

OLD CHURCH HUNTING CLUB

2023 - 2024

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT – Jay Holland
VICE PRESIDENT – Chuck Johnson
SECRETARY/TREASURER – Charles Buckmaster

DIRECTORS

ONE YEAR TERM

Stevie Yates
John Fletcher
Danny Harrington

TWO YEAR TERM

Rick Britt
Mike Buckmaster
Bob Inzetta

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 when funds are available only by submitting a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than April 1st 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. 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 deer hunting dogs. No rifles will be allowed on organized hunts. When Deer hunting with any rifled barrel weapon you must be 10' above ground or water

level. Only buckshot will be permitted for ground or water level deer hunting. Sign up for still-hunting the day you intend to hunt and hunt from the stand that you sign up for.

6. Hunters must log in themselves (exception- rule 13-D) on the day of the hunt using the Signup Book, noting the date, location and time they plan to go to the stand. After leaving the stand, hunters must sign the Book as “Out” and note in the Book any harvest. Any deer harvested must be registered in the DMAP Book (Note: Do Not register deer taken on the Bolton property in the DMAP Book). Only ONE stand per hunter may be signed up for at a time. Tags are available for marking your location on the map. The Signup Book takes precedence over the Map tags.
7. Members are responsible for their guests 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) during the deer and turkey seasons. Small game hunting guest fee is \$10 per day. Guests will be allowed to hunt during bow season and black powder season. Guests will not be allowed to hunt during the first 22 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.
 - (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.

(D) No one less than 18 years of age is allowed to access or hunt the Shreve tract. (see the club map for location)

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. A \$100 fine will apply for any member missing two workdays. A \$150 fine will apply for any member missing three workdays. 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 8:00 AM to 2:30 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 except that hunting from portable stands is permitted within 100 yards of a club owned stand provided the

location is at least 300 yards from the next closest club owned stand. Hunters choosing this option should sign up for the club owned stand that they will be hunting close to and indicate “off stand hunting” on the sign-up sheet and the general direction from the club owned stand (NW, SE, S, N, etc.). 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. For purposes of distance measurement, GPS technology is suggested.

3. Deer still hunting is permitted all day Monday through Friday and Sunday. Sunday hunting is restricted to the list of allowable Sunday hunting stands posted at the club house. Still-hunting is permitted Saturdays until 12:30 PM (see rule #4 for exceptions). At 1:30 PM, a drawing will be held at the clubhouse for Saturday afternoon still hunting.
4. 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.
5. Deer, turkey, rabbit, squirrel and predator hunting is allowed on club land (deer hunting only on the Frank Moore Field). No waterfowl, quail hunting or fishing will be allowed on club land.
6. *Only deer hunting and bear hunting are allowed while the deer and bear seasons are open.*

7. 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 *a* camera in the event no board

member is present. Deer not meeting the 15" minimum may, at the member's request, be measured under the provisions of the Boone & Crockett system to determine if they will score a minimum of 115" gross. Deer meeting the gross score of 115" minimum will not be subject to fine. All B&C measurements will be performed by a team of Board members and will be final. In accordance with Par. 10 of the General Rules, fines for deer not meeting the 15" minimum but awaiting B&C scoring will be paid within 14 days of the kill. If the deer subsequently meets the B&C minimum, the fine will be either refunded or credited to the member's account.

- C. Violators of the provisions of Par. 8.B. will be fined \$350 for the first violation. In the case of a second violation of Par. 8.B., there will be a \$500 fine and the hunter will be subject to Board review.
- D. A \$100 fine shall be paid for each button buck. The definition of a button buck shall be as defined by state regulations.
- E. Members are encouraged to take at least one doe by November 1st. A member will not kill more deer (combination of buck and doe) than allowed by the then current North Carolina hunting regulations.
- F. 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.

- 8. Each guest 19 years of age or older is allowed one antlered deer per season. A \$600 management fee shall be paid for the first antlered deer harvested. In addition to the management fee, the guest fee will apply. Example: guest fee + management fee = total amount due. Doe harvests are also permitted and are exempt from management fee. In addition, if a guest who takes a antlered deer wishes to join the club the following year, a \$400 credit will be allowed.
- 9. Children 16 through 18 years of age and in high school are allowed 1 non-transferrable antlered buck per season. A \$50 management fee shall be paid for the first antlered deer harvested. A second antlered deer harvested 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 per Par. 8.B apply. Doe harvests are also permitted.

10. Children under 16 years of age are allowed 1 antlered deer per season. Minimum antler size requirements per Par. 8.B apply. 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.
11. Albino, piebald or bucks harvested under provisions of the "Hit List Policy" bucks are not subject to fine.

12. **BOLTON PROPERTY RULES**

All club rules apply on the Bolton Property including the following additions or exceptions:

- A. Minimum inside antler spread does not apply.
- B. A \$300 management fee shall be paid for the first antlered deer harvested by a guest. A \$100 credit will be allowed if the guest joins the club the following year.
- C. Only club stands can be hunted with the exception of bow season.
- D. Members hunting the Bolton Property only are allowed to contact any member who is at the clubhouse to sign in or out for them.

13. 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 not allowed in the Frank Moore Field or on the Shreve property.
- B. No Jakes may be harvested, only mature toms. A Jake is defined as a male with less than a 6" beard and an irregular contour tail.
- C. A member is allowed two turkeys per season. Turkeys taken by guests or children count as a member's turkey, unless the member notes in the signup book the day of the harvest that a \$250 management fee will be paid.

- D. 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.
- E. A drawing will be held at 5:00 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. A separate drawing will be held at 4:30 AM, starting the second Saturday of the turkey season, for members who want to hunt the Bolton Land.
- F. Kills shall be registered by calling 1-800-IGOTONE (1-800-446-8663). Members shall abide by all current North Carolina hunting regulations.

| Guest Fees | Fees | Half Day Hunt Total | Full Day Hunt Total | Notes |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Guest Full Day | 40 | -- | 40 | Deer or Turkey |
| Guest Half Day | 25 | 25 | | Deer or Turkey |
| Guest 16 - 18 Full Day | 20 | -- | 20 | Deer or Turkey |
| Guest 16 - 18 Half Day | 15 | 15 | | Deer or Turkey |
| Small Game Guest | 10 | 10 | 10 | Squirrel or Rabbit |
| <u>Management Fees</u> | | | | |
| Guest 1st buck | 600 | 625 | 640 | |
| Guest 1st Bolton Land Buck | 300 | 325 | 340 | |
| Child (under 16) 1st buck | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Child (under 16) 2nd buck | 0 | 0 | 0 | members buck |
| Child 16-18 1st buck | 50 | 65 | 70 | |
| Child 16-18 2nd buck | 0 | 15 | 20 | members buck |
| <i>Example - If an adult guest hunts in the PM and takes their first buck, they will be charged \$625. (\$600 management fee + \$25 half day guest fee)</i> | | | | |
| <u>Fines</u> | | | | |
| Member 1st protected buck | 350 | 350 | 350 | |
| Member 1st Bolton Land protected buck | 300 | 300 | 300 | |
| Member 2nd protected buck | 500 | 500 | 500 | board review |
| Guest 1st protected buck | 600 | 625 | 640 | |
| Child 1st protected buck | 350 | 350 | 350 | |
| Child 2nd protected buck | 500 | 500 | 500 | members buck |
| Guest 16-18 1st protected buck | 350 | 465 | 470 | |
| Guest 16-18 2nd protected buck | 500 | 515 | 520 | members buck |
| Member Button Buck | 100 | 100 | 100 | Does not count as buck |
| Guest Button Buck | 100 | 125 | 140 | Does not count as buck |
| Guest 16-18 Button Buck | 100 | 115 | 120 | Does not count as buck |

Example - A 17 year old guest hunts all day and takes their 2nd protected buck; they will be charged \$520 (\$500 fine + \$0 management fee+\$20 guest fee).

The buck will count as one of the member's two bucks.

All fees and fines are to be paid within 14 calendar days of date to any Board member.

If a guest or child takes a second buck it will count as the member's buck and all fees and fines will apply.

NC harvest laws for does apply to all hunters (except as modified by DMAP).

All management fees and fines are based on the individual hunter.