

# **Twin Oaks Hunting Club**

## **2017-2018 Rules**

Founder and President of Twin Oaks Hunting Club (T/O) Jason H Hocutt will represent the club to the highest of standards in the hunting and local communities. Jason will make decisions for the club only if the decision does not affect the budget or the acreage of T/O. Jason will also hold the title of Treasure of the club, should you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Jeremy Lewis will serve as Vice-President of Twin Oaks Hunting Club will assist Jason Hocutt in all club activities and is an additional contact person for any club matters.

### **All Money Paid is Non-refundable!!!!**

#### **Guest and Fees**

1. Guest fees will be dependent on the season as outlined below.
2. A guest is anyone other than spouse, child (under age of 18), niece, nephew that you bring to the club and joins you in the field for any reason.
3. Your spouse, child, niece or nephew may hunt as many times as they want with no fee. Grandchildren under the age of 18 are also allowed. Grandchildren in college may hunt with you 2 times per year for free.
4. The guest fee will include the use of the cabin the night before the hunt and the night of the hunt.
5. You as the member are responsible for paying the guest fees on the day of the hunt.
6. If your guest has a fine due then you as the member are responsible and must pay this fine within a 2 week time frame or you will not be able to hunt until it is paid.
7. To pay guest fees/fines fill out one of the envelopes near the sign in book, complete all info so we know what it is for.
8. We will be looking at the guest sign in sheet at the end of the year. If you have not paid your guest fees, you will be required to at the end of the year.

#### **Deer Season**

1. You will be allowed to bring 4 guest per deer season. You may not bring the same guest more than twice per season
2. Guest are encouraged to be potential future members of Twin Oaks, Family from out of town a client or boss.
3. You must be at the club if you have a guest hunting.
4. You are responsible for your guest and all of their actions.
5. Any fines incurred by a guest must be paid by the member.
6. The guest fee for deer season is \$15.00 per hunt (AM or PM) or \$30 per day.
7. Any deer harvested by a guest counts towards the members numbers.
8. Member must highlight their name in the sign out book if they have a guest hunting.

## **Turkey Season**

1. Guest fee for Turkey is \$75.00 per day
2. You are allowed 2 guest per turkey season
3. No guest allowed during the first week of season
4. All other guest rules shall be the same as deer season

## **Duck Season**

1. Guest fee for Duck Hunting is \$25 per hunt.
2. You are allowed 2 guest per duck season
3. Follow rotation of swamps no matter how many people are hunting.
4. All other guest rules shall be the same as deer season.

## **All Other Hunts**

1. Opening day dove hunt guest fee will be \$25.00
2. All other game guest fee will be \$10.00 per day.
3. All other guest rules will be the same as deer season.

## **Combat Warrior Hunts**

Twin Oaks will host 2 hunts per year, 1 turkey and 1 deer. During these weekends Twin Oaks Members will understand that we are yielding to the Warriors for them to have a enjoyable weekend. We understand we are not 1st priority that weekend. We encourage all members to come out and help and get to know the Warriors.

Turkey Hunt will be April 28th-30th

Deer Hunt will be December 1st-3rd

## **NEW!!! Option for Split Turkey-Deer Memberships.**

1. We will be offering split memberships for people who only want to Turkey or Deer Hunt.
2. Total Dues for this type of membership is \$2000 ie Turkey Hunter pays \$800 and Deer Hunter pays \$1200. Duck hunting goes with the Deer hunter. If the Deer hunter does not want to duck hunt they may let the Turkey Hunter take the Duck hunting Rights. The hunters must advise Jason or Jeremy which hunter will be Duck Hunting.
3. Both hunters must make all 3 work days or pay \$100 per day for each missed work day.
4. Both hunters may participate in the Dove Hunt.

5. The Turkey Hunter may deer hunt 2 day as a guest paying any guest fees. All deer season rules apply.
6. The Deer hunter may turkey hunt 1 day as a guest paying any guest fees. All turkey season rules apply.
7. Each hunter is allowed to particapte in the Combat Warrior Hunts.
8. The hunters who are interested in this must come forward together, ie if you want to be the turkey hunter you need to find a deer hunter to come forward with and vice versa. Jason and Jeremy will not find you a partner.
9. This will be done on a Trial Basis for 2017-2018.

## **Deer Season Rules**

### **Definitions**

1. A buck is defined as a deer with antler extending past his ears when they are raised straight up.
2. A spike is defined as a deer that has horns protruding through the skin but do not go above the ears when they are raised straight up above the deer dead.
3. A button buck is a deer that has no antler protruding through the skin
4. There are 2 classifications of a youth hunter 15 and under and 16-18

### **Buck Management**

1. Bucks must measure 15" inside spread or be aged at 3.5 years old by state biologist.
2. Fine for bucks that fall outside of the rules shall be \$300.00
3. Fines must be paid before you are allowed to hunt again.
4. Button bucks, cow horns and spikes will cost you \$25.00, \$50.00 for second and 3rd could result in revocation of membership, this fine does not apply to youth hunters under the age of 16. This fine is in place to encourage you to look over the deer very good before you decide to pull the trigger. We don't want Button bucks killed on purpose.

## **Youth Buck Managment**

### **Youth 15 and Under**

1. 1st buck may be of any size and does not have to be mounted.
2. 2nd buck must be 6pt or better and has to be mounted.
3. 3rd buck has to fall within Twin Oaks Buck Management Rules.

### **Youth 16-18 (not in college)**

1. 1st buck must be a 6pt or better and has to be mounted.
2. 2nd buck must fall within Twin Oaks Buck Management Rules

## **Scouting**

1. All scouting must be done prior to August 1st.
2. No scouting while walking out from a deer stand.
3. You may place corn yourself but limit it to no more than a 5 gal bucket per spot if using club corn.
4. No moving or putting up of stands after August 1st unless it's a dedicated club work day or a climbing stand.

## **Deer Harvest**

1. You are allowed 2 bucks per season
2. If you kill a buck that is on our cull list, this buck will not count toward your 2 bucks. The Cull buck has to be posted in the club house.
3. You are responsible for cleaning your own kill. This includes cleaning the skinning shed when done and taking the remains to the dead hole.
4. Take a picture of your kill in front of the skinning shed.
5. Take a picture with the club camera (make sure and turn flash on)
6. When tracking a wounded deer only 2 people plus the hunter are allowed on the first attempt, when possible use a dog.
7. Do not leave trash in deer stands, there will be a \$25 fine if caught.

## **Trail Cameras**

1. Each member will be required to provide one trail camera to the club. You may provide more than one if you choose. You also must supply a large pack of batteries and at least 2 8GB SD Cards.
2. No Wild Game Innovation cameras will be accepted due to rate of failure. Preferred cameras are Moultrie and Browning that run on AA batteries.
3. Jason and Jeremy will be managing the cameras by setting them out and pulling card and downloading the pictures to a computer.
4. These pictures will be shared with all members via a Dropbox.com link.
5. The location of the cameras will be determined by Jason and Jeremy.
6. The name of the farm will be listed on the info strip on the photo.
7. If you have a certain location that you have noticed high traffic and think a camera should be placed, notify Jason or Jeremy
8. Cameras will be placed out around May 1st and checked around the first of July, September, December and pulled around Feb 1st.

## **Turkey Season Rules**

1. Toms only, Jakes (under 4" beard) are not allowed to be taken on the property unless as outlined below for youth hunter.
2. Youth 15 and under are allowed to take one Jake if they have never harvested a bird. If they have harvested a bird anytime prior they must harvest a Tom at Twin Oaks.
3. Use of turkey calls including shock calls (owl call, crow call, etc) is prohibited

from March 1st through the start of the season.

4. Teaming up of members is encouraged to help open up areas for others to hunt.
5. You must sign in and out in the book just like you are deer hunting. Use multiple stand numbers to cover the area you are hunting.
6. You must record any kills in the record book just like you do for deer. Record weight, beard length and spur length
7. If the area you want to hunt has or had a corn feeder you need to make sure the corn has been gone for the legal amount of time.

## **Duck Season Rules**

1. No shooting of the roost (PM Hunts) except the last day of the season.
2. Duck hunting is allowed the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Thanksgiving Week and entire 3rd Season
3. Any duck blinds that are built must be marked on the maps.
4. If we notice one swamp being over hunted we will step in and put it off limits for a set time period.
5. Rotation schedule for the 3rd season will be posted in the club house.

## **Rabbit Season Rules**

1. Twin Oaks will be retaining the rabbit rights for 2017-18
2. If you plan to hunt rabbits please let other members know so they can join in.
3. You are allowed to walk and jump shoot.

## **General Information**

1. Failure to comply with any of these rules could result in you being asked to leave Twin Oaks and to not return.
2. No refund will be given if you are asked to leave due to breaking Twin Oaks rules.
3. You must follow all NCWRC rules and laws.

## **Membership Dues**

1. Dues shall be \$1500 per year
2. Current members are required to pay \$750 by March 25th and the other \$750 is due by August 1st.
3. New members are required to pay in full by the March 25th.
4. New members are required to pay \$200 initiation fee, this is only paid one time
5. Twin Oaks will have 25 Members.
6. Your dues included the use of farms and clubhouse for the entire year.
7. You will not be allowed to turkey hunt if you have not paid the first \$750 by the due date.
8. You will not be allowed to deer or dove hunt if you have not paid in full by August 1st.

9. Failure to pay your dues when required will result in Twin Oaks filling your spot.
10. No refunds are given for any reason.
11. Each year Twin Oaks will be a yes/no from you after the club meeting. Once you commit you need to get your dues in by the due date.
12. If there is a waiting list you may contact Jason or Jeremy to be placed on the waiting list. If a spot opens up you will need to pay a \$200 (non-refundable) deposit on the spot or full dues.
13. Each member is required to work 3 work days per year. If you fail to make any of these work days you will owe the club \$100 per day missed. Each work day will happen on the 3rd Saturday of each month except during hunting seasons.
14. Work days are from 8AM-5PM, coming late or leaving early will cause your day not to count toward your 3

## **Sign-in Book**

1. Each member is required to sign into the book for all hunts.
2. You can't sign out until after 9PM the night before your hunt
3. You can't sign out for an afternoon hunt until after 1PM
4. Another member can sign you out if you are not there yet.
5. All guests are required to sign in the guest book for all hunts. The member is responsible for making sure this happens.
6. You must sign back in when you return from hunting. Include time and what you saw.
7. You must sign the book for all activities other than work days.
8. For deer hunts you will sign in for certain stands.
9. If you are using a climbing stand use the closest two stands to your location.
10. For turkey hunting sign out for the stands in the area you plan to hunt.
11. If you need to move stands you will need to come back to club house and make adjustment in the book, unless someone is there that can do that for you.
12. Be courteous of other members and their hunts. During turkey season you might be hunting close to another person.
13. For duck hunts you need to sign out for stands that are close to where you will be hunting.
14. For Rabbit hunts mark the farm you will be hunting. You are only allowed to turn out on 2 farms per day.
15. If two people want to hunt the same stand you will draw cards, high card wins (Ace is always high)
16. If you are at the club by yourself, you must contact another member to be your Call Buddy. Advise them where you will be hunting to match the book. When you are out of the woods call them back and let them know.
17. If you are caught hunting without using a call buddy there is a fine \$50 for the call in and \$50 for the call out.
18. If you see a landowner let them know where you are hunting as well. Be mindful of farming operations
19. If you have a guest hunting you must highlight your name in the sign-out book.
20. If you get to the club late **DO NOT RIDE BY ANOTHER HUNTER GETTING TO YOUR STAND**
21. All members will be issued member cards this year that will include the parcel ID#s of each farm. This will serve as your written permission should you be

- checked by the game warden.
22. If you are a new member do not take offense if a member asks to see your card.
  23. #1 rule **DON'T BE STUPID, USE COMMON SENSE!!!!**

### **Responsibility of Call Buddy**

1. If you do not get a call out in a timely manner you will try and contact the hunter.
2. If you can't reach the hunter you will then call Jason if he does not answer call Jeremy.
3. Jason or Jeremy will contact the land owner for assistance
4. Jason or Jeremy will contact the local game warden or local authorities with info of last known location of the hunter.
5. Yourself and Jason or Jeremy will make their way to the club to assist in looking for the hunter.
6. If the hunter has not be found by the time you arrive at the club you will form a search party to find the hunter.
7. As you can see if you forget to call out to your call buddy a lot takes place so do not forget!

### **Youth Hunters**

1. Any youth above 15 may hunt alone provided they have their hunter safety certificate, the adult must hunt the same farm as the youth.
2. A copy of the hunter safety card must be provided to Twin Oaks prior to the youth hunting alone.
3. Any person 16 or above must have a valid hunting license and have taken the hunting safety course to be able to hunt alone.
4. Any person 16 and older will be required to make the club workdays just like an adult member.
5. Any youth 15 and under must have in their possession a valid license exempt big game harvest report card, this applies to turkey and deer seasons. They also must hunt with an adult.
6. Youth between 16-18 may not be on Twin Oaks Property alone, they must have a parent or guardian on premises for all activities (hunting, scouting, fishing, etc. )
7. Youth are not allowed to stay in the club house alone for any reason, this is for their safety.
8. You may arrange for another member to look after your youth, in doing this you must work this out with the responsible party prior to the youth getting to the club. The youth needs to understand that what this adult tells them goes as if their parent is telling them.
9. A guest under 18 does not count as a adult but it does count as a guest under Twin Oaks Rules.
10. One a Junior Member turns 18 if they are enrolled in a 4 year college and maintain at least a 2.5 GPA they will be allowed to hunt as a full member for the 4 years of college.
11. Once a Junior Members graduates from college they will have first rights to join as a full paying member.

## Expenses

1. If any member would like to purchase anything for the club and would like other members to help it will need to be put up for a vote.
2. If you purchase something for the club and would like the item to go with you if you leave then you must let the presidents know the day you bring the item. If you leave the time must be removed within 2 weeks of your resignation or it will become property of Twin Oaks.
3. If you purchase something to give the club let the president know so he can keep a list of items.
4. If you purchase something on your own do not expect to be paid for the item by the club.

## House Rules

1. You are responsible for your mess! If you have kids then you need to make sure they are not leaving a mess!
2. If you use a dish or cup or pot, wash it when you are done with it. Do not just leave it in the sink.
3. **DO NOT EAT OTHER PEOPLES FOOD!! IF YOU DID NOT BRING FOOD TO SHARE DO NOT THINK YOU ARE ALLOWED TO EAT OTHER PEOPLE'S!!**
4. You can find something to do every time you are at the club, vacuum, sweep, wash dishes or dust. There is always something to be done.
5. When the last person leaves the club each weekend they are responsible for rolling the trash can out to the street.
6. The last person also has to turn off the electricity and turn the water off at the road at main valve! (If you don't know where it is, ask someone before you are there alone)
7. Make sure the gas heaters are turned all the way off
8. Be aware of running water, or dripping water or the heat being on too high as these things add to the cost of the club. Keep the heat on lower settings.
9. If you leave a mess you will be called out on it!
10. To claim a bed you need to put your bag or cloths on it when you get there.
11. No beds are reserved, every bed is open when you get there, unless it has someone bags on it.
12. Dogs are allowed in the house but they must be trained and must be kept in a kennel at night.
13. If your dog jumps on people it is not allowed in the house.

## Safety/Conduct

1. Safety is always the #1 priority!!
2. Each member and their guest will be responsible for their actions the entire time they are at the club.
3. No member will be allowed to hunt if they are under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication that may impact their ability to safely operate a firearm or climb a tree stand.

4. If you have a beer at lunch you are not allowed to hunt in the afternoon.
5. Drug use on club grounds is automatic termination of membership.
6. Any alcohol must be in a cup at all times when outside the clubhouse or skinning shed. If there are kids in camp, then it must be in a cup all the time.
7. No excessive drinking!! Do not get sloppy drunk.
8. If you are training a dog, you must pull them out of the woods, swamps or fields on month before deer season starts.
9. You will represent the club throughout the community with the highest standards possible. There will be respect shown towards each member in the club, all landowners, farmers and all people you encounter in the area.
10. Do not promise anything on behalf of the club to anyone without checking with Jason or Jeremy.
11. If you promise something outside the club, then you are responsible for making sure you complete that promise!
12. Any person driving on the farms in any vehicle must use the paths or edge of fields, do not cross the fields or use any wet areas.
13. No hot dogging in the club house yard.
14. ATV riding around the club house will be limited to 2nd gear or low gear.
15. No joy riding of ATV/UTV after August 1st
- 16. NO MUD RIDING AT ANYTIME OF THE YEAR, DO NOT RIDE IN SWAMPS OR PONDS!!!!**
17. Youth under 16 must wear a helmet at all times when on a ATV and must be supervised by an adult.
18. The shooting range is designed for sighting in guns during hunting season. Shooting times are 9AM (once all hunters are out of woods) till noon. You are only allowed to shoot during hunting season if you miss a deer or drop your gun and then it should only be enough shots to zero. Get help if you don't know what you are doing.
19. If you are using a loc-on or climbing stand a safety harness is required.
20. Screw in steps are not allowed for any reason.
21. Each member will be required to read and sign the Twin Oaks By Laws and the Patsy Perry Land Lease and Waiver form before you are allowed to hunt at Twin Oaks each year.
22. You are not allowed to target shoot at the Perry Farm!

BY SIGNING BELOW I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE RULES PUT FORTH BY TWIN OAKS HUNTING CLUB, I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT BREAKING THESE RULES COULD RESULT IN MY MEMBERSHIP BEING TERMINATED AT ANY TIME .

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_