

PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.



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NEWSLETTER

*A SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY ORIENTED HUNT CLUB
LOCATED IN FAIRFIELD & KERSHAW COUNTIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA*

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Annual Cookout with Guest Speaker August 12th Wayne Archie – President

Our club's Annual Cookout will be held on **August 12 at the Fairfield Hunt Camp at 10:00 AM**. This year we will have as our guest speaker **Charles Ruth**, the **Deer/Turkey Project Supervisor for the SC Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR)**. Charles will discuss issues pertaining to our deer/turkey hunting and will hopefully answer any questions you may have on the states wildlife programs, rules & regulations etc. Our meeting with Charles will begin promptly at 10:00 AM, after his talk we will present awards to members/guests who harvested their first deer/turkey and also recognize the adult and youth hunters who harvested the largest buck on the club for 2005. After awards are presented **James Strack**, our **Events/Outings/Activities Work Leader** and his helpers will serve us a fine barbeque lunch. The lunch is free but to help offset cost to the club, donations will be collected and appreciated. We ask everyone who can, to bring a drink and a dessert to share. Also due to the above normal crowd, we request that everyone bring their own chair. This is a family event so if she's willing bring the boss and the kids. Attending this outing is a great opportunity for both new and existing members to get better acquainted and for new members to learn more about the club. Looking forward to a great outing!

For the meeting, if you have a deer/turkey mount or any large antler sheds you have found on the PHC, we would like for all to see. We can hang your mounts up under the shed. It would be nice to see all the large bucks together that were taken on our club. Pending getting all material completed and returned from the printers, we are working hard to have our new club booklets available at the meeting.

Land Leases Wayne Archie – President

Presently all of the hunt leases in both Fairfield and Kershaw have been paid with the exception of a few which are not due until August 1. In recent discussions with our timber companies, it appears that there is slowing down of land sales which results in more stability of our leases for long term. Our goal is to keep our land lease base to approximately 10,000 acres. As land becomes available we will review it very carefully for how it enhances our hunting capabilities for the club. Only small tracts, which are adjacent to our existing leases, will be considered. The addition of 716 acres to our White Oak Tract gives us a total of 2,852 acres in this tract which results into 27 large hunt units for White Oak. With the planned addition of the 125 acre Mayfield Tract and the 302 acre GRW Enterprises Tract boosts the acreage in Kershaw to 4,086 acres. Presently for the 2006/2007 season we have:

Fairfield = 5,303 Acres
(69 Hunt Units)
(Average 77 Acres Each)

Kershaw = 4,086 Acres
(55 Hunt Units)
(Average 74 Acres Each)

Total = 9,389 Acres
(124 Total Hunt Units)
(Average 76 Acres Each)

Membership Status Paul Wittfeld – Treasurer

Thanks to all of the returning members who paid their membership dues by the **May 1** deadline. We welcome all our new members and look forward to meeting each of you at our **Annual Cookout on August 12**. We currently have enough members to meet our financial obligations for all our lease payments but we still need additional members to cover this year's budget requirements, which include our food plot program and other on-going club expenses. If you have any family members or friends who may be interested in joining our club, now is the time to contact them. Member referrals are always our best source for new members therefore at this time we request that every member be very pro-active on new member search and recruitment. To give each member a little motivation we have extended the **New Member Recruitment Incentive of \$100.00 until September 1**. The members we sign up from your referrals, saves the club time and money that can be transferred to club improvements. We are placing an impressive photographic ad in the sports section of the Sunday's Charlotte Observer. We are also participating in the Pee Dee Deer Classic in Florence, SC this month. As you can see, as a club we are doing many things to solicit new members; however to be successful we need for everyone to help with this effort. We have a great club. When a prospect visits our club on a tour and they are financially able, they have no problem joining. Once we get someone to visit our Club we have a very good chance of recruiting them, so please spread the word. If you need any brochures or assistance with a prospective member please contact either myself, Wayne Archie or Curtis Piper.

Work Days/Events Wayne Archie – President

Work Days are scheduled as indicated for the balance of the summer. Work will begin promptly at **8:00 AM** at the designated Hunt Camp. We will get organized and will break into work groups as needed. Please try to make as many work days as you can and be on time so we can get started early before it gets too hot. On each work day, please remember to bring work gloves, hammers, chain saws, pruners, bush axe, weed eaters etc. **We need help with our Food Plots; if you have an ATV and would like to participate you are definitely needed. Any size ATV can be used but we need a 500CC size to help with the plowing. Other sizes can be used to drag, spread and haul seed, fertilizer & lime. Please make sure you have a 2 inch diameter ball hitch on your ATV, as all our attachments required this size.** Plan to work all day and bring your own food and drinks. Thanks in advance for participation; we look forward to a great outing each workday. Your spouse and older children are welcome also.

July 22	Fairfield	Food Plot Work Day - Chufa Planting
☆ July 28,29,30	Florence SC	Pee Dee Deer Classic - See Schedule for times ☆
August 5	Fairfield	Camp Clean Up, Stands, Gates & Food Plot Work Day - Chufa Planting Work Leaders Meeting (Short meeting at 12:00 in shed)
☆ August 12	Fairfield	Annual Cookout with Guest Speaker - Meeting at 10:00 AM ☆
August 19	Kershaw	Camp Clean Up, Stands Gates & Food Plot Work Day - Chufa Planting
August 26	Fairfield	Food Plot Work Day - Clover & Wheat Planting
September 2	Fairfield	Food Plot Work Day - Clover & Wheat Planting
September 9	Kershaw	Food Plot Work Day - Wheat Planting

Food Plot Equipment Purchased Wayne Archie – President

The PHC has recently purchased a Disc/Culti-Packer Combo, a 5 Bushel Pull - Behind Spreader, Chain Harrows and a Poly Dump Cart from Hunter's Specialties. These implements are very well made and manufactured by Tarter Gate a well-known farm equipment supplier who is has been around since 1945. The concept of utilizing this equipment is to save money on tractor use and better schedule the plowing/planting of the food plots. A demonstration was presented to the club on July 8; everyone who attended was impressed with how this equipment performed. The PHC has been set up as a distributor by Hunter's Specialties, inquiries of anyone who lives within 100 miles of Fairfield will be directed to us and must purchase through the PHC. We are currently

working out the details; our direction is to position the club to possibly receive extra revenue through the sale of this equipment, which will help support, our food plot program.

Pee Dee Deer Classic - July 28, 29 & 30 Wayne Archie – President

The PHC will participate in the thirteenth annual **Pee Dee Deer Classic** in Florence, SC on the above dates. This is a fairly large hunting/outdoor show held at the Florence Civic Center. This is a great way to promote our club and get information out to prospective members. Due to the Florence area locality we may reach some hunters who may have an interest in the Kershaw Tracts. If you would like to help staff the booth and help recruit new members, please contact Wayne Archie for details. Help staffing the booth is needed and will be appreciated.

Doors will be open from:

4:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Friday 28 th
9:00 AM until 7:00 PM on Saturday 29 th
10:00 AM until 6:00 PM on Sunday 30 th

Admission Fee at the Door:

Adults	\$8.00
Children 7 - 12	\$3.00
Children 6 and under	Free
FREE PARKING	

Directions to the Civic Center:

From I-95 exit 169B to red light, turn right and Civic Center is on the left.
From I-20 travel into Florence, turn right at red light and Civic Center is on the left.

Web Site www.piedmonthuntclub.com Mike Nodine – Web Site Work Leader

Since going online **July 31, 2002**, our website has grown to become a good source of information about our club. The purpose of the web site is to be a central source of information, accessible at all times to both members, prospective members, lease holders and those that wish to learn more about the Piedmont Hunt Club, Inc. The site currently has over 40 different documents. The documents are all in the Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf) for both easy viewing and printing. Among the documents you will find on the site are club brochure, harvest sheets, mission statement, by-laws, rules & regulations, organization chart, deer harvest, turkey harvest, photos, maps, newsletters, upcoming events, forms, hunt camps, miscellaneous information, related web sites, PHC apparel, about our web site, FAQ frequently asked questions and contact us. If you have any questions, problems or ideas concerning the website, please e-mail me at: info@piedmonthuntclub.com

Deer Harvest 2005 Wayne Archie – President

The 2005 harvest data indicates that our club is doing a great job in harvesting the right selection of deer. On our Fairfield Tracts where we are practicing QDM; our harvest statistics clearly indicates we are harvesting more does (69%) than bucks (31%). We have kept our harvest down on NQB's, Spikes and BB's. Our harvest of QB's has increase tremendously over last season (15 in 2004 to 24 in 2005). We are harvesting more deer, more does and more and bigger quality bucks and we are accomplishing this with less hunting pressure. We continue to provide our youth with the opportunity to harvest at least one NQB each season and give the trophy hunter a place to potentially take a great buck. On our unmanaged Kershaw Tracts because of the reduced hunting pressure we are growing that herd and the potential of harvesting a trophy class buck there is very great. Our current programs (Managed land and unmanaged land) we have in place are working better than could ever be expected. It is very evident that our QDM is working as proven by Steve Lea's monster buck he took in Fairfield on October 15 in Hunt Unit 29. Steve's buck was a long tined thick antlered 22" inch wide 190 pound 10 point buck, which made the state record list scoring 127 ½ Boone and Crockett points. Many very nice bucks were taken in both Fairfield and Kershaw in 2005. Increasing the White Oak acreage to 2,852 and with adjacent clubs also practicing QDM gives us the potential to really harvest some of those large Fairfield County bucks we were taking over two decades ago.

Although the harvest numbers are not as impressive for Kershaw, the herd in that area is still expanding. In the future we can expect some good bucks to come from Kershaw. Although we are not managing these tracts, due to the thick habitat and little hunting pressure the potential of growing trophy class bucks is certainly a there. Each

season, we are moving more and more bucks into the mature 3 ½ + age class. We are seeing larger scrapes and rubs on 8" to 10" diameter trees that we did not observed several years ago.

Although we are not considered a trophy managed club we have struck a balance on the PHC. We are practicing QDM, which means we are reducing our herd and getting our buck/doe ratio more aligned. At the same time we are creating great hunting opportunities for the youth/inexperienced hunters and simultaneous raising some record class bucks for the more avid/mature hunters.

ENTIRE CLUB - TOTAL DEER HARVEST 2005

Total Deer Harvest	= 167 (100% of Total Harvest)
Total Buck Harvest	= 64 (38% of Total Harvest)
Total Doe Harvest	= 103 (62% of Total Harvest)
Total QB Harvest	= 24 (14% of Total Harvest)
Total NQB's Harvest	= 17 (10% of Total Harvest)
Total Spikes Harvest	= 15 (9% of Total Harvest)
Total BB Harvest	= 8 (5% of Total Harvest)

FAIRFIELD - DEER HARVEST 2005 Quality Deer Managed (QDM) Tracts (109 Deer = 65% Total Harvest)

Total Deer	= 109 (100% of Fairfield Harvest)
Bucks	= 34 (31% of Fairfield Harvest)
Does	= 75 (69% of Fairfield Harvest)
QB'S	= 17 (16% of Fairfield Harvest)
NQB'S	= 3 (3% of Fairfield Harvest)
SPIKES	= 9 (8% of Fairfield Harvest)
BB'S	= 5 (5% of Fairfield Harvest)

KERSHAW - DEER HARVEST 2005 (58 Deer = 35% Total Harvest)

Total Deer	= 58 (100% of Kershaw Harvest)
Bucks	= 30 (52% of Kershaw Harvest)
Does	= 28 (48% of Kershaw Harvest)
QB'S	= 7 (12% of Kershaw Harvest)
NQB'S	= 14 (24% of Kershaw Harvest)
SPIKES	= 6 (10% of Kershaw Harvest)
BB'S	= 3 (5% of Kershaw Harvest)

The following deer harvest is noteworthy:

- 12 youths harvested one or more deer
- 5 youths took their first deer
- Heaviest buck from Fairfield = 190 lbs
- Heaviest buck from Kershaw = 185 lbs
- Widest antler spread Fairfield = 22 inches
- Widest antler spread Kershaw = 17 7/8 inches
- 4 bow kills in Fairfield (2 bucks, 2 does)
- 0 bow kills in Kershaw
- 10 deer taken with muzzleloader (1 buck 9 does)
- No quality bucks taken in Fairfield after 11/19/05
- No quality bucks taken in Kershaw after 12/23/05

Turkey Harvest 2006 Wayne Archie – President

Based on observations during hunting season and supported by our 2006 harvest data, it appears that we had a better hatch in Kershaw than in Fairfield in 2005 due to the number of jakes observed and harvested. If this is true it will possibly affect the number of mature birds we may have in Fairfield for 2007. Although we had above average rainfall and unseasonable cool weather in May this year, we have observed several hens with numerous poults; which implies we had a good hatch despite the adverse weather conditions.

ENTIRE CLUB - TOTAL TURKEY HARVEST 2006

Total Turkey Harvest = 45 Birds (100%)

FAIRFIELD - TURKEY HARVEST 2006

(20 Birds = 44% Total Harvest)

Total Harvest	= 20 Birds (100% Fairfield)
Total 3+ Yr Olds	= 0 Birds (0% Fairfield)
Total 2+ Yr Olds	= 15 Birds (75% Fairfield)
Total Jakes	= 5 Birds (25% Fairfield)

KERSHAW - TURKEY HARVEST 2006

(25 Birds = 56% Total Harvest)

Total Harvest	= 25 Birds (100% Kershaw)
Total 3+ Yr Olds	= 0 Birds (0% Kershaw)
Total 2+ Yr Olds	= 12 Birds (48% Kershaw)
Total Jakes	= 13 Birds (52% Kershaw)

The following turkey harvest is noteworthy:

- 6 youths harvested one or more turkeys
- 4 youths took their first turkey
- 1 adult took their first turkey
- 29 AM kills & 16 PM kills
- Heaviest turkey weighed 21.7 pounds
- 13 turkeys weighed 19+ pounds
- 5 turkeys weighed 18+ pounds
- 2 turkeys weighed 17+ pounds
- Longest beard length was 11 1/4 inches
- Longest spurs was 1 1/4 inches (3 turkeys)
- Hunt Unit 173 had 5 kills
- Hunt Units 172,1W had 4 kills each
- Hunt Unit 30 had 3 kills
- Hunt Units 7,16,16W,125,131,134,178 had 2 kills each
- Hunt Units 1,6,15,25,37,157,12W,72,132,159,161,171,176,177,180 had one kill each

From the Chaplain's Stand Dick Pope – Chaplain/Counselor/Bereavement

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there. The Bible says in **Proverbs 16: 18-19: *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.***

Life can only be understood by looking backward, but it must be lived by looking forward. The Bible says in **Luke 9: 62: *And Jesus said unto him, "No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."***

PHC Organization Chart Wayne Archie – President

Attached is the current 2006 PHC Organization Chart dated 7/14/06.

PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.

ORGANIZATION CHART

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