



Chief Logan Lodge

Blair County Game, Fish and Forestry

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Lodge and Range Hours

The Lodge is open 8:30am until 7pm or dusk (whichever comes first).

Ox Roast Festival

FREE ADDMISSION: Our Ox Roast Festival will be held on Sept 3rd and 4th. 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. 3rd

11 - 12:30 Still Available

1 - 2:30 Chad Patterson

Mon. Sept. 4th

11- 12:30 Still Available

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!

This is our largest fundraiser of the year!

Gun Raffle 2023

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 insurance and taxes each year.

- 1st Browning AB3 Composite Stalker 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle (or \$500)
- 2nd Browning AB3 Composite Stalker .30-06 Rifle (or \$500)
- 3rd Springfield Armory Hellcat OSP Pro Gear Up Pistol Package (or \$470)
- 4th Smith & Wesson 642 .38S&P Revolver (or \$420)
- 5th Winchester XPR Compact .350 Legend Rifle (or \$400)
- 6th Savage Axis XP .223 Rem Rifle (or \$390)
- 7th Walther CCP M2+ 9mm Pistol (or \$340)
- 8th Savage A22 BNS-SR .22LR Semi Auto Rifle (or \$340)
- 9th Taurus TX22 Compact with Riton Red Dot .22LR Pistol (or \$300)
- 10th Ruger LCP II .380ACP Pistol (or \$300)

Legislation Information

Check out Blairgame.com/2nd for the latest information on legislation that may affect your 2nd Amendment rights!

Flea Market Donations Needed

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 15th Lemonade Stand

July 18th & 22nd Volunteer Workday
July 23rd Wild Edibles Class (free)

Aug 3rd Membership Meeting

Aug 15th Stop the Bleed Class (free)

Aug 15th Volunteer Day

Aug 20th Canning Class (Pre Reg Req.)

Sept 1st & 2nd Volunteer Workdays

Sept 2nd 6pm 99 Bird Shoot

Sept 3rd & 4th Ox Roast Festival

Sept 5th Volunteer Workday

Sept 7th Membership Meeting

Sept 9th Hunter Ed Class

Sept 11th Youth Shooting Begins

Sept 19th Volunteer Workday

Sept 28th Entertainment Committee

Sept 30th Wild Edibles (free)

Oct 5th Membership Meeting

Oct 7th Fireworks

Oct 15th Volunteer Workday

Oct 17th Stop the Bleed Class (free)

Oct 17th Volunteer Workday

Nov 2nd Membership Meeting

Nov 9th Entertainment Committee

Nov 11th Muzzle loader woods walk

Nov 15th Pistol League Practice

Nov 18th, 19th and 24th Sight in Days

Nov 21st Volunteer Workday

Dec 7th Membership Meeting

Dec 9th Muzzleloader Rest Match

Dec 10th Christmas Party

Dec 25th Lodge is closed

Jan 3rd Pistol League Starts

Jan 4th Membership Meeting

Feb 4th Membership Ham Pot Pie Dinner

Special Information

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

Youth Shooting

Our very own Blair County Sharpshooters competed at the 4H State Championship on April 15th and took first place in the senior division (ages 16-18). Congratulations Alivia, Joulia and Alexis!



The Blair County Sharpshooters will begin practicing Monday Sept. 10th starting at 5:30PM. Any kids ages 8 to 17 are welcome to participate. **More info 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. All range repair and ground maintenance is done by volunteers.

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.

Remember if you are fishing at the pond. You must sign-in at the lodge just like you are using the ranges.

Indoor Bottle Cap Shoot

Plans are still being made for an Indoor .22 Rifle Shoot beginning in January. Due to difficulty in finding bottlecap targets, the details of the shoot have not been finalized, but there will be one!

Shoot will begin on the first Thursday in January at 7pm.

More information at blairgame.com/bottlecap

Indoor Pistol League

This is a 22lr. Practice starts on Nov. 15th and continues every Wednesday until league begins. League begins Jan. 3rd and continues for 10 weeks. \$4 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.

Interested in sorting brass?

Volunteer at the lodge or email at admin@blairgame.com. All proceeds benefit our youth programs

2023 Archery

The 2023 3D Archery course is open every day until the end of September, from 8:30 until dusk. We have 28 targets on a wooded course. There are reduced prices for members and children under the age of 18. **Crossbows are not allowed.** Season passes are also available for members.

The targets are Field Tip only. Please remember to take your trash and keep the woods clean. 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. There are 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 23rd

Aug 6th & 20th

Sept 3rd 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

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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From the President

The association has decided to proceed with a 5 year plan that would have us build a New Multipurpose/Education building that would be to the right of the Trap field parking area.

We have started to remove trees in the area where the building will be built. It will be approximately a 40'x100' structure and will allow us to have a dedicated classroom and provide a larger area for our growing Youth Air Rifle program. Plans for the future may include an indoor archery range as well as other uses. In the next year we will start fundraising for this next chapter of our organization.

We will be asking our members to help with our fundraising efforts, and for bids for the construction of the building. This will be a great addition to our facilities for our future. If anyone has questions about what we need for help, please contact me at timmerhite@aol.com or come to a meeting.

Muzzleloader Updates

Remaining 2023 Shoot Dates:

November 11th: Woods Walk at 9AM, 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 9th: 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!

Get more information at blairgame.com/tvm

Stop the Bleed

This is a **FREE** class on current techniques to stop major bleeding in an emergency. Next dates: Aug. 15th and Oct. 17th At 6-8 PM

This class is taught by Kerm Alwine, you can sign up at P91protection.com

Trap Shooting

Trap shoots are every Sunday at 1pm and Tuesday at 5:30pm. \$5 per round (25 birds) Youth is \$3 per round. These shoots continue until November. (Weather dependent) More information can be found at blairgame.com/trap

Range Safety Spotlight

- **No cross range shooting** (always align straight on with your target)
- Must shoot from the **designated firing line** at all ranges.
- While people are down range your gun should be safe and you should **step away from the firearm**.
- Under the same roof means you are **on the same range** no matter how far the other shooter is from you.
- Be sure you are at the correct range for the firearm you are using
- Each range has a specific set of range rules. Be aware they are different.

Historical Snippet

One day, many years ago, our previous caretaker, Ray Taylor, handed me a photocopy of an old newspaper article titled "Man, 88, Woman, 90, Recall Early Days of Riggles Gap Life" written by Os Figart. No date or paper was noted and you could tell it had been taped together as parts of it was difficult to read. I believe the article was from the Altoona Mirror in 1954.

In the article, Mr. Figart met with Mr. Oswald and Mrs. Conrad and talked about life in the Gap. Mrs. Conrad was born in Riggles Gap in 1864 and had spent her entire life there. She was the housekeeper for Joseph Oswald, who was born in Cambria county in 1866 but has lived in Riggles Gap since the age of 2. The home they lived in sat about 50 yards from the old Riggles Gap school (less than ½ mile above intersection with Asbury Lane).

As quoted in the article:

"Mrs. Conrad, who before her marriage was Idella Riggle, is badly crippled with rheumatics and gets around only by the use of 2 canes. She told the writer, that when she was a little girl of 6, she would travel the hills, mountains and dense forests there with her grandfather, Henry Riggle, who purchased the Riggles Gap in around the year 1803. He many times would take her to the level spot in the Gap, where the Blair Game Logan lodge is now located, and there show her the place where his wife would conceal herself with a shotgun, while he worked with one horse in the field. The Indians were everywhere then, and traveled in the Riggles Gap sector in pairs."

"Several of the Indians were known to be badly wounded, but as far as this old lady can remember, none were ever killed there, and there were no deaths of whites there either. But back in the sector known today as Highland Fling, there were many clashes with the Redmen. Hundreds of arrows, and many pieces of Indian warfare, graced the homes of farmers in 1870 and later. They were found throughout the Gap area."

Submitted by Chairperson Sharon Merritts

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Keystone Sportsman for Youth Inc. Message

The Keystone Sportsman for Youth held a meeting in June electing new officers with one retaining their position. Paul Downs will be the new president of the KSY organization with Carl Thompson as Vice President, Sharon Merritts retaining her role as organization Treasurer and Erin Downs as secretary. We are excited to keep the Keystone Sportsman for Youth organization going and beyond that we hope to see it grow. Our next meeting is set up for Tuesday, September 26th at 7pm at the Blair County Game, Fish and Forestry Lodge. We encourage anyone interested in volunteering or helping out with the organization to come to this meeting.

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. 28th at 6:00pm and Nov. 9th at 6:00pm. 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.

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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** \$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 28 targets on a 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. 2nd 6pm
Adult - \$20 to shoot, youth under 18 \$10.

5 Stand – Ox Roast

Sept. 3rd and 4th 10am -?

Adults - \$7 per round

Youth under 18 - \$3 per round

Normal Trap

Sept. 3rd and 4th

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, bingo, novelty shoots, ring toss, and of course the kitchen.

Letter to the membership

As a member of the Blair County Game, Fish, and Forestry Association you are receiving this newsletter to keep you informed about the latest events and activities at our club. From single day events such as Blair Women Take Aim to our weekly shooting matches, the club has plenty to offer. Maybe you aren't into organized events and you prefer the solitude of shooting the archery course, fly fishing the pond, or perhaps you just like to shoot at one of our ranges. Whatever it is that you enjoy, there are many hands needed to create and maintain these activities and opportunities. We are a completely volunteer run organization. There are no paid club officers or directors, no paid landscapers, no paid wildlife habitat or trout fishery managers, no paid grounds crew or maintenance personnel, no paid instructors, no paid mechanics, no paid cooks or food workers, no paid range officers, no paid firewood cutters, etc. Who takes on all of these jobs you might wonder? Well, the answer has always been YOU the membership. We should all be grateful for the many fellow members who willingly give of their time and abilities to our club. If you've ever thought about volunteering, I would encourage you to reach out to one of the club officers or our caretaker. Whether it's only for an hour, a day, or maybe a specific project, we welcome anyone who wants to help take care of our club and make it a better place for all members to enjoy!

~Club Recording Secretary Roy Marinak

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