



Chief Logan Lodge

Blair County Game, Fish and Forestry

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Lodge and Range Hours

The Lodge and Range are open 8:30am to dusk. Subject to change.

Ox Roast Festival

FREE ADDMISSION: Our Ox Roast Festival is Sept 4th and 5th. This event is open to the public. It includes live music, great food, shooting events and vendors both days. Come out and have a good time, bring your friends and family. Most events begin around 11am and continue until 6pm. More info can be found at blairgame.com/oxroast

Live Music:

Sunday Sept. 5th

11 - 12:30 Still Available

1 - 2:30 Chad Patterson

Mon. Sept. 6th

11- 12:30 The Back Yard Rockers

1 - 2:30 Still Available

If you are a musician and are interested in playing at this event please contact the club at blaircountygame@gmail.com.

More information on the Ox Roast can be found on the last page!

Gun Raffle 2022

Every adult member gets 4 tickets with the newsletter, you can purchase them yourself, sell them or just ignore them. Support your club by picking up additional tickets at the lodge to purchase or sell to others. The proceeds from our raffles pay for the club

- 1st Savage 110 Apex Hunter .350 Legend with Vortex Scope (or \$500)
- 2nd FN 509C 9mm (or \$480)
- 3rd CZ 712 G2 26" Semi-Auto 12 Gauge (or \$430)
- 4th Smith & Wesson 642 .38SPL (or \$420)
- 5th Smith & Wesson M&P Shield M2.0 EZ 9mm Range Kit (or \$410)
- 6th Smith & Wesson Shield M2.0 .45ACP (or \$390)
- 7th Ruger American Copper Mica .30-06 Springfield (or \$380)
- 8th Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22 .22LR (or \$380)
- 9th Walther 1911 .22LR Rail Gun (or \$330)
- 10th Ruger LCP II .380ACP (or \$300)

Legislation Information

We have seen the importance of informing our membership of upcoming issues that could change your rights. Get informed at blairgame.com/2nd

Flea Market Donations

We need donations for the flea market that is held during the Ox Roast Festival. All sporting related items are welcome and can be dropped off at the lodge. Proceeds go toward the youth shooting programs.

Meet the current Board of Management at

blairgame.com/board-of-management/

Important Dates

- July 16th Volunteer Workday
- July 21st Volunteer Workday
- Aug 4th Membership Meeting**
- Aug 18th Volunteer Workday**
- Sept 1st Membership Meeting
- Sept 2nd & 3rd Volunteer Workday
- Sept 3rd 6pm 99 Bird Shoot (*Tentative*)
- Sept 4th & 5th Ox Roast Festival
- Sept 6th Volunteer Workday
- Sept 10th Membership Group Picture
- Sept 12th Youth Shooting Begins
- Sept 15th Volunteer Workday
- Sept 17th Kids Mud Run, All Ranges closed
- Sept 24th Hunter Ed
- Oct 1st Membership picnic**
- Oct 6th Membership Meeting**
- Oct 20th Volunteer Workday**
- Nov 3rd Membership Meeting
- Nov 12th Woods Walk 1pm
- Nov 17th Volunteer Workday
- Nov 19th, 20th and 25th Sight in Days
- Dec 1st Membership Meeting**
- Dec 10th Muzzleloader Rest Match**
- Dec 11th Christmas Party**
- Jan 4th Pistol League Starts
- Jan 5th Membership Meeting
- Jan 5th Bottlecap Shoot Starts
- Feb 5th Membership Ham Pot Pie Dinner

Special Information

FIND US ON Instagram, Facebook, Blairgame.com and Twitter. Check your emails for monthly updates and if you aren't getting emails be sure your membership file is up to date.

Youth Shooting

The start date is scheduled for Sept. 12th. Check the website for updates. Blairgame.com/youth

The program is available to youth ages 8-17. Subjects taught include firearm safety, basic marksmanship skills, and position match shooting with match BB rifles and sporter air rifles. We supply all equipment and ammo. We ask only \$2.00 per week to cover our costs. Hours are 5:30PM to 8:30PM, every Monday evening (except holidays). We are also looking for responsible adult leaders interested in working with young shooters. For more info call Don Blazier at 814-742-8208 or Blair County Game, Fish and Forestry at 814-942-8522. Check for any changes at blairgame.com/youth

Volunteering

Check out our volunteer portal at blairgame.com/volunteers for a more in-depth look at volunteer opportunities throughout the year. You can reduce your renewal cost to \$25 by volunteering for at least 8 hours throughout your membership year. You can also contact the lodge for the next workday or for other projects. Blairgame.com/volunteers
WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

We have volunteer opportunities for all skill levels and abilities. One way to meet other volunteers is to attend our monthly membership meetings. First Thursday of every month at 7pm.

Hikers and Volunteers

We encourage hikers and volunteers to check-in at the lodge when on the property for safety reasons. Knowing where people may be can save precious time in an emergency.

Indoor Bottle Cap Shoot

This shoot starts Thursday, January 5th at 7pm in the indoor range. This is a fun and challenging competition! We shoot from 50ft offhand with .22 rifles at a 1 ¼" diameter disc. Price is \$10 per night. Cash prizes every night. More information at blairgame.com/bottlecap

Indoor Pistol League

This is a 22lr event. Practice starts on Nov. 2nd and continues every Wednesday until league begins. League begins Jan. 4th and continues for 10 weeks. \$3 each night. All members and non-members are welcome. The event is based on the NRA Bullseye competition. Blairgame.com/pistol

Education Station

Be sure to check out current training opportunities at blairgame.com/educationstation We created this page, so you have one location to find classes taught at our facility. We have independent instructors that teach a variety of classes that include NRA certified classes, USCCA certified classes, private lessons and special training including Stop the Bleed and Wild Edibles. Upcoming Hunters Ed classes are also posted here.

Wildlife

Remember, we are to be good stewards of the grounds and wildlife around us. Watch out and keep your distance from all wildlife. Deer, snakes and many others live nearby, and all have their purpose. Stay safe and respect nature around you.

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2022 Archery

The 2022 3D Archery course is open every day until September 25th from 8:30 until dusk. We have 15 targets on a wooded course that take about an hour to shoot. Each target has 3 colored pins, Green will be set at 20 yards from the target to help new or less experienced shooters. The Orange pins are placed at any distance as hunter pins to simulate a tough hunting shot. Yellow Pins are placed anywhere to simulate a pro or competition shot.

There are reduced prices for members and children under the age of 18. **Crossbows are not allowed.** Season passes are also available.

The targets are Field Tip only. Please remember to take your trash and keep the woods clean. Always use caution and be careful. More info at blairgame.com/3d

Silhouette Pistol Shoots

This event has a \$20 entry Fee for a total of 40 shots for each entry. You have 10 chickens at 20 yards, 10 Rams at 30 yards, 10 pigs at 40 yards and 10 turkeys at 50 yards. Match dates are as follows:

July 10th & 24th

Aug 7th & 21st

Sept 4th is the last match

All matches start at 9am. Bring your own Centerfire Pistol. CASH PRIZES!

See the website for more info at blairgame.com/bud

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Club Pictures

Did you know? In the 1920's Blair County Game, Fish & Forestry Association. owned 110 acres in Homer's Gap (Between Homer's & Juniata Gap). In 1927, the National Guard built rifle ranges for 200, 300, 500 & 600 yards there, plus a pistol range. If anyone has knowledge or photos of this piece of early club history, please contact the lodge.

Muzzleloader Updates

Remaining 2022 Shoot Dates:

November 12: Woods Walk at 1pm, Legal PA Flintlock season guns only. Come out and get in some target practice for hunting season! Primitive dress encouraged, but not required. Steel targets only, limited paper shots (tie breaker).

December 10: Rest Match at 11am, Any muzzle loading rifle, any ignition, iron sights only, maximum weight of 14lbs. We will be shooting at the high-power rifle range, and the scoring shack will be warm with a fire!

*2022 PA State Championship Matches to be held at the Altoona Rifle and Pistol Club, 546 Pistol Club Road, Altoona, PA 16602 on August 26, 27, & 28. Contact Jeff Warner leftylongrifle89@yahoo.com; 814-931-8342) or Jason Isett (jci975@yahoo.com; 814-327-5209) with any questions!

Get more information at blairgame.com/tvm

Letter From the Secretary

Did you know that our club has only one employee? You have likely seen her smiling face greeting you as you enter the lodge. Sarah Merritts has been working as our club caretaker for the past seven years. Along with her husband Rick and daughter Maylea, the family lives in the upstairs apartment at the lodge.

Since replacing Ray Taylor, Sarah has played an integral part in modernizing our club operations. Being the club caretaker is not your typical nine to five job. Her day starts at 8:30 a.m. when the club opens and often runs well into the evening hours depending on what is happening that day. She receives two days off per month and two weeks of vacation per year. You will often find her being assisted by her husband Rick, who is also a member, but is not an employee of the club. Sarah reports directly to the Board of Directors who have established her job duties and responsibilities. Some of these include opening/closing the lodge, answering phone calls, taking

range fees and memberships, keeping the lodge clean, and reporting at board and membership meetings. Her job duties do not include range and grounds maintenance, being a range officer, making up club rules and regulations, or acting as a referee to settle disputes between members. She is not there to be verbally abused, harassed, or intimidated by members concerning her job performance or club policies and incidents of this nature will not be tolerated. While she does report to the board, Sarah's direct supervisor Don Blazier is tasked with her annual performance review and addressing any feedback received from members concerning her work. Any comments concerning Sarah's job performance should be directed only to Don Blazier or to one of the club officers.

The next time you see Sarah be sure to introduce yourself and tell her how much you appreciate what she does for our club!

~ Roy Marinak, Recording Secretary

Stop the Bleed

FREE class on current techniques to stop major bleeding in an emergency. Next Date Oct. 1st at 6pm (1 hour class)

Trap Shooting

Trap shoots are normally every Sunday at 1pm and Tuesday at 5:30pm. \$5 per round (25 birds) Youth is \$3 per round. Continue until winter break which is normally in November.

More information can be found at blairgame.com/trap

Range Safety Spotlight

Pistol/Shotgun Range: The pistol backers are set at 5,7 and 10 yards for defensive pistol shooting. In the middle of the range, we have a designated shotgun area. Rubber backers are placed at 10 yards and 25 yards. These are the **ONLY** backers to be shot with "Bird Shot" type shotgun shells. The steel plate at 25yds is rated for pistols and shotguns only. **IT IS NOT SAFE FOR CENTERFIRE RIFLES!**

On the upper end of the pistol range we have normal 25 and 50 yard target backers. This is the **ONLY** place on this range for centerfire rifle shooting. We consider it an overflow when the other ranges are busy or occupied by another event.

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Honeybees

We are officially looking for individuals to help care for our honeybees as a group. Individuals can be trained and work together throughout the warm months to check on the bees and eventually remove the honey supers and bottle the product. Experience in bee keeping is not needed but very much welcome. Anyone wanting to "bee" a part of this project please send a text to **814-201-7539** (This is the Blair Game Text number not a private person). We will be creating a texting group to keep everyone updated on the bee status.

2022 Group Picture September 10th, 2022, 11AM

Mark your calendar NOW! Be a part of history and get in on the group picture in front of the lodge. All members and families are encouraged to attend. This will be a first for our organization to have this many members in a single picture. Our current membership numbers are around 1400. We know not everyone will be able to make it, but we hope there is a significant amount in attendance. During the time of the picture, we will have all the ranges closed and all parking will be in the fields and on the ranges if needed (CARPOOL if possible). ARRIVE EARLY!!! The goal is to have the picture taken at 11am. We need everyone to come early so we can get organized. **BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD!**

OX ROAST INFO

It's held every year on the Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend. This event is open to the public to enjoy. We have shooting events, kid's games, pull tabs, a pin wheel game and fantastic food.

At the main range we will have a **Novelty shoot** for \$1 a chance fun shoot. (Guns and ammo are provided) **Running Deer** \$2 a chance. 3 Shots at a moving target. Sunday starting at noon, Monday starting at 10am at the Taylor rifle range.

3D Archery Starting at 8:30AM both days. Take your shot at 15 targets on a ¾ mile hiking trail. Sign-in at the info booth.

Field Day Monday only, from 10am to 2pm cost is \$20. At least 7 events include running deer, high power offhand, disappearing bear (these 3 require a PA legal hunting rifle).

.22 offhand Rifle, Handgun (any Cal.), Archery and Trap. (More events may be included). Sign up at the range.

22 Ground Hog Sunday at 5pm will begin our special ground hog shoot. Details can be found at blairgame.com/groundhog

Trap Shooting

99 Bird Shoot Saturday Sept. 4th 6pm Adult - \$20 to shoot, youth under 18 \$10.

5 Stand – Ox Roast

Sept. 5th and 6th 10am -?

Adults - \$7 per round

Youth under 18 - \$3 per round

Normal Trap

Sept. 5th and 6th

Adult \$5 per round Youth \$3 per round.

If you would like to volunteer to help this weekend, please contact us at blaircountygame@gmail.com or at the lodge to get on the schedule.

Volunteers needed at kids' games, kitchen work, bingo, novelty shoots, ring toss, and of course the kitchen.

Entertainment Committee

This committee is tasked with planning family friendly membership events and picnics. We need more volunteers to get involved with this committee. The next two meetings scheduled are Sept. 22nd at 6:30pm and Nov. 17th at 6:30pm. We will be discussing and working on our float for the upcoming parades and planning the Christmas party. We encourage families and kids to be involved as well.

Blair Women Take Aim Clinic!

October 2nd we will be hosting a Pistol clinic. This will give participants the opportunity to bring their own pistols for a 2hr clinic that includes shooting on the range, gun handling and cleaning. Limited availability, Signup begins Aug. 1st at 830am

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