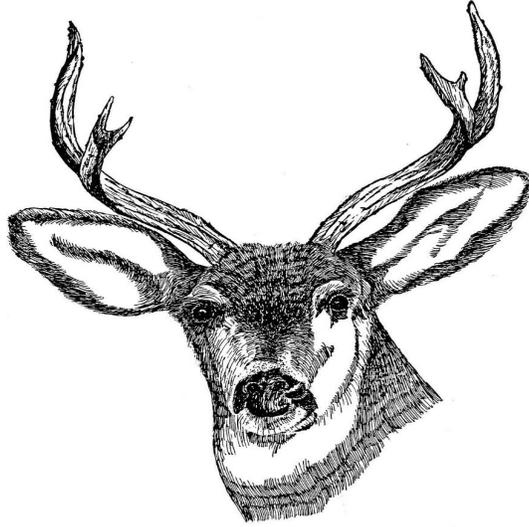


Green Valley Sportsman's Club  
By Laws & Club Rules  
2019



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# Mission Statement

We, the Green Valley Sportsman's Club of Shippingport, now located at 101 Fishpot Rd in Potter & Raccoon Townships, in order to improve our hunting and fishing conditions, realize that our efforts are in vain unless we cooperate among ourselves as a Club. Realizing that we must therefore adopt a form of organization that will most effectively serve to protect and defend our interests and improve our conditions as sportsmen, this organization will then endeavor to unite all members, regardless of craft, nationality, gender, race, creed, or political belief. We will at all times observe a policy to improve our conditions as sportsmen.

Our Mission & Purpose has been to promote all of the shooting disciplines of interest to our members, and to provide approved training for the proper handling and shooting of firearms and to cooperate with the NRA and other sportsman's organizations to conserve our natural environment and wildlife, with safety and personal responsibility being our primary goal. We will protect and defend the right of our citizens to own and bear arms.

We shall extend every effort to abide by the principles herein set forth to perpetuate our Club and work in concert and solidarity with all like organizations to bring about a higher standard of sportsmanship.

**In order to become fully qualified as an effective Club Member, we urge you to observe and hold to these simple tenets:**

1. Know your By Laws
2. Attend your Monthly Club Meetings
3. Be prompt in payment of dues
4. Accept any assignment authorized by your Club
5. Never form cliques in opposition to the Officers or any decisions of the club
6. If you have any concerns / grievances, the Club meeting is the only place they should be discussed
7. Remember, the decision of the majority rules on all occasions.
8. Remember, this is your Club and your active support will bring about better conditions.

# **The Green Valley Sportsman's Club By - Laws**

## **Article 1 - Name**

This organization shall be known as the Green Valley Sportsman's Club of Shippingport, now located in Potter and Raccoon Townships, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

## **Article 2 - Fiscal Year**

The Fiscal Year of this club shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

## **Article 3 - Meetings**

### **Section 1: Place of Meetings**

The regular meeting place shall be held at the Green Valley Sportsman's Clubhouse at 101 Fishpot Road, Potter Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

### **Section 2: Time of Meeting**

The regular meeting of the membership shall be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

### **Section 3: Special Club Meetings**

A special meeting of the general membership of the Club may be called by the Board of Directors, or upon request of the President, or whenever six of the general membership voting members of the Club in good standing shall make a request to the President for the same, specifying the object of the meeting; and provided that not less than three days' notice of such special meeting shall be given to the members, and that no other business shall be considered at any special meeting above and beyond the previously stated objective of said meeting.

### **Section 4: Executive Board and Board of Directors Meetings**

A special meeting of the Officers and the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the President or at the call of  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the Board members. Notice of said meeting shall be made to each member of the Board of Directors no later than 3 days prior to the meeting, if possible, and SHALL state the agenda of such meeting.

## **Section 5: Conduct of the Order of Business:**

The order of business at the regular meetings of the members shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order by the President
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of the Treasurer's Report
4. Reports of County Game Protector, Fish Warden or special guests if present.
5. Report of Committees
6. Report of County League Representative
7. Reading of Communications
8. Presentation of bills
9. Unfinished business
10. New business
11. Nominations, election and installation of Officers at appropriate meetings
12. Remarks for the good of the Club
13. Motion for Adjournment

## **Article 4 – Membership**

### **Section 1: Membership Numerical Limit and Waiting List (Refer to Membership Guidelines for specific details – Section 3)**

The Green Valley Sportsman's Club hereby limits the membership to 250 maximum dues paying members. All Honorary, Life and Junior members shall be in excess of this quantity.

- A. During any given year, if and when the 250 member numerical limit is not attained, the Club will accept new applications for membership on a first submitted - first considered basis.
- B. As well, during any given year, if and when the 250 member numerical limit is attained, the Club will not accept any new applications for membership for that year.
  - 1) But also, the Club will then keep a file or "Waiting List" applications as they are received to be then held until and for the following year. If, after the period for membership renewal expires, and if the club membership numerical amount is below the 250 member threshold, then these applications will be considered on a first submitted - first considered basis.
  - 2) If at the end of the period of membership renewal there has been no membership turnover and the numerical limit is still attained, all such waiting list applications shall be discarded and the applicants will be notified by phone call and email that they must reapply later, if they wish, for the following year.
  - 3) All applicants will be notified by phone and via email. Once notified, there will be a period of 1 week to accept the membership. If the membership director does not receive a reply after 1 week, the application will be discarded. If accepted, the dues payment in full is due immediately upon acceptance. No payment terms (i.e. \$10 per month).

## Section 2: Membership Categories

There will be (5) categories of Membership status. These Categories, their provisions and restrictions are defined as follows: (Please note all memberships are now considered Family memberships.)

- A. Voting Member** - Any member who has met the requirements of 16 points for the year as described in the Membership Guidelines listed in Section 3 and has paid the annual dues of \$50.
- B. Social Member** - Any member that has NOT met the requirements of 16 points for the year as described in the Membership Guidelines listed in Section 3 and has / or will pay the annual dues of \$100.
- 1) Family: Defined as, spouse, parents of member, spouse's parents, children (must be accompanied by parent / member) and, if applicable, children's spouses and as well grandparents and grandchildren. Note that these extra persons may only be present when the card carrying member is present. Not included: Brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins etc....
- C. Junior Member** - Any person between the ages of (10) and (18). A prospective junior member's application can only be made when accompanied by the signed consent of the junior applicant's parent or guardian who, whether parent or guardian, must also be at least an Individual Member as defined above. Junior Membership shall be its own membership class and not count against the member cap. See Item 7 Below.

### **Note these additional provisions and restrictions applying to Junior Memberships:**

- 1) Junior members shall not have the privilege of voting or holding office.
  - 2) Junior members are not allowed any key access or use of key access to the club
  - 3) No Junior member may be present on the club grounds without being accompanied by an adult member, and under the adult (parent member, guardian member or other adult member) member's supervision.
  - 4) No Junior member may be present to observe or shoot on any club firing range without being accompanied by an adult member, and under the adult (parent member, guardian member or other adult member) member's supervision. The adult member shall bear the full responsibility for the junior member.
  - 5) A Junior member between the ages of (10) and (18) years of age must attend, free of charge, the club sponsored NRA Firearms Safety Course, when and if available, during their first year of membership.
  - 6) It shall be the responsibility of the Junior member to notify the Membership Chairman of their change in membership status due to age change (attaining 18) the beginning of the year following that year of attaining 18.
  - 7) If and when a junior member transitions to a Senior Membership, their added membership status shall not count against the cap.
- D. Honorary Member** - This special membership may be granted to anyone who the Club's Board feels warrant the distinction. The Executive Committee at one of its meetings must approve Honorary Membership unanimously. Honorary memberships shall be limited to (1) year duration. Voting status will be at the discretion of the Board.

- E. **Honorary Lifetime Member** - Lifetime Membership will be granted to any member whose combination of age and years of continuous membership (minimum of 25 years of continuous membership) service totals 75 years. Honorary Lifetime Membership also confers upon the member, as applicable, the Family Membership privileges as defined above.

### Section 3: Membership Guidelines

#### Renewing Members

Starting January 1, 2016 we will be changing the membership structure to a Tier Membership and a Point System versus “work hours”.

TIER MEMBERSHIP: Voting or Social

The Dues Paid In Full by 11-30-2016 will remain the same and be considered a Voting Member! HOWEVER, the “work hours” will no longer be in effect. The Point System will take effect as follows:

Club Meetings.....1pt  
Work Parties (scheduled or \*unscheduled).....3pt  
Special Events (unless otherwise posted on website).....2pt

**A Total of 16 Points are needed** throughout the year to be qualified as a **VOTING** Member! **Due’s will be \$50 for Voting Members.**

If Points are NOT met throughout the year, you will become a Social Member without voting rights! **Voting Members will be issued a specific colored card that must be present at every meeting you attend to ensure your right to vote!**

#### New Applicants

All new applicants will be considered a **Social Member** with a **fee of \$100**. If throughout the membership year you have earned your points you will then become a Voting Member as long as you continue to earn your points for each consecutive year. Voting Members will also receive a discounted rate that will be announced at time of renewal.

Unscheduled Work Days: Anytime a club member would like to perform (volunteer) work for the club and is not on a scheduled work day you must notify the club via email so that your points can be tracked.

#### Additional Notes About Membership:

- A. Active Duty - Civilian to active duty members shall have dues waived until returning to civilian life. Any Member who enters full time active military service while a member in good standing shall be carried as a member until such time as they are discharged from active service. If a member is discharged from active service after the January meeting, his / her dues will not be owed until the following January
- B. All members shall be expected to reach their 16 points status per year to maintain their Voting Rights. If any member does not reach their 16 point status they will be considered a Social Member for the following year and lose their Voting Rights. **(Voting Members Dues \$50 Social Member Dues \$100)**

- C. It shall begin January 1, 2016 (the effective date) and shall apply, with regard to the subsequent required dues payments, to the calendar years thereafter.
- D. The Two Tier system shall be called as follows: "Voting Member" and " Social Member"
- E. Expiration of Membership - Membership in the club expires as of midnight on **December 31st** for any Member who has not paid his or her dues by **NOVEMBER 30th**. Those individuals will no longer be able to RENEW their expired club memberships and must re-apply as a New Club member. If they wish to do so, they will be required to pay the Social Membership fee of \$100 and have no voting rights for the 1st year. Their membership will also be subject to the 250 Membership Limit and Waiting List Requirements.
- F. Membership Renewals - Any Existing member who does not make renewal dues payment by **November 30th** shall then have their membership expire and follow the procedure listed above in Paragraph "E".
- G. Replacement of Membership Cards - If for any reason you need to replace your membership card there will be a \$25 fee. Please Email: [gvsc101@gmail.com](mailto:gvsc101@gmail.com) immediately should your card become lost.

#### **Section 4: General Membership Application Requirements**

- A. Individuals applying for any form of membership in the Club are required to present their application to the Membership Director Only, in person. Please contact [GVSC101@gmail.com](mailto:GVSC101@gmail.com) to schedule a time.
- B. All prospective new members of the Club, other than Honorary Members, must be recommended for Membership by an existing Member in good standing, Or barring that, they are then subject to a review by the Board of Directors. After having fulfilled any necessary safety requirements, they will become members based upon both a favorable vote by the Board of Directors.
- C. Each new member will be responsible for making himself or herself aware of these by-laws, range rules, etc. Note that any infraction of the By-Laws, club rules, range rules or any rules of the Club may be taken up by the Board of Directors for disciplinary action up to and including membership termination and immediate expulsion.
- D. Membership shall be limited to individuals and families of individual member who are (10) years of age and over, and who are also citizens of the United States.
- E. Any Sponsor is responsible for the new member for the first year. Any infraction by the new member will also be held to the current member. Disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the Board Of Directors.

#### **Section 5: General Membership Requirements and Provisions**

- A. NO guests are ever allowed to use the Club's facilities. The Green Valley Sportsman's Club is a Members Only Club!

## **Section 6: Key code access to the club**

Key code access to the club entry door may be changed the first day of January of each year. Such Key code access is made available to Individual Members who have paid their renewal dues, New members and Life Members. Each Member will receive their own unique access code, and these codes are not transferable to anyone, including their related family members.

## **Article 5 - Membership Suspension, Termination and Expulsion**

### **Section 1: Powers of Membership Termination and Expulsion**

The Board of Directors and the Executive Board - The Club Officers shall have the power to expel any member for the following , but not limited to, reasons:

- A. Willful negligence in signing the Log Book
- B. Any serious violations of the club By Laws, Club Rules, Club Safety and Range Rules
- C. Any serious offense as they shall deem appropriate to include for conduct unbecoming a sportsman

### **Section 2: Procedural Requirements for Membership Termination and Expulsion**

- A. Charges against any Officer or Member may be preferred by any Member in good standing. They shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts upon which such charges are based and accompanied by all affidavits and/or exhibits, which are to be used in support of such charges. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President shall then call a meeting of the Executive Board and Board of Directors to hear said charges. The Secretary shall give at least 7 days notice of said meeting to each member of the Executive Board and Board of Directors, and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and shall include a true copy of the charges and the supporting affidavits and exhibits.
- B. Any Officer may be removed from his or her office and from the club by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the other Officers, Directors, and Members in good standing present at any special meeting called for such purpose for the following but not limited to reason, neglect of of duties, willful misconduct etc. NO vote for suspension or removal of an Officer may be taken unless at least 15 day notice in writing shall have been given to the Officer of the reasons for his or her removal. At such special meeting, the Officer under charge shall be give a full hearing.
- C. Any Member may be suspended or expelled from the Club for any cause deemed sufficient by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Board and Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting. No Vote for suspension or expulsion may be had unless 7 days notice in writing shall have been give to the Member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Board and Board of Directors at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting, the Member under charge will be given a full hearing.
- D. Any Member suspended or expelled by the Executive Board and Board of Directors may appeal for reversal to the full Membership of the Club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who will notify the President. The President shall then call a special meeting of the

Members for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least 7 days notice in writing to all Members of the Club in good standing stating the date, time and place and the purpose for such special meeting of the Members for the purpose of acting on the appeal. At the meeting of the membership, the Secretary shall read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Board and Board of directors at which the charges were heard and action was taken. A ballot shall be taken of the members present. A  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Board and Board of Directors.

- E. Any member, once terminated or expelled shall not ever again have the privilege to step foot upon the property without being liable for the charge of trespass regardless of any other membership opportunities afforded by membership plans.

## **Article 6 - Board Compositions**

### **Section 1: Executive Board Composition**

The Officers of this Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and County League representative and shall be known as the Executive Board. Such persons can only be nominated and elected from the pool of those persons who already have been elected a current member of the Board of Directors as stated in Article 8 Section 1 Paragraph C below.

### **Section 2: Board of Directors Composition**

The Board of Directors of this Club shall consist of 6 Members nominated and elected from the floor, subject to the requirements as stated in Article 8 Section 1 Paragraph B below. Any outgoing officer is also automatically elected as a member of the Board of Directors unless such person has resigned or been subject to expulsion as outlined in Article 5 above.

### **Section 3: Senior Advisory Board**

As of November 1, 2010, a newly created Board, which is conceived to exist in addition to the Executive Board and the Board of Directors, shall be known as the Senior Advisory Board. The purpose of this board is to allow ease of and improvements in the transitions of power which become the case when major personnel changes occur in Executive Board and Board of Directors composition as a result of elections of Officers and Board of Directors, or as a result of retirement of an individual / individuals from their position.

- A. Members of this board shall serve in an advisory capacity and shall have voting rights at meetings of the Executive Board and Board of Directors only when needed to break ties or to achieve a quorum at such a meeting.
- B. The requirements for this board are that the individual must already be a life member, and has already been a member of the Executive Board or the Board of Directors, and is to be placed onto this board by request of the BOD. This placement shall then be made by means of majority vote of the Executive Board and the BOD. Such elections can be made at the time of the regular annual elections, or by means of a special election.

- C. The length of the term of membership on the board shall be determined by the EB and the BOD at the time of election to this board and the length can be extended by request of the individual member and approval of the EB and the BOD.
- D. Any opening on the EB or the BOD resulting from the change of position of an individual from either board to the Senior Advisory Board shall require a regular or special election of a new member to fill that opening.

## **Article 7 - Quorum Requirements**

### **Section 1: General Membership Meetings**

At membership meetings, an attendance of 20 members shall constitute a quorum.

### **Section 2: Board Meetings**

At a meeting of the Executive Board, the Board of Directors and the Senior Advisory Board, a total of 6 Members shall constitute a quorum.

## **Article 8 - Nomination and Election to Office, Term Length and Vacancies**

### **Section 1: Nomination and election requirements pertaining to Officers and Board Members**

- A. The Bi-Annual nomination of the Officers and the annual nomination of the Board of Directors shall be held during the regular meeting in October. The names of all nominees will be placed on public display within the clubhouse so that they can be seen by all members during the months of October and November and will therefore meet the names posting due for eligibility requirement.
- B. To be nominated to the Board of Directors, a person must be a Member in good standing and have been a Member for a minimum of 2 full complete consecutive prior years before seeking or being appointed to an office. During that time they must also have attended a minimum of 12 workdays, and as well at least 6 per year during that time.
- C. To be nominated as Officer and member of the Executive Board, such persons must have already been elected and must have served as a member of Board of Directors for a two year period.
- D. Election of Officers and the Board of Directors will be held during the November regular meeting. All elections shall be by a majority vote of regular and life members in good standing and present at the election meeting.
- E. The Officers and Board Members elected shall begin their official duties at the December meeting. The County League Representative shall be a member of the Executive Board. The nominee for County League Rep. receiving the second largest vote shall serve as Alternate Representative

- F. Any Officer or Director who has been terminated and expelled from their position by vote of the Officers and Directors, or any member who has been expelled from membership by vote of the Officers and Directors shall not have any eligibility to be nominated for or be voted into any position on the Board of Directors or Executive Board.

## **Section 2: Term Length of Officers**

Officers of the Executive Board shall serve a two (2) year term.

## **Section 3: Term Length of Directors**

Members of the Board of Directors shall serve a one (1) year term or until their successors are qualified and elected. All newly elected Officers and Directors shall be installed at the first regular meeting following their election.

## **Section 4: Vacancies**

In case of vacancy of the Presidency, the Vice-President shall automatically assume the Presidency for the remainder of the unexpired term. In the case of other vacancies in office, the Executive Board and the Board of Directors shall have the power to nominate and elect by a majority vote a person to fill that office, subject to the requirements of Section 1 Paragraph B. above. In case of any other vacancy, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. In the event of the extreme case that the vacancy cannot be filled as per the existing criteria and requirements otherwise necessary to fill the vacancy, then the Officers and Directors shall have the power to nominate, vote upon and approve a person to be appointed to the vacant position for the remainder of the term.

## **Section 5: Vacancy - Additional Requirements**

In case of vacancy of either the Secretary or Treasurer, the President shall immediately cause his or her books and accounts to be audited and transfer all funds and properties to his or her successor.

## **Section 6: Audits of Accounts**

The books and accounts of this Club shall be audited immediately prior to the installation of new Officers.

# **Article 9 - Description of Duties and Powers**

## **Section 1: President**

- A. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Board and Board of Directors and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office.
- B. The President shall have power to call meetings of the Executive Board and of the Board of Directors whenever it is deemed such meetings to be necessary or upon receipt of written request of the majority of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors.

## **Section 2: Vice-President**

- A. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist the President in the performance of the President's duties when called upon to do so.
- B. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at the meetings of this club and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President.

## **Section 3: Secretary - Membership Director**

- A. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Executive Board and Board of Directors and all general membership monthly meetings. The Secretary shall act as clerk thereof and shall record all motions voted upon and the minutes of all proceedings.
- B. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Board, or the President, under whose supervision he or she shall be. He or she shall be custodian of all books and records except as may be otherwise provided.
- C. Membership Director - The person appointed by the Board of Directors and Executive Board to fulfill the position of Membership Director shall have the responsibility to notify all members of their renewal dues payments, the collection of dues sent by members and the turnover of all funds to the Treasurer. That person shall also have full charge of the issuing of membership cards and the members door access PINs which go with them.

## **Section 4: Treasurer**

- A. The Treasurer, under the direction of the Executive Board and Board of Directors, shall have charge of the funds of this Club and shall deposit the same in the name of this Club in depositories designated by the Executive Board and the Board of Directors.
- B. The Treasurer shall pay the vouchers or orders properly attested by the President and the Secretary and shall make a complete and accurate report of the finances of this Club at each regular meeting, or at any other time upon request to the Board of Directors.
- C. The Treasurer is authorized to:
  - 1) Pay recurring monthly utility bills
  - 2) Pay tax bills
  - 3) Pay insurance bills
- D. The Treasurer is not authorized to:
  - 1) Write checks payable to cash
  - 2) Write checks for personal use
- E. Checks will be issued at the regular monthly meeting for bills incurred by members for occasional expenses and must be submitted with a receipt. Checks will be signed by 2 of the 3 people on the checking account.

## **Section 5: Powers of the Boards**

- A. The Executive Board and Board of Directors shall have the power to manage all the affairs of the Club on any and all questions relating in any manner whatsoever thereto; and to make all contracts necessary for the proper and legal transaction of all business.
- B. The Executive Board and Board of Directors shall have the entire jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the care, conduct, control, supervision and management of the Club and its finances and all appropriations shall be made by them.

## **Article 10 - Appointments and Amendments**

### **Section 1: Committee Appointments**

The President shall appoint the Chairman of the various Committees needed to carry on the affairs of the Club. The Chairman in turn shall select the members of the respective Committee who shall then be duly appointed by the President.

### **Section 2: Supermajority Requirements**

The Members of this Club may, by a two-thirds majority of the Members present, propose to alter, amend, suspend, or annul these By-Laws at any regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose with the minimum requirement of one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the total current **voting** membership present.

### **Section 3: Amendments to the By-Laws**

- A. Before any action is taken by the membership of any proposed amendment to the By-Laws, said amendment shall first be presented in writing and read by the Secretary at a regular meeting of the Club. Said proposed amendment shall then be referred to the Executive Board and Board of Directors for consideration and recommendation at the following monthly meeting of the Club.
- B. The report of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors and the said proposed amendment shall then be read by the Secretary in the presence of the Members, at which point, said proposed amendment may be adopted by the Members if they so desire. Said proposed amendment must either be adopted or declined at said meeting and shall not be considered at any subsequent meeting unless again presented as a new proposed amendment.

## Green Valley Sportsman's Club Rules

### Overall Range Safety Rules - Creation and Revision

The Executive Board and Board of Directors will carry out a policy of adopting and enforcing range rules which are adequate, reasonable and enforceable. These rules replace and supersede all previous range rules. The Executive Board and Board of Directors may revise and further redefine these rules in the future.

### Discipline and Enforcement

Membership is a privilege with a responsibility. Shooting is also a privilege with a responsibility. Every member has a responsibility to be familiar with, understand, follow and help enforce club rules. Willful or negligent disregard for any of these rules will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the Club and possible civil penalties.

### General Firearms Range Rules - Indoor & Outdoor

1. **Club Members only** may use the facilities and ranges of this club. **No Guests are permitted.** Members must have their membership card in their possession.
2. **Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed on any shooting range at any time. Persons under the influence are not permitted on the firing ranges.
3. No minors under 18 years of age may use the ranges unless accompanied by an adult.
4. All firearms must be operated in a safe and reasonable manner.
5. Any damage to Club property must be reported to a club officer immediately.
6. Eye and ear protection for shooters and for bystanders is strongly recommended.
7. On the Outdoor Ranges all firing must be done from the designated firing line only. To shoot at distances **less** than the full range distance, move the target holding frames closer to the firing line. The **opposite** is the case on the Indoor Range. All targets must be hung at **the Target Line Only** and the shooter must move forward from the 50 foot firing line to any desired lesser distances.
8. Shooting at bottles, cans, or other objects (on the ground or elevated) is prohibited. Exceptions to these rules will be considered individually by the Board of Directors.
9. Shooters are required to police and clean up after themselves. Remove all shooting materials, empty shell casings, and dispose of them properly.

## Firearms - Types of which are permitted on Club premises

### Automatic Firearms:

No firearm which has a selectable semi - auto and full auto mode may be fired by Green Valley Sportsman's Club members on Green Valley Sportsman's Club (GVSC) property **in a fully automatic mode**. Also, **NO** fully automatic machine guns or submachine guns may be fired as described above.

### Other General Firearms Rules:

1. Only legally owned and possessed firearms are permitted on Club property.
2. **CENTERFIRE RIFLES** are **NOT** permitted on the Indoor Range.
3. **SHOTGUNS** are **NOT** permitted on the Indoor Range.
4. **NO** .50 Caliber BMG center fire rifles or larger may be fired on GVSC premises.

## Ammunition - Types of which are permitted on Club premises

1. All incendiary ammunition, tracer ammunition, or other explosive projectile ammunition types are not permitted to be used by members on Club property.
2. Applying to the Indoor Range - **NO MAGNUM LOADS (especially in "Magnum" pistol cartridges), NO SHOTSHELLS, NO JACKETED AMMO (or Half Jacketed) and NO ARMOR PIERCING AMMO** of any kind are permitted on the **INDOOR RANGE**. Copper plated - not copper jacketed - ammo in 22LR caliber and certain less powerful (NON-MAGNUM) pistol calibers are permitted.

## Shooting Hours

1. All outdoor shooting, including pistol, shotgun, and archery is limited to the daylight hours between sunrise and sunset by members.
2. Outdoor night shooting under artificial lights is not permitted **without the written permission of the Executive Board and Board of Directors**.
3. Indoor range shooting hours are not restricted (open 24 hours).
4. Exceptions to these hours will be considered on an individual basis by the Executive Board and the Board of Directors.
5. Scheduled activities approved by the Executive Board and the Board of Directors will take precedence over any shooting range use.

## Indoor Range - Specific Rules

1. All uncased firearms must be handled with the action open and empty of ammunition except when in position for firing. When not in use, all firearms must be unloaded, made safe, and placed in a designated storage rest, or upon a shooting mat, or returned to their carry cases. All firearms must be cleared of ammunition with the actions open before leaving the firing line.

2. Loaded firearms must **NEVER** be aimed at, deliberately pointed at, and then discharged into the floor, the two side walls, and into any area **ABOVE** the proper target frame (target mounting) area for obvious reasons. These reasons include: that not only damage to the range and building will occur as a result of missing the steel plate backstop, but as well that there may be extreme danger to any and all persons on the range itself and elsewhere in the building.
3. Upon hearing the command "**CEASE FIRE**," regardless of who gives the command (ANYONE detecting unsafe range conditions may do so), all firing will stop immediately; and all firearms will be unloaded and placed on the bench or on the mat at the firing position, if so instructed.
4. All centerfire pistol calibers up to and including .45 ACP caliber **MUST** use lead bullet, or "**copper plated**", **not copper jacketed**, reduced power "target" loads only. **NO** "hardball" or fully copper jacketed, full power or "half jacketed" lead bullet, centerfire pistol ammunition types are allowed. Absolutely **NO magnum** caliber cartridges are allowed. This means - **NO** - full power .357 Magnum loads - **ONLY** .38 Special (target loads as described above) cartridges in .357 magnum caliber handguns and **POSITIVELY NO** .41 magnum, 44 magnum, .450, .460 or 500 magnum handguns or similar may be fired on the indoor range. In addition, **NO** rimfire cartridges are allowed.
5. Absolutely **NO centerfire rifles**, are allowed. No rifle calibers other than .22LR are allowed. Only lead or copper plated - not copper jacketed ammo in .22LR caliber are allowed.
6. No black powder rifles are allowed. The only black powder firearms allowed are black powder pistols.
7. No Shotguns of any type are allowed to be fired on the indoor range.
8. Shooters **must mount their targets fully downrange (the 50 foot target line distance)** in the target holders or overhead clips. Their desired shooting distance from the target must then be achieved by moving **away from the target line to their desired distance, AND not by firing from the 50 foot firing line** at targets not fully traveled down to the target line.
9. Eye and ear protection for shooters and for bystanders is **STRONGLY** recommended.
10. Spectator bystanders are not permitted within 5 feet of the firing line on the Indoor Range while firing is occurring.
11. The Indoor Range is open 24 hours every day to general membership except during regularly scheduled Smallbore Rifle matches, pistol matches, and other posted Club events. Check the information boards or website for these schedules.
12. The Indoor Range will be closed during other, club sponsored, scheduled events.
13. No full auto weapons are to be used indoors. No firearm may be fired by GVSC members on GVSC property **in a fully automatic mode**.
14. **Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed on the indoor range in any time. Persons under the influence are not permitted on the indoor firing range.

## Outdoor Ranges - Specific Ranges

1. All uncased firearms must be handled with the action open and empty of ammunition except when in position for firing. When not in use, all firearms must be unloaded, made safe, and placed in a designated storage rest, or upon a shooting mat, or returned to their carry cases. All firearms must be cleared of ammunition with the actions open before leaving the firing line.
2. Before going down range, all persons must communicate and receive acknowledgment of their intentions from all other shooters. All firearms on the outdoor ranges must be unloaded with action open and on the bench or in a case or designated storage rest before any person proceeds down range.
3. On the 100-200-300 yard outdoor range, the **red warning flag** must be flying before any person proceeds down range. Firearms must not be handled or touched when anyone is down range and when the red warning flag is flying.
4. There is only one firing line on all outdoor ranges. That is - **NO** one may fire from a physical position halfway downrange (or any other distance downrange) of the ranges. If a shorter distance is desired, move the target closer toward the firing line.
5. Prior to shooting, visually check the firing line, the mid-range area, the target area, the impact area and any area beyond impact for other persons who might be in these areas.
6. Loaded firearms must never be aimed, pointed, or discharged **ABOVE** the target berm areas.
7. Shoot only into the designated backstops from the properly corresponding firing points. **NO CROSS - FIRING IS PERMITTED.** All shots must be confined to target backstop berms.
8. Upon hearing the command "**CEASE FIRE,**" regardless of who gives the command (ANYONE detecting unsafe range conditions may do so), all firing will stop immediately, and all firearms will be unloaded and placed on the bench or on the mat at the firing position, if so instructed.
9. Spectators are not permitted within five (5) feet of the firing line on the Outdoor Range.
10. For rifle and pistol shooting, use paper targets only, or on the 200 yard range, the metal gong plate target which the club has supplied. No shooting at wood posts, upright poles, silhouette rails, shooting benches and other club structures. Do not use glass bottles or tin cans as targets.
11. The shooting of clay targets may only be done in designated area directly across the creek from the archery range.
12. The possession of your Membership Card is required when using the Outdoor Range.
13. Shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.
14. **Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed on the outdoor ranges at any time.
15. The Securitas schedule takes precedence over club member use of the Outdoor Ranges subject to their ability to accommodate the member at that time. See the Securitas Range Officer when you are there and their training is occurring.

## Archery Ranges Rules - Indoor and Outdoor

1. Club members and member family members only.
2. On the Indoor Archery Range and the Outdoor "Archery Course" Range, use field point arrows (target point) only, no broadhead tip use is ever allowed. Broadhead use is allowed on the **specified** Outdoor Range **ONLY**.
3. No glass bottles are allowed to be carried on the archery course at any time.
4. **Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed on the Indoor Archery range, or the Outdoor Archery Range, or on the Archery Course at any time.
5. The possession of your Membership Card is required when using the archery ranges.
6. The Archery Range will be closed to members during scheduled events.
7. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset, except when the range has been electrified and illuminated.

## Club Gate

While using the club facilities, the gate must be **kept closed, but unlocked**, at all times unless a special event open to the public is taking place. When alone at the club, then upon leaving the club grounds, the gate must be locked. When in a party of two or more, the last person to leave must lock the gate.

## Rules for the Use of the Lake

1. No watercraft are permitted on the lake for fishing purposes. The lake can be used for canoe training or small boat rowing or paddling training.
2. **Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed on the lake or on the club grounds at any time.

## Fishing Rules

1. Fishing on Club grounds shall be by members and members' family only.
2. All fishing on club grounds shall be catch and release.
3. **Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed while fishing the lake at any time.

## Notes:

VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES WILL BRING DISCIPLINARY ACTION UP TO AND INCLUDING LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP.

CLOSING OF RANGES WILL BE POSTED IN ADVANCE.

## **General Rules**

1. All activities on the GVSC property relating to the transportation, carrying, and discharge of firearms shall be in accordance with current Federal, State and Local regulations as well as GVSC rules.
2. Only members and members' family members (dependents), may participate in shooting on designated ranges.
3. A member's family members (dependents), must shoot under the direct supervision of the member. The member is responsible for their dependent's signing in and their actions while on the Club premises.
4. All firearms must be operated in a safe and reasonable manner. **CARELESSNESS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
5. EYE and EAR protection is recommended for all persons on the firing line and for spectator bystanders.
6. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the firing ranges. Persons under the influence are not permitted on the firing ranges. Alcoholic Beverages are allowed on the club grounds only when there is a club sponsored picnic or Christmas party.
7. GVSC membership card must be in your possession when using Club facilities and must be presented upon request from any other member.
8. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America have use of the club facilities upon advance request. If a shooting function is approved and scheduled, a club officer must be present.

### **REMEMBER SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT!!**

- 1. TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY ARE LOADED.**
- 2. ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**
- 3. NEVER LOAD YOUR FIREARM UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO USE IT.**
- 4. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER AND OUT OF THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL YOU ARE ON TARGET AND READY TO FIRE.**
- 5. OUR RECOMMENDATION: BOTH EAR AND EYE PROTECTION ARE RECOMMENDED (NOT REQUIRED) FOR ALL PERSONS ON THE FIRING LINE.**

**Acknowledgment of By-Laws and Range Rules**

**Please Sign and return this portion to:**

**Green Valley Sportsman's Club  
PO Box 1303  
Aliquippa, PA 15001**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand all the Green Valley Sportsman's Club  
By-Laws and Range Safety Rules.

**Please Print: Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member ID** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**(If you should have any questions or difficulty understanding the above By-Laws & Range Safety Rules  
Please send email request for personal assistance to: [GVSC101@Gmail.com](mailto:GVSC101@Gmail.com))**