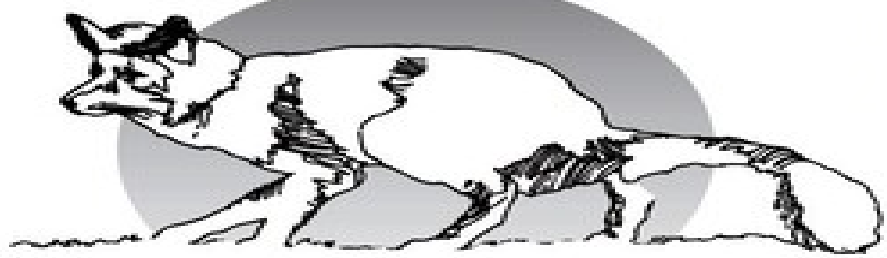


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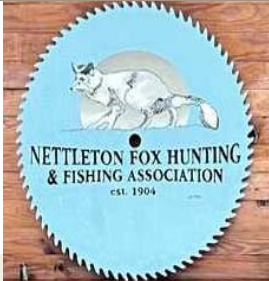
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# NETTLETON FOX HUNTING & FISHING ASSOCIATION

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



# April 2024



## Current Topics >>>

## Upcoming Events:

- **April:** Lake Habitat Improvement Projects
- **May 15:** Spring Squirrel Season
- **May 18:** 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Club Day

## Custom Turkey Calls



A local call company, Pennington Brothers Game Calls, has created a custom glass turkey call with the club logo. Calls are \$60 each and come with a 2 pc diamondwood striker. If interested in purchasing one, contact Josh Ridings.

## Spring food plot update

*In recent meetings, the Board of Directors, Game and Fish Committee, and Timber and Natural Resources committee determined that planting select spring food plots would be beneficial to wildlife that calls the club home. An update on the status of these plots below:*

The Club plans on planting soybeans on approximately 29 food plots the week of May 13-17. Food plots have already been cut up once and will be diced a second time the first week of May. Some Clay Peas might be planted and additionally a couple of plots may be targeted for turkeys with Chufa. Later in the spring or early summer plans are to plant the field at the shooting range and Burgess fields with sunflowers for a possible dove hunt on the club.



## Second Annual Club Day is a month away! >>>

The club will host its second annual club day May 18 with a few events beginning the evening of May 17. The agenda follows below. For anyone interested in helping or that has any questions, please contact Russell Taylor. A few pictures from the first annual club day are shown below as well.



### May 18, 2024 2nd Annual Nettleton Club Day

#### May 17, 2024

- 7:00 PM Registration for Keith Horton Fun Hunt (Coon Hunt)
- 8:00 PM Draw out for Keith Horton Fun Hunt
- 11:00 PM Report In Fun Hunt Results (Club Pavilion)

#### May 18, 2024

- 6:00 AM Registration for Club Squirrel Hunt Competition
- 6:30 AM Cast out for squirrel Competition
- 9:00 AM Club Trade Day (Club Orchards)
- 9:30 AM Check in Club Squirrel Competition
- 10:00 AM Fishing Rodeo for kids 16 and under
- 10:00 AM Kids Games (Club Gardens)
- 12:00 PM Club Rodeo Weigh in (skinning shed)
- 12:30 PM Lunch provided by Club (Pavilion)
- 1:30 PM Club Day Picture (Old Club Sign)
- 2:00 PM Nature walk-meet at pavilion
- 2:00 PM Registration for Bass, Crappie, Bream, Catfish tournament
- 2:30 PM Fishing tournament begins
- 2:30 PM Cornhole Tournament (Garden)
- 3:00 PM Bingo Tournament (Pavilion)
- 3:30 PM Cake Walk (Garden)
- 6:30 PM Fishing Tournament weigh in
- 7:00 PM Wild Game supper/potluck (Pavilion)
- 7:45 PM Gospel Singing



# Fishing around the Club

Spring has sprung and several members have hit the Club lakes to fish. See fishing update for certain lakes below:

- **Lake Green** - crappie are plentiful and can be caught best on a chartreuse grubb with a 1/32 oz jig head. Several 2-3 lb catfish are beginning to be caught. Just a reminder to return any catfish under 14" to the lake. Lake Green is overpopulated with crappie. Need to take all crappie and bass out of Lake Green to the 2nd Alligator Lake or Lake Conwill ( River Run ). Some bream have been caught and early catches seem to be larger than last year.
- **Lake Thomas** - Best fishing this far has been for bass with a few bass being caught around the 5 lb range. Please return all bass over 3 lbs to the lake that you don't want to have mounted because several could have eggs. Please keep all bass under 1 lb or put them in the 2nd Alligator Lake or Lake Conwill. A few good stringers of crappie have been caught. Generally on average the crappie are bigger in Lake Thomas than Lake Green but are more difficult to catch. There have been no reports of bream catch to this point.
- **Alligator Lake** - A report from someone who used a live scope in this lake showed very few fish. Stocking this lake with fish from other lakes would be very helpful.



## Lake Green gets fish stocked and feeders added

In mid-March, Lake Green was stocked with 1,000 young catfish and a few directional fish feeders were added along the levy. A few things to keep in mind if you fish in Lake Green:

- Please return all catfish under 14" to the lake
- Please do not touch or move the feeders placed along levy. These feeders have been strategically placed and are set on a timer to go off at specific times.
- If you happen to notice a feeder malfunctioning or other issues with them, please notify Russell Taylor.



## Lime added to Lake Thomas



On March 25, a group of members added over 23 tons of lime to Lake Thomas. Liming a lake has many benefits such as enhancing water clarity, promoting aquatic biodiversity, improving fish reproduction, and many others. A special thanks to Mike Hester, Rob Sargent, Wayne Conwill, and Bobby Sprayberry. These men worked hard to distribute the 23+ tons of lime across the lake using only two shovels!!



## *Mineral sites still needed on club*



In the March newsletter, we highlighted how to create a mineral site for deer and the numerous benefits of doing so. As of mid-April, members have established approximately 25 mineral sites. This is a great start to this initiative, but more are needed. The goal is to have 50 sites established this year. Now is a perfect time to get one started. Members are encouraged to start mineral sites at your stand locations or areas you hunt. If there is an old stump at any of the areas you hunt, this would be a great place to add a mineral site. Pictured on the left is a trail camera photo from Michael Loden at a mineral site he set up this year.

In case you missed the March newsletter, below are some additional tips we shared on creating a mineral site:

- **Location Selection:** Choose a strategic location for the mineral site, ideally near natural deer travel routes, bedding areas, or feeding zones.
- **Clearing and Preparation:** Clear the selected area of vegetation and debris.
- **Mineral Selection:** Choose high-quality mineral supplements specifically formulated for deer, ensuring they contain essential nutrients like calcium, phosphorus, and trace minerals. You can also consult with employees at local feed and supply stores for their advice.
- **Placement:** Spread the mineral supplement evenly across the cleared area, avoiding clumping.
- **Monitoring and Maintenance:** Regularly monitor the mineral site to ensure deer are utilizing it and replenish supplements as needed. Adjust placement or supplement types based on deer activity and soil test results.
- **Documentation:** Keep records of mineral site locations, supplement types, and usage patterns for future reference and management decisions.



# 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.

