

OAKY WOODS FAMILY HUNTING CLUB (OWFHC) 2011-2012 SEASON RULES

2011/2012 Management

For the 2011/2012 season the Oaky Woods Hunting Club LLC has sold all club assets to Oaky Woods Family Hunting Club (OWFHC) . Current 2010/2011 members Ben Mygrant and Laura Mygrant and have negotiated a lease agreement for the 2011/2012 season with the land owner – Mr. Charles Ayer.

2011/2012 Master Schedule

- Jan 2011 – Bill of Sale - club assets
- Jan 16, 2011 – Baiting permit for Feral hog hunting BEGINS
- Jan 2011 – Drafting of rules 2011/2012, calling of members, property tours
- Feb 2011 – Signing of Rules receipt - finalizing returning and new membership
- Mar 15 2011 - Final season membership roster is set – deposits are received
- Mar 11th - Baiting permit for Feral hog hunting ENDS
- Apr 15 2011 – 2011/2012 Dues paid in full
- May 16, 2011 – Baiting permit for Feral hog hunting BEGINS
- May 2011 – 2011 Turkey season ends, Dues paid in full + \$50.00 late fee
- May 2011 – Hunters not renewing must remove all RED stands or negotiate their sale
- June 1, 2011 – new 2011/2012 lease agreement signed between Mr. Ayers and OWFHC LLC
- June 1, 2011 – new 2011/2012 rules in effect
- June 1, 2001 – new baiting permit signed
- July 2011 – 1st club workday
- Aug 2011 – Club insurance renewal is due QDMA - \$1000.00
- Aug 2011 – 2nd workday
- Sep 1, 2011 –Baiting permit for Feral hog hunting ENDS
- Sep X, 2011 – archery deer season begins
- Sep 2011 – 3rd club workday
- Oct 2011 – black powder, firearms season begins, pre-rut
- Nov 2011 – whitetail rut
- Dec 2011 – 2nd rut
- Jan 15, 2012 – deer season ends, cycle repeats beginning with permitted baiting for feral hogs

Website

The “Members Only” tab on the website homepage is an invaluable resource for club members. Members are encouraged to use the site and suggest improvements.

The Members Only function offers the utility of a club FORUM under which members may create discussions, post threads, buy/sell/trade or provide rules input for consideration, etc. The website contains maps, pictures of club fields and stands, and captures prospective member information necessary to club longevity and well being. The site offers a photo-gallery of successful hunts, club cook-outs, etc. Please don't wait to visit:

<http://www.oakywoodshuntingclub.com/>

*****See clarification of sign IN and sign OUT rules on last page

Signing of Rules Receipt

Returning and new members are required to sign the rules receipt form. This master form is maintained by a club officer and contains member name, address, cell phone, email, emergency contact info, signature, and date of signing. Signing for receipt of these rules binds the individual member to them. Subsequent violations of any of the following rules whether intentional or accidental will be addressed immediately by the OWFHC Board of Officers and determination may take the form of warning, fine, or rescission of membership with no refund.

Payment of Club Dues

Club Dues and Payment Expectations

Club dues are due in full by 15 April 2011. Family memberships are \$1000.00. Family memberships include legal children as long as they are attending school and parents over the age of 60. Single memberships are \$800.00. Current members wanting to renew their membership and potential members must sign a receipt of rules before membership will be extended. Signing the rules is a requirement prior to, or at the time of a member making any payment or deposit to OWFHC. Signing of rules receipt constitutes a binding contract between OWFHC and member for a hunting year, starting 15 April and ending on 14 April the following year. Returning members from 2010/2011 may retain their personal stands IF and ONLY IF a minimum deposit of \$100 is received on or before 15 Mar 2011. Dues are to be paid in full on or before 15 April 2011. Example: If a returning member doesn't deposit at least \$100 by 15 March 2011, and/or pay in full their club dues by 15 April 2011, then the membership goes to the first person on the waiting list thereby displacing the current member to the back of the waiting list. It is possible in this scenario that a 2010/2011 member will forfeit their current RED areas for 2011/2012 if they miss the 15 Mar or 15 April 2011 deadlines. If the current member misses the deadline for deposit or full payment, all stands must be removed from the property by 30 April or the property left behind becomes club property. If you can't make it out to the club to remove your belongings before the deadline you may ask the board for a grace period.

If the club takes possession of your belongings the club will sell the property and you will be notified by mail of the sale price. You will receive no more than 50% of the sale price, but not less than 20% within 15 business days from the sale. Club dues must be paid in the form of a check. The check is to be made out to Oaky Woods Family Hunting Club and mailed to Laura Mygrant, 351 Barker Rd, Byron, Ga 31008. The club will not accept cash as a form of payment.

Upon Arrival on OWFHC Property (New Rule for 2011/2012)

For safety considerations and club situational awareness all officers, members and guest will sign in and out upon arriving on and leaving the property. All officers, members, guests, visitors must sign into the log book upon arrival at club for ANY reason. OWFHC LLC has a member log and a guest log. Each individual in a family membership will sign in as “Name – Arrived – Time”.

*******SIGN IN AT BOARD LOCATED AT ENTRANCE GATE**

Upon Departure from OWFHC Property (New Rule for 2011/2012)

For safety considerations and club situational awareness all members and guest will sign out upon departing the property. All officers, members, guests, visitors must sign out in the log book upon departure. OWFHC has a member log and a guest log. Each individual in a family membership will sign out as “Name – Departed – Time”.

*******SIGN OUT WHEN LEAVING PROPERTY AT BOARD LOCATED AT GATE**

Placement of Deer Stands and Development of Personal Areas

For safety considerations there will be NO placement of Deer stands (blinds, tripod, and ladder) on roads. Exceptions to this rule may be considered by the Club Officers. Family memberships are allocated 5 deer stands (3-personal, and 2-open). Single memberships are allocated 3 personal (2-personal stands, and one open). Members may plant food-plots on personal areas throughout the year. Regarding supplemental feeding, all state laws and regulations apply on club property.

Steps Prior to the Hunt – ANY hunt, deer, turkey, hog, waterfowl

*******Absolutely no hunting or shooting from a named road ex: (HUNTERS RD). Roads are considered named if they are written and approved by Laura and Ben Mygrant and appear on the map at the Map Building. Member is to write member number on the board and circle it over the area to be hunted. In turkey season the same process applies, exception is to use a triangle. Members will NOT “check into club stand hunting locations in advance of the actual hunt, nor will the same member be checked into more than one location at the same time. Stand maintenance may be performed between 11:00 and 13:00 and must indicated by a square drawn around the stand.**

During the Hunt

*****Absolutely no hunting or shooting from any named road. No live pine trees, or marketable hardwood trees will be cut. Absolutely NO joy riding. Vehicle traffic (cars and trucks) is limited to main access roads, no driving beyond parking areas. Vehicle parking areas will be designated. No driving of truck/car will be permitted beyond these areas except to erect deer stands and claim game or while viewing property with potential new members. If people are hunting in the areas to be shown, then that part of the property will be shown to potential members in the future. ATV's permitted on all roads and trails. NO tearing up the property with vehicles or ATV's. This is inclusive of the summer season. Driving in standing water when the river is over its banks is prohibited. Absolutely no firing of weapons across property lines! The only exception will be during permitted hunts on Oaky Woods WMAs and club members with Wildlife Management Area (WMA) stamps may hunt and fire across property lines. Check DNR Rules. NO vehicles or ATV's allowed in fields cultivated as food plots - this includes the power-line. NO alcoholic beverages will be carried from camp to stand nor will they be in possession of or consumed by any member while he/she is hunting. Consider violation of this rule from a zero tolerance context...membership is rescinded without debate on determination of finding.

Steps after the Hunt – ANY hunt, deer, turkey, hog, waterfowl

Hunters must erase their marked area on the map at the Map Building upon completion of their hunt and sign out. **ALL** kills must be recorded in the kill log. Camp area and sign-in board area will be kept clean at all times. Absolutely no animal remains are to be left in camp area. All remains are to be disposed of in bone-yard or buried. Bear tracks have been reported around camp area and impose a risk. Absolutely no loaded weapons will be in the camp area. All guns shall be unloaded and stored in a proper manner (cars, tents, campers, etc.) while in campsites. Exception is side arms fastened with a strap to prevent accidental dropping. Immediate membership rescission applies to intentionally discharging weapons in the camp area, even after hunting season.

Quotas and Bag Limits

Deer limit is 2-Doe and 2-Buck per member. (Single memberships get 4 deer. Family memberships get 4 deer per family member.) Additional deer quota may be purchased. Turkey Season bag limit is three gobblers. Member must make a triangle of the area on the sign-in board that he is scouting or turkey hunting. Regarding predators, small game and waterfowl – state regulations apply. State regulations will govern bear hunting on OWFHC property. Members are encouraged to report and record encounters with bears. It could be useful information to DNR when it makes a judgement regarding a bear season in the future.

Feral Hog Hunting

Hogs may be taken year round on the property and their presence in OWFHC is one of the things that makes it a desirable year round club. Bag limit for hogs is 10 per member.

Night Hunting During Turkey Season

During the turkey season there will be NO NIGHT HUNTING except in members' personal areas. NO BAITING ALLOWED! The entire power line and fields 5, 8 and 22 will be allotted for turkey hunting ONLY during turkey season. NO NIGHT HUNTING will be permitted in these designated "turkey only" areas.

Feral Hog Hunting During Deer Season

During the deer season members are permitted to hunt feral hogs during the hours of darkness in accordance with the DNR permit. However, during deer season night hunting of feral hogs is permitted ONLY IN THE MEMBERS PERSONAL AREA. Night hunting IS NOT PERMITTED in ANY club stand areas during the deer season.

Oaky Woods Family Hunting Club IS A DOG-FREE CLUB!

No dogs will be permitted on the property at anytime. This is a **ZERO TOLERANCE** rule! Exception: Pets allowed, but must be retained in members camping area and on a leash at all times. Membership will be rescinded immediately without discussion or fine. Rewards will be offered to those who report violations of this rule that result in conviction.

You must be in possession of the "Property Owner's Permission" permit when baiting or hunting over bait. Outside of deer and/or turkey seasons - no hunting hogs over bait or from a vehicle without proper DNR permit. Baiting permits will be given to members upon their request to club officers. Children under 18 may not hunt at night without direct supervision of the adult member. All hog traps shall have the member name, member number, and phone number permanently attached to the trap. Traps should be IAW DNR regulations. Baited traps should be monitored and checked on frequently to avoid animals being trapped for long periods of time. At NO time shall a member take a hog out of another members trap without approval of the trap owner Trap shall only be used in individuals Red or Blue area.. If no name is attached to the trap contact a club officer ASAP.

Spring Turkey Hunting

In accordance with the DNR issued permit, Oaky Woods Hunting Club DOES NOT ALLOW BAITING on the club during the spring turkey hunting season. If a member is found baiting a personal area or any area during the turkey season or outside of the DNR issued permit dates, the membership will be rescinded without discussion. Turkey hunters may not pursue a gobbler into or setup within the boundaries of another members' personal (RED) stand without permission of stand

owner. All members are encouraged to plant spring plots for turkey and the “RED” rule applies during all seasons on OWFHC hunting club. Limit on turkey is 3 gobblers per member on family membership, three gobblers for single membership.

Reward for Report of Poaching or Theft Violations

There is a standing \$200.00 reward (not applicable to club officers) for any information leading to the conviction of anyone destroying club property, spotlighting deer or hogs with or without a gun in their vehicle, illegally harvesting game (poaching) or stealing stands or any form of club property.

Harassment/Confrontation

There will be no harassing of any member by another member. Such actions are to be reported to a club officer immediately. Name, date, and time of incident should be written down for reference. At NO time will confrontations take place between members. Disputes will be handled by the board.

Minors under age 21

At no time will minors under the age of 21 be left alone and unattended on OWFHC. Parents of children under 21 in family memberships are required to enter the property with their children and are responsible for conduct of any child under 21. Fines will be issued upon validation of finding regarding this rule. Members will be held responsible for their family member’s behavior and actions. Additionally, member will be responsible for paying fines levied against their family members and guests.

Member Etiquette/Behavior

No belligerent, profane, lewd, or intoxicated behavior will be tolerated. Drinking of alcoholic beverages allowed only after your hunt is complete. (No drinking (openly) allowed around Minors.) NO illegal substances will be tolerated. Discovery of such, will subject member to criminal prosecution. Additionally, “potty-mouth” or excessive or loud profanity in the camp will not be tolerated, and

is contrary to the example we want to set for the youth in our club. There will be NO physical altercations between members or between officers or between members and officers or between guests – or between any parties on club property.

Security

It is the responsibility of each club member to ensure the gate is locked at all times upon entering and exiting property. Combinations are secret and should not be given out without permission of club officers. OWFHC property is always under surveillance by either DNR officers, Houston County Sheriff's Depart. or club members. Video surveillance will also be used. Security provisions regarding north, east and south borders are yet to be determined as of this writing. The western border provision lies solely in the orange gate.

QDMA GUIDELINES 2011-2012

On September 27, 2011, the club board members voted to use the same antler restriction criteria used in certain counties in Georgia and published in Georgia's [2011-2012 Deer Hunting Seasons & Regulations](#): Antlered bucks may be harvested only if they have a minimum of four points on one side and a minimum outside antler spread of 15 inches.

This amendment was put up for a vote before the board on September 26, 2011 and upon approval, was presented to club lease holders, Ben and Laura Mygrant. The lease holders agreed to the amendment and this restriction goes into effect September 27, 2011.

Anyone who shoots an antlered buck with less than four points on one side shall be fined 75 dollars for each point below the minimum number of four points on one side. Anyone who shoots a buck with less a 15 inch outside spread shall be fined 50 dollars for each inch that falls short of the 15 inch requirement.

For Example: Member shoots spike with 14 inch spread. Fine total will be \$275. Since a spike only has one point on each side, the member will be fined \$75.00 x 3 missing points plus \$50 for the inch below the 15 inch requirement. The fine must be paid to the club secretary.

Fines applied to antler restrictions may not exceed 325 dollars. Member may not hunt again until fines are paid in full.

Exceptions to this rule will be made in the case of children under the age of 16.

If a child is hunting under the direct supervision of a parent and they have an opportunity to shoot their first deer, they may take one buck of an ethical standard set by their parent. This is a one time exception for that child.

Marking Stand Locations For Your Hunt

On September 27, 2011, the club board members voted to clarify the meaning of the term "primary stand location" as it applies to marking the map while hunting. A primary stand location includes: one stand that does not border another of that members stands or may be used to apply to a member who has two or more stands that border each other. A member who has two or more primary stands that border each other does not need to return to the map to change locations once he or she has marked one of their stands. His or her areas that are bordering each other will be considered one stand location for the hunt. He or she can hunt those areas without marking the map again if they move from one stand to the other. This will cut down on traffic and noise on the property. This does not change terminology or definition of current rules as they apply to those members who do not have two or more primary stands that border each other. Those members will still have to return to the map and mark changes in location each time they occur. Remember these rule apply to all of us to restrict the amount of movement on the property on a given hunt.

Abandoned Deer Stands

This club does not provide deer stands, nor maintain those left on OWFHC leased property. Any deer stand left on the property without a club members name and phone number on the deer stand may be used at your own risk. Stands found without names and numbers on them shall be removed and placed at the camp and become exclusive property of OWFHC. Any stand found on OWFHC property after 8 June becomes club property.

Private Deer Stands (“REDS”)

Stands shall be tagged by June 1st with the member’s name, member number, phone number and the current membership year. Tags are to be placed at eye level – not up in the stand. Additionally a similar flag shall be placed at the nearest roadway to indicate a stand is in the area. This will assist new member in locating an area for a new stand and help eliminate trespass issues. One cannot approach within 300 yards nor sit in another member’s deer stand without the approval of the owner of the said deer stand. Again, member’s name and phone number must be permanently attached to his/her deer stand. Deer stands will be placed a MINIMUM of 300 yards from one another. Line of sight is considered too close

with the exception of clear cuts. Club officers ONLY will make the decision if a deer stand dispute arises. EXCEPTION: If 2 members agree to place their stands closer together than the 300 yard minimum rule and receive PRIOR board approval. A hunter shall NOT enter the designated area of a personal stand without permission of stand owner. EXCEPTION: If a club officer has probable cause in the context of a rule violation such as illegal baiting, the officer will contact the member and provide notification of entry into that member's RED stand area. Permission is NOT required. The officer will provide notification, not request permission. This exception ONLY applies to OWFHC officers.

Open Deer Stands (“BLUES”)

Stands shall be tagged by June 1st with the member's name, member number, phone number and the current membership year. Tags are to be placed at eye level – not up in the stand. Deer stands will be placed a MINIMUM of 300 yards from one another. Line of sight is considered too close with the exception of clear cuts. Club officers ONLY will make the decision if a deer stand dispute arises.

Club Deer Stands (“YELLOW”)

All food plots and power line stands planted by OWFHC are considered “OPEN” stands for all club members to use at their/your own risk. Children under the age of 16 have first rights to hunt these stands.

Wingman rule

Next to the last person should as a courtesy not leave the hunting property until the last person on the sign-in board is signed out. EXCEPTION: night hunting.

Firing Range

Range should be kept clean pick up all spent cartridges and “throw old targets into trash can”. Shooting range will be open daily 11am -1pm during deer season. 11am – 2pm during the off season.

Club Camper/Bunkhouse Rules

Any member using the trailer (bunk house) is responsible for cleaning the trailer prior to leaving the hunting area. The club generator located behind the trailer is for club trailer use.

Guest Rules

New for 2011/2012 is the \$20.00 per guest/per hunt fee. OWFHC members are allowed unlimited guest days per membership except during turkey season and during deer season in November. NO GUESTS DURING THE MONTH OF

NOVEMBER. Excepting November, each membership whether family or single is allowed ONLY ONE GUEST PER DAY. Each day a member hosts a guest there is a \$20.00 guest fee. 100% of all club guests will be logged 100% of the days said guests are on the club property. A guest hunting with a member on Saturday will be logged in the Guest Book for Saturday. If the guest hunts Sunday the log will be notated accordingly. In this example the member is responsible to remit a \$40.00 payment to cover both days to any club officer. Club officer receiving guest fee will note receipt in Guest Book with signature and date. Treasurer will monitor Guest Book and club officers are to remit guest fee to treasurer as soon as possible. Violations of guest rule include failure to pay guest fee and will result in member fine of \$50.00 upon determination of finding for each day finding is shown to be valid. Repeat violations constitute grounds for membership rescission. Animals taken by guest will be taken from the member's deer quota, bucks may NOT be taken by guests - \$500 fine applies to guests shooting bucks. No guest is allowed on OWFHC property without member present. Members are responsible for instructing guests on the club rules and responsible for guest's behavior.

Work Days

There will be three organized club work days per year. These work days will be set by the club officers and committee leaders (agriculture and infrastructure) and be dispersed via email/calls to club members. Membership cards and bumper stickers should be given out by September 1st. Members must attend at least one full work day. If a member does not comply with this rule, the member will pay \$100. If a member knows that he/she will not make at least one work day add \$100 to your membership dues due by 1 April of each year. Members will not hunt until they have completed their work day, or paid the \$100. Excuses, and family emergencies will be addressed on a case by case basis, and club officers will decide course of action. Examples of workday activities include removing rocks from power-line plots, cleaning camp, road repair, shooting range repair, repairing bunk-house, removing fallen timber, cleaning/cutting back roads, etc. Workday activities will be approved by club officers and committee leaders. Club members are encouraged to suggest improvements to facilities roads and property.

Please be courteous of others when on club property. Violations of these rules of etiquette are subject to punishment from fine up to rescission of membership.

OWFHC OWNERS: Ben Mygrant and Laura Mygrant

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*** The above rules are set by the State, Property Owner, and Club Officers and are designed for the safety and consideration of all members and their guests. Violation of any of the above will subject you to fines up to ejection without dues refund.

***Fines are to be paid within thirty (30) days of notification. No hunting allowed until fine is paid.

***Hunting in general is an inherently dangerous sporting activity. Hunting Oaky Woods Family Hunting Club is Hunt at your own risk.

*** There are inherently dangerous animals living on and around the property leased by OWFHC . Alligators, wild boar, bear, really big timber rattlers, really big bobcats, very healthy coyotes are a few discovered on the property. Please take appropriate precautions while hunting alone. Never let small children out of sight of adults. Carrying a sidearm is highly recommended. Please check state and local laws regarding the carry of sidearms.

*****From this point forward there will be a SIGN IN BOARD and a SIGN IN FOR HUNTING MAP BUILDING and they shall be referred to as such.

*****Procedure FOR SIGN IN BOARD ONLY (located at gate):

1/Enter property at gate for any reason , sign in at sign in board located at entrance

2/Leaving property at gate for any reason, sign out at sign in board located at entrance

*****Procedure FOR SIGN IN FOR MAP BUILDING (this applies to any activity on the property beyond gate)

1/Go to map building and sign in for hunt in appropriate log book

2/While at map building when ready for activity to begin mark where activity will occur on map in Map Building(Map Building includes sign in for hunt book , guest book, and kill log. These shall be filled out as they apply to members activity)

A/ Circle means area hunting

B/ Triangle means area member is turkey hunting during turkey season

C/ Square means area member is erecting stand, working on food plot, etc.