

Buck & Beard Hunting Club
2023 Rules and Regulations

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is defined as one Member and Gratis Members, which include his/her spouse, and his/her children under the age of 18 living at home, attending college or actively serving our country.
2. The Member is the Responsible Party for all aspects of Membership, including but not limited to dues being paid in a timely manner, ensuring liability waivers are filled out by/for gratis members and visitors (once annually), understanding the rules and ensuring gratis members and visitors understand them, attending at least the minimum number of required workdays, paying visitor fees, etc.
3. Members must attend a minimum of **6 Scheduled Workdays**. If, for any reason, a member cannot attend Saturday workdays, an Officer should be notified as soon as possible so we can coordinate alternate workdays. Members who fail to attend the minimum are fined **\$60.00** per missed day. *We highly recommend that members attend as many workdays as possible. This is one of the best ways for members to learn the properties and get to know one another.*
4. Membership is based on the calendar year, January 1st - December 31st.

DUES

1. Returning members: \$650.00, with a minimum deposit of \$150.00 due by January 31st.
2. New members: \$750.00, which includes a one-time commitment fee of \$100.00 Minimum deposit of \$300.00 due within 30 days of membership acceptance.
3. Exempt members: \$1,000.00, with a minimum deposit of \$500.00 due within 30 days of membership acceptance. This level of membership is exempt from all workdays.
4. All outstanding balances are due by **March 15th**. Late fees \$50.00 per month until all dues are paid.
5. No Hunting of any kind is permitted by members who have a balance due.
6. **Club dues and fees are non-refundable! Should, for any reason, they be returned, 25% may be deducted and the balance pro-rated over the year.**

VISITORS

1. Members may bring one visitor a day, beginning **November 1st**.
2. Visitors are limited to 3 visits per season. A visit is one calendar day. If a visitor comes for ½ day, that is 1 visit.
3. Visitor fees - the first visit is free. Remaining 2 visits are \$20.00 each.
4. Sponsoring members must take care of the business end for their visitor - **LIABILITY WAIVER**, fee when applicable, signing in/out properly in the logbook and on the map, collecting visitor fees when applicable, etc.

SAFETY

1. Safety, individual consideration, Federal & SCDNR Rules & Regulations, along with all club rules and policies are to be observed.
2. Everyone is to sign in/out at every Hunt and post accordingly! If you are going to leave the property for any reason, you must sign out! DO NOT sign in a location as "ALL DAY" if you are not going to hunt that location morning and afternoon! Small game hunters included.
3. Wear Blaze Orange and use a light before and after daylight any time you are moving around the hunting arena!
4. Deer hunting is restricted to stands, portables or a fixed stationary position. **(No Stalking)**
5. Try to stay in your stand during morning hunts until 10:00. Always take the most direct route in and out of the hunting arena. Unless it involves going by another hunter then use an alternate route IF available. If arriving after daylight or within two hours of dusk, do not go past anyone who has already taken a stand.
6. **Never be the last member to leave at the end of the day. Make sure everyone is out safely.**

STANDS

1. All members must provide and maintain one all-weather stand that can be safely used by all members and visitors. There is no limit on how many stands a member can place on the properties, but all must be pre-approved by the officers regarding design, condition, and location. Stands will be numbered on the map. Stands not on the map must have the owner's name the stands. This allows the members to hunt any stands on our properties.
2. Stands cannot be moved after Labor Day through the end of the season without officer approval.
3. All hunters must be 18 years old or have completed the SCDNR Hunter Education Safety Course and received permission from one of the club officials prior to hunting! ****NO EXCEPTIONS****
4. All personally owned stands remain the property of their owners and they must be maintained for safe use. During deer season, stand selection begins at 5:00am. Stand owners have priority to mark out to one of their personally owned stands. At 5:30am, stands are selected on a first-come, first-served basis.
5. Gratis members and visitors must hunt on the same tract and in the general vicinity of their sponsoring member.
6. Any member that decides not to rejoin the club has until Feb. 15th to remove their stand. After that date stands become property of the club unless arrangements are made with an officer. Any person on club property after February 15th without officer approval will be considered trespassing.

DEER HARVESTS

1. Minimum weight for deer on all tracts is **100 lbs**. Fines of \$50.00 will be assessed at the discretion of the officers.
2. At Long Cane, there is no antler or spread restriction. At Hollywood, Chappells Ferry, Old Charleston and Piney Wood, there is a **6-pt.** minimum with no spread restriction, but we encourage a 12" spread. Fines of \$50.00 will be assessed at the discretion of the officers.
3. Per SCDNR, an antlered deer is defined as a deer with antlers two (2) inches or more above the hairline. **No more than five (5) total Individual Antlerless Tags may be used on private land in Game Zone 2.**
4. All harvests, including deer, turkey and predators must be recorded on the Harvest Sheet in the sign-in logbook.
5. Anyone caught trying to "sneak out" a sub-minimum deer will lose their hunting privileges.

GENERAL RULES

1. Hunting is permitted 7 days a week in accordance with the seasons set by the SCDNR. Predator hunting, including night hunting, is permitted outside of deer and turkey season. The dates will be provided via email.
2. Scouting is permitted during the season on Sundays, provided there is no one hunting in the area.
3. No motorized vehicles past gate entrances after **September 15th**, except to retrieve a harvest or a medical emergency! Foot travel and designated ATC travel only (strictly enforced). All camping/camper/special activities/etc. must receive prior approval.
4. Do not block entrances or travel routes. ****Bring out all carry in items****
5. **The use of alcohol, drugs and/or excessive profanity will not be tolerated.**
6. Members are required to attend the Annual Pre-Season Membership Meeting.
7. Range Rules at Long Cane - Prior to using the range, the barricades must be put up on the road around the target end of the range. During deer season, the range may be used from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm. In the off-season, it may be used anytime of day. As a courtesy, inform others who may be in the area that you are about to start firing on the range. Remember to take the barricades down when you are finished.
8. The Officer's Committee may periodically amend the Rules and Regulations as required or determined to be in the best interest of the Club. Members will be updated via email. The Officer's Committee may suspend, penalize, or terminate hunting privileges and membership of anyone who violates club rules, creates an unsafe environment or disharmony in the club. This action requires a majority vote of the Club Officials. The offending member will be given an opportunity to appeal.

Club Officials, Members, Visitors and Landowners are not responsible for any accidents or mishaps that may occur to anyone or anyone's personal property while on club properties. For anyone to participate in Hunts or any club activities, they must agree to this statement!