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Calling It In: Father and Son Success on DWWC Youth Turkey Hunt *By Matthew Traylor*

It was Friday afternoon, on March 27th and my dad and I were on the DWWC Youth Turkey Hunt in Cundiff, Texas. My dad was the Huntmaster for the weekend so while he set up the cabin, I went with Mr Brad and Mr Danny to go scout the area for turkeys and help put up blinds. We saw a lot of signs, but no turkeys.

After everyone arrived, we had a big dinner of venison chili and peach cobbler, and the men spent time teaching us about turkey calls, habitat, and their behavior; as well as the rules of the landowner that allowed us to hunt their ranch. Then, with an early morning ahead, we went to bed.

Five AM came really fast, but half dead and half awake I grabbed my gear and pop-tart, and headed to the truck. We prayed over the hunt and went to the blinds. My dad was my guide, so when we got to the blind we put out corn; checked around for unwanted

guests; got in; and began the tedious wait for one of the best moments you can experience in life. Dad started calling occasionally with his box-call, as we watched for any sign of movement.

At about 8:00 in the morning I heard rustling on the right side of the blind, and as I slowly turned my head I saw about three doe. One was so close to our ground blind that I could have touched it. That was just the push I needed to keep being patient because to me, that meant game was moving. As we waited all morning we continuously heard gobblers in the distance flirting with us, but we just weren't able to get one to come in.

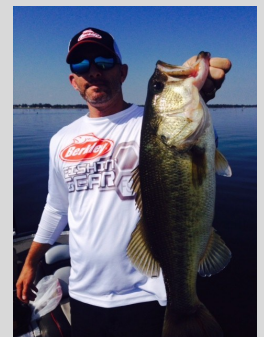
Around 11:00, we went back to the cabin and had a huge breakfast. We then spent a few hours target practicing with our shotguns and exploring around the camp. Then at 2:00 we loaded up and headed back out to the blinds.

We set up again, gave it some time to let everything settle back down, and then dad began to call. Within 20 minutes, we had a gobbler that would reply every time dad called. It was straight to our front, but had to be over 100 yards out. So dad would call occasionally, and it would respond. Each time it responded it was closer and moving to our left. Finally, about 4:30 dad tapped my leg and cautiously pointed to our left. There he was!

The gobbler was a young Jake because he was coming to the call. He walked to our front about 40 yards, but the feeder was between me and the bird (*continued on page 4*)



Next Meeting: May 14
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fishing dept. manager at
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(our future, license sales,
where is fishing headed &
what can we do?),
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for fall.



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First let me say I have enjoyed my year as President of this fine organization and feel honored to have served as its 45th President. By the time you receive this newsletter Pat Johnson will be your new and quite capable 46th President.

In the last 12 months there have been some changes in the way the Club and Foundation have been run, and in how the two are perceived by members, prospective members and the public. Most of that has been by design by the boards of directors of both organizations. Since much of that has been accomplished more in the background than by what you can see, I thought it would be helpful to relate, in this last article of mine, what some of those changes are and what caused them.

Last May we held a daylong strategic planning retreat for the boards of directors of both Club and Foundation. The charge to the attendees was that IF we want to grow, get better at what we do and become financially stronger we can't keep doing things the same way – so what do we need to start, change or quit that will enable us to become better and stronger.

There was unanimous agreement that we needed a new mission statement because the existing one talked about things we didn't do, rather than what makes us unique in our community. The result: "The Dallas Woods & Waters Club exists to promote and enhance our outdoor heritage by providing hunting, fishing, fellowship and outdoor education to our members, the youth of our community and others who share our interests." Everything the Club has done since then has been guided by that mission statement.

After exploring strengths and opportunities for both organizations we established a few specific goals: 1) have a net increase in membership of 10 by 4/30/15, which we've achieved; 2) create a 12 month plan to build relationships with potential donors/sponsors to enable a second major fund raiser for the Foundation. While relationships built is not all that measurable, I know that several of the five new Club board members have been recruited based on that and they can add significant value in that area; 3) develop a strategic plan for youth events that will result in benefiting 200 youth per year and conduct three youth hunter programs by January 2015. We may not be at quite 200 but Danny Souder and his crew are

laying the groundwork and building relationships and resources to reach that goal very soon. They have about eight hunts scheduled this year, plus the youth outdoor safety event, serving a total of about 70 kids; 4) create metrics on each Club and Foundation event to prove how many people benefited from each as an aid in getting sponsors and grants, which LeAnn does; 5) redesign the Club's website to bring it up to the latest standards and make it an effective tool for current and potential members. We are looking at options to do this most effectively within our budget; 6) increase our presence on social media sites. Done, but still improving. I know of at least three new young family members who joined because of this.

The strategic planning retreat set the stage and new ideas for improvement kept coming up throughout the year. Take our September 2014 meeting as an example. It was noted in July that that meeting fell on September 11th, an extremely important date in our nation's history. So your board decided to make that meeting a very special and patriotic event. The DWWC 911 Patriot Dinner was conceived, planned and implemented at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum and received rave reviews from all who attended. Stay tuned - I think we might do that again!

In the last year I have had the distinct honor and opportunity to work with a very dedicated group of Club board members in accomplishing the things listed above: Pat Johnson, Andy Clements, Warren Petersen, Danny Souder, Phil Cutts. John Laverty, Todd Fecht, Charles Shelton, Jim Shepherd, Susan Christy, Julio Morales, Henry Seeligson, Buddy Pace and Jim Breaux. All of them are Type A Personality "doers" which made my job a whole lot like herding cats – and I enjoyed every minute of it! Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Joe Chenoweth



Members Bulletin Board

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The Woods and Waters Foundation offers \$100 grants to Eagle Scout candidates to assist with completion of their **Eagle Scout Service Projects**. We require a written request describing the project and our board will select one Scout each month to receive \$100 for use on their project. We ask that the Scout submit an article and pictures of the completed project for our use in upcoming issues of the DWWC monthly newsletter. Request should be sent to:

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(continued from page 1) so I could not shoot. Dad motioned for me to wait, and he putted with the call. The Jake stopped, turned, and came towards us. It crossed a log; ran right up to a fence on our left about 25 yards away; and stopped dead still. It looked away and I slowly lifted my 12 gauge for the shot. Then the Jake moved, and my heart stopped. I thought for sure it saw us. But it didn't, and just turned its head the other way.

At that moment, dad whispered "if you want him, this is the best shot you'll get". I took a breath, and pulled the trigger. I felt the recoil, but was so excited I didn't really even hear the sound. The turkey though, dropped in his tracks, flopped once or twice, and was dead. We waited what seemed an eternity, and then dad got out, went over and checked. Sure enough, it was dead. He called me over and I got my first chance to really look at my bird.

He was a young Jake, with about a three to four inch beard, and very small spurs; but was large and heavy for such a young bird. My dad and I were laughing because he was amazed at the shot I made and I was amazed at how he called it in. We thought it was funny how that Jake was so fixed on the call that dad could have almost called him in the blind with us.

I had to cross a fence to get the bird. So dad held my gun and helped me. I picked up the bird, re-crossed the fence, and we took our field photos. We then went back to camp, where I breasted the turkey out with Mr Brad's help. Then we had dinner and just had a good time together.

The next weekend, my grandparents came down for Easter. My dad fixed my turkey for them, and they said it was so good they want me to get another one for Thanksgiving. I'll sure do my part to do that.



The Dallas Woods and Waters Club recognizes and extends a special thank you to the following ranches that have generously supported our youth hunting program:

- ◆ *The Hapgood Ranch (Chad Duvall)*
- ◆ *Christian Outdoor Alliance (Micheal Marbach)*
- ◆ *Trail and Hooker Ranch (Justin and Tamara Trail)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our monthly dinner program meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the Sheraton Dallas North by the Galleria. Happy hour starts at 6:30pm with dinner served at 7pm. Reservations may be made online at www.dwwcc.org, or by calling the office by the end of the Monday preceding the meeting. \$25/adult and \$12/youth reserved or \$30/adult and \$15/youth at-the-door.

- May 9:** **2nd Annual Youth Outdoor Safety Event** at Poetry Shooting Club in Terrell, TX. See details and register online at <http://dwwcc.org/youthprograms.shtml>. (Volunteers needed, please call the office to sign-up!)
- May 14:** Monthly dinner featuring **Scott Kamp, Pure Fishing District Representative.**
- June 11:** Monthly dinner featuring **Leonel Garza from Muy Grande Ranch** (founder of the Muy Grande Deer Contest).
- June 26:** **Lake Fork Catfishing Trip!** Half day of catfishing on Lake Fork with Stan Kuhn, the best catfish guide on Lake Fork! All tackle will be furnished by your guide. You may bring your own spinning tackle with 10-12 pound test line if desired. Fish from 7 a.m.—11:30 a.m. After a morning of fishing you will enjoy a fried catfish lunch while your catch is being cleaned for your trip home. Bring sunglasses, sun screen, soft drink or water, and a small cooler to transport your fish home. Cost is \$135 per person, and includes your guide fee and tip. Please call trip chairman Phil Cutts at (214) 912-9823 with questions, and send payment to him at 1332 Greenway Park; Carrollton, TX 75007. *Must provide own fishing license.*
- July 9:** Monthly dinner featuring **Scot McClure from the Dallas Safari Club's Dallas Ecological Foundation's Outdoor Education Program.**
- September 1:** **Annual DWWC Opening Day Dove Hunt!** Details coming!
- September 25:** **Lake Fork Catfishing Trip!** Half day of catfishing on Lake Fork with Stan Kuhn, the best catfish guide on Lake Fork! All tackle will be furnished by your guide. You may bring your own spinning tackle with 10-12 pound test line if desired. Fish from 7 a.m.—11:30 a.m. After a morning of fishing you will enjoy a fried catfish lunch while your catch is being cleaned for your trip home. Bring sunglasses, sun screen, soft drink or water, and a small cooler to transport your fish home. Cost is \$135 per person, and includes your guide fee and tip. Please call trip chairman Phil Cutts at (214) 912-9823 with questions, and send payment to him at 1332 Greenway Park; Carrollton, TX 75007. *Must provide own fishing license.*
- October 16-18:** **ATTENTION BIRD HUNTERS! Jim Lovelace Memorial Pheasant Hunt** in Sublette, Kansas. This year we are going to try something different. After 24 years of hunting with Jeff and Debbie White, we have decided that hunting chukar is more fun than hunting pheasant. So Friday and Saturday we will hunt chukar and Sunday we will have a half-day hunt for pheasant (but with full day bird release and six bird daily limit and birds processed during lunch). This will be a fun hunt with plenty of shooting! Chukar daily releases are 15 birds per gun, no daily limit. Chukar are significantly larger than quail, sometimes covey up, and they fly! Chukar are also easier to cook and taste better than quail! Cost is still \$300/gun/day which includes home-cooked meals for breakfast and lunch each hunting day, comfortable and convenient lodging, guides, dogs, and bird processing. Afternoon quail hunts can be arranged for \$225. Bring gun, shells, and \$20 hunting license fee. To reserve your spot, send a check payable to Golden Prairie Hunting Service for 50% of your total cost to Henry Seeligson, trip chairman. Call Henry with questions at (214) 535-5536.
- December 4-6:** **Quail Hunt at M-Bar-H Lodge**
- We will travel to Santa Anna, Texas on December 4th and hunt that afternoon, we will hunt both a.m. and p.m. on Saturday December 5th and drive home on the morning of December 6th. Our group will be staying in the M-Bar-H Lodge and our hunts will be guided by Mike Pritchard and his hunting service, we will take no more than 9 hunters and hunt 3 hunters with each guide on each hunt. We will grill steaks and burgers for our evening meals and eat lunch in Santa Anna each day. The cost, not including meals, is \$570.00 per hunter with deposit due no later than October 1, 2015. Please call trip chairman, Phil Cutts, for questions: (214) 912-9823.

PHOTO GALLERY



Left to Right: Jon Randol Clay, Matthew Jacquez, Macey Alston, Atley Alston, Aaron Alston (HuntMaster), Wade Cain, Troupe Shelton, Claudia Yates, Kyle Burns. Recent DWWC Youth Turkey (and Jackrabbit) Hunt near Eden, Texas.



DWWC Youth Program Coordinator Danny Souder teaches recent hunt attendees about turkeys.



Scott and Jon Clay at a recent DWWC youth hunt.

PHOTO GALLERY



DWVC Member Jim Shepherd with his Rio tom taken on the recent Club turkey hunt at the M-Bar-H Ranch near Santa Anna, Texas.



DWVC Member Danny Souder with same turkey he called for Jim Shepherd.



Claudia Yates practices her shotgunning skills at the recent DWVC youth turkey hunt near Eden, TX. At right is Claudia with her dad, Steve.



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Three members recently became Life Members and we appreciate their commitment to the Club:

Don Hall

Charles Shelton

Russ & Debi Young

A special welcome and thank you to our new members in 2014 and 2015:

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Brian & LeAnn Eisenbise

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Currey and Haylee Hall

Dave & Clare Hammer

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James Jones

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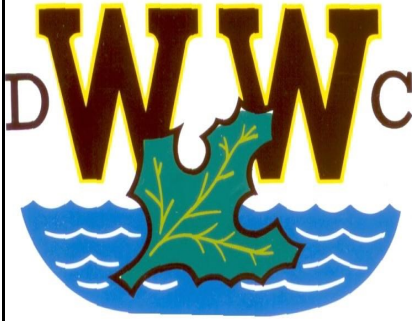
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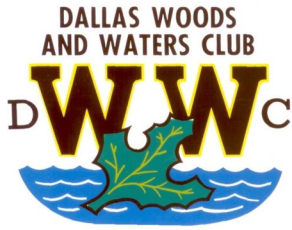
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