

New Hampshire Wildlife

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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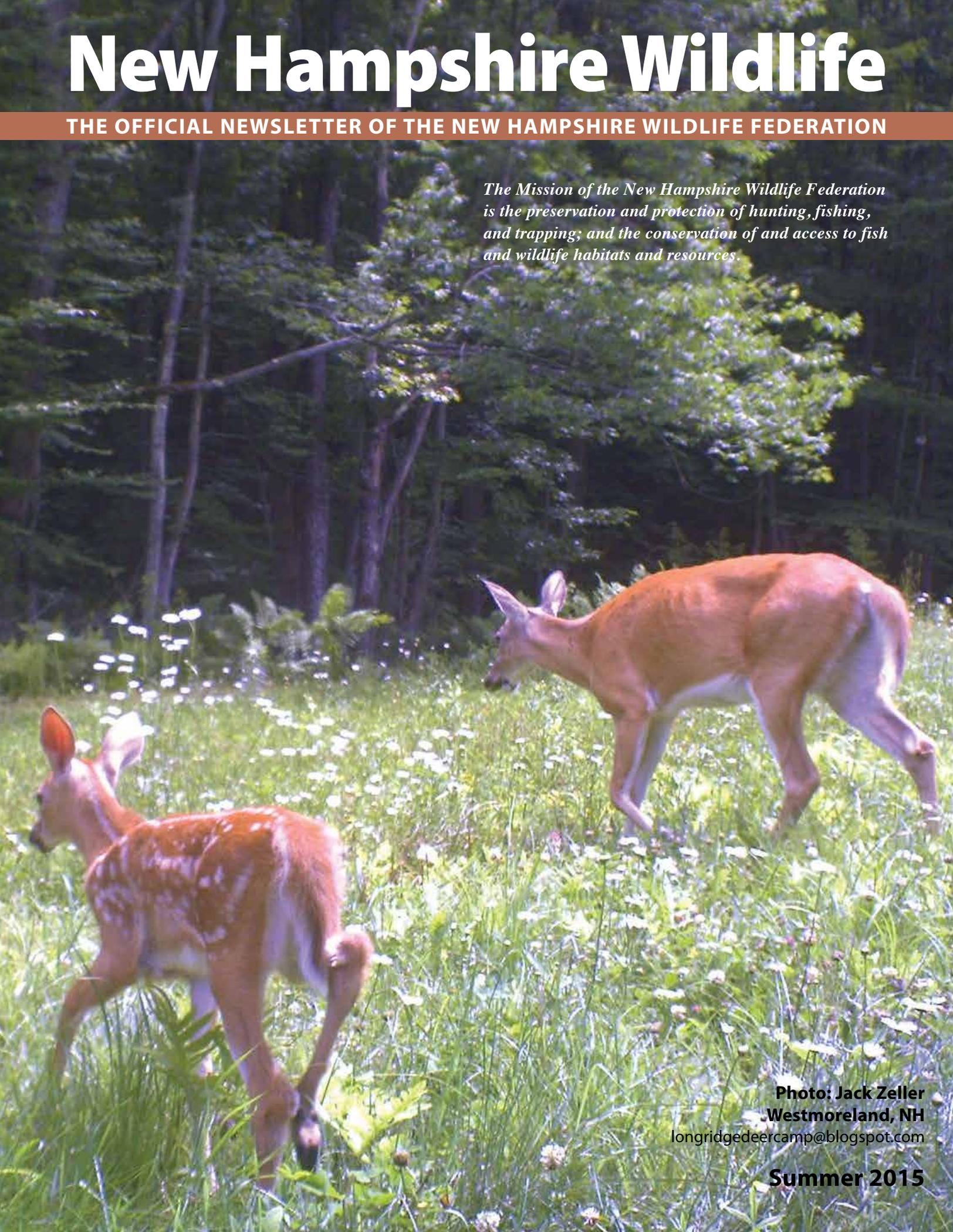


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Summer 2015

NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION 2015 MEETING DATES

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

January 17, 2015 – Annual Meeting (NH Fish & Game
Headquarters, 9:00 a.m.)

February 23, 2015 – Board Meeting

March 23, 2015 – Board and Delegates Meeting

April 27, 2015 – Board Meeting

May 18, 2015 – Board and Delegates Meeting

June 22, 2015 – Board Meeting

July & August – no meeting

September 28, 2015 – Board and Delegates Meeting

October 26, 2015 – Board Meeting

November 23, 2015 – Board and Delegates Meeting

December 21, 2015 – Christmas Social for Board and
Delegates

UPCOMING NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDLIFE FEDERATION EVENTS

September 19, 2015 – Bass Pro New Hampshire Great
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April 9, 2016 – 34th Annual Conservation Banquet,
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We truly welcome your comments, suggestions, and articles,
and letters to the Editor. To be considered for our quarterly
publication, please submit to ed@nhwf.org or contact Janice
Boynton Exec. Director at 603-224-5953.

Submission deadlines: 1/15, 4/15, 7/15, 10/15.

Seeking Reporters: We are looking for a Northern and
Southern Reporter for conditions and activities in your area.
Short articles welcome—photos a plus!

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

This issue of *New Hampshire Wildlife* features notices from several of our affiliate clubs regarding events they are holding this summer and fall. One of the advantages of being an affiliate club of New Hampshire Wildlife Federation is the right to advertise your special events in our newsletter free of charge. A notice is sent to representatives of our clubs reminding them of the deadline for articles.

If any sporting clubs that you may be associated with are not members of NHWF, please contact them and ask them to consider becoming affiliated. We are happy to have a representative of NHWF attend their meeting to answer any questions.

A short time ago our then President Michael Nolan wrote the following outlining the reasons for becoming a member or affiliate of NHWF. This still is our purpose today.

Why Should our Organization/I be a Member of the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation?

This is perhaps the most frequently asked question by local Rod & Gun Clubs, Sportsman's Clubs, Hunting Dog organizations, Trappers and Sportsmen and Sportswomen of every type.

1. We fight for you in the legislative arena. When you can't be there someone from our group is, standing up for your rights as freedom loving Sportspeople.

2. If the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department comes under attack, we are on the side of the hunter, the trapper and the fisherman to fight back at the tidal wave of bills that come before the Legislature each year to limit our heritage.
3. We allow you to focus on your sport... we protect your rights to do it.
4. We are the leading advocate for the hunter, fisherman and trapper in the state... Period!

If we all do not come together in one place to fight the "anti" crowd, we will be picked off... one group at a time.

This is not your father's New Hampshire Wildlife Federation. We are fighting mad at what is going on. We need you to help us protect our freedoms and enjoy the bounty this state has had for so many years while passing this great heritage on to our children's children.

We need you on board. We need your financial and moral support. And, we may call on you for active support when necessary. We are taking a giant leap forward in the next five years back to where we can dictate policy not the other way around. Join us in the fight! Sign up today and get your hunting/fishing/trapping buddies to do so as well!! Do it now. Do not wait. Display your membership sticker proudly as a soldier in the war to take back our heritage.

WHY? That's Why!!!



2015 Barry Camp Wild Game Culinary Adventure

Registration opens in July for the 2015 Wild Game Culinary Adventure, a weekend exploring game preparation and cooking. This hands-on workshop will be held at Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, N.H., September 25-27, 2015. The registration fee of \$150 includes meals, instruction and bunkhouse lodging. All proceeds benefit the Barry Camp Fund. Applications will be available on the Fish and Game website at <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/barrycamp/game-weekend.html>. The event is sponsored by the N.H. Fish and Game Department, the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation and the Belknap County Sportsmen's Association. The event is open to men and women age 18 and older.

AFFILIATE CLUB EVENTS

Andover Fish and Game Club will be holding their annual **BEEF BARBECUE** and **CHINESE AUCTION** on Saturday, August 22nd from 5pm to 6:30pm at the Proctor Academy Field House. The menu is Barbecue Beef, cooked in the back yard of the field house, includes salads, rolls, homemade beans, corn on the cob, and strawberries and ice cream for dessert. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Farmington Fish and Game Club will be holding a 3D archery shoot on Sunday, August 30th, starting at 8:00 a.m. The club is located at 64 Old Bay Rd., New Durham.

Watanic Bowmen, Merrimack NH, will hold a 3D shoot on Sunday, September 13th, starting at 7:00 a.m. 30-3D targets, 1/2 will be Deer Targets to tune up for Archery Season. Contact John Hall, 603-440-5697 for more information. Check Granite State Bowhunters Website for directions.

Monadnock Rod and Gun Club Upcoming Special 3D Archery Events:

4th Annual Dave Hanan Memorial 3D Archery Shoot - Saturday September 12th 8:00AM – 4:00PM
Registration 8:00AM - Scorecards in by 3:00PM - \$7 for 30 Targets - Public is Welcome (Firearms Range and Pond are closed for the duration of this event.)
30 Target 3D Course Modern & Traditional, Long Range Novelty Ball Shot, Running Deer, Bear-in-the-Cave, 50-50s, prizes, contact@mrgci.com, 603-532-7306

Firearms Range Events where the General Public is invited:

MRGCI/Ruger/AccessOutdoorsNewEngland/Crotched Mountain Shoots for the Physically Disabled

August 20th: CMARS Shoot Crotched Mountain Therapeutic Recreation Shoot Series day 4 of 5 Sturm-Ruger/AccessOutdoorsNewEngland, 5:00PM till 7:00PM
Pre-Registered Public is Welcome - Range is closed to the Membership for the duration of the event

September 10th: CMARS Shoot Crotched Mountain Therapeutic Recreation Shoot Series day 5 of 5 Sturm-Ruger/AccessOutdoorsNewEngland, 5:00PM till 7:00PM
Pre-Registered Public is Welcome - Range is closed to the Membership for the duration of the event

For all Crotched Mountain CMARS Events Contact: Geoffrey Garfinkle, CTRS/L, Director of Therapeutic Recreation, Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center, 1 Verney Drive, Greenfield, NH 03047, geoff@cmf.org 603-547-3311 x2100 (voice), 603-547-3232 (fax) www.cmf.org

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NHF&G Hunter/Bowhunter Education Full 3-Day Course

Thursday, August 27 5:00pm - 9:00pm (All Ranges and Pond open to Membership until 4:30pm)

Saturday, August 29 7:30am - 5:00pm (All Ranges and Pond Closed for duration of event)

Sunday, August 30 7:30am - 5:00pm (All Ranges and Pond Closed for duration of event)

Contact Hunter Ed Chief Tom Harvey for info: mobile: 603-315-2535 email: tom.harvey.nh@gmail.com

Revolutionary War Veterans Association Project Appleseed Marksmanship Training

Open to the public

Saturday, October 17, 2015, 8:00am - 6:00pm

Sunday, October 18 2015, 8:00am - 6:00pm

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Contact: nh@appleseedinfo.org

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

AS OF JULY, 2015

In addition to the Legislation which the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation took positions on and was reported to you in our Spring Newsletter, we also took positions on Administrative Rules being proposed by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. They were the proposed ban on Chocolate for the use in bear baiting and prohibiting the use of drones and smart rifles for hunting.

The Administrative Rule banning the use of chocolate or coco derivative to be used as bait was approved by the Fish and Commission and approved by the Joint Legislative Committee and is now in effect. The Wildlife Federation voted to not support this ban.

The administrative rule prohibiting the use of drones and smart rifles were approved by the Joint Legislative Committee in April. That vote was to support and create the rule.

The House Fish and Game Committee recently created

study committees to address Bills retained for Interim Study. These are HB 505 Baiting Seasons for individuals with handicaps and HB 500 repealing the prohibition on Silencing devices for taking wildlife. No other committee meetings have been scheduled as of this date.

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 to 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.

When the Legislature reconvenes in the Fall, representatives from NHWF will be working on those bills affecting our mission. Watch our Fall issue for further updates.

NH Trappers 61st Annual Rendezvous

Friday September 18th / Saturday September 19th

New Location: Belknap County 4-H Fairgrounds located on Mile Hill Road in Belmont, NH.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Camping</p> <p>We will have camp sites available for those who want to make a weekend of it. We have hot showers and electricity available. Overnight camping is free, connecting to electricity and water is \$5 per night. People camping out in a tent or camper are welcome to set up Thursday night.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Lodging</p> <p>Holiday Inn - off exit 20 - 75 Tilton Road, NH Route 140, Tilton, NH Hampton Inn & Suites - off exit 20 - 195 Laconia Rd, Tilton, NH Super 8 - off exit 20 - 7 Tilton Road, Tilton, NH</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Vendors</p> <p>Looking for vendors to attend event. Vendors allowed to set up Thursday night or Friday Morning.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Local Attractions</p> <p>Tanger Outlets - off exit 20 - 120 Laconia Road, Tilton, NH 03276 Weirs Beach - Weirs Beach Boulevard, Laconia, NH Arcades Boat Cruise Bingo Bowling Bumper Boats Rope Courses Mini Golf Go – Kart Waterslide Gunstock Mountain Resort - 719 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH Aerial Treetop Adventures Hiking & Fishing Off road Segway Tours Scenic Lift Rides Ziplines</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Demos</p> <p>Numerous demos will be offered</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Food</p> <p>Rustic Raven - Selling food Friday & Saturday morning & evening. NH Trappers - hosting a BBQ on Saturday – Tickets \$10.00 each</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">No charge for Tailgating</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Dutch Oven Cooking</p> <p>Dutch Oven Cooking Demo / to enter a Dutch oven meal contact Bonnie and Dwight at 603-539-7954</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Auction</p> <p>Donations wanted. Auction Saturday afternoon</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Dessert Contest</p> <p>Dessert contest will be cookies and brownies this year is moved to 11</p> |
| <p>Gun Raffle Raffling off 10 guns. Drawing Saturday September 18th</p> | |
| <p>Directions</p> <p>Take I93 to Exit 20. At end of exit, take a left onto Rte 3. At the set of lights take a Right onto NH Rte 140. Follow Rte 140 for 4.8 miles. At the “T” in Belmont Follow Rte 140 by taking a Left onto Main St (for 0.1 miles) and then take a Right at the 3 way stop sign. Follow signs to NH Rte106. At the set of lights turn Left onto NH Rte106 (go 3.7 miles). Turn left onto Bishop Rd (0.5 miles). Turn left onto Mile Hill Rd (0.1 miles). Follow the signs to the Fairgrounds</p> <p>From Concord - Take NH-106 North (approx.11 miles). Left onto Bishop Rd (approx.0.5 miles). Left onto Mile Hill Rd (< 0.1 miles). Follow the signs to the Fairgrounds</p> | |

For more info or donate to our auction or to become a vendor – please call 603-267-6947 and ask for Brian or Kathy

LET YOUR LEGACY LIVE ON WITH A PLANNED GIFT

By Bob Dufresne

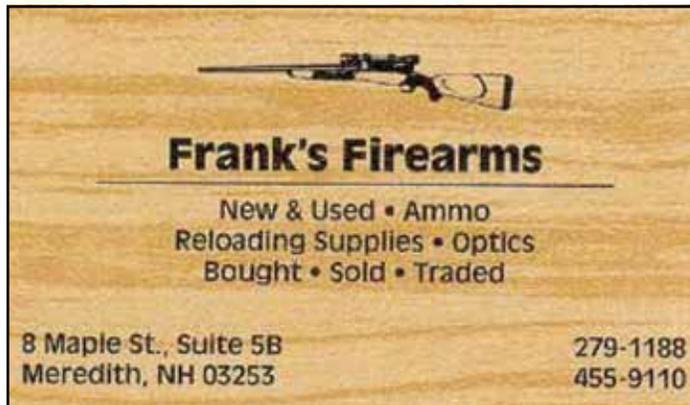
Supporters of the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation (NHWF) will sometimes ask if we can accept stock or bonds as a donation or planned gift. And the simple answer is “yes.”

Planned giving can be an attractive tax planning tool for the donor and an essential part of sustaining the programs of most nonprofit organizations.

The NHWF is not unlike most small non-profit groups in that we rely on the generosity of our members and individuals interested in the programs and policies in which we are dedicated. As one of the New Hampshire's oldest and largest conservation organizations dedicated to hunting, fishing and trapping our influence runs deep. Conversely, because we are located in a relatively small State, our financial coffers do not run quite as deep. As a 401c(3) organization, a planned gift to the NHWF can be a tax deductible event for the donor.

Planned gifts are essential to the longevity of the NHWF and its mission; the preservation and protection of hunting, fishing, and trapping and the conservation of and access to fish and wildlife habitat and resources. The support and generosity of you fosters the legacy of the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation.

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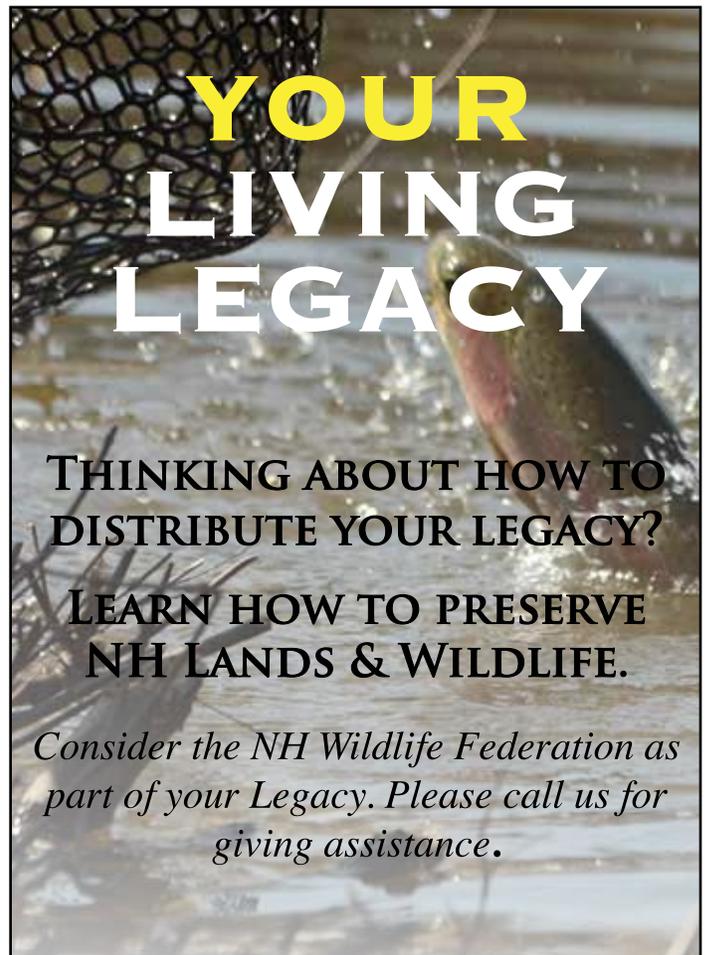


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Southwest Region Report

By Jack Zeller

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



It appears, at least state wide, that the severe winter we had did not adversely affect our wildlife populations. For the Southwest region, I think I have to disagree. The argument goes, that though there was lots and lots of snow, that it was soft, and fluffy, and the deer could get through it with ease. Perhaps. And, if you speak with Ted Walski, turkey populations did not suffer because 'virtually every turkey in the state found a home bird feeder to eat under'. And that may be.

But here is what I see and hear real time: My mineral licks...desolate. Where in past years I have seen hundreds and hundreds of pictures of deer, bear, bobcats, fox and rabbits on these licks, this year it has been palpably empty. Sure, a doe here and there, maybe a raccoon passing through, but clearly, no regular use, and far fewer species on camera. We are not over run by coyotes. I have a neighbor who bags (between he and his wife) 25/30 coyotes a winter. They live ½ mile behind our farm, so you know that the wild dogs are not a problem here.

I run five game cameras, pretty much year around. I have food plots, and water holes and all manner of sites that naturally attract critters. There are a lot less animals firing my cameras than any year I can recall. I have about a dozen identifiable does on my property. Two have one fawn still surviving as of July 15th, and the rest have none. Some of these does have ribs that stick out in a manner that reminds you of ugly scenes from WWII. If that thin, they do not give birth, and, should they, survival of the fawn is unusual. Around the farm, we are used to the does dropping fawns quite close to the farm buildings (in spite of the racket our Shelties create). This year, very few. The few does we see with fawns have only one.

As for turkeys...I have some dozen pictures of turkeys on camera this spring, but up through July have not a single picture of a poul. In our clover fields they are usually abundant. I find this an aberration because May was so dry, and a wonderful hatching out month. Where ARE they? Now, I have to bow to state statistics...2.4% more turkeys taken this spring than last year. 4000 plus! And those toms taken have been big, some several in the 28, 27 pound range with 11 inch beards. Those are BIG spring toms, and I am glad to see that. But here in Southwest New Hampshire I wonder...I just am not the seeing numbers on cameras.

We did have a good time with a food plot seminar I put on at Achille Agway in Keene. A good turnout, good questions, and a great way to spend several hours with a group of folks that really want to increase their interaction with wildlife on their New Hampshire properties. I believe that food plots are the way to greater sized and healthier animals. Our does average dressed weights have increased nearly 50% since we started this program 17 years ago.

In the meantime, with bow season starting seven weeks from now, we all MUST get those targets up, and the bows tuned and drawn. Your freezer counts on it!

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!



One-day Youth Upland Hunt



Sponsored by the
Merrimack Valley Chapter of NAVHDA*

(*North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association)

September 19th, 2015

DEMONSTRATIONS

- “How to train an upland dog for hunting”,*
- “Correct dog handling”*
- “Proper positioning of hunters in the field”*
- NH Fish & Game—“Bird Hunting”*

With adult supervision, each youth will hunt with a trained dog.

The goals of the day will be (1) to introduce the youth to hunting over a trained “bird dog” and (2) to introduce them to the instruction and assistance that they can get from NAVHDA.

Event is limited to ten (10) youth--age 13 years and older.

There is no charge.

Lunch is provided

Start time 8:00 am—goes till done

Location TBA

Written, parental permission is required.

All decisions by Merrimack Valley Chapter are final.

Entries must be received by August 1, 2015 and will be handled on a “first come, first served” basis.

Contact person/
Send application to:

David A Trahan
101 Coffeetown Rd
Deerfield NH 0303
603-494-3802

davidt@onpointkennel.com

Applicant name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Applicant address: _____

Applicant phone number: _____ Emergency phone number: _____

Parental Authorization: *I understand that my son/daughter will be interacting with dogs in an outdoors hunting environment. I also understand that he/she will be handling firearms under adult supervision. Below is my written permission for my son/daughter to participate in this event.*

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Parent's signature

Date of signature

Parent's phone number

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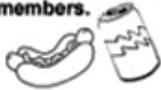


August 29, 2015

Rain or Shine

7am set-up event time 9am - 4pm

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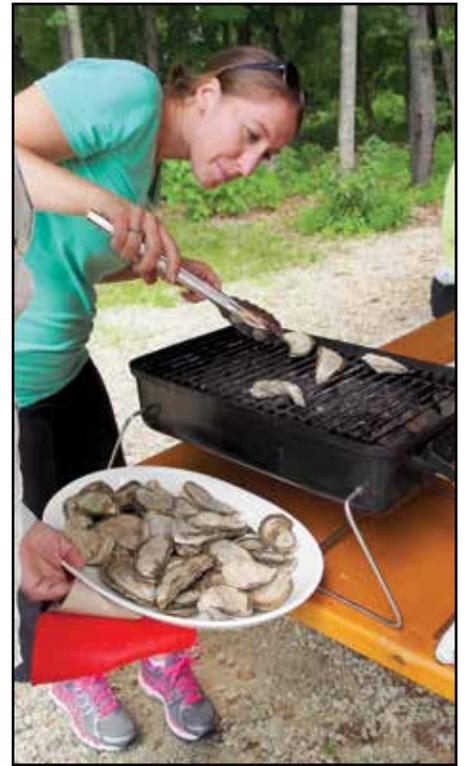
**A Good Reason Why You
Should Contribute to the New
Hampshire Wildlife Federation**

As you know, the Mission of the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation (NHWF) is the preservation and protection of hunting, fishing and trapping and the conservation of and access to fish and wildlife habitats and resources. These are empty words unless plans and programs are developed to implement these objectives and individual members and affiliated organizations become actively involved.

One of the important committees of the NHWF is the Conservation Committee, whose purpose is to put into practice "what the Wildlife Federation preaches". However, a handful of interested and dedicated individuals cannot function without input and support from other like-minded persons and groups. We are looking for ideas and suggestions for potential area conservation projects and educational programs, etc. Once identified and priorities are established your conservation committee can explore funding resources through grant proposals, cooperative agreements with other conservation groups or government agencies. So please, if you or your club has any suggestions or ideas about any wildlife conservation activities in your local area alert us of your thoughts by contacting the Federation office. Projects could be carried out on both private and public land.

This past Spring the NHWF renewed a project in cooperation with the State's conservation districts and subsidized in part a package of 50 wildlife habitat-enhancing trees and shrubs to landowners in Belknap, Hillsboro, Merrimack, Rockingham and Strafford counties. **REMINDER:** The NHWF still has an assortment of potted wildlife-benefiting trees and shrubs available (free) to qualified land owners and sportsmen's clubs. Transplanting early this Fall would be quick and easy and help insure winter survival. In a few years these plants will provide food and cover for a range of wildlife in your area (again on "private" or public land). Let us know if you are interested in doing your part to help wildlife.

Charles Williams, Chairman
NHWF Conservation Committee



Becoming An Outdoors Woman Program Holds 2 Beyond BOW Events

The Becoming An Outdoors Woman Program held two Beyond BOW events recently. Introduction to Rifle and Shotgun was held July 11 at Owl Brook Hunter Education Center. Twenty women attended and learned the basics of safety, handling, firing and cleaning rifles and shotguns.

Seacoast Wild Edibles Workshop was held June 25 at Sandy Point Discovery Center. The one-day event consisted of morning vegetation foraging, afternoon Seacoast Tide Pooling. Kelp and sea lettuce made a delicious seaweed salad. Periwinkles (snail), green crabs and Asian crabs were gathered from the tide pool. The Asian crabs were tossed into a deep fat fryer whole and tasted like a potato chip.

The evening consisted of cooking what was gathered and supplemented by other sea foods that individuals can legally harvest. All enjoyed the foods as they were prepared and cooked. Some other foods gathered and prepared were Red Sumac, wood sorrel, Indian cucumber root, and the possibility of making Queen Anne's Lace blossom jelly was discussed.

The New Hampshire Becoming An Outdoors Woman Program would like to thank Seaport Fish, Rye, NH and Fat Dog Shell Fish, Topsfield, MA and Golter Lobster, LLC of Greenland, NH for their generous contributions to this event.





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Supply us with your email address and receive our monthly e-Newsletter. We will not share your address.

\$15.00 Junior (under 18) \$15.00 Senior (over 60) \$25.00 Individual (basic level)

\$50.00 Supporting

\$100.00 Sponsor (includes Sponsor hat)

\$250.00 Business Partner (includes certificate)

\$500.00 Wildlife Patron (includes certificate and Patron hat)

Name _____

Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____

Telephone, E-Mail _____

Check enclosed made payable to NHWF

Visa/MasterCard # Account No. _____ Exp. Date _____ / _____

I want to give \$ _____ towards the Scholarship Fund. Note: Scholarship Donations are Tax Deductible

Return to: New Hampshire Wildlife Federation - 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, NH 03301

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