

Monthly Newsletter

March 2021

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Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club

Bounty of the Harvest Game Dinner

Date: May 15, 2021 Time: 3-7PM

Bring your best Dish

Donate some game meat, fish, or fowl for one of our Chefs to create an awesome meal.

Work Party

Some members continued lake improvement and built additional Fish cover on Sun Feb 28th. The houses were then placed on the ice, so they sink into the area marked with buoys. These houses offer cover to young fish, crappies and the fatheads placed in as feed for the trout and bass. They also will hopefully serve as breeding and areas for the fatheads and minnows in the future. Present were Pete Crisci, Mike Barton JoJo Bellis and Bob Bready.

- Bob Bready



Refurbishing Crappie Houses

**** There will be a stocking March 30 at 9 am****



Pheasant Youth Hunt 2020

On Oct 17th, 2020, Bethlehem Rod and Gun Club hosted its annual Pheasant Youth Hunt. We had 6 young hunters come out to start the day. Three additional youngsters joined us for the afternoon hunt. The Club dedicated to youth hunters only. All hunters were required to have hunter safety, a NYS hunting license and had to wear hunter orange. NYS made it easier to take Hunter Education this year by allowing it to be taken on-line. I hear it was not a breeze to get thru the class, but it was a thorough course. The youth who came are Jason Baird, Mackenzie Guinto, Giuseppe Palladino, Anthony Schetter, Chris Schetter, Conner Wright, and Sean Wright.

The day started with juice, coffee, and donuts with a history of pheasant and pheasant hunting in New York State. The youth then learned why and how to stock the pheasants. At 9AM the hunting kicked off. The dogs found the birds and the kids got to shoot plenty. We restocked the fields throughout the morning, so the youth had plenty of opportunities. There was the state legal limit of two pheasants per day and we allowed two chukar as well. This was the same as for regular members throughout the season. The youth had a great time. The weather was cooperative and many of the youth shot the limit. Three arrived late and hunted the afternoon with a few from the morning who had not shot their limit. More birds were stocked for the afternoon for any adults and the youth. Thanks to all the adults who came out to volunteer and for bringing their dogs. A particular thanks to the dogs who came and hunted hard for the kids.

- Pheasant Preserve Chairperson Bob Bready





Pheasant Youth Hunt 2020 Cont'd



March 2021 Membership Report

I currently have over 120 applications for membership on file; by June 30 we will know how many new openings for membership will be available.

A reminder that 2021-2022 dues need to be paid before June 30, 2021 dues collection schedule will be announced at the April meeting and posted in the April newsletter.

Any questions about membership contact John Mazza, Jr 845-236-7349

Work Hour Requirements Are Back in Place

Last Year we cut the work hour requirements due to the COVID Virus impacts, this year the requirement for work hours is per By-Law as follows:

Regular Member - 8 Hours or \$15.00 per hour not worked

Senior Member - 4 Hours or \$15.00 per hour not worked

Building & Land Fund Raffle

Drawing for the Building and Land Fund raffle will be held at the March meeting
There are two drawings for this raffle.

President's Club Raffle

The President's club raffle will commence at the MARCH general membership meeting. A second Presidents "B" Club raffle has been added, tickets are still available on first come, first served basis. Tickets will be available at the meeting while they last! Contact Mike Schetter for details 845-453-6666



Range Report

Happy Spring! Well almost. The deep snow on the range brought down the amount of people that used the range in Feb. but that should end this month. We will be having our first member's meeting of the year on March 20th at 2pm. Hope to see you all there. Remember, while at the range, have fun. But be safe at the same time. Jeff.

Archery Report

Bethlehem Rod and Gun Club is a member of Tri-County Archers Association. The archery committee is co-chaired by Edward Malle and Bob Hillerio. As a reminder, every person using the facility, must sign in. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests

Archery is believed to be the first step in the shooting sports. Well before pellet, BB and paintball, this is where youth are first exposed to how much fun and challenging the shooting sports can be.

The Bethlehem Rod and Gun Club hosts four 3D archery shoots each year and is looking to expand its program. The Archery Committee is supported by the club and club event fees. We do not charge kids under 12 at our events and members participate at discounted fees.

Archery Committee

I am proud to say the Bethlehem Rod and Gun Club has a very active archery committee. The goal of the Archery committee is to expose youth to the outdoors and to encourage others to enjoy the sport of archery through education and instruction in a safe environment. Each 3D event is supported by volunteers and instructors who are dedicated to the advancement of archery as a means to build confidence in young children and individuals who are new to archery.

The work of the Archery Committee includes the design and construction of the course, trail clearing, marking the course, maintaining the targets, conducting the 3D shoots and breaking down the course. There are ample opportunities to complete the mandatory work requirement within the archery program.

Range

The Archery Range features a 60-yard range with yard markers every 10 yards. The main range includes two large bag targets for bows and crossbows. Broadheads are not allowed on the range. On occasion, a 3D target is set out for the members and guests to use. Cross bows are allowed at the range, bag targets only. During hunting season, a separate target made from Styrofoam blocks may be used for broadheads.

Equipment

We are currently looking to expand our inventory in order to have bows, arrows and targets for our youth and members new to the sport of archery to utilize. Sponsors are welcome.



Archery Cont'd

3D Shoots / Course

The 3D course has evolved over the years and currently occupies the side of a large ridge. This gives us a very scenic, well wooded terrain with a variety of elevation changes. We allow the terrain to dictate the placement of our targets with the intent to mimic real life scenarios. The club is proud to display Rinehart targets. Our 3D shoots are open to the general public. The course has 30 stations with approximately 36 – 40 targets. Only field point arrows are permitted on the 3D course. The course is open to the members throughout the summer. The average cost for a shoot is \$12 for adults, \$5 for juniors and under twelve is free. We are looking to include a raffle to benefit the club and a novice clinic during our shoots from 8am to noon for small fee.

We look forward to new members becoming familiar with the course and the property through sharing of the workload and participating in the shoots. All the 3D shoots are on Sundays. We set up on the Saturday before the shoot. Registration for the shoots is Sunday morning at 7:00 am and ends at 12:00pm and the course closes at 2:00 PM. We collect a couple of targets, bring in the signs and general clean up and end approximately 3pm

Tri-County Archers

Tri County Archers consists of five sportsmen's clubs located in Orange, Ulster, and Sullivan counties, in New York. The schedule and directions to each participating club may be found at our website also. Each club conducts an average of four 3-D archery shoots between April and September. The Tri County Archers Association has responsibility for promoting and advertising the various 3D shoots. This is accomplished through web, Facebook, word of mouth, email and newspaper. Funds for advertising are raised from the annual Father's Day shoot which boasts 40 stations, wide selection of food and drink and possible prizes. The average cost for a shoot is \$12 for adults, \$5 for juniors and under twelve is free.

The Tri-County Archers include the following clubs:

- Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club
 - Otisville Sportsmen's Association
 - Monroe Chester Sportsmen Club
 - Walden Sportsmen's Club
 - Black Rock Fish & Game Club
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Archery Schedule



TRI-ORANGE COUNTY ARCHERY 3-D SHOOT SCHEDULE FOR 2021



April 11	Sunday	Otisville Sportsmen's Association
April 18	Sunday	Black Rock Fish & Game Club
April 25	Sunday	Monroe-Chester Sportsmen Club
May 2	Sunday	***No Shoot***
May 9	<i>Mother's Day</i>	***No Shoot***
May 16	Sunday	Walden Sportsmen's Club
May 23	Sunday	Silver Birch Archery Shoot will be at Airport Park in Matamoras
May 30	Sunday	Otisville Sportsmen's Association
June 6	Sunday	Walden Sportsmen's Club
June 13	Sunday	Black Rock Fish & Game Club
June 20	<i>Father's Day</i>	Monroe-Chester Sportsmen Club
June 27	Sunday	Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club
July 4	Sunday	***No Shoot***
July 11	Sunday	Otisville Sportsmen's Association
July 18	Sunday	Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club
July 25	Sunday	Black Rock Fish & Game Club
August 1	Sunday	Monroe-Chester Sportsmen Club
August 8	Sunday	Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club
August 15	Sunday	Black Rock Fish & Game Club
August 22	Sunday	Walden Sportsmen's Club
August 29	Sunday	***No Shoot***
Sept. 5	Sunday	***No Shoot***
Sept. 12	Sunday	Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club
Sept. 19	Sunday	Otisville Sportsmen's Association Annual Josh Decker Shoot to Benefit Local Cancer Patients
Sept. 26	Sunday	Monroe-Chester Sportsmen Club

Revised March 2, 2021



BETHLEHEM ROD & GUN CLUB

ARCHERY

RINEHART 3D TARGET RAFFLE



not drawn to scale

\$5 per ticket / 5 for \$20

**Tickets will be available at club meetings,
events and archery shoots, or see a
member of archery committee**

**(Ed Malle, Bob Hillerio, Philip Malle, Christian DeLongis, Dean
Dirubbio, Tim Ryder, Scott Mandosky, Peter Mansueto, John
Puglia, Brinton Battle, Dan Toombs, Rich Toombs, Kevin Ronk,
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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>