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RHINE VALLEY CHAPTER HOSTS SUCCESSFUL JAKES DAY

By Lyndon Ruediger; Photos by Greg Mellen

Now, I know that some of you who read the Show Me Gobbler on a regular basis have no doubt seen some of my previous articles proclaiming the outstanding job the folks at the Rhine Valley Chapter (in Hermann) are doing with their JAKES program and I am also sure that some of you may be questioning if what I am telling you is for real. Let me tell you – it certainly is a fact and I believe the JAKES event they hosted this year on March 26 was actually the best ever. The Rhine Valley Chapter seems to consistently find ways to improve the educational and the entertainment value of their program.

In order to avoid confusion, the Rhine Valley Chapter decided five years ago that their JAKES event would always be held on the last Saturday of March. Unfortunately, occasionally Easter falls on that weekend as it did this year. Even with that being the case, combined with cold weather, the event still drew a record attendance – 154 JAKES, along with 80 adults.

Even though registration was scheduled to begin at 8:30, eager participants began arriving as early as 7:15 and the day was packed with activities right up to 4:30 that afternoon. Although I told you in the past how the Rhine Valley folks structure the event, I will again go through the process; kids are divided into groups by age with no group exceeding 10-11 participants. Then, depending on the age group involved, one or two group leaders are assigned the task of "shepherding" the flock of JAKES around to their activities during the day.

The day begins with a group gathering that lasts about 45 minutes and primarily addresses safety, sportsmanship and hunter ethics. At the conclusion, the groups disperse and begin attending a series of five classes (each lasting approximately

fifty minutes). That leaves time for two morning classes, followed by lunch and then, three afternoon classes. This year's classes included the following topics: Safety Trail, Clay Birds, Woodworking, Muzzle loaders, Archery, .22 Still Target, Handguns, Shot Gun Still Target, Cross Bows, Fly Tying, Fishing, First Aid and a JAKES Xtreme contest.

Now, of course, not every participant gets to participate in every class. Assignments are made on an age-appropriate basis; however, everyone gets ample opportunity for some real hands-on experience and, of course, to actually shoot guns.

As I said earlier, safety is stressed at the beginning of the day and then reinforced throughout the day and, heaven forbid there is ever a serious need for it, an ambulance and EMT personnel are on hand for the entire day.

Sounds pretty good so far, right? Well, in addition to all of the above, the Rhine Valley Chapter was also very fortunate to have Robert (Doc) Dettmer, (National Chairman of the Board), Dan Minor (State Chapter President) and Eldo Meyer (State Chapter Chairman of the Board) on hand for the day. Guys, thank you very much! Doc's talk during the opening program provided everyone with a clearer understanding of what the National Wild Turkey Federation's overall objectives are and everyone certainly enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and talk with Doc, Dan and Eldo.



Natalie Witte builds a bird house in the woodworking class.

JAKES Hunter Apprentice School 2004

By Elizabeth Lenox, JAKES member, Phelps Co Dry Fork Strutters

Did you know that out of 4,356 birds (pheasants and chukars combined) released on Smokey Hollow Hunting Preserve, L.L.C., last year, 84 percent of them were harvested? That's a huge number of game returned.

I attended the Twelfth Annual Hunter Apprentice School there last September and I had a great time. When I first arrived, I saw a bunch of people setting up camp and walking around outside having a good time, and I thought to myself, "Hey, this doesn't look too bad!"

After my dad and I set up our camp, we went to an introductory meeting in the clubhouse. The next morning we got up at 5:30 A.M. and met in the clubhouse to get ready for our big hunt. Todd Vinson, my dad and I went to a field where they set up our hunt and I came out with one chukar and two pheasants. Dr. Joe Malters and Denny Whittaker were also guiding hunters.

Alan Hull put on a neat safety demonstration. I learned that it's very important to know how to read a compass, how to start a fire by putting petroleum jelly on a cotton ball, then taking a match to a strip of magnesium. I also learned that if you're lost in the woods, to get in an open area and start fires, anything in sets of three means you're having trouble.

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Elizabeth with newfound friend.

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Presidential Pipeline

By Dan Minor

By the time you read this message, the greatly anticipated 2005 Spring Turkey season will have come and gone! Opening morning is always a thrill, out in the woods, listening to the whippoorwills, and of course the sounds of the Thundering Toms! The season started with a bang – literally! My hunting buddy, son John, and I both harvested a tom turkey right off the bat! Hopefully your season went as successfully.

I would like to extend sincere congratulations to all of our 2004-2005 scholarship winners from each chapter in Missouri. We are all especially proud of the four winners. Tied for third place: Danielle Graupman/NE MO Chapter and Lee Wilson/Riverbottom Gobblers; second place: Rebecca Mowry/Osage Prairie Thunderin' Toms; and first place: Amanda Watkins/Lake Show-Me Longbeards. Amanda will now compete on the National Level for a \$10,000 scholarship. Best of luck to you, Amanda! Look for complete scholarship information in the next Gobbler.



Charlene (Cooper) West and Dan Minor

The National Convention in Nashville this year was the best one I have ever attended. The state of Missouri was recognized numerous times for several Chapters and individuals and their outstanding achievements. Rhine Valley was selected as having the "Best JAKES Event for 2004" (76-



Missouri's winners group – Dan Minor, Doc Dettmer, Lyndon and Janice Ruediger, Eldo Meyer and Regional Director Tim Besancenez; Charlene West and Dan Minor

150 JAKES), Benton County Toms Chapter was selected for the "Best JAKES Event 2004" (1-75 JAKES). Four Rivers Chapter was selected "The Highest Attendance for a Women in the Outdoors Event 2004." The individual recognition was just as impressive: Charlene Eckstein earned the NWTF "2005 Annie Oakley Award" and Charlene (Cooper) West earned the NWTF "2005 Roger Latham Award." Awesome achievement by some awesome chapters and individuals! The George Clark State Chapter was recognized for placing 7th for the "L.A. Dixon Award." The L.A. Dixon Award is given to local and state chapter that set a standard of excellence for conservation fund raising, education and spending.

I would like to take this time to spotlight Randy Persons and Greg Riney for serving on the state board. I appreciate the giving of their time, contributions and support. I would also like to welcome two new members; John Hahn and Jeff Demand. Of course I am pleased and thankful to have Eldo Meyer, Lyndon Ruediger, John Shene and Tim Hendershoff re-elected to serve new three-year terms! These board members are a great support!

Hopefully, all of you will have a blessed and eventful year in 2005. Get involved in your local chapter's events and do your part to "Answer the Call!"

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Missouri State Board



Check out the hat.

Letter From The Editor

This issue is undoubtedly the most eclectic issue I have seen in my three years of editing the Gobbler. It is filled with photos and features about our friends and family in the Missouri NWTF. From the heartfelt article written by Ellen Benitz about WITO event coordinator Angie Hill's tragic car accident to Jesse Schowengerdt's article about taking his 88-year-old grandfather hunting, this one runs the gamut of human emotions.

I hope you will welcome the new column written by Missouri Department of Conservation photographer, Cliff White. Cliff agreed to give tips to us amateurs, and perhaps even the pros will enjoy reading what this pro has to say about improving the quality of our photos.

I'd also like to welcome a new doctor to the On Call column. Dr. Joe Malter, of Rolla, and vice-president of the Phelps Co. Dry Fork Strutters, will alternate keeping you up-to-date on medical news through the column. Dr. Pecos Coble will continue writing the column, but will trade with Joe. Between the two of them, you'll be well informed. Let me know if there's a topic that interests you.

At press time, I was just notified that the commander at Fort Leonard Wood has canceled the Women in the Outdoors Event that my local chapter, the Dry Fork Strutters, has been planning. There's a lesson in this disaster somewhere, and Ellen Benitz and I will write a follow-up article in the next issue.

Thanks to all who contributed to this newsletter. You did a great job of demonstrating what Missouri's NWTF is all about.

Barbara Baird



For What It's Worth

by Ellen Benitz,
Regional Field Supervisor,
Women in the Outdoors

Someone once told me that as geese are flying overhead they honk at each other to encourage one another to keep flying. I was also told

that if one of them drops out because of weakness or illness that, sometimes, other geese will drop out with it to protect it while it recovers.

Recently one of our Women in the Outdoors Event coordinators was involved in a terrible car accident only one week after she hosted her event in Potosi. As I write this, Angie Hill remains in the hospital in a coma as a result of that accident.

I was shocked and saddened by the news of the accident. I had seen her the week before. She and her friends, Vicky Bonney and Angela Cook, did a great job planning and executing their event. Even the no-show of an instructor could not dampen their enthusiasm. They just stepped up to the plate and taught the class themselves and did a fine job of it, too! Angie had a smile on her face the whole day. Even showing off her hunter orange shoes she bought specifically for the event, she thought they were perfect for the event.

In fact, the shoes were perfect for Angie. They were like Angie – bright, sunny and they made you smile when you looked at them.

I got the opportunity to get to know Angie better last fall. Angie had never been to a WITO event before and she was in the planning stages of her own event, so she thought she should attend an event nearby. Angie came by herself to the Big River Gobblers event at the Big River Hunt Club in Ware, Mo., last October. She signed up for the upland game hunt. Angie told me she had never



Angie

hunted anything before and really didn't even know how to shoot a shotgun. Since she was the only one signed up for that particular class, and since the hunt club owner still wanted her to experience a hunt, I volunteered to go with her. (I've never been known to pass up a hunt!)

We first shot some clays on the trap range so that Angie could get used to shooting the shotgun she would use in the hunt. After some practice, Angie was able to break a few clays and she felt more confident with the shotgun and ready for the hunt. I told her she would have the first opportunity when the dog went on point to shoot the bird, and I would be back up.

My services were not needed! The dog went on point, the rooster pheasant flew up right in front of Angie! Angie was not even startled by the flapping of wings as the pheasant took to the air. She raised her shotgun, pointed it at the bird like a seasoned hunter and shot it down. It was



Angie with her pheasant.

perfect. Her face broke out in the most amazing smile, her eyes as big as clay targets! She had done it, she was capable, she was a hunter!

After returning to the hunt club we shared her hunt story with the other ladies and Angie cleaned her bird and saved the tail to mount as a trophy. The whole experience was amazing. I love firsts.

When I shared the news of the accident with the other Event Coordinators throughout the state, just like the geese, they've all offered their help and support. There is going to be a statewide raffle to help defer some of Angie's medical bills. The Four Rivers WITO is donating a shotgun they earned from their last event. The Mid Mo Posse, a collection of gals from several different chapters in the Jefferson City area, are donating the shotgun they won at last year's state tournament of skills. Platte Purchase's Tami

Honoring Sponsors in a special way

By David Balsman, Perry Co. Beards & Spears

The Perry County Beards & Spurs are by no means the largest chapter in Southeast Missouri, but we do have a very loyal and large sponsor backing. We have 56 regular members and 28 WITO members to go along with 32 Sponsor members. Our chapter was ranked eleventh at the MINK (4-state – Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas) banquet in sponsors.

We have a fundraiser each year to help offset our operating the chapter. In years past, we have purchased the prior year's "Gun of the Year," had 500 tickets printed at \$5 per chance, and then our committee members sold the tickets. We did this for several years.

We sold out once, and then for about the next three years, sold about 400 tickets each year. We wanted to try something different in 2005. This year's raffle still included the "GOTY," but we also purchased four other NWTF firearms, printed 550 tickets and raised the price of the chances to \$10.

Winners were placed back into the drawing so they actually got five chances to win for a \$10 ticket.

This year we offered the Remington .28 gauge, Henry .22 JAKES "Gun of the Year" from 2003, Charles Daly. 12 gauge camo turkey shotgun, Remington model 700, camo stock .270 cal., and Winchester model 70 with Simmons scope in 7mm Rem Mag.

The photograph was taken at the Cape Girardeau Gun Show on March 12. We displayed the firearms and had a very good response. We were able this year to meet our goal and sell all 550 tickets by March 19. Our committee worked very hard and the winners were very proud of their new NWTF firearms.

Our main purpose for this fundraiser has always been to pay for our spring "Thank You" dinner that we have solely for our sponsors. We had done this now for seven years and as far as we know, we are the only chapter anywhere in the MINK region that has a separate evening for the sponsors. We have always wanted our sponsors to know that without



David Balsman; photo by Barb Baird

them we simply would not exist. It is a great evening with a few drawings for ladies gifts and also a few goodies for the sponsors.

FIRST SPRING HUNTER APPRENTICE SCHOOL HELD

Bruswick, Mo. — Land Learning Foundation Hunter Apprentice School

The Land Learning Foundation, near Brunswick, Mo., hosted the First Annual JAKES Spring Hunter Apprentice School April 22-24. Ten students from across the state experienced a weekend of outdoor classes and turkey hunting at the Land Learning Foundation's new Dean Lake facility. Students and parents enjoyed the luxury of new log cabins recently completed by camp staff.

Hunter Apprentice School Director Bill Cooper stated that the purpose of the Hunter Apprentice School is to train new hunters and provide them an actual hunting experience.

"I have been with the Hunter Apprentice School since it began 14 years ago," Bill stated. "This event was actually a second Hunter Apprentice School. We have had one in the fall for the last 13 years and there will be another this fall; however, this is the first one we have held in the spring. The lands provided by the Land Learning Foundation gave kids the opportunity to hunt wild turkeys. The event was a huge step forward for the Hunter Apprentice School. After all, the NWTF is about wild turkeys and our management and enjoyment of the magnificent birds."

Students arrived at Dean Lake on Friday evening to the smell of hot pizza. Registration and introductions of students, parents and staff were the first order of business. Kelly Heisberger, of the Land Learning Foundation, gave the official welcome. Bill Cooper spoke to the group about safety and hunter ethics. Students also enjoyed a short photography class, picking up tips that would help them capture their experiences on film.

Four A.M. came very early the next morning, but anxious young hunters rolled out without a hitch. A hot breakfast of sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy stoked the fires of the camo-clad class.

Heavy wind and occasional raindrops greeted the future hunters. Everyone went afield despite the poor weather conditions. Six-year-old Wyatt Browers of Ironton brought in the only gobbler of the morning, a 16-lb jake. Wyatt became the instant camp hero.

Lunch and a short siesta agreed with everyone. After lunch, Bill Cooper led a session on clays shooting. Parents pitched in to help make the class an enjoyable success. Everyone shot clays until shoulders could endure no more.

While students waited their turn at clays, Henry Heisberger conducted a class on shooting .22 rifles. Every student earned patches from the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Saturday evening events included a turkey-calling contest. Other camp guests endured the raucous sound of a dozen turkey callers practicing at the same time for well over 30 minutes.

Judges strained ears and grey matter to select three winners. First place went to Rose Austin of St. James. Ryan Stoll, of Poplar Bluff, won second place honors, while Connor Wilkerson, of Richland, Texas, took third place.

A roaring campfire, a host of tall tales, and the sacrificing of untold numbers of marshmallows rounded out the first full day in turkey camp. Cabins grew quiet quickly.

Twelve-year-old Chris Kleinschmidt won top honors on Sunday morning by harvesting another jake. As hunters returned everyone enjoyed another round of clays, cleaned up camp and said good-byes, thus ending a very successful Hunter Apprentice School.

Kelly Heisberger, of the Land Learning Foundation, stated, "The Hunter Apprentice School is a fabulous program. The kids loved it and we were delighted to host it. We hope to continue to work with the Missouri State Chapter of the NWTF. Bill Cooper and Dian Stevenson did a great job of helping bring this Hunter Apprentice School together."

Check the Land Learning Foundation's Web site for future activities: www.landlearning.org.



The View From Here

By Cliff White, photographer for the Missouri Department of Conservation

I meet a lot of different people in my travels and many are aspiring photographers. Invariably, they have one question: “How can I make my pictures better?”

The answer, of course, is: “It depends.”

It can be complicated and depends on a lot of factors, such as: what kind of pictures you like to take, what the conditions are in which you are shooting, what kind of equipment you have, etc.

The problem is, there usually isn’t time to cover all of this. People want a short and simple answer. I’ve found there is one thing almost everyone, including me, can do to make his or her photographs better.

It is simple, easy to understand, and I can say it in two words: Get tighter.

Move closer or zoom in. Whatever it takes to fill the frame with your subject. Or, stated another way: Whatever it takes to eliminate from the photograph anything that isn’t important. If in doubt, take it out.

The first thing you need to do is decide what the subject is. It might be Junior with his first turkey. It might be the family posing in front of the Grand Canyon. It might be the Grand Canyon. Specifically identifying the subject is important, because it needs to be the most prominent thing in the picture.

Once you have decided what the subject is, you need to decide what surrounding elements to include to provide context, setting, mood, etc. Here is where you need to be very selective. Just like a good editor will cut sentences and paragraphs with what seems like ruthlessness, you need to be ruthless with what you cut out of the picture.

We probably don’t need to see the whole shotgun to get the idea that junior shot the turkey. Include just a little to get the idea. We don’t need to see the whole Grand Canyon to understand that the family took a vacation there.

If you are having an irresistible urge to include more of the canyon, then perhaps you need to reevaluate what your subject really is. Maybe you should consider the canyon the subject, and the family is only there to provide context rather than the other way around. If, however, the family truly is the subject, they need to be the most prominent thing in the frame, which means the bit of canyon you include needs to be minimal.

The part about this that people find complicated is that “shooting tight” is a relative term. Landscape shooters include a lot of stuff in their pictures, and are often capturing what we would consider a wide scene, but they are still shooting tight. At least the good ones are. If you look closely at a good landscape photo, you will find that there is nothing that isn’t important to the mood, theme or context of the image. Anything extraneous or distracting is eliminated from the frame.

Shooting tight creates a clean image, free of distraction, which will capture the eye of the viewer. And this is what we all should be aiming for.



Photo #1: While this picture may work fine for the purpose, it has distracting elements, such as the vine on the left, and just doesn’t catch my eye.



Photo #2: This photo, on the other hand, is clean and effective. The subject really stands out, and there is nothing that distracts us from her. I included just enough of the shotgun and the surroundings to give context, but not enough to overshadow the subject.

Something to consider, however, is that sometimes, in the right situations, shooting extremely tight can create a dynamic, show-stopping image!

Photography is a process, which means you should experiment. The next time you take a picture, take several, and each time move or zoom a little closer to until you are nearly right on top of your subject. You may find a picture or two in there that didn’t originally occur to you, but, when you look at them, they jump right out at you.

Another thing to experiment with is focal lengths. Zooming in with a long lens versus using a shorter lens and physically moving closer to your subject will create a different effect. Either way could be good or bad depending on the circumstances. Try it both ways to see what you like in a given situation.

Don’t forget to look around the edges of the frame. Many people just concentrate on the center. If there is stuff around the edges that doesn’t belong or is distracting, move until it is no longer there.

Most importantly, have fun! If you are enjoying what you are doing, you will be more likely to experiment, to get creative and to pay attention to the fundamentals. The most important fundamental being: shoot tight!

What's Wheelin'

"A Day at the Range" event scheduled for June 18, 2005 at the Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center, Bois D'Arc, Mo. Call Mike Brooks at 417-742-4361 or Matt Kramer at 417-839-6366 Fishing, Shooting, Archery, Outdoor Adventure Fair highlighting business providing outdoor products and services for people with disabilities.

2nd Annual Mid Missouri Wheelin' Sportsmen Benefit scheduled for Aug 12, 2005 at the Stoney Creek Inn, 2601 South Providence, Columbia, Mo. Call Travis Scott at 573-474-2993.

"Wheelin' Sportsmen Fishing Rodeo" scheduled for August 13, 2005, at Stephens Lake Park in Columbia, Mo. Call Al Smith at 866-397-2303 or Travis Scott at 573-474-2993. A day of fishing with all equipment furnished, lunch provided, no license required. For all people with disabilities.



L-R Matt Gilbert, Nathan Melton and Heath Gilbert. Matt and Heath guided two disabled veterans from the Cameron area. Nathan Melton harvested this trophy gobbler. John Hahn and the Grindstone Gobblers Chapter helped with this hunt.

WITO Turkey Hunt donated by Hawk I Hunts

By Angela Shoultz



Dolan Hawkins and Wes, the camp cook.

Rita Wilson and Angela Shoultz recently went on a guided turkey hunt donated by Dolan Hawkins of Hawk J Hunts of Cape Fair, Mo. The hunt was on several hundred acres of beautiful Ozark mountains.

Lodging was provided along with three delicious meals a day. Afternoons were spent fishing and sightseeing some of the areas restored mills. While the weather was a little nippy and windy, a good time was had by all. Hawk J Hunts consists of mule deer in Texas, Rio Grande turkeys, wild hog, etc. If you are looking for a local guide who has several years of experience and places to hunt just about anything, give Dolan a call at 417-538-2877. These guys treated us like queens with stories, delicious food, beautiful scenery, Southern hospitality and good fellowship.



Rita Wilson at Hodgson Water Mill



National Wild Turkey Federation
&
Great River Habitat Alliance

Are teaming up for the St. Louis Sponsor Bill Crowell Memorial Banquet. Come and enjoy a night under the stars at Anheuser Busch's Grants Farm on Saturday August 20, 2005. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Take a train ride through the deer park before entering the banquet facility. There will be lots of exclusive NWF items as well as many other exotics. So don't get left out in the heat. Reserve your seat today!!! Call Tim for ticket and general information @ 636-257-7121. Thanks again for your support and we will see you at the roost!!!



George Clark State Event & Tournament of Skills and Sporting Clays Fun Shoot

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- Rifle Marksmanship- *Thompson Center Arms* - Thompson Center 22 Classic Rifle
- Trap - *Missouri Conservation Federation* - Shotgun
- Black Powder Marksmanship- *CVA* - Black Powder Rifle
- Handgun Marksmanship- *Glock* - Glock 9mm handgun
- Archery - *Mathews Archery* - MQ2XL Bow
- Dutch Oven Cooking- *Cabela's* - Dutch Oven cooking table & accessories
- June 12th - Open Sporting Clays Fun Shoot - *Trailerconnections.com* - shotgun
- Midwest Scrap - shooting vest Other prizes! Open to all!

Raffles! Auctions! And FUN! FUN!

Never Too Old To Turkey Hunt

By Jesse Schowengerdt

When it comes to turkey hunting or any type of hunting for that matter, age can play a critical factor in deciding when and if you go. As most people age, they become limited in their agility and stamina.

When is a person too old to turkey hunt? Ask 88-year-old Missouri native Rupert LaFarge is he's too old to hunt and he will tell you there's no such thing. On April 18, 2005, Missouri's opening morning, Rupert harvested his biggest turkey to date. The bird weighed in at just under 25 pounds and sported two beards. Rupert loves to turkey hunt, especially with his grandson, Jesse Schowengerdt. Rupert helped Jesse harvest his first bird at age 14 and now the obsession has come full circle.

As a child I remember always bugging Grandpa to take him turkey hunting. Now it's the other way around. Spending precious time with my grandpa is more important to me than trying to harvest my own bird. Grandpa always made time for me when I was a child and now I am going to do the same for him. As long as he feels like going, I am going to take him.

Age isn't the only thing that Rupert has against him. Serving his country during



World War II, Rupert lost his hand to a mortar shell while carrying ammunition behind enemy lines, but he has never let it be a handicap. "Turkey hunting with my grandson is what motivates me and keeps me going. I try to keep busy as much as possible and not to let myself become idle. I am afraid that if I just sit around and do nothing all the time, I won't have the energy when turkey season gets here," says Rupert.

No doubt about it, hunting at age 88 does require a little bit of a different strategy. I try to find places that are easily accessible with relatively flat land for easy walking for grandpa. Using a blind, along with a folding chair allows for more undetected movement, unlike having to sit motionless for hours hunkered up against a tree. The blind also lets

grandpa and me communicate better when the bird gets close. I also get up 30 minutes earlier and leave plenty of time just in case grandpa needs a break on our walk in.

Life today is so hectic and we take for granted all of the little things in life. I will always cherish the time with my grandpa, especially when we are turkey hunting. I pray that GOD blesses me with good health as I become older and I am able to continue my love of the outdoors. If I live to be 88, I hope that my grandson will take time for me. One thing is for certain — YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO TURKEY HUNT!!!

Around the state with the NWTF



State JAKES coordinator Charlene West caught up with Rich Christopher and Bob Reese at the MO Deer Classic in Columbia, Mo., last March.



Rosemary Wilhelm, WITO State Volunteer Coordinator, sold raffle tickets for a purdy shotgun at the Deer Classic.



Deer Classic, Columbia, Mo. – Young's Creek Strutters Chapter was represented at an eye-catching booth by Scott McManama, Eric Farrens, Eddie Schutz, Josh Reams and Dennis Adkins.

photos by Barb Baird

Sakhon Coble, a WITO member affiliated with the Phelps Co. Dry Fork Strutters, killed her first gobbler this past season. He was a whopper – at 25 lbs!



June 11th & 12th - George Clark Mo state event & Tournament of skills & Sporting Clays FUN shoot.

June 18th – WITO of Southeast KS, Pittsburg, KS – contact Andra Stefanonie 620-232-8057 e-mail andra.stefanoni@greenbush.org

June 18th – Rhine Valley – Hermann, MO – contact Lisa Hansen – 573-486-3536 or Janice Ruediger 573-294-7189.

June 25th – Hill Creek Lodge – Pierce City, MO – Contact Stormy Holtzman 417-846-0913 or 417-652-7225, e-mail stormy@mo-net.com

July 16th – Kahoka, Clark County Longbeards – Contact Betty Stutz 660-866-2590 e-mail lbstutz@nemr.net

July 23rd – Union, MO – Four Rivers (largest in the nation last year!) - contact Charlene Eckstein 573-484-3077 or Michelle Douglas 636-583-7740



July 30th – Maryville, MO – Platte Purchase & Northwest Struttin' Toms – Contact Tami Brown 816-567-2224 or e-mail stcbrown@ccp.com

July 30th – Fayette, MO – HoCoMo Big Beards, contact Melissa McManama 573-819-9873 or Melissa_McManama@Bonnebank.com

Aug. 6th – Bois D'Arc, MO – (near Springfield) – Sho-Me, Contact Sarah Shank 417-833-1514 or e-mail william.shank@att.net

Aug. 13th – California, MO – Moniteau Monarchs conceal carry certification & shooting event, contact Kathie Hubbard 573-796-8696 Kink3@midamerica.net

Aug. 27th – Hannibal – Nemo – Contact Judy Martin 573-769-4189

MDC partners with Wheelin' program

From NWTF.org

Editor's note: although this may be "old news," it is important. Not only was an outstanding hunt held, but also, a wonderful partnership was born – bb

Wheelin' Sportsmen NWTF Hunts in Missouri

BOISE D'ARC, Mo. - Eleven sportsmen and women with disabilities will have the opportunity to hunt wild turkeys, April 30 - May 1, on 3,000 acres of rolling hills at the Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center in Boise D'Arc, Mo.

"This event gives more people with disabilities a chance to get outdoors and enjoy the spring turkey season," said Kirk Thomas, national coordinator of Wheelin' Sportsmen NWTF. "We appreciate the Missouri Department of Conservation stepping up to sponsor this hunt, and we hope this helps create more Wheelin' Sportsmen events in Missouri."

Wheelin' Sportsmen NWTF is the National Wild Turkey Federation's outreach program for people with disabilities and host of Boise D'Arc's spring hunt. Along with Wheelin' Sportsmen NWTF, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), NWTF Show-Me chapter, and the Southwest Center for Independent Living will co-sponsor the hunt.

"The MDC is delighted to host this special turkey hunt for people with disabilities," said Michael Brooks, Missouri Department of Conservation outdoor education center supervisor. "We're proud to offer this opportunity during the Missouri turkey season."



The Show-Me Chapter and MDC hosted the event

In conjunction with the hunt, the MDC will enter into an official agreement with the NWTF as a supporter of the Wheelin' Sportsmen program. A formal signing will be held at the Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center on Saturday, April 30, at 1 p.m., after the morning hunt.

With the same dedication the NWTF has given to wild turkey restoration efforts across North America, the NWTF is delivering - and in some cases re-introducing - the beauty and excitement of the outdoors to thousands of people with disabilities through its outreach program, Wheelin' Sportsmen.

Wheelin' Sportsmen NWTF provides all people with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors through local chapter events nationwide, such as hunting, fishing and shooting activities. The program also provides a full-color, quarterly magazine to its members. Wheelin' Sportsmen magazine is dedicated to the education and entertainment of outdoors enthusiasts with disabilities.

Sho-Me Chapter holds seminar

By Matt Kramer

Want to learn how to turkey hunt? Twenty-nine beginning turkey hunters did as evidenced by their attendance at the "Turkey Hunting Basics" seminar hosted by the Sho-Me Chapter of the NWTF and the Missouri Department of Conservation on March 5, 2005. The third annual one-day seminar, held at the MDC's Andy Dalton Shooting Range located near Bois D' Arc, Mo., consisted of a full day of instruction, demonstrations and hands-on activities presented by Sho-Me Chapter volunteers and MDC range staff. Sho-Me Chapter volunteers Matt Kramer, Todd Clifford, RD Chorce, Dale Garner and Marti Davis (our NWTF District "hen"), along with MDC staff Mike Brooks, Brad Jump, Zeb Jordan, Kurt Kysar, Keith Debow and Andy Rhodes presented the following topics to provide the attendees, many whom had never turkey hunted, some of the skills necessary to increase their chances for a successful spring hunt:

- Regulation Review, Enforcement Activities
- Turkey Calling Techniques
- Turkey Biology, Habitat, Restoration Projects, Trapping Net
- Hunting Techniques
- Proper Use of Equipment and Clothing
- Hunting and Firearms Safety, Shotgun Patterning

Our attendees walked away from the seminar with increased confidence and a plethora of useful information and tips to try out on a wary old longbeard this spring. We hope the information gleaned during the seminar will help ensure their hunts are safe and enjoyable. Everyone at least walked away with new Knight & Hale slate calls, courtesy of MDC, and new diaphragm calls and decals courtesy of Marti Davis and H.S. Strut.

Upcoming Sho-Me Chapter Events:

- June 2005 – Sho-Me Chapter Sponsor fish fry and trap & skeet shoot
- June 18, 2005 - "Day At The Range" – 250 disabled participants will have the opportunity to spend a day shooting archery and pellet guns, fishing, learning a myriad of outdoor skills from camping to deer hunting, and attending a variety of outdoor skills workshops including gardening for wildlife, wingbone turkey call making, and button-lure making
- August 6 – Women in the Outdoors event.



PHOTO: by Mike Brooks, A father and son practice their calling techniques at the seminar.

NWTF Banquets



Dent County Thundering Toms

Event Date: 06/10/2005
 Location: Salem City Hall
 Salem, MO 65560
 Contact: Cheryl Smith
 Phone: 573/729-7083

Branson Tri-Lakes

Event Date: 06/11/2005
 Location: Branson Lions Club
 Branson, MO 65616
 Contact: Cathey McGregor
 Phone: 417/336-3022

Kingdom of Callaway Limbhangers

Event Date: 06/16/2005
 Location: St. Peters Catholic Church
 Fulton, MO 65251
 Contact: Ben Doerge
 Phone: 573/581-7828
 Email: badoerge@socket.net

Rocky Top Limbhangers

Event Date: 06/17/2005
 Location: The Opera House
 West Plains, MO 65775
 Contact: Brad McKee
 Phone: 417/778/6862
 Email: mckee@mdc.state.mo.us

Nolan R. Hutcheson Memorial

Event Date: 06/24/2005
 Location: Golden Hills Trail Rides & Resort
 Raymondville, MO 65555
 Contact: Mike O'Brien
 Phone: 573/674-4044

Bollinger County Double Beards

Event Date: 06/25/2005
 Location: First Baptist Church of Marble Hill
 Marble Hill, MO 63764
 Contact: Randy Pogue
 Phone: 573 238 3234
 Email: ran11@clas.net

Yellow Creek Gobblers

Event Date: 07/16/2005
 Location: Walsworth Community Building
 Marceline, MO 64658
 Contact: Ken Polley
 Phone: 660/258-5340
 Email: ken.poley@mdc.mo.gov

Shoal Creek Chapter

Event Date: 07/22/2005
 Location: Monett Park & Casino Building
 Monett, MO 65708
 Contact: Bill House
 Phone: 417 442 3719

Summit City Longbeards

Event Date: 07/23/2005
 Location: Robinson Middle School
 Aurora, MO 65605
 Contact: Virgil Denayer
 Phone: 417/678/1020

Perry County Beards & Spurs

Event Date: 07/30/2005
 Location: Perryville Elks Lodge
 Perryville, MO 63775
 Contact: Alan Huber
 Phone: 573/547-8990

St. Louis Longbeards

Event Date: 07/30/2005
 Location: Oakville Elks Lodge
 St. Louis, MO 63129
 Contact: Norb Geniec
 Phone: 314/842-3370
 Email: norbnwtf@msn.com

David Blanton Memorial

Event Date: 08/06/2005
 Location: Ozark Family YMCA
 Mt. Grove, MO 65711
 Contact: Shane Coffman
 Phone: 417/926-3150

Springtown Wattlenecks

Event Date: 08/06/2005
 Location: Knights of Columbus Hall
 Kearney, MO 64060
 Contact: Troy O'Dell
 Phone: 816/628-4254

Mark Twain Forest Longspurs

Event Date: 08/13/2005
 Location: Potosi Lions Club
 Potosi, MO 63664
 Contact: John Cook
 Phone: 573/436-2423
 Email: mdc563@earthlink.net

Lake Show-Me Longbeards

Event Date: 08/19/2005
 Location: VFW Post 4958
 Memphis, MO 63555
 Contact: Dorsey Swearingen
 Phone: 660/892-4596

North West Struttin' Toms

Event Date: 08/20/2005
 Location: American Legion Hall
 Maryville, MO 64468
 Contact: Stuart Carmichael
 Phone: 660/927/3638

St. Louis Sponsor Event

Event Date: 08/20/2005
 Location: Anheuser Busch Grants Farm
 St. Louis, MO 63123
 Contact: Mike Benecke
 Phone: 314/488/1709
 Email: mbgrha@yahoo.com

13th Annual Missouri JAKES Hunter Apprentice School

By Charlene West, State JAKES coordinator

Plans are underway for the 13th Annual Missouri JAKES Bud Bennett Memorial Hunter Apprentice School to be held September 16-18 at Smokey Hollow Hunting Preserve near Newburg, Mo. Rob Stover will be ably assisting me.

The George C. Clark Missouri State NWTF Chapter sponsors this event. The event is open to the first 20 Missouri NWTF chapters who register with JAKES members qualified to attend.

The three-day event begins Friday evening. Students and one parent or guardian arrive at camp, set up tents and get ready for a tremendous weekend. Registration begins around 5:30. Pizza is served approximately 6:00. Rules are set and introductions are made for the weekend's event.

The students are given a refresher course in Hunter Education. They attend classes concerning care for your bird dog, the use of optics and

map and compass, turkey calling, training your bird dog and several others. Also, they receive supervised instruction on the shotgun range and shooting clay target. We will be having a wild turkey calling contest for those who want to participate. One of the other aspects of the event for the students is to go on a guided bird hunt.

To attend the Hunter Apprentice School, a JAKES member must be at least 11 years old and have successfully completed the Hunter Education Course.

If you belong to a Missouri NWTF chapter and have never sent a student to the event, I encourage you to do so. It's a once in a lifetime adventure for them.

To get more information about the Hunter Apprentice School, contact me at 573-426-6331, e-mail ckcooper@fidnet.com, or e-mail Rob Stover at hunting1@hotmail.com.

Our Super Fund Dollars at Work in Missouri 2005

George C. Clark Missouri State Chapter, National Wild Turkey Federation

At the December 2004 Missouri State Board of Directors budget meeting board members approved an extremely aggressive budget of over \$273,596.30 for 2005. The projects approved were selected from all submitted applications totaling more than \$563,030.30. These projects stand to improve habitat on both public and private ground and support outdoor recreation safety, awareness, and education in the Show Me State. An overview of allocated dollars follows:

Equipment & Habitat – 25 projects - **total \$102,820 (38%)**

ATV and tractor implements, water units, bush hogs, mowers, tillers, disks, burn equipment, spray units, tree planting, native grass seed and herbicide, cost share for area specific private lands projects, native seed harvesters, seed drills

Support of Educational Programs – 9 projects - **total \$38,050 (14%)**

Support MO Vocational Agricultural program, support Canon Envirothon, support high school hunting and fishing Club activities, support Land Learning Foundation outdoor Learning Skills workshops, scan-tron for hunter ed., projection Systems, turkey symposium support, Discovery Center support

Support Shooting Sports – 15 projects - **total \$30,526.30 (11%)**

Sporting clays trailer, guns for various local 4H clubs, Blinds for youth and disabled hunts, walk-in area signs, Support collegiate shooting team, build archery field.

Scholarships - Local and State scholarship awards **total \$20,000 (7%)**

Women in the Outdoors - Local chapter events, State event & training **total \$6,000 (2%)**

Jakes - Local chapter Jakes events, MO Hunter Apprentice School & National Event **total \$11,000 (4%)**

Wheelin' Sportmen events with local chapters - **total \$2,000 (1%)**

Support of MO 4H Shooting Sports **total \$5,000 (2%)**

Salary Support for MO NWTF Biologist **total \$10,000 (4%)**

Conservation Federaton Affiliation Dues **total \$10,000 (4%)**

National Convention Travel **total \$6,000 (2%)**

Heritage Building Campaign **total \$10,000 (4%)**

Wildlife Legislative Fund of America **total \$5,000 (2%)**

Seed Subsidy **total \$3,000 (1%)**

MO State Leadership Meeting **total \$1,500 (.5%)**

Porter Wagner National Jakes Event **total \$1,200 (.5%)**

Reward Signs **total \$1,000 (.5%)**

Share the Harvest **total \$5,000 (2%)**

Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative **total \$500 (.5%)**

Support Development of State Sportsmen's Caucus **total \$5,000**
GRAND TOTAL = \$273,596.30

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I got to shoot a muzzle loader. By the way, my dad hates them, and just my luck the first two times I tried to shoot, the gun didn't go off.

Bobbie Vinson put the birds out in the fields where they were planted. Charlene Cooper was the main person and she did a great job. I also meet a lady named Dee and a bunch of other people — oh yeah, Josh Seth, Cody, Blake and Tim, I didn't forget you!

All in all, I had a great weekend with my dad and newfound friends.



Denny Whittaker coaches Elizabeth in using a muzzle loader.


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Chufa?**

We do . . . and it won't last long. If you're interested in purchasing some of the remaining bags of Chufa for your food plots, act now. E-mail Barb Baird at smgedit@fidnet.com for an order form and more information about the remaining supply.

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Brown is donating one of her framed hand-painted turkey tail feathers and the Bunt Cumbea WITO is donating four custom box calls. The state chapter is also contributing. It will be a great raffle for a great cause, one of our own. All of the women contributing to this raffle have never met Angie, but she is one of them, part of an extended family. They all have a common bond, love for the outdoors and enjoyment of bringing outdoor skills to other women like themselves. I've been very moved by the feeling of community and compassion amongst the members of the Women in the Outdoors and by their willingness to help one of their own.

If you would like to purchase or sell raffle tickets or would like to help in any capacity, contact me @ 816-387-6606 nwtfbenitz@socket.net, or Vicky Bonney @ 573-562-7205, e-mail harley_1125@netzero.com.

If you want to send a card of encouragement to Angie, mail it to this address:

Angie Hill
C/O O.W.L.
PO Box 483, Potosi, MO 63664



Rhine Valley Chapter Host continued on from pg 1

The entertainment aspect of the program also keeps getting better. Keith Ruediger, Chapter President, along with his JAKES committee, determined that one very important aspect of a successful event is to have a presentation, a show or featured activity that not only the kids, but also the adults would enjoy. For starters, they had the Safari Club International Sensory Trailer (primarily African game mounts) available for viewing. If you have not had an opportunity to see this display, I would highly recommend that you do so.

The Safari Club Trailer, in itself, is quite an attraction. In addition to that, they also had the "Masters of the Sky" program put on by the World Bird Sanctuary. I think this is one of the neatest, most interesting programs I have ever seen. This program began at 3:15 and by that time, our JAKES had already had a very busy and action-packed day and one might well expect that they would quickly become restless sitting through an hour-long presentation and that their attention spans for the day may have been exceeded. That was simply not the case!

This group was as attentive and as interested as any group I have ever seen. Of course when you have a Great Horned Owl or a Red Tailed Hawk soaring about six inches over the heads of a group of kids, I guess it is easy to see how you keep their attention. Mike Zeloski and his able-bodied assistant, Linda Tossing, along with their team which included a Screech Owl named Twig, an American Barn Owl named Rafter and a majestic Bald Eagle named McGuire did a fantastic job of entertaining and educating all of us.

Now, I will assure you that these special attractions are something these JAKES and their parents will be talking about for several years to come and it is just one more reason to cause them to want to come back next year and to possibly even bring a friend.

The last ingredient of the Rhine Valley Chapter's formula for success is a healthy dose of some very nice attendance prizes: two youth shotguns, two turkey blinds, several fully-guided hunts, a pheasant hunt (for the JAKES Xtreme winners) and an assortment of camping and hunting gear and much more.

Now, all of this sounds like an awful lot of effort being expended to get kids and their parents to participate in this activity and why, you may ask, is it so important to do this?

I heard Rob Keck telling us at the National Convention this year that the average age (nationwide) of a person purchasing a hunting license is now 55 years. Just think about that for a few minutes ... some things simply can not be said too often. If we do not take the responsibility for getting these young folks active and interested in hunting and the outdoors, what will happen to our hunting and outdoor sports heritage over the next 10 years? What will happen to our rights of gun ownership?

There are many other activities available to young kids these days that are far more accessible and more highly promoted than hunting or shooting and outdoor sports are. While some of these activities may well be rewarding, there is still clearly a place for hunting; however, the key is to find ways to get kids exposed to and interested in the sport. Get them hooked while they are young!

If your chapter is not presently hosting a JAKES event or if the event is not as good as it could be, it is probably the single best opportunity that your chapter has to make a significant contribution to your community, to build your chapter and to gain whole bunch of community support.

In the event that your chapter is already hosting a very successful event, share your chapter's success and your ideas with other chapters in order to help improve the overall quality of the JAKES program in Missouri. A great way to do that is thru the Show Me Gobbler.



Mike Zeloski of the World Bird Sanctuary explains the habitat requirements of the Bald Eagle.



Claybird action (notice the shell a'flying!)



Steve Kubiak, in 1812 military uniform teaching the finer points of shooting a flint lock muzzle loader to a young JAKE participating in his first event.



On Call



Dr. Joseph Malters

After a full day of turkey hunting in Kansas several years ago, my hunting partners commented on the large number of ticks everyone seemed to be getting. Some were pulling 15-20 ticks off at the end of the day, whereas I encountered only two ticks during the entire three-day hunt. Feeling sorry for these unfortunate individuals, I decided to give them an educational discourse on the subject and divulge how I combat these pesky creatures. Hopefully

you will be able to read through this and stay awake better than my friends fared during my lecture.

Vector-borne diseases are a significant health problem worldwide, and living in the U.S. is no exception. While enjoying the outdoors, and especially while turkey hunting, we are susceptible to bites from mosquitoes, ticks and an assortment of other insects such as chiggers. The bites from these critters may produce an irritating local bite reaction that may persist for weeks or even longer. I have seen persistent tick bite reactions that have been symptomatic in excess of one year, although most resolve much sooner than this. Additionally mosquitoes and ticks can be the vector of some serious and potentially life-threatening illnesses. Mosquitoes may spread several forms of viral encephalitis, including the newly introduced West Nile Virus.

Ticks are the known vectors for Lyme Disease, Tularemia, Human Ehrlichiosis, Babesiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, STARI (southern tick associated rash illness), Colorado Tick Fever and Tick Bite Paralysis. The majority of these illnesses tend to produce a flu-like

syndrome of varying severity and some may have an associated characteristic rash. Treatment of these diseases with appropriate antibiotics usually provides a prompt cure; however, atypical presentation or delayed diagnosis of some of these may result in significant morbidity or mortality.

As with many items, an ounce of prevention is usually worth a pound of cure. I try to minimize bites from insects that may spread disease and there are a number of options to choose from. One can purchase specially designed "bug proof" clothing. This type of item can be found through any of the hunting specialty stores. I personally do not use these, but instead spray my entire wardrobe that I will be wearing for the hunt with Permethrin (also called Permanone). The directions on the container state that the items should be sprayed in a well-ventilated area, and to let the garment dry for at least two hours before wearing. The active ingredient binds to the fabric being treated and therefore will stay active for several weeks and supposedly still be active after several washings.

On the day of the hunt, I then spray an insect repellent containing DEET onto my skin and clothing, paying particular attention to areas where the ticks will try to get around the clothing such as cuffs around the ankles and wrists. I also like to spray some repellent onto my cap and facemask to keep those pesky flying insects away from my eyes, mouth and ears. (Have you ever noticed that mosquitoes and gnats like to show up just when that big gobbler shows up right in front of you?) I carry along a small pump bottle and reapply as needed during the hunt.

Finally, when you get home, perform a skin check and see how you fared. If any ticks have attached themselves to the skin, gently remove them by grasping with tweezers just next to the skin. If you grab in the middle or end away from the skin you may actually "inject" any of the disease microorganisms that they tick may be carrying.

So remember, have fun while chasing that gobbler, but be safe out there.

Dr. Malters is a dermatologist in practice in Rolla, Mo. He is also vice-president of the Phelps County Dry Fork Strutters Chapter.

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Please send your back issue of the last Gobbler (March 2005) to Jimmy Williams at 7522 Route W, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Jimmy's relatives want copies of the Capitol City Strutters article/photos on page 7. Thanks – bb.

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