

# Monthly Newsletter

October 2021

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# Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club

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## 2021-2022 ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Ballots will only be given out when you sign in. Meeting starts at 2:00pm and all ballots will be collected at 2:15pm. Open positions this year are for four Directors. Vote for four only.

Those running for Director are Pete Crisci, Ron D'Aprile, Gene Hecht, Brian Hetherly and Jeff Pearl.

All five Officer positions are unopposed

President - Tony Sorrentino

Vice President - Bob Vogel Sr

Financial - Sec John Mazza

Treasurer - Tony Garziona

Recording - Sec Bob Bready

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## Winter Meetings Reminder

No membership meetings held in November & December.

The next meeting will be on the 4th Monday of January at 7pm.

January, February, and March meetings will be held in the clubhouse and will be abbreviated "Club Business" meetings with no committee reports or meal.

Outdoor meetings will resume when weather permits. Any changes to this will be posted on our web page.

- President Tony Sorrentino

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## Range Report

Well Fall is here! That means Big Game Season is here. I hope everyone is being safe out there in the woods. Good luck to you all. Range hours for big game season are October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 am until 2 pm then 1/2 hour after dark until 9 pm until the trap range closes for the winter. The range is still closed Sunday morning and Monday night. Please be safe in the range and remember to sound the HORN on the wall before you start shooting.

- Jeff Pearl



## **ARCHERY NEWS**



### **ARCHERY RANGE**

The range is looking good, there are yard markers for 20, 30, 40, 50 & 60 yards. The archery range is currently open from sunrise to sunset. Crossbows may be used on the range (bag targets only). Use crossbow bolts and arrows with field points only. Styrofoam blocks that have been tied together are on the range and may be used as a target for broadheads. The yellow chain is to stay up as a caution to designate a possible live archery range.



### **3D RANGE**

The 3D archery course is down, will reopen in May.

#### **TRI-COUNTY 3D SHOOTS – DONE**

Raffle Winners – 1<sup>st</sup> Sam Cerone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Brooker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Hollenbeck

*THANK YOU to everyone that helped out throughout the season to make the archery program at Bethlehem Rod and Gun Club a success, it is truly a team effort.*

#### ***Archery Committee members, club members and volunteers*** **Donations by:**

Leif Signs (new signs), Bob Vogel (course markers/ bow and arrows), Sam's Club (food), BJs (food), Jack Sherman (bow rack) and Dawn thru Dusk Archery (Vinnie LoPiccolo),

If you are looking to get rid of some well used items, we are looking for a small tent (pup tent), old waders, lumber, things that could be used on the archery course or for an archery event please contact me before bringing items to the club.

*If you would like to join the archery committee or volunteer to help out at our club events, setting up the 3D course and general maintenance of the facilities contact Ed Malle.*

If you have any suggestions for the Club's archery program (type of event, league, youth program etc.), please leave them in the mailbox at the archery range or email me. Thank You.

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## Painted Docks

Thank you to James Cartica and Ron Delia for painting the new docks





## September 2021 Membership Report

Currently there are 103 applications for membership on file; if you want to sponsor a prospective member please get an application in to me, if you need an application call me at 845-236-7349, email me at [Tiredaddy01@gmail.com](mailto:Tiredaddy01@gmail.com), or write me John Mazza Jr, 2 Dragotta Road, Marlboro, NY 12542 and I'll get an application out to you. Thank You

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### Presidents Club Raffle

Presidents "A" Club  
September Prize (Drawing #7) #198  
Presidents "B" Club  
September Prize (Drawing #5) #37

As of January 2022, we will be selling NEW TICKETS for the Presidents A and B CLUB every Saturday from 10 am -2 pm until all tickets are sold

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### Boat Auction

At the September meeting we auctioned off six (6) boats, (canoe-Kayak(s)-Paddle boat) which were left behind the pavilion; the club raised \$300.00 at this auction!

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### Fish Fry

After our very successful Fish Fry (Big shout out to Mike Schetter for putting it together) we had our "Honorary" Club President open the meeting, Ron D'Aprile's Grandson banged the gavel to start our September meeting, Great Job! That's him to the left.





Fish Fry cont'd





...More Fish Fry



**We gave you the fun part first! The next page begins with the fishing trip...**



# Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club Presents 2021 Deep Sea Fishing The Bunny Clark Fishing Vessel

Thursday, September 16, 2021

**David Girard** and I hosted the **Mike Schetter** (all New York) marathon trip charter today.

At 4:00 AM EDT/AST the air temperature was 66°F, the sky was overcast, it was raining, there was no wind to write about and the visibility over the ocean was fair to good in precipitation and haze.

The ride to the fishing grounds was really easy. It rained periodically. But the air temperature ranged from 64°F on deck to 68°F at the helm. T-shirt weather for sure. There was no wind for the first twenty miles; the ocean had a glassy surface over, left over, three foot short swells from the south. The visibility was at least ten miles. Nearing the grounds, we picked up a light northeast wind.

On the fishing grounds, the wind blew out of the northeast to start. Very light at first, we had almost fifteen knots of northeast wind by noon. By 1:00 PM, the wind was already starting to drop. By 3:00 PM, the wind had dropped to light and had already hauled out of the east. There was no wind by the time we were just a few miles outside of Perkins Cove headed home. Seas were probably two to three feet in chops at the height of the wind around noon. The air temperature dropped to around 63°F during the wind but came back a bit after the wind drop. The visibility ranged to thirty miles. The tide (current) was moderate. The sky was overcast to start but cleared up when the wind started to die out. The surface water temperature reached a high of 65°F.

Ashore, these were the air temperatures in selected New England cities: In Boston, Massachusetts (**Logan International Airport**) the high was 75°F with a low of 65°F). Concord, New Hampshire's high temperature was 72°F (with a low of 58°F). The



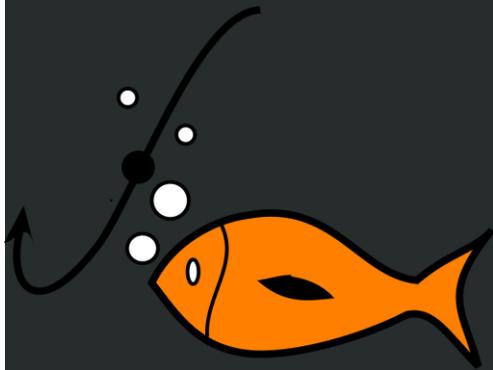
high air temperature at the **Portland International Jetport**, Portland, Maine was 69°F (with a low of 55°F).

I think the fishing could have been really good. The dogfish weren't many and the weather didn't bother anyone, except mildly for one angler. However, the tangles were horrendous, the reason being that everyone had their own equipment, their own way of making up terminal gear and all with dissimilar weights at the end of their lines. I wasn't smart enough to figure out where each angler should be to make it better. But I also didn't want anglers to feel that they had to move out of their chosen spots in order to make it better for everyone. So I kept everything the way it was except that I eliminated the three hook rigs and made them only two.

The catching and landings were good overall, slow in the morning and very good in the afternoon - an afternoon bite for the second marathon trip in a row. Most legal fish landed were pollock, by far. Legal landings also included eleven haddock, six cod, thirteen redfish, four cusk, a white hake and two mackerel. Released fish included twenty-four dogfish, seven sub-legal cod, one sub-legal haddock, thirteen sub-legal pollock, four sub-legal redfish and a blue shark that we never could have got close enough to the boat to land or release. We anchored and drift fished. Drifting was the most productive. Jigs and cod flies caught the most fish.

I couldn't tell you who was high hook with the most legal fish. I would like to say it was **Bob Vogel** but **Bob** was tangle free up in the bow isolated with two of his friends who were always in plain view. The good fishermen in the stern were hard to discern because so much was going on back there. It could have easily been one of the **Schetter Family** but I couldn't have known unless the fish were marked separately, which they were not. **Bob** won the boat pool for the largest fish with the largest fish, a 15.25 pound pollock. Some of the other fish of his that I weighed included a 13.5 pound pollock and a 12 pound pollock.

The second largest fish was a 14.5 pound pollock caught by **Anthony Schetter**. I was impressed by **Anthony** and **Chris Schetter**. Four anglers shared the third largest fish designation, all with a 14 pound pollock each. These anglers included **Chip Olszewski**, **George Delahay**, **Senator Tony Mazziotti (D-NY)** and **Ray Frazier**. **Chip** also caught a 12 pound pollock earlier in the trip. **George** caught his 14 pound pollock as part of a double that also included a 12 pound pollock, both fish caught on the same line at the same time. This is the largest double of the **Bunny**





**Clark** fishing season to date by a half pound. **Tony** had caught a couple of pollock of 10 pound each before he caught the 14 pounder. **Ray** was considered the best looking angler on the boat!

Other Angler Highlights: **Dave Degraw** started the boat pool off with a 7 pound pollock early in the trip. This fish didn't stay long in the running. **Chris Schetter** pushed ahead of **Dave** with a 9 pound pollock. Later, everyone caught many fish over 9 pounds, including **Chris**. **John Spignardo** caught a 13 pound pollock that was part of a double with another pollock that looked even bigger! That fish got off the hook. We never were able to retrieve that fish. I had weighed an 11.5 pound pollock for **John** earlier. **Mike Schetter** caught the largest cod of the day, weighing 12 pounds. I weighed two fish for **Ed Vross**. One was a 12 pound pollock. The other was a 13 pound pollock. **Mike Hall** caught a 12 pound pollock, his biggest fish. **Bob Bready** landed a 10 pound pollock and an 11 pound pollock. He may have caught a bigger pollock that I didn't weigh. I weighed an 11 pound pollock for **John Mazza**. **Frank Spignardo** didn't get sick but he was the only one who felt that way after a trip down into the forecabin. He was a bit green around the gills when he came back out of the cabin. For this **Frank** landed the hard luck award t-shirt. He caught fish too. One of his pollock weighed 10.5 pounds.

In an attempt to get **David Girard** further ahead and show him the system for getting the boat cleaned on the ride home, I helped him fillet the last two boxes of fish. In so doing, I had **Chris Olszewski** steer the **Bunny Clark** home. He was kind enough to offer and to do a great job. He owns a **Grady White** which is a hell of a boat in itself. After watching him for about two seconds, it was obvious that this guy new what he was doing. With complete confidence I went back to help **David** with the fish and help him get the boat ready for another day tomorrow. Thanks, **Chris**. I very much appreciated your help today.

**Bob Bready** (pronounced **Tom Brady**) passed a ten dollar bill to me for it's inclusion in the **Jimmy Fund** through my affiliation with the [Pan-Mass Challenge](#) today. Thanks so much, **Tom**. I really do appreciate the support!

Thank you, Mike Schetter, for that addition to the newsletter.



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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:

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