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



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Current Topics >>>

Upcoming Seasons:

- **September 30:** First day Archery Deer Season & Squirrel Fall Season
- **October 14:** Rabbit Season begins
- **November 4:** Youth Deer Season begins
- **November 6:** Antlerless Primitive Weapon begins

New Club Hats are in



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

Club History Series: Jonathan Nash

Written by Russell Taylor

The following is the beginning of a series of early history of the Club property from some of the first settlement to the beginning of the Club. Subsequent articles will discuss some of this early history and settlement as best as can be ascertained from old records and articles.

When I was a boy of 8 or 9 my family would always rent the old Clubhouse that was built in the 1930's and torn down in 1988 on the same sight as the current Clubhouse. At night, we would sit on the old wooden front porch listening to creaking of the chairs as they rocked along with the many odd sounds rising out of the River bottom. As the fog would settle in the tree tops of the old oaks almost glowing in the moonlight, I remember thinking of all the Club members who had watched and listened to the same things I was experiencing. At that time I didn't realize just how far back well beyond the founding of the Club this experience was shared and by how many.

One of the earliest settlers came to our property 100 years before the old Clubhouse was built by the Tombigbee River first setting foot on what would become the Club by Johnson Landing (1830-1860). Records show Johnathon Nash previously living in North Carolina and Tennessee, but the 1830 Census shows his residence as Monroe County, Mississippi. Johnathon Nash, exited the boat with his brother near an old cyprus knee somewhere in the vicinity of the current dock that goes down the hill to Conwill Lake. Of course, at this time Johnson Landing was part of the old river at the northern most point that could be reached only during a couple of winter and spring months of high water from Cotton Gin Port (an important town down river that was the predecessor of Amory and established as a settlement early in the 1800's).

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It needs to be noted that Club property all the way up and down the river to Cotton Gin Port was already well inhabited by Native Americans during this time for hundreds of years. In fact, records show that Nash purchased 148 acres from the Chickasaw. After the ceding of land to the government and the Native American Removal Act (Trail of Tears) this land was firmly established as part of the Chickasaw territory. Nash came up the river during these times when Mississippi was part of the frontier and quickly established residence with his wife Barsheeba. An 1850 census shows Nash owning 148 acres in Section 5 Township 12 Range 8 East which encompasses Benny Shack, Brooks Bar, Burgess Hill, the Clubhouse sight, and the Overlook. The land most likely stretched to the "Nash Place" where one of his children settled.

Records show Nash fathered ten children with Barsheeba. Two of particular note is one son, Jesse, who passed at age 27 in 1839 after being killed while serving as a Texas Ranger. Another son, Van Buren (known as Van), lived on Club property. Van Nash is buried just outside the northeast corner of the current Clubhouse. His grave lies at the foot of a tree marked by a sandstone and has been the source of legend throughout the years of the Club. The story was that Van Nash had been buried there because it was the most suitable location nearest to his dying request. An article in the Tupelo Daily Journal in 1970 "Tales of the Tombigbee" indicates oral history described Nash running an extremely high fever in his final moments and begging for water. Water was denied because similar cases had caused a fear that water could cause sudden death. Craving water, Van asked to be buried standing up under the old spring up the hollow so that he would never want for water again. This spring provided fresh water for the community and is currently marked by a monument and located just behind Bobby and Wanda Sprayberry's cabin. Burial underneath the spring was certainly out of the question due to the community need for fresh water, but in order to try to honor his request his burial is close by. His grave beside the Clubhouse is located just a couple hundred yards from the spring. The Nash name can be seen all over the Club including the Nash Place, Van Nash's grave, and the old Nash ferry site found under the small Pavilion by the skinning shed where an old artesian well once provided water for Club members. The ferry was operated on the old river by the Nash's just down the hill from what would become Van's final resting place. Still, on a bright moonlit night one can sit rocking in a chair listening to the sounds of the same river bottom while gazing down on the old River Run and imagine the draw of this land to first the Chickasaw and to the Nash family.

The history of our Club has spanned two world wars, a Great Depression, and many other significant historical events and times; however, the history of inhabitation here goes back much further. Stay tuned in to the history spotlight each month in the newsletter for more information regarding the early history of the Club and our land.



Feedback Wanted

We want your feedback

If you have any feedback for the Fish and Game Committee, please scan the QR Code above. You will be directed to the Fish and Game Committee's email.

The email address is

fishandgamecommittee@gmail.com

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!

Safety First >>>

Tree Stand Safety Matters!!

September was Tree Stand Safety Awareness month and October brings the first major opportunity this fall for members to be using treestands. Please see the following information for tips on staying safe while using treestands.

Common Causes of Falls From Elevated Stands:

Climbing up or down and installing/removing a stand is when most accidents involving tree stands occur. These factors researched by [National Hunter Ed](#) also top the list of why hunters tumble from trees:

- Incorrectly placing or using equipment
- Mistakes climbing into or out of a stand
- Using equipment damaged by exposure
- Hunter's lack of knowledge of equipment
- Excessive wear or stress of equipment



Tree Stand Accidents Statistics:

- Tree stand falls are the largest source of hunting-related injuries and deaths in the US (Wisconsin DNR).
- Around 28% of archers have fallen/nearly fallen and 13% of firearm users have fallen/nearly fallen from a stand (Wisconsin DNR).
- Approximately 1 in 3 people who hunt from a stand will experience a fall resulting in injury ([Deer & Deer Hunting](#)).
- Around 81% of fall victims require surgery ([Multicenter Study](#)).

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INSPECT EQUIPMENT

Search for broken or loose parts. Ensure straps are intact, steps are secure, and harness is in good condition.

2

USE YOUR LIFELINE

Have a lifeline and get clipped in before you climb.

3

WEAR A HARNESS

Wear a full-body harness every time you use your stand.

4

FOLLOW THE 3-POINT RULE

Always have two hands and a leg/two legs and a hand on your stand when climbing.

5

USE A HAUL LINE

Use a heavy cord to pull up or lower your gear and weapon from your stand.

6

HAVE A HUNTING PLAN

Tell someone which stand you're hunting; text or call them before and after using it.

Club Improvements

Over the past few weeks, multiple projects have taken place to improve roads and bank fishing access to alligator lakes. See pictures below.



Pictured above:

Major improvements to the road across from alligator lakes looking back south

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. There have been multiple snake sightings this summer! 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.



2023-2024 Deer Season Regulations

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
(2023-2024) DEER SEASON ONLY

ANTLERLESS DEER HARVEST

A total of twenty five (25) antlerless deer may be taken during the deer hunting season of 2023-2024 with the following stipulations:

1. A total of seven (7) antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment and twelve (12) antlerless deer may be taken by archery and muzzleloader combined prior to Saturday, November 18, 2023. Beginning with Saturday, November 18, 2023 a total of thirteen (13) antlerless deer will be allowed unless twelve (12) or fewer does are killed prior to this date. If twelve (12) or fewer does are harvested prior to November 18, 2023 enough does will be harvested to come to a total of twenty-five (25). The remainder of the antlerless deer harvested on or after Saturday, November 18, 2023 may be taken through any open deer season ending on January 31, 2023. ***Only a shareholder or immediate family may harvest an antlerless deer.*** Two (2) antlerless deer may be harvested per shareholder (includes immediate family) during the 2023-2024 deer hunting season, subject to the restrictions found in Club 2023-2024 deer regulations. Immediate family is defined as spouse and children of the named shareholder and grandchild of shareholder (15 and under) as long as the grandchild is accompanied by the shareholder. Any deer in which antlers do not break the hairline will be considered an antlerless deer for the purpose of allowed harvest of antlerless deer per share; however, will not count against the total quota of 25. The minimum weight for any deer (Buck or Doe) will be 60 lbs. Any shareholder or immediate family member eligible to harvest an antlerless deer by Club rules who harvests a first antlerless deer under 60 lbs. will be charged \$50. A fine of \$200 will be imposed if a second antlerless deer is harvested under 60 lbs. on the same share of stock. ***Updates of the number of antlerless deer harvested will be posted at the deer-processing shed and on the Club website harvest page as needed. It will be the shareholder's responsibility to check this number prior to hunting each day. Guests are not allowed to take antlerless deer during any season.***

HARVEST OF ANTLERED DEER

Hunters sixteen (16) years of age and older may harvest three (3) legal antlered deer on the property in accordance with the bylaws and regulations of the Association. (A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 10 inches OR one main beam at least 13 inches long-

Youth hunters fifteen (15) years of age and younger hunting on Association land can harvest only one (1) buck less than State Regulations of inside spread of ten (10) inches or one main beam at least thirteen (13) inches long for the 2023- 2024 deer hunting season.

2. The number of antlered deer harvested per share of stock will be limited to three (3). For the purposes of this statement, per share of stock will be determined as shareholder, immediate family of said shareholder, and guest hunting with shareholder.

RECORDING HARVEST

All categories on the harvest sheet must be filled out including name, weight, sex, method, inside spread and beam length for bucks, and a yes/no for lactating does.

Any shareholder or any person hunting on a share of stock that intentionally does not properly record the harvest of a deer is subject to suspension of ALL rights on Association property for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of infraction and a fine of \$200.00 (updated September 7, 2017). Deer harvest must be recorded at the skinning shed before leaving Association property. Deceased deer left in the woods or removed from the Association's property without being weighed and accounted for will be considered a violation.

***** Current year regulations imposed by the Nettleton Hunting and Fishing Association always supersede any pre-existing regulations set in the previous years*****



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.



**NETTLETON FOX HUNTING
& FISHING ASSOCIATION**
est. 1904

