

*Southern Chester County
Sportsmen's And Farmers'
Association*



Member Handbook

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Affiliated Club
&
Official Recruiter

Information contained within subject to change.

Range Hours:

From 10:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Saturday, During the months of November, December, January and February.

From 10:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Saturday during the months of March, April, September and October.

From 10:00am to 7:00pm Monday thru Friday during the months of May, June, July and August.

From 10:00am to 6:00 pm on Saturday during the months of May, June, July and August.

From 12:00Noon until 4:00pm on Sundays throughout the year.

All ranges are closed on Christmas Day, Easter and Labor Day.

CENTER-FIRE, SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND PISTOLS MAY BE USED ON THE 100, 75, 50, 25 & 15 YARD RANGES DURING NORMAL SHOOTING HOURS BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 2001.

ALL SHOOTING ON THE 100, 75, 50, 25, 15 & 7 YARD RANGES MUST BE FROM THE COVERED FIRING LINE EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

- A) .22 rim-fire shooting (does not include .22WRM)
- B) shooting of 10 rounds maximum in order to "sight in" a firearm
- C) shooting by qualified and approved action shooters (but in no event later than 6 PM). Qualification and approval shall be by the Board of Directors and all such shooters shall display evidence of Such approval .
- D) on Wednesdays between 12:00 Noon and 3 PM
- E) Association sanctioned events

These range hours are allocated under West Marlborough Township Ordinance No. 94-03. Persons violating this ordinance are subject to a fine of \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment for 30 days.

***All Members & their guests
Must sign in upon entering association grounds.***

Always leave the association facilities/grounds in better condition than you found them.

General Rules and Regulations

1. Only members and authorized persons are allowed on the property. Trespassers will be prosecuted.
2. No alcoholic beverages on the premises except as authorized by the Executive Committee in advance.
3. **A current membership card must be displayed visibly in plain sight at all times while on the Association property.**
4. Vehicles must not exceed the speed limit of 10 MPH while on association property.
5. No unlicensed vehicles on Association grounds, except handicapped and service vehicles.
6. All guests & anyone under the age of 18 must be under the direct supervision of an adult member at all times.
7. Loaded firearms on designated ranges only. No loaded firearms in the Association Clubhouse.
8. No littering. Please pick up any litter that you see anytime.
9. Fires in camping area only.
10. Association grounds are closed from dusk until dawn, except as designated by the Executive Committee in advance. Building facilities are available 24 hours.
11. Pet owners must do whatever is necessary to control their pets at all times while on Association property.
12. Entry cards/Membership cards are not to be duplicated or loaned to others,
13. only the purchaser of a entry/membership card is to be in possession of that card.
14. Be sure all locks are locked, all lights turned off, all fans turned off & the heater turned off before you leave Association property.
15. No destruction of vegetation on Association property, except as authorized by the Executive Committee.
16. The Executive Committee reserves the right to suspend, reject, expel or otherwise discipline any members who violate the Association rules, damage or steal Association property.
17. No hunting or trapping on Association property except as authorized by the Executive Committee.
18. If you have a problem while on Association property contact an officer of the organization as soon as possible.
19. No offensive language on Association grounds.

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Archery Rules

1. A bow with “nocked” arrow must always be pointed in a safe direction.
2. No handling of bows while others are downrange.
3. Do not “nock” an arrow until you are ready to shoot.
4. All targets must be posted on bales.
5. No broadheads are to be used in the indoor or outdoor archery ranges.
6. No firearms or air guns are to be use in the indoor archery range, or the outdoor archery ranges.
7. Any arrows found on the archery range are to be left in the Association Clubhouse.
8. **Do not walk through the outdoor archery course in reverse order.**
9. All Pennsylvania Game Commission Laws apply.
10. Keep your shooting area cleaned at all times.
11. No crossbows are to be fired into the standard archery targets. See the Archery Chairman with any questions.
12. Crossbows may only be used only on lane 1 indoor and only on designated lanes outdoors with shooter or club supplied target block.
13. 3D animal Targets are not allowed to be used.

Air Gun Rules

1. Maintain muzzle control at all times
2. No handling or uncasing of air guns when people are down range.
3. A benched air gun must be unloaded, the action open and muzzle pointed down range.
4. To move with air gun: open the action & point the muzzle straight up.
5. No moving with a loaded air gun or one with the action closed.
6. Cock the air gun only on the target & when ready to fire.
7. Targets to be mounted on proper backing.

Camping Rules

1. No camping in lake area, trap range area, rifle/pistol ranges area or in wooded area.
2. No one is to camp on Association property for more than two weeks at a time.
3. Fires are to be properly supervised at all times.
4. Fires are to be safely contained in: rocks, bricks, cement, cinder blocks or metal containers.
5. Fires no longer in use are to be completely extinguished and the area thoroughly cleaned before leaving Association property.
6. Leave the camping area cleaner than you found it.
7. **No** Alcoholic Beverages in camping area.

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Rules For 7, 15, 25, 50, 75, 100 Yard Ranges

1. Maintain muzzle control at all times.
2. Do not handle or uncase firearms when people are down range.
3. Casing/uncasing of firearms is to be done only on the firing line with muzzle pointed down range when no one is down range, not in the parking area or behind the firing line
4. A benched firearm must be unloaded, with the action open and a chamber flag inserted, and have the muzzle pointed downrange.
5. Move with firearm action open and unloaded, muzzle pointed straight up .
6. Do not move with a firearm loaded or it's action closed (*muzzleloaders capped on the line*).
7. Cock the firearm only when it is on target and ready to fire.
8. Muzzles on loaded firearms must be kept level and downrange at all times. Ensure that no round can ever go over the berm
9. No alcoholic beverages on the ranges at any time.
10. Observe range use hours: they are posted in the foyer of the clubhouse.
11. Scheduled events will control use of any range.
12. Firearms may be loaded and actions closed only on the firing line and when the range is clear. *Clear meaning everyone is behind the firing line and ready to shoot (Wearing ear & eye protection)*. **ASK !** Actions must be kept open at all other times on the firing line unless gun is cased / holstered.
13. Armor piercing, incendiary and/or tracer type ammunition is not allowed.
14. Automatic Firearms are not allowed, except as authorized by the Executive Committee. A "Full Auto" permit is required to use full auto firearms on the ranges on Wednesday between 12-3pm. Contact the Safety Officer for questions or more information.
15. No shotguns or shot shells on the 7 / 15 yard range.
16. When finished shooting, remove all targets, pick up empty shell cases deposit in trash cans: or preferably remove from Association property.
17. Parking is permitted on the ranges: maintenance vehicles and personnel have priority. Parking is not allowed on ranges roadway.
18. No Handguns on the 100 or 75 yard ranges unless they have a telescopic sight.
19. A "Special Use" permit is required for approved action shooters to shoot out from under the covered firing line.
20. Targets are to be affixed to the target boards at the far end of the range only.
21. A cleared & holstered pistol is considered safe.
22. Load tube magazine rifles with muzzle pointed in safe direction
23. **The 7yrd and 15yrd range are one range.** All firearms on the 7 and 15 yrd range must be safe before anyone proceeds down range.
24. Paper targets only, except as authorized by the safety officer. * *other authorized targets. Read & Follow carefully. See next page*

*** Steel Targets**

1. .22 cal. Rimfire lead bullets only (no .22 magnum).
2. All targets must be designed by the manufacturer for .22 caliber, minimum 3/16" thick.
3. Steel targets must be at least **25 yards** from shooting position.
4. Steel targets are not to be used on the 15 yard range.
5. Steel targets must be mounted within 4 feet of the target backer.
6. Steel targets must be mounted between 3 and 5 feet off the ground in front of the target backer.
7. Steel targets are not allowed to be shot unless everyone on the range has eye protection.

*** Self-healing Rubber/polymer Targets**

1. Self-healing targets must be at least 10 yards from shooting position.
2. Self-healing targets must be mounted within 4 feet of the target backer.
3. Self-healing targets must be mounted between 3 and 5 feet off the ground in front of the target backer.
4. No air guns are to be used when shooting at rubber/polymer targets.

*** Clay Pigeons**

1. Clay pigeons may be affixed to the target backer in the same area used by paper targets. Or
2. Clay pigeons must be mounted within 4 feet of the target backer.
3. Clay pigeons must be mounted between 3 and 5 feet off the ground in front of the target backer.
4. Broken pigeons must be removed from the range by the shooter.

No bottles, jugs, cans or other non-biodegradable objects are to be used as targets on Any of the ranges.
No fruit or vegetables as targets

Lake and Fishing Rules

1. Members will follow creels and slot limits and/or catch and release practices as mandated by the Fish Committee. Three game fish (*trout*) limit per member per day. Bass are catch & release only.
2. No vehicles (Committee and handicapped members excepted), boats, rafts, floating tube waders or swimming allowed.
3. All Pennsylvania Fish Commission Laws in affect. Persons age 16 or older must have a Pennsylvania fishing license.

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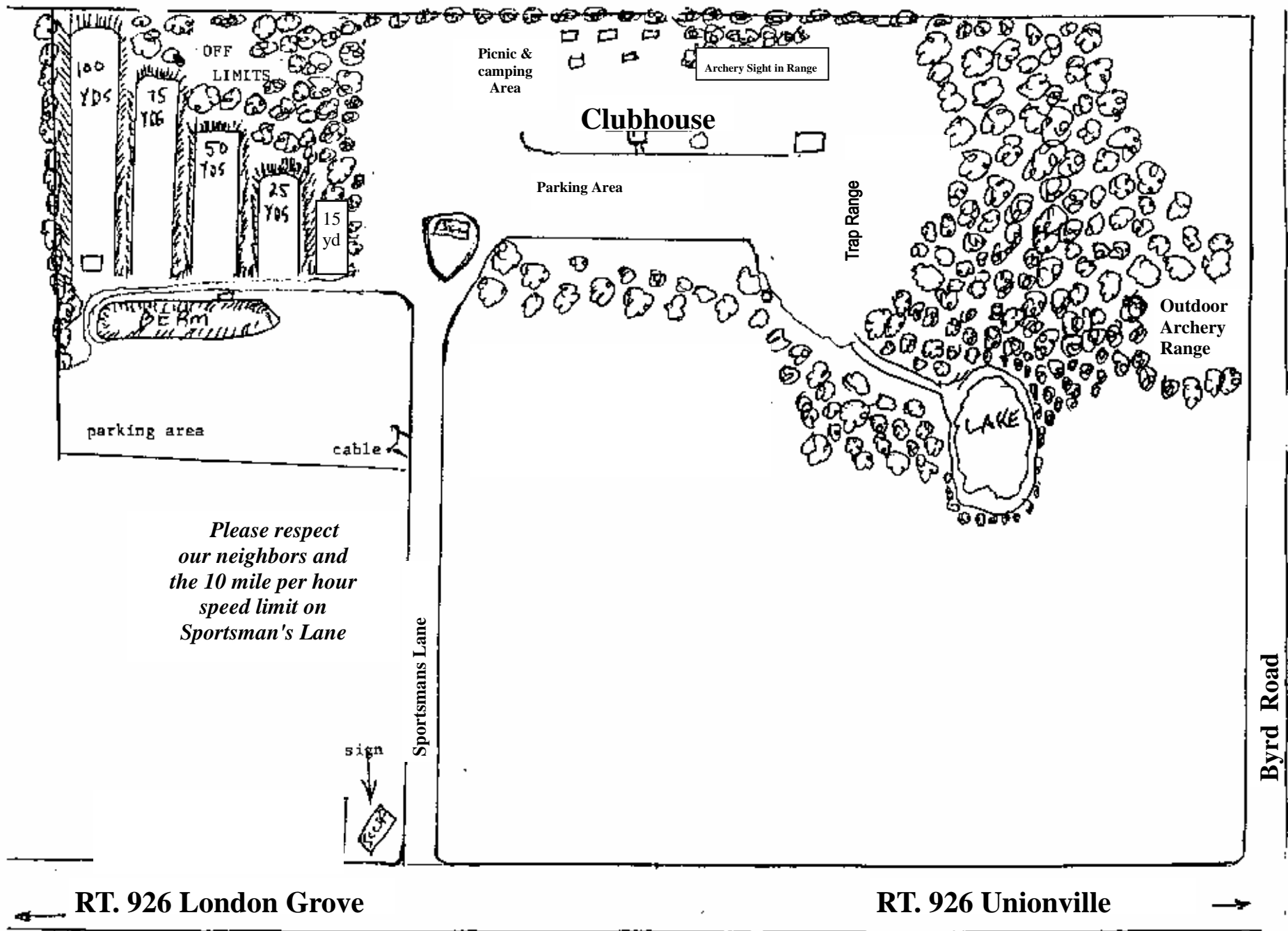
4. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult member.
5. No alcohol in the lake area.
6. No fires in the lake area.
7. No bow fishing or firearms in the lake area.
8. Only one fishing rod in use per person.
9. Fishing will always have priority over dogs in the lake area.
10. No guests fishing in the lake. Members only
11. Corn is not to be used as bait.
12. No ice fishing or skating - **STAY OFF OF THE ICE**
13. No fishing near aerators

Trap Range Rules

1. Maintain muzzle control at all times.
2. No handling or uncasing of firearms when people are down range.
3. An uncased shotgun must be in use on the firing line or in the racks, unloaded with the action open where possible.
4. When moving with a firearm have the action open, muzzle pointed straight up.
5. No moving when firearm is loaded or action is closed (*muzzleloaders capped only on the line*).
6. Load only on the firing line.
7. Actions may be closed only when it is your turn to shoot & barrel parallel to the ground pointed down range.
8. Be sure range is clear before shooting.
9. Shooting toward the lake or any buildings is not allowed.
10. Small shot only on the trap range (*#6 or smaller*). Single projectiles or larger shot are not allowed.
11. Single projectile rounds are to be discharged ONLY on the 25, 50, 75, or 100 yard ranges. No shotguns may be used on the 7 or 15 yard range.
12. All shooting shall be in front of the light poles.
13. Only clay birds thrown by portable throwers, Hand throwers, or the association machine may be shot on the trap range.
14. Pick up all empty shells.
15. Help keep the area clean at all times.

Rules are created and set to provide decorum and to keep the Association's exposure to lawsuits at a minimum. Please send your recommendations to the Executive Committee.

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Maximum Range of Projectiles

Many range operators ask how can they figure the maximum ranges of rifles, pistols, and shotguns.

An angle of elevation of 45° gives maximum range only in empty space where there is no air drag. This effect is approximated in air by very heavy projectiles of low speed and consequent low drag.

With most useful projectiles the effect is quite different. Very long range artillery is fired (or rather was, since it is no longer in use) at angles considerably above 45° for maximum range, for the advantage of getting the shell out of dense atmosphere during most of its flight. The situation with small-arms bullets is the opposite. Their whole flight must be in dense air, which shortens their maximum range to only a tiny fraction of what it would be without drag. This has also the affect that maximum range is obtained at only 25° to 30° elevation.

There is very little range change between 20° and 33° elevation. depending on the bullet, the range of small arms at only 5° elevation is from half to two-thirds the maximum range. This illustrates how little is the safety provided by merely limiting the angle of elevation at which firing is done.

Bullet Name	Bullet wt. (grs.)	Muzzle Vel. (f.p.s.)	Ballistic Coefficient	Extreme Range		Percent of max vacuum range
				(yds.)	(miles)	
Cal. .22 long rifle	40	1145	.128	1500	.85	12%
Cal. .380acp	95	970	.08	1089	.62	12%
Cal. .45acp	234	820	.16	1640	.93	24%
Same in submachine gun	234	970	.16	1760	1.0	21%
Cal. .30 Carbine M1	111	1970	.179	2200	1.25	6%
Same, Tracer M16	107	1910	.154	1680	.95	5%
Cal. .30 ball, M2	152	2800	.40	3500	1.99	4.5%
Cal. .30 boattail M1	172	2600	.56	5500	3.12	8%
Same in sub-caliber gun	172	1990	.56	4300	2.44	11%
Cal. .30-40 Krag	220	2000	.34	4050	2.3	10%
Same in carbine	220	1920	.34	4000	2.27	10%
Cal. .50 AP M2	718	2840	.84	7275	4.13	9%

While weight of the Cal. .30 Ball M1 is about 20grs. more than that of the Ball M2, the great difference between their maximum ranges is due almost entirely to the boattail of the M1, which markedly lessened drag at subsonic speeds and so lengthened the distance the bullet flies at low speed.

Sign in book

The sign in book is located in the foyer of the entrance of the main clubhouse.

All members & their invited guests are required to sign/out each & every time they enter/exit the association property.

When filling out the sign in book, **please print clearly** & include your membership ID number & indicate whether or not you have a guest.

Guest policy / Guest Passes

1. Prohibited person are not permitted as guests.
2. The club's legal agreement must be completed and provided for all guests before they participate in any club activities. Legal agreements for children under the age of 18 must be signed by parent or legal guardian. Legal agreements for children under the age of 18 must be notarized or witnessed by a club member except when a member is signing for their own child(ren).
3. All adult non-members require a quest pass with the following exception.
 - Attendants for handicap members do not require a pass as long as they provide a legal agreement and are not using the club facilities or participation in club activities.
4. Minor Children (under 18 yrs old) do not require a guest pass. Only the club's legal agreement is required.
5. All minor children must be properly supervised at all times.
6. New members are prohibited from having adults and minor non-family children as guest during the first year of membership. They may bring their own children or grandchildren under the age of 18 within their family as guests as long as legal agreements have been provided for those minors.

Archery and Firearms Ranges

7. Members and their guest are limited to one firing lane. A second adjacent firing lane can be used if it is vacant. If a second firing lane is used, it must be offered and surrendered to any members seeking a firing lane.
8. No more than two guests can shoot at a time.
9. Members cannot shoot when more than one of their guest are shooting.
10. Guests cannot shoot Class 3 Full Auto firearms.

Lake

11. Adult guest cannot fish in the club lake.

The white copy of the guest pass stays on your guest & the yellow copy must be deposited in the guest pass slot located in the foyer - on the door next to the sign in book.

Only official association guest passes may be used.

Guest passes are only good for 1 day usage.

You must have your guest in you presence & under your supervision at all times while on the association property & you are responsible for your guests actions. Guests must follow all rules the same as members.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I want to use the camping area, can I bring my 40' motor coach?

A: We really don't have the space or the facilities for something that size, our camping area is setup more for tents & maybe a small popup camper at most.

Q: Are there any restrictions as to what type of firearms may be used on the ranges?

A: You may fire any type of firearm that you can legally possess under BATF rules as long as you follow the posted rules & you use them safely. The only restriction is in dealing with Class 3 firearms, special permission must be obtained & a permit issued by the board of directors to fire them on the association ranges.

Q: Are there any restrictions as to rate of fire or magazine capacity for semi-autos?

A: No, not currently. As long as you can fire it safely & follow the rules it is allowed.

Q: What happens if I get caught breaking the posted rules?

A: Disciplinary actions can range from a verbal warning or a temporary suspension to total expulsion, depending on the infraction/offense.

Q: Can anyone join the association?

A: Yes, As long as they can legally possess a firearm, are willing to follow the rules, are safe & are an asset to the association & not a liability.

Q: What does an membership cover?

A: You, the member, your dependent children and/or grandchildren under age 18.

Q: As a member, can I bring my 19 year old son who is in collage under my membership.

A: No, if your child is 18 or older, they are an adult & you would need a guest pass. or their own membership.

Q: Who is responsible for enforcing the rules?

A: The executive committee & each and every member.

We are a self regulating association, it is the responsibility of every member to assure the well being of the association. If you witness an infraction, either correct it or report it to the executive committee for review.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: As a member, can I bring my grandchildren to the club to fish?

A: Yes, as long as they are under 18 & under your direct supervision.

Q: Why so many rules?

A: This is a private association & the rules that the association follows are a culmination of solutions to deal with situations that have arisen over the years. Almost all of the rules in force are common sense & are the same conventional safety rules practiced at clubs all over the country.

Q: Do I have to go to the clubhouse to sign in if I'm only using the outdoor archery range?

A: Yes, All members & their invited guests must sign in/out each & every time they enter/exit the association property.

Q: When my membership expires, how do I renew?

A: Each year just before expiration time renewal forms are sent to each & every current association member.

Q: My membership has expired & I need to sight in my rifle for deer season, can I just go to the range, sight it in & send in my renewal when I get time?

A: No, While you have up to the deadline in December to renew your membership, **You may not** use the association facilities until you have received your new membership card.

Q: As a member, does my spouse get a card & can they come to the club by themselves?

A: Your spouse can get a card of their own only after joining as a spouse, attending the new member orientation & joining the NRA, otherwise your spouse would have to be accompanied by a member under a guest pass & under direct supervision.

Q: Why do I have to stay under the range cover while shooting?

A: This is part of the agreement with West Marlboro township under their ordinance no. 94-03, this is not our choice, this is local law.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I see there is a bulletin board in the entrance foyer to the clubhouse, who can use this & how?

A: All paid members may post any notice on the association bulletin board. Do not post anything on the board above the sign in book or in the area being used by official club notices on the large board. All postings will be removed at the end of the 2nd month from posting & any item deemed to be unfit for posting will be removed.

Keep it neat.

Q: Can I use a crossbow on the archery ranges?

A: Yes, As long as you provide you own approved target block or club provided block/bag. Lane 1 for indoor archery range. Lane 1-3 for outdoor sight in range & only designated lanes in outdoor walk through course. *See archery rules.*

Q: I just joined as a new member & I want to bring guests, when can I start bringing guests.

A: Anyone who has joined as a member after **April 1st, 2012** is a probationary member for the first calendar year of membership & does not have guest privileges until they have completed that first calendar year of membership without any rules infractions/violations of record.

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Membership Information

All new members must also be a member of, or be prepared to join the [National Rifle Association](#). Such NRA membership must be maintained in order to renew. Proof of NRA membership (card or magazine label) is required before you can receive your club membership. If you are not an NRA member you can purchase a membership through SCCS&FA at the time of [application](#).

All new memberships are contingent upon approval by the Executive Board of Directors. All memberships are valid from October 1 to September 30 of each year, and pro-ration of fees will be for new members joining part way through the year only. Late renewals will not be accepted after December 31. We do accept [credit cards](#).

As of March 1, 2013 there is a new procedure to follow for all persons wishing to join as members of Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association:

1. **Fill out form online.**
 - Make sure you have a current copy of the clubs rule book. if you do not have a copy, one can be printed from our website www.sccsfa.org.
 - The Membership committee will be happy to answer any questions that new/current members may have about this process.
2. **Sit thru New Member Orientation Class only after completing the following steps:**
 - Filling out the registration form on line at www.sccsfa.org and click on submit
 - Wait for a return email from membership committee. (You can send a follow up email)
 - Making sure you understand & learn all the rules.
 - Learn how the mentor program will work.
 - "Safety" is our primary goal.
3. **New Members must come as a guest 3 times.**
 - With a current member that they know 2 times, the 3rd time with a mentor. (if you don't know a current member you will have to be supervised by a mentor 3 times)
 - Rules and proficiency will be closely observed.
 - If you still don't feel comfortable about your familiarity with the rules or safety proficiency you may request to come more times with a mentor.
4. **The mentor/mentors assigned to you will submit the report and their recommendations and you will be notified of whether or not you will be accepted as a member of the association.**

Any person who is not accepted as a member on the grounds of safety proficiency may upon taking an NRA certified basic shooting class & passing, resubmit for acceptance into membership.

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Possibly The Best Advice You'll Ever Give A Friend.

“Join The NRA”

Over three million members of the NRA are fighting to defend the Second Amendment - the document that protects not only your right to bear keep and bear arms, But also your freedom of religion, freedom of speech, the freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, freedom from unreasonable search and seizure and the right to a speedy trial.

More than ever before these rights are under attack.

Our very freedom is at stake.

The NRA needs you - and your friends.

Give your friends good advice. Tell them to Join the NRA, and join the fight to protect our rights to freedom before it's too late.

To join call today:

1-800-231-4NRA

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or you can join through:

**Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers'
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An official NRA Recruiter**

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