



# Chilhowee Rod & Gun Club

## December 2005



**Meeting Schedule** – Regular monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the clubhouse at 7pm. In December, it is on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will be voting on new officers. In order for a member to be elected to office, the member must receive the most votes of those present at the December meeting. If only one person is nominated for an office, it shall be in order to move that the secretary cast the elective ballot of the club for the nominee. New officers will be installed at the January club meeting. Also, we will be deciding on the time and date of the January Meeting, which is the annual dinner party at the Sizzlin Steak House in Athens.

Board of Directors Meeting is on the first Thursday of each month, 7pm at Sizzlin Steak House in Athens.



**Membership Fee** -A letter will be sent out to each member with an amount required based on their "hours worked" as shown in the log book. Members have until the end of March to pay. Combinations will be changed on April 1st. (So if the old code doesn't work it's not an April Fools trick...)



**Olde Fartes** – The traditional archers will have a fun shoot on New Years Day. Kiva or Stanley Walker can give you details (423-344-0348). At the end of each year we award our yearly championship trophies for the best overall shooter in each class. Eligibility for these awards is determined by shooting in at least 5 of the monthly shoots and is a total of those months' scores.

Yearly winners:

<u>Recurve</u>	<u>Longbow</u>	<u>Primitive</u>	<u>Woman</u>
John Hoffman	John Hoffman	Steve Pennington	Kiva Walker

The most prestigious award is for Farter Of The Year and for the first time we had a woman break the gender barrier to take this honor Tomilee Varnell truly earned the title and in addition she had a year of great improvement in her shooting. It would be wonderful if more women would come out and get into shooting traditional archery.



**Carry Permit Class** – Requirements: \$10.00 deposit; your driver's license number; your pistol + 50 rounds of ammo (if you do not have a pistol yet bring 50 rounds of .22 ammo and a pistol will be provided). Total cost of the class is \$50.00. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend. For more information on the class please contact Bill Aly @ 263-2806 or Gordon @ 887-6085. For more information on requirements for Tennessee Handgun Carry Permit please visit the official web site at <http://tennessee.gov/safety/handgun/qualifications.htm>.



**Christmas Greetings** – It's the most wonderful time of the year, celebrating the birth of Jesus. We wish a **Merry Christmas** to you all, to all your loved ones and to all those who spend it away from home while protecting our celebrations. Below is a poem written by a US marine:

### Christmas Poem

It was The Night Before Christmas,  
He Lived All Alone,  
In A One Bedroom House  
Made Of Plaster And Stone.

They All Enjoyed Freedom  
Each Month of the Year,  
Because Of the Soldiers,  
Like the One Lying Here.

I Had Come Down The Chimney  
With Presents To Give,  
And To See Just Who  
In This Home Did Live.

I Couldn't Help Wonder  
How Many Lay Alone,  
On A Cold Christmas Eve  
In A Land Far From Home.

I Looked All About,  
A Strange Sight I Did See,  
No Tinsel, No Presents,  
Not Even A Tree.

The Very Thought  
Brought A Tear To My Eye,  
I Dropped To My Knees  
And Started To Cry.

No Stocking By Mantle,  
Just Boots Filled With Sand,  
On The Wall Hung Pictures  
Of Far Distant Lands.

The Soldier Awakened  
And I Heard A Rough Voice,  
"Santa Don't Cry,  
This Life Is My Choice;

With Medals And Badges,  
Awards Of All Kinds,  
A Sober Thought  
Came Through My Mind.

I Fight For Freedom,  
I Don't Ask For More,  
My Life Is: My God,  
My Country, My Corps."

For This House Was Different,  
It Was Dark And Dreary,  
I Found The Home Of A Soldier,  
Once I Could See Clearly.

The Soldier Rolled Over  
And Drifted To Sleep,  
I Couldn't Control It,  
I Continued To Weep.

The Soldier Lay Sleeping,  
Silent, Alone,  
Curled Up On The Floor  
In This One Bedroom Home.

I Kept Watch for Hours,  
So Silent and Still  
and We Both Shivered  
From the Cold Night's Chill.

The Face Was So Gentle,  
The Room In Such Disorder,  
Not How I Pictured  
A United States Soldier.

I Didn't Want To Leave  
On That Cold, Dark, Night,  
This Guardian Of Honor  
So Willing To Fight.

Was This The Hero  
Of Whom I'd Just Read?  
Curled Up On A Poncho,  
The Floor For A Bed?

Then The Soldier Rolled Over,  
With A Voice Soft And Pure,  
Whispered, "Carry On Santa,  
It's Christmas Day, All Is Secure."

I Realized The Families  
That I Saw This Night,  
Owed Their Lives To These Soldiers  
Who Were Willing To Fight.

One Look at My Watch,  
And I Knew He Was Right.  
"Merry Christmas My Friend,  
and To All A Good Night."

Soon Round The World,  
The Children Would Play,  
And Grownups Would Celebrate  
A Bright Christmas Day

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[www.ChilhoweeRodandGunClub.com](http://www.ChilhoweeRodandGunClub.com)  
[www.hometown.aol.com/longbowstan/index.html](http://www.hometown.aol.com/longbowstan/index.html)

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**December 2005**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Board of Directors Meeting 7 p.m. @ Sizzlin' Steakhouse	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Club Meeting 7 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24
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**We would like to extend special thanks to Connie Nickelson for her help with the newsletter. Some of the news items in this letter were pulled from letters that Connie had written but never had the opportunity to send. Thanks Connie!**

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