

Seitzland Rifle Club

New Member Package

**VIOLATION OF RULES CAN RESULT IN
FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP**

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GENERAL RANGE RULES

1. Safety with courtesy on the range is the first priority. Always check for a displayed range flag before shooting, even if no cars are visible on the property.
2. Display your membership I.D. (Membership credentials must be shown upon request of any other club member.)
3. No Firing **Before 8:30 AM or after Dusk**; except for Smallbore Committee scheduled **smallbore rifle matches** (moonlight shoots). No exceptions.
4. All bullets MUST impact in the backstop. Indiscriminate burst fire is not permitted. DO NOT PLACE TARGETS AT GROUND LEVEL. DO NOT SHOOT AT TARGETS ON THE GROUND. THE PURPOSE OF THIS RULE IS TO AVOID RICOCHETS.
5. Only paper, silhouette, gong, or clay targets will be used on the ranges. Paper targets will be placed on wooden target frames. Clay targets are not to be placed on the 50 and 100 yard rifle cross arms. Graphic human silhouette targets, cans, bottles and other containers are not permitted.
6. All firing lines will be secured with a cease-fire and a red range flag displayed before shooters go forward to change targets. **Do not handle firearms when a cease-fire is in effect, when the range is cold.**
7. All shooting will be done from the firing line.
8. Only straight wall and approved bottleneck cartridges may be fired at the steel silhouette targets.
9. Fully automatic fire and indiscriminate burst firing is **prohibited**.
10. Rapid-fire must be part of a recognized course of fire (matches only) and must **not** be indiscriminate.
11. All used targets, brass, trash, etc., must be removed from the range. Take it with you.
12. Only members and up to three supervised guests per member are permitted on the range except for scheduled functions. Guests may come as a one-day member at a day rate of \$5.00 per guest.
13. Junior members must be accompanied by a senior member.
14. Shotgun shooting is permitted in the concrete sighting bench area only, using only rifled slugs. Place 50 yd. targets as high on the target frame as possible to limit damage to the 100 yd target cross arm.
15. Hearing and eye protection should be used when firing.
16. **NO HUNTING** permitted on club property.
17. Rapid fire shooting must be limited to matches or practice for a recognized match course of fire.
18. Indiscriminate rapid fire and devices which simulate full automatic fire, such as bump stocks, are prohibited.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Seitzland Rifle Club offers opportunities to enjoy many of the shooting sports. This booklet is intended to provide an overview of what is available to members and their guests. It also provides a single source for the rules, traditions, safety provisions, and resources of the club.

Ranges are available for high power rifle, small bore rifle, rifle and pistol silhouette, and informal shotgun shooting. The club is affiliated with the National Rifle Association (NRA), the Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association (PRPA), and the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). NRA registered and approved tournaments are scheduled throughout the year in small bore rifle and pistol silhouette. CMP sanctioned high power matches are also held throughout the year.

When the club was founded more than fifty years ago, the primary objective was "The encouragement of organized rifle shooting, a better knowledge of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship." These goals remain primary today. We all enjoy "plinking", but there is more to be enjoyed in shooting than just expending ammunition. Random shooting without regard to score or group size is discouraged. For this reason, all members are encouraged to participate in organized competitions and training sessions. Volunteers are always needed to help with competitions and other events.

All of the ranges, except for the sighting range with concrete benches, are used for registered tournaments, so it is important that they be maintained in first-class condition. If you cause damage or observe damage by others, please repair the damage or promptly report the damage to a club officer and always report offenders who damage club facilities to a club officer.

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MEMBERSHIP

Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 P.M. Our December meeting is held on the third Sunday starting at 1:00 P.M. Officers for the coming year are elected at this December meeting.

All new memberships are conditional for the first two years during which time eight (8) hours of work per year, for each of the two years of conditional membership, must be performed (16 hours total). This work time does include club scheduled workdays and also includes scoring, kitchen, target pit duty, etc. at club matches.

The current initiation fee is \$75.00. Current Annual dues are \$100.00 Juniors' membership are \$25.00 per year. All dues are subject to change by the Executive committee on a yearly basis and should be verified with the membership secretary.

Payment of dues is the responsibility of each club member and is due by the December meeting for the following year. Any renewals after this deadline will be assessed the initiation fee in addition to the dues.

Sponsors of new members are responsible for that new member's conduct and range safety education. A sponsor's continued membership in the club could be terminated, along with the new member, if that new member demonstrates unsatisfactory conduct and/or range safety procedures. We want to make sure that new members feel welcome and safe.

All members must show proof of current membership in the National Rifle Association in order to maintain membership in the Seitzland Rifle Club. Please provide a photocopy of your current NRA membership card or address label from an NRA magazine when submitting payment for the annual dues.

ACTIVITIES

An activity schedule is published and sent to each member at the beginning of each year. It is also published online at <https://www.seitzlandrifleclub.org/schedule>

Workdays are held each year. Members are encouraged to lend a hand with maintenance and up-keep of our ranges. When a large number of members are on hand, the "work day" actually consists of 3 or 4 hours. These workdays keep the costs of our dues to a minimum. These workdays do count toward a new members' 8 hour/year total.

An annual Crab Feast takes place each August or September and should be enjoyed by all members, their family and friends. Shooting is prohibited on all ranges during this event.

When formal shooting events are scheduled for one of the outdoor ranges, all other outdoor ranges are closed. If a competition is taking place when you arrive, you may take part in the contest, help with the match, or watch. Most experienced shooters welcome a chance to help new shooters, so please do not leave if you do not know what is going on.

When an instructor/member is utilizing the range, all members have access to the unused areas of the firing line. The instructor will work with the members to provide cease fires so that targets can be placed down range.

In order to ensure that shooting activities can take place without interference, the following schedule will apply:

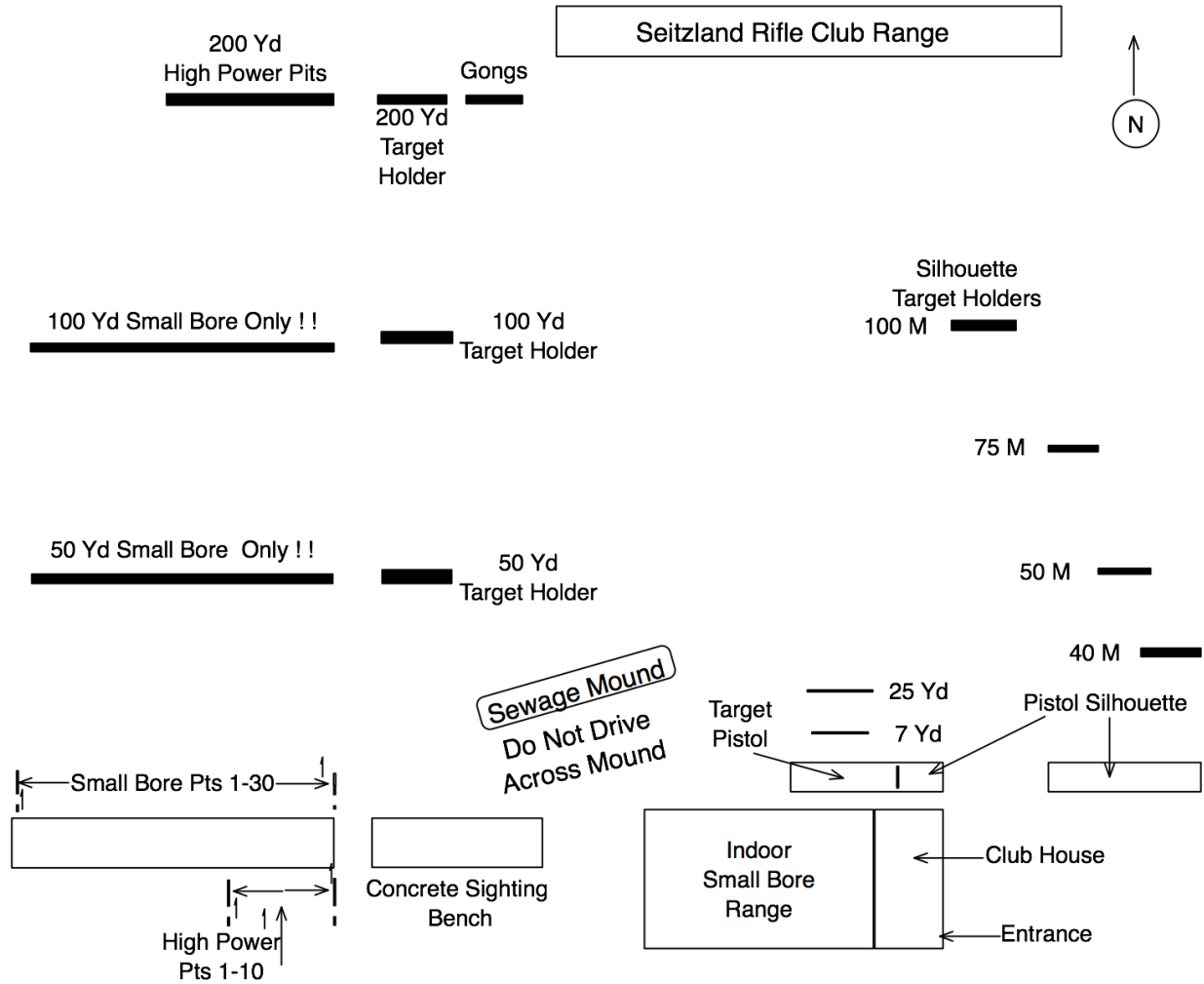
- Outdoor: Summer
 - Tuesday evening: Pistol shooting
 - Wednesday evening: Small bore rifle shooting
 - Thursday evening: High power rifle shooting
 - Friday evening: Smallbore moonlight matches (see website for schedule)

- Indoor: Winter
 - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: Junior Smallbore Rifle
 - Wednesday: Adult Smallbore Rifle
 - Friday: Smallbore Rifle League Matches

On outdoor evenings, all other ranges are closed except the scheduled discipline's range. Other shooters may be welcome during these days at the discretion of the scheduled disciplines range officer (smallbore does not allow other shooters on Wednesdays as they are competition practice nights), but please defer to the target-changing schedule of those whose day it is.

Wear hearing and eye protection whenever you are on or near a range where firing is taking place.

RANGE LAYOUT



SMALL BORE RIFLE RANGE – OUTDOOR

Our covered, thirty-point small bore rifle range is the site of prone rifle matches. This range is located at the extreme western portion of our property. Members are welcome to practice and compete on this range using only .22-rim fire standard velocity ammunition. All other types of ammunition are prohibited on this range.

Target frames are kept under the roof. These frames should be mounted only on the metal pipe supports provided at 50 yards and 100 yards. The tables on this range are for equipment-use only and are not to be used as bench rests for sighting in small bore or high-power rifles. All sighting-in will be done at the **Concrete Benches**.

SMALL BORE RIFLE RANGE - INDOOR

Our club is a member of the Inter-County Rifle League, which holds matches from September through March. Any member can compete in these matches or practice on this range on the small bore practice nights.

Only .22 cal. rim fire standard velocity ammunition is permitted for use on the indoor range. This ammunition can only be fired in the aimed, slow fire mode - no rapid fire or plinking.

All firearms must be singly loaded and fired.

No loading of magazines.

Hang targets so that bullets will not strike the frame.

All firing is done from the 50-foot line for .22 rifle and the 10 meter line for air rifle.

HIGH POWER RANGE

There are 10 covered firing points on our 200-yard high power range, used for a number of matches each year. The high power and outdoor small-bore ranges share the same covered firing points. Shooting is done only from the right side of the small-bore range on the points designated with orange numbers. All members are welcome to use this range for practice and competition.

The 200-yard pits have movable targets, which will be the only target facilities used when shooting high power on this range. This will ensure that bullets strike the impact area. Fire only on targets affixed to the center of the 200-yard frames. Use only one target per frame. Firing to any other location may result in bullets escaping the intended impact area. **Do not shoot on targets hung at the 50 and 100-yard small bore pipe frames**. Be sure to lower and secure target frames after firing is complete. Exposed frames can be damaged by other people shooting at the 100-yard small bore targets.

Club M-1 rifles are available to club members for their use in high power competition and practice.

CONCRETE BENCHES

These are firm concrete benches for sighting in purposes. These benches are the only location to be used for sighting in all rifles and pistols.

Target frames are to be placed on target holders at 50, 100, and 200 yards. The target frames are found under the roof. Please do not shoot into the target frames or target holders because the target holders and frames are subject to considerable damage. It is a good idea to come prepared to do minor carpentry when you shoot from the benches. Please repair any damage you do to the target holders, and if you make a frame unusable, it is suggested you take it home and use it as a model for the replacement frame.

PISTOL SILHOUETTE RANGE

Planned matches are held each month throughout the year. Check calendar for match dates. Match registration is at 8:30 A.M. Both .22 and center fire handguns are used.

Only firearms using straight walled cases may be used on this range. The exception is .22 rim fire rifles.

Practice metal silhouette targets can be found in barrels at each range; chickens at 40 meters, pigs at 50 meters, turkeys at 75 meters, and rams at 100 meters.

Wooden frames are to be used for paper targets. These can be found overhead in the range cover.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Take your trash with you.
- Pickup your brass.
- Leave the firing line and the range clean.
- If you are the last out, be sure to turn off the lights, make sure the wood stove is closed and the gate is locked.
- All bullets must impact the berms.
- Hang targets so bullets do not impact the wood of the target frame.
- All firing is done only from the firing line.

Definitions

- Target Frame:
 - Wood and cardboard frames for mounting targets. These are typically considered consumables.
- Target Frame Holders:
 - In-ground supports for target frames.
 - Not to be used to support clay pigeons, balloons, etc.

SEITZLAND RIFLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual

- Initiation Fee \$75.00
- Annual Membership Fee \$100.00
- Age 18 and up, not living at home and going to school

Married Couple (Cohabitation couple are considered individual members)

- \$200.00 includes initiation
- \$125.00 annual membership

Children of Married Couple

- Included in \$200.00 initiation membership of parents
- Add \$15.00 annual membership for each child 17 or younger
- Add \$25.00 annual membership for each child 18 to 20, living at home and going to school

Junior Shooters

- No initiation fee
- \$25.00 annual membership for 17 or less years of age
- \$75.00 annual membership for 18 or above, with no initiation fee if leaving juniors

Non-Traditional Members

- **College Enrolled**
 - Full Time college students do not need to maintain membership through the annual membership fees. When visiting the club, they may shoot by way of the daily guest fee of \$5.00 per day.
 - Upon graduation, the adult may resume full time membership by attending orientation with no initiation fee and paying the annual adult membership fee of \$75.00 per year.
- **Members that become Active Military stationed outside of the area-**
 - These members do not need to maintain annual membership with the standard membership fee. They may shoot while visiting at the guest rate of \$5.00 per day.
 - Upon separation from the military, the previous member may resume full time membership by attending orientation with no initiation fee and paying the annual adult membership fee of \$75.00 per year.

DONATIONS TO THE SEITZLAND RIFLE CLUB & SEITZLAND JUNIOR RIFLE LEAGUE

- Donations are always appreciated to help the Seitzland Rifle Club reach its goals.
- Any donors, including individuals or businesses, must be informed of the following:
 - **The Name of this organization is the Seitzland Rifle Club Inc. This rifle club is recognized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a non-profit (non-stock) business entity.**
 - **The Seitzland Rifle Club is not a 501c (3) Tax Exempt entity under IRS statutes.**
 - **Donations are not deductible.**

SHOOTING RANGE RULES

- Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- Assume every gun is loaded.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.
- Be sure of your target and what's beyond.
- Know where others are at all times.
- Keep the action open and the firearm unloaded, except when shooting. Use an open bolt indicator.
- Wear ear protection. Eye protection is also recommended.
- Know your firearm and ammunition.
- Know and obey all range commands.
- Carry only one caliber/gauge of ammunition at a time.
- Don't mix alcohol or drugs with shooting.

RANGE PRECAUTIONS

- **DO NOT PLACE TARGETS AT GROUND LEVEL. DO NOT SHOOT AT TARGETS ON THE GROUND. THE PURPOSE OF THIS RULE IS TO AVOID RICOCHETS.**
- Before going down range to replace targets, ALL shooting lines must cease-fire.
- Place the orange range flag on the pole in front of the firing line.
- **Do not handle** your guns at **anytime** while there is a cease fire, this includes packing up to leave. Inserted chamber flags are suggested at this time.
- Shooting cannot resume until all lines agree that it is safe and everybody is behind the firing lines. Remove the orange range flag.
- All targets and brass must be picked up and removed from the range. If you brought it with you, take it home.

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Seitzland Rifle Club New Member Time Record

As part of becoming a member you are required to support the club by giving some time to support the club. The intent here is twofold. One, you are new here and by participating in several club events you develop friendships with other members and become part of the family. Two, this is an entirely volunteer organization; no one gets paid to do anything. Your time can be used to help maintain or improve the facilities, it can assist with the smooth running of shooting events or it might add to the professionalism of the club as a whole. The total time required is 16 hours over a two-year period. In truth, this time is a probationary period. This sheet and a vote by the membership at the end of the period will be part of the process that gives you full membership in the club.

It is hoped that after becoming a full member you will continue to do some volunteering and that your interaction with the others in the club continues to benefit both you and the club. There are many excellent shooters at Seitzland and most are willing to offer guidance and support for any of your shooting interests; take advantage of these opportunities and offer help where you can, we will all benefit. This paper should be kept safe with your membership packet. It should be brought along any time you intend to "earn some hours" toward your 16 hours. One of the club officers or the manager of the particular club event can sign this and document your hours.

Should you have any questions you can always contact your sponsor and he or she can find the answer.

Your Name:	Your Sponsor:
Your Signature:	Your Phone Number:
Printed Name:	Your Email:
Date Membership Approved:	

While it is not likely that all the blocks below will be needed to complete 16 hours, it is possible and allowed to use more than one block to document a particular event.

Date	Hours Worked	Event	Manager Signature

Print or separate and keep this page for your records.

Turn into a board member or orientation director once completed.

Your signature on this page acknowledges your understanding of these rules, your commitment to the Club in both your volunteer time & the rules that protect our Club & Members.