

Trojans Softball: Tri County Tournament

Photos by: Amy Lindsay



Senior, McKenna Polk delivers a strike against Brookhaven Bobcats.

The lady Trojans went two for three in this past Saturday’s, August 18, tournament with a 7-2 loss to Brookhaven Academy followed by an 8-0 win against Tallulah Academy and a 6-1 win against Clinton Academy. The Lady Trojans record now stands at 12 wins, 5 losses and 1 tie.



Sophomore, McKaylee Polk drives one up the middle for a single.



Morgan Bigbee, Junior shortstop battles at the plate.



Senior, Shelby Lindsay, gets a base hit to left field.



Landry Gardner, 1st baseman, singles to left field.

Whitetail workshop highlights best practices for deer populations

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Holmes and Yazoo County Extension hosted the Game Camera Survey and Forest Management for White-tail Deer Workshop, Friday, August 17, sponsored by Holmes County Forestry Association and Soil and Water Conservation District in the Holmes County Extension office. Dr. Brady Self, Mississippi State Extension Forestry Specialist, led the workshop with help from Dr. Bronson Strickland, MS State Extension Wildlife Specialist, and assistance from Alec Conrad and Pierce Young, both MS Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Biologists.

Brady, Alec and Pierce covered recommended ways to utilize game cameras to survey whitetail deer on a property recommending using one camera per 100 acres. Alec and Pierce went over how to identify what you photograph, and the challenge of going through and sorting the hundreds of pictures that the cameras will take. Recommendations of placement for the cameras was also made. Highly trafficked paths of whitetail should be targeted as opposed to feeding sites. This method is to capture natural patterns of the deer and to cut down on unwanted photos of squirrels, raccoons and the like. Similarities of doe and

fawn in pictures were shown and how to distinguish was explained. After lunch, the group went to the field to hear from Bronson and Brady about the importance of proper forest management to the enhancement of deer health and hunting success. Tracts of hardwoods adjacent to thinned pines were the perfect site to show the contrast of hunting habitat to whitetail deer and sustainability. Comparisons of the forest canopy in both tracts were alluded to – and how the sun coming through the canopy produced deer browse that sustained them as opposed to the closed canopy of the hardwoods that produced little to no browse.

It was pointed out that prescribed burning, chemical treatment, and/or mulching all have their value in beneficial wildlife and forest management by controlling plant populations producing more palatable browse for the deer and less competition for growing trees. Bronson left the group with his statement that he opposes feeding of whitetail and that throughout his research it has been shown that habitat enhancement through pine thinning and proper forest management yield the best scenario for sustaining healthy whitetail deer (and hunting situations).



Forestry Workshop participants were pictured in the woods while observing forest floor contrasts from thinned pine to hardwood. Pictured from the far left clockwise were: Dr. Bronson Strickland and Dr. Brady Self, both MSU Extension specialists, Chris Dees, Russell Fletcher, Joseph Guess, Buddy Clairain, Billy and Randy Robinson, Pierce Young and Alec Conrad, MSWFP Biologists, Randy Hutchinson and Paul Padgett. (Photo by Betsy Padgett)