



Turkey Droppings

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News from the Editor

Well another *Turkey Droppings* is finally laid to rest. Hopefully everyone has either written an article or at least sent in a picture of their latest hunting adventure, or any other event that has happened in their area.

I would like to say thanks to all that participated in the 30 day gun raffle. It was a huge success, and hopefully you were one of the lucky ones who won a shotgun or a shiny new rifle.

The closing of another winter edition of the droppings also means that another deer and goose season has come to an end which can only mean one thing.

BRING ON THE TURKEYS!!



From the State Board of Directors

by Billy Moore, Maryland State Chapter President



By the time you receive this update, most of our state hunting seasons will be over, another

year will have passed and the celebration of the birth of our savior Jesus Christ during the Christmas Season is now a memory. I sincerely hope that each of you had a blessed, successful, safe and memorable year in 2010—memories that can be shared with future generations.

Before you read on please take just a moment to reflect on 2010 many of our good friends in the NWTF family were impacted with bad news, maybe from a doctor's report, the loss of a loved one, a family or friend miles away from us protecting our freedom or even being financially impacted by the continued struggling economy. Regardless of the issue, we should all take joy in knowing that we are truly blessed. Living in a free country regardless of the challenges we can wake up each day thanking God for another opportunity to make a positive impact with the life we have. A new year is also an opportunity to say good bye to the past and dream for the future, so lets' go, dream a little and make a difference.

Good News! Maryland NWTF membership has increased dramatically in 2010 and is poised to grow even more from this solid foundation for the next decade. I am positive that 2011 will be milestone year for Maryland NWTF. We are already seeing the remarkable fruits of great new leadership in our State. While we are full of wonderful leaders, there are always a few that are standouts and deserve special mentioning. During the year we have successfully added a new local Chapter "Washington County" thanks to two extraordinary volunteers, Steve Boswell and Terri Kern, leaders of the new Washington County Chapter. They joined their forces and started the new Chapter and off to a great start. Congratulations and thanks Steve and Terri. The second twosome come from two different Chapters and are responsible for leading two local Chapters at the far end of the State into top notch Chapters. We all owe Ted Capel (Mid-Shore) and Bonnie Friend (Western MD) a great "attaboy" for a wonderful job leading these two Chapters into outstanding and successful organizations. In fact, the Mid Shore Chapter joined four other MD Chapters in the top 1,000 NWTF Chapters in the entire US. The other four were; Central MD, Tri-County, So MD and Wye Oak.



Congratulations to each of these Chapters for this great achievement - each will receive a gun as a top 1,000 achiever from Mid-Way USA. Mid-Way USA continues to be one of our NWTF's top supporters and we all are benefited by their generosity. If you get a chance let them know how we "appreciate their business".

Two big dates are coming up in the first quarter 2011 and I invite each of you to mark your calendar. The first is our 11th Annual Maryland NWTF Awards Banquet on January 15, 2011 at the Kent Island American Legion on Romancoke Rd. If you've never attended this one—take an evening and sign up—you will not be disappointed.

The second event is the 35th Annual NWTF National Convention in Nashville, Tenn., in February 16-20, 2011. I cannot say enough about this convention other than it is fantastic and if you can work it in your schedule you will have a great time. The next edition of this Newsletter will include a trip report from the Convention, an update from the

National Board of Directors and a list of the winners and top achievers recognized at the January 15th 2011 MD State Awards Banquet.

In closing I want you to know that your State NWTF Organization is very healthy, financially stable, growing numerically and managed by experienced volunteer leaders with much wisdom and integrity. Please keep up the good work and as always stop a second to reach out and thank a soldier, sailor, marine or airman for protecting our continued freedom, take a child into God's Great Outdoors and see who gets the most benefit, and most of all thank our Lord each day for the opportunities He has destined for each of us. That few minutes you spend will be retuned many times— I guarantee!

Until next time—Stay connected with us through the web page at www.MarylandNWTF.org

Be Safe, Enjoy Life to the Fullest and Have Fun!

God Bless Billy Moore

Regional Director's Report

by Patty Foster, NWTF Regional Director—Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey

Hello Everyone:

By the time you get this newsletter, the New Year will have rolled in. As for 2010 it was a successful year for the NWTF chapters in Maryland. It would not have been possible without the support and generosity of the members and volunteers in our great state of Maryland. Someone once told me that "Generosity is a sign of a great soul." You're surely one and I thank you all for you support and efforts on behalf of the NWTF.

Several new and exciting things have happened regarding the NWTF since our last "Turkey Droppings" and I wanted to bring you up to speed on them. I hope you enjoy reading what a success YOUR Federation is.

The NWTF recently launched an interactive monthly e-newsletter that is published the first Thursday of every month and features monthly giveaways worth about \$1000.

Each edition of the new NWTF Newsletter features outdoor news, highlights from the NWTF's official page on Facebook, hunting gear reviews and a monthly photo contest. The newsletter includes interactive content such as videos and surveys



designed to entertain and inform hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts. Subscribers can win prizes each month by submitting photos, tips, recipes and strange-but-true stories, and by taking a monthly survey.

Anybody can sign up to receive

the newsletter here: www.nwtf.org/ signup.html Subscribers must also be NWTF members to be eligible for prizes.

In a first for the hunting community, the December edition of Oprah's O magazine includes a positive article about hunting. Written by Kimberly Hiss, the article details her wild turkey hunt and the challenges that come with harvesting an animal.

The NWTF coordinated the hunt with help from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and wildlife manager Bob Meduna, Benelli USA, Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's.

Hiss, who endured minus-19-degree wind chills and a foot of snow last December on the hunt near Kearney, Neb., used virtually every part of the bird. She made table decorations from the tail feathers and donated the remaining feathers to the NWTF's feather distribution program for Native American tribes.

To read the article visit http://www.oprah.com/food/Women-and-Hunting-Kimberly-Hisss-Humbling-Harvest.

Mike Cleary has joined the NWTF as Senior Vice President of Strategic Marketing and Field Operations. Cleary will oversee the NWTF's marketing department and its field operations in this newly created position. He will focus on developing partnerships and streamlining field operations.

Cleary is joining the NWTF with 28 years of experience in sales and marketing, including four years with Ducks Unlimited as director of marketing and 13 years with Coca-Cola as a national accounts manager. He also worked for HoneyBaked Ham Co., Proctor & Gamble, and his own small business in the event/exhibit industry. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army and was an Army Ranger. He graduated from Washington & Lee University, and completed his master's degree from Webster University.

The 35th Annual NWTF National Convention and Sport Show will be held Feb. 16 to Feb. 20, 2011 at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn. Attendees can browse more than 700 booths of the latest hunting gear in our biggest sport show ever and view the work of master taxidermists and callmakers. They also can meet and get autographs from some of the biggest names in hunting and country music, hear the world's best callers, have a chance to win prizes and attend seminars by some of the world's best turkey hunters and more!

Register by Dec. 31 and be entered to win an NWTF Gun of the Year! Online registrations are automatically entered to win a \$100 gift certificate to OutdoorDealHound. com! Visit http://www.outdoordealhound.com/c-115-convention.aspx to register today.

MD DNR Wild Turkey Program Update

by Bob Long, MD DNR Wild Turkey Biologist

2010 Summer Wild Turkey Observation Survey Results - The Maryland DNR annually conducts a wild turkey observation survey. The primary purpose of this survey is to estimate wild turkey reproductive success. Like most game birds, turkey populations are very dependent on reproduction to add new individuals to the population. Turkey numbers, harvest rates, hunter success, and the population age structure are all influenced greatly by annual poult production, making this survey an important monitoring tool.

In 2010, a total of 4,887 turkeys were recorded by the 107 individuals or groups that returned survey forms. Statewide estimates of reproductive success were higher this summer than in 2009. A higher proportion of hens were observed with poults (67% vs. 64%). Also, the number of poults observed per hen and per brood were higher than the last several years. The 2010 statewide production index of 2.7 poults observed per hen is on-par with the previous 7-year average of 2.8. Differences among regions were not as significant this year as most regions ranged between 2.2 and 2.8 poults per hen. The only exception was the southern region where poult:hen ratios were considerably higher. More detailed regional results can be found on DNR's website (www.dnr. maryland.gov). Thanks to all the volunteers that sent in survey forms!

2010 Fall Turkey Season Harvest - Turkey hunters harvested 171 turkeys in Washington, Allegany, and Garrett counties during the one week fall season, up 14% from the 2009 total of 150 birds. Garrett County reported the highest fall turkey harvest (76), followed by Allegany (62) and Washington (33). The modest increase in harvest suggests some hunters may have taken advantage of the recent change in the turkey bag limits. New this year, a turkey taken in the fall will not be counted towards the spring bag limit as it did in the past. The number of fall turkey hunters and turkey harvest has been declining for many years and this change in the bag limit is not expected to negatively impact the turkey population.

2011 Spring Turkey Season Outlook - Maryland's 2011 regular spring turkey season will begin April 18 and close May 23. A 1-day youth hunt day will be held on April 16, the Saturday before the regular season opener. Several changes have been made to the turkey regulations that hunters should know about: 1) Hunting hours have been extended until sunset for the last 2 weeks of the spring turkey season and on the Junior Hunt day for the entire

state, 2) Turkey hunting will be permitted on Sunday, May 1, 2011 in Allegany and Garrett Counties only, and 3) Shot size restrictions have been changed – Shot sizes #4 or smaller are now permitted. Hunters can expect turkey populations to be similar to the last few years. Average reproductive success was noted on the annual brood survey overall. However, regional and local conditions can significantly impact hunter success. Hunters should consult the Guide to Hunting and Trapping 2010-2011 or www.dnr.maryland.gov for more information on turkey seasons and bag limits. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable spring season.



MARYLAND NWTF CONSERVATION SEED PROGRAM

Fall Conservation Seed Orders Due by April 15, 2011

The Conservation Seed Program is a partnership between the NWTF and Resource Management, Inc. (RMI). RMI acts as a liaison between conservation organizations and several large seed companies to supply YEAR-OLD seed for **wildlife conservation plantings** (not for harvest) at a reduced cost.

If you would like WINTER WHEAT seed for Fall 2011 planting, please contact your local chapter president (listed in the back of the newsletter) no later than APRIL 15, 2011.

Due to rising seed costs, a \$2 per bag fee will be collected by local chapters.

10 bag per person maximum.

Note: Orders are not guaranteed and seed supply may dictate how many bags you receive, but reserving your bags early ensures the best chance for success.





Outdoors Activities List

- Sporting Clays 5-stand, wobble trap, 24 station course
- Archery 3D archery, Dart video shooting system
- **Deer Hunting** QDM trophy deer clubs
- **Sport Fishing** Fresh water/Bay sportfishing
- Waterfowl Hunting Canada & Snow geese, Puddle & Diving ducks
- Upland Bird Hunting Hungarian Partridge, Pheasant, Chukar, Quail
- Turkey Hunting Guided or Unguided hunts
- Small Game Hunting Rabbit, Squirrel
- **Dove Hunting** Sunflower patches & cut corn fields

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2011 Events

January 15, 2011

Maryland State Awards Banquet—Stevensville, MD
Billy Moore—301-751-6945

February 5, 2011

Free State Banquet—Havre de Grace, MD
Tom Maliszewski—443-677-6110

February 12, 2011 **Tri-County Longbeards Banquet**—Cambridge, MD
Conrad Arnold—410-330-5967

March 4, 2011 **Central Maryland Chapter Banquet**—Glen Burnie, MD

Dan Zinkand—410-247-3153

March 5, 2011 **10th Annual Wye Oak Longspurs Banquet**—Stevensville, MD

Dale Leager—410-490-5116

March 19, 2011 **Southern Maryland Banquet**—Waldorf, MD
Bobby Boarman—301-756-9649

A pril 9, 2011 **Monocacy Valley JAKES Event**—Hancock, MD
Bobby Dutrow—301-432-4587

April 16, 2011 **Bayshore Gobblers Banquet**—Pocomoke City, MD

Dean Ennis—410-603-7281

May 17, 2011 **Central Maryland Wheelin Event**—Patuxent Refuge Gene Hyatt—443-962-7398

June 4, 2011

Monocacy Valley WITO Event—Hancock, MD

Gale Taylor— 410-404-5848

June 11, 2011 **Central Maryland WITO Event**—Odenton, MD

Jane Whitcomb—443)336-0610

July 2, 2011

Free State WITO Event—Havre de Grace, MD
Tom Maliszewski—443-677-6110

August 13, 2011 **Washington County Longbeards Banquet**—Hagerstown, MD

Steve Boswell—301-739-3632

September 3, 2011

Mid Shore Banquet—Chestertown, MD
Ted Capel—410-778-0433

September 10, 2011

Monocacy Valley Banquet—Frederick, MD
Gale Taylor— 410-404-5848

September 17, 2011 **State Line Strutters Banquet**—Delmar, MD

Dave Johnson—302-841-4833

November 5, 2011 **Western Maryland Banquet**—Frostburg, MD
Bonnie Friend—301-616-3337

Local Chapter News

State Line Strutters Delmar, MD, Chapter

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On June 19, 2010 the State Line Strutters held our 4th annual JAKES day event at the Delmar, MD VFW. As always it was a successful event for the kids and our members alike. Attractions included the ever popular fishing at the VFW pond, bow shooting presented by the Maryland Bow Hunters Association, a turkey shoot, and a demonstration by the Wicomico County Sherriff's department K9 unit. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, soda, cookies, and Tee Shirts were provided to all that attended.

Our annual Hunting Heritage Banquet was held on September 18th. As always the food and auctions provided a night of fun for all. Attendance exceeded 130+ and we turned in a 26% net to gross. After seeing the package for next year, we are looking forward to another successful evening.

On November 14th we made our annual trip to cut and plant the roads on two pieces of state property. This is an annual event that covers quite a few acres of state land providing improved habitat and food for turkeys and all the other wildlife. The results of this program have been obvious over the years that we have done it. A visit to these properties in the spring shows a huge improvement.

Southern Maryland Chapter

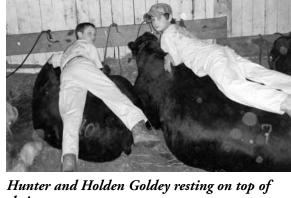
by Bobby Boarman





Jonathan Martinez with his deer taken on the youth day hunt.

Fall hunting season is in full swing and I hope everyone is getting the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. So MD Chapter took 3 JAKES deer hunting on youth day and we all had a great time. These hunters were winners from a drawing at our spring youth event. Congratulations to Ionathan Martinez who harvested a fat doe.



their steers.

Later this month we will be taking 6 young goose hunters on a youth hunt, and we are all looking forward to more good hunting. These six hunters were the lucky winners from our JAKES Day drawing at our Fall youth event. We had regular and extreme JAKES at our fall event and it was great seeing all the volunteers and families focused on our youth.

I returned home from an Alaskan fishing trip just in time to attend the Charles County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction where our chapter purchased 2 goats and a lamb from the 4-Hers. These kids do a lot of work raising these animals and our chapter has a tradition of supporting their auction.

We were able to purchase and donate 148 turkeys to eight churches in Southern Maryland this Thanksgiving. Thanks to Charlie Garner for arranging a continuous fund raiser for our chapter by setting up an easel displaying NWTF prints for



Bret Bucci, Caitlin Oleinik show off their 4-H animals with Bobby Boarman.

sale at a local business. Our chapter will benefit from the proceeds and so will the community.

We will be having chapter elections on the 4th of January and our next Hunting Heritage Banquet will be March 19th at Middleton Hall in Waldorf. Call me for information or tickets. 301-259-2803. You can also get information at our State website.

The Tri-County Longbeard Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation

would like you to join us at our

14TH ANNUAL



HUNTING HERITAGE BANQUET AND AUCTION

Saturday February 12, 2011

Doors Open 5:00 PM – Dinner at 6:30 PM at the

Cambridge American Legion Hall Route 50 – Fred Malkus Bridge Cambridge, MD 21613

DINNER CATERED BY OLD SALTY'S

REGISTRATION FORM ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE

The

Tri-County Longbeards Chapter HUNTING HERITAGE BANQUET

Saturday, February 12th, 2011

REGISTRATION FORM

Please list name and address for each person attending.

Attach separate page if necessary.

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JAKES	@ \$ 30		

Please send this form with check, payable to: **Tri-County Longbeards Chapter – NWTF**

George Corey – Treasurer 216 Bay Street Easton, MD 21601 (410) 820-7977

Pre-registration is required, Early Bird date is 01/21/11 Event Normally a Sellout! Register Early

Western Maryland Chapter

by Bonnie Friend

Well, as the year winds down and Thanksgiving has passed, the Western Maryland Chapter and all of us have so much to be thankful for.

We have added two new committee members to our group early this fall in Brian Friend and Kevin Smith and two more in just the past few days of Rodney Lowdermilk and Ernie Metz. We are all excited to welcome them to the committee. Brian Friend is now our chapter Treasurer and will over see all raffle sales and Kevin Smith is our Chapter Secretary and will over see all seed and tree orders. Our vice president, Joe Mills and Mike

Greene, current committee member, will be overseeing our JAKES program. It's exciting to look forward to the "gifts" everyone will bring to the chapter in their talents and suggestions in the upcoming year

The tickets sales for everything we sold went very well this year despite the economy. The support the chapter received was above and beyond.

Members that purchased winter wheat were really tickled with how it germinated and grew and we were able to place Conservation seed orders for next spring.



The Becoming and Outdoors Women program through the Maryland DNR had their BOW workshop in October at the University of Maryland 4 H Center. Members of our committee helped to teach their Turkey Hunting Class and really had a great time. There were 7 participants that signed up for the class. They were taught about the biology of the Wild Turkey, hunting and calling. After a short session in the woods of scouting for sign in tracks and droppings the ladies were treated to some Wild Turkey cooked in a slow cooker by Kevin Smith's father for chance to taste the wonderful game.

Then all hands on deck...it was time for the Fall Banquet. We can't be thankful enough for the help we were given to set up the banquet between members and the Frostburg University Wildlife Dept. students. Since we had a new venue, it was exciting to set the building up and see everything come into place. Joann Kamp and her family prepared a wonderful meal and the evening was great fun for everyone. We would like to thank all the members of the W.M Chapter and those members from chapters in PA, WV and Maryland that attended and supported our banquet. We couldn't have done it with out your support and were blown away by the numbers as they steadily grew in the days before. The picture we have included is of member John Forman with a ten point buck he took the day after the banquet with the 10 pt. cross bow he won a the banquet the night before. Congratulations John!

The chapter has some exciting news to share in that Rough Country Outfitters of Hulett Wyoming has donated a Spring Merriam Turkey hunt. The hunt will be a 3 day hunt guided by Dennis Cease with the opportunity to harvest two turkey's. All transportation while hunting, lodging and meals while in camp are included. The lucky hunter will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the hunt and their Wyoming turkey

license. The hunt can be used either the spring of 2011 or 2012. The tickets will be \$20.00 each and only 200 will be sold. We will be selling the tickets for the hunt soon with the drawing on March 11, 2011. A great portion of the money raised will benefit our JAKES program in the future. We will let everyone know when the tickets become available and you can contact any committee member to purchase as many as you would like.

Well, as the year winds down we look ahead to Christmas and our time with family and friends celebrating Christ birth. Happy Holidays to all and all the best in the New Year.

Please remember: The Western Maryland NWTF Chapter's Annual Jakes Fishing Rodeo in conjunction with the Accident Community Planning Group will be held on May 21, 2011 at the Accident Pond in Accident Md. We look forward to seeing everyone for a great morning of trout fishing, refreshments and prizes.

Please let me know that you have received both changes and that we are good to go or if there are any problems. Thanks a bunch!

Have a great day and stay warm...it's definitely winter on the mountain top!

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. :)

Wye Oak Longspurs

by Dawn Welch

Our 10th Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet will be held at the Kent Island American Legion Post 278 on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Every year is a sold out event. Once again we'll be having a catered dinner to include turkey, beef and crab cakes. Last year we had over 20 guns with several new games and free beer. This year you can expect the same if not more. Get your tickets soon before they're gone!

Central Maryland Chapter

by Chris Miller

March is the time for our Sportsman's banquet and this year saw a change in locations from La Fountain Blue to Michael's 8th Avenue. While the room may have been a tad bit smaller the banquet was a great success and all

of our guests and members had a good time.

March also saw our Turkey hunting clinic with many of our members sharing their hard won knowledge of turkey hunting with other seasoned hunters as well as new hunters. This clinic includes everything from gear and calling to how to set up and scouting possible tu

set up and scouting possible turkey hunting locations. The combined years of hunting experience offered at this clinic is something like 150 years! WOW.





In June we had two great events. First, on the 12th was our WITO event, coordinated by our V.P., Jane Whitcomb. We had no less than 43 women attend this event which





JAKES event is a weekend long camping, shooting, fishing, critter crawling, watermelonseed spitting, tomahawk throwing fun time for kids and their parents.

Attendance was high, with 31 children in attendance. Kids from just about all age groups were there having fun. A misting tent was improvised to keep the kids and adults cool and was used by just about everyone. (Some of the kids didn't want to leave it!!)

The CMC continues to sell hot dogs and Johnsonville Brats at the Arundel

included a fly fishing demonstration and a pumper truck from the Greenbelt fire department among many other things of interest.

Our JAKES event, as well as the WITO event were hosted at MeyerStation, the CMC's official head-quarters Mike Musick, our J.A.K.E.S coordinator held the CMC's annual J.A.K.E.S. event on June 25th thru the 27th, with overnight camping for all. Our







Mills Bass Pro Shops. The membership has all pitched in and worked hard to make this a very successful fund raiser for our chapter.

In early October we held a Muzzle Loading clinic that was open to all new as well as experienced shooters. We had 10 people and everyone had plenty of range time. We would like to expand this clinic to include a shooting match next year. Anyone

interested should check their powder and show up next year for a great day of shooting and prizes.

Mr. Buz Meyer continues to run a Hunting Safety Program at Meyer Station which is taught by one of the best teams in the state and is made up from the CMC's membership.

If you are interested in a Hunting Safety Class at Meyer Station please be sure to register early as

The Central Maryland Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation cordially invites you to the

Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet & Art Auction

Friday, March 4, 2011 • 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Michael's Eighth Avenue
7220 Grayburn Drive • Glen Burnie, MD 21061
Call Jenny at 410-721-1920 for information / tickets

these classes tend to fill up fast!

The November hunting safety class was one of the largest ever held at Meyer Station with over 80 students!

Our "Turkeys For the Less Fortunate program raised over \$2000.00 and distributed 323 to local area shelters and churches as well as to families that needed them. A big THANK YOU goes out to the Super Wal-Mart off Quaterfield road in Glen Burnie, Maryland. We

couldn't have done it without their help. (Think we beat you all Billy!)

Since 2005 the CMC has distributed over 1600 to this worthy project! In the next few months we will be hard at work planning our 2011 banquet, which will be held on March 4th at Michaels 8th Avenue again this year. As well as planning our spring and summer events.

We hope to see you all at one or all of our many events.

Mid Shore Chapter

by Ted Capel

Our banquet was held on October 02, 2010 at the Chestertown American Legion. Our attendace was up by approximately 30 %, and our net was up 15 %, both very good and satisfactory numbers in today's very trying economic times.

The banquet committee had a Crab Feast on November 14, and we invited the sponsors. Several attended, and during a very brief impromptu meeting (over the grill and beer!) some very innovative suggestions wer made to improve.

Our next meetings will focus on the Eastern Neck Island Youth Turkey Hunts, and a tentatively scheduled WITO Striped Bass fishing trip.

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by Harry Rhule

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the chapters that conducted a J.A.K.E.S. event in 2010. Also thanks to everyone who participated in the event. If we due not get the youth of today, interested in outdoor activities, hunting and fishing as we know it will be a thing of the past.

Also I would like to thank Gene Hyatt for all his work with the J.A.K.E.S. hunt of a lifetime. Without Gene's efforts this hunt would not happen, also a thanks to Lynne Saunders for helping with the hunt.

Some good news this year the state chapter is going to give three

scholarship prizes, 1st 2,000.00 dollars, 2nd 1,000,00 dollars, and 3rd 500.00 dollars, so lets get the word out and find some deserving candidates.

Also the state chapter wants to hold some type of hunting contest for J.A.K.E.S., like big buck, first deer, or largest deer. If you have any thought on the contest please send them to me, all suggestions will be reviewed.

Once again if you have an opportunity take a youngster out for a day, hunting, fishing, or just walking in the woods.





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