



**The Jersey Gobbler
Of The
National Wild Turkey Federation
November 2016**

Schedule of Events

Spruce Run Chapter Wheelin Sportsmen's Deer Hunt	Jerry McCusker 908-797-8731	Jan. 12-16, 2016
Garden State Outdoors Sports Show NJ State Chapter Booth	Jim Salt jsaltathome@aol.com	Jan 7-10 2016 gsoos.com
Spruce Run Chapter HH Banquet The Eastonian Holiday Inn, Easton, PA	Tim & Diane Blum 908-475-5896	Jan 30, 2016
Highlands Chapter H.H Banquet Zeris Inn, Mtn. Lakes, NJ	Jackie Hill 973-839-7939	Feb. 27, 2016
Skylands Chapter HH Banquet Farmstead CC, Lafayette, NJ	Lesa McGuinness 973-271-2517	April 17, 2016
Tri-County Longbeards Chapter H.H Banquet Mays Landing, NJ	Lou Gambale Loudg56@gmail.com	August, 2016



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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

New Jersey is one of the top wild turkey producing states in the east, and it is largely due to the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the support it receives from the NWTF Superfund and from NWTF Volunteers.

Our volunteers assist in the field, set up banquets, and hold JAKES, WITO, and Wheelin' Sportsmen Events. We have over 500 NWTF members here in New Jersey, but fewer than 50 members who participate in our events or fundraisers.

The more hands we have, the lighter the load for all!

So, if you enjoy turkey hunting and or the NWTF Events held by your local and state chapters, please consider joining the team. We are always ready to welcome a helping hand to work for our favorite game bird, the wild turkey.

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Regional Director's Report - Shawn Waddle

Greetings fellow NWTF members!

By the time you are reading this, the holidays will be a distant memory and 2016 will be full of promise laid out in front of us. I hope that you all enjoyed your holiday season, that you were able to spend at least a few days in the fields, and that you made a couple great memories with those that you love!



What a difference a year makes. As I look back on 2015 I count all of the many blessings that have been showered upon my family. One of my most cherished blessings is that I have gotten to meet and become friends with a great many of you. I often say that its funny how a black bird that weighs 20 pounds can bring so many people together! The NWTF family has become a second family to me!

2015 was a great year for the chapters within the state. We saw growth across the board within our chapters. We also saw the rebirth and rejuvenation of one of our chapters. We were able to partner with NJ Dept. of Fish and Wildlife too trap and transplant turkeys within the state. We saw the partnership with the Walkill refuge continue to grow and we look forward to working with them and other entities within the state in the future.

As we head into 2016 we have high hopes and high expectations. From disabled veteran's hunts to mentored youth hunts the state chapter is doing their part to ensure the NWTF meets our Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt. goals. We have 4 Hunting Heritage banquets coming up this year. These banquets are YOUR way to put money back into the ground in New Jersey!

If you would like to become part of one of the chapters within the state of if you are interested in helping to start a new chapter please feel free to contact me at sweddle@nwtf.net **Shawn Weddle**

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Scott Hill NWTF Board Report

First let me say thank you for being part of the best conservation organization there is!

There are a lot of exciting things happening with the NWTF both in our home state and nationally. While the construction is still going on at the hunting heritage center, to date the skeet, trap and sporting clay shooting areas are up and running, the pavilion looks fantastic and we look forward



to the round house being built. Back home here in our state chapter are doing some great work from mentored hunts for our youth and veterans to jakes days and conservation projects. February will be the 40th national convention in Nashville and if you have never been to one it should definitely be on your bucket list!!

As we kick off 2016 I hope to see you all at one of our hunting heritage banquets and if there is not one in your area consider starting one and give something back to our great sport of hunting!!

On behalf of your national board of directors I'd like to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season, and we hope to see you at an event in 2016.

Thank you for all you do!

Yours in conservation

Scott Hill

NWTF National Board of Directors



President's Message – Tim Blum

Hi Everyone

2015 has been another good year. A new chapter started in north jersey - The Skylands Chapter. Save the Habitat Save the Hunt is moving forward with the Quail project in South Jersey that is improving turkey habitat and 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 Tri County Gobbler events and Colliers Mills WMA this year. It was very popular with the kids and the adults as well.

There was also a Spruce Run Wheelin' Sportsman hunt held in January. It's a Handicap – Wounded Warrior hunt. And the Skylands along with the State Chapter hosted a Jakes Turkey Hunt – WITO Fishing Day – Wheelin Crossbow Hunt and a Jakes Deer Hunt at Wallkill Wildlife Refuge.

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 2016. 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

NJ NWTF State Chapter President

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Putting Conservation on the Ground in the Garden State

By Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist, Retired

Some of you are aware of this already but I made a tough decision to retire from NWTF effective July 31 of this year. It was a bittersweet decision because I thoroughly enjoy what I do. I always have loved working in the wildlife and conservation field, dealing with wildlife and the dedicated hunters who support conservation. I would like to continue to work but I do want to work less than I do now. I have spoken with NWTF headquarters about continuing to work part time but do not know yet what shape that will take.



My position (Regional Biologist for PA, NJ, MD and DE) has been filled by **Mitchell Blake**, and I was involved in the selection process. I have been a fixture in this region for fourteen plus years. Mitchell Blake will likely do things differently than I do, and he may well do some things better than I can.

It has been a privilege to work for all of you and with all of you. I do not intend to fade out and will remain active with our chapters here in New Jersey. However I wanted you to know that this decision has been made and that some things will change. Tony McBride will continue to be a valuable advisor to the chapter and Shawn will continue to move the needle ahead with our chapter system. Thank you—each and every one of you for all you have done and continue to do for the wild turkey and wildlife in general!



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 \$7.00 to \$30/ 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 20, 2015 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, 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!



Introducing our New Regional Biologist – Mitchell Blake

By Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist, Retired

Our new NWTF Regional Biologist came on board in September. Mitchell (Mitch) Blake lives in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania and will cover Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey. Mitch completed his Masters' degree in Florida where he worked on wild turkey research. He has also participated in research projects on other species of birds. Mitch came to work for NWTF about three years ago as a project biologist on the cooperative NWTF/Natural Resource Conservation Service Golden-winged Warbler Initiative. While working on that project he developed landowner habitat management plans for private landowners in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and New Jersey.



Mitch is an avid hunter and NWTF member who is currently training an up and coming bird dog. He was one of about thirty applicants for the regional biologist position. There were many good candidates for the job and Mitch rose to the top through a review of resumes, telephone interviews and face to face interviews. Mitch is looking forward to working with our New Jersey State Chapter. His previous work experience with organizations like Trout Unlimited, his writing ability, personality and his work with NWTF will serve him well as he begins to introduce himself to our chapter system in the Garden State.



New Jersey Wild Turkey Updates

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 2015, and the average number of poults per hen over the reporting period was 3.2. 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 wet statewide. Turkey numbers are holding well in New Jersey, though a few more good hatches are needed to bring the population back to the higher levels of years past.



Turkey hunters should note that we will continue to have extended hours for part of the 2016 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 additional opportunity for hunters who cannot easily get time off of work and for youth hunters who would like to hunt after school.

There is still a mandatory check station requirement for turkeys, at least for the Spring 2016 season. Depending upon the status of a possible new contract with the Division's Electronic License Vendor, the Fall 2016 season MAY use an electronic harvest report system. Please see the August issue of the NJ Fish and Wildlife Digest for details. Remember also, the fall season is now open statewide.



**The New Jersey State Chapter
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The State Chapter had another great year here in New Jersey and once again, we have experienced breaking in a new RD. Our new RD started with the New Year. Shawn Weddle joined us just in time for our 2015 State Awards Banquet, and has worked with all the New Jersey chapters since. The Kittatinny Gobblers Chapter folded and arose like the legendary Phoenix to become the Skylands Chapter, under new leadership. We have a new Regional Biologist, Mitchell Blake, and a "new" volunteer – Retired RB, Bob Eriksen.

Financially, the Chapter has been doing well with our Shows and Sales under the leadership of Jim Salt, and although our local banquets have been great successes, the State Awards Banquet lost too much. It was decided that the awards earned in 2015 will be awarded at each chapter's local banquet

So for 2015, goodbye to Butch Faulkner, welcome Shawn Weddle and Mitchell Blake, and welcome back Bob Eriksen.

We are looking forward to a great 2016 and possibly adding some new chapters.

-Thomas Plante, Secretary



2015 Show and Sales

2015 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!

Jakes Take Aim Trailer was an exceptional hit, and we ran it at Collier's Mills on Saturday and Sunday.

We will be attending many of the same events in 2016. Be sure to come visit us at the Garden State Outdoorsmen Show the weekend of January 7

– 10. For more information contact Jim Salt (jsaltathome@aol.com) or visit www.gsoos.com for scheduled events at the show.



**Visit us at our Booth
GARDEN STATE OUTDOOR SPORTSMEN'S SHOW
January 7-10, 2016
NJ Convention & Expo Center at Raritan Center,
Edison, New Jersey**



**Thunder Mountain Turkey Habitat Project
–Ray Eriksen, Project Chairman**



The last few winters have not been kind to the Thunder Mountain Project which has reached the thirty year mark. Heavy snow cover coupled with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife mandate that we do no work after the fifteenth of March so as not to disturb migrating and nesting birds have not allowed us to do any work on the fields. At least we have been able to keep the fields mowed each year through Superfund dollars and Kelcey's help.

Hopefully we will not have as much snow this winter as the National Weather Service is saying temperatures will be milder. Should that be the case, we would like to work on the fields on the left as we head down to the old barn site. We had cleared these fields a number of years ago, but the Autumn Olive has again aggressively taken over. Our plan is to organize a work party for 5 March with a rain/snow date of 12 March.

Again, we are attempting to get a chainsaw course organized through the National Park Service. If anyone is interested in taking this course, please let me know. Perhaps if we get enough folks interested, the Park Service will listen! Contact me at 908 859 0105 (home) or 908 868 4149 (cell). Keep those work party dates in mind!

**Ray Eriksen
Thunder Mountain Project Chair**





Most of our chapters participated in Wheelin' Sportsmen / Wounded Warrior events this year. The Spruce Run Chapter hosted their 5th Annual Winter Deer Hunt in mid January, in partnership with the Hunterdon County Park Commission. The hunters attended an Orientation Day, followed by three days of shotgun either-sex hunting on a county golf course, and successfully harvested several deer.

At the same time, volunteers from the New Jersey State Chapter, the Highlands Chapter and the new Skylands Chapter, in partnership with the Walkill River National Wildlife Refuge hosted another hunt for disabled and Wounded Warrior hunters. Only one deer was taken on that hunt, but it was a monster 9-pt. buck.

This fall, the Skylands Chapter, Highlands Chapter, and State Chapter, in partnership with the Walkill NWR, hosted a rut-season cross-bow hunt on the Refuge. Ten hunters participated over 3 days and although some deer were seen, they were not in range and no deer were taken. However, all the hunters enjoyed the hunt.

Walkill River NWR is located next to the town of Sussex in northern New Jersey and portions of it actually border New York. The location did not discourage our hunters as we had local hunters and hunters from as far away as Atlantic City.



WITO Report- Cristina McGannon, WITO Chair

On June, 13, 2015 the New Jersey State Chapter in conjunction with the Walkill River National Wildlife Refuge hosted our first **Women in the Outdoors – Introduction to Freshwater Fishing event** on Refuge property. The event took place on one of New Jersey's Free Fishing days which allowed the women to partake without having to purchase a license beforehand. Several expressed that they would most likely invest in a fishing license after the event! The day was hosted by our own NJ State WITO Coordinator Cristina McGannon with the help and guidance of the incredible staff from the Refuge. The weather cooperated and created a perfect day for the women to learn the basics of bass fishing on a catch and release pond. All equipment needed was provided by the Refuge and the NWTF and the ladies were treated to lunch and snacks provided by the NWTF from Hayek's Market in Newton, NJ. All in all it was a great day to be outdoors with like-minded women in a beautiful setting learning or enhancing a new skill.

We are currently planning other events. If you are interested in attending or getting involved, please do not hesitate to contact Cristina at:

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Juniors Acquiring Knowledge Ethics and Sportsmanship

The New Jersey Jakes Program is doing well with two chapters hosting jakes events in 2015.

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.

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 \$250 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 2016 applications are due to local chapter presidents in January. You can acquire all the information you need by going on line to the NWTF site and looking for Jakes – Scholarships.

This year we awarded two 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.

Scholarship Winners 2015

Spruce Run Chapter – **Travis Scharffenberger**

Tri County Chapter and State Chapter – **Heather Koering**

Thanks

Tim Blum



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Here is a snapshot from our chapter.

The **Tri County Longbeards Chapter** is having another busy and successful year. YTD the Chapter has conducted **two Youth/Jakes events**: The **SJ Youth Day** where 200 youth and adults were instructed by our members on **safe shooting practice on the Jakes Take Aim BB Range and Wild Turkey Education**. Also in July, at the **SJ Sportsman Jamboree**, we mentored 60 youths on **The JTA BB Gun Range**, and held an NWTF sanctioned **Turkey Calling Contest** with 25 Callers and were able to have **Eddie Salter The Turkeyman**, come out for two days and treat the attendees to **seminars on Calling, Turkey Hunting and Whitetail management**.

In August **our 5th Annual Banquet** was a huge success. We were able to put 175 in the seats and deliver **Gold Gobbler results for the 4th consecutive year**, exceeding the coveted 50% Net to Gross target. Additionally we were able to sell almost 100 memberships with an increase in both Sponsor and Regular members. All of the above success due to the efforts of our great chapter volunteers spirit.

Another point to celebrate was in being able to award NWTF member **Heather Koering, State and Local Chapter College Scholarships**.

In terms of the **LSA** (Landis Sewerage Authority) **Bobwhite Quail Project**, we will be retooling next Spring in terms of the continuing work of habitat preparation, post an attempt to leverage domestic Goats to do the work.

A busy and ambitious year so far and it isn't over yet.

Lou Gambale

NWTF Chapter President



The Skylands Chapter

National Wild Turkey Federation

A heartfelt thank you to all of our members and friends near and far! With your support, dedication and well wishes The Skylands Chapter is celebrating a successful 1st year of wildlife conservation and the preservation of the hunting heritage. The chapter has done this through our Hunting Heritage Banquets, hosting the North Jersey Open Turkey Calling Contest, community outreach events and more.

HUNTING HERITAGE BANQUET

The 2015 Hunting Heritage Banquet was a success! We thank all of those who attended, supported and/or donated in any way. We could not have done it without you. We hope, that with your continued support, our 2016 banquet will be even better! Our banquet committee is gearing up to bring you another outstanding event on **April 17, 2016**. Would you like to get involved? The planning and execution of a successful banquet is a joint effort and we are always looking for a helping hand. There are many different ways to get involved.

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 in the way of funds, volunteers, and equipment. Over the years, the monies raised at our Hunting Heritage Banquets go to the NWTf 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 allows the local chapters to offer scholarships, as well as offer support for activities and events on a local level.

The Skylands Chapter is working with the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge to sponsor youth and Wheelin' Sportsmen's Hunts. As we look to the future, we have many plans for the future including hosting a Jake's Day, the 2016 North Jersey Open Turkey Calling Contest, as well as helping to spread the word at local events.

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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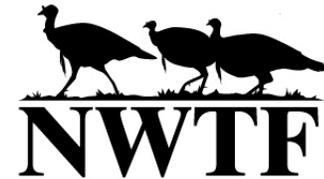
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SKYLANDS CHAPTER, NWTf

Would like you to join us for our

2nd Annual



Hunting Heritage Banquet and Auction

Sunday

April 17, 2016

4:00pm - 9:00pm

At

Farmstead Golf and County Club

88 Lawrence Rd, Lafayette Township, NJ 07848
(973) 383-1666

Information & On-Line Ticket Sales

<https://events.nwtf.org/403326-2015>

Downloadable Flyer & Registration Form

<http://nwtfskylandsnj.org/2016sfb.pdf>

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**Spruce Run Chapter
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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 22th 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 included 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
**20th ANNUAL HUNTING HERITAGE
BANQUET & ART AUCTION**
Saturday, January 30, 2016
The Eastonian Holiday Inn Express
Easton, PA

Catering provided by
"THE WILLOWS RESTAURANT"
Of Asbury Park, NJ

Contact

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**SPRUCE RUN CHAPTER
Hunting Heritage Banquet and Auction**

Our chapter is celebrating 20 years of continuous work on behalf of our favorite game bird, the Wild Turkey!

Once again, the NWTF has provided an outstanding selection of items for their 2016 Core Package of Limited Edition Prints, Art, Collectibles and Specialty Items.

Sportsmen's Raffle

Each \$20 Sportsman's Raffle card consists of 4 Regular Raffle Tickets and 1 Bonus Raffle Ticket. Dozens of prizes are given away in the **Regular Raffle** and some exceptional prizes are given away in the **Bonus Raffle** and great savings can be had with our

Early Bird Special

Submit your registration and payment by January 23 and get

\$400 in Raffle Tickets for \$100

or

\$600 in Raffle Tickets for \$150

Sponsor Incentives include

\$400 in Sportsmen's Raffle Tickets

Please visit our website:

<http://sprucerunchapternwtf.org/2016sfb.html>

for detailed information and downloadable flyer.

Or Watch for your flyer in the mail!

For more information, please contact

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Highlands Chapter, NWTF 1995-2016



The Highlands Chapter is proud to be celebrating 21 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.

The Chapter has been involved with the Walkill National Wildlife Refuge in planning mentored youth hunts, Wheelin' Sportsman Hunts this year. We have also participated in the Turkey Hunters Care program to get turkeys to the needy.

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 2016. Hope to see you at our 21st Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet in February.

We're Having a Beach Party!

This year, we are in the middle of winter, so we are going to
CELEBRATE SUMMER!

Beach Chairs, Umbrellas and Beach Balls are on the menu for some great fun and games for this year's Hunting Heritage Banquet. So come and join us to break out of those winter doldrums and party with us.



We have a brand new 2016 Core Package with some great items.

Please visit our website at

<http://highlandschapternwtf.org/2016sfb.html>

You will see some examples of the new package, information on our ticket prices and be able to order and purchase your tickets ON-LINE!

**We look forward to your joining us for our
21st Hunting Heritage Banquet!**

The Highlands Chapter

Would like you to join us at

The Zeris Inn

Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046

For Our

21st Annual



Hunting Heritage Banquet & Auction



We're having a Beach Party!

February 27, 2016

4:00pm- 9:00pm

Come Join us for a fun-filled evening of great food, camaraderie, and fun games in support of your favorite game bird – the wild turkey.

Downloadable Flyer and Registration Form

<http://highlandschapternwtf.org/2016/2016sfb.pdf>

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