

New Hampshire Wildlife

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION

The Mission of the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation is the preservation and protection of hunting, fishing, and trapping; and the conservation of and access to fish and wildlife habitats and resources.

**NHWF elects
new officers**

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NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION 2016 MEETING DATES

*All meetings are held at the Conservation Center, 54
Portsmouth St, Concord, NH, beginning promptly at 7 p.m.*

January 16, 2016 – Annual Meeting, NH Fish & Game
Headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord beginning at
9:30 a.m.

February 22, 2016 – Board Meeting

March 28, 2016 – Board and Delegates Meeting

April 25, 2016 – Board Meeting

May 23, 2016 – Board and Delegates Meeting

June 27, 2016 – Board Meeting

July and August – no meeting

September 26, 2016 – Board and Delegates Meeting

October 24, 2016 – Board Meeting

November 28, 2016 – Board and Delegates Meeting

December 19, 2016 – Christmas Social for Board and
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By James Morse



As the newly elected President of NHWF I want to thank all the members and clubs who supported me. Our new board is a group of well-rounded and experienced individuals that will be a pleasure to work with this year.

The 2016 legislative season is upon us and we have several House and Senate bills we are keeping watch on. We have an active legislative committee and our new web site which will be launched by the time you read this with updated bill status.

My goal as newly elected President is to strengthen NHWF and to follow the principles the organization was built on, and continue to strive to build upon the prestige that NHWF deserves.

Sincerely, Jim Morse

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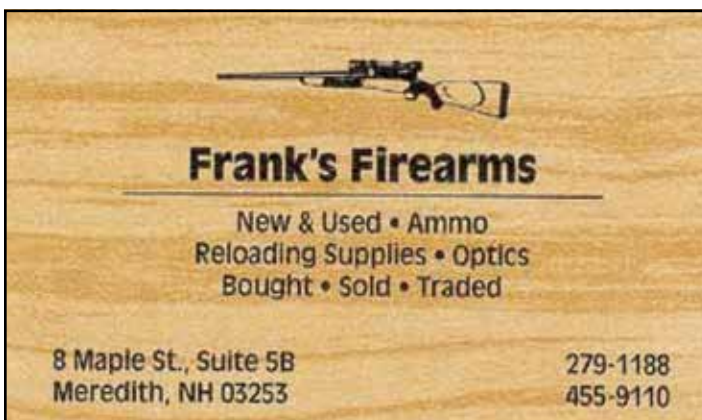
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MEET OUR NEW DIRECTORS

Edward J. Boyle, IV, New Boston, NH. Ed is returning as a board member after a few years off to concentrate on his career. He now works back in NH and we welcome him back. He served on the Board and as Secretary. Ed's objective is to help where his passion, dedication and commitment to wildlife and the environment can be leveraged in an effort to preserve the traditions of hunting and fishing and provide stewardship and conservation of wildlife habitat. Ed served in the US Air Force for 20 years and is presently employed with FoodState, Inc. as Director of Information Technology.

Christopher Turner, Milford, NH. Chris is interested in serving on our board as he has a 12 year old son and 15 year old daughter both of whom enjoy hunting and fishing and he would like to help insure that they have those opportunities as they get older. He is willing to work on any projects necessary for the betterment of NHWF. We will certainly keep him busy. He is employed at Insight Public Sector, Milford, NH.

Mike Morrison, Swanzey, NH. Mike has spent 35 years as a high school biology and ecology teacher with a Masters in Environmental Studies. Education director of NH Trappers Association, Chief Instructor for NH Hunter Education, advisor for Monadnock Regional Fish and Game Club, Gun Safety in the School Program Developer, NRA rifle instructor, Range Safety Officer, Let's Go Fishing Instructor, are some of his accomplishments. He received the 2012 Field and Stream Conservation Award and 2009 NH Fish and Game Conservationist Award. He is serving on our Conservation and Scholarship Committees.



AFFILIATE CLUB EVENTS

New Hampshire Chapter Safari Club International

NHSCI will be holding their 2016 fundraiser banquet at the Grappone Center, Concord, NH on March 19, 2016. For more information and to purchase tickets, check their website, nhsci.org.

New Hampshire Trapper's Association

March 19, 2016 NHTA is having a Spring Meeting and Fur Sale: Saturday, March 19th, 2016 at the Belknap County Sportsmen's Club on Lilly Pond Rd. in Gilford, NH. Doors open at 7 am. There will be a live fur Auction - 1st lot will be offered at 8 am. There will be trapping/fur handling demonstrations, a business meeting and meal. Contact: Brian DeNutte, 603-581-5059 for more details.

Monadnock Rod and Gun Club - Early Spring Schedule (For information on all following events: contact@mrgci.com)

Mar 20th: MRGCI Hunter Ed Team Ham Shoot - 1PM till it's done, paper targets at 25 yards, club birdshot loads, .410-12 gauge, no gun ...no problem, lender guns available, Public Welcome

Apr 2nd: Excruciathlon V - Mudder Biathlon 9AM till 3PM ...where endurance meets accuracy

Apr 14th: Hunter Education Hunter Ed/Bow Ed Course Day 1 of 3 5:30PM till 9PM

Apr 16th: Hunter Education Hunter Ed/Bow Ed Course Day 2 of 3 7AM till 4:30PM

Apr 17th: Hunter Education Hunter Ed/Bow Ed Course Day 3 of 3 7AM till 4:30PM

INFO: NHF&G Hunter/Bowhunter Education Chief Instructor: tom.harvey.nh@gmail.com

Apr 24th: Archery Sunday Weekly Sunday Archery Shoot Series Sunday SEASON OPENER 8AM till 1PM public welcome – runs through November

Apr 26th: Archery Tuesday Weekly Tuesday Archery Shoot Series Tuesday SEASON OPENER 5PM till dusk public welcome – runs through September

Apr 30th: Spring Trigger Breakout VI – 9AM till 4:30PM Northeast Shooter's Green Member Shoot

May 4th: Iron Sights Shoot Weekly Wednesday .22 Rim-fire Shoot Series SEASON OPENER 5:30PM practice 6:00PM till dusk public welcome – runs through August

May 14th-15th: RWVA's Project Appleseed One or Two-Day Rifle Marksmanship Clinic and Revolutionary War history course - beginner to advanced 8:00AM to 6:00PM. **Advance registration required.**

Kinnicum Fish & Game Club

We hold Wobble Trap and Running Deer shoots every Sun-

day until April. The Wobble Trap is \$7 per 25 clays and the running deer is \$5 for unlimited shooting. Both shoots start at 10:00 am until we are tired.

We will also be hosting the White Mountain Regulators for an April 17th Spring Round-up Time Cowboy Shoot. Shooting starts at 10:00 am and registration is required beforehand on their website. www.shootingbums.org

We've launched a new website to improve getting our message out to members and affiliates. The new site is easier to update so we can get information out quickly. It is compatible with smart phones and iPads as well as your home computers. We've added a Legislative page including links to the current status of bills we've reviewed and our position.

Looking for things to do outdoors? There is a new Calendar of Events to keep you informed of activities of our affiliates and of interest to New Hampshire outdoor enthusiasts. What to contact a Fish & Game Commissioner? Check out our Resources page. Have you convinced your fishing buddies to join? They can join on the website, and buy a soft denim long sleeve shirt with the NHWF logo.

We are always looking to promote our mission as well as our affiliate clubs, sponsors and donors. Let us know if you or your club has an upcoming event, topic of interest, or even a story to share, please send it in for consideration to our website or newsletter. Use Quick Response Code below from your smartphone to jump to the site at www.nhwhf.org.

The screenshot displays the NH Wildlife Federation website. At the top, the logo and name "NH Wildlife Federation" are prominent, followed by the tagline "Preserve, Protect, & Conserve Wildlife Habitat and Resources". Navigation links for "LEGISLATIVE", "CALENDAR OF EVENTS", "IN THE LOOP", and "NEWSLETTERS" are visible. The "Our Mission" section describes the organization's goals, including education, legislation, conservation, and affiliate support. A "History of New Hampshire Wildlife Federation" section follows, detailing the organization's roots in the 1930s. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner, and a "2014 Annual Meeting Report" is featured at the bottom left.

BARRY CONSERVATION CAMP AWARDS

It is not too early to be thinking about next summer and sending your youngster to this educational and fun filled Summer camp.

Following the guidelines of the NH 4-H Foundation the NHWF hopes to again offer some partial “camperships” of \$ 250 each in 2016. First consideration will be given to NHWF family members and those of our affiliated organizations. Applications are available from the NHWF office and must be returned by March 10 (or earlier).

It is also strongly suggested that the initial camp registration be done early to insure your youngster gets the desired week at camp as some of the popular sessions fill up quickly. These registration forms are available at your local county 4-H Cooperative Extension office.

Our campership award winners will be notified in April and the funds sent directly to the 4-H Foundation office. We also request that our sponsored winners send a brief report to the NHWF office after they return home with their comments on their experience at camp. Here are some notes from last year’s campers to the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation:

Thank you for having me come here. I got to tie flies. I also got to fish, filet fish, and got to shoot guns and compound bows. I had so much fun during fishing week. Colby Aiken, Concord, NH.

Thank you for the opportunity to go to camp. I thought you might like to hear of a few of my favorite things about my time at Barry. It felt good to be on the range because I like shooting. It was my first time shooting a compound bow. I hit a deer target. I was a good shot.

I am an experienced fort builder. It was real cool to work with people at camp to build a lean to. When we were coming back from fishing we saw a moose. We paused to watch it. This was my first time to see one even though I live in the woods. Adam Labrecque, Dunbarton, NH.

Thank you very much for the “scholarship”. I liked the canoe trip. I flipped the boat by accident. I had quite an adventure. We raced canoes and we won!

I caught a Bass, but it was small. I ate a piece of it. I shot a shotgun and I hit four clay pigeons. I met a friend from last year. Kaleb Mellet, Groveton, NH.

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Culinary Corner

By Nancy P. Adams

Recipes from Fish Fry to Grill

The question had been asked, “What do I need to cook my trout?” “Trout?”, came the response. “Why you just take some woodsmoke, a waterfall—not very large, it’s just for background music—curls of bacon, cornmeal, bacon fat and a frying pan. What more could anyone need?”

Batter-Fried Fish Fillets - a simple way to prepare those bread and butter catches.

Ingredients:

Batter:

- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1/3 cup any beer
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Bisquick baking mix

bass, perch, crappie, cut into fillets

Mix batter ingredients in a bowl. Place enough Bisquick for dredging in a shallow dish. Dip each fillet into batter and then dredge evenly with Bisquick. Fry fillets in about 1/2-inch of cooking oil in frying pan. Fry outside-up first to keep edges from curling. Turn and fry other side, cooking until fish flakes and is nicely browned. Serve with fresh lemon wedges, fries and cole slaw, if desired.

Baked Stuffed Brook Trout for Two - ingredients may easily be adjusted for additional servings.

Ingredients:

- 2 (10-inch, more or less) brook trout, cleaned, washed and dried
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 can (6 oz.) crab meat, cartilage removed, drained and finely chopped
- 1/3 cup fine, dried bread crumbs
- 1/2 teaspoon each dried oregano and basil
- 2 tablespoons celery, minced
- 2 tablespoons scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 tablespoon dry white wine
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Line a baking sheet or shallow oven dish with foil; brush with a little oil to prevent sticking. Place trout on foil. In a bowl, combine remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. The stuffing should just hold together—if it is too moist, add a few more bread crumbs; if it is too dry, add a little more wine. Fill each trout cavity with the stuffing. (It’s OK if a little of the dressing spills out into the pan). Bake in preheated 375 deg. oven for about 10 to 15 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with a fork; time will depend on size of fish. Serve with lemon wedges.

Grilled Fish Packets Paella - instead of cooking this Spanish-inspired dish in a pan, this adaptation cooks fish fillets and vegetables in aluminum foil packets on the grill (or in the oven). A salad of fresh sliced oranges drizzled with a little sherry vinegar, olive oil and honey and scattered with some chopped olives and almonds would go nicely with his entree.

Ingredients:

- 1 yellow bell pepper, sliced
- 4 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 cup canned or frozen artichoke hearts, thawed if frozen, and drained
- 6-8 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced
- 4 pieces bass or other firm fish (about 4 oz. each)
- chopped fresh parsley

Preheat grill to medium heat. Combine vegetables, garlic, paprika and salt in a bowl. Add wine and stir to mix. Cut four pieces of heavy duty foil about twice the distance around food to be wrapped; fold each sheet in half to make a double layer. Brush foil with a little oil to prevent sticking. Divide vegetable mixture into four portions; place one portion in center of each piece of foil. Place one fish fillet on vegetables in each packet and top each with a few lemon slices; fold to encompass contents and seal tightly. Grill packets, covered, over direct heat about 10-12 minutes. Remove packets from heat; unfold slowly to avoid steam. Transfer fish and vegetables to plates; garnish with parsley. 4 servings.

Nancy P. Adams has been cooking and writing about food for over 40 years. A long-time resident of Hancock, she enjoys gardening at home, as well as hunting and fishing with her husband throughout New Hampshire. Nancy welcomes suggestions and recipes at: nancobb22@gmail.com

(In the Fall issue of New Hampshire Wildlife I asked for people to send along a favorite recipe. One of our readers not only sent a recipe but shared that several years ago she had written such a column for this same publication. Follow-up communications determined she would love to do the column once again so I enthusiastically introduce Nancy Adams who will take over the column allowing me to do other things. Please share your recipes and/or cooking tips with her. I’m sure we will all enjoy the column. Sharon /aka Grammy Moose)



Southwest Region Report

By Jack Zeller

Read Jack's deer camp blog at: longridgedeercamp.blogspot.com



A reader asked me after my last report what I considered to be the Southwestern region. Good question, as he was shocked to hear some thirty odd bears had been taken here. I looked at the hunting zones, and I sort of break up Zone K (mostly Hillsborough County) and H1 (Sullivan County). I figure all of H2, western half of K, all of I2 and southern half (Unity area) of H1. This leaves a southcentral, and southeastern section here at the bottom of the state. The zones I cover are areas I travel, hunt, and speak with contacts. It is also the area that I do food plots for folks, so I get a lot of information on what is happening on the ground here.

As you have all probably heard, the deer count this past season was a high average, between 10,000 and 11,000 deer taken. While this is about 5% less than last year, it is still impressive historically. Turkeys, bear were also abundant.

Typically after December 15th when the season ends, I start putting out some dozen (small) piles of cracked corn each day up behind our Christmas tree plantation. I put a camera there, and the purpose of this is to inventory, roughly, the deer herd, and bucks left in this area after season. This year it was a waste of time. No snow, forties for temperatures all through December, tons of apples and acorns everywhere, and the deer could not have cared less about corn. None showed except travelers. The deer on camera are actually fat looking, and the deer checked at the stations all had a ton of fat on them. I checked a few, and I have never seen such fat buildup ever. This means, going into this winter, the deer are in the best shape I think I have ever seen. Top that off with a fall like December, with exposed food sources and no snow, there are NO worries for the herd this winter. Interestingly enough, at the hunts held here at Long Ridge, we saw fewer bucks than any year ever. The largest seen was a six pointer. The largest two taken by our hunters were a spike and a three pointer. At no point during the summer or fall did I have any buck bigger than a six pointer, and only one at that. I have four cameras out. Usually I have half to a dozen big eights and tens. This can only mean that most of the big ones did not make it through last year's severe winter. We know that a lot of the big bucks cannot put on weight fast enough to make it through, but last winter seems to have decimated them. This coming year looks to be much brighter for hunters relative to antlers. As for



numbers, hunters at our deer camp saw 26 deer while hunting, but took only two. Most were does during bucks only. Now of 13 hunters in camp, some thirteen deer were taken. Only two from right here though. Others taken in close by towns, and as far away as West Virginia and north to Anticosti Island! We took them with muzzle loader, bow, and rifle. While not the best season for us, it was certainly fruitful, and camp dinners, and evenings around a roaring campfire always make a hunting weekend perfect, deer or no deer. My own experience was rather bland. I did sneak up to within 40 feet of a broadside doe during muzzle loading season, but decided against taking her. During the rest of the season, including all of bow, I never saw a single buck, not even a button horn. Does only, and never had a decent bow shot on one. I guess that's why we call it hunting, rather than shooting.

It is only in the last few weeks that we have had a few inches of snow. I have been hiking and ATVing a very large area around the farm, and everywhere is completely tracked up. The deer are still (as of January 25) eating acorns and rotten apples. They have absolutely decimated all of our food plots, and just yesterday, I pulled the camera card over the corn, and had several deer there. A first for this winter. I'll keep the camera there with light corn until (and if) the snow begins to accumulate, and then back off and let them yard up. Very few coyotes on camera, but enough to put together a few hunts coming up. If I were a trapper though, I could get rich on the gray and red fox around this farm. They are plentiful. Still fairly rare are Fisher (one set of tracks thus far this winter) and Bobcat. Not sure we need or want a trapping or hound season for Bobcat yet. There just are NOT enough out there to sustain trapping and hounds. A firearms season, fine. But the population will NOT remain stable with trapping and hound hunting. I say that being right THERE in Westmoreland where much of the collar work and GPSing was done. I am a tracker, and folks, these cats need a few more years...let me know what YOU think!

Jack Zeller is an avid hunter, a Benefactor member of NRA, a part time trapper, member of GONH, and a career police officer. Jack posts a deer camp blog at Longridgedeercamp.blogspot.com He hosts yearly deer camps in the Connecticut River Valley, and can be reached at jackzeller@myfairpoint.net Comments and questions are welcomed!

THE RAGING BOBCAT DEBATE

By Bob Dufresne

As a longtime NHWF board member and volunteer I have had the privilege to serve my fellow hunting, trapping and fishing enthusiasts across our state and region. As an organization interested in affecting policy and legislation as they relate to conservation and the traditional wise use of our natural resources, we have seen and fought for many initiatives that can be controversial.

The bobcat season was stopped in 1989 when the NH Fish & Game Department (NHFG) determined the population was diminished through habitat loss and pressure from hunting and trapping. At the time hunters and trappers across the state agreed it was the right thing to do to protect the resource. All in favor of stopping the season expected it to be temporary and when the bobcat population warranted, a re-established hunting and trapping season would begin again.

Now, almost three decades later the NHFG in conjunction with the University of NH, and many hunter- and trapper-volunteers, have determined there is a healthy population of bobcats in New Hampshire. This conclusion was a result of a multi-year scientific study. In fact, they believe the current population can support a LIMITED hunting and trapping season. This proposed season will start with as little as 50 permits distributed through a lottery. Interestingly, every state surrounding New Hampshire

currently maintains a bobcat season.

The New Hampshire Wildlife Federation voted in favor of supporting the re-establishment of a limited bobcat season in 2015.

Recently, the NHFG held hearings on the season and the anti-hunters and anti-trappers came out in force, decrying to post their land if NHFG allowed a bobcat season. The “anti-movement” is here to stay in New Hampshire.

I believe, as sportsmen and sportswomen, we need to circle the wagons and fight for the re-establishment of a NH bobcat season. We willingly stopped hunting and trapping in 1989 because the science told us it adversely affected the resource. Now in 2016 the science is telling us the population is strong and hunting and trapping can again be used as a management tool. But today the political wind is in our face and the “antis” won’t let science get in the way of their agenda.

As our nation grew and before the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation was created, many fish, birds and mammals were market-hunted to the brink of extinction. Except for the passenger pigeon, all of these animals have been brought back from the brink on the backs of hunters, fishers and trappers.

We will see disagreement, even amongst our own community. And I believe opposing views and discussion can be healthy in every discourse. But as the dust settles, I believe as sportspeople who hold our traditions dear, we need to rally together and stand strong. We have precedent, science and logic to support our side of the debate, while the “anti’s” have hyperbole and emotion.

The complete bobcat study can be found here: <http://mlitvaitis.unh.edu/Research/BobcatWeb/bobcats.htm>

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Hunting Bobcat

Last year at about this time I wrote an article about my trip to northern Maine to hunt Bobcat with my good friend Frank Singer. If you remember anything about it, it probably was that I was not in shape to hunt properly and that Frank got his cat. I vowed I would be back! This year I was back at it with Mike Dragon (NHWF Life member) from Dunbarton.

Meeting with Paul Laney of Laney Guide Service out of East Grand Lake Maine, Mike and I headed out at -12F looking for tracks. This is not as easy as you would think. Paul and his friend Tom Randall are experienced trappers and woodsmen and have little difficulty locating a bobcat track and being able to distinguish it from Fisher, Coyotes, Porcupine or even Lynx. With a little practice both Mike and I got pretty good at it.

On Tuesday morning we found a fresh track and Tom and Paul put Flop and Tom's dog Clover on the trail of what we felt was a fresh track. If you like any type of dog work you will be amazed at these animals abilities to track the cat over 12" of fresh snow for over 6 miles. Using GPS collars and tracking devices the game is on. It is exciting as anything you have ever done as you are trying to get in front of the cat on the back of a snow machine. You can hear the dogs bark become more urgent as they are closer to the cat. Once the cat starts to tire it begins to run in a 100 yard oval trying to lose the dog. You then need to hustle it to this spot on



foot....in my case about 300 yards through tough terrain and over fallen trees and rocks to where the dog had the cat bayed up. I dropped fifty pounds to be able to do this hunt. It was well worth the effort. I wish I had dropped fifty more. The woods was so thick where we traveled I could not raise my shotgun to my shoulder!

NH hunters should have this experience locally. We should not have to go out of state to add this into our winter hunting schedule. There may not be a big demand for this activity but it is another opportunity to enjoy the north woods when it is the best in cold with fresh snow and peacefully quiet. If we are worried about numbers killed do a lottery, limit the areas or both. Cats kill rabbits and grouse. They have no natural predator. This would extend the hunting season and the numbers would not be impacted seriously. In the meantime a bobcat hunt in Maine is definitely a bucket list item.

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At The Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH

4:00 PM Social Hour followed by Dinner at 5:00 PM

The Banquet features a Live Auction including an African Hunting Trip and African Photo Safari, as well as other hunting and fishing trips, wildlife art and many surprises!

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