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By Tim Guilfoile

NKFF Board of Directors member, Josh Lillard, was appointed by Governor Beshear to the Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Commission and he was sworn in on August 14, 2020. Josh will represent the 5th District on this 9 member board comprised of volunteers who serve four-year terms after being nominated by licensed hunters and anglers in their district, appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Kentucky Senate. The term of this appointment is 4 years. A Commission member may serve no more than 2 consecutive 4 year terms.

Two other new members were also sworn in on August 20th. These appointments were replacements for 3 Commission members whose terms had expired. You can read about each one of the District Commission Members [HERE](#). You can see a map of the Commission Districts [HERE](#).

The Commission meets at least quarterly in Frankfort, and otherwise as needed. The Commission promotes fish and wildlife conservation while representing the interests of anglers and hunters. The Commission oversees the Commissioner (agency head) and the budget of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The Commission also recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly. Legislators must approve all recommendations before they become law.

As you can tell by the description above that the Fish & Wildlife Commission is central to everything related to hunting, fishing and wildlife habitat in Kentucky and we are all very proud to have Josh Lillard representing our community in the 5th District.



The League of Kentucky Sportsmen

By Tim Guilfoile

Since our lead story in this issue of *The Creel* is about the appointment of Josh Lillard as a member of the Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Commission, I wanted to spend a little time exploring an organization that represents an important component of the sporting community. I am a life member of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen and this entity yields significant influence in all decisions made by the Fish & Wildlife Commission as well as the Kentucky Legislature.



Origin

In the early part of 1935 a few far sighted sportsmen thought that there was a need for one strong state-wide sportsmen's organization with which all the sportsmen's clubs could affiliate. By coordinating ideas, efforts and strength it was believed that the Commonwealth's natural resources could be better preserved, thereby leading to a more sound conservation policy and program which would benefit all Kentucky citizens. It was believed that by working with the Division of Game & Fish that a more business like administration could be achieved and enable the state to take its rightful place among the leading fishing and hunting states of our country. This organization was named The League of Kentucky Sportsmen. From that day forward the League of Kentucky Sportsmen grew, each year gaining in numerical strength and respect from all people concerned with conservation of wildlife and natural resources. The League was instrumental in upgrading Kentucky from near the bottom of the forty eight states to a ranking in the top ten. This was accomplished by the unselfish efforts of dozens of dedicated individuals devoting time and effort for the

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benefit of all citizens. It should be noted that conservation of natural resources remains one of the League's most important objectives.

Objective

The League considers itself as "the lay arm" of the Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources. They work hand in hand with them in support of upgrading of The Department. They exert every pressure and individual influence, as interested private citizens, to deter any legislation which are considered to be detrimental to The Department or organized sporting programs. Additionally, they put The Department on notice, and use influence, to correct any inefficiencies they may perceive in the Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources. The League attempts to maintain a cooperative relationship with the Department.



Organization

The League is organized by Districts and uses the same structure as the Commission Districts which can be seen [HERE](#). Clubs that have at least 25 members and reside in one of these 9 districts make up the membership of that district. From that membership, a "Director" is elected and that person then becomes a member of the Board of Directors of the League.

The officers are as follows: President; Vice President; one (1) Director from each of nine (9) Wildlife Districts; a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Directors are elected in their home Districts by members of Clubs affiliated with The League of Kentucky Sportsmen Inc. The President is elected at the Annual Convention for a period of

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one (1) year with a limit of three (3) terms. The Vice President is one of the Directors and is elected to this office by other Directors. The Secretary-Treasurer is appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Fund Raising

The sale of the League's special license plate has raised thousands upon thousands of dollars which has resulted in the purchase of much needed new equipment for the Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources. These funds also provide grants to the individual Districts that make up the League to support conservation efforts locally.



You can learn more about the League of Kentucky Sportsmen [HERE](#).



A Message From The President

By Sheila Meyer

We are all very proud of Josh Lillard for being appointed as Fish & Wildlife Commissioner by Governor Beshear. We are certain that in his 4 year tenure, Josh will do an outstanding job as he does with everything he undertakes. If you would like to send him a note of congratulations, you can do that [HERE](#).

We had great attendance at our August virtual meeting and congratulate our door prize winners. Tom Tveten, \$50 gift card for Delamere & Hopkins; Lou Class, Tenkara Rod; Eric Weinberg, Fishin Plyers and David Votaw, flybox and bakers dozen of flies.

Our survey of members clearly indicated that it is way too early to get back together for face-to-face meetings. Out of 120 respondents, 66% thought it was too early. So we are listening to our membership and will be having our September and October meetings as virtual meetings.

If you have thoughts about what criteria should be met before we get back together for our face to face monthly meetings, please let me know by emailing me at sheila@nkff.org. Also, what about our local fishing outings and our educational classes? Please let me know your thoughts.

What else can we do? I would like your ideas for other things we might do in a virtual way until we can get back together face-to-face. Please contact me at sheila@nkff.org.

Calendar events for September and October are all cancelled.

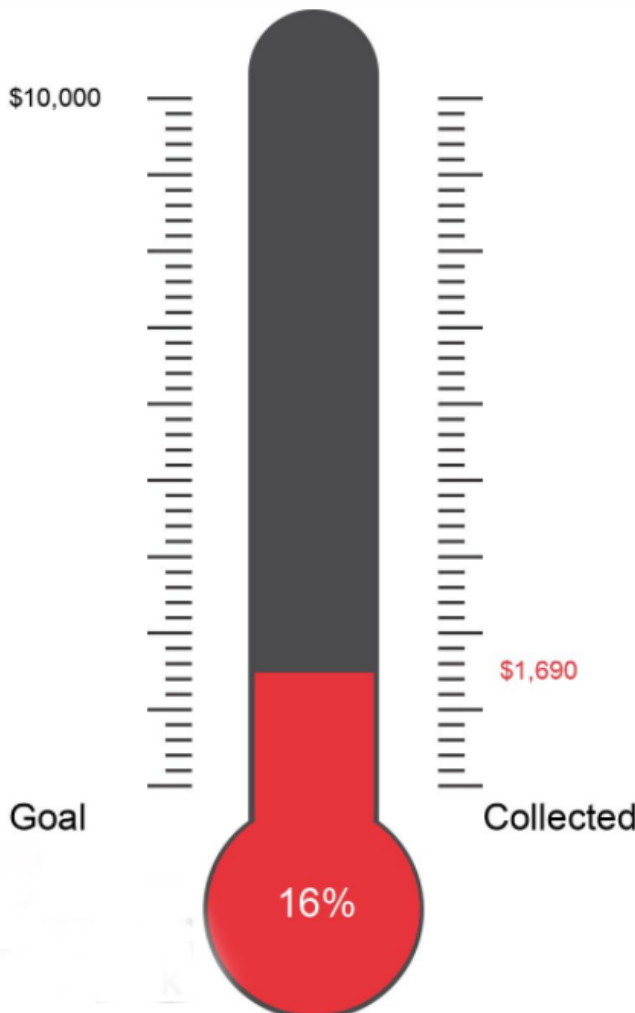
Take good care of yourselves and your families and wash your hands !!



Banquet 2020 Update - Josh Lillard

It is hot and humid and COVID-19 is still raging out there. Some people are getting out fishing either individually or in small groups, but most of NKFF's organized events are being cancelled as we try our best to be responsible citizens.

I would like to thank all of those that have made donations to our banquet, we realize during these uncertain times that how and where you choose to spend your money has been limited and you are probably focusing more on your savings (wish I always did that) right now. We are still taking donations, if you would



like to help us meet our goal by September. We currently only have \$8,500 left to reach our goal!

To be honest, we don't know at this point if we will actually have a banquet that resembles previous events. However, we have to do some sort of fund raising. The banquet represents about 65% of our operating revenue and although our costs are down, we will have to generate some revenue from sources in addition to membership dues.

I'd like to remind you that you can donate a prize as well, please just contact me first so we can discuss it.

Please help our fund raising efforts where you can.

Thank you.....Josh Lillard



NKFF 2020 Banquet Highlights

Banquet Date: Saturday November 7th, 2020

Offsite social hour: 5:00pm – 6:00pm (TBD Location)

Banquet Start Time: 6:15 pm

Banquet Location:

St. Barbara's Sterling Event Center

4042 Turkeyfoot Rd.

Erlanger, KY 41018

Keynote Speaker:

Karen Waldrop, PhD,

National Conservation Director

Ducks Unlimited

Prize Highlight:

A \$375 gift certificate for a guided trip for 2 on the Cumberland River:

Cumberland Bottom Ticklers

Gift Certificate



This certificate entitles the bearer

To 1 full day guided fly fishing for 2 fishermen on

Greg Williams
3333 Gondola Drive
Lexington, KY 40513
859-475-3088

Not redeemable for cash. Redemption value not to exceed \$375.00

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NKU Receives National Recognition

NKFF member Dale Stephenson, Ph.D., is the dean of the College of Health and Human Services at Northern Kentucky University and one of his programs has received national recognition.

Northern Kentucky University has earned national recognition for its Respiratory Care Program, achieving the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care's (CoARC) standard of professional achievement.

CoARC recently announced the Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist Credentialing Success Award winners. NKU's College of Health and Human Services is the only university in Greater Cincinnati and Kentucky to earn this national recognition.



"I am extremely pleased with this recognition. It is a tribute to the hard work and dedication to student success exhibited by faculty and staff in our respiratory care program," said Dr. Dale Stephenson, dean of the College of Health and Human Services. "Under their direction, we will continue graduating well-prepared respiratory therapists, which are so needed to minimize lethal outcomes as a result of COVID-19."

The College of Health and Human Services program met each of CoARC's key accreditation metrics, including three or more years of outcomes data, holding accreditation without a progress report, documenting a credentialing success of 90 percent or above and exceeding success and retention thresholds.

Students in the Respiratory Care Program experience real-life situations through simulations in the university's [Health Innovation Center](#) (HIC), one of the country's largest and most comprehensive health professions buildings. The HIC is home to the St. Elizabeth Center for Simulation Education that features eight inpatient living labs. Students also have clinical rotations in hospitals, long-term care facilities, outpatient diagnostics and clinics in the Greater Cincinnati area. "From the first to last breath, respiratory therapists are by your side. We are on the front lines, treating patients with doctors and nurses," said Dr. Tom Baxter, director of NKU's Respiratory Care Program. "With many healthcare institutions in the community expanding services, the need for therapists has greatly increased. Our advisory committee keeps us abreast of their needs, and that's what makes our program special. We produce graduates who are actively sought out for honing the necessary tools for success."

To learn more about the Respiratory Care Program, [visit its website](#).

A Fishing Report from NKFF Life Member Bob DeMott

I caught this Tiger Trout at [Escatawba Farms](#) in Covington, Virginia. It is just over the West Virginia border. A beautiful place with 2 plus miles of Dunlap Creek that runs through it. Fishing is October to June, then it closes all summer.

Derrick Barr allows 8 rods a day on the place (\$125 rod fee). You might think about getting up an NKFF group to make a trip. You won't be disappointed, if my experience was anything to go by. I was there for two days in late June and had the place to myself.



He does stock tiger trout and they are aggressive and interesting looking fish. But there are also browns and rainbows that get big.

One of the most [vividly-decorated](#) and least-encountered trout in the water is the tiger trout. As its scientific name, *Salmo trutta* × *Salvelinus fontinalis* suggests, the tiger trout is a sterile hybrid between the brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) and the brown trout (*Salmo trutta*). They're known for having very distinct vermiculation, the same pattern that's more subtly seen on the backs of brook trout.

Tiger trout are aggressive, and although they have similar diets to other trout species when they're small, most switch to a diet of baitfish once they grow larger. Because of this, they can get fairly large. Tigers of two to five pounds are commonly caught, and the record is over 20 pounds.

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