

PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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

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

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New Leases

We currently have agreements to increase the White Oak Tract by approximately 789 acres for next year. This addition will give us 2,925 acres in this tract. The 789 acres has been in a QDM program and has seen very little hunting pressure in the past. It also abuts up to other properties, which are also currently practicing QDM. Although I do not have all the details at this time, it encompasses the power line near Hunt Unit 19, 17 and 15. We will keep you informed of the progress as we go forward on this addition. Although our efforts have failed in getting the Jumping Gulley property back in Kershaw, we are pursuing getting the Mayfield property back 125 acres and enhancing the Hunt Units north of Camp Creek with food plots for next season. Presently our projection for next season is 5,376 acres in Fairfield and 4,117 acres in Kershaw for a total of 9,493 total acres.

Wayne Archie – President

Financial Changes for 2006

ANNUAL DUES

To simplify our annual dues and to align our annual dues for existing members and new members alike, it has been decided to eliminate the initiation fee for new members. By doing this the annual fee will increase \$100 for the existing members but will remain the same for a new member. The annual membership fee for both the existing and new members for 2006 will be \$1,000.

CAMPSITE FEE

Campsites fees will increase from \$50 to \$100. Our campsites fees have been too low for a number of years. Our port-a-jon, water and garbage services have exceeded our collective campsites fees.

GUEST DAY FEE

Guest day fees will increase from \$200 to \$300. This equates to \$30 per day at 10 guest days for \$300. Before only being \$20 per day was way below the norm for hunting on a quality club.

MAN DRIVING GUEST FEE

This is a new charge. We had an overwhelming turnout this December in Kershaw to participate in our organized man drives. To help scale back the participates and at the same time bring in some revenue to the club, many members thought it would be a good idea to charge for the adult guests only. The fee will be \$10 per day and will be collected at sign in prior to each hunt day.

WORK DAY FINES

It will be mandatory for all existing members (Members from existing year not new members) to participate in a minimum of “Two Work Days” a year or pay a \$50 fine for each deficient work day not worked. In the past this has not been enforced with a fine but will be collected for this coming season. Members who cannot make work days due to their job; or our long distance members who cannot participate, should not mind paying for their shortcomings. Members helping Work Leaders on non-assigned work days will be given credit for participation.

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 these increases and will continue to support the club’s leadership, its goals and objectives.

Wayne Archie – President

2006 Dues Reminder

A non-refundable \$100 commitment fee is due January 31, 2006. 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, 2006 will move you off the active membership list. Refer to ARTICLE 8, SECTION III of your Rules & Regs for more detail. This allows us to plan for our new membership effort 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, 2006 and the balance of your dues in to me by May 1, 2006.

Make the checks out to Piedmont Hunt Club, Inc. and the mailing address is: (Include your Liability Release Form)

Piedmont Hunt Club, Inc.
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 2006-2007 hunting season.

Butch Huffman – Secretary/Treasurer

New Members

As with each season due to the addition of 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 2006. 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

Leadership Changes

To align the officers of the PHC with the incorporated board members both Jim Smith and Rick Woodley have become officers of the club. Curtis Piper has replaced Sam Shillinglaw as Vice –President. For simplification in our leadership, all board members are now officers of the club and vice versa. We have

also added a new Work Leader to our organization which is titled, MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Tony Prudhomme has agreed to fill this position and provide the club with a detailed monthly financial statement, which will help us, stay on tract with our budget. The Board Members/Officers going into 2006 are as follows:

President:	M. Wayne Archie
Vice - President:	Curtis E. Piper
Secretary/Treasurer:	William R. Huffman
First Club Advisor:	James E. Smith
Second Club Advisor:	Rick Woodley

Deer Harvest 2005

I have collected the harvest sheets from both Fairfield and Kershaw, but have not had the opportunity to summarize the 2005 deer harvest. Here's a brief rundown: We harvested 167 deer in which 24 were quality bucks having over 15" wide racks or weighing over 150 pounds. In Fairfield we took 109 deer with 17 quality bucks taken. In Kershaw we took 58 deer with 7 quality bucks taken. Many of these bucks will make or come close to making the state record list. In our next Newsletter, I will provide the detail harvest summary for both Fairfield and Kershaw.

Wayne Archie – President

Youth Deer Hunt at Fairfield

On January 7, 2006 we had our 4th annual Youth Deer Hunt with 9 youths participating. For lunch, James Strack cooked a pig on the grill along with some chickens. Tim's Shultz wife Judy made potato salad and the best in the world banana pudding. Bill Shirah provided the bake beans; as usual the food was outstanding. Money for the pig was donated by Tim Shultz, Jim Smith, Dick Pope and Bob Pressley. Afterwards Tim Shultz and Sam Shillinglaw supervised a "Shooting Contest". Each youth shot 3 shots at a 100-yard target. Winners were decided by who had the tightest shot group. Sam Shillinglaw was the official measurer. 1st Place was Nathan Miles, 2nd place was Chad Cline and 3rd place was Jaren Moss. Prizes were awarded and donated by Tim Shultz. Although no deer was harvested on this day, we all had a great time with our youth.

Wayne Archie – President

Fairfield Cell Tower Update

A detailed field survey was completed December 12, 2005 and plat submitted. This survey and other information are currently under review by the cell tower owner. Next step is permit application, environmental review and other approvals. Pending no problems, construction should begin within the next 4 to 6 months. The construction manager is keeping me informed of future progress.

Officers/Work Leaders Meetings Scheduled at Fairfield

Work Leader meetings will be scheduled on non-hunting months to discuss up-coming work tasks and club improvements. In addition, the Monthly Financial Statement will be presented and discussed. The purpose of these meetings is to allow the Work Leaders to report on status of scheduled tasks and if needed, to request help in completing up-coming tasks. Hopefully the results of these meetings will keep us on track with our work plans. These meetings will be held on the first Saturday of the month at Fairfield at 9:00 AM on the following dates:

January 7, 2006
February 4, 2006
March 4, 2006
June 3, 2006
July 1, 2006
August 5, 2006

Wayne Archie – President

New Changes to Rules & Regs

We have had numerous comments/concerns on members harvested very small deer. For next season there will be a \$50 fine on any deer harvested, which weighs less than 50 pounds. This only applies to our QDM properties in Fairfield County. In our new Rules & Regs: See ARTICLE 16, SECTION IV and SECTION XIV for details.

Please note this item applies to this coming spring hunting season: During TURKEY SEASON, due to the limited number and physical size of the HUNT UNITS in WHITE OAK, only ONE HUNT UNIT may be selected by a MEMBER when signing in for the WHITE OAK tract. Another HUNT UNIT may be selected as many times as required only after appropriately signing out of the previous one each time. In our new Rules & Regs: See ARTICLE 15, SECTION XII for details.

Wayne Archie – President

Last Day to Scout before Turkey Season - MARCH 15th

No scouting or access is allowed on the club after March 15. 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.

Wayne Archie – President

Youth Turkey Hunt & Cook Out Scheduled at Fairfield - March 25th

A statewide youth turkey hunt is set for March 25th. 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!

Wayne Archie – President

Operation Manager

Last January the club approved and appointed Wayne Archie as the Operation Manager. The day-to-day business has increased and therefore the need is still there to continue this paid position. Last year due to over extending the club with too many leases, the funds were not available to pay the Operation Manager. This year the compensation for this function has been reduced and a cap has been placed on the expenses. Therefore, this year it is more conducive for the club to afford. This years expense for this function is more manageable and has been integrated into the 2006 budget.

The club has many day-to-day issues, some needing immediate attention. The first and primary focus of this position will be on land leases and membership. Both of these areas require a huge amount of time, effort and we can't rely solely on volunteer help to get the job done. Our budget continues to grow with the increased land lease costs and associated expenses to run a club. As you know, we need land to hunt and members to pay for our leases and other expenses. Wayne is available to dedicate the time required for this function and has the working knowledge of the club's requirements. Although Wayne will be doing all that he can to manage/help our club, he will be relying heavily on the Work Leaders to complete there job assignments. Thanking the Work Leaders in advance for their support and work efforts.

The Piedmont Hunt Club, Inc. goal is to continue to provide our members with a quality family hunting/outdoor experience in today's changing land/use environment we live in. Thanking everyone who has helped and continues to make this happen.