

Welcome to the GOBBLER



2026 BIG TOM AWARD- CONGRATULATIONS

It was a year for the record books for the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt! There were 44 hunters, and 37 were successful. That is a great 84% success rate. Five of the six youth and all three of the American Heroes bagged their birds.



2026 Big Tom Winner
Senator Mike Fagg-R and
Guide Steve Adams-L

Big congratulations to Kansas Senator Mike Fagg, his guide Steve Adams, and landowner George Hanson for bringing in the highest-scoring bird at 72.56. Second Place went to Rob Keck and guide Bill Hoefgen with a score of 71.64, and third place to American Hero Jason Pfeifer and guide Leonard Moore, scoring 71.51.

All scores can be found on the website at www.kansasoneshotturkeyhunt.org



Rob Keck and
guide Bill Hoefgen



Jason Pfeifer and
guide Leonard Moore

*Where tradition, community, and conservation
come together!*



ROBERT BOLES VOTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE KOSTH ALUMNI CLUB

The inaugural KOSTH Alumni Club Meeting was held Friday, April 17, at the Butler County Community Building in El Dorado, bringing together Alumni Club members and prospective members for an evening focused on fellowship, ideas, and the future of the organization.

Mike Hayden opened the meeting by sharing the vision and purpose of the Alumni Club, along with an overview of its financial structure. During the meeting, Robert Boles was nominated and elected as Club Chairman, while fellow guide Andy Hall was elected to serve as Secretary.

The evening also featured an open discussion where attendees shared ideas and enthusiasm for the future of the Alumni Club. Members expressed interest in organizing a sporting clay or shooting event to create additional opportunities for alumni to connect throughout the year. There was also support for continuing the pollinator plot projects and exploring the possibility of hosting a future "field day" event to bring members, families, and supporters together outside of the annual hunt.

The meeting marked an exciting first step for the KOSTH Alumni Club as members began shaping new traditions and opportunities to support the mission of the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt for years to come.

ALUMNI CLUB PURCHASES SEED FOR POLLINATOR PLOT

In March, the Alumni Club purchased seed to create a pollinator plot at El Dorado Lake State Park. Tyler Burt with the Park met with members of the KOSTH Board and explained the type of seed they would be looking for to plant. Due to the heavy rains, planting was delayed for a while. The seed is now in and the KOSTH Social Media will provide photos of the progress.

There are a couple more opportunities for pollinator plots in the fall.

Why pollinator plots are important to the wild turkey...

Research has shown that where pollinators are, turkeys thrive. Poults' (babies) diets for the first two weeks of life are nearly 100% insects.

These plots also provide nesting cover and foraging for the adult turkeys.

These pollinator plots are not just for the wild turkey but also for other species of wildlife.



WHAT IS THE KOSTH ALUMNI CLUB?

In 2024, the KOSTH Board of Directors launched the Alumni Club, inviting hunters, guides, landowners, and volunteers to become members. By joining, hunters will receive invitations to future hunts (with registration fees of \$1,750 plus hotel accommodations). Membership also empowers individuals to voice their opinions with the Board on issues, challenges, and opportunities that align with KOSTH's mission.

- Not a member yet? Visit our website to sign up!

Below is a list of our current Alumni Club Members. If you believe your name should be added, please reach out to the KOSTH office via phone or email.

ALUMNI CLUB MEMBERS

Dave Adams-Volunteer/Board
Steve Adams-Guide
Jennifer Anderson-Hunter
Brian Arterburn-Hunter
Tim Ayers-Landowner
Garrett Bader-Hunter
Gus Bader-Hunter
Ryan Bader-Hunter
Phil Benedict-Volunteer
John Berndt-Hunter
Patricia Berndt-Hunter
Joe Bisogno-Hunter
Robert Boles-Guide
John Britt-Guide/Board
Jordan Bursell-Guide
Jess Cole-Hunter
Dave Cornish-Guide
Lonnie Currier-Guide
Whitney Damron-Hunter
Chris Degnar-Hunter
Pat Do-Hunter
Mark Elliott-Hunter
Davin Epperson-Guide
Mike Fagg-Hunter
Gerald Fitzner-Hunter
Christie Foulston-Landowner
Brittany French-Hunter
Tyler Gentry-Guide

ALUMNI CLUB MEMBERS-CONTINUED

Dan Gonzales-Guide
Kim Gonzales-Guide/Board
Andy Hall-Guide
Mike Hayden-Hunter/Board
Scott Heinen-Hunter
Valentin Hernandez-Hunter
Kelly Herzet-Hunter
Chris Hodgdon-Hunter
Joel Hodgdon-Hunter
Thomas Humphries-Past Guide
Darren Jackson-Guide/Board
DJ Jackson-Guide
Jeremy Jackson-Guide
Phyllis Jackson-Landowner
Ron Jolly-Hunter
Tes Jolly-Hunter
Rob Keck-Hunter
Tim Keenan-Hunter
Kris Kobach-Hunter
Will Lawrence-Hunter
Brian Lewellen-Guide
Bryan Lewis-Hunter/Board
Chris Mann-Hunter
Leonard Moore-Guide/Board
Kevin Moss-Hunter
Marc Murrell-Volunteer/Board
Jarrod Nichols-Hunter/Board
Trent Payne-Hunter
Michael Pearce-Hunter
Kelsey Puryear-Hunter/Board
Matt Ray-Hunter
Warren Rensner-Guide/Sponsor
David Reynolds-Landowner
Bob Ruch-Hunter
Richard Ruch-Hunter
Joe Ruch-Hunter
Steve Seymour-Guide/Board
Gunnar Sullivan-Guide/Board
Ryan Tandy-Landowner
Cape Taylor-Hunter
Bebbee Thomas-Landowner
Tim Thomas-Guide
Beverly Tipton-Landowner
Rodney Turner-Hunter
Griffin Turner-Hunter
Chris Tymeson-Hunter
Kelly Tymeson-Hunter
Craig Wall-Hunter
Greg Wiley-Landowner
Frank Williams-Guide
Becky Wolfe-Hunt Coordinator



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zales						
er	1.375	1.375	8.875	21.81	67.06	1st
	1.125	1.125	9.875	23.21	66.71	2nd
il	1.0	1.0	7.625	21.46	56.71	3rd
s	1.0	1.0	9.5	19.63	58.63	4th
try	1.0	1.0	10.125	22.46	63.91	5th
	1.5	1.5	10.25	22.06	72.56	6th
len						
	1.25	1.25	7.875	20.15	60.9	7th
.Hall	0.375	0.375	5.25	13.93	31.93	8th
on	1.25	1.125	9.75	22.11	65.36	9th
	1.25	1.25	10.75	25.14	71.64	10th
	1.25	1.25	9.125	20.55	61.3	11th
	1.125	1.125	9.875	23.86	68.61	12th
	1.25	1.25	3.0	19.12	47.62	13th
er	1.125	1.125	4.25	14.78	32.05	14th
	0.375	0.5	10.25	20.66	63.66	15th
ivan	1.125	1.125	9.875	20.76	54.26	16th
ish	0.625	0.75	4.5	21.06	67.56	17th
4	1.375	1.375	9.875	21.70	71.51	18th
	1.375	1.50	9.625	20.44	67.69	19th

MORE THAN AN EVENT...

Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt: An Annual Celebration

The Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt is a fantastic event held every April, brimming with activities and opportunities to forge connections with individuals from diverse backgrounds. This event not only boosts the economy of El Dorado and Butler County but also showcases Kansas resources to visitors from all over the nation.

Commitment to Conservation

However, it is much more than just an event. The mission of the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt is deeply rooted in conservation, a significant concept that the organization takes to heart. Funds raised through hunt registrations, auctions, and other avenues are reinvested into the organization, supporting the programs associated with the hunt and establishing additional initiatives focused on conservation education and habitat preservation.

In the upcoming months, the Board of Directors is planning to organize a "Field Day" in Butler County, featuring educational insights on various aspects of conservation and habitat. Additionally, there are plans to establish at least one more pollinator plot during the fall season.

Forming a committee of the Alumni Club is in the works, so if you are interested in being a part of that group, contact Becky at 316-251-9352.

