

# THE PORTAGE LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### **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?**

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

An annual or a lifetime membership includes full membership rights for one member. In addition, their spouse and minor children and/or grand-children are recognized as associate members. Full members are voting members and are encouraged to attend all regular meetings of the PLSC. Members have the responsibility to know and follow all the club rules as published on the club website and are responsible for the actions of their Dependent Associate members.

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.

### **GUEST POLICY**

Full members are permitted to host up to two guests at any time. You are encouraged to invite a guest with the hope that this guest would become our next new member. All guests must be accompanied by the full member at all times while on club property. ("Accompanied by" means that you must maintain visual and verbal contact.) Remember: You are responsible for your guest's actions.

Before any guest is allowed to use club facilities you must have your guest sign and submit a copy of our Waiver, Release, and Hold Harmless Agreement each time the guest visits. Copies will be available in the clubhouse near the restrooms.

Generally, after the second visit as a guest, the guest should apply for club membership.

## **PUBLIC EVENT POLICY**

Various events are hosted by club members throughout the year. These are sometimes open to the public. Non-club members at these events may be asked to sign our Waiver, Release, and Hold Harmless Agreement based on the activity. This will be determined by the club board but, in general, will be a requirement for potentially dangerous activities such as anything firearm or archery related.

## **USE OF THE CLUB FACILITIES: General Property Rules**

- Know and follow all club and range rules.
- Club hours are sunrise to sunset, year around. Temporary closures will be posted on the club website.
- You are responsible for yourself, your family, and your guests.
- Abide by the new guest policy.
- 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 take place *only on the provided shooting ranges in a manner defined by the PLSC rules.*
- Hunting and trapping on club property is prohibited except as authorized by PLSC Board approval.
- 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 with the bucket 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.
- Any violation of PLSC rules can be considered by the Board of Directors as cause for dismissal from the Club. Legal action may also be pursued if deemed appropriate