

Butler City Hunting & Fishing Club Fall 2020 Newsletter

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From the President: I once again would like to say thanks to all the members and officers/directors for all their time and help throughout the year. Without your help the club would not be what it is.

Remember our general meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM and if you have any suggestions come and let us know what it is.

We have several leagues that are active at the club and if you think you might like to participate in any come out and see what it is about. I tell everyone do not let the word league bother you. The individuals there are more than willing to help you get started.

Thank You
Fran Bodema

Club Address: 200 Grant Ave., East Butler, PA 16002

Mailing Address: Any suggestions or comments you may have can be mailed to the club at:

Butler City Hunting & Fishing Club
P.O. Box 345
East Butler, PA.16029

Club Web Page: bchfc.org
Club email: bchfcmain@gmail.com

Mailing List: If you are interested in signing up for our email mailing list please send your first and last name to bchfcmain@gmail.com. You will get reminders of club events and activities. All information will also be placed on the club website: bchfc.org

Meetings: Membership meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Come and join in the fellowship and snacks.

The Directors meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00 pm-? These meetings usually last about 1½ hrs. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact one of the officers listed above before the October directors meeting. Election of new officers and directors will be held the second Tuesday in November at the membership meeting. Anyone running for the board must:

1. Be a member in good standing for a minimum of two years.
2. Attended a minimum of two membership meetings during the prior year, as well as the annual meeting in November.

Raffle Tickets: Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a raffle ticket. Tickets are \$5. The drawing will be held Nov. 10th at the membership meeting (7 pm). Please return the ticket stub and monies along with your membership dues. Dues and ticket monies can be submitted on one check. Additional tickets can be

purchased by contacting any club officer or director. If you do not want to participate, return the tickets with your dues or dispose of them. Thanks for your support and good luck!

Junior Rifle: Junior Rifle team had a good year and we are looking forward to another great year. The first shoot this year will be on the last Wednesday of October. We hope to see you all again this year. Anyone age 12 to 21 is welcome to join the fun starting at 7 P.M. in the clubhouse. There will be a minimal fee to cover the cost of targets and ammo. For more information, contact **Darrel Filges at 724-285-8181**.

Senior Rifle: Every Tuesday except the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Shoots start at 7:30 in the main clubhouse. The first shoot is in October and they continue on until April. The team is always looking for new shooters. If you are interested in shooting small-bore rifles indoors, come check it out. If you have any questions, please contact **Kevin Dufford at 724-445-7087**.

Trap: The 2020 season has ended. The 2021 season will be starting in April and run through August. The league shoots on Wednesday nights at one of the four clubs in the league, Butler, Evans City, Mars, and Rc Mens Club.

On Monday evenings, the trap range is opening at 6 p.m. for anyone wanting to shoot for fun. The club has an automatic wobble machine which is a lot of fun to shoot. Anyone interested in shooting is welcome. Bring your favorite shotgun and shells. Questions: call **Chris Scott at 724-355-2654** or **Mel Protzman at 724-287-7253**.

First Come, First Used: If someone is shooting trap on the upper lake first, fishing is prohibited. If someone is fishing on the upper lake first, the trap range is closed. You Need to Look! Safety first, please! Trap league shoots take priority over fishing. Scheduled shoots will be posted up on the trap field and on the web page. If you have any questions on trap shooting, please call **Chris Scott at 724-355-2654** or **Mel Protzman at 724-287-7253**.

Bullseye Pistol: The pistol team will start practice on Sunday nights, indoors, around 6:00 P.M beginning in October. Please come and join the team in some friendly competition. For more information, contact **Rodney Hepfner at 937-545-4586**.

Just For Fun Pistol: The Just for Fun Pistol League was started over 10 years ago. A hearty thanks to everyone that helps with the shoots. Without your help the league would not be successful. Plans for next year have not been made as of this newsletter but will be on the club's web page when available. I will also post information at the ranges mid to late February. This league is open to club members and for new and experienced shooters. Pistols or revolvers 9mm -- 45 acp (NO MAGNUM CALIBERS) permitted. Shooters will need extra speed loaders or magazines. We try to keep the course around 50 rounds but several shoot more. The league offers individuals a chance to shoot in a league without the pressure normally associated with leagues. It is what the league name states JUST FOR FUN. Any questions contact **Fran Bodema at 724-285-5189** or come to the monthly club meeting the second Tuesday every month at 7:00 PM.

4-H Bull's Eye Shooting Club: 4-H is a non-profit organization of Butler County and offers many opportunities for kids. Their website is (Butler.extension.psu.edu.) The Bull's Eye 4-H Shooting Club is open to boys and girls ages 8 to 18 (as of January 1st of the current year). The club offers four disciplines: archery, air rifle, .22 rifle, and shotgun. The .22 rifle and shotgun participants must be 12 years old in order to participate. All of the disciplines' practices are held at the Butler City Hunting and Fishing Club and at times that co-inside with their disciplines. The 4-H members are also members of the Butler City Club. 4-H members can do one or all four disciplines. All four of our discipline leaders are NRA certified instructors and we welcome any new adult leaders. The 4-H member's hold monthly meetings in Jefferson Township and participate in fundraisers

and community service projects. Every year the members' projects are turned in at the 4-H Roundup at the Butler Farm Show. Their projects are judged and placed for a chance to win awarded ribbon money. For more information about 4-H and the Bull's Eye Club call **Denise Foertsch at 724-352-9523**.

Butler Archers: We will start to shoot indoors at the end of November on Monday and Friday nights, starting at 5:30 pm. Sunday shooting will start in December. This year, we will have our regular indoor league, which will start in the beginning of January. Come join the fun! We will once again be looking for individuals interested in going to the PSAA state indoor shoot. This year we would like to have a Women's and Youth team at state. We are looking forward to a very successful indoor season with many participants. Below is a list of the officers & directors for the 2020 season:

President:	Dave Zirnsak	Vice President:	Aaron Hildebrand
2 nd Vice President:	Andy Pawlowicz	Secretary:	Holly Hildebrand
Asst. Secretary:	Carolyn Kramer	Treasurer:	Harry Boben
League Secretary:	Harry Boben		

Directors: Dan Hildebrand, Beth Hildebrand, Jay Swigart, Barry Osche, Dane Wolford, John Kramer, Dan Stallfox

If you have any questions concerning the archery club, please do not hesitate to call **Dave Zirnsak at 724-991-1033** or **Aaron Hildebrand at 724-295-2929**.

NO BROADHEADS are permitted on the practice and outdoor archery range unless the shooter provides his/her own backstop. When the range was torn down several bolts and broadheads were found inside the old bales – these objects destroy the bales and cause other shooters to ruin their arrows. Archery bags have been placed on the practice range for you to use. The archers wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Crossbows are permitted using the bags to the right of the practice range only. **NO BROADHEADS**

Hunter Education Classes: At our club on Saturday, 10 October from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. See Schedule for other classes in the area and Register online at PA. Game Commission website.

Club Ranges: Thanks to all the members who enjoy the rifle and pistol ranges, and who followed the range rules. All members should reread the range rules posted on each range and on the web page, and abide by them at all times for the obvious safety reasons. They are on the outside of the rifle and pistol range buildings.

Please clean up after yourself and remind those who don't. Put all the used targets and other waste in the trash can. Place all fired, unwanted cases in the yellow container and not in the trash barrels.

Remember, range target frames are not to be used as targets. Make sure there are no target frames in the line of fire behind the one you are shooting at. And do not shoot across lanes. Please place your target on the rubber or snow fence backing only. This way, the frames will last a little longer.

REMEMBER: Whenever anyone is down range absolutely **NO** guns (loaded or unloaded) are to be handled. This is for obvious safety reasons. Place firearms in the provided gun racks or use a chamber flag until all persons are safely back to the shooting line. Thank you!

The ranges will be closed on the following dates during Rifle Deer Season, Saturday November 28th, Sunday November 29th, Monday November 30th, and both Saturdays, December 5th and 12th.

Remember:

1. Shooting at cans, shotgun empties, etc. placed on the ground is not permitted. Paper targets only! Balloons are not paper targets and are not permitted.

2. Maximum 10 rounds in magazine and chamber combined.
3. Raise and lower range flags.
4. Police the area for your brass and trash.
5. Place firearms in the provided gun racks or use a chamber flag when anyone is down range.

The range hours are as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Begin</u>	<u>End</u>
January	8:00 A.M	5:00 P.M
February	8:00 A.M	5:30 P.M
March	8:00 A.M	6:30 P.M
April	7:00 A.M	7:30 P.M
May	7:00 A.M	8:30 P.M
June	7:00 A.M	8:30 P.M
July	7:00 A.M	8:30 P.M
August	7:00 A.M	8:00 P.M
September	7:00 A.M	7:30 P.M
October	7:30 A.M	6:30 P.M
November	8:00 A.M	4:30 P.M
December	8:00 A.M	4:30 P.M

Please remember your membership card and think safety first. Good shooting and enjoy the ranges. They are there for all club members to enjoy. Last but not least, make sure you don't forget anything when you leave the ranges.

Dues: Our membership year ends September 30 and dues should be paid in September. You must have a paid membership card to use the Club facilities as of October 1. Always carry your membership card; failure to show your card, when asked, can be an automatic six-month suspension of club privileges.

New member applications will automatically go on a waiting list. A current member that hasn't renewed membership by January 1 will be considered a new member and will go on the waiting list.

You must send a self addressed stamped envelope with your application to receive your membership cards.

Please fill out the application provided and mail your dues (**Checks payable to Butler City Hunting and Fishing Club**) to our membership secretary: **Dean Andres, 115 Bauer Lane, Butler, PA 16001**
(A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any returned checks.)

Maintenance Fee: All members will pay a maintenance and club improvement fee when dues are paid. **The fee for each membership will be \$20.00.**

Senior life members and junior members will not be required to pay a fee.

The maintenance fee money will be kept in a separate account and used only for regular club maintenance and improvements. The money is not to be used for sub unit maintenance unless the improvement or repair is used to benefit the club and membership as a whole. Equipment and maintenance supplies are to be purchased from this account. This would include things like materials for target frames on all ranges open to the entire membership. All purchases are to be approved by the members of the maintenance and improvement committee. Any large purchases will be approved by the committee and the board of directors.

Work Days: Work days are the last Saturday of the month during spring, summer, and fall. They start at 8:30am. It is important that we all as members keep up the maintenance of the club. All your help is greatly appreciated.