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BRGC Monthly Newsletter

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RICHARD TOOMBS presented for Life Membership in October
 Richie, as we all know him, has been a member of Bethlehem Rod and Gun Club for almost 30 years joining in 1990. During the 90's Richie was a guiding force in shaping our Club into one of the premier Clubs in the area. Richie served as Club President for four years, Director for 8 years, with terms as Chairman of the Board and Trap Co-Chair with Bob Redner. Membership Chair Bob Vogel Sr.

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER 2018 DATES
 Election day November 6th - Honor all Veterans, active, those that have served, and those that paid the ultimate price to protect the Freedoms and Liberties that we enjoy by voting. Veterans Day November 11 - On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an Armistice was signed ending WW1. In May of 1938 Veterans Day was made a Legal Holiday to honor our Veterans. If you are a Vet Thank You -- if you know a Vet Thank Them!

New Target Frames/Stands and Range Hours for Big Game Season
 35 new target frames, that will last us well into 2019, were made at the September 1st work detail by the following members.
 James Marley-Scott Mandoske-Frank Wolf-Joe Valastro-Gary Warden Sr-Ed Hein-Brian Johnston-Mike Pfister-Pete Ercolano Phil Shafer-Rusty Doland-Ron Sandroff-Sky Schildt
 Hunter Montanya fabricated and assembled 10 new target stands.
 Reminder that Range hours until December 19th are as follows--10am to 2pm and then one half hour past sunset to 9pm. Remember to sound the horn in the Range House before shooting.

RANGE HOURS FOR 2018 BIG GAME SEASON
 Starting October 1st and running through December 19th Rifle/Pistol range hours will be 10am to 2pm and then one half hour past sunset to 9pm.
 Remember to sound the horn located in the Range House before shooting.
 Scheduled Trap and Steel Plate shoots will continue at their scheduled times during the Big Game Season.
 Contact Jeff Pearl with questions @ 845-562-7854

Thank the following members for their efforts that keep our Club moving forward.
 Shari & Ben Hollenbeck oversee the sign-in sheets and run meeting night 50/50.
 Communications with members has never been better thanks to our web site run by Klaus Jonietz and Erve Hamilton who always prints our newsletter last minute under tight deadlines.

OCTOBER GROUNDS UPDATES/UPGRADES
 New LED lights have been installed on the Trap Range. Mike Barton made it happen with help from members Pete Crisci, Tom Coranas and John Grzibowski. Jay Merrill has done a complete service to our Kioti tractor in addition to repairs to the mower deck and backhoe.

Steel Plate Schedule
 Plates will be out the following Wednesdays in October 31st. Shooting starts around 5pm and runs until 7pm. Call me with questions Bob Vogel Sr



Bunny Clark Trip



2018 CLUB ELECTIONS OCTOBER 22nd

Officers serve a one year term, with the following nominated for office at the September meeting:

- President -- Tony Sorrentino
- Vice President - John Kirk
- Treasurer - Allen Somer
- Financial Sec - Bob Vogel Sr
- Recording Sec - Bob Bready

Directors serve a two year term, with three open positions this year. The following were nominated for Director at the September meeting:

Jeff Pearl -- Dave DeGraw -- Mike Schetter

All five nominees for Club Officer positions are unopposed.

All three nominees for Director are unopposed.

The Nominating Committee will instruct the Recording Secretary to cast one ballot for all open positions.



**Upcoming Meetings
and Events**

2018 Mid Term /New York's Governor Race

Be sure to vote in this years elections! Election Day is Tuesday November 6th. The last day to register to vote in New York is October 12th.

BETHLEHEM ROD AND GUN CLUB

2018 BIRD STOCKING

Date	Day	Pheasant	Chukkas
10/6/18	Saturday	40	40
10/13/18	Saturday	40	40
10/27/18	Saturday	40	40
11/3/18	Saturday	40	40
11/10/18	Saturday	40	40
12/8/18	Saturday	40	40
JAN/FEB TBD	Saturday		

Daily Pheasant limit is two birds.

Daily chukka limit is 2 birds.

Badges must be worn at all times.

NYS hunting license is required as is wearing of Back Tag.

Stocking begins at 7am daily.

Hunting hours are from 9a thru sunset.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

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Photos in the newsletters and on our website are by Joe Valastro.
THANKS JOE!

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Oct., Nov., Dec. Drawings at October meeting

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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>

Bunny Clark Trip

I spend very little time exploring during the summer. Nor do I have the time. Once the marathon (longer) trips begin at the end of August, I have the time to do more. When I have regular anglers who I know can make up the difference in fish count later in the day after I fool around trying to find special fish, I try other stuff. Most anglers are interested. Some aren't. And for those anglers who don't care about, what I call, the special fish, I do the normal trip. The marathon trip on September 27, 2018 was a trip with many excellent anglers including Mike Schetter, the pollock king, Senator Tony Mazziotti (D-NY), Joe Columbus (MA), mister high hook, Dennis Reissig (NY), the hake king, Chris "Just put me on the fish" Tankred (OH) along with others who were happy to do whatever. It turned out fantastic, my opinion of course. We went to an area I had wanted to explore a little more and ended up with some beautiful fish. The two shots above were both taken of Tony Mazziotti during this trip. The shot left shows him holding his 25 pound Maine state trophy cusk. This is our second largest cusk of the year. Ordinarily that would be our largest cusk of the season. Today's trip also yielded the Bunny Clark's second largest cusk ever, our largest cusk of the season so far! The shot on the right is a digital image of Tony holding his 33 pound Maine state trophy white hake. This is our ninth largest hake of the Bunny Clark fishing season to date. I expected to catch a big cod and some pollock here as well. That didn't happen. But that could have had something to do with the wind direction and not the fact that we were fishing on a deep very rocky bottom. Success is sweet, made sweeter by the fact that usually I fail on these expeditions!

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Captain Ian Keniston and I ran the marathon trip today.

At 3:00 AM EDT the air temperature was 69°F, the sky was overcast, there was no wind in Perkins Cove and the visibility over the ocean was good. It had been raining before 2:00 AM and a little after that time. It had all but stopped after that time.

The cloud cover was thin in places so that when cut our ties with the wooden anchors, the moon overhead made it look like dawn was fast approaching. I really never needed to look but through the windows as we headed around the corner, through the gate and out to sea. The wind had been blowing out of the southwest but was dying out. Before this, the wind had been strong from the south. So we had long rolling swells of six feet or so the whole ride to the fishing grounds. The sky stayed overcast for the ride but it never rained. The visibility was very good. The ocean was calm and there was enough distance between the seas to make it an easy ride to the fishing grounds. A northerly wind started to take control when we still had three more miles to the first spot. When we finally got anchored up, the wind was blowing out of the north northeast at ten knots. With the wind came much cooler temperatures. I went from wearing a t-shirt for ninety-five percent of the ride to a heavy hooded sweatshirt for the last couple of miles and for the rest of the day. The highest air temperature for the day was at 3:00 AM this morning!

These are the high and low temperatures from the three places I like to list around New England. In Boston, Massachusetts (Logan International Airport) the high was 71°F with a low of 61°F). Concord, New Hampshire's high temperature was 72°F (with a low of 54°F). The high air temperature at the Portland International Jetport, Portland, Maine was 70°F (with a low of 56°F).

On the fishing grounds, the wind blew up to fifteen knots from the north northeast with higher gusts. The seas from the south had dropped a couple of feet by 10:00 AM. But we had a wind chop from the north northeast of two to three feet. The wind started to drop during the later part of the morning and continued for the rest of the day. With the wind drop, the seas dropped as well. From the beginning of the ride back to Perkins Cove, the ocean was fairly calm. We had an ever calmer ride home. The air temperature reached a high of 61°F. The sky was mostly cloudy. And we sat under a canopy of clouds for three hours where you could see clear sky to the north that just wouldn't come our way. After noon, the sky was sunny for the rest of the day. The tide (current) was light for most of the day, moderate in the morning. The visibility ranged to over twenty-five miles. The surface water temperature reached a high of 59°F.

The fishing was good to very good. I would have given the fishing a higher rating as we had very few dogfish. But we must have had some undercurrent. That and having thirteen anglers with different line widths created some of the worst tangles I have seen all year. I would honestly say that the tangles alone yielded a loss of almost an hour and a half of fishing time. One tangle in particular, where a blue shark got hooked by a jig, created the worst tangle of the year involving everyone's line and making a mess so bad that all the lines had to be cut and leaders retied. The weather conditions weren't perfect either. The catching was

Bunny Clark Trip

very good as were the landings overall, catching and landings were nearly excellent for the last two hours of the fishing which gave us a very good to excellent trip for fillet quantity. We anchored for the first couple of spots and then found the drift fishing far more productive. Most legal fish landed were pollock, by far. Legal landings also included nine redfish, three cusk, seventeen white hake and two squirrel hake. Released fish included nine cod under 4 pounds, one cod of 6 pounds, one pollock, thirteen haddock, eleven redfish, twelve or thirteen dogfish, one blue shark and one barndoor skate. We didn't see a single cod until after noon. Cod flies caught the most fish, by far. But single hook Lavjigs caught the best fish of the trip.

Joe Columbus (MA) was the fisherman of the day in every way except for winning the boat pool. He was high hook with the most legal fish. He had the most special fish, the most pollock over 10 pounds (I didn't weigh all of them either), had four trophy "counters" and spent more time with a fish on the line than any other angler. It also helped that he, Chris Tankred (OH) and Dennis Geissig (NY) were the least tangled of all the anglers today. Joe's largest fish was a 31.5 pound Maine state trophy white hake, the fourth largest fish of the trip. I took a picture of this longest of hakes, today. This digital image appears in this entry, top left. He also caught the fifth largest fish, another trophy hake of 30 pounds, and two other good sized hake, one of 20 pounds and the other of 16 pounds. He also caught an 11.5 pound pollock, three pollock of 10 pounds each, a 12 pound pollock, two pollock of 11 pounds each and a 13 pound pollock. He had a couple of pollock that were probably 10 pounds or a little better that I didn't weigh. It was a great day to be Joe Columbus!

Dennis Reissig (NY) won the boat pool for the largest fish with the largest fish, a 34 pound Maine state trophy white hake. Some of his other good fish included a 15 pound white hake, a 10 pound pollock and a 16 pound pollock, the second largest pollock of the trip. Sentor Tony Mazziotti (D-NY) won the boat pool for the second largest fish with the second largest fish, a 33 pound Maine state trophy white hake. He also caught, our largest cusk of the year (until it was eclipsed by a larger cusk a half hour later!), a 25 pound Maine state trophy! His largest pollock weighed 13.5 pounds. The third largest fish was a 32 pound Maine state trophy cusk caught by John Spignardo (NY). This is the largest cusk we have seen since Kenton Geer (NH/HI) landed his Maine state record cusk of 36 pounds in 2002. John's cusk is in a tie for the second largest cusk that has ever been caught on the Bunny Clark. John Madden, Jr. (NY) also caught a 32 pound Maine state trophy on the Bunny Clark in 2002. John Spignardo's cusk, at 42 inches caliper fork length was an inch shy of the cusk that Kenton caught and of a 29 pounder caught by Dan Kelley (ME) in 2008, the two longest cusk I have ever seen. Incidentally, we broke the IGFA all tackle cusk world record on the Bunny Clark with a cusk that weighed 30 pounds 1ounce on July 2, 1988. Neil Morrill (VT) caught that fish as we were drifting off a peak of 50 fathoms into 80 fathoms of water at the end of a day trip. Neil's world record lasted into the early '90s when it was beaten by a fish caught off the coast of Norway. Kenton's cusk would be a world record today had it not been disqualified because he had a cod fly located above his jig! John Spignardo also caught a 20 pound white hake. His largest pollock weighed 11 pounds.

Other Angler Highlights: Roman Rubinouski (UA) and Mykola "Nick" Sych (UA), two J1 students who worked for Barnacle Billy's this summer and last summer, wanted to go fishing today. Which they did, for about an hour and a half, or more. And they caught some nice fish. Roman caught a 20 pound white hake, his biggest fish of three fish that he caught. Nick caught a 17 pound white hake, his best. After Roman's 20 pounder was caught, they retired in the Hotel Bunny Clark. The motion of the ocean was too much for them today. They have sailed with us before on calmer days, leaving the dock in the light of the day. They were fine on those trips.

Chris Tankred (OH) was one of the higher hooks of the day. His largest fish was a 27 pound barndoor skate, the tenth barndoor skate of the Bunny Clark fishing season and a tie with two other anglers for our third largest. I took one picture of Chris with his barndoor skate just before releasing the fish alive. This digital image appears on the right. Chris is much bigger and taller than I am so he makes this fish look smaller than it actually is. Some of his other great fish included two white hake of 23 pounds each, a 22 pound white hake, a 13 pound pollock, a 13.5 pound pollock and the largest pollock of the trip at 18 pounds. Mike Schetter (NY) boated a 28 pound Maine state trophy white hake, his largest fish. He also caught a 24.5 pound white hake. George Delahay (NY) caught a 21.5 pound white hake. His largest pollock weighed 10 pounds. Mike Hall (NY) caught a 16 pound pollock. Joe Sinkler (NY) caught a 15 pound pollock, his largest fish of the trip. He also landed the hard luck award for being involved in most of the tangles today!

Bird Lease Rules

1. Lease hunting hours are 9am till sunset
 - a. Lease use is the release dates and 4 days following.
 - b. Lease is for game birds only (pheasant and chukka)- no other game is authorized.
2. Lease is for club members only - no guests or family members allowed.
3. All members must sign in, record dates and times, record take and sign out.
4. Members must wear club button during hunting.
5. Members must have NYS hunting license, display back tag and wear hunter orange.
6. Eye protection must be worn.
7. All firearms must remain unloaded until safely in the fields.
8. No hunting or discharge within 500 feet of house.
9. All dogs must be in control at all times.
 - a. Aggressive or out of control dogs will be asked to leave.
10. Be aware farm has cows, ducks, guinea hens and domestic turkeys.
11. Keep the lease land clean
 - a. Pick up empty shot shell hulls
 - b. Remove garbage-if you brought it in, take it out.
12. All members must sign out and record take and time.
13. Park in allocated parking area.
14. Head of stocking work detail will sign off on work hours.
 - a. Members must present membership card at time of work detail.
15. Members not complying with rules may face DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND POSSIBLE EXPULSION FROM THE CLUB. The Board of Directors will review any complaints and has final decision.
16. **Bird Limit is 2 pheasant daily and 2 chukka daily.**

Parking Area



- **Directions to Bird Lease:** 97 Hoekstra Lane , Montgomery, NY
- 17k to Albany Post Road. Turn north on Albany Post Road. Turn left on South Searsville Road, then right on Hoekstra Lane.
- Parking is off right turn off by calf pen, not near house.
- Be Aware there are domestic ducks, turkeys and Guinea hens. All are off limits, death or damage to any domestic animal will be reimbursed by individual responsible. Pheasant and chukka are the only game hunted.
- Please come out to the property to stock or hunt on the stocking day to learn the property before coming out on your own.



97 Hoekstra Lane, Montgomery, NY



October 13 Trap Light Install



Bunny Clark Fishing



September 22nd Tree Removal



October 4th Trap Range



Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club Inc.



Big Horn Contest

Rules: *Largest Rack 2018*

- 1: All parties submitting entries must be presented at January 2019 club meeting
- 2: All entries must have current tag attached
- 3: All entries must be taken by legal means (no roadkill allowed)
- 4: Club Members will determine the winner !
- 5: NY State deer only
- 6: Entry Fee **MUST** be paid by the October meeting 10/22/18
- 7: Entry Fee is \$ 5.00.
- 8: All money collected will be paid out to the winner .

Big Horn Contest Entry Form

Name _____

Phone # _____

Badge # _____