

New Hampshire Wildlife

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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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

PLEASE HELP US PROTECT OUR HERITAGE



By James Morse

At the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation's (NHWF) May 23 meeting, we invited some of our House and Senate Representatives, past and present NH Fish & Game Department (NHFG) Commissioners, Delegates from our affiliate clubs and NHWF board members to discuss an important topic that should be "near and dear" to all sportsmen and

sportswomen who enjoy New Hampshire's hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities. We had a strong attendance and our specific goal is to stop the destruction of the New Hampshire Fish & Game Commission.

There is presently a move from a budding group of activists both inside and outside the state of New Hampshire to radically alter the structure of the Commission and place a non-sportsperson on the Commission.

One critical way that will help us protect our sporting heritage is to continue to grow our club-affiliate and individual memberships. If there is one thing our legislators understand is numbers, and the more people we represent that are pro-hunting, the more influence we can have at the Statehouse defending your ability to enjoy the outdoors. Another way to protect our heritage is to have more involvement from those same clubs and individuals on the hearing days. As a volunteer organization we need your help. If each club had one person (delegate) that could join with the NHWF at important hearings it would

be a great way to demonstrate our presence in the House and Senate. Another way to protect our heritage is to write to your representatives and present your position at a personal level, as opposed to a form letter or chain email. We have been told from House and Senate members that they are more impacted by personal interactions than by the same post cards being sent by many people. If you know them and can talk with them to share your concerns, invite them to your club events and keep them informed of your side of the issue.

Facebook and Twitter are becoming a must in the changing times for organizations like NHWF. We have been in communication with Sportsman's Alliance of Maine (SAM) and Gun Owners Action League out of Massachusetts. These groups have faced some severe battles in the past 5 years and without strong support from their membership and neighboring states their battles would have been lost. Look for us on these media outlets and join us in our social media campaign.

This past year the NHFG Department accepted money from the State's General Fund, and my belief is to not use any money from the General Fund. By accepting that money, as opposed to self-funding through license fees, it opens the Department up to micro management from those who would otherwise have no vested stake in Fish and Game. That will come back and bite us in the long run. We must find a way to self-fund the Department and maintain its independence.

We look forward to your help and ask of your continued support.

Thank you.

Jim Morse, President NHWF

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AFFILIATE CLUB EVENTS

KINNICUM FISH & GAME CLUB, 105 PALMER ROAD, CANDIA NH 03034

July through August

Sporting Clays every Tuesday night at 5:30. \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. 50 clays, 5 stations and the presentation changes each week for extra fun!

August 21st

Dog Day Afternoon Cowboy shoot at 9:00 am presented by the White Mountain Regulators. Please visit www.shootingbums.org for more information.

September 25th

Ghost Riders Revenge Cowboy shoot at 9:00 am presented by the White Mountain Regulators. Please visit www.shootingbums.org for more information.

September 11th & 18th October 2nd & 9th

Fall Running Deer at 10:00 am for 4 weeks to prep for hunting season. 3 shots per turn at a moving target at 50 yards. \$7 to shoot all morning. A different presentation will be offered each week to simulate different hunting scenarios. Must attend 3 out of the 4 weeks to qualify for the grand prize. Weekly prizes will also be offered.

MONADNOCK ROD AND GUN CLUB, 595 JAFFREY RD. (Rt. 202), PETERBOROUGH, NH 03458

Jul 16th: Member's Day 9AM-till 11PM Members and the Public for morning Sturm-Ruger shooting portion 9am-12pm, thereafter Members Only BBQ then Members and their Guests for Live Band Classic R'n'R with SheepDip in-the-evening. A free day of fun for the Membership

Jul 17th: Archery Sunday Weekly Sunday Archery Shoot Series 8AM till 1PM (runs weekly through October)

Jul 19th: Archery Tuesday Weekly Tuesday Archery Shoot Series 5PM till dusk (runs weekly till the light fails)

Jul 20th: Iron Sights Shoot Weekly Wednesday .22 Rimfire Shoot Series 6:00PM practice 6:30PM till dusk (runs weekly till August 24th)

Jul 23rd: NRA Firearms Safety in the Home Course 8:00PM to 12:00PM this is a FREE course

Jul 24th: Granite State Bowhunters Championship 3D Shoot - Members and Public Shoot - all welcome, but only GSB Members compete for the Championship 7:00AM registration begins, all archers must start course by 10:00AM, Vendor Prize Give-Aways ...Gold Tip Display Team plus, Pelletiere's Sports Shop Sponsorship Contact: Mark 978-798-0130

Jul 28th: CMARS Shoot Crotched Mountain

Therapeutic Recreation Shoot Series day 2 of 5

Sturm-Ruger/Access Outdoors New England 5:00PM till 7:00PM, Pre-Registered Public is Welcome - Range is closed for the duration of the event

Aug 11th: CMARS Shoot Crotched Mountain

Therapeutic Recreation Shoot Series day 3 of 5

Sturm-Ruger/Access Outdoors New England 5:00PM till 7:00PM, Pre-Registered Public is Welcome - Range is closed for the duration of the event

Aug 6th: 5th Annual Dave Hanan Memorial 3D

Archery Shoot 30 Target 3D Course Modern &

Traditional, Running Deer, Long Range Novelty Ball Shot, 50-50s, and many prizes! Registration runs from 8AM till 12 noon, Course competition ends at 3PM

Aug 25th: Hunter Education Hunter Ed/Bow Ed Course Day 1 of 3 5:30PM till 9PM

Aug 27th: Hunter Education Hunter Ed/Bow Ed Course Day 2 of 3 7AM till 4:30PM - Pond and all Ranges closed for the duration of this event

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Sep 24-25th: Self-Reliance Event Public Event – DIY/ Homesteaders/Preppers Vendors and Exhibitors - All Ranges and Pond Closed

Oct 15th-16th: RWVA's Project Appleseed One or Two-Day Rifle Marksmanship Clinic and Revolutionary War history course - beginner to advanced 8:15AM to 6:00PM For more information, contact President Mark Carbone at mark.carbone.nh@gmail.com or call the club at 603-532-7306.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT 2016

The legislative season has closed for this year and we are watching the upcoming election year slowly approach. It was a very busy session for the sportsmen and women of the state with many issues we both supported and opposed after careful considerations. Volunteers from NHWF spend considerable hours each year over at the Legislature working to ensure sportsmen and women maintain their right and abilities to hunt fish and trap. The complete list of bills NHWF was monitoring this past season and the outcomes were published in our Spring newsletter.

This past session was challenging as others have been but I am very happy to report that we were successful in almost every one of our positions on these pieces of legislation. The Wildlife Federation works diligently to support and defend the rights of all sportsmen and women in the state. It is important today that all of us with interest

in hunting, fishing and trapping come together to be one voice at the legislative level. An organization such as the Wildlife Federation represents a number of constituents and votes and we have found the Legislators will listen to our concerns. It is important for all of us to maintain these commitments and it is more important than ever that we all speak with one voice as members of an active and responsive New Hampshire Wildlife Federation.

House and Senate members have told us that they pay attention to **personal** calls, letters or emails than they do mass mailings and non-personalized emails. If you know a Senator or Representative, talk with them to share your concerns, write them a personal letter, and invite them to your club events and keep them informed of your side of the issue.

AFFILIATE CLUB EVENTS

Continued

FARMINGTON FISH AND GAME CLUB, 64 OLD BAY RD., NEW DURHAM, NH

July 17: 3D Archery Shoot 8:00am rain or shine, \$10.00 entry fee (13 & under FREE) 4 Classes: Open, Traditional, Women's, Youth, \$50.00 prize per class

For more info contact: Barry Carr @603-755-1175

August 23, 27 and 28: NH Hunter Safety Course
6:00pm - 9:00pm. You MUST register via NH F&G prior to attending. New rules apply this year, please educate yourself! Go to: www.nhfg.com

September 4, 11, 18, 25: Running Deer Shoot
9:30am - 12:00pm

September 10: NRA Home Firearm Safety Course
NRA Certified Instructor Ron Thomas, \$40.00 (\$15.00 deposit, 9:00am - 2:00pm, Register via: www.nra.org or call Ron Thomas @ 603-942-5656

October 2, 9, 16, 23: Running Deer Shoot
9:30am - 12:00pm

NEW HAMPSHIRE TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION

September 16 & 17, 2016 – Fall Rendevous Belknap County 4-H Fairgrounds, Mile Hill Road, Belmont, NH. Campers and tents set up Sept. 16th; \$5 per day for electricity, otherwise free to camp. Showers and bathrooms on site. No charge for tailgate vending. Friday afternoon demos. and evening social. Saturday demos, auction, business meeting. Plenty of covered vendor spaces. For more information contact Brian or Kathy Denutte, 603-267-6947.

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.

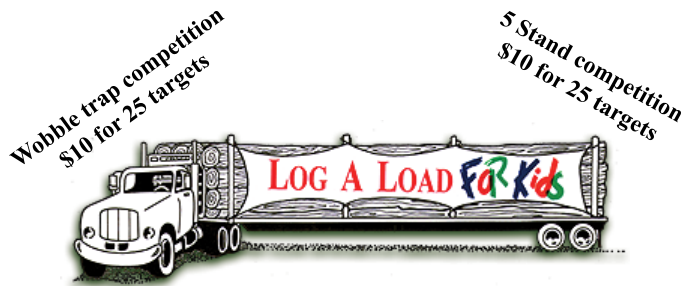
Looking for things to do outdoors? There is a new Calendar of Events to keep you informed of activities of our affiliates and of interest to New Hampshire outdoor enthusiasts. What to contact a Fish & Game Commissioner? Check out our Resources page. Have you convinced your fishing buddies to join? They 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 from your smartphone to jump to the site at www.nhwf.org.





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For more information and to make reservations.

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UPCOMING NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION EVENTS

August 19, 2016: NHWF Fundraising Night at
Fisher Cats Baseball Game, Manchester, NH

September 10 & 11, 2016: Concord Gun
Show, Concord, NH

April 8, 2017: 35th Annual Conservation
Banquet, Grappone Conference Center,
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EVER CONSIDER A WILDLIFE FOOD PLOT?

By Charles Williams, NHWF Conservation Committee Chair

All wildlife require a proper balance of four basic items, food, water, cover, and a certain amount of living space. Food plots can be a valuable asset to attract and hold wildlife on your property. They can be smaller than a quarter acre or larger than five acres. Food plots usually work best when they are used to complement natural food and cover and are not intended to replace it. Food plots are generally established with a combination of forage plants aimed at improving wildlife nutrition and/or attracting birds and animals for viewing or hunting.

They can be developed to benefit specific species (deer, turkeys, rabbits, etc. or even butterflies). However, most plots will be of some use to a range of both game and non-game animals or birds and a variety of reptiles. Insects may also be a food source. Food plots can be used to enhance habitat in every season of the year. Taller growing forage plants can provide cover and feeding opportunities over extended periods, especially for ground nesting birds.

LOCATING FOOD PLOTS: Consider areas next to “edges” where one type of vegetation meets another; i.e., the border between woods and a field, a woods road or old log landing, a hedge row, or the area between a marsh and a meadow. Put them close to safe wildlife travel routes or escape cover.

SITE PREPARATION: Some locations may require some weed control in advance either by tilling or the use of herbicides. Most New Hampshire soils are acidic and low in nutrients. A soil test will determine the amount of lime and fertilizer that might be needed. The pH should be 6.0 or higher. The seed bed should be plowed, disked or rototilled to provide a fine smooth level surface.

SEED SELECTION: The choices are many. If wildlife nutrition and “quality” is your main goal, plant a mixture of forage plants that mature at different times of the year. Winter wheat, and red & white clover are more nutritious in the Spring. Alfalfa and chickory stay palatable in the Summer. Brassicas (radish, turnips, and rape, etc.) are most nutritious in the Fall. These plots need to be larger to have any real impact on wildlife health. If you want to have taller forages with persistent seed heads include millet, sorghum, corn and sunflowers. Food plots established for hunting related purposes usually are

smaller with a variety of forage plants that mature early in the hunting period through late in the season.

You will have to decide if you want a food plot with perennial forage plants or annual ones that have to be planted every year. When to plant will depend on your selection of either cool season forages (grows best when air and soil temperatures are below 60 degrees) or warm plants that begin growing when soil and air temperatures are above 60 or 70 and slow down or stop growing when temperatures drop below that range. In most cases it is advisable to plant a mixture of forage crops not just one variety. Commercial forage seed blends are available at many sporting goods outlets, farm supply stores and from companies advertising in hunting and conservation publications. These magazines also often have articles on food plot establishment and maintenance, however the information provided may not always apply here in New England. If you are buying your food plot seed mixtures locally, be sure to read the instructions on the bag and follow them.

If you need additional help or management assistance, contact a forestry/wildlife professional. Your local county UNH cooperative extension office and the NH Fish & Game Department or one of their regional offices can also provide you with information or direct you to a specialist in the field.



Selling Your National Lands

By Bill Carney

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The song “this land is your land, this is land is my land” may soon become a thing of the past if some western State and Federal legislators, County and State Governments, large ranchers, big timber companies and mineral rights companies and groups have their say and get their way by turning control of all federal lands over to county or state governments. This would amount to turning all of Americans citizen’s lands that belong to you and me over to the control of state and county governments for them to regulate, lease sell or do as they see fit.

Why should we living up here in the Northeast be concerned about the loss of Federal Public Lands in the west, northwest, southwest of this country? For just one simple reason, these lands are as much our federal lands, no matter their location, as the lands of the people who live next to them. Most of the larger land holdings for wildlife hunting and fishing, public use etc. here in New England, but especially here in New Hampshire, are Federal Government owned National Forests, Federal Refuges, Sea Shore parks etc. How productive would your hunting or trout fishing locations become if the U.S. Forest Service entrance signs were replaced with signs saying Private Lands No Trespassing or Trespassing Fees Required to enter these lands. Or how about it if a sign was posted at the gates of the 8,700 Umbagog Lake fishing lake or wildlife viewing National Wildlife Refuge claimed that the waters of this 8,700 acre fishing and wildlife viewing lake along with its associated uplands and fresh water marshes that support some duck hunting and some upland hunting is now a privately owned corporate Hunting and Fishing Club. Over in Maine the Wilderness Society is attempting now to fund some additional 47,000 more acres to the area of the Moose Horn National Wildlife Refuge to add to the present 28,880 acre Moose Horn National Wildlife Refuge. What a major blow this would be to the survival of our dwindling woodcock populations and the limited woodcock hunting allowed on this area if it was sold to some foreign lumber company and all land use was prohibited.

You say this isn’t going to just happen? Don’t count on it. Today big money controls Washington and most of the people there. On May 18, 2016 language was inserted into the must pass national Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that funds Americas readiness, language that would force the Bureau of

Land Management (BLM) and The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to abandon their very successful sage grouse conservation plan. A plan that has kept the sage-grouse off the Endangered Species Act list for years. Whit Fosburgh president and CEO of The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership said “This legislation is a Trojan horse for transferring public lands to the states and stands to have lasting repercussions beyond curtailing conservation efforts in sage brush country. Sportsmen across the country are very disappointed with the House’s policy to play politics with our national defense by inserting unregulated and detrimental language about sage - grouse conservation into this must pass bill”

Why should this concern sportsmen and sportswoman of New Hampshire? There is not any one of you reading this who doesn’t know people or possibly yourself and your friends who head out of state each fall to hunt pheasants, grouse, mule deer, elk, antelope etc. Most will head each year west and north west into Wyoming, Colorado .Montana, Utah, North and South Dakota etc. Unless you have a lot of money and can pay the trespass fees to hunt on private lands and ranches or hire an expensive outfitter you have to rely on federally controlled public lands land like B.L.M., U.S.F.S. Corp of Engineers, C.R.P. lands etc. that are still owned by you and I. So this now not so secretive federal public land grab could affect your and my federal land rights living here in New Hampshire.

Federal public lands, if you don’t know it, are all the nations forests, grasslands, open plains and more that make up Americas proud conservation tradition and heritage. National Parks, National Refuges and wilderness lands are also a part of this mix. The goal of these extreme legislators, and industries is to put this country’s 600 million acres of federal lands into the hands of state Governments ruled by ideologues that will then move these lands into the hands of oil and gas, large lumbering companies, ranching and other heavy industries with favorable land sales or lease conditions. America is the envy of the world with our open wild lands and wilderness especially to people who have all seen their land go into the hands of royalty and the rich; who have all their countries lands closed off for public use, and all hunting and fishing on these lands comes with a tremendous price tag unaffordable for the average citizen if allowed at all.

What if there are no more federal subsidies for federal land holdings in western states? In fact a study done in Utah by the University of Utah stated that it would cost that state some \$247 million a year to manage these new lands and would also have to make up the annual \$185 million in lost federal revenue sharing. Your Congressional delegate has the same voting power on this issue as any members of Congress from western states. Contact you two Federal Senators and two Federal Representatives and request that they oppose any transfer or sell off of any federal parks, federal refuges, federal forests and federal wild lands etc. to any state, county or political sub -division. Senator Jeanne Shaheen Washington phone is 202-224-2841, Senator Kelley Ayotte Washington phone number is 202-224-3324, Federal Representative Annie Kuster’s Washington phone number is 202-225- 5206 and Federal Representative Frank Guinta Washington phone is 202-225-5456 or remind them when they are looking for election support that you are opposed to massive federal land transfers.



Photo: Cathie Blais, Epsom, NH

Southwest Region Report

By Jack Zeller

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

It is fairly quiet here in the Southwest corner of New Hampshire, nothing extraordinary at all. There IS plenty of game of all sorts, perhaps Fisher being the one exception. I just had a nice chat with Ted Walski, who as you well know is the foundation of the wonderfully successful turkey program in NH. Not only an expert in turkeys, but Ted has spent his lifetime studying and observing all wildlife, and has unstintingly supported conservation (and therefore hunters), state wide. We will rue his retirement, whenever that may be! In any case he did have some observations for this area. One is the unbelievable number of gray squirrels this spring. He states he has never in his career seen them so prolific. Causes of this could vary, from the lack of Fisher, to the ridiculously high mast crop in this area last fall, to the easy winter we just had. No solid answer. But he's right. They are in every tree it seems at our farm, and road kill is very high. So squirrel hunters, plan on H1/2 this fall!

Ted also noted a marked number of blond woodchucks and porcupines this year. NO idea why that is, but I have none on my five cameras at all. Actually, woodchucks are a very rare issue here on the farm. One in 20+ years! As for the porcupines, we have them back in numbers now that the Fisher are gone. I see them every day as road kills, and on cameras at food plots. The biologists do not have a pat answer for why the Fisher have become so scarce in this part of the state, but think parasites, increased competition from Bobcats, and other reasons come into play. Over trapping I am told is definitely not an issue. Ten years ago, snow shoeing my property I would see tons of Fisher tracks. Now, zero. Zero on camera. Bobcats, plenty. And my first (adult female, sans calf) moose on camera in some years!

Turkey season saw a 3.1% drop in harvest, but that is a meaningless number. There are more turkeys than ever, but hunting conditions were much worse this year. Rain early in the season and much earlier leaf out cutting vision would be major factors. But tons of turkeys, and in May they had a great hatch out, nice and dry, and warm. Plus we lost very few this winter.

The Cottontail population (Eastern) is quite high in this part of the state. I am sure that again, the light winter made a difference, along with an early green up. They have not wacked our garden yet, but I am holding my breath...

I cannot really gauge fawn recruitment yet in this area. It is just beginning to be late enough to see them running with mom, and I have yet to see any on cameras. I have plenty of milking does though so I am in hopes that the next months will show good numbers. Coyotes are still very scarce around the farm here, only two on camera since January. Let's hope that keeps up. Even without coyotes, the does are dropping their fawns VERY close to our barn yards, as they usually do. Less coyotes, bear, and bobcats



close to the buildings. What we DO have close to the building are foxes. The two I have seen are sleek, and fat. We do free range chickens, and this can be a problem, but we'll see. In any case, back to the fawns, Mr. Walski did say that there have been many mowed up in machinery this spring during haying operations. The huge cabbed tractors and the speed of the haybines only exacerbate the problem. Probably no clear solution.

Since I was asked by a reader after the last SW report what the deer population is per square mile in the Southwestern region, I put this to Ted. He did some figuring based on hunting results, and deer yard counts, and estimates about 12-15 per square mile! Only 1.34 are harvested per square mile. Time to get those bows ready!

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!

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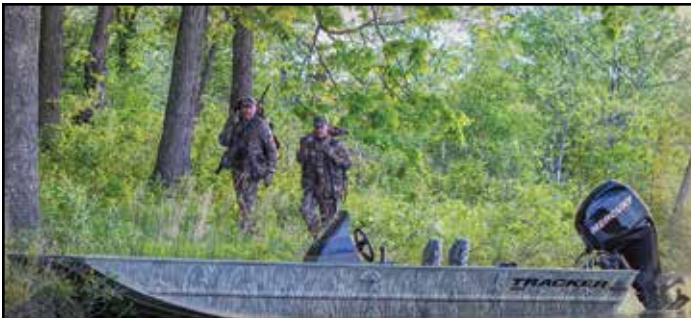
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Intermediate Fly Fishing Weekend

On June 24-26, 2016 the Becoming An Outdoors Woman (BOW) workshop conducted an Intermediate Fly Fishing Weekend at Coleman State Park on Little Diamond Pond in Stewartstown, NH. Twelve participants spent the weekend learning the more

detailed aspects of fly fishing. Instructors Jim and Kris Riccardi taught them the finer points of fly tying and worked with them out on the water as well. The group was extremely enthusiastic and went home with increased knowledge of their sport.



The Fall BOW Program will be held on September 9-11 at Rockywold/Deephaven Camps on Squam Lake. The classes are already full and the staff and volunteers are working on the fine details that make this program such a success. NHWF President Jim Morse and his wife will be in attendance and members of NHWF are working on a special presentation for the Saturday night program





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