

NORTH SPORTSMAN’S CLUB

From The President

Hello to Everyone,

It’s that time of year again, leaves are turning, cooler weather and the start of hunting season. Things are going well at our club. Our membership has grown to over 400 paid members and new members are joining every week. I think this speaks volumes about the quality of our club and members. To that point, there are a few things of which I’d like to remind all members:

The rules and regulations of the club are in place to protect the club and its members. As a member you need to understand that nothing in the rules is intended to make shooting here any less enjoyable or discriminate against any members. Range Safety Officers are the club’s representatives on the range and have an obligation to enforce and uphold the rules. Their intent and purpose is to have a safe and efficient range. If a Range Safety Officer is not on the range, it is your obligation, as a member to follow the rules. If there are any rules that you as a member do not agree with or understand, I would be happy to discuss them with you. That being said there are a few things that are not being done by a few members using the club. It may be a case of members not being aware of the rules or they simply have an occasional case of “Brain Fade.”

New member orientations are held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at **10 AM sharp**. Please pass the word to any prospective members, or stop by if you'd like a quick refresher to re-acquaint yourself with the latest club facilities.

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The range rules are posted on the rifle range and the trap range and are available on the web site. I would encourage everyone to review the rules. If you are a new member, the rules were provided to you and reviewed at your new member orientation.

Some of the things that have been a problem are the following:

Eye and ear protection are required whenever members are on the ranges. This rule is in place to protect you from hearing loss and possible injury. Eye protection needs to be safety rated glasses, normal sunglasses will not protect you from impact injuries. This rule applies to anyone on the range, not just the shooter.

Shooters are required to police their firing points after shooting and remove shot targets. This rule is basically common sense. Cleaning up after yourself is common courtesy, the next person using the range shouldn't have to pick up someone else's mess !!

All shooters at the rifle range must sign in and out and document the approximate number of rounds fired and your ID must be displayed while on the range.. This rule is intended to accomplish a couple of things. First, it gives the club a record of the number of range users and the ability to monitor how much lead is accumulated in the berms. It also assures us that range users are members, and lastly can be used as a reference, should there be a question about something that occurred on the range. The use of the range by non-members is a huge liability issue, not to mention the

the fact that you pay dues and are entitled to range use and the supplies that maintain the ranges. Why would you want to pay for someone else to use your facility?

All targets must be attached to a backstop as provided, and only paper targets may be used. Failing to attach targets to a backstop or using targets other than paper targets could very likely lead to a ricochet. There has been more than one club that has had to endure the nightmare of an errant shot landing in their neighbor's house or property. The subsequent legal battles have destroyed some of these clubs. The use of silhouette type targets is forbidden at many clubs because of the "public opinion" implications of their use. Our club allows their use, but they must be removed from the backstop after use.

Birdshot and buckshot are not allowed on the rifle ranges. The use of birdshot and buckshot on the rifle range destroys the wooden target frames. A patterning frame is available on the trap range. This rule also applies to

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Our club Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/351722931699678/>

Operation Steel Rain (Pistol Safety Classes):

<https://www.facebook.com/safegunhandling/>

pistols that shoot birdshot rounds. Shotgun slugs are allowed on the rifle and pistol ranges.

Centerfire rifles are not to be shot on the pistol range. The berms on the pistol range are intended, by design, to stop pistol velocity ammo. Centerfire ammo rapidly destroys the integrity of these berms.

Club Security: The main gate, rifle range house and club house doors all are equipped with locks. The combination to these locks is printed on the back of your membership ID. If you are the last one to leave the facility, please lock the doors and gate. The main gate lock can be a little difficult to lock. To lock it you need to turn the lock to the combination, then close the lock and spin the dials. The main gate should be left unlocked on Fridays (or Thursday nights for Friday to allow the trash pick-up. Any other time, the gates and doors should be locked when the last person leaves.

Club Officers election:

This year the club officer positions are up for election. Nominations are being accepted at the November and December general membership meetings. The election will be held at the December membership meeting.