



Rackettown Wildlife Club

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Dear RWC Member,

I hope that the Spring and Summer have been full of good times for you and your families. Glo and I have enjoyed our "off time" and celebrated a number of big events for our family. This year on April 12th, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of my heart transplant! On the 27th of June, we marked 45 years of marital bliss ☺! Then August 6th, we celebrated the 90th Birthday of my favorite mother-in-law, Mary Ann Kavakos! And finally this past weekend, we travelled to West Point, NY for the 45th Reunion of the Class of 1971 with 214 brothers-in-arms and their wives! Life is good and God is great!

On to business-This will be the second year of a uniform statewide deer season. Archery Season will be September 8th through January 8th. **Note: We are not open during the Archery Season.** If you are lucky enough to stick one, quarter and freeze it until we open on October 15th for the Muzzleloader Season. Reminder- youth under 16 may use any legal firearm during the muzzleloader season. The Regular Firearms Season opens on Saturday, October 22nd and ends on Sunday, January 8th. **During the Muzzleloader Season and the Modern Firearms Season, we will be open from 8 AM until 9 PM daily through Saturday, November 5th. When Eastern Standard Time resumes on Sunday, November 6th, we will be open 8 AM to 8 PM.** As always, if you are on the way and running close to our closing time, please call ahead so we will be ready to receive you. Come directly; we will wait a reasonable amount of time....15-20 minutes, but not all night. After the season ends we will take quartered deer through Wednesday, January 11th. All processed deer must be picked up not later than 6 PM, Saturday, January 21st. Except for the days listed below; we will be open every day including Sunday:

Closed -Thanksgiving Day, 24 Nov (all day)

Closed- Christmas Holidays (Thursday, 22 Dec through Monday, 26 December)

Closed-New Year's Day - (closed from 8 am until 1 pm)

There are no changes to the harvest limits for 2016-17, but either sex dates vary from county to county so read your Georgia Hunting Guide very carefully. For those who hunt out of state, check the regulations for transporting deer from states with CWD issues.

Important- The most significant change for deer hunters this year is the new harvest record. All hunters, to include resident landowners hunting on their own property, must have a harvest record. All deer harvested must be reported within 72 hours. You may call 800-366-2661; use the Outdoor Georgia App or go online www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com. You will receive a confirmation number which must be recorded on your harvest record. If you bring a whole deer to me for processing (one that is not skinned & quartered), you must have a confirmation number before I can take possession of the deer. While I am not required to record confirmation numbers on

quartered deer brought to me for further processing, you should have that deer properly recorded on your harvest record.

Our goal is to process your deer within 10 to 12 days of receipt or sooner. I ask that you pick-up your processed deer within seven days of notification. You will be asked if you prefer to be called, receive a text or email notification. When you sign your order form, make sure we have a valid contact phone number and/or email address for you. After 7 days, we will charge a \$3/day storage fee up to day 13. After 14 days, we will sell the order 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. I truly hate to sell a member's deer for the processing fee but if you don't respond to our calls, I really have no choice.

We offer skinning and waste disposal services as a convenience for our members. If you cannot get your deer to me within an hour or so, you should field dress the deer. See our website if you do not know how to field dress a deer. **Also during the warmer parts of the season, if you shoot a deer down in the evening that you can't find until morning, do not bring it to me for processing.** If you decide to have us prepare your deer for mounting, you may be required to prepay the shoulder mount skinning fee (\$30). I do not have storage space to hold your mounts, so I ask that you take it with you. Some local taxidermists will pick up if you contract their services. **Those of you who skin and quarter your own deer, please keep the meat clean, iced and drained and please, get it to us not later than three days after killing the deer.** Please take care to keep the meat off the ground. Embedded trash, dirt etc. is almost impossible to remove and may result in the rejection of your deer.

This season, we're not introducing any new products but we are making some qualitative changes. We will be using a better grade of trimmings in all our products; grass-fed beef trimmings and leaner pork trimmings. We will also be using a better grade of freezer paper.

In closing, let me say how much we appreciate your business and we do our utmost to earn your continued patronage. We look forward to seeing you again and hope you have a great deer season!

Sincerely,

Dwayne & Glo Aaron

Note: Price List for the 2016-17 Season is posted at www.osvenison.com
NO ROAD-KILL and NO HOGS!!