



## CHAPTER NEWSLETTER 1/11/2016

**Next Chapter Meeting:** Tues., Jan. 19, Cabela's 7:00 P.M.

**If You Have** a hunting, fishing, habitat improvement, or other wildlife story you wish to share, come to the meeting and tell us your tale. We would be interested to hear what level of success you have had quail hunting this year. "No", you do not have to divulge the location. Just tell us how great your dog is or what a terrific hunter/shooter/outdoorsman you are. That will be enough to garner our attention. We accept fishing stories as well.

**Sport Boat and Vacation Show and the Kentucky Deer and Turkey Expo** will both be held at the end of January at the Kentucky Fair and Expo Center. Your Chapter will have a presence at both events. We will be fund-raising as well as working to raise awareness of the plight of Bobwhite quail and actions landowners can take to remediate the long-term population decline. Be sure you stop by the booths and say "hello". There is a possibility of a 'combo' ticket being sold which will allow you to gain entry to both events at a reduced rate. If you would like to work at one of our booths, contact Jack Dahl (Deer/Turkey) at 552 8424 or Tom Blue (Boat Show) at 649 7207.

**Commonwealth Chapter and the Kentuckiana Youth Chapter** of *Quail Forever* have decided to join forces with the Spencer County 4-H Club. We will provide significant financial support to the club and will be sponsoring their annual tournament to be held in May 2016. This level of support is consistent with the Quail Forever mission to get youth involved in outdoor activities. Last year approx. 400 youth from 24 counties attended the event. In addition to funding the event, your Chapters will have a presence there to acquaint these future hunters/fishermen/wildlife conservationists with *Quail Forever* and our joint mission. We are currently working to get local media (including television) to cover this event. If you or someone you know are in a position of influence at a local media outlet and can provide assistance, contact Chuck Juengling at 267 5625. More to come in future announcements

**Ryan Taylor**, Mgr., Yellowbank WMA, attended our Dec. meeting and reported on the habitat work being done at the W.M.A. In addition he reported on the 2015 Pheasant Quota Hunt that was held at that location. "Thank you" to Ryan for attending our meeting.

**Dog Training Area** at Taylorsville Lake WMA is available for your use. Quail hunting season in the Eastern region will close at the end of January. The training area provides you with a good venue for continuing your dog's development in late Winter and Spring. Additional enhancement and maintenance of the area will be undertaken this coming Spring and Summer in preparation for next Fall's training sessions. "Use it or lose it" probably applies to this property.

**Third Chapter Field Trial** will be held this Saturday at Don's Hunting and Fishing Adventures in Cecilia, KY. The deadline for entering this event has now passed. Feel free to bring a friend and join us to see how these trials are conducted. Start time—8:00 A.M. You may decide you wish to participate in the future. It is all for fun and fun for all, including your dog. If you wish to be added to the Field Trial E-mail Broadcast Group to receive entry forms, send e-mail to Chuck Juengling at [watch6406@aol.com](mailto:watch6406@aol.com)

**Chapter-owned Sprayer** is available to all Chapter members for doing habitat improvement work on private property. Contact Jack Dahl at 552 8424 to make arrangements to pick it up in Simpsonville. Make plans now for Spring spraying. It is never too early to start planning.

**Chapter Member Drew Falkenstein** was able to harvest a KY cow elk in December with a perfectly placed shot at 315 yards with a .270 caliber rifle. He practically dropped it in its tracks. "Congrats" to Drew on bagging this fine animal. See photo. At least two other Chapter members have been working to get their elk tags filled as well.

**Chapter Banquet Committee** has kicked off the planning and execution for the 2016 Banquet to be held March 5, 2016. They always need additional help, so if you can play a role in planning and executing this year's event, call Tom Blue at 649 7207. Mark the date on your calendar. Flyers and ticket order forms will be mailed in late January. "Corporate" tables will be offered again this year for companies to invite friends, clients, or honored employees to enjoy an evening together. Details of the package will be announced in January.

**See Our Web Site** for Chapter-related info and a variety of new photos which are added periodically. [www.qfcommonwealth.org](http://www.qfcommonwealth.org)

**Wanted:** Winning Powerball ticket. Over \$600 million after taxes would buy some very nice hunting and fishing opportunities and provide funding for just about anything you wish to get funded.

**SEND PHOTOS** you would like to share to [watch6406@aol.com](mailto:watch6406@aol.com)

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Harry and Ahkil Long –successful hunt



John Pirtle's grand-son & NE quail



Harry and Ahkil's quarry



Chuck Juengling's smoked wild turkey-archery



John Pirtle's pointer—NE



Chris Long's Sadie has a 'coon treed



Quail Surrogation Project—High school project funded by the Kentuckiana Youth Chapter of Quail Forever gets an entire FFA program interested in Bobwhite quail-McCreary County



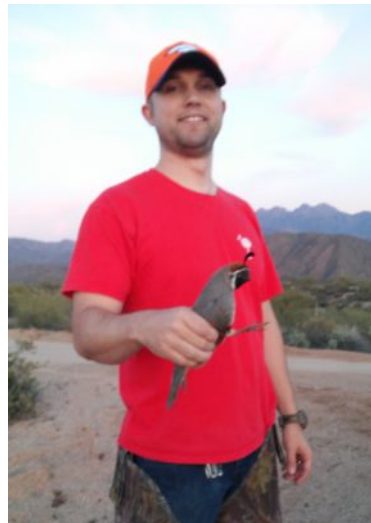
Flowers blooming on Xmas day 2015



We need another mild winter like 2014-2015



Drew Falkenstein—KY elk .270 at 315 yards



Russ MacDonald—AZ quail

