

ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY GUN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
P.O. BOX 1987
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ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, ARE YOU ABLE TO PURCHASE AND POSSESS FIREARMS? _____ YES _____ NO

The current club member that has explained to you the range use and range safety rules must print and sign his/her name here indicating he has completed the entire briefing and concurs you are a safe shooter:

_____/_____
Printed name signature

Annual membership is \$50 or a family membership is \$60. This family membership **includes minor children living at home**. Minor children (under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by one of their parents while on the range. If they want free access to the range without their parent(s) and are not a minor, then they should make a separate application to the club. If applying for a family membership, how many persons in the family will be using the club's facilities? _____

Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. Applications received after August 31st are asked to pay for the remainder of that year plus the fee for the next calendar year to reduce administrative expenses.

As a new club applicant, I agree that along with my right to shoot on gun club premises, **I acknowledge that I have an obligation to assist the gun club in club functions** such as gun safety classes, shooting range clean up/fix up days, county fair info-booths, range enhancement work, administrative duties (assisting with club mailings), etc. Additionally, I agree to do my best to better the appearance of the range if it is something I can handle i.e. pick up trash; straighten up the target house if needed while I'm there, etc.

I hereby make application to join the ARVGC, Inc. for the current calendar year under the terms as noted in this application. I certify that I will adhere to the rules and regulations of the club and will conduct myself in a safe and courteous manner while on the range. I acknowledge that the attached range safety rules have been explained to me and I agree to abide by each of the rules.

I understand that before I begin shooting on the range, I must agree to abide by the range safety rules and sign a waiver of liability holding the gun club harmless should I or my family be injured in an accident while participating in club activities. Please sign below and enclose a check for membership fee.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SPOUSE _____ DATE _____



LIABILITY RELEASE

I, _____, do hereby release **the Arkansas River Valley Gun Club** (hereby referred to as the ARVGC, Inc from any claims, demands, actions, debts, liabilities, judgments, or other costs arising out of any accident or injury that may occur on the **Arkansas River Valley Gun Club** shooting range. I proclaim that I am using the range of my own free will and desire, as a member or an authorized guest of the ARVGC. I recognize that, by its inherent nature, a person using a “firing range” could potentially, be at greater risk than citizens who chose to stay in the implied safety of their own home. I fully accept these implied risks so that I might enjoy the shooting sports.

I acknowledge that if I commit a blatant unsafe act on the range putting others at risk, my club membership will be terminated with no refund in membership fees.

I hereby acknowledge by my signature below that I have read and fully understand the terms of this waiver.
Signature of Shooter: _____

Signature of Witness: _____

Date: _____

RANGE USAGE REQUIREMENTS

****Each item MUST discussed with new club members!****

THE RANGE IS RESERVED FOR MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY GUN CLUB ONLY.

UNINVITED SHOOTERS ARE VIEWED BY THE ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY GUN CLUB AS TRESSPASSERS AND ARE ASKED TO LEAVE.

When entering the property, lock the access gate behind you. This ensures that a person entering the range should be a member and have the safety consciousness as you do while shooting. Remember to raise the handle on the gate latch before inserting the lock!

NO FULLY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED ON THIS RANGE!!! This helps promote good neighbor relations for the time being.

****No shooting is allowed before 07:30 AM or after dusky dark in the evening. Be nice to the neighbors!****

Do not shoot center fire rifles at the pistol range at ANY of the steel targets found on the pistol or rifle ranges. The use of long guns that fire .22 caliber rim fire, 9mm, .357 or .44 caliber handgun rounds are acceptable to shoot the metal targets on the pistol range. Do not shoot metal targets with the large .454, .460 or .50 caliber handgun loads!

Always pick up or sweep away as much spent brass as possible when you are finished shooting. If you do not want your brass, place re-loadable, center-fire brass in the brass containers found on the range. .22 rim-fire brass should be swept off the shooting area, or thrown in the trash receptacles. Aluminum or steel spent casing should be picked up and thrown in the trash receptacle, not the re-loadable brass containers.

Pick up your trash. If you brought it, pick it up and discard it properly, including used paper targets and cardboard backing. **Pick up anything that a lawn mower will hit except clay pigeon targets!**

Eye and ear protection is required on the range. NO alcohol is allowed to be consumed on range property.

When more than one shooter is present and actively shooting, one person should serve as “range safety officer” calling the line hot or cold so that targets may be checked safely. Do not begin shooting until EVERYONE has a chance to don ear protection!

NO ONE is allowed to handle a firearm with anyone down range. NO ONE. This includes loading a weapon, casing a weapon, or showing it to your buddy while someone else goes down range. **DO NOT HANDLE A FIREARM WITH ANYONE DOWN RANGE.**

It is natural when cycling a semi-automatic handgun to turn the muzzle to the left or to the right while chambering or clearing a round. Shooters MUST be vigilant to keep the muzzle pointed down range while doing these activities. Don’t allow the muzzle to “sweep” your fellow shooters.

Please sweep up your brass when you’re done shooting. Makes the place look professional and neat. Folks are impressed when they come to the range---“You guys have a really nice place here!”

Do not fire from the 200 yard line position when anyone is present at the 100 yard line awning. Do not handle firearms at the 200 yard position when the 100 yard firing position is in use. Do not put those persons

at risk by shooting past them. Criminal charges may be in order because you have put their life at risk! This is serious business. Treat your fellow shooters like you expect to be treated.

Remember to put the second chain up when shooting from 200 yards! This will make new arrivals aware that someone is shooting across the access road at the top of the hill. No strict rules exist on what happens if someone is using the 200 and someone wants to shoot from the 100 yard awning. Use common sense and courtesy in those situations. Maybe both of you can shoot from the same range distance, or let one shooter finish the course of fire he has started. Who was there first? Even if you were there first, be courteous and limit the time you prevent the new arrival from shooting. A simple “Hi, give me another 20 minutes and I’ll be done” will acknowledge the new arrival’s presence and lets him know that he will get to play soon. Get to know the new arrival! You may have a chance to make a new friend!

Do not place targets in the area between the 200 and 100 yard awnings, even in the open area to the left or south side of the range. A deflected bullet could damage the 100 yard awning. When wanting to shoot at a distance of less than 100 yards, do it from the 100 yard awning.

Please store any club equipment properly prior to leaving. This includes items such as club staplers, sand bag rests, front rests, etc. When returning your target to the target house, if the cardboard backing has the center shot out or is in bad condition, strip the targets and cardboard from the stakes and throw the cardboard and used targets in the trash barrels. Stakes are a buck each, so shoot the cardboard, not the stakes! The red short stakes are “plugs” intended to keep dirt out of our stake pockets. They are NOT targets. Please replace them when you’re through shooting.

When the shotgun range is in use, shotgun shooters MUST keep muzzles pointed towards the backstop or onto the center of the range; never to towards the left of the pigeon thrower. Pick up your spent hulls! Remember, shotgun shooters must clear and “ground” their guns when the rifle shooters go down range to check their targets! Remember, no handling of firearms when ANYONE is down range! Be sure to release any stored spring energy in the clay pigeon thrower before you walk away. If not tripped prior to storage, it could accidentally release and seriously injure someone.

Close the roll-up door to the storage area before you leave. There’s a crate of ¼” steel silhouettes in the target house. As they are thin metal, they are for .22 rimfire guns only! The brown cabinet in the back of the target house contains only picnic supplies for our cookouts. Please help us keep the cabinet doors latched closed. The steel cabinet outside the target house is full of steel handgun targets. HANDGUN targets. Center-fire rounds will damage those. Please feel free to shoot them with your handgun, and be sure to store them away when you are finished.

The wooden “OFFICE” building is used for paperwork during our Concealed Handgun Permit Classes. The door should remain unlocked. We’re all honest folk here. Go in and look around if you want. Feel free to sweep the floor while you’re there! Please close the door when you leave!

Always bring your gun’s muzzle up from the ground to the target, not from up in the air down to the target. This keeps all rounds on the property and won’t allow any rounds that might go over the berm.

Do not go exploring on the property without a safety watch posted. A newly arriving shooter would not know where you are down range and begin firing, putting you at risk. There is no recreational 4-wheeling or motorcycling allowed on the property. The use of such vehicles to go forward and check targets is allowed.

Please don’t spin donuts or cut ruts in the property. Someone has to smooth them back out

No hunting is allowed on the range property. This is a target shooting club, not a hunting club.

Observe the permanently posted safety rules. Please shoot at “normal” targets only. Trees are not targets. Do not shoot the trees in two and leave your mess for the club to clean up. Don’t bring your trash from home to shoot or leave in our trash barrels. Trash is difficult for us to dispose of. All this is to say some folks have done that, and it’s uncalled for and unappreciated. The club provides lots of targets; please take care of our facilities. A lot of work went into making these ranges. Please, take care of our toys.

If you find that we’re running low on targets or staples, let us know and we’ll replenish them!

Common courtesy, patience and range safety between club members are **essential** in keeping the range property a safe and enjoyable place for each of us to play. Please go the extra mile to be both safe and to play nice with other members! Be sure every one on the firing line has ear protection on before anyone starts shooting! You would appreciate the same courtesy.

Be sure to coordinate between rifle shooters at the 100 yard range and the shotgun shooters! Shotgun shooters have to put down their firearms while shooters are downrange!

Range work crews such as mowing crews or crews repairing or installing new equipment have priority over range usage. Their work shouldn’t take long. Pitch in and help them if you can. Don’t expect the work crews to work around you while you shoot!

Should you have a problem with the equipment here or you find it degraded, please notify one of the club’s officers. If you find someone being unsafe or damaging club assets, please politely bring it to their attention. If they refuse to correct the undesirable behavior, obtain the person’s car license tag number and we will determine what they were thinking! Be nice; remember, every one there is armed. Don’t start a confrontation, and if YOU are asked to stop damaging things or change your safety behavior, please do so! Play nice! The range will be as safe as you tolerate it being. Don’t settle for unsafe acts. If someone asks you to adhere to our safety rules, do so immediately. Let’s all be safe!

Be aware that Yell County 911 Ambulance Service knows where we are. If someone gets sick or is injured, when you call 911, our address is 10727 Bethel Road (Old Ash Home Stead Road). Remember, the gate should be locked so you need to give them the gate combination, or send another club member down to the gate to unlock it and flag them down!

Remember, NO ONE handles a firearm with ANYONE down range. NO excuses. Just don’t handle it until everyone is back up range! You may think what you’re doing is safe, but the guy down range may not know you or your safety habits. He certainly won’t appreciate your carelessness. You wouldn’t either if you were down range.

Are you aware that the club owns a chronograph that you can borrow? Contact Jeff Ellis at the Old Bank Pawn and Gun to “check it out” for the day. Remember, you shoot it, you fix it!

Enjoy the assets the club has amassed, but be responsible and safe in its use. Please be courteous to the neighbors at Jones Mountain as well. Leave the range facilities cleaner than you found them. Please don’t litter the access roads.

The club has a webpage: www.arvvc.org . We post when our next carry classes are, when the next gun shows are and where, and a few photos of the range. Check us out! We have mortgage payments and insurance payments, and range maintenance expenses. Help us out by recruiting for the classes or by taking care of our property! A gun club is an expensive endeavor to keep going!

THANK George Holt, President ARVGC
Jeff Ellis, Range Safety Officer

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ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY GUN CLUB, INC.
2010 CLUB OFFICERS

George F. (Jeff) Holt.....President

Chuck Pawlonek.....Vice President

John Stottman.....Public Relations Officer

Pat Holt.....Secretary-Treasurer

Jeff Ellis.....Range Officer

Our club is primarily a pistol and rifle club. We as a club promote the safe and lawful use of all firearms, including handguns. Our members come from all walks of life and have their own special interests. There are hunters in our club that wait all year to go to the mountains or bottoms to hunt deer, bear, elk, turkey and other game. We have members that will sit at a shooting bench and try to put all their shots through a single bullet hole on a piece of paper the size of a business card 100 yards away and could not care less about hunting. We have members that shoot single action revolvers, double barrel shotguns and lever action rifles, in the newest firearms craze called Cowboy Action Shooting (through other clubs). We also have black powder shooters using cartridge, percussion and even a few flintlocks. Some other clubs or associations our members belong to are:

Arkansas State Rifle and Pistol Club

National Rifle Association

True Grit Single Action Shooting Society

Linker Mountain Sportsman Association

Arkansas Muzzle Loading Association

Our club actively encourages each member to be both politically vocal and active to preserve our 2nd Amendment Rights. Safety is always our first concern.

LET'S SHOOT.