



Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club

SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS

We take range safety very seriously here at Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club. Our very existence as a shooting club depends on everyone shooting safely and following all of our Safety Rules. It is the responsibility of each and every member to know and practice the rules and regulations set forth by the Club Safety Committee.

It is also the responsibility of each member to protect the Club's integrity by dealing with all unsafe practices and rule infractions immediately upon observation, Remembering to always be courteous and diplomatic.

Anyone without a current membership card should be considered a non-member and you should ask them to please leave. Our Club's liability insurance will not cover any incident involving a non-member. Of course, if the person in question is in the Company of a card carrying member, as that member's guest, then that is okay, as Our insurance will allow each member to have one guest with him/her. **NO MEMBER** may give a non-member permission to use a range without that member being present on the range with his/her guest. No Club officer may circumvent this rule in any way. A member will be totally responsible for the behavior of his/her guest and will be held directly responsible for any wrongful actions of his/her guest.

Your membership card is to be worn in plain sight whenever using a range. Plastic I.D. badge holders will be available at the clubhouse, the custodian's trailer, and above the sign-in sheets at the south end of the range cover. Other devices to display your card are acceptable with the "rule of thumb" being that other members should be able to "see" your membership card and identify you as a member.

BE SERIOUS ABOUT SAFETY

KNOW YOUR SAFETY RULES

Note: 50 cal. BMG ammo or armor piercing ammo **CAN NOT** be used on our ranges

**The Following are some of the Classes available
at Fall Creek Valley!**

NRA DISCIPLINES AND INSTRUCTION

- a) Home Firearm Safety - This is a 4 hour general introductory and safety class that covers pistols, rifles, and shotguns. There is no live firing in this class.
- b) First Steps Pistol, First Steps Rifle, and First Steps Shotgun - Each of these classes are only 3 hours long and they cover only the safe operation of one particular firearm, such as a pump shotgun, a .22 cal rifle, or a revolver. There is limited live firing for each class.
- c) Basic Pistol - This is a 10 hour class that covers the safety and operation of both types of pistols, revolvers and semi-automatics. Extensive live fire of both revolvers and semi-automatics is required.
- d) Basic Rifle - This 14 hour class covers the safe handling of all types of rifles from single shot breach loading rifles to semi-automatic magazine fed rifles. Extensive live fire is also required.
- e) Basic Shotgun - This class is 10 hours long, comprising the introduction and safe handling of various types of shotguns. Both shooting sports Trap and Skeet are covered; however, all shooting practice will be from the club's trap fields.
- f) Reloading - This discipline is broken down into two 8 hour classes. One covers metallic reloading and the other covers shotshell reloading. Safety is stressed in both classes and there is hands on instruction on several kinds of reloading equipment.
- g) Muzzleloading Pistol, Muzzleloading Rifle & Muzzleloading Shotgun - These three classes run 12 hours each. All three classes use the text from the NRA National Muzzleloading Association. As black powder is extremely dangerous to work with, safety issues are stressed. Live fire is required in all three disciplines.
- h) Personal Protection In the Home - Basic Pistol is prerequisite for this 9 hour class. Legal, moral, and psychological issues are covered along with practice of "in home" shooting scenarios. Extensive live fire required.
- i) Personal Protection Outside the Home - Personal Protection In the Home is a prerequisite for this 14 hour class. The legal issues that come along with discharging a firearm in public are extremely complicated. This class deals in concealed carry and live fire from either a purse or a strong side hip holster at multiple targets. Five hours of range time is required.
- j) Range Safety Officer - This 9 hour class covers how to safely run a range or shooting match. There are also practical exercises dealing with the myriad of situations that can occur on shooting ranges.

Contact Information: stevebemish@gmail.com or <http://fcvcc.org> or
Aletha Brunner 765 683-1777 evenings, or
Fall Creek Clubhouse at 765 779-4449.

**National Rifle Association of America
Incorporated 1871**

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**Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club
Receives NRA Outstanding Club Award**

Fairfax, VA. – With more than 10,000 affiliated gun clubs nationwide, the National Rifle Association of America named the Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club in Markleville, Indiana, to receive the NRA Outstanding Club Award for 2002. The award was presented, as part of NRA's Board of Directors Meeting, Sept. 13th.

This prestigious award recognizes those NRA-affiliated clubs that have demonstrated the most outstanding achievement in club operations. Over the past year, the Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club has:

- Sponsored a Friends of NRA Banquet combined with a Women On Target Instructional event that attracted participants from several surrounding counties.
- Maintained an active schedule of NRA Basic Course training classes, including Reloading Rifle, Shotgun, and Pistol Marksmanship, and Personal Protection. Conducted additional courses to qualify NRA-Certified Instructors and Range Safety Officers.
- Held Refuse To Be A Victim and Eddie Eagle Gunsafe seminars for club members and non-members in the area.
- Maintained an active schedule of competitive marksmanship contest including High Power Rifle, Small-bore Prone and Four-position, Blackpowder, Trap, and Archery, Conducted leagues for adults and juniors in air rifle competition.
- Conducted an ongoing youth shooting sports program, including a Junior Rifle Club devoted to three-position air rifle and small-bore rifle marksmanship, plus a Junior Trap-Club that fielded two, 5 member teams.
- Worked with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to conduct annual Hunter Education classes.
- Published a quarterly newsletter mailed to each of the club's members.
- Conducted an active schedule of social events, including an Open House to acquaint all club members with all the opportunities for participation in the shooting sports.

Presented annually by the NRA Clubs & Associations Department, the NRA Club Awards Program commends noteworthy accomplishments achieved by NRA-affiliated clubs nationwide. Recognizing education and sportsmanship as the foundation of a strong and successful club program, the awards reflect the continuing efforts of members to fulfill the objectives of the National Rifle Association and Preserve the Constitutional right guaranteed by the Second Amendment.

**FALL CREEK VALLEY
CONSERVATION CLUB, INC.
NRA 2002 NATIONAL CLUB OF THE YEAR
1204 East Gilmore Road, Markleville, IN 46056**

Name.....Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club, Inc.
Street.....1204 East Gilmore Road
City, State....Markleville, Indiana
ZIP Code....46056
Phone765 779-4449

Clientele.....A Members only Family oriented membership of U.S. Citizens having no felony convictions. Membership cards issued to Citizens 18 years old or older who are willing to follow Club range safety rules and use firearms in a safe and lawful manor.

Services.....Competition programs are scheduled for 3-D Bow hunting. There are NRA sanctioned shooting matches in High Power Rifle, Small Bore (.22) Rifle, Adult Air Rifle, and Trap. In addition there are Muzzle loading Black Powder matches including knife and tomahawk throwing contests. Weekly leagues are offered in the summer months for both rifle events. The practice ranges for rifle and pistol are open to members whenever scheduled competition events are not held. There is a 100 yard range, a 50 yard range, a 25 yard range and a 7 yard range (that is only for the practice of defensive handgun shooting). The club, furnishes the wood frames to attach the paper targets.

Education.....The club has many NRA certified trainers and instructors. We offer instruction in Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Home Firearm Safety, Personal Protection In the Home, Muzzleloading Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun, and Handloading in both shotshell and metallic cartridges. We also offer classes in Range Safety Officer Certification. In addition we offer training to become NRA Certified Instructors in all of the above disciplines.

Public Safety.....We offer a NRA non-firearm program for civic groups called, "REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM", which can be adapted to all age groups.

Junior Programs...We have Junior programs in air rifle, small bore rifle, and trap.

Other Events.....We hold two IDNR Hunter Education Programs per year, a one day educational event for children only held by the Madison County Wild Turkey Federation called Jakes Day. We offer several women only events called NRA Women on Target, where women are given the opportunity to learn the safe handling of handguns and how to shoot them and on another day they can learn safe shotgun shooting. The Women on Target and the IDNR Hunter Education events are free.

WEB ADDRESS www.FCVCC.org

Fall Creek Valley is a “members only” club offering shooting venues in Archery, Rifle, Black Powder, Small bore, High Power, and Trap.

First year memberships are \$90., with yearly dues of \$40 for Single, and \$45 for Family.

We have 5 trap fields and a gun range with 100 yard, 50 yard, & 25 yard bunkers we also have a 5 yard/7 yard range for personal protection handgun use.

Our bow hunter club has over 100 3-D targets to choose from when setting up a course of fire out in the woods and valleys that surround three sides of our club.

We have Junior shooting clubs in rifle and trap.

Our NRA Instructors offer NRA Basic Firearms classes in Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzleloading Rifle, Muzzleloading Pistol, Muzzleloading Shotgun, Handloading in Shotshell and Metallic, Home Firearm Safety, & Personal Protection In the Home.

Four of our Instructors also hold the NRA Training Counselor rating and they can offer classes on becoming a Certified NRA Instructor in all of the NRA disciplines. They also hold the rating of Chief Range Officer and can teach classes for becoming a Range Safety Officer.

If you are interested in a basic firearms class or an Instructor class in Rifle, Handloading, Home Firearms Safety, Range Safety Officer, please contact either Bob Fesmire (765) 533-4597, or Dean Marvin (765) 643-5928. Bob and Dean also conduct the IDNR Hunter Safety class in the spring and fall.

If you are interested in a basic or Instructor class in Muzzleloading Rifle, Pistol or Shotgun, contact Gerald Jones (765) 378-3581.

For basic or Instructor classes in Pistol, Shotgun, or Personal Protection In the Home, Contact Aletha Brunner (765_683-1777) eve. Donn Bonner coaches the Jr. Rifle Team.

SHOOTING PROGRAM

- Archery/Bow hunter.....As Scheduled
- Black Powder.....3rd Sunday
- High Power.....1st Sunday
- League – Thur. June & July
- Smallbore.....4th Weekend April thru Oct.**
- League –Wed. June thru Sept.**
- Registered Trap.....2nd Weekend April thru Nov. w/ Big 50’s every Tuesday eve.**
- Practice Trap.....Tues. Evenings April thru Nov.**
- Stillboard..... Sunday’s ... December – March**

SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Use of alcoholic beverages and controlled drugs is prohibited on club property

GENERAL

1. Always keep the muzzle of the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to fire.
4. Always know your target and what lies behind it.
5. Always assume the responsibility for the safety of others.
6. All members are to wear their membership cards in plain view whenever using any club range. The club provides plastic ID card holders to all members, but you are welcome to use other card display methods or devices. You will be asked to leave by any other member if you do not have your card and you must comply. Any shooter without a current club membership card for ID is to be considered a non-member who will not be covered by the club's liability insurance policy.
7. A member is welcome to bring one shooting guest per visit. A guest is any non-member. Each guest must be accompanied by a member. A member shall be totally responsible for the actions of his guest.
8. Exercise the utmost care that all rounds impact in a bunker immediately behind the target frame. Any bullet impacting on the ground in front of a bunker is sure to ricochet. We must have safe shooting on our range and we must keep all bullets on our property.
9. No shooting before 8:00 AM. Rifle and Pistol ranges are closed at sundown.
10. Members are required to use only the wooden frames provided by the club and at the distances designated on the frame itself.
11. Keep the firearm unloaded and the action open until you are ready to shoot.
12. Never handle another person's firearms or equipment without their permission.
13. Shoot only at paper targets and at no time shoot at wildlife on club grounds.
14. Each shooter is responsible for cleaning up their used targets and disposing of them properly in the trash receptacles.
15. Tracer, armor piercing and incendiary ammo is illegal to use on our range.
16. Guard against fires.
17. Any safety rule violation can lead to expulsion from the club.
18. Do not shoot at the baffles. They are there to catch random accidental rounds.
19. Use only target frames that are positioned at the base of each bunker.
20. 50 cal. BMG ammo CAN NOT be used on our range.

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RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGES

- Always keep the muzzle of the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to fire.
- Always know what you are shooting at and know what lies beyond.
- Always assume the responsibility for the safety of others.
- Always, immediately upon arriving at the range, attach your ID card on your person in plain sight, register in the range book, and pay the range fees, before unloading your equipment.
- Always notify **all** shooters prior to going downrange. **Never** handle or fire any firearm while anyone is downrange at **any** distance.
- Always load firearms only when on the firing line.
- Always bore sight all guns from rest when not absolutely sure that the sights are properly set.
- Never shoot across firing lanes or shoot at an angle to the bunker.
- Always use only paper targets attached to the wooden frames supplied by the club. Never use clay trap targets, cans, bottles, rocks, golf balls, or **any other** such objects as a target.
- Always position all target frames at the base of the backstop so as to insure that all bullets hit the backstop immediately without danger of ricochet.
- Fire only from the designated firing line and only at distances of 5, 7, 25, 50, and 100 yards.
- Never switch target frames from one distance to another, as the frames are designed for that distance and that bunker only.
- On the 25 yard range, the bullets must impact into the steel bullet traps.
- Shooting at any type of moving target is strictly prohibited.
- When leaving, always make sure that all live ammunition is removed from the range.
- Do not use shotguns except to sight in slugs.
- Due to safety considerations, **never** fire a firearm in fully automatic mode.
- Never use any of these ranges when a trap event is scheduled.
- It is **against Indiana State Law** to shoot wildlife on Conservation Club property.
- The Persinger Range, (7 yd & 5 yd), is for hand guns only.
- When the driveway gate is closed, the range is closed.

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SAFETY RULES AND SHOOTER ETIQUETTE

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TRAP RANGE

1. ATA Safety Rules will govern all shooting, both practice and competition, unless otherwise designated by the Trap Committee.
2. Gun may be loaded only when on the firing line. Load one shell only (except for doubles events).
3. Shooter should keep his gun pointed in the general direction of the trap house at all times when on the firing line and refrain from talk or movement that would distract other shooters.
4. Guns shall be kept on open chamber at all times going to and from the trap range, and generally at all times other than when in a shooting position at a trap station. The only exception will be "break-open" guns that may be closed while standing in a gun rack.
5. Shooters must not move from a station with a loaded gun and should remain on the station until the last shooter has fired the final round of that sequence.
6. The Trap Range will be used only under the supervision of a member of the Trap Committee or during Club sponsored shooting activities.
7. An intoxicated person shall be denied shooting privileges.
8. Shoot only from the confines of the concrete trap walks, unless a special event is supervised by the Trap Committee.
9. No picking up of fired hulls from grounds by shooters during a practice or a competitive event or program is allowed.
10. Shotguns or "scatter guns" of 12 gauge or less ONLY will be allowed on the trap range.
11. Only shot shells containing loose shot of 7 1/2 size or smaller will be allowed on the trap range.
12. Shooters will be expected to treat "Pullers/Scorers" respectfully and courteously. Shooters should keep in mind that "Pullers/Scorers" are essential to the execution of the sport and that they are dedicated to performing their function to the best of their ability.
13. Using a clear, crisp, pull call gives the shooter the best opportunity to activate a voice release, or to be accurately heard by a Puller, resulting in "on time" targets.
14. Shooters should refrain from mounting the gun until the target of the previous shooter has been either broken or called "lost" or "no target" by the Puller/Scorer.
15. Trap personnel on the field and shooters engaged in shooting are required to wear hearing and eye protection. The ATA/ITA is enabled to enforce this rule.
16. Any problems encountered by the shooter are to be addressed to the Trap Management. Problems cannot be solved by fellow shooters, and they should not be distracted during their shooting experience. Trap personnel will refer the shooter to Trap Management.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON CLUB PROPERTY

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BLACK POWDER

1. No open cans of powder on the loading bench.
2. No smoking in loading area.
3. Do not load directly from can, flask, or powder horn. Load with separate powder measure only.
4. Cap or prime only on the firing line.
5. All loaded cylinders on revolvers should be capped on the firing line.
6. Load black powder rifles and pistols in half cock position, with the frizzin open on flintlocks, and with the hammer down.
7. Carry both rifles and pistols with barrel up and pointed down range to and from the firing line.
8. Popping a cap to clear a rifle or pistol after cleaning is done on the firing line only, with the barrel pointing downrange.
9. Black powder trap can be shot from the 10 yard blocks set in place on the number two trap field during a scheduled match.
10. During a black powder trap shoot capping or priming is done on the firing line just prior to calling for a target.
11. All National Muzzleloading Rifle Association rules apply.

ARCHERY RANGES

1. Before entering any archery range, attach your ID card to your person in plain sight, sign in on the range book and pay your range fee in the "Archery" slot to the left of the sign-in book.
2. The archery ranges must be shot forwards from target 1 through 40. Never shoot any range in reverse.
3. Broadheads are to be used on the broadhead pit only. Which is located just north of the barn.
4. The maximum distance for the broadhead pit is 40 yards. Yardage blocks are in the ground.
5. No broadheads are to be used on the practice butt or on any target butt on any range.
6. Crossbows are allowed ONLY on the broadhead pit and in sanctioned events.
7. No firearms are to be used on any of the archery ranges, the practice butt, or the broadhead pit.
8. Use the practice butts adjacent to the clubhouse to set sights. Yardage markers are set in the ground.
9. The practice butt and the boradhead pit are to be included in the \$1. range fee.

Approved by the Safety Rules Committee 12/2003

Donn Bonner, CRSO	Wm. A. Smith, RSO	Steven Fowler, RSO	Mike King, RSO
Bob Fesmire, CRSO	Debbie Saunders, RSO	Dave Bauer, RSO	Barry Dillard, RSO
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FALL CREEK VALLEY CONSERVATION CLUB, INCORPORATED
1204 E. Gilmore Rd., Markleville, Indiana 46056
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
PLEASE PRINT AND FILL IN ITEMS IN FULL

NAME _____ D.L.# _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

ADDRESS _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Age _____ Married? Yes _____ No _____ Phone (____) _____

Date of Birth _____

American Citizen Yes _____ No _____

Are you of Sound Mind _____

Subject to Fainting _____

Subject to Epilepsy _____

Have you ever been convicted of:
 A Felony _____ Fish & Game Violation _____

Have you ever been connected with or
 Engaged in any Subversive Activities? _____

Which Club Activities are you primarily interested in?

- ___ TRAPSHOOTING ___ SMALL-BORE RIFLE
- ___ HI-POWER RIFLE ___ PISTOL
- ___ CONSERVATION ___ ARCHERY
- ___ BLACK POWDER ___ FLY-CASTING
- ___ AIR RIFLE ___ JR. OLYMPICS
- ___ HUNTER SAFETY ___ RANGE SAFETY
- ___ PERSONAL PROTECTION
- ___ WOMEN'S PISTOL

Where Employed _____

Email Address _____

Are you affiliated with:
 National Rifle Association _____

Amateur Trapshooting Association _____

Indiana Field Archery Association _____

Other (specify) _____

Specify any elected office you may have
 Held in the above organization _____

Would you be willing to serve on one of these
 Committees in this Club? Yes _____ No _____

What has been your previous experience in the
 above mentioned activities?

- None _____
- General Field Shooting _____
- Club or Team Shooting _____
- Armed Forces or ROTC _____
- Other (specify) _____

Have you ever been a member of this Club
 previously _____ Year _____

Applicant Sponsored By: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP
Initiation Fee: \$50.00 + Yearly Membership: Single - \$50.00 Family - \$55.00
 _____ Single
 _____ Family (Family is spouse and children under 18)

CD _____
 DB _____
 PL _____
 EM _____

In tending this application for membership to the FALL CREEK VALLEY CONSERVATION CLUB, INC. I agree to Accept, obey and abide by all rules and regulations of this organization for the period covered by this application. I further agree to accept the action taken by this Club, on this application, as final and binding.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Applications must be returned with a signed Safety Rules Card. Any others will be returned without processing.

Please sign and return this card with your Application
Thank You!

FCVCC

SAFETY RULES CARD

NAME _____

I have read the Safety Rules.
I understand them and
I agree to abide by them.

SIGNATURE _____

THIS CARD MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE
MEMBERSHIP CARD CAN BE ISSUED.