

Monthly Newsletter

September 2024

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845-728-0084

Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club

Officer & Director Nominations

Nominations for all six Club Officers and three Directors will be taken at tonight's meeting, September 23rd. Officers serve one-year terms, Directors two-year terms.

Current Officers are:

President - Tony Sorrentino

Vice President - Bob Vogel

Sr Financial Secretary - John Mazza

Treasurer - Tony Garziona

Membership Secretary - Gary Levinson

Recording Secretary - Bob Bready.

Directors with two-year terms ending at our October meeting:

Mike Schetter, Mike Barton and Rudy Baird

Proposed candidates for Officer/Director must be a member in good standing for at least two years and have attended 50% of the current year (Jan-Sept) membership meetings.

ELECTIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS TO BE HELD AT OCT 28 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Membership Report

September 2024 Membership Report:

We have 350 Regular Members

We have 181 Senior Members

We have 37 Life Members

We have 86 Spousal Members

And we have 65 junior Members

Grand total of members is 719 members

Grand total of voting members is 568



Upcoming Important Dates

****Mark Your Calendar****

September

Sept 29th Trap Championship

Event starts at 10am and will consist of 100 birds- 50 regular trap and 50 wobble trap

Contact Mike Hall with questions 845-565-5881

October

Oct 5th Saturday Work Detail 8am

GROUNDS & FISH COMMITTEES CLEAN UP FOR KIDS FISHING DERBY. Mike Sano and Greg Fisher will be running a clean-up detail the week before the Kids Fishing Derby to get the lake and grounds looking good. Bring if you have a weed wacker, loppers, or backpack blower. Work hour requirement for Adult members is 8, Senior members 4. ****GET YOUR WORK HOURS IN****

Oct 13th Kids Fishing Derby

Call Clara Bartunek to register. See details in this newsletter.

Oct 28th Membership Meeting

Vote for Officers (6) and Directors (3)

November

Nov 5th Election Day get out and vote -- Presidential Election

Nov 10th Marine Corps 247th Birthday

Nov 11th Veterans Day

If you are a Vet, Thank You. If you know a Vet, Thank Them.

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE HOURS FOR BIG GAME SEASON

Range is open from 10am to 2pm and then from one half hour after sunset to 9pm.

Remember to sign in and sound horn before shooting.

Remember NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING in November or December. Monthly meetings resume on the fourth Monday of January.





Kids Fishing Derby

It's almost that time of year! The annual Kids Fishing Derby will be held on Sunday, October 13th. Fishing starts promptly at 10 am and goes on until 2pm. Groups are broken down by age: 0-5, 6-10, 11-14 years old.

Plan to arrive at 9am to sign in, pick up free bait, and choose your spot.

Lunch will be served around noontime, followed by prizes and trophies.

We need volunteers and participants!

Please register kids ahead of time by calling or texting Clara at 845-774-6004.

Looking forward to another successful event!



The poster is circular with a blue and white sunburst background. At the top left, a white circle contains the text "OCT 13TH". The main text in the center reads "2024 KIDS FISHING DERBY" in large, bold, black letters. A fishing rod is shown diagonally across the circle. Below the circle, a large, detailed illustration of a brown trout is shown. To the left of the fish, the text "Big prizes & Trophies" is written in bold. Below this, smaller text says: "Friends and families of club members are invited to join the annual Kids Fishing Derby! Bring your own fishing pole. Lunch served and PRIZES offered to all participants." To the right of the fish, the text "Free Event! Kids ages 14 years & younger" is written in bold. At the bottom, a dark brushstroke contains the text "Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club". Below that, it says "To register contact Clara 845-774-6004". In the bottom right corner, it says "10am to 2pm. Sign in at 9 am". A small watermark "Made with PosterMyWall.com" is visible at the bottom left.



Bunny Clark Fishing Trip

ENJOY DEEP SEA FISHING? CHECK THIS OUT!! BUNNY CLARK .com

For the past 12 years a group of Club members have traveled to Ogunquit Maine in the month of September to fish for Pollock Cod Hake and an occasional Porbeagle Shark. We leave from the Club around (carpool) 8am on Wednesday drive to Maine stopping along the way at Kittery Trading Post (think Bass Pro shop) Bob's Clam Shack for lunch. After checking in to our motel rooms as a group we hit the Steak House for dinner. Thursday, we get up at 3am to be on the boat by 3:30am, fish all day back to the dock around 5pm. Fish are filleted by the mate as we catch them. After getting our gear collected and fish (iced down) we eat at the boat captain's restaurant Barnicle Billys etc at the dock, head back to the motel room and crash for the night. Wake up early Friday -- on the road home by 6:30am headed back to the Club by noontime. Once at the Club we set up to process the filets by skinning, rinsing, portioning and vacuum sealing them.

This year's costs per person Boat \$200, Mate tip \$35, boat pool \$40, motel room \$50 each night (2), gas money for your driver and meals. We always come home with fish (remember the Club Fish Frys). The BUNNY CLARK is a 42' lobster boat max is 18 people fishing. We have in the past Chartered the entire boat no strangers just Club members. Reservations are made February 1st for the September trip and fill up fast. INTERESTED call Mike Schetter at 845-453-6666.

Google the boat, restaurants, and Kittery Trading Post for info.





Bounty of the Harvest Game Dinner

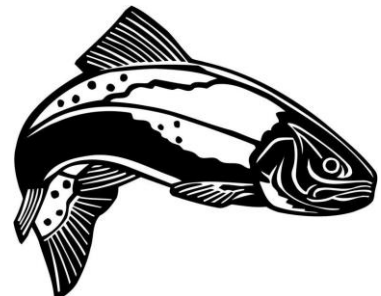
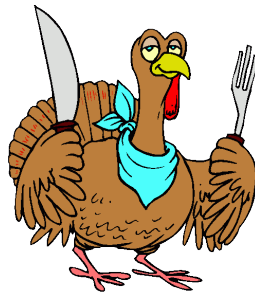


This year the Club is planning on another Annual Bounty of the Harvest (Game) Dinner in the winter or spring. Please remember us when you are out in the field this fall. All game, fowl, fish etc are welcome. Set aside some meat for the dinner when you are enjoying your success. I will try and rope in some chefs to help, but your favorite prepared dish is always welcome. For those who are new or missed out, the last two years were tremendous. What a great feed was put on by the club. The club asks members to either cook a favorite game (fish, fowl or other) dish or just to donate meat and then we throw a tremendous feed at the club. It has been in the winter or early spring months, and I am planning to try and put it together again this coming year. I am always looking for cooks, helpers and those willing to donate.

Looking forward to it. More info to follow

Date: To be determined.

If you'd like to donate a game meal or some meat to be cooked, contact Bob Bready (845-883-5935).





Pheasant Stocking & Rules

So, we have leased the Hoekstra Farm again this year. We will continue to stock pheasants on weekends in Oct and have one weekend in November and January. The club stocks both pheasant and chukars. Since we are a lease and not a preserve, we must adhere to NYS Hunting Rules. There is a 2 pheasant per day limit. There is also a 2 chukar per day limit. Stocking is done on the scheduled days at 7am. Helpers are always needed. It is a great way to learn the property, get in some work hours and of course be there at 9am to start hunting. Last year we had a great turn out and we need to sign in and out and list the birds taken so I can report to the board the usage and success rates. It is important to report so we can justify the budget. The stocking schedule and lease rules are attached.

Stocking:

10/05/24	50 Pheasant	20 Chukar
10/12/24	50 Pheasant	20 Chukar
10/19/24 (Youth Day)	45 Pheasant	20 Chukar
10/20/24	30 Pheasant	
10/26/24	50 Pheasant	20 Chukar
11/02/24	50 Pheasant	
01/11/25	25 Pheasant	

Stocking is at 7am on the date above. Lease is at the Hoekstra Farm, Hoekstra Ln, Montgomery NY.

Hunting starts at 9am, thru sundown

Badges must be worn at all times.

Limit is 2 Pheasant and 2 chukar per day per person.

NYS Hunting License/backtag and club badge are required.

Hunter Orange required.

Youth Day Saturday Oct 19 hunting for youth 16 years and under only until 1PM. Adults after 1PM. Please register your youth by calling the Chairperson Bob Bready 845-883-5935





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Bird Lease Rules:

1. Lease hunting hours are 9am till sunset
 - a. Lease use is the release dates and the week following.
 - b. Lease is for birds only- 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 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. No use of the property for any reason other than authorized bird hunting.
17. Bird Limit is 2 pheasant daily and 2 chukar daily.

KNOW THE
RULES





Hunting Rules

Hunting on Bethlehem Rod and Gun Property is for members and immediate family only.

All hunters must abide by all NYS Hunting and trapping rules. Failure to do so could lead to expulsion from the club.

It is the hunter's responsibility to know where they are and to hunt only on club owned property.

Any stand or blind (tree or ground) is not to be left up year-round. Fall Hunting (deer, turkey) stands can be placed no earlier than Sep 1 st and must be removed by Jan 31 st . Spring Turkey stands can be placed April 15 th and must be taken down by June 15.

Stands are to be labelled with the Member's Name, badge number and phone number. Unlabeled stands are subject to be confiscated by the club.

Please sign in and out when using the club property- it is for your own safety.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Directors.





ARCHERY NEWS



ARCHERY RANGE

Sign in and out when you use the Archery Range or 3D Course at the sign in station. Guests must pay a \$10 fee and be accompanied by a regular member.

The archery range is currently open from **sunrise to sunset**. There is target made from blocks of Styrofoam located on the 10-yard line. This target is there for young shooters and enables people to shoot at 10 and 20 yards at the same time from the same shooting line. **Crossbows** may be used on the range (**bag targets only**). **Field points only** on crossbow bolts and arrows. A broadhead target is available. The yellow chain is to stay up to designate a possible live archery range.



3D COURSE

The targets on the 3D Course have been put away. Be mindful of the upcoming hunting season and walking the trails.

TRI-COUNTY 3D ARCHERY

Is a group of local clubs that hold 3D Shoots at different weekends, The Tri County season is complete, thank you to all that made this season a success.

YOUTH CLINIC

The clinic took place on September 7th. The participants had a great time and are anxiously anticipating the next session. Hopefully they will consider participating on our tea





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ARCHERY CLUB

We are looking to get a group of people together about once a month to share in the interest of archery. Perhaps participate in local 3D shoots, special shoots at the club, instructional sessions, the sky is the limit. If you are interested in participating sign up with me at a meeting or shoot me an email.

Edward Malle archerybrgc@gmail.com 848-541-6775

Facebook: BRaG Archery

WINNER OF THE ARCHERY RAFFLE



Congratulations to Michael Cruz, winner of the Diamond Edge Infinite Pro Bow.



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YOUTH ARCHERY TEAM

Registration is open and always looking for more participants, coaches and volunteers. See registration form on the club website, visit s3da.net or s3da.sport80 to register.



NY Regional Outdoor Target Tournament

Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club hosted the NY Regional Outdoor Target Tournament. Holly Hecht (296) placed first in her division and Alyssa Erickson-Bloomer (227) placed second in her division. Vincent (313) and Dino LoPiccolo (342) placed first in their division.

NY OUTDOOR TARGET STATE TOURNAMENT

On July 20th, the NY Outdoor Target State Tournament was held at the Black Rock Fish & Game Club. Alyssa Erickson-Bloomer shot a score of 148 medaling at 2nd place and Holly Hecht shot a 177 medaling at 2nd place. Vincent LoPiccolo shot a 316 and Dino LoPiccolo shot a 338 placing first in their division.





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Archery Tips

Resistance bands

How: (Recurve only) Wrap rubber training bands around the top and bottom of your riser and the string, adding about 2lbs of weight to the draw.

How: (Compound & Recurve) Wrap the training band to the bow or wrist and stand on the other end. Practice raising and holding the bow at full draw

Why: If you're shooting at the very edge of your ability to hold or draw a bow, it's impossible to have full control.

Training with resistance bands increases the load just enough to push you out of your comfort zone so that when you take them off, you'll feel stronger and more relaxed – and can work on fine control.





2025 BRGC Raffle Drawings

THE "A" CLUB RAFFLE DRAWING. Cost \$100.00 per ticket Only 200 tickets sold, 12 consecutive monthly drawings held at club meetings. Prize is \$1000.00 cash each month. 1st drawing will be held April 28th 2025

TOP GUN DRAWING. 3 SEPARATE CHANCES TO WIN \$6500.00 CASH!! Cost \$200.00 per ticket

Only 50 tickets sold for each separate drawing. APRIL 28TH DRAWING HELD CLUB MEETING NIGHT

JULY 28TH DRAWING HELD CLUB MEETING NIGHT OCTOBER 27TH DRAWING HELD CLUB MEETING NIGHT

***** Contact any Board Member for ticket sales *****

ALL TICKET SALES START SATURDAY MORNING JAN 4th from 10 am-2 pm at the club in person.

***** you can always split a ticket with other members*****





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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>