

Swamp Creek News

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Swamp Creek
Rod and Gun Club, Inc.

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2022 Dues Expected by 1 January 2022

The new card system will go live January 1, 2022. Each membership will receive one card. For 2022, dues will be \$70 for a regular/family membership. For our senior members 65 years old or older as of January 1, 2022, cost remains at \$10. For of the Special Range Use has been added to the standard rules. Club no longer allows breakable targets outside organized shoots. 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.

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 or by mail to the club is required.

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 guest per day. Special approval needs to be obtained for group teaching / shooting events.

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.

Listed Youth Members May Upgrade to Family Membership

Previously listed youth members may request 2022 Family Membership by filling out a renewal form, sign, and mailing to the club with a check or coming to a general meeting.

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 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 announcement 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. 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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2021 was a new beginning for the Club. Yes, training opportunities did happen in the past. But they were few and far between.

2021 saw the introduction of our 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 2022. 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.

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

2022 Guest Day Passes can be printed from the club website. They are to be filled 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 1st, 3rd, and 5th 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 2nd and 4th Wednesdays so every week is covered.

Pistol Club

The pistol committee hopes to be holding shoots the 2nd Saturday of the month in April, May, June, September, and October 2022. For additional information contact Bill Card at aerobat6@gmail.com or Dave Miller at millerdavidv@reagan.com.

St Luke's Trap Club

The Saint Luke's Trap Team has reserved the club from 1 PM to 2:30 PM on the second Sunday of the month for 2022. If interested in joining the group, please send an email to webmaster@scrgc.com and alfink@dejazzd.com. Please Note: This is a religious group getting together to have some safe shooting fun.

Swamp Creek Rod and Gun Club 2022 Membership Renewal Form

Please provide the following information:

Member Name: Print: _____ Sign: _____ Age ____ *

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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, 2022)

*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 damages 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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Attention: Membership
P. O. Box 274
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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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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 dispose of it properly. The members accept full financial responsibility for this activity and any unforeseen result.

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Pistol Shoots

Pistol Shoot starting at 9 AM
Setup at 8 AM

9 April 2022
14 May 2022
11 June 2022
10 September 2022
8 October 2022
Stay tuned for upcoming
opportunities.

General Club Meetings

General Club Meeting in Club House
starting @ 8 PM on the 3rd Thursday
of the Month

20 January 2022
17 February 2022
17 March 2022
21 April 2022
19 May 2022
16 June 2022
21 July 2022
18 August 2022
15 September 2022
20 October 2022
17 November 2022
15 December 2022

Work Days

Please note that several work days
have been scheduled for 2022 starting
at 9 AM. We ask members to plan on
coming out to at least one to help clean
up the club and repair the range target
areas. The plan for each work day will
be worked up at the general meeting
scheduled the month before.

19 March 2022
16 April 2022
21 May 2022
17 September 2022

Hunter-Trapper Education Course at the club starting at 8 AM until 4 PM

Saturday, 15 October 2022

2022 Club Events Wednesday Trap Shoots

Wednesday Shoots at the club
starting @ 9 AM on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th
Wednesday of the Month

5 January 2022
19 January 2022
2 February 2022
16 February 2022
2 March 2022
16 March 2022
30 March 2022
6 April 2022
20 April 2022
4 May 2022
18 May 2022
1 June 2022
15 June 2022
29 June 2022
6 July 2022
22 July 2022
3 August 2022
17 August 2022
31 August 2022
7 September 2022
21 September 2022
5 October 2022
19 October 2022
2 November 2022
16 November 2022
30 November 2022
7 December 2022
21 December 2022

Sunday Trap Shoots

Sunday Shoot at the club starting @
Noon on the 4th Sunday of the Month

23 January 2022
27 February 2022
27 March 2022
22 April 2022
22 May 2022
26 June 2022
24 July 2022
28 August 2022
25 September 2022
23 October 2022
27 November 2022
25 December 2022

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ATA Shoots

ATA Shoot at the club starting @ 10
AM on the 4th Saturday of the Month

22 January 2022
26 February 2022
26 March 2022
23 April 2022
28 May 2022
25 June 2022
23 July 2022
27 August 2022
24 September 2022
22 October 2022
26 November 2022
24 December 2022

St Luke's Trap Club

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Swamp Creek Saturday Night Trap

Swamp Creek will be running a
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27 November 2021
18 December 2021
22 January 2022
26 February 2022

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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:

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Guest Mobile Number:

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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.