Had 35 participants. Cleared around \$2,300. Rotary Club had their match June 7th after having to reschedule because of the rain. Low turnout compared to normal. Noted that Rick and Mark are continuously mowing out there, looks good. Only thing coming up is an FFA Shoot in late August. Rick asked about the target order they just did as to how long those targets would last them. John thought that they should last until the end of the year but it is dependent on the turnout at the club and how many they sell to other organizations. Rick also asked if we could pick a better weekend to hold our fundraiser next year. It was Memorial weekend and there were numerous graduation ceremonies going on. John suggested we check the school calendars once school starts to get an idea when

graduations were going to happen.

4-H: FRANK

State shoot in San Antonio coming up July 15 - 19. We will have 4 – 5 going and we usually cover their registration fees of \$90.00. Would like to do so again this year. Total of \$360.00. He would cover his grandson's fees. Bill J. motioned to approve. John P. seconded. Approved.

RIFLE: BRIAN

Roy W. won the June 7th match and Brian came in 2nd. John was shooting an MI Garand which handicapped him. The July match will be the annual Don James Memorial Military match. Mr. James started the Rifle club in 1984. He had been one of our President's. His family comes in and provides a bbq lunch for everyone.

PISTOL: JOHN P.

Finished the 10th week. Practice on Sunday for those going to Camp Perry and have a couple that need to do make up. League banquet will be on Aug. 19th and they will start the fall league the following Tuesday, Aug. 26th.

Roger – Camp Perry: Have 2 juniors going, Charlie and Ethan. It will be Ethan's first time. We normally have allotted \$250.00 to each youth going to help with expenses. Bill J. motioned to cover. Frank seconded. Approved. He also asked for approval for dates to use the range next year: April 25th for the 4-H Dist. Rifle/pistol competition and Sept. 25 – 27 for the Red River Reginal Pistol Competition. Bill J. motioned to approve. Mark W. seconded. Approved.

ARCHERY: MARK G.

Have finished the spring class. The fall class will start concurrently with the pistol league on Tuesday's (Aug. 26th). He is waiting on information from Katrina in regards to possible archery competitions. Is making holders for the target stands so the targets will hang straight.

SAFETY: MARK G.

The gate camera is working. Still waiting on IT Company to come out and finish. Hard to get ahold of. Noted that someone on the 50 yard range took a railroad tie to the back of the range and set up bottles to shoot at. Not acceptable as it is against range rules and it makes it dangerous for those out mowing to be hitting broken glass. Someone's going to get hurt. Have had an issue with bees under the shooting benches. 3 people got stung. They have been sprayed.

GUN SHOW: JOHN P.

Going to be setting up the bb gun range at the Fourth in the Falls Freedom Fest at the MPEC 4 – 8:30. Will be setting up and taking down the same day.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: FRANK J.

July 26th starting at 8:00 to anyone 9 years and older or were born on or after Sept. 1, 1979. Need to register on Texas Parks & Wildlife website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Youth Fishing Trip – Great success! Kids caught so many fish the directors couldn't keep up with baiting the hooks! A lot of first time fish certificates made out and the foot was good! He

said that the ranch looked beautiful!!!

Camp Fire fishing: Had groups come out 2 different days. The first day was 35 and the second had 60. Jennifer and Frank helped with the first one but no fish were caught. Had more help with the second group and they caught a turtle, a catfish and a sunfish. Rick gave out the rods and reels that our Secret Summer Santa had donated as their equipment was in bad shape. Mrs. Godby came in with a poster they had made to thank us. She said that they were "beyond excited"!!!

NEW BUSINESS:

Rick:

Reminded everyone that any items for the newsletter need to be turned in no later than Monday.

He then thanked Linda for the patriotic table decorations.

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

NEXT MEETING: July 24, 2025

4H STATE SHOOTING GAMES IS OPEN!

2025 State Shooting Games Handbook: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/shooting-sports-state-games-handbook-2025.pdf>

If you choose to go and enter, it is your responsibility to know the rules!

The 2025 Texas 4-H Shooting Sports State Games registration:

STEP ONE is now open on 4-H online. Registration closes on June 15th.

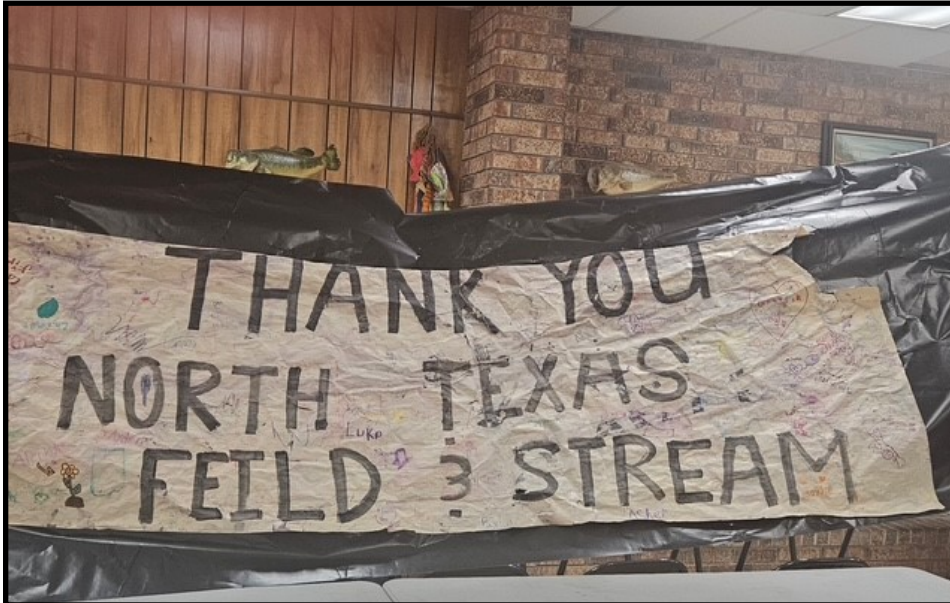
Please ask them to make sure they read the "State Games Handbook" on our webpage: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/> **before** they register. Participants must register on 4-H online. THEN go to iclays.com to register for STEP 2. This registration will open on May 28th and go through June 15th. iclays is a scheduling program, NOT a registration. They **MUST** register on 4-H online, then go to iclays.

Our office secretary Betty G. was over the moon excited about her new office mini blinds and was absolutely giddy when she was finally able to throw away the old curtains that had been there before she started 11 years ago. (Apparently waaaaaay before she started!!!)

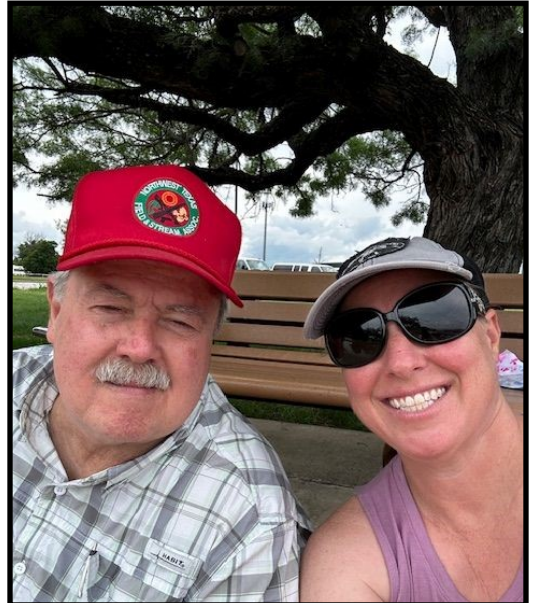
Pics of that special moment are shown below. Enjoy your new mini blinds Betty!



**FireCamp Kids made a banner, thanking NWTFS
for helping them at FireCamp
Fishing Trip.**



**Rick and Jennifer making
a hand at CampFire
Fishing Trip.**



**Ray Spangler 90th
Birthday.**

**Ray and Dot Spangler and
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