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NETTLETON FOX HUNTING & FISHING ASSOCIATION

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



September 2023



Current Topics >>>

Upcoming Events/Seasons:

Below are upcoming events and/or seasons. Contact Russell Taylor for more information regarding events.

- **September 9:** Hunter Supper
- **September 15-17:** Velvet Archery Season (deer, see notes on Pg 2)
- **September 23-30:** Youth Squirrel Season
- **September 30:** Archery Season (deer), Fall Squirrel Season

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.

Great turn out for Hunters Ed Course

Hunters Ed Course rebounds post-covid

On August 26, the club hosted a Hunters Education Course in conjunction with MDWFP. The course is available to members and well as the public.

The hot and muggy August weather didn't hinder attendance at the Club's annual Hunters Education Course the last Saturday of the month. The final count in attendance for the course was 56 people, the largest turnout for a course post-covid. The hunter education course is important for many reasons (safety being the main one) and covers many topics such as ethics, responsibility, firearm safety, archery, wildlife management, first aid, treestand safety and more. Thanks to all that donated their time and efforts to help make this a success! Please find more pictures and information regarding the course on page 3.



Great things ahead >>>

New Website Page for Cabin and Pavillon Reservations

A new page has recently been added to the club website for cabin/pavillon rentals. On this page, you can click buttons for the cabin/pavillon and see a calendar of available/booked dates for each. The direct link to this page is

<http://www.foxandfishclub.com/story-board-3/>

CABIN/PAVILLION RESERVATIONS

The calendars below represent current bookings for the club cabin and pavillion. For reservations, please contact Russell Taylor.

CABIN RESERVATIONS

PAVILLION RESERVATIONS

October 2023

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Velvet Buck Season Approaching

Here's what you need to know to be ready to hunt during the September Velvet Buck Season:

- **When:** September 15-17, 2023
- **Where:** Private Lands Only
- **What:** Only 1 legal buck for the respective Deer Management Unit may be harvested.
- **With:** Archery Only - Longbows, recurves, compound bows, and crossbows.
- **Price:** All hunters, unless exempt or have a lifetime license, must possess a valid Velvet Season Permit (\$10 for residents).

Additional Rules to note:

- **Mandatory Harvest Reporting** - Hunters must report their harvest by 10:00 p.m. the day of harvest. Hunters can report via the MDWFP Smartphone App or MDWFP web portal.
- **Mandatory CWD Sampling** - All harvested bucks must be submitted for CWD sampling to a MDWFP CWD Drop-off freezer or to an MDWFP participating taxidermist within 5 days of harvest.

Committees meet in August



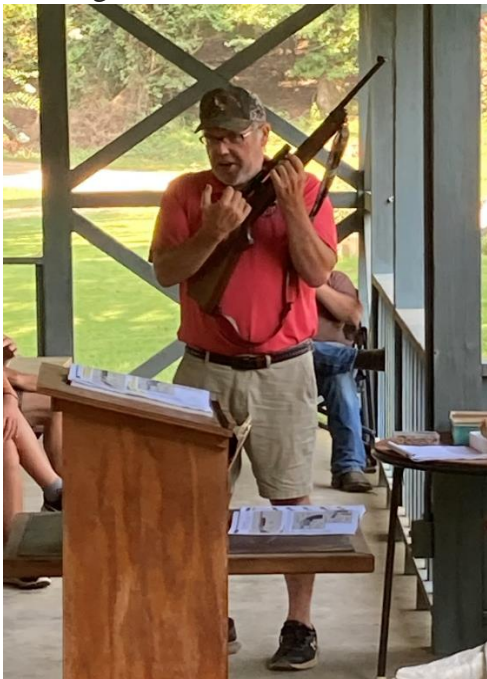
On August 24, the Timber and Natural Resources/Fish and Game Committees met for the first official meeting. There was strong representation present from the Board of Directors and both committees. A host of topics were discussed including, but not limited to, prescribed burning, timber management plan, lake improvements, stocking of baitfish, creating additional bank fishing access, and more. Any feedback from shareholders that was sent to the committees via email (fishandgamecommittee@gmail.com) was discussed as well. The fish and game committee has started conversations with local biologist about fishing improvements at the club. More information to come on this at a later date. The meeting was held at the Clubhouse at 6:00 pm and those in attendance enjoyed a supper prepared by a few members. The next meeting has not been scheduled yet, but will likely be sometime in mid to late September. All shareholders are welcome to attend or submit feedback via the email address above.

Hunter Education Course (Continued)

Hunters Ed Course not only a successful event this year, but also a historic one for Club President Bobby Sprayberry.



You probably recognize the person in the picture to the left as the Club's President, Bobby Sprayberry, but did you know Bobby is also Mississippi's longest running continuous Hunter Education Instructor? Bobby has been an instructor for over 35 years. Thanks to Bobby for his years of dedication to equipping outdoorsmen and women with the knowledge needed to keep themselves (and others) safe while hunting!



Pictured above:

Russell Taylor and Wayne Conwill discussing firearm safety with a shotgun for demonstration.

Did you know???

Hunter Education works. Since 1950, when formal hunter safety programs were introduced, the number of hunting and firearms-related accidents has declined dramatically nationwide. In Mississippi, we know that our hunter education efforts have reduced firearms accidents and saved lives. The hunter education course includes 10 hours of instruction. To obtain hunter education certification, students must be at least 10 years of age and must attend all classroom hours and pass written exam.

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.

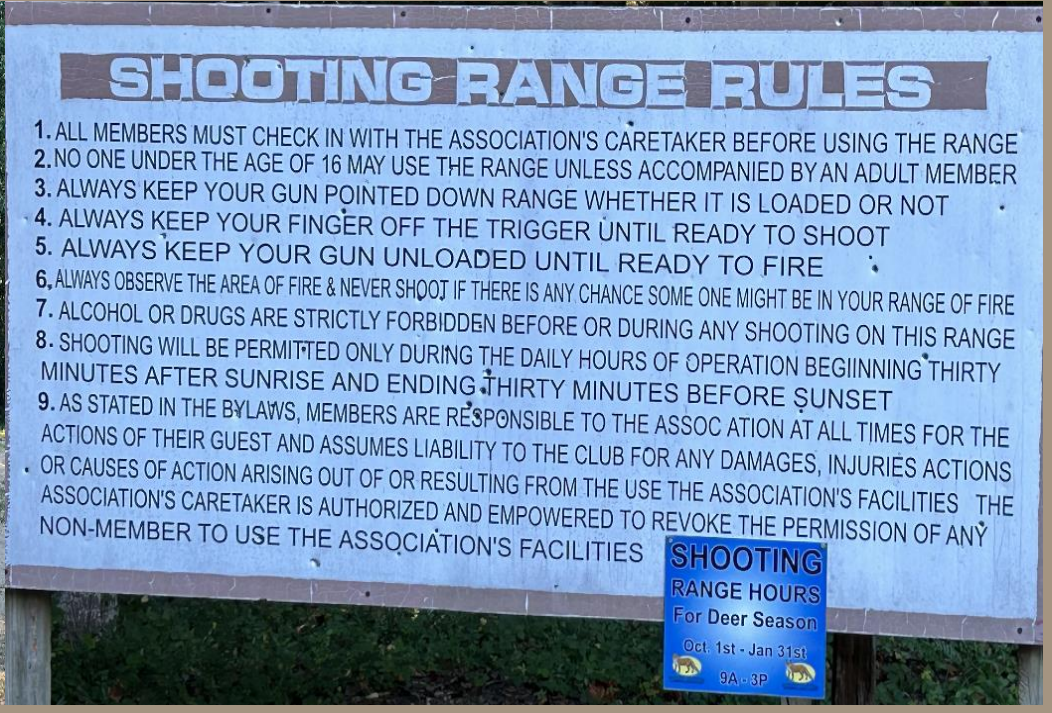


All persons born after January 1, 1972 are required to complete a hunter education course before purchasing a Mississippi hunting license. Also Effective July 1, 2000, anyone twelve (12) years of age and under sixteen (16) years of age must have a certificate of satisfactory completion of a hunter education course approved by the Department before hunting alone in this state. A child at least twelve (12) years of age and under (16) years of age may hunt without having the certificate of hunter education if the child is in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when hunting. (Source: MDWFP)



Shooting Range Reminders

As we get closer to rifle season, the shooting range will have more visitors the next few months. Please be mindful of the shooting range rules listed below.



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!

Send in your photos!



Lake Thomas frozen over January 9, 2010.
Photo courtesy of Josh Ridings.

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

Club Spotlight: Johnson's Landing



A hidden historical treasure stands in plain sight at our Club. Johnson Landing (located by the old Club sign and skinning shed) was once one of the first settler trading posts in the area. When the river was flooded it was one of the furthestmost posts North that could be reached with river boats on the old Tombigbee River. The landing existed approximately 30 years (from 1830-1860) and has served as a gathering spot before our Club existed until now. It is now located on an Lake Conwill as before the Club existed the river took a new path during a flood and left the Oxbow that would become the first fishing lake on Nettleton Club. One can read how important the lake was to the founding members and how they continually strove to get better access to it when the Club was first formed in David Williams book *The First Hundred Years* . Next time you are down at the Club, take a minute to stop by Johnson Landing on the old oxbow (Conwill Lake / Old River Run) and imagine it as it once was with a river boat easing into dock in the bend in the old river.



Friends of member Harriett McGehee sitting at Lake Conwill around 1933. The sign on the tree says, "Please do not shoot at these trees. They have been injured that way."



Picture of Lake Conwill a few feet from where the 1933 picture was taken. The sign on the tree says, "Johnson Landing 1830-1860."

Below: A picture taken May 19, 2023 at the Johnson Landing site of members attending the first Nettleton Club Day.



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.



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