



Branch County Conservation and Sportsman's Club

302 East Fenn Road
Coldwater, Michigan 49036

2017 New Member Orientation

Welcome to the Branch County Conservation and Sportsman's club. As a new member, it is important that you understand the Club activities that are available to you as well as the safety procedures associated with these activities. By completing this orientation, we hope that you will become an active member in the competitions and leagues that are a mainstay of this organization.

Purpose Statement:

Founded in 1950, the Branch County Conservation and Sportsman's Club was organized as a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering youth education in the shooting sports and protecting our hunting, fishing and outdoor natural resources.

Administration:

The Club is administered by a Board of Directors comprised of elected club members. This Board meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 PM. Board meetings are open to the general membership and your participation is welcomed. The Board is responsible for the overall operation of the Club and its various activities.

Membership:

The membership year is from January 1 thru December 31. All new members must attend an orientation class as a condition of membership. New members will not receive their membership card with the gate code until the orientation is completed. The Board of Directors shall have the right to accept or reject any application for membership, whether new or renewal.

Fee Structure:

New Member – Full Year.....\$100.00

(\$75 dues and \$25 orientation fee)

Club House Access.....\$ included in annual dues

(As a benefit, members are allowed access to the clubhouse for indoor sports practice or for other Board approved activities. Lane fees still apply. During scheduled league competition or rental occasions Members will not be allowed access unless participating in the league or rental occasion. A separate orientation for access is required and is available upon request)

Unlimited Range Membership.....\$100 per year (above and beyond dues)

(Unlimited range members and their spouses and children/**grandchildren** under 18, do not have to pay the per day range fee at either the firearms or archery ranges. This membership is over and above the annual membership fee. Unlimited members must still sign it at the range and under “amount” put “Unltd”)

“Rifle Range Platinum” Range Membership.....\$500 per year (above and beyond dues)

(Platinum membership includes the privileges offered with the Unlimited membership. Additionally, for the firearms ranges, it also includes waiving the daily practice fee for one guest. It also waives all entry fees for any of the organized sanctioned shooting events **for the member, their spouses and children/grandchildren under 18**)

Rifle/Pistol Range:

The Branch County Conservation and Sportsman’s Club rifle range is one of the few 300 yard ranges in the area. The rifle/pistol ranges hosts a number of “sanctioned” competitions. Competition fees are posted on the Club website. For General Open shooting, daily range fees are required by all shooters that have not paid the additional fees to obtain “Unltd” or “Plat” Range Memberships. The following rules apply :

1. **Upon arrival to the range, sign in and pay.** Fill out the sign in sheet located on the South wall next to the sliding glass doors. Daily range fees are \$3 for Member and \$3 for member’s spouse. Children under 18 are \$1. Adult Guests are \$5 each. Child guest \$3. Place money in envelope provided (in the black mailbox) and **fill out with name, date and amount.** Place the envelope in the money box located directly under the sign-in sheet.
2. Unlimited and Platinum members must still sign in. Put “Unltd” or “Plat” in the “amount” section of the sign in sheet.
3. Range safety is of paramount concern. When going down range be sure to follow the following protocols:
 - a. Assure you have the attention of all shooters, request “Can we go COLD?”
 - b. Once you are sure all shooters gun are unloaded and actions are open and flagged, Turn on the strobe lights to signify the range is cold and state “Range is cold”

- c. Proceed down range to post targets
- d. Last person back shall verify that range is clear and then state "Range going HOT".
- e. Sound alarm twice. (No buzzer at pistol range)
- f. Wait 30 seconds and observe down range.
- g. Once it is verified that all shooters are back and the range is clear, the strobe lights may be turned off signifying the range is 'Hot'

Shooters found not abiding by this protocol will be asked to leave for the day. Habitual offenders will be brought to the attention of the Board and may be subject to lose of shooting privileges/revocation of membership.

During scheduled competitions, the range in use is closed to all other activity. Range schedule is posted on-line on the Club website and at the range. Range may be unavailable 1 hour in advance of event for set up.

Please note that the daily range fees are used for improvements to the range. These funds are not transferred to the general fund of the Club. **If you are shooting and not signed in, you are assumed not to have paid and you will be asked to leave for the day. Repeat offenders will be brought to the attention of the Board and may be subject to loss of shooting privileges/revocation of membership.**

Fully Automatic firearms, bump stocks, or double fire "pull-release" triggers are NOT allowed on the range. 50BMG firearms are NOT allowed on the range

No Tannerite, or like explosives.

The use of Steel Core or Armor Piercing Rounds is prohibited on steel targets.

Rifle range Contacts: Posted on East wall. See sheet for names and phone numbers.

Guest Policy

It is the policy of the BCCSC that only members and their known guests are authorized to shoot during practice hours. Walk in shooters are not allowed!!! When bringing a known guest, members are signing and taking responsibility and liability for their guest's actions. Guests are to arrive and depart with the host member. If unknown people show up asking to shoot as a guest, please refer them to this posted policy. **Do not risk your safety, please contact a Range committee person as soon as possible with details of the encounter.**

"Walk ins" or shooters from the general public are allowed during sanctioned matches under the supervision of BCCSC certified range officers.

Range Hours of Operation:

The Rifle/Pistol range can be used from 1/2 hour sunrise to 1/2 hour after sundown. (Sunday start 8:00 AM.) It is appreciated by our neighbors that you shoot after 8AM every day. The range may be closed periodically for sanctioned events. Please review posted calendar. Evening competitions, when scheduled, will conclude at a reasonable hour.

Member Responsibilities:

- A. All shooters will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times. Members will be responsible for the conduct of their guest.
- B. All shooters will be responsible for their guns, ammunition and equipment while at the range.
- C. Everyone in the Pavilion must wear hearing and eye protection while the range is "Hot". Shooters are responsible for seeing that hearing and eye protection is in use by everyone before starting to fire. Hearing and eye protection will be worn by all shooters while firing their weapon (s).
- D. All firearms that are uncased and not being fired must be on a bench or in the gun racks provided. Actions must be open and an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) in place (when appropriate).
- E. Firearms will only be loaded at the firing line
- F. Muzzle must be kept pointed in a safe direction (down range)
- G. Upon completion of your range session, police your brass and remove your targets from the target backers. Place unwanted brass in the receptacle provided and place the targets in the burn barrel.
- H. Before leaving, take a last look to insure that you have put everything back where it belongs, (Stapler hung up, chairs and benches back in place and all trash picked up.)
- I. No pets are allowed on the range (for every ones safety)
- J. You are welcome to open windows (glass and wood sliders). PLEASE shut after use!!!
- K. You are welcome to move portable fans to locate where they are needed. Turn off after use!!!
- L. Assure portable target holders have a backstop or berm in the line of fire.
- M. Concealed carry pistols are exactly that, concealed. They should not be removed from concealment away from the firing line. Loaded "open carry" unconcealed firearms are not permitted on the property. Visibly holstered pistols should be flagged with an ECI.
- N. Sort swept up brass should be sorted on the tote lids provided.
- O. No firing from the drawn holster without RSO supervision.
- P. Lock gate chain on last link, no need to cinch chain tight.

Emergency Procedures:

Should an emergency arise at BCCSC, take the following actions immediately:

1. If no Range Officer or Range Safety Officer is present, take charge of the situation. Range Officers/Range Safety Officers will take charge of the situation during scheduled competitions.
2. If range is "HOT", Command "Cease Fire, unload and stay in place".
3. Assess the situation
4. Call 911 for Emergency Medical Assistance if required.
5. Render whatever aid may be required until emergency personnel arrive.
6. Instruct other personnel to the front gate or road to assist the ambulance to the location of the emergency.
7. Have others who may be present make notes as to what happened and what they observed: Time of occurrence, Date, Location, Type of injury, Witness's names, address and phone numbers.
8. Brief explanation of incident, first aid provided and other observations.
9. Once the emergency is over, collect the notes and prepare an accident report. Turn in to Range Chairman.

Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs:

Alcohol, prescription drugs and firearms do not mix. If you have consumed alcohol or are taking drugs and are found shooting at the range, you will be asked to leave immediately and your membership will be up for review by the Board of Directors. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Competitions/Leagues:

Rifle and Pistol Ranges:

Falling Plates, 3-gun, Precision Rifle, 22 Winter league, CMP, 3-gun, 22 silhouette, etc.

Other Club activities:

Trap shooting, Indoor and outdoor archery, indoor air rifle, Hunters Safety