

Monthly Newsletter

April 2021

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Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club

Kookie Warden
August 8, 1952 -April 17,2021

With heavy hearts the Officers and Director announce the passing of member Kookie Warden, wife of member Gary Warden. Please keep Kookie and her loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

First Meeting of 2021

First meeting of 2021 was held on March 20th. It was a great day for our outdoor meeting and all seemed to enjoy seeing other members and chatting.

- Joseph Valastro







Lake Stocking March 30th





Trout Shootout April 3rd

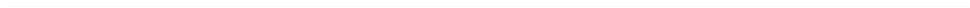




Trout Shootout Raffle Winner



Joseph Valastro with his new fishing rod





New Docks

Four new docks were delivered to BDGC on April 10th



Bethlehem Rod and Gun Club Membership Dues Collection Schedule 2021-2022

May – After Membership Meeting Monday May 17th 7pm

June -- Sat 5th 9am to 12 noon

June -- Sat 12th 9am to 12 noon

June – After Membership Meeting (date TBD)

June -- Sat 26th 9am to 12 noon

IF THE ABOVE SCHEDULE DOES NOT FIT YOURS CALL ME @ (845) 236-7349

2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JULY 1st LAST DAY TO PAY YOUR DUES IS JUNE 30th GATE AND CLUBHOUSE CODES WILL BE CHANGED JULY 1ST

****Keep reading on the next page****



TO PAY DUES BY MAIL SEND TO THE FOLLOWING

John Mazza, Jr
2 Dragotta Road,
Marlboro, NY 12542

INCLUDE \$4.00 TO COVER POSTAGE

DO NOT SEND DUES PAYMENT TO CLUB'S PO BOX

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BETHLEHEM ROD AND GUN CLUB OR BRGC

DUES FOR THE 2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS

ADULT DUES \$125.00

BUILDING/LAND RAFFLE 25.00

PLUS WORK HOUR ASSESSMENT @ \$15.00 PER HOUR NOT WORKED

ADULT MEMBER WORK HOUR OBLIGATION IS 8 hrs

SENIOR DUES \$50.00

BUILDING/LAND RAFFLE 25.00

PLUS WORK HOUR ASSESSMENT @ \$15.00 PER HOUR NOT WORKED

SENIOR MEMBER WORK HOUR OBLIGATION IS 4 hrs

DUES FOR JUNIOR AND SPOUSAL MEMBERS ARE \$35.00

LIFE -- JUNIOR -- AND SPOUSAL MEMBERS HAVE NO WORK HOUR OR
BUILDING/LAND RAFFLE OBLIGATION

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FULL OBLIGATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED – NO PARTIAL PAYMENTS
ACCEPTED

Fraternally John Mazza, Jr (845) 236-7349

April 2021 Membership Report

Currently there are 127 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 Tireddaddy01@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

PROPOSED NEW LIFE MEMBER

Per our By-Laws the following member has met the requirements of LIFE MEMBERSHIP this year. Membership vote for acceptance will be held at our May meeting and Ratified at our June Meeting.

Edward Mucci Joined the Club in 1990



Range Report

The weather is starting to get nice again. The range is doing good. Get out and enjoy it! Just a note, May is Turkey Season. Range hours are 12Noon - 9 PM. Stay Healthy, have fun and be safe.

- Jeff Pearl

PRESIDENTS CLUB RAFFLE

The Presidents club raffle commenced 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 Membership meetings while they last! Contact

Mike Schetter for details 845-453-6666

Three Presidents "A" Club drawings were pulled:

January Prize (Drawing #11) #183

February Prize (Drawing #12) #24

March Prize (Drawing #1) #119

BUILDING & LAND FUND RAFFLE

Drawing for the Building and Land Fund raffle was held at the March meeting two drawings for this raffle were pulled.

First Prize #439

Second Prize #207



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 10am to sunset. **The hours will change during the May turkey season - 12:00 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 may be used as a target for broadheads. The yellow chain is a caution to designate a possible live archery range (signs are on the way). **Remember to sign in at the range.**



3D RANGE

We are currently mapping out the course for this season with the addition of a couple of new targets and some novelty shots. The course is scheduled to open in May. There are plans for a couple of projects to enhance your shooting experience. The Tri-County 3D schedule has been published and is on our website.

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. It's a great way to get your work hours in while having fun hanging with some new friends.

Edward Malle

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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.

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

Archery Schedule



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



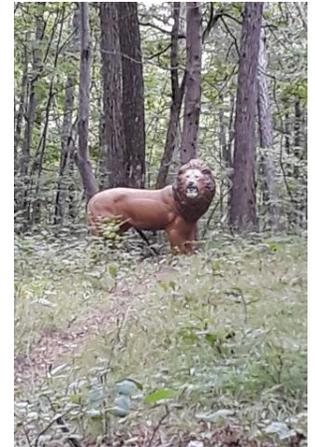
April 11	Sunday	Otisville Sportsmen's Association
April 18	Sunday	Black Rock Fish & Game Club
April 25	Sunday	Monroe-Chester Sportsmen Club
May 2	Sunday	***No Shoot***
May 9	Mother's Day	***No Shoot***
May 16	Sunday	Walden Sportsmen's Club
May 23	Sunday	Silver Birch Archery Shoot will be at Airport Park 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	Father's Day	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



Introduction to 3D Archery



3D archery refers to shooting at three-dimensional life-like targets – normally made from foam and situated in such a way as to simulate a true-to-life hunting experience. It was originally used as hunting practice, as such most of the targets were shaped like game animals, but 3D quickly evolved into a sport of its own, with rules, scoring, and a nearly limitless target.





3D archery can make for a fun family outing.



As such, 3D is a great way to get ready for an upcoming hunt, or to just have some fun. It can be practiced alone, with friends, or family. In fact, it's common for young children to participate in 3D. It's a great way to experience the outdoors (if shooting at an outdoor range) and gain experience in shooting your bow in a realistic situation.

Before you head out to the range, there is some basic equipment you should bring with you. That said, there's no special 3D bow that you'll need; just shoot the bow you're most comfortable with or the bow you plan to hunt with. You should use field points (don't shoot broadheads at 3D targets!), 6 or more arrows, it's a good idea to have a pair of sunglasses handy, some sunscreen, tick/mosquito repellent, an arrow removal tool, a decent quiver, range finder or binoculars, a stand for your bow, a towel for your hands and gear. Many outdoor shoots can be a mile or more in length, so it's a good



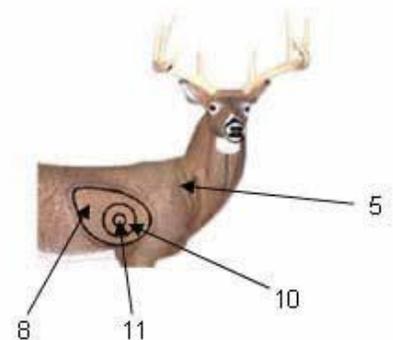
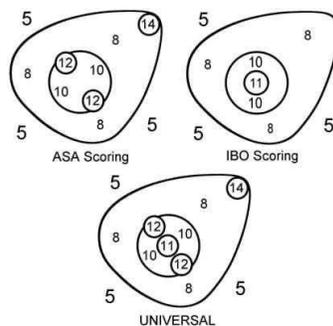
idea to bring something to snack on as well as some bottled water, but please don't litter.

If you plan on shooting for score, a pencil and scorecard will normally be provided. Misses do happen and arrows will be lost (arrows are a lot easier to find with lighted nocks). When you do miss the target, don't take too much time looking for the lost arrow, as it will slow down the whole event.

Most ranges will charge a small fee for shooting, whether you're competing or not. This money covers normal wear and tear on the targets and on the range.

On how 3D is scored; typically, the high score shots will be in the vital section of the animal you're shooting at. There are two primary scoring formats used: ASA and IBO. The ASA, or the Archery Shooters Association, uses 14-12-10-8-5-0 scoring areas. The IBO, or the International Bowhunting Organization, uses 11-10-8-5-0 scoring areas.

When shooting for score, one arrow is shot at each target; the score is determined by where the arrow enters the target. Below is an example of what the ASA and IBO scoring rings look like.





Most 3D shoots will have a variety of shooting stands per target to accommodate all skill levels



Upon arrival:

- Sign in/register and get my score card
- Head to the practice bags and shoot at each one that I have a pin set up for to make sure they're all sighted in. I double check my arrows, release and bow to make sure everything is in good shape.





When shooting at a target it is wise to have a routine, a series of steps you follow to help you become comfortable and more consistent. These steps may be a little different for each person but once you start doing things in a way that works keep doing them the same way EVERY TIME.

It's important to remember these shooting events are for fun and to help you improve. Bad shots will definitely come and you'll more than likely miss a few targets. Don't stress too much about those because they have happened to everyone at some point and they help you learn from your mistakes. So good luck to all you beginners and remember to have fun!

Note: If you plan to consistently shoot year after year a stool of some sort and/or a daypack may be a good investment.





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, Dennis Santiago, Darren Orzechowski)

DRAWING SEPT 12th 2021

Freshwater Fishing Regulations

The 2021 Fishing Regulations Guide contains the fishing regulations that take effect on April 1, 2021. The guide has been revised for simpler use. The size of the guide has been reduced so it can easily fit in a tackle box. Additionally, special regulations are now listed alphabetically by individual waters by Region for easier look-up.

You can search "NYS freshwater fishing regulations 2021" and it should bring up the DEC's website and link to a viewable or printable PDF file at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7917.html>



Work Party & Dock Painting April 24th

A team of volunteers lead by Mike Barton cleaned a large amount of trash from the property once owned by Rita Klein. Also included is a picture of the 4 new fishing docks being painted.

- Joseph Valastro





Thank You !





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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>