

*in this issue >>>*

*Fall Opportunity*

*Dan McKinney*

*Treestand Safety*

*Work Day recap*

*Hunting Season Courtesy*

*& More*



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



# October 2024



*Current Topics >>>*

*Upcoming Events:*

- **October 1:** Regular Archery Season and Fall Squirrel Season begin
- **October 12:** Rabbit season begins
- **November 2:** Youth hunt, hay ride, chili cooking
- **November 9-22:** Youth Deer Season
- **November 11-22:** Antlerless Primitive Weapon
- **November 23-Dec. 1:** Gun (with dogs)
- **December 2-15:** Primitive Weapon
- **December 16-23:** Gun (without dogs)
- **December 24- January 22:** Gun (with dogs)

For a full list of hunting season dates from MDWFP, please scan this QR Code:



## *Getting youth involved*

Make sure to join the fun on Saturday, November 2nd. The Club has several activities aimed at getting youth involved in our Club on this day. At 2:30, participants will meet at the pavilion for a youth squirrel hunt. Participation is open to all kids and grandchildren of members ages 10-17. Several members have volunteered to take youth on a squirrel hunt with their squirrel dogs. All unlicensed youth must have an adult chaperone and anyone licensed age who would harvest a squirrel must have a valid hunting license.

At 6:00 that evening, a chili supper will be held under the pavilion. All members and their families are invited. The supper will be followed by a hay ride for youth afterwards. All family members of Club members are invited to the hay ride. Please help us get our youth involved with what our Club has to offer by bringing them to join the fun on November 2nd.

**Notice: Dues are due by November 30, 2024**

**\$600 for non cabin owners, \$800 for cabin owners**

# In memory of Dan McKinney



Dan McKinney  
December 28, 1968 — September 15, 2024

It is with deep regret that we share the news of the passing of one of our most active and engaged members Dan McKinney. Dan has been a longtime member, hunter, fisher, and friend to many. Dan walked the hills and bottoms of the Club since a young man as well as spending countless hours fishing on lakes and the river at the Club. An undoubtedly self sufficient man, Dan harvested all manner of species in the woods and often brought out large stringers of crappie from the lakes and big flat head catfish from the river; however, most will miss and remember Dan for his friendly nature, love of laughter, and his enjoyment of all the outdoors had to offer.

Dan was kind to all, whether stopping to listen to the latest hunting stories or offering a seat and meal when he was cooking. Over the last 20 years Dan had lived on the Club and was a consistent figure in anything that occurred and our Club will feel a little emptier without his presence. We pass our sympathy along to Dan's mother Judy and his brothers John, Bob, and David. While Dan may not join us this deer season physically, we know many will share memories and stories of how he made our experience here at the Club much richer and help keep his legacy here alive.



# Top Tips for Treestand Safety

Hunting from a treestand can provide excellent vantage points, but safety should always be your top priority. Here are some essential tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience in the woods:

## 1. Choose the Right Equipment

- **Treestand Type:** Select a treestand that is appropriate for your hunting style, whether it's a climbing, ladder, or hang-on stand. Ensure it meets safety standards.
- **Safety Harness:** Always wear a full-body safety harness that is designed for treestand use. This can prevent serious injuries in case of a fall.

## 2. Inspect Before Use

- **Check for Damage:** Before each use, inspect your treestand for any signs of wear, rust, or damage. Look for loose bolts, cracked welds, or frayed straps.
- **Test Stability:** Ensure that the treestand is stable and securely attached to the tree.

## 3. Practice Safe Climbing

- **Three Points of Contact:** Always maintain three points of contact while climbing. This means two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand, should be on the tree or climbing apparatus at all times.
- **Use a Safety Line:** Consider using a safety line that allows you to attach your harness to the tree before climbing.

## 4. Stay Aware of Your Surroundings

- **Weather Conditions:** Be mindful of weather changes. Wet or windy conditions can make climbing and standing in a treestand more dangerous.
- **Wildlife:** Keep an eye on your surroundings to avoid unexpected wildlife encounters that could lead to distraction or danger.

## 5. Have an Emergency Plan

- **Communication:** Carry a fully charged mobile phone or two-way radio for emergencies. Inform someone about your hunting location and expected return time.
- **First Aid Kit:** Always have a first aid kit accessible, and know how to use its contents.



**By following these tips, you can greatly reduce the risks associated with treestand hunting. Always prioritize safety to ensure a successful and enjoyable outing in the great outdoors!**

# Club Work Day

On September 21, several members joined together for a work day on the club in preparation for the upcoming hunting seasons.

Some of the work completed included brush cutting, road trimming of trails/roads, dozier work and tree removal on Little Bridge Road and Rock Pile Holler Road, as well as cleaning up access points to gas line and food plots.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the club work day!



# COURTESY IS NEEDED FOR SUCCESSFUL HUNTING SEASON



*With 240 members and more immediate family members the Club can become crowded during our various hunting seasons that are just noe beginning. Without sharing our land and general courtesy to others, conflicts can arise. Here are 5 tips to follow to make the upcoming season enjoyable for all:*

*1. Safety has to be the number one priority for all. Follow all general guidelines for hunter safety, always wear hunter orange when required, and always be sure of your target and what is beyond. Remember to treat every gun like a loaded gun.*

*2. All land even if someone has a stand is first come, first serve at the Club. For safety and courtesy, if someone beats you to a spot use that time to explore another part of the Club to expand your hunting enjoyment.*

*3. Please refrain from joy riding with trucks or all terrain vehicles on side roads for the first couple hours and the last 3 hours of daylight as these are prime times for hunters*

*4. Hunters who hunt different species and use different methods have to share the woods. At any one time different members may be deer, rabbit, and squirrel hunting at the same time. Some hunters prefer to still hunt alone and some prefer to use dogs for different species. Intentions are to make the Club a place where all members can enjoy the freedom to use legal methods of hunting to enjoy all game the Club has to offer. For this to happen, we must be courteous and considerate of others and their chosen species and methods of hunting.*

*5. Meet other members! We all share similar passions and an appreciation for our property and culture here at the Club. Take opportunities to meet other members and their families who will be using the Club by extending a warm greeting. Learning others passions and why and how they like to use the Club helps not only others enjoyment and appreciation of the Club but ours too.*

*Good luck to all during this fall and winter and BE SAFE !*



# 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.

