

# **THE PORTAGE LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

May 1, 2021

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Portage Lake Sportsmen Club is a private club organized, maintained, and run by member volunteers. The club is located on 80 acres, has three ponds, a horseshoe-shaped 50-yard pistol range, a covered firing line with rifle and pistol target berms out to 400 yards, a 5-stand shotgun course, a stationary archery range, a pavilion, and clubhouse. Grills are provided at the pavilion and on the clubhouse deck. The club property is available year around from sunrise to sunset: exceptions to open range times for regular or special events are posted on the club website. Our walking archery course and trap field are currently unavailable as they wait patiently for rescue and renovation by interested members.

## **WHAT IS INCLUDED IN MY MEMBERSHIP?**

An annual or a lifetime membership includes full membership rights for one member, and it allows club access for your spouse and your accompanied and supervised minor children or grandchildren. Full members are voting members and are encouraged to attend all regular meetings of the PLSC.

Each member must complete a range walk through with a qualified club representative every three years. The club secretary will issue membership credentials after payment of dues, receipt of the membership application, and completion of the range walk through.

After completing a range walk-through, Full members will receive the combination to the front gate. This combination will also open the back door of the club house for access to the restroom. The gate lock will be disabled when the driveway is impassable. The clubhouse door lock will be disabled while the clubhouse is winterized.

The club facilities require constant upkeep. Every member is encouraged to lend a hand with work bees and club sponsored events. This might include grass mowing, repairing target boards, other maintenance, or helping at club-sponsored events. Members who volunteer are rewarded with reduced membership fees in the following year. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact a board member or show up at one of the scheduled work bees.

You are permitted to bring a guest but you are responsible for their actions. Members are encouraged to invite a guest with the hope that this guest would become our next new member. Generally, after the first visit as a guest, the guest should apply for club membership.

The membership year runs from May 1st through the following April 30th.

## **USE OF THE CLUB FACILITIES**

- Know and follow all club and range rules.
- Club Hours: [Sunrise to Sunset](#)
  - Any exceptions will be posted on the website
- You are responsible for yourself, your family, and your guests.
- Shooters and spectators are required to wear ear and eye protection in the presence of a “hot” range.
- All shooting at the club property will be done *only on the provided shooting ranges and in a manner defined by the PLSC rules.*
- No hunting or trapping on club property.
- Leave the gate open while you or another member are at the range.
- The gate is to be locked when the last member leaves. Spin the dials on the lock and cover it to protect it from the weather.
- The driveway speed limit is 15mph. Do not drive in damp or soft areas. Park only in the areas provided.
- No motor vehicles on the rifle range access road unless the ground is firm and dry.
- Pick up your trash and empty cartridge/ shell cases and deposit them in the containers provided.
  - Do not litter. Take your non-burnable trash with you. Paper, wood, and cardboard (no plastics) may be placed in the burning barrels provided. Returnable cans and bottles may be deposited in the barrel provided.
  - Pets are not allowed on active ranges. Pets must be kept under control. Pet owners should clean up after their animals.
- Close and lock the clubhouse door before you leave the property.
- **Only members and their supervised guests may use club facilities.** Exception: events open to the public.
- Refer to the PLSC Bylaws for a statement of club purpose, and specific rights, roles, and responsibilities of members.