

Beaverbrook Sportsmen's Club

Membership

- The membership year is from January 1st through December 31st.
- Dues are due by January 1st with a grace period until February 1st.
 - After the grace period, you will be required to pay the initiation fee once again to renew.
 - After the last day of February non-renewing members will be dropped from the membership rolls and be classified as a 'Former Member'. Any former member wishing to re-establish membership in Beaverbrook needs to follow the new member application process. Also on this date any credits, including a work credit, will become invalid and cannot be applied to the new application process, this means payment of the full dues and initiation fee.
- Membership types
 - **Life:** Granted by the Board of Directors and only with approved requirements. Life membership cannot be pursued by individuals.
 - **Emeritus:** For current General members age 65 and older with total dues paid equal to ten times the current annual dues. Emeritus status is granted by the Board and cannot be declared.
 - **General:** This is the regular annual membership for individuals joining the club. This membership is maintained by payment of annual dues and remaining in good standing.
 - For any member above, their spouse, children and/or grandchildren (under 18 years) will be non-voting members. This membership is only maintained while the regular member remains a member in good standing.
 - These family members **MUST** be accompanied by a regular member while on club property.
- Club Meetings (*Members are welcome at any regularly scheduled meeting*)
 - **General Membership:** These meetings are held each January, April and July on the third Wednesday at 7:00pm in the clubhouse. At the January meeting we typically set the club's calendar for the year.
 - **Board of Directors:** These meetings are held each month from January through November on the third Wednesday at 7:00pm or immediately following the General Membership meeting.
 - **Annual Membership:** This meeting is for all voting members at which time we hold elections for the open Executive Committee positions.

Your Membership Card

- Your electronic membership card is only to be used by the regular member it was assigned to. To do otherwise is grounds for loss of membership.
- Each member will receive their first membership card without cost. If that card becomes non-functional it will be replaced free, unless it appears to have been abused. If you lose, destroy or abuse your card to cause it not function, a replacement will be provided for a \$15.00 fee.
- You must have an ID and your membership card with you while on club property. If asked you **MUST** produce them or you'll be asked to immediately leave the property. Without a membership card you will be considered a trespasser.
- Don't feel uneasy asking to see a membership card and don't feel insulted if asked to see yours. If they fail to show their card, ask them to leave if they don't please note or photograph their vehicle license number. Report the incident to the Board of Directors, you will remain anonymous.
- On February 1st of each year the card of all members that haven't renewed will be disabled

The Gate

- To open the gate you are allowed to approach the gate on the left side. This will allow you to swipe your card from your driver's side window. **Please be very careful that you vehicle's side mirror doesn't hit the reader!**
- Your membership card only needs to be placed in close proximity (within an inch or two) to the reader. You should hear a tone, this indicates your card was read. If the gate doesn't open please call one of the numbers shown on the gate.
- Always allow the gate to close behind you before you move on. If another person approaches the gate --- you should **not** allow them to pass through behind you, they need to swipe their membership card separately.
- If the gate is locked open (possible for an event) do not attempt to close it. But please swipe your card before you pass through.

- As you leave if it appears you are the last to leave and the gate is still locked open, please call one of the numbers shown on the gate to report the situation and get instructions.

Range Safety

- The club is here to give us all a safe place to shoot. Courtesy of other users is expected and required.
- While on the ranges everyone is responsible for **safety**.
- We live by the NRA Safety rules you need to live by them too.
 - **Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.**
 - **Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**
 - **Always keep the gun unloaded and action open until ready to use.**
- Remember all the ranges are to be shared with other members. You do not have exclusive rights to a range unless you've cleared it with the Board first.
- Everyone on the range needs to coordinate their actions. If nobody is acting as the Range Safety Officer, **YOU** need to!
- When someone wants, or needs to go "Down Range" call cease-fire and require everyone to unload, open actions, place firearms on the bench or rack, step away from the firearms and are **NOT** to touch the firearms until everyone is back behind the firing line. Only then you may declare the range "Hot"
- If you are the person wanting to go down range, assign someone else to watch that no one else touches any firearms, even those that are cased.
- Never guess about anything. When in doubt **DON'T!** Ask for help! People are always willing to help.
- **ANY** blatant and/or willful disregard for safety will **NOT** be tolerated and will result in severe disciplinary action. The club cannot and will **NOT** tolerate any **STUPID** actions by **ANYONE!**
- If you witness anything you feel is unsafe or just makes you nervous, please talk to the person and express your concern. Ask to see their membership card, remember their name / number. Please contact the Board of Directors and inform them of the situation.
- Holster Work (*The Club may alter this policy at any time*)
 - Your use of the ranges means you acknowledge the inherent dangers in holster work with loaded firearms.
 - You may only perform holster work **IF** you have your own assistant present to render aid in the event of an accident.
 - You may not perform any holster work if anyone on that range objects. **Period.**
- If you are approached because another member feels that your targets, or actions, are unsafe, you need to stop using them immediately. Don't argue, just **STOP!**
 - If you disagree with their opinion take the issue up with the Board at a club meeting first, don't argue with them.
- If the club has assigned a Range Safety Officer, that person has complete authority over all range operations. To argue with this Range Officer is grounds for severe disciplinary action against the member.
- As a member your first responsibility is always **SAFETY**.

Range Administration

- The online calendar of our website (www.beaverbrook.us) is the approved and official schedule for all our club facilities including the buildings as well as the ranges and all grounds. If a group or event is on the calendar, the range / facilities are reserved for the listed group or event. Remember we are trying to be friendly to the shooting community.
- Online the firearms ranges will be listed as:
 - The 100-yard ranges shooting east. "**R1**" (north range) and "**R2**" (south range)
 - The 200-yard range shooting east. "**R3**"
 - The 100-yard range shooting north. "**R4**"
 - 100' Wide Bays --- The 100 foot wide bays number "**W1**" (north) and "**W2**" (south)
 - 50' Wide Bays --- The 50 foot wide bays number "**S1**" (north end) through "**S4**" (south end)

- Remember all members and their guest need to sign-in before using the ranges.
- Remember all the ranges are to be shared with other members. You do not have exclusive rights to a range unless you've cleared it with the Board first.
- The hours allowed for shooting are as follows:
 - Absolutely **NO** shooting before 9:00am, no exceptions! Groups may set-up for events before 9:00am.
 - All shooting must stop by Sunset or 9:00pm, which-ever comes first September 1st through May 31st. From June 1st through August 31st shooting is allowed until Sunset or 9:30pm, which-ever comes first.
- Regular members are allowed to bring a maximum of two (2) guests to use the range at a time. These guests are the responsibility of the member at all times and the member is accountable for their actions. This provision does **NOT** apply to the family members included with a regular membership.
 - There is a \$5.00 daily fee for any guests that accompany members that use the ranges.

Range Operation

- First we need to make **SURE** all bullets **IMPACT** the backstop, not in front, not the ground or worse the sky.
- During the operation of any range, the “**Target**” line is always directly in front of the backstop. The “**Firing**” line is the movable line. This means one always sets the target in front of the backstop and “**You**” move to the distance you want to shoot.
- If you want to get “**Out of the sun**”, shoot from that position and distance. The target must still be directly in front of the backstop!
- The “Rifle” range is for targets set at fifty (50) yards or more. If you want to shoot at a shorter distance you need to move to a different range.
- All of these ranges can be used for rifle and handgun calibers. (Note: 50-BMG are not allowed)
- Full-Auto firearms are allowed only with prior approval from the board of directors.
- Targets
 - Target stands are the responsibility of the individual members. Please bring your own targets and target stands. The club has discontinued supplying stands due to the misconduct of a few.
 - Ground targets not allowed. The plastic targets that bounce along the ground are **FORBIDDEN!** Think about it...
 - Absolutely **NO** “Garbage” targets which means cans, bottles, chairs, benches, coffee pots, other make-shift junk ... etc.
 - Some targets (Milk Jugs filled with water) used as a “**Fire-power**” demonstration for DNR Firearms Safety classes. Other special event targets can be allowed if the proper precautions and clean-up are observed.
 - Steel targets are allowed if they are manufactured by a company whose normal business is to manufacture this type of target. We do not want “**Home Made**” steel targets. Also these targets **MUST** be used per the manufactures instructions.
 - If you are approached because another member who feels that your targets, or actions, are unsafe, you need to stop using them immediately. Don't argue, just **STOP!** If you disagree with their opinion take the issue up with the Board at a club meeting first, don't argue with them.

The Clubhouse & Grounds

- The clubhouse, garage and storage buildings are all secured with electronic alarm systems.
- The clubhouse porch and the picnic pavilion are available for members to use to escape the elements.
- Please keep these areas clean and litter free.
- There are to **NO** grills allowed on the concrete floor of the pavilion or range building.
- For group events or special access to these areas a member needs to get prior approval from the Board of Directors.

The Range Building

- The building is for members to use to get out of the sun or the Minnesota winters.
- The door combination will be announced. There is plans to install card readers similar to the gate in the near future.

- Be sure to turn off the lights and lock the building behind you as you leave.
- Currently the building heat is paid by the club, but that could change if it is abused.
- To turn on the heat.
 - Turn the timer on the south wall to 15 to 30 minutes. Then set the thermostat to a reasonable temperature, trust us 50 degrees is plenty warm considering you're wearing jackets.
- Keep the building clean and don't take advantage of the benefit, remember it can be removed which means you'll be left in the cold.

Trap & Skeet Fields

- The club is open to members and the public for Trap & Skeet shooting on Sunday afternoons and during all trap leagues.
- During most events and leagues we try to have a trap field for open shooting. Please come out to shoot.
- Members will always pay the 'Member' fee for a round of trap, and this is at a very deep discount.
- Currently the club does **NOT** allow members access to the trap machines for personal use. For special events access to the trap machines can be granted by the board and only with an operator approved by the board.
- The trap fields are open to personally thrown birds during range hours whenever the club isn't open for trap & skeet shooting.

Archery Range

- The archery range is available to all members and their guests.
- The daily fee is still required for members and guests.
- Cross-bows are **NOT** allowed as the bolts are detrimental and many times are lost inside the target butts.
- Also **NO** broad-heads allowed these will completely destroy the target butts.

The 'Field'

- The open field is free to use to train / exercise your dogs or yourself if you feel the need.
- This field is **NOT** for recreational use with an ATV or similar off-road vehicles.
- Please let the Board know if you plan to do something other than this occasional activity.
- Always remember that everyone needs Board approval for any activity outside the normal.

Club Help

- Work credit can be earned by helping the club with scheduled activities.
- If you think something needs to be done, get Board approval or it may not count toward your work credit.
- We don't want to discourage club improvements. We just need to know what you want to do. If the Board approves the work it will count toward your work credit. And if materials are involved and the Board approves the work the club will reimburse you for any expenses.
- We do have three "Clean-Up" days each year, one in the spring and two in the fall.
- During weekends in October we need a lots of help with the club's "Deer Rifle Sight-In"