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## NTAPL Social and Dinner

The NTAPL Dinner and Social, held on April 4<sup>th</sup>, was a huge success. Donations and dinner ticket sales raised over \$2,800 for the Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation's Rural Volunteer Fire Department Fund! The special guest speaker for the evening, Clay Skelton, Chief of the Joy Volunteer Fire Department, gave members and guests valuable insight about maintenance, costs, equipment, and the time required to keep a volunteer fire department running. His emotional speech generated several donations by both members and non-members. AAPL President, Steve Wentworth, spoke about his recent stint as president and the direction he believes the oil and gas industry is headed. During his term in office Wentworth has strived to increase AAPL's membership and have all landmen subject to the AAPL code of ethics.



Clay Skelton, Fire Chief, Joy FD



Steve Wentworth, AAPL President, Chief Landman, EOG Resources

## Upcoming Events:

Texas Alliance Expo  
April 27th

Desk & Derrick Golf Tournament  
May 13th

Social  
May 20

NTAPL Fall Classic Golf Tournament  
October 14th

## CURRENT OFFICERS

### President

Brady Watson, RL  
Gunn Oil Company

Secretary/Treasurer  
Debbie Frerich, CPL  
Cobra Oil and Gas



### Vice President

Sherry Knight  
Burk Royalty Co.,

AAPL Director  
Terry Caves  
Gunn Oil Company

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Please contact Lauren Armstrong at [larmstrong@gunnoil.com](mailto:larmstrong@gunnoil.com)

# Message From The President

Greetings,

First I would like to start by saying Thank You to all of the members that attended the NTAPL Dinner on April 4<sup>th</sup> and also to those individuals and companies that donated. The NTAPL raised over \$2,800.00 for the WFACF Rural Fire Department Fund! An extra special thanks goes out to Clay Skelton, Joy VF Chief, for giving a very touching account of the struggles faced by area RVFD. AAPL President, Steve Wentworth's speech about professionalism and accountability within our organization got me thinking about how great the NTAPL members really are. It is truly amazing to me how generous and supportive our group is within the community. Again, thank you!

I hope to see everyone at the Texas Alliance meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Alex Mills, NTAPL Associate Member, and his staff do an excellent job of organizing this event, and the BBQ is not bad either!

On May 13<sup>th</sup> Desk and Derrick of Wichita Falls will be hosting their first ever golf tournament (flyer attached). If you are interested in playing or sponsoring, please contact Debbie Frerich. I know how much work goes into putting on a golf tournament and know that Debbie will do a great job.

The NTAPL Fall Classic Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> and in the next few months, I will be asking everyone for some help in organizing another great tournament.

Also, I have had several inquiries about advertising in our monthly "Exhibit" newsletter and I am considering selling some ads. If anyone is interested in advertising, please let me know. This would be a new venture for our group and I would like some input. By no means would we get rich but by selling advertising it would help to defer some of the costs associated with the website's monthly maintenance fee.

Plans are in the works for a social in May in lieu of a meeting. The date is tentatively set for May 20<sup>th</sup> with details to follow in the upcoming month. I encourage everyone to invite a landman to join our organization!

Best wishes,

**Brady Watson, RL**

\*\*\*I caught this before it went to "print". The recent wildfires in the area are putting a great strain on VFD's. Thank everyone again for donating and attending the event!



**Brady & Jody Watson**



**Article By Alex Mills, Alliance President  
February 17, 2011**

Is there a conspiracy within Region 6 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take over the regulation of the oil and gas industry in Texas?

Clearly, the aggressive actions of EPA against the state of Texas and the oil and gas industry have raised the suspicions that EPA's actions have been based on a political agenda. An example is EPA claiming that the flex permitting of refineries for air emissions did not meet EPA standards even though EPA had allowed Texas to operate with such standards for a decade.

There are others, too. The most obvious example involves an emergency order issued by Region 6 against Range Resources, a natural gas producing company based in Fort Worth. EPA issued a news release on December 7, 2010 stating several homes near wells drilled by Range were in "imminent and substantial risk of explosion or fire" because the wells located in Parker County west of Fort Worth "caused or contributed to the contamination of at least two residential drinking water wells." It was learned later that there was no "imminent and substantial risk of explosion or fire" to the homes, because the contaminated wells had been shut off months before the December 7 order by EPA.

Energy In Depth (EID), a Washington, D.C. group, revealed on February 11 that it had obtained several emails under a filing of the Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) written by Region 6 Administrator Al Armendariz and sent to environmental activists on December 7, the same day of the order, stating: "We're about to make a lot of news." The emails were sent to the liberal Public Citizens, the Environmental Defense Fund, and the Texas Oil and Gas Accountability Project (OGAP), which was organized to push environmental issues in the Barnett Shale.

Armendariz's news release prematurely accused Range of violating federal law that Range's wells were the source of contamination without scientific proof. The emails show that EPA was more interested in publicity and furthering the agenda of Armendariz's environmental activist allies than he was in actually pursuing an action that was based on solid science and indisputable facts.

Armendariz's unprecedented action circumvented an investigation being conducted by the Texas Railroad Commission, which is the primary regulatory agency over oil and gas matters and has been for about 100 years. The RRC has been investigating the source of contamination of the water wells since August. The RRC called a hearing on January 19-20 and the following is a summary of some of the testimony given under oath.

Larry Peck, owner of Peck's Well Service, drilled the well in Parker County on October 15, 2005, and the well flared enough natural gas to heat six or seven homes. He took nine photographs of the gas burning from the water well.

Mark McCaffrey, Ph.D., an expert in geochemical gas fingerprinting from Weatherford Labs, testified before the RRC "that nitrogen...can be used to distinguish Barnett formation reservoir gas from Pennsylvanian Strawn reservoir gas." He said gas from shallower Strawn has higher nitrogen and lower CO<sub>2</sub> than gas from the Barnett Shale, which is a mile deeper.

John Blevins, Director of the Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division for Region 6 EPA, testified in a deposition that EPA never tested for nitrogen. It was learned at the deposition that Dr. Doug Beck, an environmental chemist with EPA, told EPA officials that the only way to compare the data (collected by EPA) would be to make assumptions to fill in data and gaps and I don't believe we have enough experience at this site or data to do this at this time." However, EPA went ahead and issued the order against Range.

Other experts stated that the integrity of the wells drilled by Range have been tested and they can be ruled out as the source of the gas, and that the presence of gas in the water well is due to a natural connection between the Creaceous and the Strawn that is probably exacerbated with the water well being drilled too deep.

The credibility of the officials in EPA's Region 6 office has been severely damaged as evidence continues to become public that the EPA is more concerned about making news than getting the facts before throwing its weight around.

Alex Mills is President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, which is the largest state oil and gas association in the nation. The opinions expressed are solely of the author.



# Membership

*It is our pleasure to welcome you as a new member of the NTAPL and to offer thanks for your enthusiasm and interest in our group. As we continue to grow, please remember you are just as important to the group as anyone else. Don't hold back! We want your advice, so don't hesitate to bring your ideas to our attention.*

*We extend our warmest welcome to you!*

## **Newest Members:**

Lauren Armstrong  
Gunn Oil Company

Are you interested in becoming a member of NTAPL or need to renew your membership?

To become a new member or renew your membership, please download, print and fill out a NTAPL Membership Application from the NTAPL Website ([www.NTAPL.org](http://www.NTAPL.org)) under the Membership Application tab. Please mail the application along with your payment to the address listed on the form.

Membership term is from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Dues are not prorated.

# April 2011

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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3	4 Dinner & Social	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20 David W. Potts	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Texas Alliance Meeting	28	29	30

# May 2011

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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# NTAPL Social & Dinner April 4, 2011





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**DESK AND DERRICK CLUB  
OF WICHITA FALLS**

**1st Annual Spring Classic Golf Tournament - Friday, May 13, 2011**

***The Champions Course at Weeks Park***

4400 Lake Park Drive, Wichita Falls, TX (view at [www.weeksparkgolf.com](http://www.weeksparkgolf.com))

"North Texas Scramble" with each foursome playing the best ball.

(only one "A" player per foursome)

Please fill out this form below and mail it along with all four (4) entry fees to the attention of:

**Sammie Nelson, 2201 Kell Blvd, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308**

Please make all checks payable to: **DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF WICHITA FALLS**

**ENTRY FEES:** \$80.00 per person (includes green fees, carts, meal, door prizes)  
Mulligans are available for purchase for \$5.00 each (only two per person, one per nine holes)

**TIME:** Golfers should be at the course by 8:00 AM for instructions, carts, score cards, etc. Shotgun Start - Tee Off at 9:00 AM

**GOLF &** Awards and prize drawings will be done after lunch at 1:00 PM at the **DOOR PRIZES:** golf course.

**DIRECTIONS:** Weeks Park is located at 4400 Lake Park Drive in Wichita Falls between Midwestern Parkway and Southwest Parkway.

Come out and enjoy the fun! If you have any questions, call Sammie Nelson at 940-716-5100, [Sammie@cobraogc.com](mailto:Sammie@cobraogc.com)

**DESK AND DERRICK GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM**

<u>PLAYER NAME</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>Mulligans</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
1. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____
2. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____
3. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____
4. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____
<b>Total Paid for Golf &amp; Mulligans</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>		





# TEAM BRINLEY



Jennifer Rodriguez, Treasurer of the Desk & Derrick Club and Production Assistant at Burk Royalty Co., Ltd, with her family (from left to right): Chloe, Eric, and Emory.

Jennifer and Eric are happily expecting their third baby girl. During a routine check up, the doctor advised the couple that their unborn baby girl will be born with a heart defect that will leave her little heart underdeveloped. Baby Brinley Marie has been diagnosed with Tricuspid Atresia. The defect impairs blood flow to other parts of the body. Doctors say children born with this defect usually have to be kept in the hospital up to a month after they are born and in worst case, need a heart transplant. The Doctor is predicting that she will be able to skip her first surgery and will only require two; one at three months old and one at three years old. She will only be functioning with half of her heart.

Friends and family are requesting that we join them for a benefit for baby Brinley on May 21st, 2011. The event will be held from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at The Neon Spur located at 200 North Burnett. The event will include a silent auction, some tasty BBQ, and a performance by the Tyler Rushing Band. TEAM BRINLEY t-shirts and bracelets will also be available for purchase. We invite you all to come out and support this family and help get Brinley the medical care she needs.

**Donations can also be made at Wells Fargo, just ask for the Baby Brinley Account.**

**Account # 1738061959**