

# Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club, Inc



April 2015

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## BRGC Monthly Newsletter

Trap Range activities to resume April 6, 2015, Weather Permitting  
Robert Tompkins Sr. 845-561-7850

### Steel Plate schedule

Plates will be out May 6th and May 20th

We start shooting at 5:00pm and finish up around 6:30. Plates are Club property and can be used by any Member.

Shed where Plates are kept is never locked. Plates can be used with any caliber hand gun or rim fire rifle.

**Plates are not to be used with center fire rifles.**

Bob Vogel Sr 845-206-6784



Mike Schetter  
With  
Florida Boar



**Buddy Kalasky &  
Billy Stokes  
Designed, Built and  
Installed a new sign for the  
Bethlehem Rod and Gun**



Bobby Lesko  
with  
Bonnethead shark

### Charlotte Harbor Trip

Captain Nick and I hosted the boys from "New York" on a 5 hr Charlotte harbor trip this Wednesday. Mike Schetter (NY) and his fire fighting crew were down for a "wild hog hunting trip" in Punta Gorda. They combined this hunt with a quick morning fishing trip with Nick and I. We managed to land the largest fish ever aboard the "Gloria May" a 65-70 pound estimated "Ray" which we released after this picture was taken. Left to right..Bob Lesko, Mike Schetter, Dennis Cable and Bob Dross. Also shown Bobby Lesko with his bonnethead shark (a small hammerhead species) Look at the eyes on that baby..the shark I mean. We finished off the adventure with a fun cookout of Caribbean jerk shark steak, New Orleans style grilled jack and deep fried pompano and snappers on our dock. Sure wish the Baisely boys and our friend George were here to share in the fun.



Left to right.  
Bob Lesko, Mike Schetter,  
Dennis Cable and Bob Dross

### 2015 KIDS FISHING DERBY!!

John & Wilma Klein Memorial  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30am-10:30am  
Rain or Shine

Sign-in starts at 6:30 AM

**Must pre-register by May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Ages from 0-14 Member's immediate family only  
Lunch and prizes start at 11:00 AM

**Point of Contacts**

Chairman- Brian Hetherly- (845)-883-6877  
Registration/Work hours e-mail Brian at:

**2002hd@optonline.net**

**Have you got  
your work hours  
in?**

**Check the Forums  
For work Parties !**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Sunday, July 12th 2015  
Mid-Hudson Valley Civic Center  
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"If people don't  
occasionally walk  
away from you  
shaking their heads,  
you're doing some-  
thing wrong."  
John Gierach

**Upcoming Meetings  
and Events**

## **2015 Club Saltwater trips**

**The Ogunquit, Maine fishing on the Bunny Clark is full.**

20 members have signed up and paid.. The next rip will be scheduled for sometime in the fall. If you are interested, contact Bob Vogel Sr. 2 845-206-6784

### **2015-2016 Dues Schedule**

Adult - \$125.00 + 8 Work Hours  
Senior - 50.00 + 4 Work Hours (65 years of age and older)  
Spouse - 35.00  
Junior - 35.00  
Life - 0.00

2015 - 2016 Dues will be collected at the Club on the following dates. If these dates don't fit your schedule, call me @ 845-206-6784 to set up a date/time/place to make your Dues payment. Thanks Bob Vogel Sr.

May Sat 2nd 9:00am to 12:00 noon  
Wed 6th 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
Mon 18th 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
Wed 20th 6:30pm to 8:00pm

June Wed 3rd 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
Sat 13th 9:00am to 12:00 noon  
Wed 17th 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
Mon 22nd 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
Sat 27th 9:00am to 12:00 noon

July Wed 1st 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
Sat 11th 9:00am to 12:00 noon  
Wed 15th 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
Wed 22nd 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
Sun 26th 9:00am to 12:00 noon

To pay by mail

Send your Dues and the assessment of \$10.00 per hour, for any unworked work hours along with \$3.50 for postage to:

Bob Vogel  
51 Elm Lane  
Pleasant Valley NY 12569

Please include the following information with your payment:

Your Name  
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Month  
May 18th**

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### Club Member FFL Dealers:

Jim Kanner at J.K. Guns

Located in New Paltz, Contact Jim at 845 255 0550 or cell 845 242 3613  
Klaus Jonietz II at The Marksman Shop

Located at 1056 Rt 44/55 Clintondale NY 12515 914-466-3430

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**845-728-0084**

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C/O  
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**About Our Organization**

We are a sportsmen's club located in the beautiful Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, New York. Our objectives are: 1) Promote good fellowship among club members, 2) Make a better environment for hunting and fishing, 3) Obtain and retain the goodwill of landowners, and 4) Honestly work for the conservation and propagation of fish & game.

We offer a clubhouse located on 180+ acres of land; a ten acre stocked lake with boats and fishing for bass, pickerel, pan fish and trout; trap shooting; 100 yd. rifle/pistol range with range house; 3D archery targets; picnic areas; pavilion; private pheasant preserve.

For membership info checkout our website:

<http://www.bethlehemrodandgun.com>

**BOOKING TRIPS**  
**HUNTING OR FISHING TRIPS !!!!**

To Whomever,

If you are planning a trip to go on a hunting or fishing excursion, **DO YOUR HOMEWORK!!!** Just this April, I, Michael Schetter, went down to Florida to shoot wild boar. We had talked to the outfitter from October 2014 right up to 5 days before the trip on April 8th 2015. We were told many things and had all our questions answered. When we arrived, the story changed. Hunting times were changed, prices were changed, different locations and pricing was offered. Dry Ice was supposed to be available everywhere, however we could not find it anywhere.

The meat from the boars was full of **PARASITES** that can effect **HUMANS**. ( See Attached ) Needless to say after spending a lot of money and time we did not even get to eat the meat! There were 4 of us who went on this hunt, 3 who actually shot a boar . We all made the best of a poor situation and decided to go fishing while we were there in Florida !

Be Careful

Mike Schetter

# Wild Pig Explosion May Spread Disease to Humans

An explosion of wild pigs in the U.S. could be exposing people to dangerous parasites, a new study says.

The wild pig, *Sus scrofa*, was first introduced to the U.S. from Europe as livestock in the 1500s, but over the years many animals have escaped captivity.

Today there's an estimated four million wild pigs spread across 39 states, with large populations in California, Texas, and the Southeast, according to the study.

Because they're so hardy and can eat almost anything, feral pigs have been living high on the hog, producing several litters of piglets a year, said study co-author Chris DePerno, an ecologist at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Mixed into this group are escaped domestic pigs, *Sus scrofa domesticus*. (See pictures of unusual domesticated animals, including a Vietnamese potbellied pig.)

Within two generations out of captivity, domestic pigs usually lose their pink hue and turn striped and coarse-haired, DePerno said, allowing them to blend in with feral populations.

## Though "Tasty," Wild Pork May Be Dangerous

In the new research, DePerno and colleagues found evidence of exposure to the parasites *Toxoplasma gondii* and *Trichinella* in the blood of 83 wild pigs killed in North Carolina between 2007 and 2009.

The results are very similar to those of studies conducted in other parts of the country—including Texas and South Carolina—that show feral pigs could be disease vectors, DePerno said.

(See "Wild Pigs in U.S. Spreading Disease, Ruining Property, Experts Say.")

However, this is the first time scientists have found these particular parasite species in wild pigs, he said.

Although *T. gondii* and *Trichinella* have been eliminated in domestic swine, more people these days are hunting wild pigs for food, DePerno said.

"They're pretty tasty—more flavorful than domestic pigs."

People would most likely be infected by eating parasite-ridden meat. Once transmitted, both parasitic species can invade muscle tissue and organs and cause flulike symptoms, DePerno said.

More than 60 million men, women, and children in the U.S. already carry the *Toxoplasma* parasite, but very few show symptoms, because a healthy immune system usually keeps the disease in check.

Still, toxoplasmosis—the disease caused by *T. gondii*—is a leading cause of death due to foodborne illness in the United States, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The organism is especially toxic to pregnant women and those with weak immune systems.

*Trichinella* infections can also range from mild to severe, with the worst cases causing potentially fatal heart and breathing problems, according to the CDC. Even in moderate cases, fatigue, weakness, and diarrhea can last for months.

## Education, More Data to Combat Pig-Borne Illnesses

As the feral pig population expands, so will the incidence of wild-pig hunts, the study authors surmise.

The team therefore recommends education programs for hunters, to help them understand the risks of exposure to parasites both from cleaning pig carcasses and eating wild pork.

There's also the possibility that people could get the parasites from regular pork if domestic swine come into contact with infected feral pigs.

For instance, free-range pigs may bump into their wild brethren and pick up diseases—a possible downside to the popularity of free-range pork, he said. (Also see "Swine Flu Virus Hiding Out in Pigs, May Reemerge.")

"The take-home message," DePerno said, "is that more places need to do this kind of research to determine disease prevalence, especially related to domestic pigs, pets, and human health."

**The parasite-carrying pigs study appeared in April in the Journal of Wildlife Diseases.**



**Fish stocking is May 12, 2015, at 9:30 AM arrival time. Trucks arrive at 10:00 AM and 10:30 AM.**

Cobleskill fish hatchery 10:00 AM arrival. 100 tagged brown trout, 12 inches to 13 inches. Cost \$575.00. (\$3.75 plus \$.75 tag per fish.)

Beaverkill trout hatchery

Stocking 100 rainbows, 12 inches to 13 inches tagged with numbers.

10:30 AM arrival time.

2 - 19 inch golden trout, cost \$52.00 \$26 each. Bethlehem rod and gun is being credited for 100 trout. 50 rainbows are free. Cost savings of \$237.50 credit.

Balance payable is \$389.50.

An additional 50 trout will be credited at the fall stocking.

#### FATHEAD MINNOWS

The fathead minnow is a small, olive-colored baitfish that has been used for a century or more as bait for small predator fish such as crappie. They are often called "tuffies" or "tuffie minnows" and are available at live bait stores throughout most of the United States. They are native to central North America and were originally found from Canada to Mexico. Through many decades of use as live bait, they are now found throughout most of the United States.

Fathead minnows are not only good live bait, but are also beneficial in providing forage (food) in newly stocked bass-bluegill ponds. These minnows begin spawning during the early spring, often several months before the bluegill spawn and provide a valuable food source for small bass fingerlings. Fatheads can actually increase the growth rate of bass during their first year of life.

Spawning: Mature fathead adults seldom exceed three inches in length and usually live for only 12 to 15 months. Mature males are usually larger than the females and can be distinguished from the females during the breeding season by a series of breeding tubercles on the nose or forehead. Older males are often darker than the females. The males may also possess a hard pad on the top of their head, used in the preparation of the nest or spawning site. The males are also responsible for guarding the nest. Mature females may spawn weekly, depositing 200 to 500 eggs per spawn. Some females may lay up to 4,000 eggs per season.

Spawning typically begins when water temperatures reach 60 to 65 F and may continue until the temps exceed 85 F. This will include the spring and most of the summers, with the exception of the very hottest part of July and August, and then into the early fall. Fry can mature and spawn within 4 to 8 weeks of hatching.

Nesting Substrate: Although fatheads may make a small teacup size nest on the pond bottom, they prefer to deposit their eggs on the underneath surface of rocks, plants or logs. They prefer to spawn upside down! In new ponds, pallets, boards, plastic drums or tires may offer additional spawning substrate. However, in many of the production ponds at American Sport Fish Hatchery, we often use waxed cardboard boxes that are disassembled and placed on the surface of the pond. These boxes will float for a long time, but will gradually biodegrade and disappear from the pond. Waxed boxes can be found at many grocery stores, as they are used to pack and ship frozen meats. Production of fathead minnows can be greatly increased by adding this type of spawning substrate to most new ponds, but especially those ponds that have very little spawning substrate.

Value: Fatheads are slow swimmers and provide ideal food for young bass. Fatheads spawn early and often, creating an immediate source of food for fingerling bass. Bass fingerlings are very predacious and will exhibit accelerated growth if an adequate source of small live fish is available. Bass fingerlings that are stocked during a time when there is no reproduction of bluegill or minnows will have to compete with bluegill for zooplankton and small insects, and their growth rate will be diminished. Fathead fry swim slowly enough for mature bluegill to feed on them and this may also increase bluegill growth rates. Eventually the young bass fingerlings grow large enough to eat the adult fatheads and most fatheads

disappear from the population during the late fall. Bass predation and the short life of the fathead adult contribute to their brief role in the population.

Stocking Rates: Fatheads may be stocked at a rate of 1,000 to 2,000 or more per acre. If fatheads are stocked during the fall or winter, smaller minnows can be used, as they will grow and obtain sexual maturity prior to spawning season. If stocked during the spring, adults should be used to insure an early spawn. Some biologists recommend stocking approximately 10 pounds of minnows per acre, which is the equivalent of 2,000 adult minnows per acre.

Established bass-bluegill ponds: American Sport Fish does not usually recommend stocking fathead minnows into ponds that have an established bass population. The bass normally eat the minnows before they have time to spawn and contribute to the food base. Unlike threadfin shad that occupy open water, the fathead prefers to occupy similar habitats as the bass, making them very vulnerable to predation. It usually takes 8 pounds of minnows to convert to a pound of bass. If you do the math, that is very expensive fish food.

Minnows are relatively inexpensive and are well worth the initial investment to increase the growth rate and survival of the fingerling bass. If you want to jumpstart the bass's growth in a new pond, consider stocking fathead minnows. You will get a great return for your investment!

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The make up of 8 separate habitats for the breeding of fathead minnows throughout the lake will be located on the lake Map. Map is currently being made up.

<http://www.cobleskill.edu/academics/schools/agriculture-and-natural-resources/fisheries-wildlife/>

The SUNY Cobleskill Coldwater fish hatchery is a 40,000 gallon educational hatchery raising salmon, trout and arctic char using recirculation technology, supplemented by well water. Students raise broodstock selecting for desirable traits, spawn their fish, incubate eggs and rear salmonids in all stages of their lifecycle.

Laws – rules – regulations – management found on,  
[Dec.ny.gov/permits/28663.html](http://Dec.ny.gov/permits/28663.html)  
Link is privet preserve – manmade ponds.

Learn about SUNY Cobleskill. [www.cobleskill.edu/academics](http://www.cobleskill.edu/academics)  
Lake size and depth.

Our Estimated pond size and volume.

Length (in feet)	800
Width (in feet)	550
Average Depth (in feet)	5.5
Area (in square feet)	440,000
Surface Acres	10.1
Total Acre Feet	55.5
Lake Volume (in gallons)	18101023

More information to follow.

