



# Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Newsletter

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# NEGAUNEE ROD & GUN CLUB

## WINTER UPDATE

**Greetings fellow Negaunee Rod & Gun Club members—** Now that hunting season and Thanksgiving are in the rearview mirror, we're getting back into the swing of things at the Club. Read on and you'll find timely updates and details regarding a variety of events and activities that are being planned for the Club. Make plans now to join in the action as we ring in the New Year with a *BANG!!*

**WINTER HOURS:** Clubhouse hours for the winter season are as follows:

- Monday: 5:00 – 8:00 pm (Rimfire Pistol)
- Tuesday: 5:00 – 8:00 pm (Rimfire Rifle)
- Wednesday: 5:00 – 8:00 pm (Junior Rifle)
- Saturday: Noon – 5:00 pm (Skeet, Trap and Compact Sporting Clays)

**2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:** If you haven't already done so, please take some time to renew your membership for 2024. You can either renew your membership through the Club's website after signing into the "MEMBERS" section ([www.negauneerodandgun.com](http://www.negauneerodandgun.com)) or you can print off the form and return it to the Clubhouse with your payment. Of course, you can always stop in at the Clubhouse and Maurice or a Club Officer will happily renew your membership and issue your new button and membership card.

**NRA MEMBERSHIPS:** Club members can use the Club's Membership Renewal form to become an Affiliate Member of the NRA. The cost of the Affiliate Membership is \$10.00 for the year and the NRA donates \$5.00 of each Affiliate Membership to the Club to help fund and support our operations. This is a great way of supporting your Club and the work of the NRA.

**CONTACT INFORMATION AND EMAIL ADDRESSES:** Please update your contact information and email address if they've changed so that our membership database is up to date. We use this information to provide you with timely information and updates regarding your Club and the activities that are planned for the future. You can update your information online using the "MEMBERS" section of the website or you can simply include the new information on your Membership Renewal form when you return it to the Club.

**MEMBERSHIP POLICY:** As you may recall, the Board adopted the Club's Membership Policy last year as required under the Club's Bylaws. The Membership Policy can be found on the Club's website or you can pick up a printed copy at the Clubhouse. Please take some time to review the Membership Policy so that you're familiar with the Club's requirements for membership.

**BYLAWS:** The Club's Bylaws are available on the Club's website. You can also pick up a printed copy at the Clubhouse if you're interested.

**RANGE ORIENTATION AND SAFETY BRIEFING:** As you may recall, the Board-approved Membership Policy requires the following:

*(b) The Club shall offer, and each Member shall complete the Club's Range Orientation and Safety Briefing ("Briefing"). The Board shall, by majority vote, approve of the curriculum that is to be used for conducting the Briefing. Each Member will be issued a Range Access Card ("Card") for their use following successful completion of the Briefing.*

If you have not completed this requirement, please check the Club's Calendar for upcoming dates and make arrangements to attend one of the briefings.

**OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER:** Mark Knoebel decided not to seek re-election at the Annual Membership meeting that took place last Fall. We owe Mark a huge THANK YOU and debt of gratitude for his many years of service on the Board and for the countless hours he's volunteered while improving the Club's facilities. Mark has assured us he's not going anywhere and he'll be lending a hand whenever possible.

**INCOMING BOARD MEMBER:** Ryan Pizziola was elected by the members to fill the vacant seat. Ryan will join the Board at its January 2024 Board Meeting. Please welcome Ryan to the Club's Board as its newest member.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** The Club's Calendar of Events is available on the Club's website. The calendar is updated often so please be sure to visit the website to stay informed on upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer.

**.22 RIMFIRE RIFLE SHOOTS:** By now, you've most likely heard about the Club's .22 rimfire events that are being hosted by the Club. These fun shoots have been a big hit and have attracted all kinds of followers; from the novice to the highly skilled and competitive shooter. Give John Heikkila a call if you're interested in learning more about the next best thing since sliced bread – or, better yet, stop out and join in the fun. Dates and times for the .22 rimfire events can be found on the Club's Calendar.

**WILD GAME FEED & COOK-OFF:** The Annual Wild Game Feed and Cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2024. Tickets will be sold at the Clubhouse, Wilderness Sports (Ishpeming) and Stampede (Ishpeming) after the New Year. Make sure you hold the date for what promises to be another sold out event!! Details and Entry Forms will be available on the Club's website and wherever tickets are sold.

**MEIJER STATE GAMES OF MICHIGAN:** The Club is participating in the Meijer Winter Games festivities this year after it was approached by the Great Lakes Sports Commission. This event is a great opportunity to showcase our Club and the various activities we offer. The Club will be hosting a 2-day, .22 LR rimfire event that will take place on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The format will be similar to the ARA sanctioned events that have become so popular at the Club. We expect a large turnout and plan to open the skeet, trap, and compact sporting clays ranges as well as the kitchen. More details can be found online at: <https://www.stategamesofmichigan.com/marquette-winter-games>. Please let us know if you're interested in volunteering for the event.

**RELOADING SEMINAR & SWAP MEET:** Once again, the Club is holding a Reloading Seminar and Swap Meet for anyone who might be interested. The event will take place on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am at the Clubhouse. Come out and join the group as the topic of reloading is discussed and debated and reloading equipment and supplies find new owners! There is no charge for the event and members are encouraged to bring out any surplus reloading equipment or items they'd like to sell or trade.

**JUNIOR RIFLE:** The Junior Rifle program is back in action at the Club under the leadership of coach and mentor Robin Turner. Robin oversees the program and provides instruction, encouragement and supervision on Wednesday evenings between the hours of 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Reach out to Robin if you're interested in becoming more involved with the Junior Rifle program or if you'd like to introduce a young person to the sport.

**WINTER SHOTGUN SHOOTING:** The Mid UP Shooters (aka shotgun shooters) have long held the tradition of spending the winter months grinding clay targets into dust on the range. The skeet, trap and compact sporting clays fields are open each Saturday for use by all members. Grab your favorite shotgun and a few boxes of shells and head on out to hone those shotgun shooting skills.

**SNOW REMOVAL:** We're always looking for volunteers to help clear Mother Nature's mess from the driveway, parking lot and shooting ranges so that we can safely enjoy our Club all year-round. Please let us know if you're interested in lending a hand this winter and we'll run you through a familiarization and safety briefing before turning you loose in one of the plow trucks or the tractor.

**FACEBOOK PAGE:** Did you know the Club has a Facebook page? If you're a Facebook user, you may want to follow the Club's Facebook page as it continues to grow in size and popularity. Please "Like," "Share," or "Comment" on the page to help us get the word out to other members and prospective members alike.

Here's to a fantastic New Year at the Negaunee Rod & Gun Club!

Brett French  
Club President

# NEGAUNEE ROD & GUN CLUB

## 2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

Your 2024 membership renewal is due beginning January 1, 2024. You can renew your club membership utilizing the secure online feature that is available on the club's website ([www.negauneerodandgun.com](http://www.negauneerodandgun.com)). You can also renew your membership or update your contact information (including your email address and telephone number) using this form.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

The Negaunee Rod & Gun Club has adopted a Membership Policy in accordance with the Club's Bylaws. All members are required to review, accept and abide by the Membership Policy. Printed copies of the policy are available at the Clubhouse and it is also posted on the Club's website for your convenience.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

NRA Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ NRA Membership Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***I have reviewed the Club's Membership Policy and agree to abide by the policy, as it may be revised from time to time by the Board of Directors.***

***Signature:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK ONE

Annual Membership @ \$75 (non-NRA Members)

Annual Membership @ \$65 after a \$10 discount is applied for NRA Members

Senior Membership @ \$60 (non-NRA Members)

Senior Membership @ \$50 after a \$10 discount is applied for NRA Members

Junior Membership @ \$10

Note: To qualify for Senior Membership status, you must be 62 years of age or older as of January 1, 2024 and have been a paid member in good standing for the past 5 years.

To qualify for Junior Membership status, you must be under the age of 18 as of January 1, 2024.

**Remit with payment to Negaunee Rod & Gun Club, 335 North Road, Negaunee MI 49855**

# **NEGAUNEE ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.**

## **MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

### **PURPOSE:**

The Negaunee Rod & Gun Club, Inc., ("Club") has determined that the safety and welfare of its members are of considerable importance to the Club and its future. As such, the Club's Board of Directors ("Board") adopted this Membership Policy ("Policy") on December 12, 2022. This Policy may be amended from time to time, as necessary, by majority vote of the Board.

### **SCOPE:**

For the purposes of this Policy, the term Club Member ("Member") shall mean that individual that is specifically named on the Club's membership application and roster. Spouses and children under the age of 18 (or up to the age of 21 if enrolled as a full time student) may be included under the Member's membership according to the provisions of this Policy.

### **RULES AND REQUIREMENTS:**

The following rules and requirements shall apply to all Members:

- (a) The Member's dues shall be paid in full and the requisites for membership, as prescribed by the Club's Bylaws, shall be met. New Members are eligible to receive prorated dues during their first year of Membership. All other Members shall be required to pay the rate that has been established under Article II Membership, Section 4: Membership Dues of the Club's Bylaws.
- (b) The Club shall offer, and each Member shall complete the Club's Range Orientation and Safety Briefing ("Briefing"). The Board shall, by majority vote, approve of the curriculum that is to be used for conducting the Briefing. Each Member will be issued a Range Access Card ("Card") for their use following successful completion of the Briefing.
- (c) The Member shall be required to sign the Club's *Standard Waiver and Release* ("Waiver"). The signed Waiver will be retained on file.
- (d) The Member shall abide by all posted Range Safety Rules at all times.
- (e) The Member shall comply with any and all Range Safety Officer ("RSO") directives at all times.
- (f) The Member may allow their Card to be used by a family member provided that said family member has:
  - (1) attained the age of 18 years of age; (2) completed the Briefing; and, (3) signed the Waiver.
- (g) Except as provided for under item (f) above, the Member may permit a family member or guest to utilize the Club's ranges and facilities IF the Member is present at all times AND said family member or guest abides by items (d) and (e) above. Members shall be responsible for the conduct of all family members or guests that utilize the Club's ranges and facilities at all times and without limitation.

Any Member that fails to abide by this Policy may have their privileges suspended, or their membership revoked, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, as provided for under Article II Membership, Section 5: Termination of Membership of the Club's Bylaws.