

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bend of the River Conservation Club is a 70-acre complex located in southern Berrien County.

The club has been in existence for many years, originally being named due to the first meetings being held in the Morris Chapel on the Bend of the St. Joseph River. The club was incorporated in 1946, and moved to its present location in 1954, on land donated by Dwane and Bulla Lake. The property was formerly known as the Lake farm. The club is member sponsored and maintained and enlists the help of its members to provide the necessary maintenance to the buildings, grounds, and ranges. Individual work parties as well as clubs wide activities in regards to clean up are the responsibility of each member.

Meetings: the monthly meeting is held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 P. M. Michigan time. The annual meeting is held on the 1st Thursday of November and is the yearly election meeting. Members are encouraged to seek election. At the meetings, there are beverages available.

The club is involved in and sponsors many activities. The following list is a reasonable survey of those activities:

- Junior Olympic Shooting Program- Firearm involvement and training for 10-16 year old Sponsored by BORCC & N.R.A
- Indoor Archery League – meets on Mondays.
- Indoor Pistol is conducted on Fridays, for general practice.
- IPSC Pistol League is held on Thursday during the winter months.
- IDPA monthly matches are held on the 1st Sunday.
- Cowboy Action matches are held on the 2nd Saturday, in summer.
- USPSA Action pistol matches are held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

The club is affiliated with the following organizations, both state and National.

- NRA- National Rifle Association
- MUCC- Michigan United Conservation Clubs
- NFAA- National Field Archery Association
- JOSP- Junior Olympic Shooting Program
- MAA- Michigan Archers Association
- USPSA- United States Practical Shooting Association.
- SASS- Single Action Shooting Society
- IDPA- International Defensive Pistol Association.

GENERAL RANGE RULES

Parking areas are provided at each range, please use them and keep the drives open.

Cans are provided around the club grounds for the disposal of trash, please use them for that purpose only.

All uncased firearms carried to and from the ranges must be empty of ammunition and have their actions open.

No handling of firearms except in a safe area or on the firing line, after it has been determined to be clear and safe to fire.

Firing will be conducted from the firing line only, and at prescribed targets held on approved holding apparatus, no shooting at anything on the ground!!

The muzzle of any firearm must never be pointed toward anyone at any time. Keep the muzzle pointed down range.

Shooter and spectators must wear eye and ear protection at all times while on the range.

In the event of a misfire, the shooter should remain in position with the firearm pointed at the target area. The action of the firearm should not be opened until a waiting period of at least 30 seconds.

Horseplay or any improper use of a firearm is not permitted.

Anyone who believes that an unsafe condition exists, at any time, must call cease-fire immediately and see that steps are taken to remedy the condition.

It is the right of every member to insist on the proper observance of all safety rules at all times,

The rifle range is for targets at 100 and 200 yards only. All shorter ranges will be shot at Bay 7.

Firing shall cease at dusk or 8:30 P.M. No firing will be permitted before 8:00 A.M.

If all firing points are being used and others are waiting to fire, a 15-minute limit per firing point will be observed.

Angle firing is prohibited; shooting will be from the fixed firing line to a fixed target

WEAR YOUR I. D. BUTTON WHILE ON THE RANGE

REMEMBER, GUNPOWDER AND ALCOHOL DON'T MIX

Pistol bay Safety Rules

Targets must be attached to a target stand and insure the bullet passes through the target and into the backstop. Do not shoot at objects that are simply placed on the ground.

Any handgun is allowed on bays 1 through 7. Bay 7 may also be used for short-range rifle shooting, sighting in, tactical shotguns and other firearms.

The area to the West of bay 7 is the trap range. There is a trap thrower and a 4x4 post for mounting a trap thrower; it's about 20 yards in on the North side. This is the only area for trap shooting. Clay targets are the only targets for use in this area.

200-Yard Rifle Range Safety Rules

This range is for 100 and 200 yard shooting only, except by board approval.

Use benches designated for respective distances only.

Use BORCC provided target stands placed with BORCC provided ground stand holders only. Please do not take steel targets to the rifle range.

Shooting at the ground or objects on the ground is prohibited.

Cross lane or diagonal shooting is prohibited.

Any safe rifle, shotgun with slugs and/or rifled barrel, muzzleloader handgun is permitted. It is the shooters responsibility to ensure the rounds are striking the backstop.

Short-range rifle or shotgun is permitted in pistol bay 7; it's a 50-yard bay.

Outdoor Archery Range Safety Rules

All shooting is to be into bales and or safety backstops.

Do not shoot at anything else.

Do not knock an arrow until ready to shoot.

Shoot field tips only at bales, no broad-heads.

Please use care when stepping onto and off the platforms.

Bend of the River Conservation Club Membership Policy

1. New Memberships:
 - A. New membership dues for the first year of membership shall be \$120.00
 - B. Members joining after December 1st shall pay \$10.00 per month dues for the remaining months of the year.
 - C. All new members shall be subject to a 1-year probationary period.
2. Criteria for member in Active status:
 - A. Annual membership dues must be paid by February 28th of the year being paid.
 - B. A minimum of three monthly meetings shall be attended
 - C. A minimum of one, 4-hour work party shall be attended annually.
 - D. Exceptions can be made on an individual basis by the Board of Directors
3. Rights and privileges of active members:
 - A. Renewal membership dues shall be \$70.00 annually.
 - B. Members shall have full use of developed facilities.
 - C. Members may, and are encouraged to, run for club officer and board of directors. And have the right to vote in the annual club elections for officer and board of directors.
4. Rights, privileges, and penalties of inactive members:
 - A. Member's delinquent in annual membership dues must reapply for membership at the rate of \$120.00.
 - B. Members shall have full use of developed facilities.
 - C. Members are not eligible for club officer or board of directors, and have given up their voting rights.
5. Life Memberships:
 - A. There shall be a limit of 35 life memberships available.
 - B. Members must be in good standing for a period of 3 years prior to applying for life membership.
 - C. Life members must fulfill all other responsibilities of membership (see section 2).
6. Senior/Student Memberships
 - A. Senior members shall be anyone who has attained the age of 65 years.
 - B. Students members shall be any full time student, under the age of 25 years that can provide proof of student status.
 - C. Dues for Senior/Student shall be \$35.00 per year.