

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & RULES



Before applying . . . Please take into serious consideration the responsibilities of membership. Club Members are owners. With ownership comes responsibility.

Promoting Conservation, Education & Safety

**MEEKER SPORTSMAN CLUB, INC
1658 AGOSTA MEEKER RD N
MARION, OH**

**MAILING ADDRESS &
MEMBERSHIPS OFFICE:
1920 BUMFORD RD
MARION, OH 43302
[740] 361-7281**

Meeker Sportsman Club Pledge

I certify that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that, if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

Meeker Sportsman Club Hunter's Code of Ethics

I will consider myself an invited guest of any landowner, seeking his permission to enter upon his premises, and so conducting myself that I may be welcome in the future

I will obey the rules of safe gun handling and will courteously, but firmly, insist that others who hunt with me do the same.

I will obey all hunting rules and regulation and will insist that my companions do likewise.

I will do my best to acquire those marksmanship and hunting skills which assure clean, sportsmanlike skills.

I will support conservation efforts which can assure good hunting for future generations of Americans.

I will pass along to younger hunters the attitudes and skills essential to a true outdoor sportsman.

You must be a U.S. Citizen 18 years of age or older to apply for membership.

- \$10 INITIATION FEE – Required for new members, one per application form.
Required for renewals not made within 60 days of expiration.
- \$50 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP – Memberships are valid for one year from date issued.
- \$25 HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP – Each additional adult living at the same address added to an individual membership.
- \$1000 LIFE MEMBERSHIP – When available, offered to Members in Good Standing* first.
- \$50 ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY – Membership valid for the duration of active military service, stipulations apply.
- \$10 DAY PASS – May be purchased by a Member in Good Standing* to bring a guest, stipulations apply.
- \$50 WORK FEE – Required for RENEWALS when required work hours have not performed during previous year.

Applications must be submitted to the Meeker Sportsman Club Memberships Office with check or money order made payable to Meeker Sportsman Club, Inc. Applications are subject to background check and will be reviewed and voted on at the next club meeting. Approved memberships should receive their cards approximately one week after approval. If for any reason an application is denied, the membership fee will be refunded. Should you NOT receive a membership card within 30 days please call the Memberships Office at 740-361-7281.

GENERAL RULES

1. Meeker Sportsman Club members are responsible for knowing and enforcing all club rules.
2. Abide by all Federal and State Laws.
3. You must be a U.S. Citizen, at least 18 year of age and possess a current and valid membership card.
 - a. Children under 18:
 - i. Are permitted when accompanied by a parent, grandparent or legal guardian who is a current member.
 - ii. May purchase a Junior Membership through a current Member in Good Standing*. Provides for a member to sponsor an unrelated youth who has no relatives that are members. Privileges are limited to activities supervised by sponsoring member. Will receive membership card and newsletter. No voting privileges or club house rental.
 - iii. Children shall at all times be under the immediate, physical and direct supervision of said member.
 - iv. Member assumes all responsibility for said children
4. All new members shall be "Probationary Members".
 - a. Those who do not use shooting ranges, shall be probationary for six (6) months.
 - b. Those who use the shooting ranges, shall be probationary until they have used the range 6 times to practice and instill range rules/procedures. Range use can be verified by checking in with/calling memberships office or an RSO.
 - c. When probationary requirements have been fulfilled with no violations the member shall be a Member in Good Standing.
5. Members shall work either 10 hours OR at two (2) events or incur a \$50 work fee to renew their membership.
6. Active duty military may purchase a membership at the current 1 year rate which will be valid for the duration of their active service. Annual renewal, with no fee, is required with proof of active duty. Work fee not applicable.
7. Members shall wear their membership card as a badge, in plain sight on their person, while on club grounds. Life Members will be issued a paper card in addition to their permanent card for use as a badge.
8. Safety-orientations are required for use of the rifle/pistol range and for the club's trap machines. (recommended for All members)
 - a. Stamps will be applied to membership cards when an orientation is completed.
 - b. Only members whose cards have been stamped for range use may use the range.
 - c. Only members whose cards have been stamped for trap use may run a trap machine.
9. Range gate key may be rented by members who have successfully completed the range safety-orientation.
 - a. Gate shall remain open while range is in use to alert others that someone is present and in case of emergency.
 - b. Last person leaving range shall ensure range gate is locked.
 - c. Members will immediately report attempted use of range by anyone without a range stamped membership card.
10. Non-members are permitted only at public events or with a Day Pass.
 - a. Day Passes may be purchased by a Member in Good Standing* to sponsor their guests.
 - i. Day Passes may be purchased through the memberships office
 - ii. Day passes are valid for one (1) day.
 - iii. Limit of 4 guests per member at one time.
 - iv. Sponsoring member must accompany guest at all times and ensure all rules are followed
 - v. Free to active duty service personnel, proof required.
 - vi. Guest range use requires a Range Approved** sponsoring Member in Good Standing*.
 - vii. Day passes are not valid for hunting.
11. Outside facilities are general available for member use from dawn to dusk.
 - a. Enter club grounds with caution and be aware of others.
 - b. Access to some areas may be inhibited when adjacent areas are already in use.
 - i. Unless otherwise stated in rules, use of adjacent areas is not prohibited. However SAFETY FIRST! Use common sense and good judgement. Be considerate of those using adjacent areas by communicating your intentions. Friendly discussions and mutual agreements eliminate confusion, hard feeling and accidents.
 - c. Events, club rental or other activities may occasionally limit or prohibit use.
 - d. All ranges are closed during work hours on clean-up days and during scheduled or special events unless otherwise noted.
12. Club House may be rented by Members in Good Standing*, subject to availability and purpose of rental.
13. Firing of weapons only permitted in designated areas.
14. Be respectful. We are a family oriented. Inappropriate conduct or excessive use of profanity will not be tolerated.
15. No campfires. No smoking in the woods.
16. Members are responsible for removing all littler target, shell casings, etc. from club grounds (whether it's yours or not). This is your club, treat it as such.
17. Members who fail to abide by the rules are subject to privilege suspension, membership revocation and will not be considered for membership in the future
18. Club Officials, Sheriff and Game Warden periodically patrol the grounds to deter vandalism and non-member usage. Members are encouraged to do the same.
19. Promptly report violations or unsafe behavior to a club officer, trustee or the membership's office. If possible obtain name, physical description, vehicle license number, etc. Do not promote a confrontation. NOT reporting is considered negligence.

OUTDOOR RIFLE & PISTOL RANGE RULES

1. Only members whose cards have been stamped for range use, and their guests with day passes, may use the range.
2. Pistol range and rifle range shall be considered ONE firing line.
3. **September through April - range does not open until 10:00 am. Hunting is allowed from dawn until 10:00 am.**
4. More than one (1) shooter is permitted on the firing line at the same time provided there is an RSO (Range Safety Officer), or Acting RSO present (usually first on site unless otherwise agreed upon by all shooters on range),
5. All un-cased weapons, shall have ECI's (Empty Chamber Indicator) installed. *Cased weapon is a firearm in a closed case.*
6. All persons present on range will follow commands of RSO or acting RSO.
 - a. Safe Weapon: Unloaded, clips removed, action open, ECI installed.
 - b. Range Hot: Weapons may be loaded and shooting may commence.
 - c. Range Cold: Make weapons safe, no shooting allowed.
 - d. Safe Range: Make weapons safe, everyone steps away from their firearm, it is safe to go downrange.
 - e. Cease Fire: Immediately stop shooting and make your weapon safe. Anyone may yell cease fire.
7. All shooters will remain behind the firing line when range is hot.
 - a. All others will remain behind shooters.
 - b. Eye and ear protection required for all persons on range.
8. "Stop Sign" must be placed at least 20 feet down range when range going downrange for any reason. Stop sign shall be stored at rifle range house.
9. Fully automatic weapons must be BATF licensed. 3 shot bursts only. Only licensed owner may shoot the weapon. Proof of ownership may be requested.
10. No alcohol. Use of any type of firearm/weapon while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal and strictly prohibited.
11. Paper or cardboard targets only.
 - a. Target holders are provided.
 - b. Other reasonable targets and target holders may be used if removed cleaned up when done.
 - c. Targets must be placed so as not to destroy supporting posts of target holders.
 - d. Targets should be tacked or stapled, no adhesives.
 - e. No tannerite.
 - f. No shooting above bunkers or into ground
 - g. Shooting of target holder frames or any other object not intended for target use is considered destruction of property and will be treated as such.
 - h. If you can't hit the target – don't shoot.
12. Range may not be used while other activities or events in progress make it unsafe.
13. No live or misfired ammunition is to be placed in trash bins.
14. Vehicles may not be parked in driveway.

INDOOR 50 FT RANGE

1. Available to members only during designated times (typically winter). Range fees may apply
2. RSO must be present, no exceptions. Range commands same as outdoor range.
3. All additional posted range rules must be strictly followed
4. Maximum 45 cal., no hollow point.

CLAY TARGET PRACTICE

1. Practice using personal property:
 - a. Permitted only at north trap house.
 - b. Persons throwing targets must be in line or behind shooter.
 - c. Standard rules apply:
 - i. One (1) shooter, two (2) cartridges.
 - ii. Used casings must be removed.
 - iii. Thirty (30) minute time limit when member is waiting.
2. Practice using club trap machine
 - a. Only members whose cards have been stamped for trap use may use a trap machine.
 - b. There is an additional fee.
 - c. Shooters must supply their own clay targets.
3. No trap shooting permitted when club house or facilities are rented, or when front pond is in use.

ARCHERY

1. Main archery range, west of club house (across road), may be used for practice.
2. No broadheads.
3. Club targets, when set out, may not be moved.
4. Shooting a "course" which has been set up prior to an event is prohibited.

HUNTING

1. State hunting laws apply
2. Legal firearms only.
3. No turkey hunting.
4. Hunting for legal game, in season, is permitted in the east woods September through April from dawn until 10:00 am only.
 - a. Range opens for target practice at 10:00 am and hunters must be clear of east woods.
 - i. Range Stop Sign must be placed at least 20 feet down range while hunting.
 - ii. Stop sign shall be stored at rifle range house.
 - b. Only bow hunting for deer, in season, is permitted in the west woods (across road).
5. Limit of ONE (1) deer per member, per season.
6. Tree stands are allowed but must be removed when done.
7. Day Passes are not valid for hunting.

POND / FISHING

1. Bank fishing only.
2. Taking of a reasonable number of fish for personal consumption is permitted unless catch and release signs are posted.
3. Dogs / dog training are welcome.
4. No other activities are allowed in pond.

VIOLATIONS

1. Warnings may be issued by an RSO or Trustee for violations of club rules, procedures, unsafe behavior, etc.
2. Members with three (3) warnings may have any or all of their privileges suspended.
3. Suspension time frame shall be determined by the RSOs or Trustees.

*Member in Good Standing: An approved member with a current and valid membership who's status is not probationary.

Rules are subject to change. Notifications of changes will be sent via newsletters along with a copy of revised rules. Newsletters are required reading.

The objective of these rules is to keep the club safe and clean for members and the community.

Club By-Laws are available at the Memberships Office upon request.

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Safety-Orientation schedule varies and is posted on line on our calendar, at the club and available at the office.

Website:

www.meekersportsmanclub.com

Email:

meekerclub@meekersportsmanclub.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/Meeker.Sportsman.Club

Meetings:

Last Monday of month at 7pm at the club house. If Monday is a holiday the meeting will be held the following Wednesday.

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT 2015

Marshall Baker (740) 383-4418
Rifle Team

VICE PRESIDENT 2015

Ben Morris (740) 383-4735

SEC / TREAS 2015

Linda Tubbs (740) 361-7281
Memberships, Events, Newsletter,
Webmaster, Club Rental

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TRUSTEE 2013-2015

Charles Schnitzler (740) 499-2434
Grounds Maintenance

TRUSTEE 2015-2017

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TRUSTEE 2013-2015

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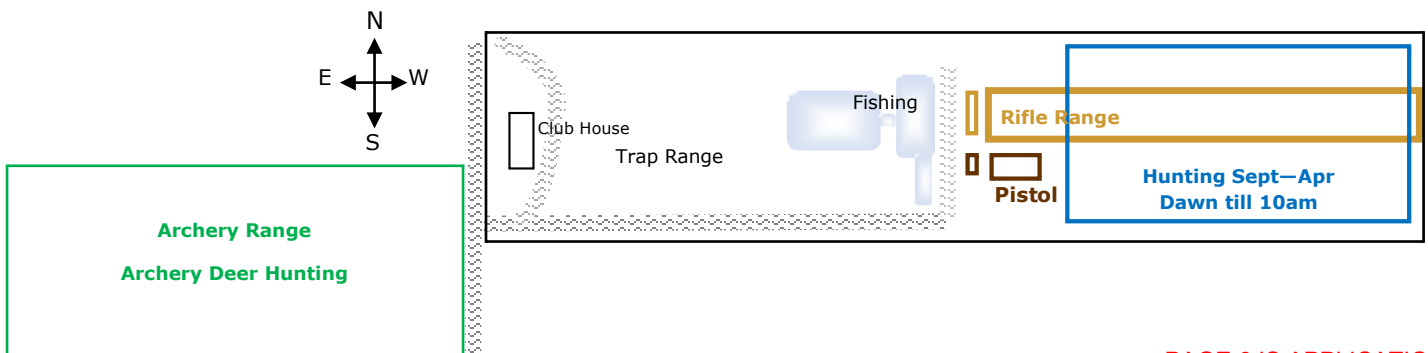
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MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Emergency – 911
Administration Office (740) 382-8244
Toll Free (800) 382-8244

MARION COUNTY WILDLIFE OFFICER:

Chad Grote (614) 902-4217



MEEKER SPORTSMAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YOU ARE BUYING OWNERSHIP IN A WORKING CLUB AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT GO WITH IT.

By signing this application you hereby swear, affirm and certify that you are at least 18 years old; have read the Meeker Sportsman Club information and rules; that you accept, agree to abide by and enforce the contents thereof; that you will work the required hours or pay a \$50 work fee to renew or re-apply; that if you choose to use the range you are legally allowed to own or be around firearms; that you will read all communication the club sends to you. Applications are subject to background check.

PRIMARY MEMBER			
LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	DOB
MAILING ADDRESS			
PHONE			
EMAIL			
SIGNATURE			

ADDITIONAL ADULTS AT THIS ADDRESS			
LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	DOB
PHONE			
EMAIL			
SIGNATURE			

REASON FOR REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	DOB
PHONE			
EMAIL			
SIGNATURE			

HOW WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLUB?

NEWSLETTERS AND NOTIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED READING. HOW DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE YOURS?

REGULAR MAIL - EMAIL - BOTH

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	DOB
PHONE			
EMAIL			
SIGNATURE			

Checks payable to Meeker Sportsman Club

Mailing address:
 Meeker Sportsman Memberships Office
 1920 Bumford Rd
 Marion, OH 43302

_____	Initiation fee - for new applications & renewals not made within 60 days of expiration. One fee per application.	<i>Member #</i>
\$10		<i>Received</i>
_____	One Year Individual Membership.	<i>Approved</i>
_____	One Year Household Membership.	<i>Issued</i>
\$25	\$25 for <u>each additional adult at same address.</u>	<i>Expires</i>
_____	Work Fee. <i>Applies to renewing members who did not work during their last year. (started 2014)</i>	<i>Check#</i>
\$50		<i>Cash</i>
_____	AMOUNT ENCLOSED	