

# Swamp Creek News

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Rod and Gun Club, Inc.

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## 2025 Dues Expected by 1 January 2025

The Fob system will continue to be the primary entry method. Please list on the renewal form the Fob number you were issued. Each membership will receive one Fob. Replacement Fob will cost \$25. For 2025, dues will be \$75 for a regular/family membership. For our senior members 65 years old or older as of January 1, 2025, cost at \$15. Guest passes cost \$5 for a day pass and can be printed from the club website. Checks with a filled in renewal membership forms should be mailed to the club at:

**Swamp Creek Rod & Gun Club  
P.O. Box 274  
Zieglerville, PA19492**

Dues may also be turned in at the upcoming general meetings held the 3rd Thursday of each month to John A. Rose, Jr.. Returning members just need to pay this year's dues.

## New Membership

Swamp Creek Rod & Gun Club will accept approximately 100 new memberships. Prospective New Members new to attend a new membership course and pass a proficiency test. See website to sign up for the New Member Course: <http://www.scr gc.com/how-to-join.html>

## What to do if you have an incident while at the range

If for any reason you have an incident or someone accuses that one of your projectiles leaves the range, you first need to call 911 and report what happened. Ask if a police officer is available to review what happened at the club and give a statement.

Please gather all information related to the incident and write it down. This should include when you arrived, what you were shooting, how many shots you took, who was involved (the someone's above name if they can be talked with reasonably), when you called 911, if you talked with a police officer, and when you left the club. Photos are very helpful showing how you were shooting and what you were shooting at.

Contact the Club President at 610 547-9566. A report by email to [webmaster@scrgc.com](mailto:webmaster@scrgc.com) or by mail to the club is required.

## Listed Youth Members May Upgrade to Family Membership

Previously listed youth members may request 2025 Family Membership by filling out a renewal form, sign, and mailing to the club with a check or coming to a general meeting.

## Membership Coverage

Parents and grandparents can include their children and grandchildren under their membership provided they are less than 21 years old. The children and grandchildren then can shoot under the parent's or grandparent's membership provided a signed range rules is on file with the club signed by the child and / or grandchild and counter signed by the parents (and club member).

Anyone 21 years old or older, need to have their own membership for insurance reasons. Also, 17 and younger shooters must be supervised by a club member acting as the Range Safety Officer.

Club members can bring guests only if a filled out and displayed guest pass is present with a payment of \$5. Members may bring two guests per day. Special approval needs to be obtained for group teaching / shooting events.

## Membership

Swamp Creek Rod & Gun Club will be accepting approximately 500 memberships total. Once we reach this level, only renewing members will be accepted.

This can be adjusted during General Club meetings. It is important to come out and provide your opinion regarding club matters.

## **Club Is Accepting Useable Outdoor and Indoor Furniture and Building Materials**

The club is always looking to improve its outdoor furniture and target holders. Please bring unwanted but serviceable outdoor furniture and building supplies to the club and leave next to the pavilion. The club is looking in particular for Adirondack chairs for the outside and folding chairs inside. We can always use 2x4s and sheets of plywood or similar materials along with wood pallets.

## **Club Web Site**

Please direct your web browser to [www.scrgc.com](http://www.scrgc.com) page Swamp Creek Rod and Gun Club. Additional club information, club events, and Swamp Creek Rod & Gun Club, Inc. forms can be found at this site. Club announcements throughout the year will be emailed out and announced at the monthly general meeting. Also, always feel free to email your questions to [webmaster@scrgc.com](mailto:webmaster@scrgc.com). This is the best way to get your questions answered.

## **Club Needs More Members to Volunteer for leadership positions.**

Please come out to the general meetings and offer to accept one of these positions. I need your help to keep the club going. Thank You, John A Rose Jr President

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I what to Thank the Vice President take on the role of Training Coordinator. Being a professional firearm and first aid trainer himself, he agreed to organize courses and see that proper documentation and insurance was on record to allow training to occur. Also, he is providing free of charge New Member training and proficiency testing.

Several professional trainers provided Entry, Intermediate, Experienced, and Expert level courses. This will continue for 2025. Please check the club website calendar and Club emails for your opportunity to participate. Please reach out to the trainer listed for the course for details.

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## **Safety Rules Update**

Firearms should arrive at the Club unloaded and soft or hard cased transported unless being properly opened or concealed carried. Review the safety rules for details and changes. There have been 5 changes in total.

## **Private Group Reservation (Trainers Welcome to sponsor classes)**

Club members may reserve the club for social and shooting events by emailing the President and obtaining permission to hold a Private Shoot or Outing.

These requests are discussed at the General Meeting and approved. A group Guest Pass must be filled out for non-members and a \$5 fee charged per day.

## **Day Guest Pass**

2025 Guest Day Passes can be printed from the club website. They are to be filled it out before entering the club grounds. The filled-out Guest Pass along with a payment of \$5 must be displayed while shooting. The member who is supervising the guest must display their membership card. When done shooting, the filled-out guest pass and \$5 is to be placed in the secure mailbox to the right of the clubhouse door.

## **Wednesday Trap Shoots**

Come join the Wednesday shooters at Swamp Creek Rod and Gun Club the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 9 AM to done. This is the place to make friends and enjoy shooting the clay pigeons and great conversation. If you have never shot before, come on out and learn about the sport from long time experts. Lower Merion handles the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays so every week is covered.

# Swamp Creek Rod and Gun Club 2025 Membership Renewal Form

Please provide the following information:

Member Name: Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ \*

FOB #: \_\_\_\_\_ (Number starts with 8006:, 8007:, or 8011: on the Fob)

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Mobile Number:

Spouse's Name: Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Age \_\_\_\_ \*

Youth Name 1: Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Age \_\_\_\_ \*

Youth Name 2: Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Age \_\_\_\_ \*

Youth Name 3: Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Age \_\_\_\_ \*

Youth shooter (17 or younger) must have a club member supervising them while shooting.

Please mail this signed form for each shooter, and a check for:

: \$75.00 Family Membership

: \$15.00 Senior Family Membership  
(65 or older by January 1, 2025)

\*I have read and understand Swamp Creek Rod and Gun Club's General Operation Policies and Range Rules. I understand and agree to follow these rules when using the ranges. I understand that I am legally responsible for my actions and every single round/arrow fired. And I agree to pay for any damages I may cause, or costs associated with my actions. I understand that a violation of any of the policies may result in my suspension or expulsion from the Club. I assume the risk of any personal injury and shall indemnify and save harmless the Club from any damage that I may cause by my use of the Swamp Creek Rod & Gun Club property and its facilities. I further understand that I bear the absolute responsibility for my actions and any actions of others who I may supervise.

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Parents need to counter-sign youth shooters. Youth shooters are 20 years old or younger. Family members 21 and older need their own membership. If they were covered as part of a family membership, joining cost will be the current Family Membership amount. Grandparents can have their grandchildren sign with their parent's counter signing to obtain a range use card for the youth shooter. The grandparent member must be present and supervising the youth shooter at all times. The parents can observe but cannot shoot themselves unless they are members.

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Only approved vehicles are allowed on club premises. Owner of the vehicle is responsible for any damage to and caused by said vehicle. As a general rule, vehicles are to remain in the parking lot.

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Junior shooters, 17 and under, are required to have direct adult supervision at all times when handling shooting equipment and using the ranges.

The shooter (or adult supervising a junior shooter) is legally responsible for all shots and will be held responsible for any breach of the clubs rules or unsafe acts. The club expects each member to conduct themselves in a proper and safe manner at all times. The club reserves the right to suspend a shooters use of the ranges for unsafe acts and/or expel the member from the club. The club will press for criminal prosecution of any member using the facilities improperly.

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Please bring your firearms onto the range unloaded and in a case / pouch or in a holster. Concealed carry pistols maybe loaded provided they stay in the holster until at the fire line and RSO announces the line ready to shoot. Trap Shoots the shotgun action needs to be open and clear when not in the rack or your turn to shoot. For rifles, please invest and use chamber flags. And when you check your target, please have the rifle action open and flagged.

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# 2025 Swamp Creek Rod and Gun Club Day Guest Pass Range Use Form

## Pass must be displayed while shooting with \$5

Place in secure mailbox to the right of the club house door when done.  
(This is the guest's temporary membership card)

Member Name: Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\*

Please list the date Guest is visiting the Club \_\_\_\_\_.

Guest Name: Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\*

Guest Mailing Address:

Guest Email Address:

Guest Mobile Number:

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If shooter is a junior shooter, the form has to be counter-sign by the direct adult supervision who will be present when the junior shooter is using the ranges.

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Members may shoot steel targets provided a RSO (Range Safety Officer) has been established. The members must be setup the steel targets so that the re-directed projectile will impact a safe dirt area that will function as a backstop. The steel target must be smooth to the touch and free of sharp edges. The members must use suitable ammo for this activity and not ammo which will penetrate the target. I understand this is a higher risk activity and will see that all non-shooters are at least 50 yards away from the active shooter and range officer. I will clean up the range when done and take all steel targets and debris with me and store or depose of it properly. The members accept full financial responsibility for this activity and any unforeseen result.

One may act as their own Range Safety Officer if alone. If more than one, one must be established.