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



# February 2024



**Current Topics >>>**

## 2023-2024 Deer Season Review

**Upcoming Events:**

The 2023-2024 deer season was one for the books! Data from this season's deer harvest can be found below:

- **February 7:** Tree planting by ICC
- **February 17 or 24:** Prescribed burns begin
- **March 1-7:** Coyote Trapping Program
- **March 8:** Youth Turkey Season begins
- **March 15:** Spring Turkey Season begins

2023-2024 Deer Harvest Report					
Prepared by Russell Taylor					
Total Deer Harvest: 50					
25 Does/25 Bucks					
Doe Harvest					
40-49 lbs	2	70-79 lbs	1	100-109 lbs	2
50-59 lbs	0	80-89 lbs	5	110-119 lbs	3
60-69 lbs	2	90-99 lbs	11	120+ lbs	0
Buck Harvest					
Weight					
40-49 lbs	2	100-109 lbs	3	160-169 lbs	3
50-59 lbs	1	110-119 lbs	0	170-179 lbs	0
60-69 lbs	0	120-129 lbs	1	180-189 lbs	1
70-79 lbs	1	130-139 lbs	1	190-199 lbs	0
80-89 lbs	0	140-149 lbs	6	200+ lbs	1
90-99 lbs	3	150-159 lbs	2		
Points					
0 points	3	5 points	2	8 points	4
2 points	6	6 points	1	9 points	1
3 points	1	7 points	4	10 points	1
4 points	2				
Buck Age Structure by Weight					
0.5	4	2.5	6		
1.5	14	3.5+	1		
Deer Harvest by:					
Member	33	Immediate Family	17	Guest	0

**New Club Hats are in**



New Hats are \$25  
See Russell Taylor to purchase



## Trees planted across club >>>



On Wednesday February 7, 2024, students from ICC Forrestry Program made a trip to the club to assist in planting trees donated by club member and Timber and Natural Resources Committee chair Davis Lovelace. ICC students were able to help plant around 800 trees across the club. The 800 trees consisted of approximately 600 cyprus and 200 water oak. This was a great opportunity for these students to get some real world experience while helping enhance the timber resources of the club. A special thanks to ICC Forrestry, Russell Taylor, and Davis Lovelace for their work on this project!





# Turkey Season Changes for 2024

As spring nears, many of you may be gearing up for the chase of turkeys at the club in 2024. There are not many things that can rival the sound of a gobbler waking up the forest as the sun begins to rise, and our hope is many of us will experience this on the club this season. As you prepare for turkey season, please remember a few changes at the club related to turkey hunting. These changes are noted below:

1. All turkey harvest must be reported at the skinning shed (same process as reporting deer harvest).
2. No supplemental feeding allowed during turkey season. Note, if you have any feeders on the club property, please make sure they are clean and clear of any feed by March 1, 2024.
3. A new target stand has been added at the Club Shooting Range for shotguns at the 25 yard mark. If you plan to pattern your shotguns for turkey hunting, please make use of this new addition to save the rifle/pistol targets from unnecessary damage/wear.



**Also, please keep in mind the following safety and common courtesy tips below:**

1. If you arrive at an area and another hunter is already there, please respect your fellow hunter and move to another area.
2. Do not wear the colors red, blue, or white while turkey hunting. These are the same colors as a gobbler's head and could leave you mistaken for a turkey by another hunter.
3. Always be sure of your target and be mindful that shotgun pellets spread quickly (residual shot may injure/kill other birds than the one you are aiming at). Adhere to proper gun safety.
4. If using decoys, make sure they are not visible while transporting them. Stash your decoy in your vest and make sure the head is not sticking out.
5. Watch for other critters such as snakes, ticks, spiders, etc. Always check around trees and bushes before taking a seat next to or against them.



Signs like the one to the left have been posted at Lake Thomas and the skinning shed to notify fishermen to not return any fish to Lake Thomas. Also, a log sheet has been placed under boat dock to record all fish caught.

This will help determine future fish management practices. In conjunction with this, the lake has also been lowered through winter months and will be limed this year.

We appreciate all member's efforts to help improve fishing at club by adhering to this request.



Other News >>> Top bucks from 2023-2024 season



Josh Kozlowitz with a great buck-November 2023



Josh Ridings with a nice 7 point -Jan. 2024



Mike Hester with a 20" wide 8 point- Jan. 2024



Dan McKinney with nice 9 point- Dec. 2023



Tyler Wood with 8 point harvest- Dec. 2023



Jeremy Wood with a nice 7 point- Jan. 2024



# Prescribed Burn Update

We have talked a lot about our upcoming plans to do prescribed burns across the club. As it gets closer and more information is available, we feel it is important to share in the newsletter. A tentative date for prescribed burns has been set for February 17 or 24. Weather conditions must be correct to secure a burn permit for the areas where burns are planned so these dates could change. This activity could potentially greatly benefit all wildlife and in particular deer and turkeys. Certified burn manager, Davis Lovelace, will serve as the burn manager and a safety meeting will be held at the Clubhouse the morning of the prescribed burn. Volunteers will be accepted. To volunteer please contact Russell Taylor at 662-507-8161. It is important that Club members who have stands and game cameras take measures to protect their property during these prescribed burns. Please either remove stands, cameras, tents or any other property from the areas listed below OR the owner of these properties should rake the ground for 6 foot in every direction to the bare dirt. It is imperative to rake the ground to this bare dirt so as to not have any tinder that could provide fuel to allow the fire to reach these items. A prescribed burn will occur in the following areas :



Area 1: Between Grant Taylor Road and Ming Property to west of Club from the old garbage dump to WPA Road



Area 2- From dirt pit on top of Burgess Hill to Alligator Roads in woods between Benny Shack and Cut through Road



Area 3: Between Clubland Road, powerline, and gasline through Hurt Road



Area 4: Between Rocky Ridge Road, Candy Branch Road, bordering Weyerhaeuser to East



Area 5: Between Keith Horton and Bridges driveway to gasline between Ade's Roost and Big Montana stands





# 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.

