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Message From The President



Fellow members,

Being this edition fall in your hands as winter is upon us I hope you all have enjoyed a safe and memorable hunting season so far. And if you were able to get someone afield for the first time or after a gap in time, I want to Thank You personally for being an NWTF Mentor! Please take the time to go online and share your story with our editor or the national page for Mentors. These numbers and stories are very important as they are direct reflections of our Save the Habitat Save the Hunt initiative.

Some of you hopefully were a part of our fall turkey harvest serology project as well. Your help with this is huge for both the NWTF and PGC to continue to do what is best for our turkey population. There will be results of participation and study findings published in upcoming issues of Turkey Talk.

Heading into 2020 we are looking forward to another year of positive progress within our state which relates to progress at the national level as well. I want to Thank You all again for being PA NWTF members, We again have topped the nation in membership. As cool as that is to be the BOSS state, I personally believe it is due to the grassroots that were seeded here many years ago. In talking with some long-time members of 30 and 40 years I realized just as with life things have changed and maybe not all for the best in membership? A few of these older members said years ago they could name 25 or more people in their area that was a member and now not. I have asked a few of them and will relay my message to all of you long-time members reading this to let me know what you think is different and how can we make changes to reactivate some of those older members? Just as with the R3 efforts for hunters and anglers I believe we need to do the same on our

membership. Some of these folks were key players in the reintroduction and growth of our turkey populations and as we know "IT WORKED" so let's get together and grow our ranks as we all know the more members we have the more boots on the ground to conserve our hunting heritage.

Lastly I would like to touch again on a quote by one of our solely missed members Don Heckman in saying "We need to tell our Story"!! Don was always professing this and was definitely right on track! Knowing some direction coming forward in the future, I believe you will see this message grow and I believe the best place to start it is here with each of you who don't just tell the story but make it because you are the grass roots that contribute to green grasses as we know it. Please know each and every one of you are important and you telling the story of the greatest conservation organization on earth is all it takes to continue to be just that for generations to come.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!



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**Deadline for submitting articles for the
2020 SPRING Issue of Turkey Talk is FEBRUARY 10**

YOUNG BIRDS



SUMMER ACADEMY TEACHES CONSERVATION, LEADERSHIP

BY TOM WILMOTH

A local student's trip to the 2019 Wildlife Leadership Academy Gobbler field school this summer has helped him decide what he hopes to pursue as a career.

John Payne attended the Leadership Academy, a rigorous leadership training program for high school students focusing on wildlife and fisheries conservation and habitat management.

"After my selection, I was especially excited to attend WLA Gobblers because I have had a great fascination with turkeys ever since my grandpa gave me my first call when I was 11," Payne said. "I greatly enjoyed the whole experience of being at Gobblers learning about the turkey's anatomy, identifying plants that are useful to the wild turkey, and learning the wild turkey language."

He hopes now to become a wildlife biologist or forester.

Celebrating its 13th summer, the Wildlife Leadership Academy provided an unmatched opportunity during a series of summer field schools for the teens.

One hundred new participants, ranging in age from 14-to 17-years old and demonstrating leadership skills, were selected from a competitive pool of applications.

Payne attended the Academy in August. "They take a certain species and they teach you conservation through it," he said.

He got interested in the Academy after winning a contest sponsored by Bass Pro Shops. He wrote an essay as part of his application process and was accepted.

Payne said each day those attending the Academy learned about plants, usually those associated with turkeys. He especially enjoyed the speakers.

They also participated in a number of games and had daily trivia contests.

"After the camp we are to come back as an assistant team leader. You have to do outreach to help other kids learn about

going to this camp and about conservation," Payne said.

Payne, who is 15 years old, lives in Forest. He home schools and also attends classes at Liberty High School, as well as taking JROTC.

He had a hunting background, but Payne said most of those at the camp didn't. What they did have was "a love for science and a love for the outdoors," he said.

His enjoyment of hunting and the outdoors is what led him to the camp.

"The knowledge I knew before and the knowledge I know now are greatly different. My knowledge doubled or tripled on how animals behave and how to make habitats for them so they can grow to their potential," he said.

Payne said he learned both about conservation and how to develop leadership skills.

"You have to become a leader very quickly or you'll be left behind," he said of the camp. "It's getting people to widen their knowledge about how wildlife works."

His grandfather, just before he got sick, gave him his box turkey call, Payne said. He was in Kansas at the time and hunted a year there. This past year he harvested his first turkey. "That really got me going," he said.

The Academy is a program offering students a comprehensive study of specific wildlife species, including classroom and field-based, hands-on education. Led by experts, including biologists and educators from across the state and beyond, the program also engages participants in team work, friendly competition, and an awareness of their natural world.

Academy students return to their community sharing what they have learned with their school, conservation organizations, local parks and more. They also keep a record of their conservation outreach efforts.

Top outreach achievements qualify students for educational field trips,

opportunities to return to field school tuition-free as mentors, and for college scholarships. Through field school and outreach projects, students learn and implement valuable life skills, such as leadership, communication, and responsibility.

The Academy has enrolled 669 youth from 62 counties across the state. These Conservation Ambassadors have conducted 5,279 outreach projects, engaging in over 20,000 hours engaging in these projects and with the public and reaching an audience of over 91,000 people across the state.

Academy Director Michele Kittel said the participants are "the next generation to speak for wildlife conservation."

"We hope the leadership of Academy youth in their home communities will inspire others to care more and therefore act more on behalf of the environment," she said.

The Wildlife Leadership Academy, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is a cooperative initiative involving state agencies and conservation organizations. Expert instructors at the field school include representatives from Clinton County Conservation District, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Department of Environmental Protection, Kutztown University, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Quality Deer Management Association, Ruffed Grouse Society, Trout Unlimited, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and many more.

(Reprinted from the Bedford Bulletin – Virginia)

Editor's Note: The Pennsylvania State Chapter, NWTF is a major sponsor of the Wildlife Leadership Academy's PA Gobbler Field School.



Join the PA-State Chapter for the
45th Annual
Rendezvous

January 11, 2020

Cost \$50/person
Open Bar from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Ramada Inn
State College, PA

Call for reservations @
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or

Purchase your tickets online
[https://
events.nwtf.org/381270-2020](https://events.nwtf.org/381270-2020)

**2020 CORE PACKAGE
INTRODUCTION**

EARLY BIRD
CORE PACKAGE
RAFFLE

Pa State Calling Contest to be
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 - Guns & Prints
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 Name(s) of people attending _____



Welcome Party

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020

Join us for our Welcome Party to enjoy dinner and a concert by our headline entertainer **CHRIS JANSON**. Hits include "Fix a Drink," "Buy Me a Boat" and "Drunk Girl."

Convention and Sport Show tickets go on sale in November.



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Book your room today.

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Call (877) 491-7397 or book online at NWTF.org/convention

2020 CONSERVATION SEED PROGRAM

The 2020 Conservation Seed Program will once again be offering Pennsylvania chapters the opportunity to purchase Round-Up Ready seed at greatly reduced prices.

This seed is to be planted and left standing to provide food and cover for wildlife including the wild turkey.

Please check the PA-NWTF website for details of the Conservation Seed Program as they become available this fall.

Go to: <http://panwtf.squarespace.com> for DETAILS and ORDER FORMS.

Another reason to eat wild game...

It reduces the need for mining phosphate. Phosphorous, a nutrient essential to growing food, occurs naturally; long ago, crops were eaten locally by humans and livestock, whose manure fertilized the next round of crops in a closed loop. Today, industrial agriculture requires enormous quantities of fertilizer, including phosphorus, which now has to be mined. This phosphorus (and other substances) is not recycled but largely flushed through runoff into the sea as a pollutant. Engineers at New Jersey's Stevens Institute of Technology have determined that phosphate mining could be cut substantially through changes in diet.

To produce a pound of beef requires 32 pounds of feed, largely grown with fertilizers; a pound of venison requires no fertilizer.



BIOLOGIST COLUMN

During the fall season is it better to harvest a young turkey rather than a mature hen?

From
Mary Jo Casalena,
PGC Wild Turkey
Biologist

Yes! Now that the turkey population has declined since the record high population in the early 2000's, protecting adult hens is important for maintaining local turkey populations. The experience of a mature hen helps the brood flock survive the winter. She knows where to seek shelter from the elements, where to find food, and how to avoid predators. Come nesting season, she's already survived the last one and that experience is critical in succeeding to raise a brood. Hen mortality is highest during the nesting and brood rearing seasons when a hen is most vulnerable to predation. If she survived one, chances are she'll survive again and her probability of successfully raising a brood is significant. As an example, let's look at the 2012-2014 nesting season data from the Game Commission's last hen turkey telemetry study. Nest success rate of adult hens averaged 43% (that is, hens surviving to their second

nesting season or older that successfully hatched their first or second nest attempt). This was only 10% for first-year hens. Plus, none of the first-year hens during those years attempted to nest a second time if they lost their first nest, compared to 39% of adult hens. Overall, 55% of first-year hens did not incubate a nest whereas only 28% of adult hens showed no signs of nesting. Additionally, overall survival during the nesting season was higher for adult hens (89%) than for first-year hens (78%). Thus, once a hen survives her first year her chances of successfully raising a brood as an adult hen are significant. Typically, over 60% of the fall turkey season harvest are female turkeys. If a fall turkey hunter is given the opportunity, selecting a smaller bird to harvest from of a flock may mean the difference between harvesting an adult hen and a juvenile. That may go a long way in helping the flock not only survive the winter, but also have more successful reproduction the next summer.



STUDY UPDATE: Susceptibility Of West Nile Virus On Wild Turkey Poults And Northern Bobwhite Quail Chicks

*By Mary Jo Casalena, Pennsylvania
Game Commission wild turkey biologist*



As reported during the Summer Turkey Talk issue, this study is a cooperative effort among the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the University of Georgia Research Foundation (UGA), Inc, the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study (SCWDS at UGA), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), the Pennsylvania Chapter of NWTF, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This past spring and summer researchers at SCWDS inoculated young wild turkeys and bobwhite quail to determine if WNV would impact them. The researchers conducted two inoculation trials. The first group was 6-7-week-old birds and occurred in early July. No birds died, no birds showed clinical signs and necropsies of all birds after the 2-week trial showed no effects of the virus on any internal organs. The second group consisted of 15-16-week-old birds and occurred in

early September. Again, no birds died or showed any clinical signs during the 2-week trial period. Necropsies are still being conducted and those results will be reported in the next Turkey Talk issue.

The second phase of the study is to determine if wild turkeys in Pennsylvania have WNV antibodies and, if so, determine the rates, distribution across the state, and age/sex composition of wild turkeys with antibodies versus those without. This is being accomplished by fall wild turkey hunters collecting blood samples of their harvested fall turkey for the SCWDS researchers to analyze. The Pennsylvania state chapter NWTF purchased blood sampling kits and mailers and the Juniata Gobblers Chapter NWTF helped put

the kits together for distribution to nearly 600 fall turkey hunters. The hope is for at least one-third of these hunters to successfully return their kits to the Game Commission who will then sort them by turkey age, sex and Wildlife Management Unit, and send to the SCWDS researchers at UGA. Throughout this winter the researchers will be analyzing these blood samples. Stay tuned for results.



Conditions of Acceptance Form Conservation Seed Program



THIS IS AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE, USE AND DISPOSAL OF SEED FOR CONSERVATION USE ONLY

I understand that the seed I receive is intended for wildlife plantings only. I agree that I have no intent of acquiring genetic material and that acceptance of this seed does not give any rights to use the genetics contained within the seed or grain or any plant or plant parts, pollen or seed produced therefrom for breeding, research or seed production purposes or for any other purpose whatsoever, other than use in wildlife plantings.

I understand that misuse of this seed may subject me to legal action under U.S. Patent Laws and/or the Plant Variety Protection Act. This seed will not be used for commercial harvest. I also agree to leave the grain crop standing for wildlife food.

I understand that the seed I receive may be slightly below standard in germination and that I will hold no claims through the use of the product.

If I am unable to plant all of the seed, I agree to make the surplus available to other landowners who have this same agreement for the purpose of wildlife food plots or to dispose of the seed in an acceptable, safe manner. I understand that this seed has been chemically treated and under no conditions will this seed be used for direct food for livestock or wildlife.

I also understand that a violation of this agreement may result in this organization and/or all organizations in this state permanently losing the right to distribute seed under this program.

CAUTION: The seed is a biological product. Improper storage can result in damage to the seed. Try to avoid high temperatures and moisture. In meeting pesticide standards, seed should not be stored near any food products.

Distribution Point:

Dushore Agway
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Ranier Devido Stone Company
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New Castle, PA 16101
(724) 658-8518

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31 TLD Circle
Port Matilda, PA 16870

Distribution Coordinator:

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Preferably by email at:
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or Cell 814.571.4287

All chapters are able to order their own seed and it will be shipped directly to them, IF they order a full pallet of the same seed variety. You cannot mix seed varieties to fill a pallet (roughly 66 bags). Also you will be responsible for paying for the seed, following all the rules of the Conservation Seed Program and you will need a forklift on site to unload the seed. Chapters will be notified when the seed arrives and will be responsible for picking up their seed. **Chapters will be responsible for paying transportation and bagging fee per bag (or higher fee for Round-up Ready seed) AT THE TIME THE SEED IS PICKED UP!! The price of bagging and transportation is subject to adjustment for changes in fuel costs.** Chapters will be responsible for paying for any seed orders they placed themselves and the state chapter will not assist in paying for those orders. Chapters can receive their own tractor trailer loads as long as they have a forklift and a suitable storage building. Individual members can order directly but they are encouraged to work through a local chapter to consolidate with their order. Find chapters in your area on PANWTF.org.

2020 Conservation Seed Order Form

Note: In the past, orders have been missed due to some chapters emailing or leaving phone messages. For this reason, only orders placed on this form and returned by US Mail will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.

Chapter: _____ Seed Desired: _____ # of Bags _____

Chapter Contact Info:

Name: _____ Conventional Corn _____

Address: _____ Round-up Ready Corn _____

_____ Sorghum _____

Phone #: _____ Winter Wheat _____

Email: _____ Soybean _____

Send this form to: **Sam McCartney, 155 Greens Valley Road, Centre Hall PA 16828** Deadline for orders is 3-1-2020 Please make a copy for your records.

Complete this form prior to picking up seed.

Are you planting all the seed you are picking up? Yes No

If no, then you understand you are to take copies of this form with you to have anyone you distribute seed to, sign form agreeing to the proper use of seed. You will be responsible for returning documentation to the chapter contact person. Should you not be able to produce documentation showing where you have distributed seed, you will be held responsible for any seed you picked up.

Use separate form for each person that receives and plants seed.

Print clearly the information of person **planting seed:**

Name: _____ Indicate number of bags:

Address: _____ Conventional Corn _____

_____ Round-up Ready Corn _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ Sorghum _____

Email: _____ Winter Wheat _____

_____ Soybean _____

Name of person **picking up seed.** PRINT CLEARLY Signature of person **picking up seed.**

Signature of person **planting seed.** Date: _____

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Please note: corn, sorghum, soybeans and wheat come in 50 pound bags. Round-up Ready corn is bagged by kernel count (80,000) so the bags may weigh less than 50 pounds. To curtail misuse of the seed there is a 3 bag limit per seed type per person.

Magic Beans

By Bob Schmid – NWTf Habitat Pro Staff

In the old English fairy tale “Jack and the Bean Stalk”, Jack trades the family cow for bean seeds that get planted and grow to give Jack a chance to redeem himself for what was perceived as a bad trade. Often I’ve felt like I too am searching for those “magic beans” that will grow into food plots that provide “golden riches” or at least a decent buck on the meat pole. As we begin to plan for the 2020 growing season it’s time to look for those “magic beans”.

WHAT SHOULD I PLANT?

Before we can decide what to plant, we need to look at what tools are available and answer some basic questions. If you do not have a tractor, plow, disk and planter, you probably aren’t going to be able to plant 10 acres of corn or soybeans. Are you planting for cover or for feeding critters? If you are surrounded by agriculture, you may want to consider creating nesting,

bedding or escape cover rather than more food plots. Or maybe those agricultural fields are harvested early, and you want to create food for the hunting seasons or winter months. All these need to be considered before deciding what you want to plant.

COVER:

Several years ago, it became clear to me that I had more than enough food plots. The corn I was planting wasn’t getting completely consumed by the next spring and I was plowing corn back into the ground. Planting row crops like corn and soybeans is costly and time consuming if you are merely planting for wildlife. Having an excess of them was wasting money and not helping my local wildlife. I started thinking about what habitat types I was missing and decided to investigate creating more cover. Around that time, I acquired my first bird dog and I wanted to create areas where I could train him. That’s when I decided to investigate planting warm season grasses.

They double as nesting cover for turkeys and rabbits and a place to release birds to train my dog. Deer use warm season grass plots for fawning and escape cover. If not planted too thick, turkeys will also use warm season grass plots for feeding on bugs and other seeds.

Warm season grass plots are not especially difficult to create but may require a couple of years to establish themselves. Once they do establish, they are basically maintenance free for many, many years. They will crowd out most competing weeds and don’t need lime and fertilizer. I’ve planted warm season grass plots with a no-till drill as well as light farming equipment; tractor, disk and hand seeder.

Some varieties of switchgrass that I have used in the past include, Blackwell, Cave-in-Rock, Carthage and Shelter. I usually mix in some Little Blue Stem seed in the mix. I’ve started reducing the recommended seeding rates by more than 50% to allow for a

less dense stand. Many seeding rates are for “production” plots and you want to establish a lighter plot that turkeys can move through with ease to feed and use for escape cover. You can always go back and increase the seeding rate if a stand is too sparse but reducing a stand’s thickness is much more difficult. You can also add some wildflower seed to the mix as well as a little bit of clover; this will attract bugs which feed the turkeys. Another technique for creating cover is to use a chain saw and create early successional plots in your woods. If you have marketable timber, I would first recommend hiring a consulting forester and establish your goals for the property. Rather than meeting directly with an individual logger or timber buyer, a consulting forester will open your timber sale to several bidders which will maximize your profit. Once the marketable timber has been removed, it may be necessary to remove more trees to achieve your objective of a regeneration cut.

Or you may find that the treetops left from your timber sale have provided enough cover to meet your objectives. Often the timber contract will call for the treetops to be cut down to a certain height. I’ve actually requested that the treetops be left as is to provide maximum cover after the sale is complete.

FOOD:

The other side of the habitat equation is food. Here again there are choices for what you may want to plant after you determine your target wildlife to attract. Another factor is how often you want to plant your food plots and what time of year you want to attract your target wildlife. Planting corn won’t provide food in the spring and summer and it must be planted every year. Clover provides food across more seasons and with some maintenance won’t need to be replanted for 5 to 7 years, maybe more. Soybeans provide food for deer all summer long and into the fall and winter if they aren’t

over-browsed. Turkeys will eat the beans in the winter but again this is an annual that needs replanting every year. When to plant is also a consideration. Recently the wet springs in my local area have made it difficult to plant annual crops like corn and soybeans. It had also been too wet to plant clover plots in late April and early May. Rather than pound that square peg into a round hole, I’ve switched to planting some annuals in the late summer or early fall. The weather is usually drier but, in my area, usually not too dry. I like to plant winter forage oats, winter wheat, clover and brassicas if it’s not too late. Some guys like to plant cereal rye which is a good option too. If I want to establish a clover plot for subsequent years, I use a clover mix with red, white, and Alsike clovers and winter forage oats as a nursery crop for it. The deer feed heavily on the oats which gives the clover a chance to establish. Winter wheat is a favorite of mine for later

season plantings. It’s cheap and requires very little soil preparation. I often plant winter wheat over top of a mature soybean field once the leaves have started to turn yellow. I spray any competing weeds a week or so before the soybean leaves start to turn yellow. Then I broadcast spread the winter wheat seed right over top of the soybeans. Another technique I use for winter wheat is to plant it over top of a year-old corn field. I let some of my corn stand all summer long after the previous year growing season. In late July I brush hog whatever corn stalks are remaining. Then in August I spray any weeds if necessary and lightly disk a couple weeks after the weeds have died. I broadcast some 19-19-19 fertilizer and next broadcast the winter wheat seeds over the area. I run a culti-packer over everything and hope for some rain. Traditional row crops like corn and soybeans need time to fully mature so they need to be planted mid-June at the latest. That

said I sometimes plant soybeans later in the summer to provide fresh browse for the deer. They don’t mature into beans but the deer feed heavily on the nutritious leaves of the soybeans. Brassicas can also be planted in July and will produce lots of leaves and root tubers for the late fall and winter. What I plant and when I plant all depends on the weather and how wet my plots are. If you’re in a drier area you may have a hard time establishing those later season plantings because of lack of moisture. But you probably can get into your plots earlier in the season too.

CONCLUSION:

Is there a “magic bean” that you can plant to make critters run to your food plots? Maybe. Hopefully you’ll have some ideas for finding those “magic beans” whether you’re planting for food or cover. Planting season doesn’t always have to be in the spring either. Good luck with whatever seed you choose to plant!

MENTORING DONE RIGHT

NWTF chapters across Pennsylvania have done a fantastic job supporting R3 efforts to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters. Many chapters and their volunteers have become very successful at planning and implementing mentored hunts and activities. However, despite all these positives there remains room for improvement in our mentoring efforts.

One area where improvement can make a huge difference is choosing the right new hunters to mentor. While I wholeheartedly support every mentoring activity, too often the young people we mentor are already on the road to becoming hunters. If the mentee comes from a hunting family, has opportunities to hunt with friends and family members then rather than a true mentoring experience what we are providing is really just another day afield.

It is important to remember, the true goal of mentoring is a new hunter, one who, without the mentoring experience, would not

be exposed to hunting. The end result of a productive mentoring experience is to produce a new hunter.

To achieve this goal it is important that our chapters and volunteers ask themselves several vital questions when planning a mentored hunt.

- *Is the person already on his or her way to becoming a hunter?*
- *Am I providing a unique opportunity this person would not otherwise be exposed to?*
- *Could this experience result in a new hunter?*

It is becoming increasingly important for chapters to consider these questions when planning mentoring events and activities.

As more chapters plan mentoring events and requests for funding increase, it becomes important that our Hunting Heritage dollars focus on our mission to create new hunters.

One area of mentoring with proven results is reactivating lapsed hunters through mentoring adults. Pennsylvania Game Commission

studies show that many hunters are lost after high school when college, marriage and family leave little or no extra time for hobbies, such as hunting. As these adults reach their early thirties, family obligations and job demands decrease leaving more time to return to hunting. However, after missing a decade or more, many of these former hunters find it difficult to reenter the sport.

Mentoring these adults can pay quick dividends. Since they already have a background in hunting a single trip afield can result in a reactivated hunter. In addition, many of these new hunters have young families that may also be interested taking up hunting. One reactivated hunters can quickly become a family that hunts together.

Thanks to mentoring efforts across the Keystone State the NWTF has been successful in reaching 1.5 million new hunters in just seven year of its ten-year mission to Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt.



His & Her Birds
Ralph & Denise Martone
Spring 2019 Clearfield County



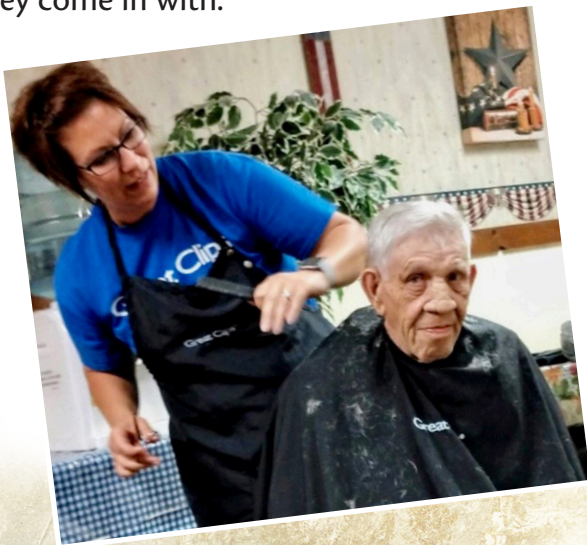
Easton Jones,
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When A Backyard BBQ Is More Than Just A Meal

Months passed since we were there on Christmas day and broke bread with the residents of the Orangeville Manor. After speaking with some of the staff we learned that many folks reach out and support around the holidays. But during the summer it is not uncommon to go for weeks without a visit.

Folks from the Col-Mont Gobblers Chapter and SUN Area Chapter as well as a few more friends from church make up the “we”. You see the Orangeville Manor is a home for homeless veterans in the small town of Orangeville, PA.

They come as they are, and they meet any need they come in with.



So several times this summer we gathered up some hamburgers and hot dogs and also the fixing's to make some s'mores around the backyard fire ring. The food is great but the backyard games and stories are better. Where you from are and what branch did you serve in, often start the conversations.

A good old fashion visit and fellowship is what we provided several times this year. The day of the most recent a young lady was kind enough to go earlier in the day and provide free haircuts to 18 of the guys. Time is what we shared more than anything. A “wild game” hunting movie night is in the works complete with venison bologna and meatballs!

We said thank you for your service and shared appreciation pins to the guys. Small field trips and perhaps fishing are in the planning stage for next year as well. If your chapter would like to learn more about hosting or sponsoring an event let us know, you will be glad you did. Contact Walt Bingaman Regional Director or Bill Sattison Col-Mont Gobblers chapter president.



Walt Bingaman
presenting First Bird pin
to Ryker Mortimer.

John Lucas Davitt,
Wayne Co. gobbler





From the Roost

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

By Scott Wojton

As Regional Directors, we are blessed to work with so many dedicated volunteers that love the outdoors. That is undoubtedly the common bond that no matter what the disagreement may be, it always brings us back together. As we make our way from chapter to chapter during the course of the year, we have the pleasure to learn what works well for one chapter and share it with others with the hope of duplicated success. When I do share successes, I am often asked, "How did they do that?". Sharing the information is great but it is putting the information into action that makes the difference.

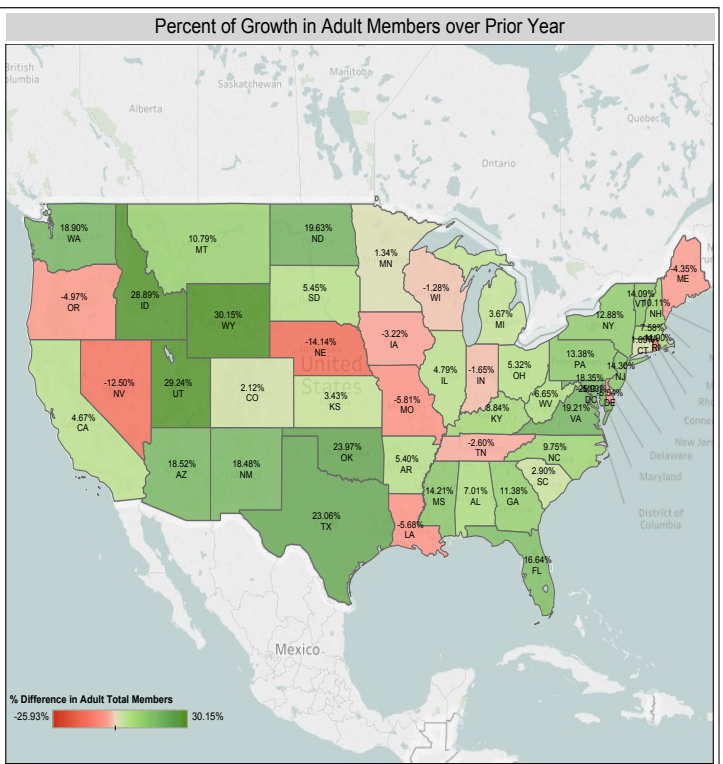
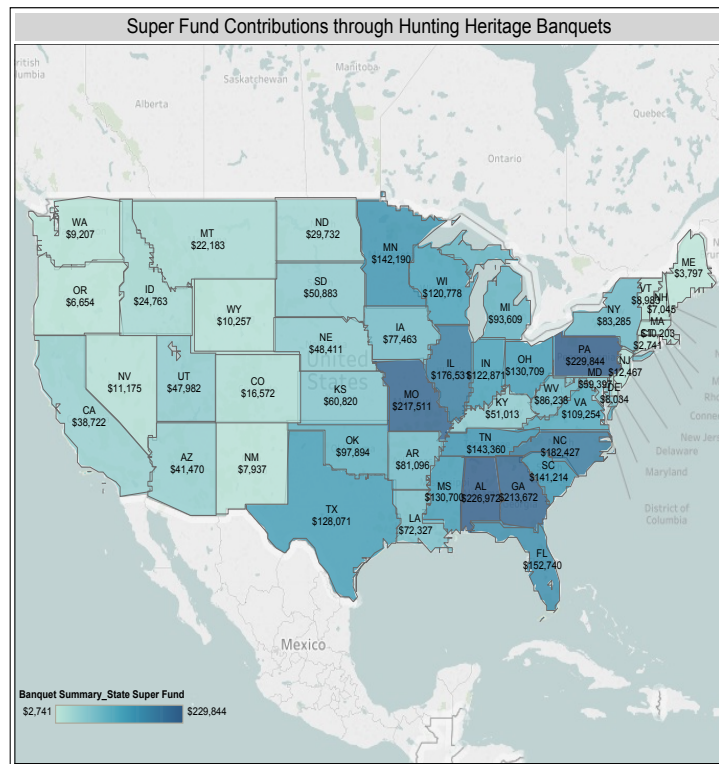
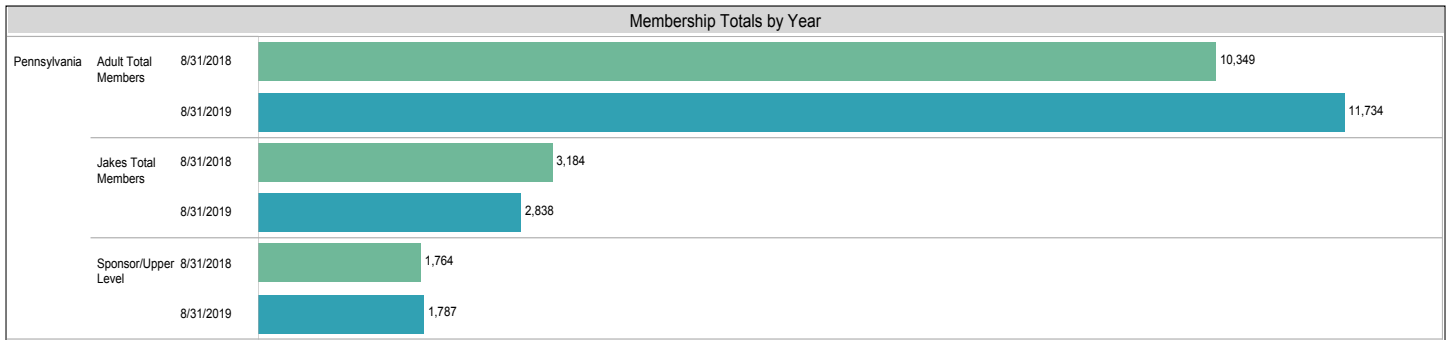
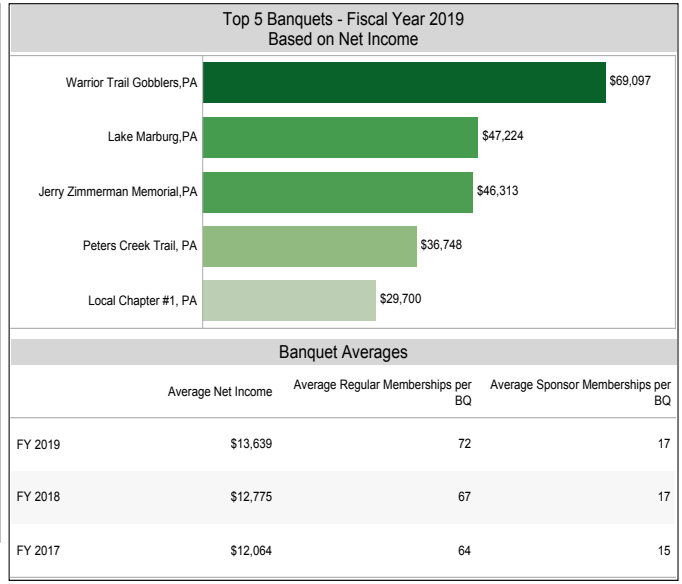
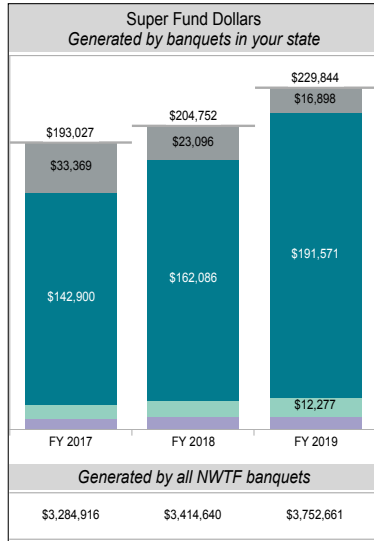
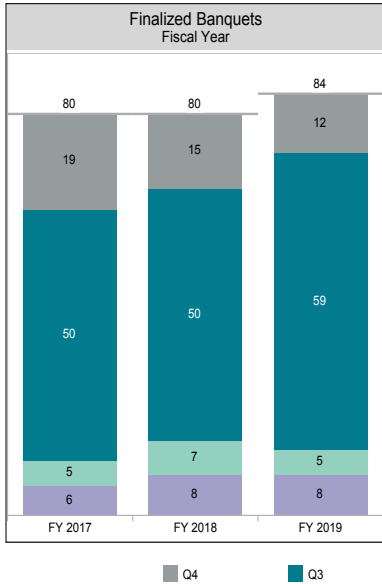
Hot topic successes that are most often inquired about are: Banquet Attendance, Number of Sponsors/Life Members and Number of Cash Donations/Underwrites/Donated Items. It is no secret that increased attendance, increased number of Sponsors and increased number of donations whether cash or goods/services will increase the bottom line of the banquet. How do some chapters get this accomplished? The answer is simple. They actively ASK for them.

"Asking" for a lot of people is not easy. The main reason for this is that most people do not handle rejection well. They do not like hearing the word "NO", therefore they do not put themselves in a position to hear it. They just avoid the situation altogether by simply not asking. It makes sense right? After all, we have all been conditioned since we were toddlers and were able to understand the English language that the word "No" is bad. If we all had a dollar for every time we heard the word "No" we would all be retired by now. The good news is that we came thru all the negativity unscathed. We are all still here, unhurt.

Overcoming the fear of "No" will allow you to comfortably "Ask" more often. Here are some tips to accomplish that: 1- Realize that is it very difficult to get something if you don't ask for it. 2- You don't know what you can get unless you ask. 3- No's don't hurt, they provide clarity. 4- Never take a no personally. It is not you. 5- Keep it fun. Make a game out of it. Set a goal. Create an incentive for hitting the goal (ask your RD about incentives, we have plenty of ideas).

Reality is that we all really know the "What" and the "How". What we need to get better at is the "Do". You never know what you can accomplish until you try. Ask and you shall receive!

Supporting the NWTF Mission through the Hunting Heritage Banquet Program



HUNTERS ADVISED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST VIRUS

Eastern Equine Encephalitis has been documented in Pennsylvania wildlife.

With a rare mosquito-transmitted virus documented in Pennsylvania this year, the Pennsylvania Game Commission is encouraging hunters and others who spend time outdoors to take precautions against mosquito bites and report to the agency any dead or strange-acting wild animals they believe to have been infected.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) has been documented in wildlife and livestock in Pennsylvania in recent weeks. It's been found in two wild turkeys in Erie County, a wild deer in Luzerne County, captive pheasants in Monroe County and horses in Carbon County.

No human cases have been reported in Pennsylvania, but the disease, which is similar to West Nile virus, can infect humans. While most people infected with the EEE virus show no signs of illness, 4 to 5 percent of those infected can develop flu-like symptoms, and the virus can cause death.

The disease is transmitted to people, mammals and birds through the bites of mosquitoes that have fed on infected birds. To reduce the potential for contracting EEE, use insect repellent when outdoors and cover exposed skin, especially at dusk

when mosquitoes are most active. Standing water around homes also should be removed because mosquitoes lay their eggs in water. While EEE is not transmitted by direct contact, hunters always are advised to take precautions when field-dressing animals they harvest to avoid contracting potentially infectious diseases. Hunters should:

Wear gloves when field dressing, skinning, and/or processing game.

Clean knives thoroughly before and after using them for skinning, dressing and processing, or use different knives for each step, then clean them well afterward. Hand-wash first, then wash them in a dishwasher.

Thoroughly wash hands after field dressing, skinning, and processing game.

Cook wild game meat thoroughly to a minimum internal temperature of 165°F.

While there is no evidence that people can become infected with EEE from preparing or eating infected meat, any risk of infection can be eliminated by proper handling and thorough cooking of meat before it is consumed. While EEE is known to have infected two wild turkeys and

a wild deer in Pennsylvania this year, it is not considered a threat to Pennsylvania's deer or turkey populations. Furthermore, mosquito numbers are dwindling with the onset of colder weather. Still, those who encounter wild birds or mammals they believe might be infected with EEE or have died due to the virus are asked to contact their appropriate Game Commission region office.

Most birds with EEE do not show any symptoms and never become ill. However, EEE can cause illness and death in some bird species – most often pigeons, pheasants, turkeys and quail. Anyone finding dead birds of these species, or live birds with staggering gait, drooping wings, twisted neck or tremors, should please contact the nearest Game Commission region office so they can be tested for the EEE virus.

Deer infected with the virus might act confused, salivate, walk in circles or stumble, have a head tilt, appear to be blind or emaciated, have difficulty breathing or suffer seizures. Please report any dead deer or live deer with these signs to the Game Commission.

More information about EEE can be on the Game Commission's website under wildlife-related diseases.

2018 Wildlife Leadership Academy Ralph Abele Excellence in Outreach Award

PA Gobblers: Zachary Mosier
Completed 22 projects.
Gave 412 hours to his community.
Reached 443 people with his outreach.



EDGEFIELD, S.C. — More than 1.5 million new or formerly lapsed hunters are hitting the woods thanks to the National Wild Turkey Federation and its partners.

By NWTF chapters and volunteers working with state wildlife agencies and conservation partners across the country, the NWTF exceeded its Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt. initiative 10-year goal by recruiting and reactivating nearly 1,527,000 hunters three years ahead of schedule.

“A general decline in hunters since the 1980s has been a direct threat to a cherished outdoor lifestyle and a crucial funding source for conservation work in the United States,” NWTF CEO Becky Humphries said. “The NWTF recognized this trend early and was at the forefront of finding solutions to reverse the decline. Our efforts to help develop and implement hunter Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation programs along with our partners have made a tremendous impact, but we still have a long way to

go to completely reverse the trend.”

NWTF chapters and volunteers took up the call and have supported these efforts by hosting mentored hunts, hunter education classes, learn-to-hunt clinics, wild game cooking sessions and a number of other events to attract lapsed hunters as well as new-to-hunting adults and youth to the outdoors.

Reducing barriers was also key. The Families Afield partnership with the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the Sportsmen’s Alliance works through policy makers and regulatory offices to increase opportunities and reduce barriers, such as age restrictions on young hunters and the creation of apprentice licenses that allow first-timers to experience hunting under the supervision of an experienced hunter before going through a hunter education class.

“The Save the Hunt. goal of 1.5 million hunters was part of a greater action by a large network of partners working hand-in-hand to boost hunter

numbers, but we won’t stop there,” said Mandy Harling, NWTF director of Hunting Heritage Programs. “Even though we’ve reached and exceeded our goal, there is more work to do. With such a large force of partners working in concert, there’s no telling where this momentum will carry us.”

The NWTF already exceeded its goal of opening hunting access to 500,000 new acres by 2022. As of Sept. 1, the NWTF has opened up more than 626,000 acres to public hunting and recreational use.

“This is just one more example of how our chapters, volunteers and partners are focusing efforts for the benefit of wildlife, natural resources and the hunting lifestyle,” Humphries said. “Together, we will continue to capitalize on opportunities around the U.S. to open land to hunters, reducing an impediment that historically keeps people from hunting while providing new and veteran hunters places to go.”

Prescribed Fire Proves Beneficial for Turkeys

By Kyle Hey



PGC controlled fire on State Gamelands. Photo Credit: Hal Korber- PGC

Hunters and biologists alike have noticed a decline in the state's wild turkey populations. Since the early 2000's peak in wild turkey numbers, populations have declined 15% nationwide. One of the most prominent factors in the decline is the lack of adequate habitat.

The Game Commission has increasingly turned to prescribed fire to create the diverse habitat that turkeys need. "We have increased the amount of burned acreage over the last 5 years... We are getting better and better at it every year," explained Pennsylvania Game Commission Turkey Biologist Mary Jo Casalena.

"The thing we really like about prescribed fire is that we can use it to create the herbaceous component of habitat, to keep oaks on the

landscape, and to create soft mast. We can use fire in a broad way to create what turkey needs," explained Pennsylvania Game Commission Habitat Manager Ben Jones.

In the spring, turkeys need good nesting habitat that protects both hens and their eggs from predators. The thick cover found in young forests or areas with a robust understory of vegetation is ideal.

After hatching, broods of poults prefer open areas with a herbaceous component that provides the young turkeys with cover as well as an opportunity for bugging.

In the fall, turkeys will heavily glean from agricultural fields and consume both hard and soft mast. As the days continue to shorten, turkeys will continue to depend on hard mast, and seek thermal cover to survive the depth of winter.

"The umbrella is the habitat..."

Without this habitat diversity the impacts of higher predator population numbers, disease, and the increased number of severe weather events during nesting season are magnified. "The umbrella is the habitat, as long as you have good umbrella without holes in it you have a good population. But our umbrella keeps getting more and more holes in it," explained Casalena.

Pennsylvania is not alone in the decline of turkey populations, it has been well documented that other northeastern states, such as New York, have also experienced a drop in turkey numbers for a variety of reasons.



Healthy habitat provides hens with ample nesting opportunities.

"... around 1900 the entire state was cut over..."

In Pennsylvania, the history of the timber industry is a factor, creating a homogenous habitat landscape that the Game Commission, DNCR, and others are working to disrupt and vary to benefit wildlife.

"There is one big challenge... around 1900 the entire state was cut over, the resulting forest is a single age, closed canopy forest... It is a very homogeneous forest. For most wildlife, it is not a natural situation and it is not a beneficial situation... You need to have a mix of habitat across the landscape," said Jones.

Healthy habitat provides hens with ample nesting opportunities.

Areas that lack habitat diversity for turkeys are being targeted statewide for timbering, herbicide treatments, and prescribed fire. "What we are trying to do with the turkey management plan is pinpoint habitat management," explained Casalena. Fire has often been used on Game Lands and State Forests, to manage pockets of habitat that have gone largely undisturbed for decades.

Without regular fire or other disturbances, mature forests create an environment that encourages an overabundance for shade-tolerant trees such as birch and maple that limit oak regeneration.

Prescribed fire can help young oak trees, who are much more tolerant of fire than the other competing species. Oak trees provide crucial mast and habitat not only for turkeys but for a wide variety of wildlife.

Areas burnt for oak regeneration may only need fire once a century, while areas that are being managed to encourage herbaceous growth require fire every 5 years.

"We can change the habitat by changing the frequency," explained Jones.

The immediate aftermath of a prescribed burn is often seen as an eyesore. However, fresh green vegetation will quickly emerges from the blackened soil. Protein-rich bugs follow the regrowth of the young tender plants, creating an ideal feeding and nesting area for wild turkeys.

Prescribed fire is not the only way to diversify habitat, but it

is often the most cost-effective. Conventional timbering can cost anywhere from \$200-500 per acres, while herbicide could cost around \$100 per acre. In contrast, prescribed fire costs approximately \$30 per acre.

"The first prescribed managers were Native Americans..."

The state's forests are no strangers to these burns. "The first prescribed managers were Native Americans, some areas were burning areas around every five years to improve hunting grounds and berry growth," said Jones. Despite the history of burns, many in Pennsylvania were at first skeptical of the practice.

Some in the general public feared that fire could endanger wildlife such as poults and fawns. Jones and other Commission Officials contend that the slow-moving prescribed burns are timed to allow for fawn safety, and for minimal disruption to nesting turkeys.

The Game Commission expect to continue to expand the practice on State Game Lands, and also work to collaborate with the DNCR on prescribed fires in some areas of State Forests. Jones explained, "It makes sense for us to work together. we are looking to do a lot more of that in the future."

BEYOND the banquet



The weather was absolutely beautiful for the Southern End Strutters Jakes Day event on Saturday June, 8, 2019 at Muddy Run Park in southern Lancaster County. This was the chapters 13th annual Jakes Day. SES registered a record number of participants this year. With a total of 80 participants attending, the place was hooping with excitement and energy in anticipation of the outdoor activities planned.

Each Jakes member received a Jakes t-shirt, goodie bag and a delicious lunch cooked and served by the members of the SES chapter. The gift bags contained: a SES Frisbee, SES plastic cup, ruler, book mark, NWTF pencil/pen, NWTF dog tags, turkey target and a Jakes magazine. Members were placed in groups and participated in 7 interactive stations, learning about the great outdoors. The stations were: Scavenger hunt, Take Aim Trailer, Archery shoot, Fly Tying, Blue Bird Construction, Turkey Box Call Assembly and Trapping Seminar. Jakes members also took home several items from the stations they participated in. Things like: fly they tied, a Bluebird box they assembled and a box turkey call they put together.

A HUGE Thank you to the following organizations for helping our Jakes Day being the best yet: Muddy Run Park for their continued support and the use of the pavilion; NWTF for the Take Aim trailer; Morr Range and Training Center for targets and BBs; Lancaster Archery for the use of their floating archery targets; Brad Aungst for fly tying instruction and materials, Marticville Middle School Applied Engineering and Technology Education students for cutting out 80 bluebird kits, and the Southern End Boys for their assistance.

Planning has already begun for next year. We are planning to mix it up with different stations so that we can have members return. We are also anticipating to set another record with even more Jakes members participating in 2020!!

The Jerry Zimmerman Memorial Chapter hosted their 16th annual JAKES/XTREMES Youth Field Day on Saturday August 3rd, 2019 at the Ontelaunee Rod and Gun Club in New Tripoli, PA. 167 Girls & Boys were greeted by Colonel Jack Conway US Army Retired 30 years. Colonel Jack reminded them of a quote from the great Fed Bear” Go afield with a good attitude, with respect for the wildlife you hunt and for the forest and fields in which you walk. Immerse yourself in the outdoor experience. It will cleanse your soul and make you a better person.”

Colonel Jack then led us all in the pledge of allegiance and then sent the students to their classes. JAKES would participate in Archery, NWTF Turkey, JAKES Take Aim, 22 Shooting, canoeing, fishing, cross bow, venom institute, trapping, Venom Institute.

XTREMES events - Archery, tree stand climbing, blood trailing , shooting rifles, muzzleloading, fire arm safety, shot placement and anatomy, trap shooting, orienteering.

The weather was once again, cooperative in spite of the extremely warm temperatures that no one seemed to mind.

Each student received an NWTF box call, JAKES shirt and other outdoor gifts. Once again, the many instructors, volunteers and Ontelaunee Rod and Gun Club put on an outstanding program!



***Save the Habitat.
Save the Hunt.***

Everyone needs a day at the range, right?

Well, that was the philosophy of the Penn State Spur Collectors at the end of September. Members dusted off their favorite small game and turkey shotguns to participate in a fun skeet shoot at Scotia range. Two of the members, Eric Kemper and Sara Benzio, had a little side competition between banquet shotguns. The event was cut short due to weather, but everyone had fun busting clays.



The battle of the banquet guns between Treasurer Eric Kemper and Secretary Sara Benzio



Peter Gemperle shooting while Treasurer Eric Kemper throws



Pictured L to R: VP Dan Yednock, Luke Trimble, Ag Student Council Representative Joe Rossi, Daniel Phillips, and Secretary Sara Benzio

A few of the Penn State Spur Collectors traveled to Benezette this past weekend to try to catch a glimpse of the elusive Pennsylvania elk herd that inhabits the area. While traveling through the region, the group saw a small herd of elk grazing in front of the incoming fall colors. One of the bulls that were seen displayed antlers that protruded out of the side of the bull's head and laid parallel to the ground. Prior to returning back to Penn State, a group picture was taken to commemorate the fun times and memories that were made throughout the trip.

NWTF National Photo Contest



I'm excited to announce that The NWTF 2020 Wild Turkey Photo Contest is now live and open for your live wild turkey photo entries. This contest is open through January 5th 2020. Employees and their immediate families are not eligible to win, but please share this with your outdoor photographer friends and members.

For official rules and prizes please visit:

photo-contest.nwtf.org/



Thank you to all our Pennsylvania Turkey Hunters for an Accident-Free Spring Gobbler Season. We wish you the best during the fall and winter hunting seasons.
Good Luck and Hunt Safely!

Mark Your Calendar!

2020 Pennsylvania Hunting Heritage Banquets JANUARY - MARCH

The NWTF is looking for volunteers to develop new chapters and banquet committees. Or join an existing committee and expand your network and the good you can do for wildlife and hunting. Visit www.panwtf.org or contact a regional director near you.

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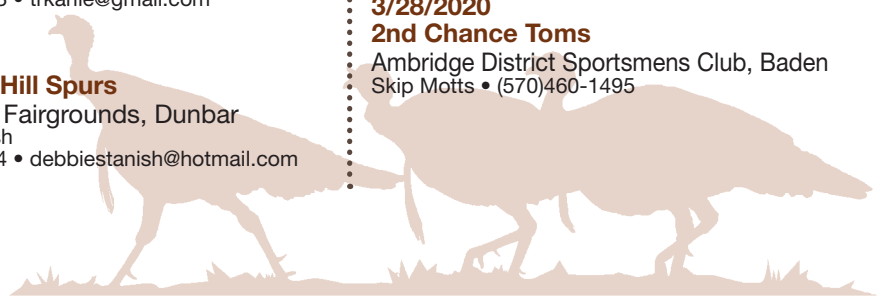
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I'd like to join the National Wild Turkey Federation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of the hunting tradition. This membership also enrolls me in my state and local chapters.

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