



# 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. Remember 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 shooting 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, 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**

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Note: 50 cal. BMG ammo or armor piercing ammo **CANNOT** 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. 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 (2 day) 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 12 week (3 hours per week ) class, covers metallic and shotshell reloading. Hands on instruction on several kinds of reloading equipment. Safety is stressed.
- 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 a 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 12 hour (2 day) 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.

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Incorporated 1871**

**11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030**

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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. 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

Clientele.....Members only, family oriented , 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 manner.

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 Muzzleloading 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, 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. (This is a free event). A one day education event for children only, held by the Madison County Wild Turkey Federation called "Jakes Day". For Women, we offer a 1 day event called NRA Women On Target, twice a year. Women are given the opportunity to learn the safe handling of handguns, and how to shoot them.

WEB ADDRESS [www.FCVCC.org](http://www.FCVCC.org)



Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club is a "Members Only" club offering shooting venues in Archery, Rifle, Black Powder, Small bore, High Power, and Trap.

First year memberships; \$50 initiation fee, plus yearly dues of \$50 for Single, and \$55 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 Bob Fesmire (765) 533-4597. Bob also conducts the IDNR Hunter Safety class in the spring and fall, along with Tim Rayn (765) 378-6991.

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 Gerald Jones (765) 378-3581 John Sommerkamp coaches the Jr. Rifle Team.

**SHOOTING PROGRAM**

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

# 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 where your rounds are hitting 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 ½ hour before 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 CANNOT be used on our range.
21. 25 Yd prone position is BANNED until the range work is complete.

**RANGE SAFETY RULES**  
**FALL CREEK VALLEY CONSERVATION CLUB**

October 22, 2012

1. Sign the range sheet & pay your range fee before shooting. CLUB RULE
2. Guests must also sign the range sheet & pay range fee. Identifies you had a guest with you.
3. ALWAYS wear your member ID card. Identifies members; guests do not have one.
4. A member may bring one (shooting) guest per visit. Member is responsible for guest & should supervise while he/she is shooting.
5. Member & guest must use the same bench and take turns shooting. Keep your equipment on one bench. One membership card equals one bench.
6. Keep your equipment at the bench you are using. Use gun racks behind the bench you are using.
7. Only cased firearms may be brought to the line during cease fire. Cased firearms must stay in cases until line is declared hot.
8. No one shall go forward of the firing line for any reason until a complete range cease fire has been acknowledged by all shooters present.
9. Always keep the firearm unloaded and the action open until ready to shoot.
10. Always keep muzzle of firearm pointed in a safe direction. Long guns: muzzle pointed up or down range. Hand guns: pointed down.
11. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire. SAFETY
12. Load firearms only when on the firing line and ready to shoot. SAFETY
13. All firearms should be properly sighted in for safe use on the range. If you are not sure of your sights, check them by shooting from the bench with a rest at 25 or 50 yds. Make sure you are on target.
14. Make sure your bullet hits the proper target and impacts the berm. If you are not sure where the bullets are going, call for assistance or move to a shorter range to investigate.
15. Never handle firearms or accessories while anyone is downrange. NO EXCEPTIONS!
16. Never shoot across firing lanes or at an angle to berms. NO EXCEPTIONS!
17. FCVCC rules require the use of paper targets only, which are to be attached to the target boards on the wooden frames provided by the club.
18. Do not move the target frames from where they are placed. The custodian places target frames each morning.
19. All shots must be fired from a stationary position. No run & gun shooting! The range is not set up for it.
20. No shot shells allowed. We will have a patterning range set up as soon as possible.
21. Full auto is NOT allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS!
22. All shots must be aimed and controlled. Rapid fire practice begins by being able to hit the target with slow, well-aimed shots, then speeding up firing & maintaining the same number of hits on target.
23. It is against Indiana state law to shoot wildlife on club property.
24. Prone position is banned on the pistol range. The range is not laid out for prone firing.
25. Never handle another person's firearm without permission.
26. Do NOT shoot at the baffles. They are there to stop random shots. Shooting at the baffles will cost you your membership if caught!
27. 50 cal BMG ammo / firearms are banned from the FCVCC range. SAFETY
28. Tracer, armor piercing & incendiary ammo are banned on the FCVCC range. SAFETY
29. Use of drugs &/or alcohol before & during use of the FCVCC ranges is prohibited.
30. Each shooter is responsible for cleaning their area before leaving. Police your brass. Dispose of used targets.

# 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.

**25 Yd Prone position is BANNED until the range work is complete**  
**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON CLUB PROPERTY**



# SAFETY RULES

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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 broadhead 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 \$1range fee. (\$2 for non members)

**Approved by the Safety Rules Committee 12/2012**

**Donn Bonner, CRSO  
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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.# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Married? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Which Club Activities are you primarily interested in?

American Citizen Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ TRAPSHOOTING \_\_\_ SMALL-BORE RIFLE

Are you of Sound Mind \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ HI-POWER RIFLE \_\_\_ PISTOL

Subject to Fainting \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ CONSERVATION \_\_\_ ARCHERY

Subject to Epilepsy \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ BLACK POWDER \_\_\_ FLY-CASTING

Have you ever been convicted of:

\_\_\_ AIR RIFLE \_\_\_ JR. OLYMPICS

A Felony \_\_\_\_\_ Fish & Game Violation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ HUNTER SAFETY \_\_\_ RANGE SAFETY

Have you ever been connected with or

\_\_\_ PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engaged in any Subversive Activities? -----

\_\_\_ WOMEN'S PISTOL

Where Employed \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you affiliated with:

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

National Rifle Association \_\_\_\_\_

None \_\_\_\_\_

Amateur Trapshooting Association \_\_\_\_\_

General Field Shooting \_\_\_\_\_

Indiana Field Archery Association \_\_\_\_\_

Club or Team Shooting \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Armed Forces or ROTC \_\_\_\_\_

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Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Specify any elected office you may have held in the above organization \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever been a member of this Club previously \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP**

Initiation Fee: \$50.00 + Yearly Membership: Single - \$50.00 Family - \$55.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Single- Total \$100.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Family (Family is spouse and children under 18) Total \$105.00

Mem Card \_\_\_\_\_

Data Base \_\_\_\_\_

Safety Card \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

QB \_\_\_\_\_

SK \_\_\_\_\_

NM \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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- **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.