

OAK HILL GUN CLUB, INC.

September 2016 Newsletter

Please read this entire newsletter; it contains important information YOU NEED TO KNOW!

From the board of directors, October 2016

We had a good year in 2016

Thank you to everyone that helped make 2016 a safe and enjoyable year at Oak Hill!

The ranges are in good shape, major improvements were made to the pistol range, and we are financially sound.

Here's looking forward to another great year and we look forward to seeing you at the range.

Membership renewal 2017 DUES HAVE INCREASED!

As we are all aware, the cost of everything continues to increase, including the cost of running and improving the club; reluctantly, the board has deemed it necessary to increase our yearly dues to cover these costs.

Starting with 2017 renewals, dues are \$85.00 for regular renewals, \$60.00 for seniors over 65 years of age and those living over 50 miles or more away from the range site.

If you attended a work party during 2016, your dues are discounted by \$25. Please adjust your payment accordingly.

For 2017, our membership caps at 800 members so do not delay in sending in

your dues. See the article "Range use and CHANGES" in this issue.

Finally, Oak Hill Gun Club typically does not send a reminder other than by Newsletter. **THIS IS THAT REMINDER.** Memberships end and dues are incurred on December 31st of every year so plan accordingly!

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Checks/money orders should be made payable to "Oak Hill Gun Club". Please do not send cash!

Volunteers needed!

We need help to keep things going at OHGC!

No matter if it is a work party or helping with trap or other event, we need help to make these happen. Please contact Mike Craig at 563.508.6224 or Fred Larson at 563.381.1293 to volunteer.

During 2016, we had over 750 members with 50 members or less doing **all** the work; this includes running matches and work parties.

Yep, that's right folks! Less than 7% of our membership actually helps keep the club up and running.

Can you help? Will you help? A lack of volunteers will inevitably cause us to reevaluate and reduce some of our club sponsored shooting events.

Range Use and other CHANGES

- 1) The trap range is closed to all use except for club sponsored activities. If you wish to bring your

own trap to practice, do this at the pistol range to the left of the firing line as viewed from the parking area, throwing towards the 50 yard target boards. Throwing and firing must not be done in front of the firing line.

- 2) The guest fee goes to \$5.00 starting January 1, 2017.
- 3) By law, the State of Iowa requires that all not for profit sporting clubs have a membership cap. Starting in 2017 our cap will be 800 members. **First come, first served, no exceptions.**
- 4) The discount for attending a work party goes up to \$25, effective immediately.

NO FIRING FROM ANYWHERE OTHER THAN BEHIND THE FIRING LINE! So, if the benches are behind you, no shooting. The only exceptions are when in a club directed match at the order of the Range Officer. Examples of this would be the Bowling Pin, Vintage Bolt, and CMP matches.

Range safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility. If you see something dangerous, do something about it. *Dangerous situations need to be stopped first* and reported later. Hurt feelings to another shooter are much preferable to an incident that physically hurts someone or jeopardizes the ability of our club to continue offering a SAFE place to shoot. Again, **Range safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility!**

The rifle and pistol ranges are configured for targets to be 90 degrees to your shooting location.

This means the target you fire at should be directly in front of your firing position, not at an angle relative to your firing position.

To illustrate this, look to the rifle range. As you face out from the firing line, the 50 and 25 yard target stands are to your far left. If you are using these stands you would be on the far left of the range. Never fire at the 25 and 50 yard stands from the right side of the firing line. Or vice versa.

This also applies to the pistol range. For instance, you would not fire at the 7 yard target frames from any place other than DIRECTLY in front of them. No cross firing period, ever.

2017 Nomination and Election of Officers and the Board of Directors

All positions are up for election this year. Nominations are at the November meeting, elections are at the December meeting held at the Hickory Garden Family Restaurant the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

Support the NRA

No organization has fought longer or harder for your 2nd Amendment right than the National Rifle Association of America.

We are a 100% NRA club, so we all are members; the question is, what should we do in addition to help keep our 2nd Amendment right?

Keep your membership current. Donate a little extra cash to the NRA. Upgrade your membership. Volunteer. Shoot and hunt responsibly.

Ignore your rights and they might go away!