



# WEAT

## North Texas Section



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# Leadership Message

## *Message from the* **President**

We have seen significant growth in WEAT-NTS over the past year. Our attendance at section events is continuing to increase and there is a renewed focus across member entities for active involvement. These events would not be successful without the continued passion of our volunteers who continue to keep things moving forward.

I want to take a moment to recognize a few of our outstanding volunteers that contribute in a big way in helping make our section a success and give thanks to:

### Sarah Beth Yates



Sarah Beth has taken on multiple committee roles throughout her time volunteering. This newsletter is made possible by the coordination efforts of Sarah Beth to herd us into providing content to bring you section updates every other month. She manages our distribution of news to our members as well as updating the website with the latest information for each of our committees. Her investment in WEAT-NTS has helped elevate our connection to members and we would not be as successful without her. Thank you Sarah Beth!

### Andy Paulson



Andy has been on the front lines with managing our website and accounts to keep us functioning. He has done significant research to help us update our website and make information more accessible to our members. He has been a committee member for many years and has served as a section representative in the past to represent our section at the State level. Keep an eye out for his latest initiative for a huge website update. Thank you Andy!

### Simone Guidry



Simone sits on multiple committees within WEAT-NTS and has never met a volunteer opportunity she cannot handle. She received the first WEAT-NTS young professional award in 2023 for her efforts but she has not stopped since! Simone is constantly finding ways to invest in the section, connect with membership, and is fully committed to the sections success. Thank you Simone!

# Leadership Message

## *Message from the* **President**

Rachel Macias



Rachel is a member of our new hospitality committee to help our section in making events a success. From research to manning registration tables she touched every single event we host within the section. Her role and commitment helps us accomplish more as the section continues to grow and keep up with serving our members well. Thank you Rachel!

These are just a few of the many volunteers that keep our section successful. Thank you to everyone that has served or currently serves in a committee or volunteer capacity. It is with your support that we continue to operate! If you are interested in volunteering or joining a committee please reach out to connect!

Sincerely,

**Heather Wootton**

# WEAT-NTS & WEF Events

Date	Event	Location
12/14/23	AWWA/WEAT YP Ugly Christmas party	Turning Point Brewery 1307 Brown Trail Bedford, Tx 76022
TBD	Wilson Creek RWWTP Plant Tour	Lucas, Tx
2/6/24	February Seminar	Hurst Convention Center 1601 Campus Dr Hurst, Tx 76054
3/1/24	WEAT-NTS Sporting Clays Tournament	Dallas Gun Club 3601 S Stemmons Fwy Lewisville, Tx 75067
4/9/24- 4/12/24	Texas Water	Fort Worth, Tx
TBD	Membranes and Mudbugs	DWU Central Plant

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to get started!





# **WEAT NORTH TEXAS SECTION**

## **SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT**

**Friday, March 1, 2024**  
**7:30 a.m. to early afternoon**  
**Dallas Gun Club, Lewisville, Texas**

### **EVENT DETAILS**

The 15th Annual WEAT-NTS Sporting Clays Event will be filled with food, fun, and good old-fashioned competition between friends. Proceeds benefit the WEAT-NTS Scholarship Fund.

- Suitable for experienced and inexperienced shooters
- Bring your own equipment or rent at the range
- 100 clay targets per participant
- Shells sold separate from registration
- Mulligans or do-overs available for \$5 each and can be purchased on site
- Total number of stations are dependent on the number of registered teams
- Two courses might be used based on team registrations
- Four shooters per team. Individuals not on a team will be assigned a team at the event
- Lunch and drinks provided
- If heavy storms occur, event will be rescheduled
- Shooters age 14 and younger will be accompanied by an adult

### **RULES**

For the safety of shooters and bystanders:

- Waiver forms will be required at check-in
- Each station will have a WEAT-NTS volunteer
- Eye and ear protection is mandatory
- Gun breech or actions must be open to show gun is unloaded at all times unless in the cage and ready to fire
- Never load gun until in the cage and ready to fire
- Never load more than two shells in a gun
- No shot size larger than 7-1/2s (7-1/2s, 8s and 9s only)
- Guns must have full stock and minimum 21-inch barrel
- Alcohol is prohibited

### **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place teams and individuals. Additional prizes for:

- Most honest team and individual score
- Top female shooter
- Sponsorship recognition award
- Most improved

**Questions or volunteer opportunities contact:**  
**Spencer Lindsay at 407.615.9606**  
**[Spencer.Lindsay@freese.com](mailto:Spencer.Lindsay@freese.com)**

### **SCORING**

Scoring is simple. Your team will receive one scoring card per shooter, with individual scoring based on 100 shots. For every target you break, the scorer will mark an X in the blank provided; if you miss, you mark an O. The number and type of pairs will vary by station. The high score is determined by the total sum of targets hit.

## DELUXE PACKAGE

includes packaged sponsorship, 4 shooter fees, eyes/ears  
4 ammo( Qty.\_20 gauge, Qty.\_12 gauge)  
and 4 raffle tickets (PAID before 2/9/24) . . . . .

## PRICE

\$1,000

## REGISTRATION FEE FOR SHOOTERS

includes breakfast, lunch, and giveaways

Shooter's fee (Paid registration before 2/9/24). . . . . \$150

Shooter's fee (Paid registration after 2/9/24) . . . . . \$175

## PRICE

## AMMUNITION (100 ROUNDS)

12 gauge and 20 gauge (PAID before 2/9/24) . . . . . \$55

12 gauge and 20 gauge (PAID after 2/9/24). . . . . \$75

## OPTIONAL ITEMS

Lunch tickets (non-shooters only). . . . . \$20

Mulligan (do-over). . . . . \$5

Raffle ticket available on site. No limit on tickets. . . . . \$20

## EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Exclusive Station sponsorship: Single sign at a station . . . . \$225

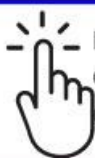
Station sponsorship: Sign at a station . . . . . \$150

Event sponsorship: Sign at meeting/lunch area . . . . . \$150

Packaged Sponsorship: Sign at station and lunch area . . . . \$250

Premium Packaged Sponsorship: Sign at lunch  
area and exclusive station . . . . . \$325

Save \$50!



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Credit Card: <https://form.jotform.com/233095805998169>

## DIRECTIONS

From DFW Airport - Take North Exit to SH-121 North and continue on SH-121 Bypass towards McKinney, exit at Lake Vista/MacArthur and turn right on the I35 South service road. Entrance is 100 yards on the right.

From downtown Dallas - Take I35 north. Exit 447B – 121 Grapevine/McKinney. Make a U-turn onto the southbound service road. Entrance is 100 yards on the right.

From Denton - Take I 35 south. Exit # 448A – 121 Grapevine/McKinney. Go through the intersection and continue on the service road. Entrance is 100 yards on the right.





# Treasurer's Report

Happy November, WEAT North Texas!

I hope you are all enjoying this cooler weather (well, cool for Texas anyway!) Whether you braved the entire endless summer we had, or were able to get some travel time in, either way we are already rounding into the holiday season, and with that we are at the time of year again to review WEAT-NTS's financial standing from this past fiscal year. (Quick reminder: WEAT-NTS's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30).

## **Fiscal Year-end Balance Sheet**

2023 has seen a substantial "rebound" in the market at-large, as well as with our overall financial standing. Over the last 12 months, our total assets have grown by almost \$100,000... over 16%! This has helped our Executive Committee maintain a growth mindset for the organization and continue to look at ways to increase our positive impact on the North Texas water and wastewater community at large.

We recently completed a reconciliation of our FY22-23 finances, and ended the year with total assets of \$679,790.19. (By comparison, our FY21-22 fiscal year end total assets were \$583,841.22). Below is a breakdown of our section's financial position at fiscal year end.

# Treasurer's Report

## North Texas Section - Water Environment Association Texas Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year End Jun 30, 2023

Description	Amount
<b>ASSETS</b>	
1010 · Cash	1,250.00
1015 · Checking Account	59,184.35
1030 · American Funds	
AF US Government MMK F-2	51,393.89
AMCAP Fund-F2	113,839.96
American Balanced Fund-F2	65,155.36
Capital Income Builder-F2	61,763.63
Global Balanced Fund-F2	118,779.65
The Growth Fund of America-F2	87,518.25
The Income Fund of America-F2	120,405.10
Total 1030 American Funds	618,855.84
Total Checking/Savings	679,290.19
Prepaid Expense	500.00
Total Other Current Assets	500.00
Total Current Assets	679,790.19
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>679,790.19</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Current Liabilities	
2010 · Chase Business Card	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilites	0.00
Equity	
3015 · Unrestricted Net Assets	583,684.14
Net Income	96,105.05
Total Equity	679,790.19
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY, JUNE 30, 2023</b>	<b>679,790.19</b>
<b>COMPARISON OF TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY—JUNE 30, 2022</b>	<b>583,841.22</b>



# Treasurer's Report

## Investment Summary

Also included is our quarterly change in WEAT-NTS investment account activity from March 31, 2023 to fiscal year end of June 30, 2023.

North Texas Section - Water Environment Association Texas Investment Summary June 30, 2023							
	Ending Balance 03.31.2023	Dividend/ Interest	Capital Gains	Purchased	Reinvest	Gain/Loss	Ending Balance 06.30.2023
AF US Government MMK-F2	50,802.60	591.29	-	-	-	-	51,393.89
AMCAP Fund-F2	103,602.31	522.89	-	-	1,205.83	8,508.93	113,839.96
American Balanced Fund-F2	62,911.57	246.82	-	-	-	1,996.97	65,155.36
Capital Income Builder -F2	61,283.05	449.15	-	-	-	31.43	61,763.63
Global Balanced Fund- F2	115,558.27	715.90	-	-	-	2,505.48	118,779.65
The Growth Fund of America-F2	77,965.65	-	-	-	1,165.05	8,387.55	87,518.25
The Income Fund of America-F2	119,664.15	959.01	-	-	-	(218.06)	120,405.10
	591,787.60	3,485.06	-	-	2,370.88	21,212.30	618,855.84

## 2023 Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament

This year's Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament was a special one, as the late summer heat cooled off for the day (and the rain mostly held off too) for a great day on the course. During planning meetings for the tournament, the EC decided to set a lofty goal of raising \$20,000 for our 20<sup>th</sup> year, an amount never reached in any of its previous years. With new features including the "Crap Shoot" and a Hole-in-one payout opportunity, the WEAT-NTS golfers showed up in full "fore"ce, and blew the EC's goal out of the water. We ended up raising **over \$26,000** (an increase of \$7,000 from 2022!) which goes directly to funding scholarships to students seeking a future in the wastewater industry! A huge **THANK YOU** to all who participated, volunteered and otherwise contributed. This is all possible because of you!

# Treasurer's Report

## Spring and Fall Scholarship Awards Recap

For this Fall 2023 semester, WEAT-NTS was able to donate \$18,050 to 21 qualified recipients who are interested in careers in the wastewater industry. 13 students received a total of \$10,050 from the WEAT-NTS Scholarship, and 7 students received \$8,000 from the Daryl Hall Scholarship.

By comparison, this previous Spring 2023 semester WEAT-NTS donated \$12,550 to 15 students via the WEAT-NTS and Daryl Hall Scholarships. WEAT-NTS looks forward to continuing aiding these students as they work hard pursuing their college degrees!

## Opstoberfest 2023

Opstoberfest 2023 was held on Friday, October 20 at the St. Jude Event Center. We had a near-record attendance of teams that came out to put their best meats, desserts and home brewed beers on display, and to the test. The event raised over \$2,300, which goes directly toward funding travel expenses for utility teams competing at WEFTEC and Texas Water. A big thank you to all volunteers and participants who helped put this event together!

## Closing Comments

One of the other reasons we remain in strong financial standing is due to the generous support of our annual sponsors who continue to support WEAT-NTS year to year. We cannot thank you enough!

I look forward to seeing you all at our November Meeting and at future events. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any questions at [johnsonbj@trinityra.org](mailto:johnsonbj@trinityra.org).

Sincerely,

Blayne Johnson, Treasurer



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**WEAT**  
North Texas Section

2024 WEAT-NTS  
FEBRUARY SEMINAR

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**SUBMISSION DUE DATE**

~~Friday November 10th~~ **DEADLINE EXTENDED!** Friday, December 15th

**SEMINAR CONTACT**

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## SYNERGY

WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE GREATER GOOD.

### POTENTIAL TOPICS:



Planning for the Future with  
TCEQ Regulation Updates



Combating Environmental  
Challenges with Water Reuse



Keeping Ahead of the Curve  
with Innovated Technologies



Operation Talent Providing On-  
Hands Solutions

## WHEN & WHERE

February 6, 2024  
Hurst Conference Center  
1601 Campus Drive  
Hurst, TX 76054

# Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament

The North Texas Section recently held the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament. The Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament is an opportunity to continue the legacy of Daryl Hall, a dear friend and member of the North Texas water and wastewater community, by giving back to our industry and helping others who seek higher education. All proceeds from the tournament go directly to the Daryl Hall Scholarship fund.

This year was the largest turn out for the event with 38 teams competing for the best overall team score as well as other contests including long drive, putting contest, closest to the pin, etc. This year's feature event was a Hole-in-One contest that was worth \$20,000. We also had a CrapShoot event in which golfers had to tee-off while seated on a toilet which was a huge hit with the wastewater folks!



Congratulations to our top three teams and thank you to everyone who supported this great cause. We raised more than \$26,000 for the WEAT-NTS and Daryl Hall scholarship funds!



**1st Place— H&H Restoration/Chesterton**



**2nd Place— Gupta and Associates**



**3rd Place—Environmental Improvements, Inc.**

# OPStoberfest 2023

## OPStoberfest: From a Crazy Inception to an Incredible Event!

The **16<sup>th</sup> Annual WEAT-NTS OPStoberfest** was held Friday, October 20th at St. Jude Venue in Arlington, Texas. Another RECORD number of teams (over 30) participated in various categories to compete for the title of pit master. The BBQ CookOff continues to raise funds for the North Texas Ops Challenge teams to go to national competitions. Many of the cookoff teams started at least a day in advance with preparations to smoke meat and then setting up tent stations all day for the evening family-friendly event. A continuously growing crowd of more than 250 people enjoyed fantastic food, mingling, and cheered as awards were given for best chicken, beef, pork, wild game, home-brewed beer, or homemade dessert. Additional awards went for Pit Master, Most Hospitable Team, and Best Kids' Costume.

### Best Dark Beer

1st and 2nd Place: Criado



### Best Light Beer

1st Place: Garver—Team Garver  
2nd Place: Garver West Texas



### Best Dessert

1st Place: Jacobs  
2nd Place: CDM Smith  
3rd Place: Aguaze Solutions



### Best Pork

1st Place: LAN, Inc.  
2nd Place: City of Fort Worth—6 Pack BBQ  
3rd Place: Zone Industries



# OPStoberfest 2023

## Best Beef

- 1st Place: TRA Smoke N' Bonez
- 2nd Place: Aguaze Solutions
- 3rd Place: Hazen—Hazy Q



## Best Chicken

- 1st Place: City of Fort Worth - 6 Pack BBQ
- 2nd Place: City of Fort Worth—Outlaws
- 3rd Place: City of Dallas Snappers

## Best Wild Game

- 1st Place: City of Fort Worth Outlaws
- 2nd Place: City of Dallas Snappers
- 3rd Place: Freese & Nichols



## Hospitality Award

Back 40—TRA



## Best in Cooking—Pit Master

City of Fort Worth—6 Pack BBQ



# OPStoberfest 2023

## Thank you to all our judges!

### Beer Judges:

- ◆ Kevin Flinn
- ◆ Ana Pena-Tijerina
- ◆ Marc Cottingame

### Pork Judges:

- ◆ Veronica Nava
- ◆ Drew Benson
- ◆ Brad Crement

### Chicken Judges:

- ◆ Beth Kochur
- ◆ Melonie Perkins
- ◆ Bart Hines

### Dessert Judges:

- ◆ Steve Garcia
- ◆ Maria Wang

### Beef Judges:

- ◆ Paul Allison
- ◆ Josh Kercho
- ◆ Steven Plummer

### Wild Game Judges:

- ◆ Eric Coffin
- ◆ Miguel Nava
- ◆ Ike Bertels

We had a great showing at the **kids costume contest!** We love seeing our future WEATies at our events!



Thank you to our Photographer **Malcom Cowdin** for helping document our WEAT-NTS Activities!





# OPStoberfest 2023





# THIS COULD GET UGLY

THE NCT TAWWA & WEAT YP COMMITTEES PRESENT:  
**Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH | 6PM - 9PM**

## **TURNING POINT BREWERY**

1307 Brown Trail  
Bedford, TX 76022

### **ATTIRE**

Christmas Party Casual  
(ugly sweaters encouraged!)

### **\$20 REGISTRATION**

2 pints, pizza, and 1 raffle entry  
(cash bar available)

### **WHO**

TAWWA/WEAT Members and a Plus One  
(friends, spouses, and coworkers welcomed)

### **SPONSORSHIP**

Jolly Saint Nick (\$400)

[Register Here](#)

Questions? Contact Cat Turner (CATurner@GarverUSA.com)

# DALLAS River Cleanup!

## WEAT-NTS Redeem the Stream

Adventurers encouraged!

Exact Date TBD (weekend in early  
December)

Exact Location TBD (will be in Dallas)

Free T-Shirt for all volunteers

Contact Santos Sotelo for more info!

Please RSVP by emailing:

[santos.sotelo@kimley-horn.com](mailto:santos.sotelo@kimley-horn.com)

### Volunteer Checklist:

- ✓ Mask
- ✓ Hand Sanitizer 
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Sun hat
- ✓ Bug spray 
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Long pants
- ✓ Long sleeves
- ✓ Closed toed shoes/boots,
- ✓ Dry change of clothes if you plan to get wet.



# Thank you to our Sponsors!

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# Thank you to our Sponsors!

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See Sponsorship Opportunities on page 22 or [CLICK HERE](#).



# Sponsorship Opportunities

WEAT-NTS offers three levels of sponsorships for the July 2023 – June 2024 year, plus multiple individual sponsorship opportunities.

Sponsorships will support:


- WEAT-NTS and Daryl Hall Scholarship Funds
  - Dinner Meetings
  - Section Activities (Fall BBQ and Sporting Clays Tournament)
  - February Seminar
  - Young Professionals
- Outreach Programs (Science Fair, Future Cities, Trinity River Cleanup, etc.)

<p><b>Classic Dinner Sponsor \$250</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•For One Dinner Meeting</li> <li>•Recognition of Classic Sponsors:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Announcement on front page of newsletter (name of firm) for the sponsored meeting</li> <li>- Announcement in meeting reminder emails (name of firm)</li> <li>- Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint</li> <li>- Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at the beginning of the meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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WEAT-NTS Scholarship Fund Contributions	\$100
Newsletter Advertising (6 issues) and website link	\$150
NTS February Seminar	\$300
NTS February Seminar Table Sponsor	\$500
NTS February Seminar Break Area Sponsor	\$1,000

<p><b>Gold Sponsor \$1,250</b></p> <p>Recognition at ALL six meetings (includes Fall Cook-off) (for the price of five)</p> <p>Recognition of Gold Sponsor is the same as Classic Sponsor at ALL six meetings</p>
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\*Daryl Hall Golf Tournament and Sporting Clays events sponsorships are advertised separately.

<p><b>Platinum \$1,950</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recognition as a platinum sponsor at ALL SIX meetings, including the fall BBQ</li> <li>•Recognition of Platinum Sponsor is same as Gold Sponsor, plus:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name included in all newsletters, meeting announcements, meeting reminder emails, and link on website</li> <li>- Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint</li> <li>- Recognition of Platinum Sponsor by President at the beginning of each meeting</li> <li>- Recognition as February Seminar Sponsor including logo display in advertising and at event</li> <li>- Recognition as YP Sponsor, with \$100 from sponsorship being earmarked toward local YP events</li> <li>- Recognition as WEAT NTS and Daryl Hall scholarship fund contributor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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