

Ridge Road West Hunting Club

CLUB LEASES: West Ridge, Beaver Creek, & Look Out Point

2017-2018 Officers & Board of Directors

10/12/17 Rev-C

President----- James Welch, Jr.

Vice President-----Ricky Wyatt

Secretary/Treasurer-----Alan "Bud" Campbell

Board of Directors

Campground Manager.....Kevin Roy

Complaints..... BOD

Stands..... James Welch, Ricky Wyatt

Management, Statistics, Food Plots.....BOD

(BOD) Board of Directors

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Leases----- James "Hoss" Welch

Rules / Regulations / Notices: Hoss Welch; Ricky Wyatt; Bud Campbell

Membership, Fees & Registration.....Bud Campbell

Posting, Right of ways ----- Ricky Wyatt & _____

Grounds keepers----- Ricky Wyatt; Kevin Roy

Maps-----Rick dumas (Louisiana Digital)
337-235-5081(Appointments

only)

NOTE: Ridge Road West Hunting Club. Has been designated as the governing authority over land areas that are defined within our lease agreement through Resource Management Service (RMS), LLC. The lease agreement is written under lease titles issued by RMS. The combined acreage of the leases is approx. 7,000± acres. Other properties that may be acquired through future lease agreements will be added under the same organization structure. Membership under RRWHC constitutes general membership for all properties listed above with hunting and recreational rights throughout the same. The rules and regulations section that follows will be the same for all properties and are compiled from the Officers and Regulation Committee Directors and in conjunction with certain rules and regulations advised by and / or included in the written agreement of the land owner.

NOTICE: EACH MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE TO READ AND ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

MISSION STATEMENT:

- To form a hunting club for attaining the highest standards of game management, producing a plentiful herd of healthy deer, where all can harvest a trophy buck and other deer as a vital part of professional herd management.
- To produce the maximum enjoyment and appreciation of harvesting game (addition to deer) such as ducks, fish, hogs, squirrel, turkey, rabbit, etc. For hunters of all ages.
- To exercise our individual and corporate efforts of responsible conservation practices to accomplish a virtual “hunting paradise” as well as offer an atmosphere for excellent outdoor recreational activities for the whole family on a year-round basis; acknowledging that God has granted us this opportunity and privilege to appreciate, care for and enjoy His creation.

Hunting Rules and Regulations for 2017-2018

Club Membership:

Membership will be on a first come first serve basis according to availability. Family members will be given preference when turning of age where they are required to hunt as an individual member. Membership privileges are extended to spouse and children up to 21 years of age, if a full-time student. If not a student then the son / daughter will be able to join as a paying member, or be allowed to hunt as a guest (guest hunt rules will apply). Cut off age for non-membership privileges are 22 years of age.

Membership Dues:

Membership dues for each hunting season are due by April 30th. The dues will be \$875.00 per member per year. If you do not have a key to the locked gates, or you have not paid a deposit for the key you have, then you must add \$50.00 deposit for a key with your annual dues, which will include two reflective decals (1 for your vehicle & 1 for ATV). This deposit will be returned when you return the keys should you leave the club. Do not give your key to any other member or make duplicate keys. It must be turned in to a club officer.

Quality Deer Management:

Quality deer management for the present and future benefit of our club members is the ultimate purpose of the regulations. Compliance with all regulations is mandatory by both members and guests in order for us to accomplish our goals.

Ridge Road West Hunting Club. (RRWHC) will operate under the rules and regulations established by the Club Officers & Regulatory Committee with those submitted by RMC. They apply to all lands leased under RRWHC.

HUNTER ORANGE VEST (FRONT & BACK) AND CAP MUST BE WORN BY ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS WHEN TRAVELING ON LEASE DURING HUNTING SEASON: ON AN ATV; TO & FROM STANDS; TRACKING WOUNDED GAME, ETC.

NOTICE: NO MEMBER SHOULD BE IN THE AREA WHERE ANOTHER MEMBER'S STAND HAS BEEN ERECTED AND POSTED WITH I.D. DO NOT TRACK WOUNDED GAME INTO ANOTHER MEMBERS AREA WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE MEMBER, CLUB OFFICER OR REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEMBER. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Doe days:

For Members ONLY: A member of RRWHC, in good standing, will be allowed to harvest 2 **mature does** PER SEASON with a bow during designated bow hunting, black powder rifle season, or with a moderate rifle during the designated rifle season. See the following guidelines:

All doe days will be in accordance to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) regulations governing RRWHC. YOU are responsible to know and obey those rules. **Anyone caught or reported taking a doe illegally under club rules and/or LDWF regulations will be fined a sum up to \$500.00 payable immediately after infraction, and will be expelled from the club without refund of dues or other expense incurred as a member. Violations are subject to be reported to LDWF and additional fines may be levied by LDWF according to Louisiana State laws. All poaching or illegal shooting of deer will be turned in to the LDWF authority and brought before the Club Regulatory Committee.**

BUCKS:

Youth Hunt:

2017-2018 Louisiana Regulations this year apply on what is legal for a buck This can be called a BOC-Buck of Choice The youth harvest will not count against a member's normal harvest limit! (Then after youth season we will resume back to regulation point restrictions)

Youth hunts are for all ages 17 years and under of age. An adult member of the club or an adult guest that has been registered as described above must accompany anyone less than 17 years of age are younger. YOUTH THAT SHOOT A DOE WILL **NOT** BE COUNTED AS ONE OF THE MEMBERS ALLOWED DOE HARVEST.

TWO BUCKS PER MEMBER PER SEASON! Remember, we are in a management program! **During the 2017-2018 season, two eight-point bucks can be taken with at least four points on one side, with no spread requirement.** No potential 'cull buck' can be taken without getting permission from a Regulatory Committee member and after buck's picture has been presented for decision to harvest.

Penalty for illegal kill: Member/guest fine for shooting a buck or doe beside that described above will be fined up to \$500.00, payable immediately after infraction. *Regulatory Committee Members will have the final decision on infractions!* **WHEN IN DOUBT...ASK!**

NOTE: There shall not be any game drives that involve shouting, noise making, etc. All such hunts will be organized and announced through Regulatory Committee and officers. Drive hunts will be conducted with a minimum number of hunters and organized placement of the same. All such hunts will be on a preapproved basis.

Wounding an Animal or Tracking Wounded Game: It is very unethical to fire on an animal and not try to retrieve it. It will be considered a harvest on the hunter's records, including member's invited guest. If blood is drawn from the shot it **MUST BE TRACKED**, so think out the shot before placement. It will be the decision of the Regulatory Committee to call closure to tracking process. There are professional tracking services available in the Jena area for this purpose. **DO NOT TRACK IN AN AREA OF ANOTHER MEMBERS STAND BEFORE NOTIFYING THE MEMBER FIRST! NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please communicate with your neighbor on issue.

THERE WILL BE NO TOLERANCE FOR INTRUDING INTO ANOTHER MEMBER STAND AREA/S AT ANY TIME, WITHOUT MEMBERS PERMISSION! THIS MEANS YEAR-ROUND (12 MONTHS. MUTUAL RESPECT OF EACH MEMBER IS THE ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYONE. JOY RIDING OR "SCOUTING" WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN ANOTHER MEMBER'S DESIGNATED HUNTING AREA. IF YOU ARE REPORTED VIOLATING

THIS REQUEST, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISMISSAL FROM THE CLUB. NO EXCUSES!!! JOY RIDING ON THE LEASE WILL BE ALLOWED ON MAIN ROADS & PIPELINES FROM MAY 1ST THROUGH AUGUST 31ST ONLY!

**GOAL: “DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU.”
THANK YOU FOR EXERCISING MUTUAL RESPECT!**

Duck Season:

Duck hunting will follow the same regulations as LDWF for our area. Consult your state-hunting guide to follow the season schedule, as well as daily limits for all species of ducks.

Duck Blinds: Permanent duck blinds will NOT be constructed in ponds or lakes where deer stands have been put in place by another member. Duck hunters must give preference to nearby deer hunters so as not to disturb deer hunters who may be on a deer stand. Deer stands will be mapped and posted by number so duck hunters who desire to hunt a pond where a nearby deer stand exists must contact the deer hunter first to make sure he or she will not be hunting the stand on the same day you plan to hunt ducks. Deer hunting has preference for the season.

Record of Game Harvested:

Records will be kept on ALL deer killed. ALL deer kills must be registered with date, weight, age, condition, etc on the form provided at the campground lock-box. **You are required to log out your kill and take a photo of the kill on the same day the animal was harvested.** It is mandatory by landowner that we keep accurate records of deer harvested. Members are required *to take a picture* of game harvested as part of the data and send it by E-mail to Paul Mancuso for posting on the club website. **If a member or a members’ guest have not provided above data for record keeping then your quota for the year can be declared completed and your membership renewal may be denied!!**

Use of Vehicle & ATV’s:

Absolutely **NO** sport riding of Vehicle’s (3, 4, 6 wheelers or others) will be allowed on the lease during hunting season either day or night. **Maximum ATV speed is 30 MPH. Do not endanger your life or others by reckless operation of an ATV! Violation of this safety rule will be subject to losing ATV privileges for the Season.** There will be **NO** shooting of firearms from Vehicles / ATV’s, etc. at any time. LWDF regulations will be enforced with no tolerance for offenders. Respect for fellow members, as well as upholding the highest standards of a sportsman’s etiquette should be our highest aim regarding this and all regulations of our club.

Remember, the right to use your ATV or any other vehicle for transportation to your stand is ultimately a privilege. Courtesy and consideration of fellow members in the use of all vehicles on the property during hunting hours is a must! Consider parking your vehicle in locations where you can reasonably walk to your stand. **DO NOT DRIVE**

ANY ATV OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE ON ANOTHER STAND AREA WITHOUT PERMISSION!

Hunting Dogs:

Hunting Dogs will **NOT** be allowed on the lease from October 1 thru January 31, (after the gun season for deer). After the gun season, one may use squirrel, rabbit, hog, and coon dogs for this type of hunting only. No dogs are allowed UNLESS Regulatory Committee has approved. Dog owners must have control of your animal at ALL TIMES, **NO Exceptions.**

Trapping of Hogs: Trapping of hogs will be allowed during the year due to the increase in population of hogs. All traps must be marked with membership number. Traps are to have a 22" square "escape" port on the top of trap for the release of bear, should one be caught in a trap, as per LDWF Laws.

RIFLES

There has been a limit put on rifle caliber for RRWHC of nothing larger than a **300 magnum.**

Sighting in Rifles or Target Shooting:

NO target shooting with fire arms will be allowed on the lease at any time. Use designated firing range of your choice.

Guest Hunting:

Members bringing guests are limited to two trips per season. A guest will be charged, the MEMBER must collect \$30.00 per day to hunt. Opening days of any season is reserved for **members only.** **NO GUEST WILL BE ALLOWED TO SHOOT A DOE UNLESS IT COUNTS AS ONE OF A MEMBERS DOE HARVEST.**

Guests who shoot an illegal deer according to the regulations described in the "Buck" & "Doe" section will be charged up to a **\$500.00 fine** as per Regulatory Committee decision. Members will be held responsible for the collection of fines incurred by their guest. There will be **NO TOLERANCE** for this offense. Any guest in violation will be immediately barred from all hunting & visitation rights to RRWHC.

PREPARING FOR THE HUNTING SEASON

Scouting:

All scouting for specific hunting areas must be done before official hunting season starts (1st weekend of October). Scouting is not allowed after season opens. ALL STANDS MUST BE PLACED **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31ST, 2017.** NO STAND WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THIS DATE WITHOUT SPECIFIC CLEARANCE FROM REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEMBER/S.

Clearing, Mowing or Cutting Trees:

Get permission prior to clearing, mowing, and/or cutting of trees in any area and/or for any reason!

Hunting Stands:

No permanent stand or feeder shall be erected, moved, or placed in any location on lands leased by RRWHC without the expressed permission of JAMES 'HOSS WELCH'! ONLY TWO permanent stands per membership will be allowed.

You may hunt out of a climbing stand or portable stand as desired. **NO MEMBER CAN MOVE AROUND THE LEASE WITH A CLIMBING STAND. A CLIMBING STAND CAN ONLY BE USED WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF THE PERMANENT STAND.** If you intend on leaving your climber / portable stand for the hunting season, it must be designated as one of your permanent stand locations, and your member number must be attached to the stand and recorded on the map at the check in station. You must check in and mark your location on the map prior to hunting in an area using a temporary stand (climber). IF A CLIMBING STAND IS FOUND OUTSIDE AN AREA OR IN ANOTHER MEMBER'S AREA THE VIOLATION IS SUBJECT TO DISMISSAL BY REGULATORY COMMITTEE. THIS ACTION IS UNSAFE AND UNETHICAL.

Stands that are placed on pipeline or clear-cut areas that have large line-of-sight areas **MUST BE ELAVATED!** This is a SAFETY RULE and will not be reversed. If stand is out of the line of sight lesser yardage can only be approved again by JAMES 'HOSS' WELCH. Each member is personally responsible for having his or her permanent stands in safe condition. Committee Members and or Officers will have the authority to require unsafe stands to be repaired or removed. Each member will be responsible to check the condition of his or her stand before opening day each season. Needed repairs or replacements must be made by AUGUST 31, 2017.

Housekeeping: Each hunter is required to remove all trash (paper, bottles, cans, etc.) from the stand and stand area after each hunt. If you are hunting a stand as a guest, report any damage to the stand that you may cause or observe to the owner. **NO ALCOHOL ON LEASE.** Both RRWHC and landowner forbid alcohol on lease property. If this rule is violated, member and/or guest will be dismissed from the property and membership revoked on the FIRST OFFENSE. This is a clear **SAFETY VIOLATION & WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

Stand Placement / Distance: (Follow web page directions on stand request form and submittal)

No stand shall be within **300 yards** in wooded areas and **500 yards** in open areas of the next person unless approved by designated Officer-JAMES 'HOSS' WELCH, to be safe for rifle use. Posting Member Signs and Blocking other hunters from an area that is only accessible near another's stand area will not be tolerated (Ex. Road, trail, etc.). Each Box stand should be supplied with a urine jug and two ropes for lifting gear. One rope will allow the hunter to transfer the rifle in the unloaded position, and the second

rope is for lifting any baggage up to the stand sitting area. This will provide the utmost safety for each hunter. **USE THESE SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR OWN WELL BEING. TEACH THEM TO YOUR CHILDREN HUNTING WITH YOU.**

Special Markers:

All community stands should have yardage markers with PVC pipe in ground for guest hunters to accurately judge their yardage when making a shot. All members are encouraged to install yardage markers for judging proper distance of game to make a clean kill according to the ability of both firearm and shooter.

Feeders: Feeders are exempt from stand yardage regulations due to deer patterns changing. Deer allurements such as dripping devices and other attractants legal with the LDWF regulation are exempt. **Feeders and Food Plots** are not to be set up within line-of-sight of neighboring stands that are in gun range. Refer to STAND MARKERS for feeders. If a hunter is hunting for turkey he is to be 200 yards from nearby feeder or corn placement.

Spot-lighting:

Only legal spotlighting will be allowed on lease for the purpose of hog hunting and must be approved by Regulatory Committee as per LDWF Rules.

Entering and Existing Lease Property:

Upon entering or leaving lease, all access gates must remain closed & locked at all times. If you are the last to leave, make sure the gate is locked.

Club Member Work Requirements:

All members are to participate in at least three (3) weekend work schedules that the board will arrange in the near future. Members will be contacted for participation by group leaders, so there is not an unfair load of work put on any one member. If a member is scheduled for a work detail and is unable to attend, it will be the members' responsibility to contact a board member and notify them of the situation, and also the members' responsibility to get a replacement for his / her work day. Member must notify Kevin Roy if you cannot make your work-day assignment.

Camp Ground Area:

All campers must be registered with Kevin Roy (Campground Mgr.), and payment made before campers are left on property. No person or person camping shall borrow any nearby camper personal property without sole permission of the nearby neighboring camper. Any disputes that arise will be handled by Regulatory Committee.

Campground Fees:

The following fee schedule has been adopted by the club for campground use:

Hunting season fees:

\$60.00 per month per camper for every month camper is at the campground, or is being reserved while camper has been removed. You must notify Bud Campbell or Kevin Roy when moving camper in or out of the campground. Camper fees

must be paid in advance for 1st six months and final payment for the year no later than October 1st in any given year.

Pavilion Area: The container and pavilion will be first come first serve for family planning their activities. Please help keep this in order. The Game cleaning station is to be well kept and washed down with all utensils sanitized and placed back in the designated storage area. It is the camper's right to shut down any unsafe practice in progress and notify the officer ASAP. All paper work is to be filled out with accurate records. HOUSE CLEANING IS EACH MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY....NO EXCUSES.

INTERNATIONAL PAPER LEASE RULES:

- **NO ALCOHOL ON LEASE PROPERTY AT ANY TIME!**
- **NO CUTTING OF TREES AT ANY TIME WITHOUT CLEARANCE FROM REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

- **NO** hunter will leave a propane bottle (or other combustible fuel) used for heating, etc. in a stand while unattended, this is considered a fire hazard.
- **NO** *Lamberger* or scent burning devices is allowed on I.P. property due to fire hazards.
- **NO** speeding through lease property on ATV's or other vehicles (see speed limit rules).
- **ATV, and off road 4X4, 4X2's owners are required to have liability insurance on vehicles.**
- **No gates are to be left opened at any time, unless special events are in progress**

NOTE: Conservation is a major part of our lease management and one that I.P. places a strong emphasis on. Please pick up your trash or any trash you see on the lease and bring it out of the woods with you for disposal. This is an exercise that each member must be pro-active at maintaining the highest standards.

It is mandatory that each member have a copy of club regulations with him or her while on club property; refer to it on any question you may have that pertains to hunting or any other use of the lease. Carrying your copy in a Zip-Lock bag will preserve it from outdoor damage when outdoors.

Thank you! We hope you have a SAFE and SUCCESSFUL and ENJOYABLE hunting season!

RRWHC-Golden Rules

RULE 1: ALL GUNS ARE ALWAYS LOADED

The only exception to this occurs when one has a weapon in his hands and he has personally unloaded it for checking. As soon as he puts it down, Rule 1 applies again.

RULE 2: NEVER LET THE MUZZLE POINT AT ANYTHING YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO SHOOT!

You must be clear in your mind that you are ready to shoot if you aim the rifle muzzle at the target. To allow a firearm to point at another human being is a deadly threat, and should always be treated as such.

RULE 3: KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOUR SIGHTS ARE ON THE TARGET AND YOU'RE READY TO SHOOT.

RULE 4: POSITIVELY IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET BEFORE AIMING YOUR RIFLE AT THE TARGET.

Never shoot at anything until you have positively identified it. Never fire at a shadow, a sound, or a suspected presence. Shoot only when you are absolutely sure of what you are shooting at and what is beyond the target. This will keep you from the haunting memory of an accidental kill of an animal or worse, an innocent human life!

Remember if you are not a supporting member of the NRA, National Rifle Association, please join to help keep our country's rights moving forward. Many men talk about what they want to do but many do nothing! Try to never have to say **I should have!!**

**Remember: People normally do what we do, not what we say, so lead by Example!!
Please remember in your devotional time to pray for your families, fellow club members and their families, our nation and fellow men that have or maybe fighting to defend our freedoms!**

IF IN DOUBT...ASK!

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MEMBER INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ALL MEMBERS:

Name: _____ MEMBER NO. _____

Address: _____

Ph.: Hm. _____ Cell: _____
_____ Other: _____

D.L. No. _____

Hunting License No. _____

E-mail address: _____

Key issued: YES _____ NO _____.

Signature: _____

Name of Referral: _____

Phone Number: _____