

Swamp Creek Rod and Gun Club 2024 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:

: \$70.00 Family Membership

: \$10.00 Senior Family Membership
(65 or older by January 1, 2024)

*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.

Swamp Creek Rod and Gun Club
Attention: Membership
P. O. Box 274
Zieglerville, PA 19492

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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Range Rules

General Operation Policies

A signed copy of these rules must be on file with the club before using any of the clubs ranges outside supervised public shooting opportunities.

Club ranges can be used from 9 AM to dusk Monday to Saturday and 12 PM to dusk on Sunday. Only one range may be used at a time. This means that if the Pistol Range is being used; the Rifle Range, Trap Range, and Archery Range are not being used. Also, all ranges are closed during club activities; i.e. General meeting, Club picnic, Hunter Trapper Education safety course, etc. The club reserves the right to temporarily close any range for safety concerns.

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.

For a member or shooter shooting under a family membership to use any of the ranges, the shooter must obtain a range use card. Use of any of the ranges without obtaining a range use card will be considered an unsafe act and will result in discipline action.

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.

When using the rifle and pistol range, all bullets are required to impact the lower half of the backstop. If the shooter believes a bullet may have stuck anywhere else and has left the club property, the member is required to notify the club president and local authorities. Failure to immediately do this will result in expulsion from the club and criminal prosecution.

Full automatic pistols or rifles are not allowed to be used on club property.

When using the archery range, all arrows are required to impact a hay bale, arrow block stopper, or 3D target. If the shooter believes an arrow has left the club property, the member is required to notify the club president and local authorities. Failure to immediately do this will result in expulsion from the club and criminal prosecution.

The shooter is responsible to clean up all trash, including spent brass and hulls and staples/pushpins/tape, after using the facilities.

General Gun Handling Rules

ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT, and outside the trigger guard, until ready to fire.

ALWAYS KEEP THE ACTION OPEN AND FIREARM UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE. On a firing range this means the shooters are in a position on the firing line and the range has been cleared for live firing.

BE SURE OF THE TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND. When on shooting ranges, be mindful also of adjacent areas and act accordingly.

BE SURE THE GUN IS SAFE TO OPERATE.

KNOW HOW TO USE THE GUN SAFELY.

USE ONLY THE CORRECT AMMUNITION FOR YOUR GUN. When at a shooting range with more than one firearm, use one at a time and when finished, store that firearm and its ammunition before using the next one.

WEAR EAR AND EYE PROTECTION.

NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING.

STORE GUNS SO THEY ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS.

Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

Additional Pistol Range Rules

The shooter will only use paper targets on the pistol range unless prior written permission is obtained from the club president or range safety committee chairperson.

Do not handle firearms when shooters are down range. This includes the picnic benches. Best practice is to bring your gear to your established firing line.

The shooter will be no more than 25 yards from the target holder/backstop when shooting. For pistols designed for greater range, the distance can be increased by obtaining prior written permission from the club president or range safety committee chairperson.

Buckshot is not allowed to be used on the pistol range.

Additional Rifle Range Rules

The shooter will only use paper targets on the rifle range unless prior written permission is obtained from the club president or range safety committee chairperson.

Shotgun slug shooters and Black powder shooters may use the movable bench rests from 25 to 75 yards with prior written permission obtained from the club president or range safety committee chairperson.

Shotgun slug shooters and Black powder shooters are encouraged to shoot from the fire control structure.

Buckshot is not allowed to be used on the rifle range.

High powered rifle are required to be fired from the fire control structure unless prior written permission is obtained from the club president or range safety committee chairperson.

Shooters may not load more than 5 rounds at a time in the magazine of a high powered rifle. The shooter is encouraged to only load one round at a time.

If damage occurs to the fire control structure, the shooter is expected to report the incident immediate to the club president or range safety committee chairperson.

Additional Trap Range and Patterning Board Rules

#7 1/2 or # 8 shot will only be used on the trap range and patterning board. The rifle or pistol range must be used for slug guns.

Buckshot is not allowed to be used on the trap range.

Clay birds maybe thrown by hand or machine.

Additional Archery Range Rules

All forms of archery equipment (including crossbows) may be used provided the shooter has sufficient backstop material setup. If the arrows/bolts penetrates through the backstop material and stopping boxes back, the shooter must take corrective action.

The shooter must stay on ground level when using the archery range. No climbing of trees or buildings, using a ladder, or some other height altering device is allowed.

Special Range Use Permission

Members may shoot 22 rim fire caliber firearms from 25 yards or closer provided a RSO (Range Safety Officer) has been established.

Members may shoot 12-gauge or smaller slug shotguns from 75 yards or closer provided a RSO (Range Safety Officer) has been established.

Members may shoot military style (AR-15, etc) semi-auto rifle from 50 yards or closer provided a RSO (Range Safety Officer) has been established.

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.