

# **OLD CHURCH HUNTING CLUB**

**2009 - 2010**

## **OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT – Charles Johnson  
VICE PRESIDENT – Bob Inzetta  
SECRETARY/TREASURER – Jay Holland

## **DIRECTORS**

### **ONE YEAR TERM**

Chris Banks  
Fred Nobel  
Mike Buckmaster

### **TWO YEAR TERM**

Chuck Johnson  
Charles Buckmaster  
Watson Sutton

## **BYLAWS**

1. The Home Office shall be in the home of the Club Secretary. The Secretary shall name the meeting place and notify the members.
2. All business of the Club shall be controlled by the Board of Directors and the other elected officers.
3. If necessary, 5 Officers and Directors will constitute a quorum in the event all are not available for business transactions.
4. Any member who violates any of the rules will be subject to dismissal if the Board finds the member guilty.
5. An annual meeting of the membership is to be held within 90 days after the close of the hunting season.
6. To be elected as a Director or Officer of the Club, a person must have been a club member for two years.

## **GENERAL RULES**

1. Annual dues are \$1,300. Of this amount, \$650 must be paid by February 1 and \$650 by April 1. Any member from the previous season who has not paid by April 15th will no longer be considered as a member. Members are encouraged to pay the full amount by February 1. Beginning February 2nd, new members shall be accepted into the Club with a payment \$650 on a "first-come first-approved" basis until the membership quota is reached. New

members have 30 days to make payment of fees after notification. A waiting list of prospective members will be maintained by the Treasurer. A refund of dues may be obtained only by submitting a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

2. Anyone owing the club money from previous years will not be considered for membership nor will be allowed to hunt as a guest until the outstanding balance is paid.
3. Before any person's name can be put on the prospective member waiting list, he will be required to have hunted three (3) times; either half or whole days. New members must attain their eighteenth birthday by the beginning of hunting season and will be voted in by two-thirds majority of the Board. New membership openings will go first to the immediate family of existing members. If an immediate family member joins the club under this provision and subsequently drops out, then wants to rejoin the club, that person's name will go to the bottom of the regular waiting list. Immediate family shall be defined as father, mother, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, brother, sister, wife, husband, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law and sister-in-law. (Excludes brother-in-law and sister-in-law of spouse.) Consideration for membership will be given in the order in which the prospect's name is put on the waiting list. An individual may be placed on the waiting list only by submitting a written request to the club Secretary.
4. Senior members must be age 65 by date dues are due and must have been a club member for ten (10) years. Senior members will not be fined for missed workdays.
5. No loaded guns at clubhouse except in specified areas. Vehicles are not allowed in unharvested fields. Spot lighting is not allowed. No excessive drinking around the clubhouse and absolutely no drinking before or while hunting. No hunting dogs. No rifles will be allowed on organized hunts. Hunting with rifles will be permitted from 12' above ground or water level only while still-hunting. Sign up for still-hunting the day you intend to hunt and hunt from the stand that you sign up for.
6. For safety, all hunters shall be logged in at the clubhouse giving the location and time he plans to hunt. When finished, he shall log out and register any kill made.
7. Members are responsible for their guest and shall register for him or her (by name) and himself. Guest fees are as follows: \$25 for half-day hunt and \$40 for whole-day hunt (calendar day only)  
This means all types of hunting for all types of game and all seasons. Guests will be allowed to hunt during bow season and black powder season. Guest will not be allowed to hunt during the first 14 calendar days of regular deer season. No guest shall be allowed to hunt more than three (3) calendar days or six (6) half days per season except children 18 years of age and under.

- (A) Members may bring at any time children less than 16 years of age, but they must hunt from the same stand as the father or member. If children have a state hunting license, they should tag a deer with their license tag, and it will be counted as their deer on club records. If they have to tag a deer with their father's or member's license, it will be counted as the member's deer on club records.
  - (B) Members may bring at any time children 16 through 18 years of age and in high school. They will be permitted to hunt from a stand by themselves, and a guest fee of \$15 per half day and \$20 per whole day applies.
  - (C) Junior memberships will be available to full-time students between the ages of 18 and 23. The Board of Directors will control the number of junior memberships and they will displace regular membership positions on a 2:1 ratio. Junior members are required to attend one of the scheduled workdays each year or a fine will apply. Junior membership dues are one-half of the regular member dues per year. Junior members cannot (1) be officers or directors, (2) vote on any matters to be voted on by the Club, nor (3) sign in a guest.
8. The club will have three workdays before the beginning of hunting season; one in the early spring and two just before the season begins. Two of these three days are mandatory for each member or a \$100 fine applies. A fourth workday will be held on the first Saturday in January after the close of deer season. This workday is mandatory for all members or a \$100 fine applies. Credit for workday will only be given for attendance from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.
  9. In unusual and extenuating circumstances the Board of Directors may, at its discretion, allow a member to make up a work day provided useful work is available.
  10. All fees and fines must be paid to any club officer or board member within 14 calendar days of the occurrence for the member to continue to hunt.
  11. The use of farm, forestry or construction equipment on club lands at locations other than those specifically identified and approved by the OCHC Board of Directors is prohibited.

## **HUNTING RULES**

1. Anyone killing game shall be responsible for the disposition of head, hide, and entrails. Members are responsible for supplying all the required information and jawbones as required by the North Carolina Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) for their and their guests' deer. Deer killed away from the club may be cleaned and processed using club facilities for a fee of \$15 per deer but shall not be included with the OCHC records.
2. The location of all deer stands (club or individual) shall be under the control of the Board of Directors. All club owned box and tree stands shall be numbered and must be signed up for by number. The use of individually owned stands is permitted, but they shall not be located close enough to a club owned stand to eliminate the use of or adversely affect the effectiveness of the club owned stand. A 300 yard clearance from club owned stands should be maintained. Individually owned stands within 300 yards of each other should not be hunted at the same time. All individually owned stands must be noted on the club map with the member's name at the time the stand is inserted (including one-time hunts). The owner's name shall also be on the stand or on a tag and visible for the ground. Individually owned stands shall be immediately taken off the map at the time they are removed.
3. Deer still hunting is permitted all day Monday through Friday. Still-hunting is permitted Saturdays until 1:30 PM (see rule #4 for exceptions). At 2:00 PM, a drawing will be held at the clubhouse for Saturday afternoon still hunting.
4. Organized hunts (man-drive) will be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the second Saturday of December and January 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9:30 AM by drawing of stand numbers and to determine who the drivers for each hunt will be. Still hunters must be either (1) at the clubhouse by 9:30 AM or (2) signed out by then and gone from the club lands. The number of hunts to be conducted on a Saturday will be determined by the Officers and Directors present and will be completed by 2:00 PM, or sooner, if the majority of the members present agree. At 2:00 PM, a drawing will be held at the clubhouse for Saturday afternoon still hunting.
5. Deer still hunting on Saturday afternoon will be permitted, but because of the number of expected hunters, the order in which still hunters will be permitted to sign up will be determined by a drawing of a number (1, 2, 3 - 15, 16, etc.). Guests and children will draw their own numbers.
6. Deer, turkey, rabbit and squirrel hunting is allowed on specified club land per map. No waterfowl, quail hunting or fishing will be allowed on club land.
7. Only deer hunting is allowed during the open deer seasons.

## 8. Rules of the Deer Management Program:

- A. All rules of the deer management program apply to members and guests. Members are responsible for informing their guests of these rules and are responsible for the actions of their guests.
- B. During a hunting season, a member may harvest two antlered deer with each antlered deer having a minimum inside spread of 15” or better without regard to number of points. The measurement of each antlered deer having a minimum inside spread of 15” or better must be verified by a board member. Verification can be accomplished by use of the club camera in the event no board member is present. Note that a point must be at least 1” in length.
1. Each guest is allowed one antlered deer per season. A \$100 management fee shall be paid for the first antlered deer harvested. A \$200 management fee shall be paid for a second antlered deer harvested and the antlered deer shall count as one of the member’s allotted antlered deer. Management fees shall be paid in addition to guest fees and fines. Example: guest fee + management fee + fines = total amount due. Minimum antler size requirements apply (Hunting Rules 8.B). Doe harvests are also permitted.
  2. Children 16 through 18 years of age and in high school are allowed 1 antlered buck per season. A \$50 management fee shall be paid for the first antlered deer harvested. A \$100 management fee shall be paid for a second antlered deer harvested and the antlered deer shall count as one of the member’s allotted antlered deer. Management fees shall be paid in addition to guest fees and fines. Example: guest fee + management fee + fines = total amount due. Minimum antler size requirements apply (Hunting Rules 8.B). Doe harvests are also permitted.
  3. Children are allowed 1 antlered deer per season. Minimum antler size requirements apply (Hunting Rules 8.B). Doe harvests are also permitted. If a child takes more than one allotted antlered deer, the deer shall count as one of the members allotted deer.
  4. A member’s child or grandchild less than sixteen years of age will be permitted to take one antlered deer with less than a 15” inside spread according to the following provisions:
    - a) The child must be less than 16 years of age at the time of the harvest.
    - b) The child must have never taken an antlered deer on OCHC lands or elsewhere
    - c) The antlered deer must have at least six points and an inside spread of at least 13”.
    - d) The antlered deer may be taken only from the right side of the main path through the club’s land.

This is a one-time provision. After an antlered deer is harvested the child then becomes forever subject to all other head management rules existing at the time. Only one antlered deer per season may be taken by a family unit under the terms of this provision. For instance, if there are multiple children or grandchildren within a family, only one such antlered deer may be taken by the family unit during the season. The antlered deer taken shall count as one of the member's allotted antlered deer.

5. Albino or piebald bucks do not count as one of the two and are not subject to fine.

C. Violators of the provisions of Paragraph 8.B will be fined \$200 for the first violation. In the case of a second violation of Paragraph 8.B, there will be a \$300 fine and the hunter will be subject to Board review with action taken up to dismissal.

1. A first button buck shall not be subject to a fine. A second button buck shall be subject to a \$50 fine. A third button buck shall be subject to a \$150 fine. The definition of a button buck shall be as defined by state regulations.

D. Members are encouraged to take at least one doe by November 1<sup>st</sup>. A member will not kill more deer (combination of buck and doe) than allowed by the then current North Carolina hunting regulations.

E. When a guest 16 years of age or over kills a deer while hunting in the same stand as the member, the deer must be recorded in the club records as the member's deer unless the guest was signed up as a paying guest before the hunt. The deer shall be registered in the N. C. Wildlife Registration book as the guest's deer.

#### 9. Rules for Turkey Hunting:

A. Members and guests are allowed to hunt turkeys on club land. Guest fees apply as set forth in general rule number seven. Turkey hunting is allowed on land as specified by map.

B. Members must sign in and out of the designated hunting areas indicated on the club map and must return to the club house to change hunting areas. Guests must hunt in the same designated hunting area as the member. A member is allowed to sign up for only one area at any given time.

C. A drawing will be held at 5:30 AM on opening day, youth day and each Saturday of the turkey-hunting season to determine the order of sign up. All other days sign up order will be on a first come first served basis. Members may sign up any time after midnight on the day of the hunt. In the event that there are more hunters than areas to hunt, members shall voluntarily team together before the draw.