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A Monthly Insight into whats happening at Nettleton Fox Hunting and Fishing Association



# July 2023



**Current Topics >>>**

## Club T-Shirts and Hats are in!

*Club t-shirts which were ordered are available for pickup Tuesday, July 11, 2023. Please bring your \$12 to the clubhouse and pickup your ordered shirt(s) from Russell Taylor.*

**T-shirts will be \$12 with a \$2 charge for double XL and \$3 for XXXL's.**



## Nettleton Club Day a Success! *Thank you for attending!*

*The first annual Nettleton Club Day was held Saturday, May 27. In what turned out to be a perfect weather day, over 100 different members and immediate family members came together to fellowship and celebrate the club!*

Members participated in trade day, fishing tournaments, youth fishing rodeo, kid games, a club scavenger hunt, wild game supper, and gospel singing. Eighty two people enjoyed lunch provided by the Club members at the height of the days activities! All have agreed that a good time was had by most and it is an event the club needs to continue in the future. If you have any suggestions of events for future Nettleton Club Days, please visit our member input sought page and email us your ideas! More pictures from the day can be found on the Nettleton Club Day tab on the website!





Great things ahead >>>

## Club meets with MS Forestry Commission to discuss Timber Management & Prescribed Burning Program

Club Board members met with representatives from the Mississippi Forestry Commission on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Discussions were held regarding timber management in several identified areas for pine timber. Board members are looking to get bids for an approximate 35 acres of mature pine



forest located on the east side of the Grant Taylor Road near its North end. Board members are looking to get bids for an approximate 35 acres of mature pine forest located on the east side of the Grant Taylor Road near its North end. In addition, the possibility of future thinning for pine stands on the 80 acres across the County Line Road and on the former Hurt property were discussed.



### Prescribed Burning

The Club is also applying for possible grants for prescribed burning in collaboration with the Forestry Service in some identified areas.



### Grass Carp placed in Lake Thomas

To help with unwanted vegetation in Lake Thomas the Board of Directors voted to place 100 grass carp in Lake Thomas. The carp were placed in the lake in October and have been seen in the Lake. Members are asked not to try to catch the carp in any manner and to let them do their work in the Lake. Several directors are also attending a Lake Management Seminar in Aberdeen in April 25 to find other ways to manage lakes and fish.

## Repairs being made on Lake Thomas Boat Dock

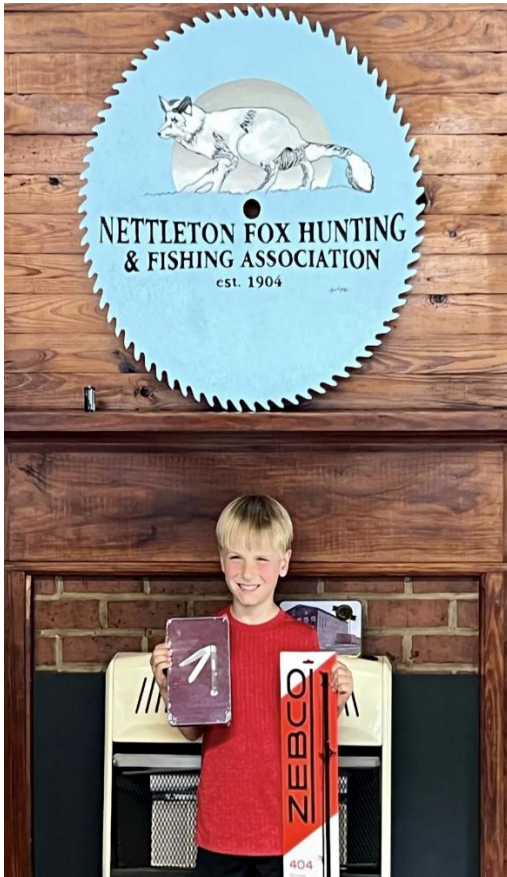
On Saturday, May 20 Board members and a few members met to begin replacing rotten boards on Lake Thomas boat dock and to make ready for a coat of paint to be put on the dock to help keep the dock from weathering. In all 9 boards were replaced. A special thanks to Bobby Sprayberry, Wayne Conwill, Rusty Loden, Rob Sargent, and John Austin Taylor for their help on this project. The completion of this project is anticipated to be in early June. .





# Clubhouse Renovations and Donations

*If you have any deer mounts or old artifacts from the Club, Russell Taylor is renovating the meeting room with a historic theme.*



As part of the first annual Nettleton Club Day a donation was made to the Clubhouse. A saw blade owned by Russell and Karen Taylor was painted with the Nettleton Fox Hunting and Fishing Association logo was donated to hang in the Clubhouse for members to enjoy. Their future daughter in law Hannah Page donated her time and talents to paint the logo on the blade. The 30" blade will hang above the old fireplace in the meeting room of the Clubhouse. Above is a picture of Youth Fishing Rodeo winner Gaston West under the newly donated saw blade.



## Pictured above:

*The deer head on the right was harvested by Carlos Pettigrew in 1981 on the Club and made the Magnolia Record Book. Please call or text Russell Taylor if you have something you feel like should be included.*

## WiFi Added to the Clubhouse

Wifi was recently added to the Clubhouse. A 50 inch TV was donated to airplay old pictures of the club and members, as well as to use for meetings. YouTube TV was donated by a member so that live TV can be monitored for weather situations on local channels and yes, even for Saturday afternoon college football games.

## Watch your step!! >>>

With the warmer weather and nice temperatures it's not all positive news in the spring. This is the time of year snakes begin to crawl. Please be careful and watch for them as you use the club facilities, woods, and lakes.



## Club Text Notification System to be added

The Club is adding a text notification system through the Remind app to notify members of events and pertinent information. Over 30 members have already signed up for this system at Nettleton Club Day. If you would like to be added and haven't, please contact Russell Taylor by text at 662-507-8161.





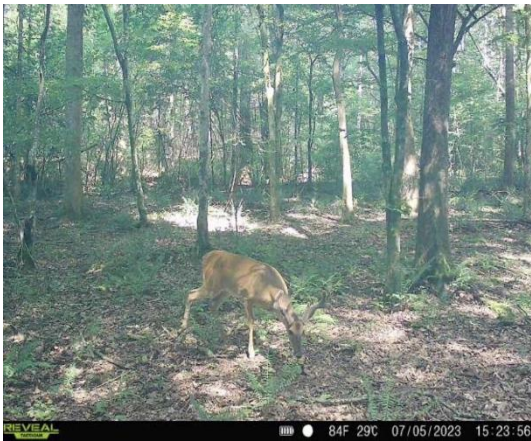
Other News >>>

## Old sign finds new home

The old sign that hung above the gate originally erected in 1965 was recently reassembled and placed at Johnson Landing in front of Lake Conwill. This placement will allow members to enjoy the sign they remember going under so many times when entering The Club and will provide an excellent place for Club pictures to be made. Next time you drive by the skinning shed check the sign out!



## Send in your photos!



### Get your cameras ready!!

Although hunting season is a few months away, bucks are beginning to grow their new antlers in velvet! taken on Jul5,2023.

The picture above was taken on July 5,2023. There is no time like the present to start using your cameras and scouting to find a buck for the September velvet season! Just make sure to pay attention to the WATCH YOUR STEP notice below.



Thanks to Josh Ridings for this snowy picture of the Club in February 2015!

This was one of the biggest snowstorms the Club has had recently. Please send your photos to Russell Taylor at 662-507-8161



# New Special Rule for Turkey Season

*At its regular April Board meeting on April 11, 2023 Directors passed the following special rule:*

*Supplemental feeding of wildlife will not be allowed on any property owned or leased by Nettleton Fox Hunting and Fishing Association between the dates of March 1 and April 30 each year.*



Over the months leading up to turkey season several instances of what would be considered illegal baiting were found. Members of the MDWFP advised Directors on this matter. The rule was passed to protect turkeys from baiting situations, to allow turkey hunters to confidently hunt anywhere on Club property without worrying about hunting over bait that the Hunter didn't know was there, to allow turkeys to move and be hunted in a natural setting, and early spring vegetation providing plenty of food for wildlife during this time period.

## Club members urged to be courteous



A recent letter to all shareholders from Club President, Bobby Sprayberry urged members and families to help all members enjoy the Club by being courteous and respectful of others. Respecting other properties such as tree stands and gem cameras, controlling pets and animals brought to the Club, and paying attention to safety of others was asked of all who use the Club. Please help us by driving, hunting, and fishing safely and in consideration of others when using the Club!





# Final thoughts...

*If you have any recommendations for the website, newsletter, or for anything related to the improvement of the club or it's resources, please contact Russell Taylor at 662-507-8161.*

