

Monthly Newsletter

July 2026

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Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club

Note from the President

Good day All,

I hope everyone has been trying to get out and enjoy the nice weather and have endured the heat and rain. The Club has had some exciting events over the last few months- the Trout shootout, Kids fishing Derby, A Potluck Dinner, and there are a number of upcoming events to get through the summer. Try and come out for Trap- it's open every Sunday and Monday. The lake is open for fishing and the bass are biting. Crappies are still Catch and Release- we want to grow the population and soon you'll be able to take home some nice fish, and they will continue to populate the lake on their own. There are also some trout hiding out there – caught one this past week. Remember to sign in and out. The Archery and Rifle ranges are open all the time. There have been a few scheduled events like the Youth 3d Shoot and the Tri-county 3D shoots but otherwise just remember to sign in and out.

To answer some questions:

We need to sign in and out (fishing, archery, hunting) to show usage in case the club gets audited (we have not for profit status and need to report fish and pheasant take to DEC), but more importantly it is a safety issue. In case someone goes missing or an accident happens, we can know where to start the search. I know a local club who had someone fall and break a leg- an alert member saw his car, and they were able to find him right away and luckily a tragedy was avoided, and he was able to get back to his family. It really is important, because no one plans to have an accident.

Why do hunters need to take down their stands and blinds every year. The foremost reason is to be fair to everyone. If someone wants to hunt a specific area and finds someone has set up before, they may choose to set up nearby or just hunt another area. Also, not everyone wants to see hunting stands all over the property and untended stands can become an eyesore. Another reason is to keep tabs on trespassers



Note from the President cont'd

and poachers. Yes, we have in the past had others come onto our property. The property is now well posted to eliminate or at least curb this somewhat. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me and see the Hunting guidance the club has in the rules.

I have asked if anyone has access to paint (specifically Yellow, Orange or Purple), please contact me. I would like to mark both sides of the property line with permanent markers for easy identification. If you or know someone who can get a great deal on like 10 gallons of paint, please let me know.

I mentioned the Club posted the property line over the last few years. I led a property line walk in June and will offer another probably in early Sep if anyone is interested. Date will be announced and posted.

The club has been getting information out primarily through blast emails, the website and posted in the club house (the large white board) as well as at meetings. Newsletters will be sent out every two months or so to keep things updated and get the info out. I hope this works for most.

Please stay healthy- get outdoors if you can and enjoy the club and events we offer. The Club is always in need of members getting involved and helping out. It's the best way to know what is happening and we really don't ever 'work' too hard. Come out, help out and use the property.

Thanks

Bob Bready

President

Family Day

Sunday July 26th 1p – 7p

Family Day has been picked. It is Sunday July 26th, 1p-7p. Come out to enjoy a nice day out at the club. Hamburgers and Hot dogs will be served starting at 1PM. BBQ Chicken will be served about 4p. There will be salads, snacks and water all day. Live music is scheduled all day with local bands performing. Games such as corn hole, frisbee golf etc will be ongoing. There will also be youth archery, BB guns and crafts (all under supervision) and the lake is open for boating (wear a PFD) and fishing. It will be a great day and all that's needed is for you to come out and enjoy. If you'd like to bring a dessert or salad, feel free. If you have any questions, contact Mike Schetter.



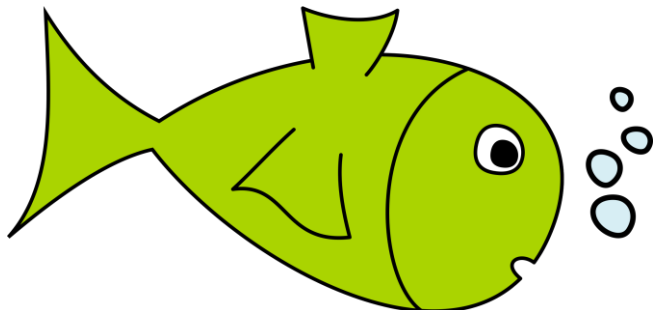
Bass Fishing Tournament

Saturday, August 15th 7a – 1p

The Club will hold a Bass Fishing Tournament on Klein Lake (that's the pond near the clubhouse in case you didn't know) on Saturday August 15th 7a-1p. Again, another great event to come out and have fun. Cost is \$15 to enter. Lunch will be served. It is catch and release and prizes for the three heaviest fish. Fishing can be done from shore or boats. Personal boats are encouraged- only electric motors or manual power authorized on the lake as per lake rules. If you bring a vessel, please wash the boat before bringing it to our lake (as per NYS boat and vessel guidance). PFD must be on board for all persons using a vessel. Only one Bass should be on a stringer or bucket per fishing person. If you catch a weighable fish, have it weighed and then released to ensure fish survival. Live bait and lures are authorized. More specifics will be provided during the event. Please come out and enjoy. Good Luck.

Annual Fish Fry

The Club has held a Fish Fry usually the third or last weekend in September. The event has been listed as to be determined. This year the Event needs a Chairperson to step up and offer to chair the event or it will be cancelled. There are many members who have been involved in the past who will assist and help the chairperson. Several members have come to me asking to work the event or asking for details, but do not want to Chair the event- they may have run it in the past or are just unable to donate the effort needed (due to age, health issues, etc). So if you are interested to helping out, getting in your hours and putting on a fairly easy event with help, please contact the President of the Chairman of the Board.





Hunting Season

Hunting is allowed on Club property. We must follow all NYS DEC Hunting Regulations- there is no special permit or use. The Club has no lease or special use permits. Here are a few reminders for a safe season with no issues. In the past there were some issues with the property lines. We do not want any additional issues. We have posted all the boundaries and they are marked- posted signs are on the property lines and can be seen from the neighbor's side. There are yellow or orange spray paint on the property. If you are unsure ask for helping finding the line. I have personally marked and checked the line earlier this year. It is the hunter's responsibility to know where they are. Hunt only on Bethlehem Property. Respect the boundaries. Do not cross onto another property without express permission. Do not shoot across the property lines. Be respectful, good hunters. You're your target and always look beyond the target- be safe. All stands are to be marked with your name, badge number and phone number. Remember to sign in and out- it is a safety thing; in case someone has an issue or is missing. Stands can be set up after Sep1st and are to be taken down after the season by December 31st. If you have any questions, please contact the President or a Board Member. Have fun, good hunting and good luck.

Email or Call ASKING for MONEY

In the past the club's president and officer emails have occasionally been fabricated and used to ask for money, gift cards, etc. As these email addresses are posted, I remind everyone the Club Board/Officers/President or anyone will not contact anyone via email to ask for emergency money, gift cards, etc. Be wary and do not open - click on any attachment or link, asking for money for the club. If you believe it may be legitimate request, please call before you respond. I assure you if I or one of our members are imprisoned or hospitalized in a foreign country, my wife or the club will not be using email to ask for ransom money, LOL. Thanks, and be alert.



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 3D course is open. No crossbows. Field tips only on arrows. Shoot the course as designed.

Tri County Shooters

The 3D season is in full swing, Check our website or tricounty archers for full schedule. Our next shoot is August 9th. See photos of the shoots and work party.

Youth Archery Team News

The archery team is moving along, We completed our season. Bethlehem hosted the 3D regional and Black Rock hosted the Outdoor Target Tournament. Our archers did very well. See pictures on next page and on facebook.

Plattekill Recreation Summer Camp visited Bethlehem on July 14th for an archery clinic. Sam Cerone and I had the pleasure of wrking with 36 campers that day. All the kids had a great time. Pictures on next page.

Volunteers / Work Hours

We are always in of help with the archery shoots, youth events & tournaments, club functions which includes: set up, cooks, photographers, range officers, registration, beak down, etc. There is also help needed with the maintenance of the ranges. I would like to expand our archery program at the club, looking for sub committee chair people, youth, club etc.



Youth 3D at Bethlehem





Youth Outdoor Target



Tri County 3D Shoots



Work Party





Calendar of Events 2026

Feb 21 Bounty of The Harvest Dinner

April 1 Trout season opens

April 4 Trout Shootout

April 11 Hunter Education Course

April 25-26 Youth Turkey Hunting Season (NYS)

April 26 Kids Fishing Derby

May 1-31 Turkey Season (Limited Range Hours)

May 16 Potluck (Game) Dinner

Jun 15 Bass season opens

July 26 Family Day

Aug 15 Bass Fishing Tournament

??? Clam Bake (proposed)

??? Trap Tournament

Sep 1 Squirrel Hunting Season opens

Sep Fish Fry (proposed)

Oct 1 Deer Season opens (Archery)

Oct 1 Small Game Season Opens (Pheasant, rabbit, grouse, quail)

Oct 10-12 Youth Big Game Youth Hunt (NYS)

?Oct 17 Youth Pheasant Hunt (BRG)

??? Waterfowl Season (TBD by government)

Nov 21 Regular Deer Season opens (Rifle) (Limited Range Hours in effect)

Dec 13 Deer Season Closes

Dec 12 ARMY-NAVY Game event (possible)

Dec 13-22/26-01 Jan Deer Muzzleloader Season

*** All Hunting Fishing season dates subject to change by NYS DEC ***



Kids Fishing Derby

A few pictures from the April 26th kids fishing derby. Fish bait, food, drink, trophies, and prizes were provided at the event. Check the club website for a lot more great pictures.



Check the club website for
more pictures





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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>