



Chief Logan Lodge

Blair County Game, Fish and Forestry

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Trap Shooting

Tuesday evening trap shooting begins April 4th. Sunday afternoon trap shooting begins on April 16th. Pricing for this year is \$5 per adult and \$3 for youth per round.

75yd 22lr Groundhog Shoot

The first shoot will be held on Monday, June 5th. As always, this event is open to the public and the cost is \$10 per scored set of targets. The course of fire is 25 shots, at 75yds on a rest, and 5 shots, off hand, at 50 yards. Prize money will be paid to the winners each week. Youth shooters cost is \$5, and the Club will provide ammo and a gun at no extra cost if needed for those under 18 years of age. There will be no shoot on July 3rd. More info at blairgame.com/groundhog

Club Shirt Fundraiser

NEW SHIRT DESIGN!

Check out the order form on page 4, long sleeves, zip-ups, and sweatshirts without hoods are **only available for preorder on this form or online until April 3rd**. We expect all apparel to be available for pickup by Mid-May. Easily order and pay online at blairgame.com/store. **Not all items will be in stock at the Lodge.**

Spring Raffle

Check out the prizes for this year's spring raffle. Tickets are \$5. Drawing is May 20th at 4:30pm. More tickets are available at the Lodge. You can buy, sell or ignore the tickets included with this newsletter.

The club has decided to purchase all the guns on the raffle ticket, so they will be available in a timely manner.

Blairgame.com/raffle

- 1st \$500 CASH
- 2nd Savage 110 Apex Hunter (or \$500)
- 3rd FN 509C 9mm (or \$480)
- 4th S&W 642 .38SPL (or \$420)
- 5th \$400 CASH
- 6th S&W Shield M2.0 EZ .45ACP (or \$390)
- 7th Ruger American Copper Mica (or \$380)
- 8th S&W M&P 15-22LR (or \$380)
- 9th Walther 1911 .22LR (or \$330)
- 10th Ruger LCP II .380ACP (or \$300)



May 20th is the 8th Annual Blair Women Take Aim event. We are tentatively scheduling the event for 120 women. Pre-registration is required and will open on April 1st at 8:30AM. Events include rifle, pistol, shotgun and much more. For more information check out blairwomentakeaim.com. **ALL REGISTRATION WILL BE COMPLETED ONLINE ONLY AND IS EXPECTED TO SELL OUT QUICKLY!**

BWTA Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to admin@blairgame.com or call the lodge to be added to the list. **IF ANY VOLUNTEERS WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A BWTA SHIRT IT MUST BE ORDERED BY APRIL 3RD.**

Fly Fishing Basics Clinic

March 25th from Noon to 3PM

Check out our new Fly-Fishing clinic at Blair Game. Get basic information on:

- Casting with a fly rod.
- Selecting leaders and rigging flies, weight, and strike indicators.
- Tying a good knot that is used to connect the fly to a leader.
- And so much More!

More info and sign-up at Blairgame.com/clinics

This is a free event; pre-registration is required. A fishing license is required to participate in this event.

Important Dates

- Feb 18th Volunteer Day
- Feb 20th Stop the Bleed Class
- Feb 21st Mid-week Volunteer Day
- March 2nd Membership Meeting
- March 11th Volunteer Day
- March 18th Hunter Education
- March 21st Mid-week Volunteer Day
- March 23rd Landowners dinner
- March 25th Fly Fishing Clinic
- March 25th Muzzleloader Shoot and Banquet
- April 6th Membership Meeting
- April 15th Stop the Bleed Class
- April 18th Mid-Week Volunteer Day
- April 29th Spring Cleanup Workday
- April 30th Spring Cleanup Workday
- May 4th Membership Meeting
- May 6th Wild Edibles Class 10AM
- May 16th Mid-week Volunteer Day
- May 19th Volunteer Day
- May 20th Blair Women Take Aim
- June 1st Membership Meeting
- June 3rd Youth Field Day
- June 5th 3D Archery Opens
- June 5th Ground Hog Starts
- June 10th Volunteer Day
- June 20th Mid-week Volunteer Day
- July 6th Membership Meeting

Indoor Shooting Events

The **22-pistol league** is back again this year on Wednesdays at 6pm, running until March 8th. Spectators are welcome. Check out the weekly scores on blairgame.com/pistol. \$4 per round.

The **22-bottle cap league** is also going well. Shooters compete with 22 rifles to see who can get closest to the center. \$10 per night on Thursdays, thru March with money prizes every night. Practice starts at 6:30pm and regular shooting is at 7pm.

These events are all open to the public and you do not need to attend every match.

Youth Air Rifle

Our youth program has grown into a very impressive group of talented shooters. The last two years we have competed against Juniata County School Districts High School team. Our team has also reaffiliated with the 4-H program to allow for more competitions. The club has just purchased 6 new sporter air rifles for the team to use. If you know of a child ages 8-17 that is interested in participating, practice is held on Monday evenings at our indoor range. More information can be found at blairgame.com/youth-programs

Education Opportunities

Hunter ED: March 18th 8AM-4PM

Signup online at our website below and find other hunter ed classes in the area.

Firearm classes are also held frequently. See the education station for more information.

Check the education station at blairgame.com/ed

Muzzleloader Matches

Join us for our muzzleloader events this year, experienced and novice shooters, all are welcome! Spectators are also encouraged!!

March 25: Fun Shoot hosted by Tuckahoe Valley Militia at 9AM. Paper and novelty targets, light lunch available. Banquet at 6PM, contact Jeff or Samantha Warner for Banquet information.

April 22: Woods Walk at 9AM. Steel targets only, limited paper shots (tie breaker). (Any muzzle loading rifle)

May 6: Pistol Match 9AM

May 13: PA Company of Rifleman Spring Tryouts.

November 11: Woods Walk at 9AM. Legal PA Flintlock season guns only.

December 9: Rest Match at 11AM. Any muzzle loading rifle.

Get more information at blairgame.com/tvm or contact Jeff Warner (814-931-8342) or Samantha Warner (814-505-7671).

Landowners/ Sportsmen Banquet

This dinner will be held on March 23rd at 6PM. We invite all landowners that keep their land open to hunting to come for free, all others are \$15. If you know of a landowner that allows hunting, please contact the lodge to learn how to invite them. Purchase tickets at the lodge as soon as possible. Seating is limited.

More info about this dinner can be found at Blairgame.com/landowners

Shirt fundraiser!

Check out our updated shirt design blairgame.com/store

Why should you volunteer?

Your club the Blair County Game, Fish and Forestry Association was originally founded as a conservation organization that helped bring Blair County back from massive timber cuts and almost eradication of wildlife in the early 1900s. Since our founding we have released rabbits, deer, elk; extinguished brush fires; stocked fish; fed wildlife during harsh winters and so much more. We could never have accomplished these tasks if not for the dedication of our members to the outdoors and this facility.

As history progressed our role in Blair County changed and has now allowed us to focus mainly on our 500 acres of forest. Every trail, tree planted, renovation, blade of grass cut, tree removed from a trail or road, upgrade and building was spearheaded (if not done completely) by a **volunteer**.

You, as a member, should be proud to call the "gun range" in Riggles Gap your club not just because of the ranges but because of our history, our dedication to the betterment of sportsmen and the entire facility we provide the community.

Entertainment Committee

This group is responsible for dinners including the Ham Pot Pie dinner (Feb 5th), the Landowner's dinner (March 23rd), the Christmas party (December 10th) as well as parades. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 23rd at 6PM. Anyone interested is welcome to come.

Youth Field Day

This year is the 29th anniversary of the Keystone Sportsmen for Youth Field Day and will be held on June 3rd. We will be hosting the half-day event and all of the ranges will be closed for the duration. For more information go to Keystonesportsmen.webs.com

Volunteers

Workdays have been given a new name, "Volunteer days". These are organized days for our members to work together to keep your club up and running. All range repair/upgrade work is completed by our volunteer members.

View all volunteer days on our calendar at blairgame.com/cal *Contact the lodge if you want to volunteer at your own convenience and we an help get you started.*

This year we have moved the mid-week volunteer day to the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

2023 Archery

The 2023 3D Archery course will open on Monday, June 5th. Course hours are from 8:30am until dark every day. The course consists of 15 3D targets placed on a wooded trail.

The course will be installed on Sunday June 4th starting at 9am.

Crossbows are not allowed.

Member pricing starts at \$5

Non-member pricing starts at \$10

Youth pricing starts at \$3

More info at blairgame.com/3d

Center Fire Pistol Silhouette Shoot

Starting April 23rd and every other Sunday from 9am until 12pm. \$20 to shoot 40 plates, two rounds of 20 each at 20, 30, 40 and 50 yards. New shooters welcome. Find more details at the lodge or blairgame.com/bud

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Chief Logan Lodge

Our clubhouse, the Chief Logan Lodge, was named after John "Captain" Logan of the Mingo Indians. But, did you know that he never served as an Indian Chief? There are few written accounts on the life of John Logan, however, the following is what I have been able to piece together.

Born in 1718, John "Captain" Logan or Tachnachdoarus (The Spreading Oak) was the oldest son of Shikellemus, chief of the Mingo Indians. In 1728 Shikellemus was sent by the Iroquois council to look after the interests of the Six Nations in the Susquehanna valley near the present town of West Milton, PA. Chief Shikellemus kept his son John close by his side and entrusted him with many missions. In 1737, while attending an informal archery contest, John Logan's eye was badly injured by his opponent's arrow, permanently disfiguring him. In 1738 he married a Shawnee known as Vastina and over the next few years they had six children together.

However, by the spring of 1748 Vastina and five of their six children had fallen ill and died. In December 1748, Chief Shikellemus also died, and the colonial government asked John Logan to serve as the Iroquois Deputy Governor as they anticipated the Indian Council naming him as the new Chief. However, because of his eye injury, the council looked upon John Logan as disfigured and disqualified him from the position. By 1750, near present day Tyrone, Logan built a cabin along the Juniata River where he lived with his son, sister, and brother. He remained there until the outbreak of the Revolutionary war, during which he worked as a Patriot spy. When he returned to Tyrone after the war, he found that a white settler had bought the ground where his cabin stood. He then located to Chickalacamoose, where Clearfield now stands and built another cabin. However, this home also was later taken over by a white settler after Logan had left to visit his brother in Ohio. Logan then returned to the Juniata River where he camped for a time in Riggles...

For more of this compiled story by Recording Secretary Roy Marinak please visit blairgame.com/history

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Maple Syrup

The trees have been tapped! A group of volunteers tapped 15 trees on January 21st. If you are interested in helping with boiling the sap to make syrup, please follow us on our website for future dates.

Stop the Bleed

On February 20th and April 15th, we are hosting a stop the bleed class presented by P91 Protection. Uncontrolled bleeding is the number ONE cause of PREVENTABLE DEATH after injury. This class is designed to teach you how to stop bleeding as efficiently as possible. Find more information at p91protection.com

Online Membership

We have updated our membership database, so you can now pay online! If you choose, you can set up automatic yearly payments by checking the box during your next online renewal. Some of you have already signed up for auto renewal and it can be cancelled at any time by logging in at blairgame.com/membership


By logging into your membership, you now have access to update your own membership information, such as mailing address, phone number and email address.

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