

PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.

NEWSLETTER

*A SOUTH CAROLINA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION
MANAGING AN ORGANIZED HUNT CLUB LOCATED IN
FAIRFIELD, RICHLAND & KERSHAW COUNTIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA*

Established in 1986 – Excels in both Quality Deer & Turkey Hunting

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New Leases

Effective immediately, we have acquired two large tracts of land totaling 4,083 acres. The White Oak Tower Tract consisting of 2,019 acres is located in Fairfield County near the community of White Oak. It is approximately 14.5 miles west from the Fairfield Hunt Camp. It has an access road, which runs through the center of the property that is 4.7 miles long. Pines have been select cut a few years back making ideal deer habitat, has several creeks and loaded with hardwoods in the ravines. The Tri-County tract consisting of 2,064 is located in Fairfield, Kershaw and Richland Counties and is approximately 20 plus miles south of the Fairfield Hunt Camp. Has several clear cuts and powerline. Deer season starts here August 15th. Both tracts are not in International Paper plans for future sale, therefore making these tracts more long term. We are excited about acquiring these tracts. We will share more on these tracts as we begin to organize them for access. We presently have 9,018 acres in Fairfield and 6,056 in Kershaw for a total of 15,074 acres.

Wayne Archie – President

Increase in Dues for 2005

Due to increased lease and operational costs of the club, it will be necessary to raise the annual dues \$100 for 2005. This makes the annual dues \$900 for existing members and \$1,000.00 for new members. We have been at \$800 for four years without any increases. Lease costs have continued to spiral up, also other contributing factors are the increase cost of materials, labor, fuel etc. We strive to make the PHC an affordable club and will continue to do so in the future. In comparing the PHC with other higher price clubs, we feel that we are providing you and

your family/friends with the opportunity to enjoy safe hunting experiences on quality land with good amenities at a fair cost. We sincerely hope that you will seek to understand the reasons for the increase and will continue to support the club's leadership, its goals and objectives.

Wayne Archie, Sam Shillinglaw, Butch Huffman, Jim Smith and Rick Woodley
Piedmont Hunt Club, Inc. Board of Directors

2005 Dues Reminder

A non-refundable \$100 commitment fee is due January 31, 2005. By paying this fee, it lets the club know that you plan to remain in the club for the following season. Failure to pay this fee by February 1, 2005 will move you off the active membership list. Refer to Article 8, Section III of your rules & regulations for more detail. This allows us to plan for our new membership drive plus our first lease payments are due in April each year.

Remember you must have non-refundable \$100 commitment fee in to me by February 1, 2005 and the balance of your dues in to me by May 1, 2005.

Make the checks out to Piedmont Hunt Club and the mailing address is: (Include your 2005 Liability Form)

Piedmont Hunt Club
c/o Butch Huffman
3357 Stocktie Road
Charlotte, NC 28210

Thanks to all of you who have already mailed in your commitment checks or in many cases your full payment for the 2005-2006 hunting season.

Butch Huffman – Secretary/Treasurer

Deer Harvest 2004

At the present time I have not had the opportunity to summarize the 2004 deer harvest. I have collected the harvest sheets from Fairfield but not from Kershaw. In Fairfield we took 97 deer with 11 Quality Bucks taken. Two of these bucks are going to come close to making the state record list; we will know in March. In Kershaw we took 34 deer with 4 Quality Bucks. In our next Newsletter I will provide the detail harvest summary for both Fairfield and Kershaw.

Wayne Archie – President

New Members

With new land and more acreage we have a need for new members. This is the time of year that we open the club membership up to new members. Due to word of mouth and our web site, we have a very high interest in the club for 2005. If you have any family members or friends who may be interested in joining our club, now is the time to contact Butch Huffman or Wayne Archie. Otherwise, we have to fill our open slots with prospective members who call with interest.

Each year the club accepts many of our new members from referrals you have directed to us. Please be proactive in promoting and supporting your club. If you would like to have some brochures to hand out, call and we will mail them to you. The members we sign up from your referrals, saves the club time and money that can be transferred to club improvements.

Butch Huffman – Secretary/Treasurer

Youth Deer Hunt at Fairfield

On January 8, 2005 we had our 3rd annual Youth Deer Hunt with 9 youths participating. For lunch, Tim Shultz cooked chicken & rice (Chicken bog) and his wife Judy made the best in the world banana pudding, as usual it was great. Afterwards Tim Shultz, Jerry Crouch and Jim Smith gave instructions on how to safely handle shotguns on the sheet range and in hunting situations. After this discussion, the youth participated in shooting sporting clays. The youth had a great time but before it was over everyone even the grownups got their chance to break the little clay birds. This was a great event and we will do it again. Even through deer sightings were few on this day, in the afternoon Morgan Shultz harvested an 80 pound spike in Hunt Unit 24.

Wayne Archie – President

Fairfield Hunt Camp Purchase

On January 21st we will close on the purchase of our Fairfield Hunt Camp, which consists of 19.2 acres. This will give us piece of mind and control of improving our camp infrastructure.

Officers/Work Leaders Meeting at Fairfield - February 5th

A budget/planning meeting will be held February 5th at 9:00 am at the Fairfield Hunt Camp. This is a business meeting and the only the club's officers and work leaders will participate. Each work leader to be prepared to discuss any proposed additions/changes and budget for his area of responsibility for 2005. It is essential that all officers/work leaders please plan to attend.

Wayne Archie – President
Sam Shillinglaw, Vice President
Butch Huffman – Secretary/Treasurer

Last Day to Scout before Turkey Season - MARCH 13th

No scouting or access is allowed on the club after March 13. This will let the woods settled down before our spring turkey season begins.

Also for the ones who may not know, no one should be turkey calling on our property at any time prior to turkey season. Our turkeys are already hunter wise. We do not need to add to this by calling to them before season begins. Thanks for cooperating.

Youth Turkey Hunt & Cook Out at Fairfield - March 26th

A statewide youth turkey hunt is set for March 26th. Youths must be between the ages of 10 and 17. Any 16 or 17 year olds do not have to obtain a license or big game permit to hunt on this day but all youths must have turkey tags, which are free and can be obtained from any check station. We will have our standard procedure drawing at 5:00 am at both Kershaw and Fairfield. Only the youths will be allowed to carry a gun. In Fairfield, we plan to have a cookout at noon for all participants, please bring your own drinks. We would like to have as many youths attending as possible, so please invite any youth who may be interested. Please let me know if you will be coming to hunt and if you will need a guide. We need some experienced turkey hunters to volunteer as guides. Please let me know if you can help out on this day. This can be a very good day in the field with our youth. Looking forward to a great outing!