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Member Information

As a member of the Greene County Fishing and Hunting Club, you are a member of the foremost conservation organization in Greene County and are to conduct yourself as such. The following is information that you need to know as a member and some standing rules for use of the clubs facilities.

A Brief History/Meetings

The GREENE COUNTY FISHING AND HUNTING CLUB was chartered on March 26, 1947 to promote and foster conservation of the natural resources of the State of Tennessee, and particularly of Greene County.

The club was instrumental in the success of the Andrew Johnson portion of the Cherokee Wildlife Management Area. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency first stocked 29 deer in the area and the club, working with the wildlife agency, cultivated fields and planted chestnut trees to insure the success of the deer herd.

Other successful projects over the years have been the netting and removal of fish trapped in ponds when Cherokee Lake receded below normal, restocking fish in Davy Crockett Lake in Greene County, placing and maintaining woodduck boxes along the Nolichucky River and all over Greene County, and helping establish the Nolichucky Waterfowl Sanctuary. In addition, the club built and placed the first picnic tables in the Paint Creek Recreation Area; an area now visited by thousands each year, and established a new boat ramp on the Nolichucky River. More recently, club members were instrumental in the establishment of a new license fee structure for the State of Tennessee to assure the future viability of the wildlife agency and its programs, both game and non-game.

The club works with the Boy Scouts and is an affiliate member of the Tennessee Wildlife Federation three times being presented the "Outstanding Club of the Year Award" in Tennessee. The club is also an affiliate member of the National Rifle Association.

The club presently owns 64 acres in the Horse Creek area of Greene County and maintains a lake stocked with fish. A pistol range, rifle range, archery target, and a skeet shooting range are maintained on the property, as well as wildlife habitat areas. A warm season native grass program is on-going in certain fields. The club has a land management plan, a forestry management plan, and a farm (property) manager.

The club has an annual meeting the last Tuesday in January. Monthly meetings of the Board of Directors take place the last Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend these board meetings.

Property Standing Rules

As a member, you are entitled to use the club property and are entrusted with a key (or lock combination). This key is not to be duplicated or given to anyone else. Your membership includes immediate family residing with you. Your out-of-town guests are also welcome to accompany you. You may only bring a local guest one time if the intention is to introduce him to our club. The following are some standing property rules:

- Your membership badge must be worn at all times while on club property.
- The gate must be kept closed and locked at all times. Shut and lock the gate behind you as you enter and as you leave.
- Please do not litter. If at all possible, take your trash home with you rather than using club trashcans. Do not put any food items, wrappers, bags, etc. in range trash cans. This type trash can only be put in the bear proof pavilion trash can.
- The Club has a state of the art restroom facility for it's members. This facility is secured by a lock that is keyed the same as the gate. The restroom must remain locked when not in use. The toilet uses a mulching process instead of expensive plumbing. Instructions for use are posted inside the restroom. The most important thing to note is that the lid must be closed after use to begin the mulching process. Please also note that the facility may be closed for winter months due to expected lack of use during this time.
- Our property is managed for multiple uses. We have maintained wildlife openings, food plots, cover, nesting structures, fish attractors, etc. Do not change or manipulate the property in any manner without the expressed consent of the club. Your "harmless" moving of a downed tree in the pond or "mowing weeds" can undo years of wildlife, erosion, or fisheries management.
- Follow all posted signs.
- Do not drive off-road unless it is a specific driveway or parking area. Even then, please be aware of the ground conditions. Do not make ruts.
- At certain times during the year, certain food (i.e., corn) may be put out by the club to attract primarily nesting waterfowl. This is not a "feeding" program. We discourage artificial feeding of waterfowl and fish.
- Please yield to maintenance or mowing equipment.
- A primitive campsite is located near the rear of the property. Please keep this site clean.

Pistol & Rifle Range Standing Rules

THINK SAFETY - - ALWAYS CHECK YOUR WEAPON AND TARGET BEFORE FIRING.

- All targets must be placed on the target line and no closer. Attach targets to target board and not to wooden target frame or railroad ties.
- Shooting hours are 1 hour after sunrise to legal sunset. No night shooting. No shooting on Sunday morning before 12:00 noon. No shooting on Sunday afternoon when the skeet range is open.
- Report any unusual incident or circumstance to Club Officers immediately.
- Your line of sight should always be perpendicular to the target line resulting in bullets impacting in earth berm behind the target line.
- Always verify that the firing line is clear before checking or hanging a target. Coordinate hanging and removing of targets with other shooters. Always check down range before firing to see that range is clear.
- Remove and discard all old targets after use. Preferably, take them home with you.
- Do not throw live ammunition or powder containers in trashcans.
- Beverage cans may be used as targets only if they are placed on the dirt bank behind the 50 yard target line. Cans must, of course, be discarded after use.
- Absolutely no one allowed beyond the targets when shooters are present on the 50 and/or 100 yard ranges.
- Shooting permitted only in designated areas.
- Absolutely no shooting across any road.
- No alcoholic beverages permitted on ranges.
- **Wear your membership badge at all times on club property.**
- Use range at your own risk.
- You must fill out the shooting log sheet when you use the ranges.
- Eye and ear protection required on all ranges.

**PLEASE KEEP RANGE AND PROPERTY CLEAN !!
YOU MUST FILL OUT THE SHOOTING LOG !!**

Skeet Range Standing Rules

- Treat every gun as if it is loaded.
- Always keep the gun muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Rules of good sportsmanship and safe firearms handling apply to all.
- The gun action must be kept open at all times on auto and pump shotguns including when they are in the gun rack. Over/under or double barrels must be broken down (open) at all times unless they are in the gun rack.
- A gun may not be loaded until a shooter is on the pad and ready to shoot.
- No more than two shells at a time may be loaded in a firearm.
- Expended or live shells must be removed from the firearm before stepping off pad.
- Shooters must wear eye and ear protection. Spectators should wear eye and ear protection.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the range.
- At least two individuals should verify a non-obstructed barrel after a misfire.

Be safe . . . you could get hurt !! Please don't litter !!

Pond Standing Rules

- Minnows not allowed as bait.
- No trot lines or limb lines.
- No gasoline powered motorboats.
- Largemouth Bass – TWRA State creel limits apply.
- Bluegill and Redear Sunfish – No creel or size limit.
- Channel Catfish – 12 inch size limit. TWRA State creel limits apply.
- Grass Carp – If caught, must be released unharmed.
- The pond will continue to be posted “no fishing” to discourage non-member fishing.
- Please leave no evidence that you have been fishing especially bait containers, trash, fishing line, forked sticks, etc.
- Pond will be fertilized monthly April thru October. This maintains a healthy fish population.
- No swimming allowed.
- No fires around pond.
- Do not disturb nesting waterfowl.
- Fish attractors and breeding structures are present in the pond. Some are visible, some are not. Do not manipulate any structure in or around the pond.
- **Wear your membership badge at all times on club property.**
- Pond management is by cooperative effort between the Greene County Fishing and Hunting Club and TWRA. Please observe all rules. TWRA officers have a gate key and are encouraged to check pond fisherman. Please cooperate with their requests.