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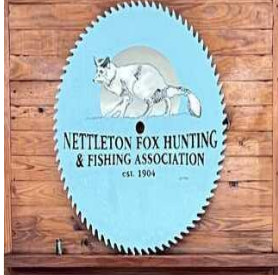
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A monthly insight into whats happening at Nettleton Fox Hunting and Fishing Association



# December 2023



**Current Topics >>>**

## Hunting Spotlight: Josh Kozlowitz Buck

**Upcoming Events:**

On November 28, Josh Kozlowitz went on a hunt that will forever be etched in his mind. In this months newsletter, we'll share Josh's story with this buck in the form of a good old fashioned hunting story. The buck had 8 points, an inside spread of 18.25", 20"+ main beams, and weighed 215 pounds. The story from Josh's point of view can be found on page 2.

- **December 24:** Gun (with dogs)
- **January 18-31:** Primitive Weapon
- **February-** All untagged treestands will be taken down

**New Club Hats are in**



**New Hats are \$25  
See Russell Taylor to purchase**





## **Kozlowitz's Buck (Continued) >>>**

As we continue highlighting one of the best deer ever harvested on the club, here is the story of this great buck from Josh's perspective:

*I first got trail camera pictures of this buck early December of 2022. I tried my best to get on him during the prime rut time but never seemed to get any daylight pictures of him. Season ended up closing and I left my cameras out and seen he had made it.*

*I started running cameras again September of 2023. I had gotten 1 picture of him in full velvet at the end of September with a group of young bucks in daylight, and he disappeared. I kept asking myself where could he be? I started running more cameras around the area and finally found him in another area, at midnight consistently almost a month later. I gave up on that area eventually because he wasn't showing up any sooner and then he disappeared again.*

*All of a sudden at the same location I had him on camera in September, he showed up at last shooting light on November 27th. I couldn't believe it. I don't have much time to hunt during the week, but I had a feeling I needed to go. The next day the weather conditions were identical to the previous day, so I decided I was going to go in there after him.*

*I made it to the stand at 4:00. Every squirrel that hit the ground made me look. Right when it started to get dark I heard something walking my way that was definitely heavy. I could hear him feeding on acorns as he worked his way to me through the thicket. It's like he was on a string. Once I seen it was him, I was just waiting on him to stop on his own. He worked his way into 25 yards from me, and stopped and looked at me when he got downwind from me but it was too late. I couldn't believe it worked out, and he did the same thing 2 days in a row.*

*This was a hunt I will never forget. I'm blessed to be able to take a buck of a lifetime close to home.*



Trail cam pics of the buck from 2022 (above) and 2023 (below)

Josh with the deer shortly after harvesting it



## 700 trees donated to Club

Davis Lovelace, the Chair for the Club's Timber and Natural Resources Committee, recently got 700 +/- seedlings donated to the club. Of these trees, around 600 are cypress and 100 are water oak.

The club plans to plant them in various areas of the property over the next few months with all tree seedlings to be in the ground by the end of February.

If you would be interested in helping plant the trees and/or have a dibble bar the club can use for planting, please reach out to Russell Taylor.

Thank you for this donation Davis!!



Other News >>>

## Shooting Range Reminders

A friendly reminder to adhere to the shooting range rules, especially the shooting ranger hours of 9:00 am-3:00 pm from October 1-May 1



### SHOOTING RANGE RULES

1. ALL MEMBERS MUST CHECK IN WITH THE ASSOCIATION'S CARETAKER BEFORE USING THE RANGE
2. NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 16 MAY USE THE RANGE UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT MEMBER
3. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR GUN POINTED DOWN RANGE WHETHER IT IS LOADED OR NOT
4. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT
5. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR GUN UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO FIRE
6. ALWAYS OBSERVE THE AREA OF FIRE & NEVER SHOOT IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE SOME ONE MIGHT BE IN YOUR RANGE OF FIRE
7. ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN BEFORE OR DURING ANY SHOOTING ON THIS RANGE
8. SHOOTING WILL BE PERMITTED ONLY DURING THE DAILY HOURS OF OPERATION BEGINNING THIRTY MINUTES AFTER SUNRISE AND ENDING THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE SUNSET
9. AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS, MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO THE ASSOCIATION AT ALL TIMES FOR THE ACTIONS OF THEIR GUEST AND ASSUMES LIABILITY TO THE CLUB FOR ANY DAMAGES, INJURIES ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM THE USE THE ASSOCIATION'S FACILITIES THE ASSOCIATION'S CARETAKER IS AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO REVOKE THE PERMISSION OF ANY NON-MEMBER TO USE THE ASSOCIATION'S FACILITIES

**SHOOTING RANGE HOURS**  
For Deer Season  
Oct 1st - Jan 31st  
9A - 3P



Other News >>>

# Fish Management: Lake Thomas



In addition to the winter draw down currently taking place, the club is looking at other opportunities to improve fishing on Lake Thomas.

Beginning February 1, 2024, please register any fish caught in Lake Thomas under the boat dock.

This will help the board with fish population management on the lake. More information to come on the registration system in the near future.



*We want your  
feedback!*

*If you have any feedback  
for the Fish and Game  
Committee, please scan  
the QR Code above or  
email us at  
[fishandgamecomittee@gmail.com](mailto:fishandgamecomittee@gmail.com)*



A cool pic from one of Russell Taylor's trail cameras



# Club History Series: Liza Jane Gravesite



In this month's history series, the Liza Jane gravesite is the topic of discussion. The gravesite is located above the pavillon up the hill about 250 yards.

On February 28, 1970, the following article was published in the Daily Journal by Vera Rogers:

*The past is the Land of Missing Persons and is closely related to legend. This is especially true concerning those who have wandered into the depth of wilderness. Many were hardly remembered. The resting places of their bones, too often went unnoticed or were not remembered.*

*But that was not true in the case of Liza Jane Reagh who gave up her life in the deep wilderness in 1841, far from her home, wherever that might have been.*

*It was known that she was on a riverboat with her husband, John Reagh, captain of one of the riverboats of Johnny Johnson who was commander of several riverboats. The river was the Tombigbee, winding in and out, following the channel, on that night of August 5, 1841 with the trees of the forest on the river banks almost closing in over their heads. It was the night she gave birth to a baby. There was no help for her, no medical aid, no doctor, and she died.*

*John Reagh, her husband, buried her high on a bluff in the Chickasaw burying ground and left her there. There was nothing else he could do. The next year, when the boats could come back up the river, he brought a tombstone. It is still there at her grave above the Tombigbee River. The lettering on it is: "Eliza Jane Reagh, wife of John Reagh, Born June 9, 1818, Died August 5, 1841". A tree was carved in the rock above the lettering. As far as anyone knows, he never came back. The tomb, after almost 128 years, is hard to find, I know for with two friends, we searched, following winding trail, through brush and nettles. The silent trees were sentinels over our heads almost shutting out the afternoon sun. The ground was covered with brown leaves, from the trees of many varieties, mixed with needles from the taller pines, overshadowing the blue green of the woods on the top of the bluff, which continued to the northwest.*

*At one time, I know I must have been near the place, beneath three of the tallest pines, for there was evidence, or did I imagine it, of what could have been the area of the unmarked graves of some of the whites or Chickasaws which long ago have melted back into the wilderness.*

*Riley Roebuck, a long time friend and woodsman, heard of our search for the grave and said he knew where it was located and offered to go and see. He called later to say that the tomb is still there, in place, but ten inches, including the tree pictured in stone, was broken of the top of the monument.*

*Mr Green's letter to the mayor of Mobile in 1968 after much research could be documented evidence. "Dear Sir, From 1838 to 1862 the steamboats from Mobile made six trips each year up the Tombigbee River to Cotton Gin Port which is about three miles west of Amory, Mississippi. Four times a year they came as far north as Johnson's Landing. One of the captains of these boats was a young man by the name of John Reagh and on August 5, 1841 on this trip north, Mr. Reagh brought his wife with him. On this night Mrs. Reagh gave birth to a baby, their first child, but due to poor facilities and the fact that no medical doctor was available, she died. Mr. Reagh buried his wife the next day on top of the high bluff overlooking the Tombigbee River, which was being used by the Chickasaw Indians as a burying ground. The next year when Mr. Reagh returned he brought a tomb and placed at her grave which reads, "Liza Jane, wife of John Reagh, Born Jun 9, 1818, Died August 5, 1841."*

*The purpose of Mr. Green's letter was to search out information from old steamboat records or from any source available to find relatives or family of John Reagh to find out who he was, or any of his wife's relatives" whom I might contact.*

*I would certainly like to know what became of the child." Members of the Fishing and Hunting club would like to know these things too, because her grave is on the land presently owned by them, and is in their keeping.*



# 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.

Below are a few pictures submitted by club members recently.

