



## Rackettown Wildlife Club

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Dear RWC Member,

*What a year! I'm ready to see 2020 in the rear-view mirror! What about you? Hopefully you have received your postcard letting you know that we will be open again this season. Honestly, with the COVID 19 issue and the fact that Glo and I are like many of you, in the "at-risk" category, we didn't know if we would. Needless to say, it will be different and we will have measures in place designed to protect everyone as much as possible. We ask for your understanding, cooperation and patience. Masks/ face covering will be required and access to the facility will be controlled and social distancing will be encouraged. Let us all pray that a vaccine will be produced soon and we can resume some form of normal again. And then, there is the election....please vote; it is important for our Republic's future.*

- 1. Archery Season opened September 12<sup>th</sup> statewide and you may harvest buck or doe. With all the uncertainty with this season, we decided not to open at all during the bow season. If you are lucky enough to stick a deer this archery season, quarter and freeze it. Then bring it to us when we open for primitive weapons season.*
- 2. Primitive Weapons Season opens Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> statewide and you may harvest buck or doe through January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 except in the "Cyan" district (DNR Map) where it is Buck Only October 17-18<sup>th</sup>. We will begin our regular schedule once Primitive Weapons Season begins: 8am (0800)-9pm (2100) daily, including Sundays. \*\*\*note when DLST ends Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, we will close at 8pm (2000). Also remember our young hunters under 16 years of age may hunt with any legal deer rifle during Primitive Weapons Season under adult supervision. You may not be aware that you may use air rifles and air bows during the Primitive Weapons Season. If you need one more tool in your lethal weapons kit, check it out. [www.pyramydair.com](http://www.pyramydair.com) & [www.crosman.com/airbow](http://www.crosman.com/airbow) .*
- 3. Modern Weapons Season opens Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and runs through January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The harvest limits are the same as last season, 10 antlerless; 2 antlered. For those of you who hunt in the "Magenta" district (Telfair, Wheeler, Montgomery, Treutlen, Emanuel, Candler, Jenkins, etc) may harvest buck or doe for the season. Those of you who hunt in the "Cyan" district (Jeff Davis, Appling, Toombs, Tattnall, Evans, Bulloch, etc) may harvest buck only October 17-18. After opening weekend, you may harvest either sex. After the 2020-2021 Season ends Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, we will continue to accept quartered deer (cooler deer) through January 13<sup>th</sup>. All completed orders must be picked up NLT Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Our hours will be 8am (0800) until 6:30pm (1830).*

4. *Closed: U.S. Election Day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>: 8am (0800)- 12 noon (1200)  
Closed: Thanksgiving Day, November 26<sup>th</sup> (All Day)  
Closed: Christmas Holidays; Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> thru Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
Closed: New Year's Day: 8am (0800) -1pm (1300)*
5. *Game check requirements are a little different this season. You are required to confirm your harvest with the GA DNR within 24 hours versus 72 hours. We are required to record your name, sex of deer, and county of harvest for all whole deer. I am not required to do so for quartered deer (cooler deer). We are not required to record your harvest confirmation number before we take possession of your deer. All hunters are required to have a harvest record even if you hunt on your own property and even if you are under 16 years of age. To obtain a free harvest reports go to <http://georgiawildlife.com/HarvestRecordGeorgiaGameCheck>. If you have a smart phone, I highly recommend using the Outdoor Georgia App for game check. You can also go online <http://www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com>, or call 1-800-366-2661 to report your harvest.*
6. *In past years, we have been reluctant to turn away any member with a deer to process. However, as demand for our services has grown (good problem to have), we have experienced difficulty in meeting our own goals for turn-around time. We could speed up the processing times by batch processing or reducing the variety of products we offer but that is not how we want to do business. We have a finite operational capacity and once we have reached that capacity, we may not be able to receive anymore deer for one or more days. If you live or hunt out of our immediate area, please call or check our Facebook page to see if we are accepting deer before you come.*
7. *Our goal is to process whole deer within 10 to 12 days of receipt; quartered deer (cooler deer) within 5-7 days. In any event, we will call and/or text as soon as you order is completed and ready for pickup. We ask that you pick-up your processed deer within seven days of notification. When you sign your order form, make sure we have a valid contact phone number and that your voicemail is set up and can accept messages. If you prefer, we can text or email you. The point is this-make sure we have what we need to contact you when your deer is ready. **After 7 days, we will charge a \$3/day storage fee up to day 13. At the 14-day mark, unclaimed orders are subject to sale for the processing fee.** Out of town members who cannot personally pickup their deer, should make arrangements for a friend or relative to do so. The efficient operation of our business depends on timely pickup of finished product. Except for extremely extenuating circumstances, e.g. death in family, hospitalization, etc., unclaimed orders will be sold.*
8. *The skinning fee for deer to be processed is \$25.00. If you are having your deer mounted, we will cape and bag the head and hide for a fee of \$35.00. Your must take the trophy with you. We do not have freezer space to hold your trophy until you pick-up your processed order. The only exceptions are hunters who contract with a local taxidermist who has agreed to take possession of your trophy within 24 hours. However, those arrangements need to be made before you depart. Understand that we have absolutely no beneficial relationship with any taxidermist and your business with any taxidermist is just that-your business.*

9. *If you want your deer skinned and quartered (shoulders, hind quarters, blackstrap & tenderloin cut out, neck& ribs) to take with you, the fee will be \$40.00. Be sure to bring a cooler with you for your quartered deer. If we have space, we will hold your deer for up to three days for a fee of \$3.00/day starting the day we take possession. If you cannot get your deer to be skinned to us within 1-2 hours, please field dress your deer. (See our [website for how to field dress a deer](#)) This is important in the warmer parts of the season. After the guts have been removed, it helps to pack the body cavity with a bag or two of ice. Cool is good-Hot is not! For those of you that skin and quarter your own deer- two words: clean and cold! Don't be angry if we refuse deer parts that are covered with dirt and pine straw or sloshing around in water from ice long ago melted. Just do a better job next time. Our skinners have been instructed on what is acceptable and what is not. Cooler deer (quartered deer) should be brought to us within 3 days of harvest. We will store your deer in our cooler for another 3-5 days at 32-38 degrees until processed.*
10. *Deer killed during an afternoon hunt and not found until next morning will be rejected 99% of the time. Meat spoils at an exponentially fast rate when night time temperatures are above 40 degrees. That is especially true if the stomach or intestines have been perforated. A low temperature of 40 degrees means that was the coldest overnight temperature; it was not the temperature for the entire evening. You can bring your deer to us and we will evaluate it, but most likely will be rejected and cost you a skinning fee. See the Quality Deer Management Article, "Safe to Eat" in our Tips Section by Lindsey Thomas Jr. on our website.*
11. *Chronic Wasting Disease- We are lucky not to have any recorded outbreaks of CWD in Georgia. It is as close as Mississippi and Tennessee. Its spread is potentially disastrous to the sport we love. Consequently, the DNR has established strict rules for importing deer from states with CWD. If you harvest any kind of deer, elk, moose or caribou in a state with CWD, we cannot accept any meat that has bone in it or is attached to any part of the skeleton. See page 25 of the 2020-21 GA Hunting Regs for details. See <http://cwd-info.org> for more info. Popular out of state hunting sites include Illinois, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Missouri, Mississippi, Arkansas, & Tennessee among others.*
12. *We have not added anything to our line-up this season. But if you missed them last season try our Old-Style German Bratwurst and knock-your-socks-off Smoked Polish Kielbasa. We also added Hamburger-Steak Steakettes-better than a Whopper- to our steakette line. A complete list of products and pricing is posted on our website.*
13. *Once again thank you for your continued patronage. Never think that we take our members for granted. We strive to earn your trust and business every season.*

*Best wishes for a safe and successful deer season.*

*Dwayne, Glo & Sam Aaron*

*Note: Price List for the 2020-21 Season is posted at <http://www.osvenison.com>  
**NO ROAD-KILL and NO HOGS!!***