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



# August 2023



## Current Topics >>>

## Upcoming Events:

All events listed will take place at the Pavillion. Contact Russell Taylor for more information.

- **August 15:** Annual Meeting of Shareholders
- **August 26:** Hunter Education Course
- **September 9:** Hunter Supper

## Club T-Shirts and Hats are in!

*Club t-shirts which were ordered are available for pickup. 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.**

## Club's new (but not so new) Caretaker Board appoints Taylor as Interim Caretaker

*Effective July 1, 2023, Russell Taylor accepted the position as Interim Caretaker for the Nettleton Fox Hunting and Fishing Association. Russell has been an avid member, proxy committee member, and/or board member for over 27 years.*

Please help welcome Russell Taylor to his new role as interim Caretaker for the Nettleton Fox Hunting and Fishing Association. Russell is a familiar face and a great asset to the club. In this role, he is responsible for club upkeep and maintenance, assisting the board and/or members, and many other items. Russell has been involved with the club for almost all of his life and has vast knowledge of the club. He has a passion for the club and a desire to see it continue to be successful for years to come. Please turn to Page 5 of this newsletter for more on our new, but no so new, caretaker and a few words from the man himself!!!



Russell and his daughter Ella at their cabin

Great things ahead >>>

## New Committees started to improve resources

The Board recently added two new committees to assist with gathering feedback from shareholders and to bring ideas to improve the experience for members and their guest. The two committees are as follows:

1. Timber and Natural Resources- This committee is tasked with reviewing the Club's timber management program and make recommendations to the Board related to the best management of our timber and natural resources.
2. Fish and Game- This committee is tasked with identifying key areas to improve fish and game on the club and making recommendations to the Board related to this.

If you would like to participate on a committee, please contact Russell Taylor.



### We want your feedback

If you have any feedback for the Fish and Game Committee, please scan the QR Code below:



## Club Members host Work Day

On Saturday, July 22, several club members met to repair the north gate, replace roof beams on equipment shed, and move a downed tree at the Alligator Lake. Thanks to all members who participated in this effort! Pictured to the right is Wayne Conwill welding the North Gate. Pictured below: John Austin & Neil Taylor with the newly fixed gate.



## Get the grease hot!

Following the repairs members made on July 22, the members involved held a fish fry to further fellowship and to thank those that helped. This was held at the Clubhouse. For any member interested in participating in work days, please express your interest to Russell or a Board Member.



# 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.*



Russell Taylor continues to update the Clubhouse as more items arrive and are donated. Since last month's newsletter, more wildlife mounts have been added, along with 6 new rocking chairs (pictured on the left), wood end tables (taken from a fallen tree on club), and more. Remember, if you have any items related to club you'd like to donate or display in clubhouse, please contact Russell Taylor.



## *Pictured above:*

*More deer and turkey mounts have been added to the Clubhouse since last month. There is also an updated list of shareholders on the bulletin board.*



## *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. 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.



Other News >>>

## Spotlight: Club Cabin



This month, we spotlight the club's rental cabin. It is just down from the Clubhouse right across from the pecan orchard. The cabin is available for rent at the rate of \$80.25/night and has everything you need for a great weekend getaway. The cabin features two bedrooms, two bathrooms, large kitchen, dining area, and living room. It also has all cookware, utensils, and appliances needed, as well as an outdoor grill. Saving the best for last, the screened in front porch is perfect for having a cup of coffee to start the day. For more information or to book the cabin, please contact Russell Taylor. Keep in mind, the rental is on a first come first serve basis.



### Check your license

*Dove season is now a month away, with deer season, early teal and goose season, and others right on it's heels. This is a good reminder to check your license. Most hunters purchase their license in the fall, so take the time now to check and make sure yours will still be valid as you take to the dove field, deer stand, or duck boat. You can purchase your license by visiting: <https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/licensing/login>*

## Send in your photos!



Alligator on Burgess Lake in Summer of 2009. Photo courtesy of Josh Ridings.

Please send your photos to Russell Taylor at 662-507-8161

## Club's new (but not so new) Caretaker (continued)



*"My grandfather, Carlos Pettigrew, joined the club in 1972, the year I was born. My parents had cabins down here from 1986 until my father passed in 1999. I have had a cabin or lived at front gate since 2001. I retired from education in 2023 with 30 years in system. Served on Board of Directors 2006-2015 and 2022 to present. Hunted deer, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and turkey and fished for all species here. I remember the impact caretakers had on me growing up and how they made me feel welcome and part of the Club and want to try to be that for others."*

-Russell Taylor

Pictures:

**Above:** Russell and his grandfather, Carlos Pettigrew, with Russell's first deer (1981)

**Below:** Russell with his sons Peyton and John Austin with a buck harvest

**Right:** Russell with his grandson, Neil (John Austin's son), last Christmas



## 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.

Below are a few pictures submitted by club members recently.

