

Sprague Rod & Gun Club

Orientation

Welcome

Welcome to the Sprague Rod and Gun Club's orientation. The goal of this orientation is to give you an overview of club facilities, rules and regulations, and to provide the information you need to be a safe and productive member of our organization. Safety is our number one priority and is everyone's responsibility. Please remember these rules as you use club facilities and participate in club events. Updates to these rules or updates to procedures are often posted on the bulletin board in the club house and on the ranges. It is important that you read all signage before utilizing club facilities.

Purpose

The purpose of this Club shall be to develop an interest in the conservation and propagation of fish, game, and other forms of wild life. To assist in every feasible manner the restocking of the land, streams and ponds of the vicinity with game, animals, and fish in an effort to secure better legislation for their protection and through education to promote better compliance with the laws. To cooperate with like-minded organizations throughout the State in an effort to secure better legislation for their protection and through education to promote better compliance with the laws. To establish and maintain a cordial relationship between club members and the land owner in the interest of the conservation and protection of wildlife. To inculcate a spirit of ethical sporting conduct among its members. The Sprague Rod and Gun Club, Inc shall not be connected or affiliated with any other club, society, or organization except national, state, or county organizations that are beneficial to the purpose for which the Club was organized. (Article 2:Section 1-6 SRG Bylaws)

Meetings & Bylaws

General Membership meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM. These meetings are a great way to meet fellow members, keep up to date on club happenings, and one of the best ways to make your voice heard.

Bylaws are posted in the clubhouse as well as on our website (Spraguerodandgun.com). Please read through these as they are important to club structure and function.

Code of Conduct

All members and their guests are expected to act civilly and contribute to an environment of fellowship and mutual respect. All members should be courteous and kind. Lewd acts, adult language, and disrespecting any member or club property is strictly forbidden. Any member reported to the B.O.D. for such acts will face disciplinary action.

The club is here for us all to enjoy. When using club facilities, please be sure to clean up after yourself. A good motto is to, "Leave the club cleaner than when you found it". Please also be mindful of our residential neighbors.

Members must have membership card on them at all times while on club property. At the request of any member, you are expected to present the card for identification purpose.

Contact Information

A list of BOD members is on the bulletin board by ATM.

General Information

Social Club Hours

Monday - Thursday: 2:00PM - 11:00PM

Friday: 2:00PM - 1:00AM

Saturday: 9:00AM - 1:00AM

Sunday: 11:00AM - 11:00PM

Guest Policy

Members may bring a guest up to three (3) times before the guest is required to apply for membership (not including events open to the public). Spouses, significant others, and children under 16 are exempt from this. Guests joining any member in the social club must be signed in. Guests may only use club facilities when accompanied by a member in good standing.

While on range, it is expected that members have direct supervision over guest's activities. We ask that members supervise the handling and operation of firearms and equipment on a one on one basis. Members are responsible for their guests' actions.

Non-Discriminatory

Sprague Rod & Gun Club accepts membership from anyone 16 years of age or older and does not discriminate for any reason.

Events

The club hosts social events on a regular basis, check social club bulletin board, Facebook & website for information on times and dates.

Get updates straight to your phone via text!

Club events, volunteer opportunities, meeting reminders, range closures, etc.

Text "srgclub" to "860-467-7844"

Find our private, member only Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/777071686311680>

Hunting

The club has parcels of land open to various types of hunting. Daily and seasonal permits are available in the social club. Land Charts and Maps are posted in the club and available in the appendix VII. All CT and Federal Hunting Laws Apply. Follow all posted rules.

Club Facilities

The club has 2 skeet fields, 100-yard rifle range, 4 outdoor pistol ranges, indoor pistol range for .22 caliber rimfire, and an archery stand for elevated practice. We stock pheasant, and have several parcels of land on

which to hunt a variety of wildlife. The hall, pavilion, and kitchen are available for rental for weddings, parties, or meetings and our social club is well stocked and welcomes members and their guests.

Volunteering

Sprague Rod & Gun Club does not require volunteer hours. If you have a special skill, like carpentry, electrical, plumbing, kitchen prep, yard maintenance, etc. and would like to lend your time it would be greatly appreciated. There are many committees and events that take place throughout the year so just come to the meetings, look at the flyers posted in the members social area (bar) or flyers at the ranges, or ask around to see if any help is needed.

Range Rules and Regulations - Shooting Hours

Monday – Friday: 10:00 AM -1/2 hour before sunset

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 AM - 1/2 hour before sunset

Sunset times will be posted on range.

Skeet opens daily at 9:00 am and closes ½ hour before sunset

Range Closings will be posted. There will be no shooting on Christmas Day, Per BOD.

Safety

The Board of Directors believes that safety is the most important goal of the shooting sports. Therefore, range rules must be strictly enforced to achieve the high level of safety which this club must maintain in order to survive, promote, and further the shooting sports. Any member found to be in violation of the Rules & Regulations shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors up to loss of membership. Firearms are not allowed in the social club, except cased & unloaded .22 caliber rifles and pistols or revolvers transported directly to and from the indoor pistol range.

Safety is the number one priority. Always observe these rules. Safety is everyone's job. If you see something that is unsafe, report it to the range officer immediately. Do not continue to shoot until the hazard has been corrected or removed.

Sprague Rod & Gun observes an 8-hour alcohol and drugs policy: No one is allowed on range (Shooting OR Observing) within 8 hours of consumption.

Four rules of gun safety:

- 1) A gun is always loaded!
- 2) Never point the gun at something you are not prepared to destroy!
- 3) Always be sure of your target and what is behind it!
- 4) Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target!

Appendix I



Appendix II

General Range Rules

- Ranges are for club members and guests with club members only. Members are responsible for their guest at all times while on club property and should ensure guests follow all club rules & regulations.
- Eye and ear protection must be worn by all persons present on any shooting range.
- Obey instantly all range commands. Read and understand all range signage.
- Unless holstered keep action open and unloaded until ready to shoot.
- Keep your finger off of the trigger until the sights are on the target. (Therefore, NO HIP SHOOTING / NO UNAIMED FIRE)
- When carrying or transporting long guns to ranges or the firing line they should be held or slung muzzle down.
- Be sure of your backstop. All bullets MUST impact berm, and should impact into the proper (safe) impact area of the berm. The proper (safe) impact area is the same on all ranges and is from approximately 2 feet up from the base up to approximately 5 feet high.
- Before shooting, make absolutely certain that nobody is down range.
- The firing line MUST be safe before anyone goes down range. (Actions open, gun cleared and stored, gun cleared and laid on bench, gun cleared and holstered, or gun cleared and placed into shooting bag). Do not handle any firearms when someone else is down range.
- Firing line must never be beyond the side berms of any range.
- NEVER SHOOT TIRES! Bullets will bounce off.
- Shoot only targets approved for that range.
- Do not shoot rocks, bottles, cans or anything not listed above without approval of a range safety officer.
- No tracer ammo is to be used on any range.

- Members are to supervise all shooting activity of their guests at all times.
- No alcoholic beverages or drugs (or under the influence thereof) allowed on the ranges. If you are found shooting after consuming alcohol or drugs, your membership can be revoked.
- This club observes the 8-hour rule. No persons either observing or shooting will be allowed on our ranges within 8 hours of consuming any alcohol.
- Keep ranges clean. Pick up and throw away your targets when finished shooting. If the trash barrels are overflowing, empty them into the dumpster behind Clubhouse.
- No shotgun shooting at hand thrown targets on club property.
- Fully Automatic firing is banned from Sprague Rod & Gun Club property. This includes trigger actuators, which cause a semi autos to function in a full auto manner.
- Shooting from a moving vehicle is banned on Sprague Rod & Gun Club property. There will be absolutely no exceptions to this rule.
- During some club events, all ranges will be closed, including the day before, for set-up.
- NOTE: All Rules and Regulations are subject to Board of Directors discretion. Some rules are subject to modifications during certain approved events (with range safety officers present)

Appendix III

Rifle Range Rules

- All General Range Rules Apply.
- Shoot at the main (100) and (50) yard berm only. Shoot only targets approved for this range. Do not shoot metal targets. Use provided target stands and boards. No shooting thrown targets.
- The firing line MUST be safe before anyone goes down range. (Actions open, gun cleared and stored, gun cleared and laid on bench, gun cleared and holstered, or gun cleared and placed into shooting bag). Do not handle any firearms when someone else is down range.
- When advancing down range, alert others by using the “No-Shoot” flags. Red and Green flag rules are posted at firing line.
- Targets shall be placed so that bullets will impact into the impact area of the berm. Do not place targets between the berm and firing line.
- Anyone looking to shoot a shorter distance than 50 or 100 yards should place target at base of berm and walk back to desired distance and establish a new firing line. Alternatively, Multi-purpose bay 4 on the pistol range may be used for <25yd shooting.
- All shooters must shoot from the same firing line. Shooters must share the range. While it is permissible to shoot from forward of the covered firing line, if others wish to use the rifle range then you must move back to the covered firing line within a reasonable time frame.
- Rifles, shotguns, and pistols may be used at the rifle range. No Bird/Buckshot is to be used on the wood target stands.
- .50BMG or rounds with similar ballistics are not allowed.
- No Rapid Fire. Firing should be limited to 1 shot every 3 seconds.

- Members are expected to know and obey all range rules, including the general rules posted in the club house.
- Clean up the range when you are done. Pick up your targets and any other trash on the ranges. This is every member's responsibility.

Appendix IV

Pistol Range Rules

All General Range Rules Apply.

- PISTOL, PISTOL CALIBER CARBINES, .22 RIMFIRE RIFLES ONLY BAY 1-3. Bay 4 can be used for Rifle & Shotgun.
- The firing line MUST be safe before anyone goes down range. (Actions open, gun cleared and stored, gun cleared and laid on bench, gun cleared and holstered, or gun cleared and placed into shooting bag) Do not handle any firearms when someone else is down range.
- Shoot only targets approved for this range. Paper, cardboard, bowling pins, pepper poppers, steel plates. When using steel plates and or pepper poppers, be aware of splatter.
- Clean up the range when you are done. Pick up your targets and any other trash on the ranges. This is every member's responsibility.
- Members are expected to know and obey all range rules, including the general rules which will be posted in the club house.

Appendix V

Indoor Pistol Range Rules

- .22 caliber rimfire only is to be fired on this range. short, long or long rifle standard velocity or sub sonic, lead bullets only.
- No jacketed bullets, no hyper velocity .22 caliber bullets are allowed (Velocities not to exceed 1250fps).
- No .22 "Shot" rounds.
- No .22 magnum or .177 caliber rimfire ammunition is allowed on the indoor range due to excessive velocity. It may be used outside.
- When the Hall is in use, the indoor pistol range is closed. Call ahead.
- When shooting inside, bring firearms downstairs immediately. Firearms are not allowed in the social club.
- Targets are to be placed only at the backstop (50 feet).

Appendix VI

Skeet Field Rules

- All General Range Rules Apply.
- Number 8 or 9 Bird Shot only.

- Skeet chairman must approve all members to operate the skeet field.
- Remove hulls, re-stock equipment, and lock up after use.

Archery Rules

- All General Range Rules Apply.
- Use only in established shooting lanes
- Do not use broad heads on field point targets. Use targets meant for your bow and arrowhead.
- Return all targets to storage and secure.
- May shoot from elevated stand or ground.
- No exploding or flaming arrows.