

The Jersey Gobbler
Newsletter of the New Jersey State Chapter
November 2014



Regional Director's Message – Butch Faulkner

To my NWTF Family, Please know that from my heart this is a bitter-sweet moment for myself and my family.

I've been blessed for the last 2+ years to have had the opportunity to work side-by-side with each of you. Your friendship, passion and support have deposited many life-long memories in my soul forever.

But changes come along within ALL of our lives.

I've accepted an offer from NWTF to further my career with this organization by utilizing my prior career experience in the upper-level Development arena and I will be departing you as your Regional Director. Our family will be relocating to Florida sometime around the first of the year.

This was not an easy decision to make. After much prayer and consideration, our family accepted this offer and opportunity to continue to grow our Mission with the NWTF within their Development Department. We have a lot of work to do to fulfill our goals with Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt, and I'm honored to be included to help in this journey.

It is a great blessing to be a part of this wonderful NWTF family and this is not goodbye, but rather a see-you-later, under a different department.

I would like you all to know that I have been asked to be a part of the search and transition process to select a new Regional Director for this area, and to help assist this new Regional Director with introductions and background/history/culture on each Chapter to enable a smooth transition. We already have a few qualified candidates that have expressed interest in this calling and we would be interested in any recommendations that you may have for this position.

I will be in touch with you in the days ahead and I wish you all the very best.

Myself and my family are grateful for all you've done for us and we have been blessed by your friendship and support.

Blessings,

Butch, Patti, Jessi, Grace, Luke, and Delani Faulkner

October 1, 2014



NWTF National Director Report – Scott Hill

Thanks for being part of the best conservation organization!! It is truly amazing to see all the great work taking place in the state of New Jersey thanks to the hard work of fellow volunteers and our local chapters. From conservation projects to Jakes days, Wheelin' sportsman's Hunts, and our upcoming mentored youth hunts and women in the outdoors events there is certainly no shortage of good things happening right here in the Garden State. With our

Save The Habitat Save The Hunt initiative we look to conserve and enhance 4 million acres of land not only for the wild turkey but for all wildlife, create 500,000 acres of new hunter access, and create 1.5 million new hunters nationwide. I know we are all working hard in our home state of New Jersey to do our part, but with nearly 10,000 turkey hunters in our state and not even 1,000 NWTF members we need all to do our part and tell those who are not a part of our great organization to get on board so we can pass our great hunting traditions on to the next generation. I would like to ask each of you at this time to get involved or start a local chapter in your area of the state. There is so much more that can be done but we do need the support and participation from all of our membership.



Lastly in your November/December issue of turkey country magazine is a ballot on page 16 for national board elections, I am one of the candidates on the ballot and I am asking for you to take the time and fill out the ballot, you must vote for 3 in order for your ballot to count and I would certainly appreciate your support. Again get involved and together we can help to build a strong hunting future for our next generation.

Yours in Conservation
Scott Hill
NWTF National Board Member



President's Message Tim Blum

Hi Everyone,

The year 2014 is another good year. We are moving forward with Save the Habitat Save the Hunt with a Quail project in South Jersey that will help improve turkey habitat and we are continuing with a thirty year habitat project on Thunder Mountain in Walpack.

The Jakes Take Aim Trailer (it's a blow-up BB Gun Range that is used for gun safety training) was used at two events



this year it was very popular with the kids and the adults as well.

There was also a Wheelin' Sportsman hunt held in January. It's a Handicap – Wounded Warrior hunt and it looks like we should have two of these events in January 2015.

I would like to thank everyone that has helped at a Banquet – Jakes Day – Wheelin Event and Sports Shows Etc. I hope to see you at one of our events in 2015. Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to help please contact me, or take a look at us at NJNWTF.org

Thanks,

Tim Blum

Tim Blum

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Putting Conservation on the Ground in the Garden State

By: Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist

This has been one very busy year for our New Jersey Chapter and our local chapters. Fund-raising efforts have gone extremely well and we have invested in a large number of projects. So just what did we accomplish toward Saving the Habitat and Saving the Hunt? The year started off with a large scale cooperative habitat enhancement project in Cumberland County. The Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Landis Sewerage Authority were planning Phase I of a project to restore bobwhite habitat. They asked for the assistance of our chapters in that endeavor and the Tri-County Longbeards Chapter enthusiastically agreed to help out. Chapter president Lou Gambale met with the team in Vineland and a plan was hatched. As regional biologist I reviewed the plan, made some adjustments to it and presented the proposal to our Super Fund Committee. The Super Fund Committee agreed to fund the project to the tune of \$3,000. After a careful look at the value of this project, including preparing the site and planting 30 acres of warm season grasses, forbs and wildflowers I decided to see if we could find partners. Following a few phone calls we had commitments of contributions from Ducks Unlimited, The South Jersey Quail Project and the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance. The planting was completed in June. Future phases



of this project will affect hundreds of acres of quail habitat. What's good for bobwhites is good for wild turkeys too.

In the spring a number of our members took advantage of the Conservation Seed program. New Jersey Chapter members obtained 22 bags of Round-up Ready corn seed for planting on private lands around the state. Conservation Seed crops must be left standing for wildlife. Three bags of corn seed were provided to the Division of Fish and Wildlife for planting on management areas in northern counties. The corn seed produced more than 50 acres of high quality winter food for wild turkeys and deer.

Also in the spring members had the option of participating in the Seed Subsidy Program. This program provided a limited amount of clover and chufa seed to chapter members at reduced cost. The program is first come, first served and the chapter allocated a certain amount of funding to support the purchases. This program produced more than 20 acres of high value forage for wild turkeys, deer and other critters.

As the summer progressed the Super Fund Committee approved the expenditures for our annual brood habitat maintenance project in Sussex County. Annual mowing of more than 25 acres of brood habitat on the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area has been a long term project of our chapter. It is extremely valuable for improving brood range on this large federal property that receives very little active management. This is another \$3,000 project.

Our final habitat project for 2014 came as a result of planning by the Kittatinny Gobblers and Highlands Chapters to support special hunts on the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge in Sussex County. The US Fish and Wildlife Service staff on the refuge asked if our chapters could help with special hunts for young hunters and disabled individuals. A new property was acquired by the refuge that needed some extensive work to enhance habitat. Our Super Fund Committee approved another \$3,000 expenditure to provide seed to plant 30 acres of warm season grasses, forbs and wildflowers.

This year our chapter spent more than \$9,000 on habitat improvement work. We provided the seed and other necessities but the agencies involved supplied equipment, herbicide and manpower. When you add that into the equation our investment was worth more than \$30,000 in conservation work on the ground. But our chapters did not simply stop there. Outreach efforts touched the lives of hundreds of people. The Spruce Run Chapter hosted their annual 'Wheelin' Sportsmen Deer Hunt on Heron Glen Golf Course in January with the cooperation of the Hunterdon County Park Commission. Twelve disabled hunters had great success on the tree day hunt. The Tri-County Longbeards held a JAKES event in early August and participated in the Salem County Rod and Gun Club Expo. Chapter members operated the JAKES TAKE AIM BB Gun Range at both events

reaching hundreds of youngsters. Later in the month the Spruce Run Chapter held their annual JAKES Fishing Day at the Pequest Trout Hatchery Fish for Fun Pond. Nearly a hundred kids had a great morning of fishing followed by hot dogs and burgers prepared by the talented grill masters of the chapter.

Our chapters are active. There is so much more we could do if we had your help. There are four chapters in the Garden State. Our chapter banquet committees work hard to generate the funds for all these projects. If you are a member please think about coming out to the dinners. Better yet, get involved and join a committee. Start a new chapter and raise more funds. We cannot continue to do good work unless we have the funds to work with. Your participation is essential. If you're a turkey hunter, don't stop thinking about conservation the day spring season ends. Put the enthusiasm you feel for the hunt to work at Saving the Habitat and Saving the Hunt. We directly impacted more than 150 acres of wildlife habitat on lands open to hunting. Help your fellow turkey hunters assure a bright future for wild turkeys and our hunting tradition. Get involved!!!



The NWTF Conservation Seed program provides surplus seed to conservation groups and private individuals to use the seed for wildlife use. The only restriction is that the seed cannot be harvested or used for livestock feed. The seed is provided at the nominal cost of shipping and bagging ranging from \$5.00 to \$15.00/ 50 pound bag depending on the type of seed acquired. The seed can be used in fallow fields, or along the edges of active fields.

Orders for seed must be placed before December 31, for spring planting. Seed will be delivered to a central location in New Jersey and must be picked up by the purchaser. Currently, the quantities requested in NJ are so small that we share our orders with the PA state chapter. Interested parties should contact:

Bob Eriksen, Regional Biologist

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Seed Subsidy Program

This program is funded by the local Superfund and the amount of seed available is limited by the local State Chapter's level of funding for the program. The New Jersey State Chapter allocated funds to subsidize seed for our members at 50% of normal cost. Limit is 2 bags of seed/member. Additional bags may be ordered at full price. The application form for the seed is available on line at http://www.nwtf.org/conservation/seed_subsidy_program.html

Cost share basis with the NRCS paying 75% of the freight.

If you own land, have friends that own land or know any land owners interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact me. My contact information can be found on the NWTF website or the New Jersey Chapter website. This is a great chance to be involved in a major conservation effort!



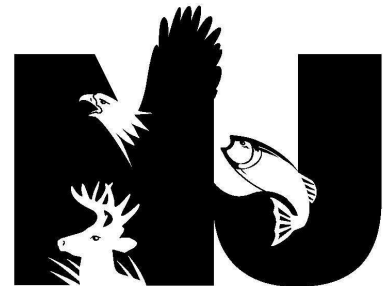
New Jersey Wild Turkey Updates

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Tony McBride, Supervising Biologist,
NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife

The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife collects summer brood sighting reports from Division employees and NWTF volunteers between May and September. These reports are designed to provide feedback on the average number of poults produced by nesting hens every year. The forms have been compiled for 2014, and the average number of poults per hen over the reporting period was 3.4. This number correlates with a fair/ good production year. Remember that a crucial month for turkey production is June, and this past June was fairly dry in most areas. Turkey numbers are holding well in New Jersey, though a few more good hatches are needed to bring the population back to year 2000 levels.

Turkey hunters should note that we will continue to have extended hours for part of the 2015 spring turkey season. Hunting hours for "D segment" permit holders and for the last Saturday for "E segment" permit holders will be ½ hour before sunrise until sunset. These extended hours will provide more opportunity for hunters who cannot easily get time off of work and for youth hunters who would like to hunt after school.



NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF
Fish and Wildlife

In addition, proposed amendments to the 2015/2016 Game Code include several changes for wild turkey seasons including opening the fall season for the entire state and increasing the spring permit quotas in Turkey Hunting Areas 14 and 22. Please visit http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2014/gamecode_notice7-14.htm for details.



Thunder Mountain Project-Ray Eriksen, Chairman

As we approach the thirty year anniversary of the start of the Thunder Mountain Habitat Improvement Project, it caused me to pause and reflect on how this project started and all of those folks who have helped us along the way. John Kimball and Bob Eriksen, who was Project Leader of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Wild Turkey Restoration Project at the time met in Walpack and walked the area known as Thunder Mountain. John was struck by the beauty of the area and immediately set to work with Bob and representatives from the U.S. Park Service to begin the project. Through letters and telephone calls things were worked out for our State Chapter to go to work clearing farm fields which had overgrown in the years since the land purchases had been made for the Tocks Island Dam Project.

In the beginning, we worked only with hand tools, bow saws, axes, and other implements. As we progressed, the Park Service allowed some of us to gain qualification to use chainsaws on federal property. This made our work much easier and the clearing went much faster. Over the years we have lost folks who began the project with us. This year we lost Kathy Jarvie, an enthusiastic, hard working volunteer who put many of us to shame in the amount of work she did on the project. Over the years we have lost several team members who's legacy lives on in the project: Henry Boss, Bill Carmen, Steve Kurimsky, Ed and Kathy Jarvie, and Jack Holl to name a few. We miss those people and their dedication to the project.

This year we cut up trees that had fallen into fields we had previously cleared. With the help of Tom Witter, a retired Park Service employee and long time volunteer, who is qualified to use a large tractor and brush hog, we managed to get most of the trees removed. Our thanks go out to Tom for without him, we would still be trying to get those trees out! Thanks also go out to Kelcey who has mowed those fields for us over the years in order to keep them clear.

This year, we have set the date of 7 March 2015 for our work party. A rain/snow date of 14 March has been set. We are working with the Park Service to try to get more folks qualified to use chainsaws as our sawyers aren't getting any younger! Should anyone have interest in working on this project with us, please contact Ray Eriksen, 908 665 9051.

Ray Eriksen
Thunder Mountain Project Chair



New Jersey State Chapter 2015 AWARDS BANQUET

The New Jersey State Chapter Board of Directors would like to thank all our members who came to our 2013 Banquet. Although we did not have a 2014 Awards Banquet, we will be holding our Tenth Annual Awards Banquet on Jan. 4, 2015 at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Twp.

The format has changed for this year. We will have a Silent Auction and several raffles. This afternoon event will be a “Special Bash” event. You will have the opportunity to bid on items in the silent auctions, and play many of the games we will have. Because there is no raffle package, you are only committed to dinner if you come. Register with enclosed form (on reverse) or register from our website at: <http://njnwtf.org/njnwtf-online.html>



2014 Show and Sales

2014 turned into a special year for our Shows and Sales. Beginning with the Garden State Outdoors Sportsmen’s Show (GSOSS) in Edison and finishing up with the NJ Outdoors Expo at Colliers’s Mills WMA, we had some great events. The State Chapter was present for the Pequest Open House, the Turkey Call Seminar, the Watchung Reservation Conservation Event, and more!

The new Jakes Take Aim Trailer was an exceptional hit, but we learned that we need a lot of manpower to run it correctly. We set it up at the Pequest Open House on Saturday, but did not have enough volunteers for Sunday, nor for the 2014 Outdoor Expo at Colliers Mills.



We will be attending many of the same events in 2015. Be sure to come visit us at the Garden State Outdoorsmen Show the weekend of January 8 – 11. For more information contact Jim Salt (jsaltathome@aol.com) or visit www.gsoss.com for scheduled events at the show.



**Visit us at our Booth
GARDEN STATE OUTDOOR SPORTSMEN’S SHOW
January 8 -11, 2015
NJ Convention & Expo Center at Raritan Center,
Edison, New Jersey**



Juniors Acquiring Knowledge Ethics and Sportsmanship

Jakes days are special days to spend with your child or grandchild. The JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge Ethics and Sportsmanship) program helps introduce youngsters to the world of the wild turkey, the true meaning of conservation and the preservation of our hunting heritage. But the program is much more than that. By providing a positive role model for our children, we help mold them into responsible Adults; The Jakes program gives parents a way to share their enthusiasm for the outdoors with their kids.

It has been another great year for our Jakes with three Jakes events. In August, the Spruce Run Chapter's event involved fishing and hunter education at the Pequest Hatchery. Over 85 Jakes attended and several completed their hunter safety course at the event. Those who were too young spent the day fishing in the Trout Education Pond. Tim Blum reported that it was a great event and everyone had a good time. In July and August, the Tri-County Longbeards held two Jakes Events and introduced the shooting sports to over 200 youngsters with our Jakes Take Aim Trailer at the South Jersey Youth Day.

We also have a scholarship program that provides qualifying graduating seniors the chance to receive hundreds of dollars in scholarship funds. Each chapter can issue up to \$500 for a qualifying student. Each winner of the local scholarship will have a chance to receive the \$1000 State Scholarship. The winner of the State Scholarship can compete with winners from other states for a \$ 10,000 National Scholarship. The National Scholarship Pool is small so the chances for a state scholarship winner to win the National Scholarship are quite good. All 2014 applications are due to local chapter presidents in January. You can acquire all the information you need go on line to the NWTF site look for Jakes – Scholarships.

This year we awarded three local scholarships and the state scholarship. I would like to thank every chapter for a job well done. It shows that every child is very important to the NWTF.

The State and Local Chapters will be looking for graduating high school seniors for year 2014. Applications must be submitted to local chapter presidents by **December 31, 2013** to compete for the **State and National Scholarships**. All of the forms can be found on-line at

<http://www.nwtf.org/jakes/scholarship.html>.

There are some forms that need to be filled by your guidance counselor so please don't wait. Any questions please contact your Local Chapter President or the Jakes Coordinator.





Once again, The Spruce Run Chapter Volunteers did a splendid job of hosting a Wheelin' Sportsmen's Deer Hunt this past January. The chapter, working in partnership with the Hunterdon County Parks Department, hosted more than a dozen disabled hunters, including a number of our Wounded Warriors. The two day event was quite successful and harvested several deer.

The chapter will host this hunt again in January, 2015. The hunt is scheduled for the afternoons of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan 15th – 17th. It was found that the hunters were able to do better with an afternoon hunt rather than being out all day.

The chapter will hold an orientation/safety meeting and luncheon on Sunday, January 11, a few days before the hunt. Hunters will be assigned guides and blinds for their day of the hunt. For More information on this hunt, please contact:

Jerry McCusker P: 908-797-8371 email: jerrymccuske@yahoo.com

Members of the Highlands Chapter and the Kittatinny Gobblers Chapter have scheduled both youth hunts and Wheelin' Hunts in conjunction with the Walkill National Wildlife Refuge Staff. The Youth Hunt was held on Nov. 22 with four young hunters mentored by NWTF volunteers. On Sunday, Nov. 23rd the deer will be processed at Newton High School by the Future Farmers of America (FFA). The Wheelin' Sportsmen's Hunt is scheduled for the week of Jan 11th – 17th. Twelve hunters will participate with four hunters / day with mentors from the NWTF. An orientation/shooting meeting will be held on Monday, Jan 12, and the deer will be processed at NHS by the FFA on the 18th



The Women in the Outdoors (WITO) outreach program is geared to encourage women to participate in outdoor activities, introduce them to the shooting sports, and to teach them about wildlife conservation and the goals of the NWTF.

We have a new WITO Coordinator

Christina McGannon Denslow is an avid outdoorsman, bow hunter shooter and our new WITO Coordinator in New Jersey.

Not only is Christina our WITO Coordinator, she is working to build a **WITO CHAPTER** here in New Jersey. So, if you are an outdoors woman, or would like to learn more about outdoor activities suited to women, please contact Christina, as she would be happy to hear from you.



Highlands Chapter, NWTF

1995-2015

The Highlands Chapter is proud to be celebrating 20 Years of working for the wild turkey here in New Jersey. Our first Superfund Banquet was held back in 1995 shortly after meeting with our first RD, Jerry Zimmerman. Since then, we have gone through a number of RDs, had one volunteer become an RD, and one volunteer become an NWTF Director. We have held numerous banquets, gun bashes, and Jakes Events, and supported the development and success of several chapters.

Over the years we have given out thousands of dollars in Jakes Scholarships, and donated money and turkeys to the needy through the Turkey Hunters Care Program. In 2013 we provided over 40 turkeys to a local church, and funds to a local food bank. This year we have donated 100 turkeys to the church we assisted last year.

The Chapter is also involved with the Walkill National Wildlife Refuge in planning mentored youth hunts, and a 2015 Wheelin' Sportsman Hunt for the disabled. To help fund these events, the Chapter held fundraisers last year, and again this year.

Overall, the Highlands Chapter has been very successful in working for the wild turkey and our local communities and we are planning for another great year in 2015. Hope to see you at our 20th Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet

Once again its banquet season and turkey season is not far behind. On behalf of the NWTF and the Highlands Chapter, we wish to thank you for your continued support and would like you to join us as at our Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet as we celebrate our 20th year in support of the wild turkey here in New Jersey.



**Highlands Chapter
National Wild Turkey Federation**



**20th ANNUAL
HUNTING HERITAGE BANQUET AND ART AUCTION**

**Sunday
March 15, 2015
3:00pm – 8:00pm**

**At The Classic
ZERIS INN
372 Route 46
Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046
973-627-3636**

**Downloadable Flyer & Order Form
<http://highlandschapternwtf.org/2015sfb/html>**

Spruce Run Chapter Of The National Wild Turkey Federation

The committee members of the Spruce Run Chapter are proud supporters of the NWTF and its outreach programs. Since our start in 1996, our chapter has hosted Women in the Outdoors, Jakes, and Wheelin' Sportsmen Events. Additionally, we have given out thousands in Scholarships and many meals with the Turkey Hunters Care Program.

Our committee has grown substantially over the years to enable us to hold our special events without overtaxing our members. We are always seeking new volunteers to help make our chapter even better.

Our Annual Jakes Day was held on August 17th at the Pequest Fish Hatchery. Events included fishing in the trout education pond, shooting, and helping our kids get their hunter safety certification.

For the past few years, the chapter has joined with the Hunterdon County Parks Commission to hold a Wheelin' Sportsmen Deer Hunt for hunters with disabilities, and participants have including some of our Wounded Warriors. This January, we will be hosting that hunt once again.

What makes events like these possible is the NWTF Hunting Heritage Fund generated by the local chapters' Hunting Heritage Banquet Fund Raisers.

We would like you to join us at our
**19th ANNUAL HUNTING HERITAGE
BANQUET & ART AUCTION**
Saturday, January 24, 2015
The Eastonian Holiday Inn Express
Easton, PA

Please feel free to contact us regarding any of our programs, events, and banquet.

Contact

Tim Blum, Banquet Chairman

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For Ticket Information and Order Form
<http://sprucerunchapternwtf.org/2015sfb/html>

**The
Kittatinny Gobblers Chapter
Of The
National Wild Turkey Federation**

We are celebrating fifteen years of joining in the conservation of our favorite game bird, the wild turkey. From our first organizational meeting, until now, our small committed group of NWTF Committee Members has worked to support the NWTF and its goals of wildlife conservation and the preservation of our hunting heritage. The chapter has done this through our Hunting Heritage Banquets, Jakes Events, hosting the North Jersey Open Turkey Calling Contest, and more.

WE NEED HELP

Our 2014 Banquet committee got off to a great start this year. We had numerous ideas that we tried and our committee generated many donations to our banquet. Some of the ideas we tried did not work, but with our enthusiastic committee we had a successful banquet with over 80 guests. WE NEED MORE!

WHY? BECAUSE WE NEED HELP.

If you like to hunt wild turkeys, then you should know that the NWTF has been a major contributor to your ability to hunt wild turkeys here in New Jersey. The NWTF has been a major contributor to the Division of Fish and Wildlife in funds, volunteers, and equipment. Over the years, the funds raised in our Hunting Heritage Banquets go to the New Jersey Superfund and are allocated within New Jersey. The Superfund has provided conservation seed to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, rocket-nets for trap and transfer of turkeys, money and personnel for turkey mortality studies, equipment, time, and money to maintain and acquire habitat that benefits all wildlife. The superfund also provides the scholarship funds issued by every chapter.

This year, the Kittatinny Gobblers is working with the Walkill National Wildlife Refuge to sponsor youth and Wheelin' Sportsmen's Hunts. We plan to host a Jakes Day soon and we are looking to build for the future.

BUT WE NEED HELP

If you would like to get involved and help make a difference in your community, please contact:

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TRI-COUNTY LONGBEARDS, NWTF **<http://tricountylonbeardsnwtf.org>**



The Tri County Longbeards Chapter is having a robust year of success and volunteer spirit.

Our Chapter with support from the Landis Sewerage Authority(LSA), the State Chapter, Bob Eriksen and additional Conservation organizations were able to help kick start an exciting effort to restore Bobwhite Quail to Southern NJ. This is a long term project that can make a huge contribution to Saving the Habitat / Save the Hunt .

In July and August we hosted two Jakes events where we were able to mentor over 200 Youth and adults in shooting safety and the NWTF mission.

At the Sportsman Jamboree in July, we hosted our 1st Sanctioned Turkey Call Contest and were fortunate to have The 1st Lady of Hunting, Brenda Valentine, at the event to support the NWTF mission. Our Chapter would like to Thank Scott Hill, a National Board member, for helping us secure Brenda's visit.

At our 4th Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet in August, we were able to introduce our attendees to our new venue, The Greenview Inn, where we had a 35% increase in attendance.

We also were successful in netting 54% Net-to-gross to achieve Golden Gobbler for our 3rd consecutive year, earning our Chapter membership recognition and a monogrammed polo shirt.

Overall our chapter membership is now at 24 and we are bullish about the future.

In October, Chapter President, Lou Gambale, represented New Jersey in Edgefield for its first formal Save The Habitat & Save the Hunt training for national coordinators.

Lou Gambale

NWTF Chapter President



Schedule of Events

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| New Jersey State Chapter 2014 Awards Banquet | Thomas Plante 973-641-7678 | Jan. 4, 2015 |
| Spruce Run Chapter Wheelin Sportsmen's Deer Hunt | Jerry McCusker 908-797-8731 | Jan. 12-16, 2015 |
| Garden State Outdoors Sports Show NJ State Chapter Booth | Jim Salt jsaltathome@aol.com | Jan 8-11, 2014 gsoss.com |
| Spruce Run Chapter HH Banquet The Eastonian Holiday Inn, Easton, PA | Tim & Diane Blum 908-475-5896 | Jan 24, 2015 |
| Highlands Chapter H.H Banquet Zeris Inn, Mtn. Lakes, NJ | Jackie Hill 973-839-7939 | March 15, 2015 |
| Kittatinny Gobblers HH Banquet Farmstead CC, Lafayette, NJ | Rich Kinney 973-271-0183 | TBA April 2015 |
| Tri-County Longbeards Chapter H.H Banquet Mays Landing, NJ | Lou Gambqale Loudg56@gmail.com | August, 2015 |

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