

PROPOSED CLUB MEMBERSHIP PLAN, EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2024

Current status: The Club lacks a formal membership plan. Such a plan should identify the types of memberships the club offers, their qualifications, and what they cost. There has been several types in use for a while, but with no definitions and criteria. This has led to confusion with members, and some issues in maintaining a suitable membership roster.

Discussion:

This establishes a formal membership plan for the East End Rod & Gun Club. Given that our primary revenue source comes from dues, this is important. We also need to raise dues (currently \$65) to cover inflation (the last increase was in 2014). Plus, managing our membership will be much easier, especially after we fix the roster. Establishing a formal plan will make the job of the board much easier in the long term.

The current SOP merely states that membership is a family membership, with a primary and household members (or "range users"). It's ill defined, and we've had cases where people NOT in any sort of family relationship, tried to claim a "family" membership because they lived in the same house.

We currently have a \$35 initiation fee, payable by new members, or members signing up after a 30 day lapse in membership. The latter is not in the SOP, just on the application, and there is a certain degree of unfairness in it.

We also have at least two other unofficial membership types, Lifetime and Law Enforcement. Both have been awarded to members, and both are free. Neither are documented, let alone defined. "Law Enforcement" could mean many people, from prison guards to federal agents. Some LEOs prefer to pay, some don't. It varies.

Members are encouraged to comment on this plan by email to membership@eergunclub.com through 1 August 2023.

Effective date: 1 January 2024.

Proposed plan:

General requirements:

- There is no initiation or late renewal fee.
- All memberships are renewed or reviewed ANNUALLY. Application and dues must be submitted by mail, at an orientation session, or online.
- All members, range users, and guests shooting on the range will sign a hold harmless agreement, good for one (1) year from date of signature.
- The current orientation policy will be followed.
- Membership in the National Rifle Association is required of all individual and primary members. The sole exception is for agents and officers of law enforcement agencies which has prohibited NRA membership.

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- Gate access cards:
 - For record keeping purposes, the gate card number (typically 5 digits) will be the member number. If a card is replaced, the member or user will have a new member number.
 - Cards will henceforth cost \$20 each. This is a one time purchase. Lost or stolen cards must be reported to the club immediately; replacements must be purchased by the member or range user. Defective cards will be replaced at no charge.
 - New members must purchase a card, in addition to their dues. All new range users must also purchase a card.
 - All current range users without a card must also purchase a card, but at a cost of \$10 each; the price is good through 31 December 2024. Current members are NOT required to purchase a card.
 - Gate cards may not be shared at any time for any reason. Only the person on record as the card owner may use it.

Club membership types:

- Individual: Annual dues are \$80, plus card purchase. This person must be an NRA member, and has voting rights in club elections, but can't sponsor range users. They are allowed two guests per visit to the range.
- Family: Annual dues are \$90, plus card purchase.
 - This is for a group of people are living in the same household in a familial relationship. Economic co-habitation (i.e., roommates) does not count. The familial relationship does not have to be legally binding, but it does have to be declared as a family by the primary member.
 - One person will be designated as the primary member, and must join the NRA. Only the primary member may vote in club elections.
 - Family members may use the range independently if they have met the orientation policy, and are documented by the club as a range user (by purchasing a gate card). Otherwise, they are a guest (see below). The primary member is responsible for all activities by range users.
 - A range user must purchase a separate gate card for their own use. This is retroactive for all range users, with a grace period through 31 December 2024.
- Individual Excepted and Family Excepted: Same as above, but NRA membership is not required. This is for members whose employers have prohibited NRA membership. Documentation is not required, but the member must verbally declare this to a club officer upon joining or renewing.
- Lifetime: Awarded only by a majority vote of elected board members for extraordinary service to the club. Nominations must come from the membership, and be justified in writing by the nominating member. Current lifetime memberships will continue to be honored.

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- Vendor:
 - A contractor paid by the club to provide services on the range. The card will be provided at no cost. NRA membership, dues, and orientation are not required.
 - The director of a non-sanctioned event, who may purchase additional cards for range access by assistants. NRA membership and dues are not required.
- Farmer:
 - Any farmer who needs to pass through the range to access adjacent lands.
 - NRA membership, dues, and orientation are not required.
 - The card will be provided at no cost.
- Guest: Any non-member using the range with an invitation from and supervision by a primary member or range user. Each member and range user are limited to 2 guests each. Guests must sign a hold harmless agreement annually.
- Public Access: Events where the range is opened to the public for both sanctioned and non-sanctioned events. They are considered guests of the club. NRA membership, dues, and orientation are not required, but a hold harmless agreement must be signed by anyone entering the range.