

SOUTH FORK RIFLE CLUB
P.O. BOX 274
CRESSON, PA. 16630

January 2024

Hope you all enjoyed the Holidays. To join the club or renew your membership you can fill out the application on the back page and send it in with your fees and stamped self-addressed envelope. We hope you will join and support the club. Also you can make copies of the application and encourage others to join. Membership dues are a big part in renovations at the club. Club membership expires on December 31st every year please renew. Listed below are our clubs shooting dates. Remember to practice at our club your membership must be current.

Shooting hours are between 9 AM and Dusk. Please lock the gate when leaving the range. Remember range cleanup is everyone's duty, clean up before you leave. No driving vehicles on the range without permission of a club officer. We have many projects we are looking at for 2024.

WE CAN ALWAYS USE HELP AT THE FOLLOWING SHOOTING EVENTS.

SOUTH FORK RIFLE CLUB WINTER PISTOL LEAGUE

THE 2024 PISTOL LEAGUE WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF JAN 8, 2024. AS HAS BEEN THE PROCEDURE IN THE PAST THE CLUB WILL BE OPEN ON MONDAY'S, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 7:00. FIRING CAN BE DONE ON ANY OR ALL OF THESE NIGHTS AS NEEDED BY THE COMPETITOR. DUE TO NEW YEARS DAY IS ON MONDAY, THE FIRST WEEK OF THE LEAGUE WILL BE ONLY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY FOR SIGHT-IN/PRACTICE/BANKS. THOSE DATES ARE JAN 3 AND 5, 2024. SHOOTERS CAN DO ANY OF THESE BUT IF THEY CHOOSE TO POST A BANK SCORE, IT MUST BE DECLARED AS SUCH BEFORE FIRING. STARTING THE WEEK OF JAN 8, 2024 WILL BE THE OFFICIAL START OF THE LEAGUE. WE WILL DO AS IN THE PAST, THE FIRST 4 WEEKS OF THE LEAGUE WILL BE USED TO FIGURE AN AVERAGE OF THE SHOOTER AND AFTER THAT IS FIGURED THE TEAMS WILL BE PICKED USING THOSE AVERAGES. WE WILL THEN TAKE THOSE SCORES AND USE THEM FOR THE FIRST 4 WEEKS OF COMPETITION. WIN / LOSS RECORDS WILL BE POSTED. SHOOTERS CAN POST AS MANY BANK SCORES AS THEY WISH. IF SHOOTERS ARE WAITING TO FIRE LEAGUE SCORES, THE BANK SHOOTER MUST WAIT UNTIL ALL COMPETITORS FIRING WEEKLY SCORES ARE DONE BEFORE FIRING BANK SCORES.

THE COST THIS YEAR WILL BE \$25.00 PER GUN, DUE TO THE SMALL NUMBER OF CENTERFIRE SHOOTERS THERE IS ONLY THE NIGHTLY MATCH FEE'S OF **\$5.00**. THE NIGHTLY FEE'S FOR THE LEAGUE WILL BE **\$5.00** PER MATCH AND **\$2.00** FOR A SET OF PRACTICE TARGETS. THE REPORT MUST BE FILLED OUT AFTER THE MATCH IS FIRED AND SCORED. THE BANK SCORE AND MATCH SCORES WILL ONLY BE POSTED BY THE SHOOTER. PRACTICE SCORES **SHALL NOT** BE POSTED ON THE SCORE SHEET. ALL MONEY MUST BE PLACED INTO THE ENVELOPE AT THE DESK.

THE LEAGUE WILL RUN 13 WEEKS DUE TO THE FIRST WEEK BEING THE SIGHT-IN/PRACTICE/BANK WEEK. THE BANQUET WILL BE THE WEEK AFTER THE LEAGUE IS COMPLETE, IF IT CAN BE SCHEDULED. THE DEFINITE DATE WILL BE POSTED ALONG WITH THE MENU AND COST FOR GUESTS. IF THERE ANY SUGGESTION TO A VENUE TO HAVE THE BANQUET, OTHER THAN THE SUMMIT COUNTRY CLUB, LET JEFF KNOW AND WE WILL LOOK IN IT.

LASTLY, WE WANT ALL COMPETITORS TO HAVE FUN BUT ALWAYS REMEMBER **SAFETY FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS!** WE HAVE A GREAT RECORD IN THIS AND WE MUST KEEP IT THAT WAY. EMPTY CHAMBER INDICATORS WILL BE USED IN ALL GUN ON THE FIRING LINE, THIS CAN BE AS SIMPLE AS A LENGTH OF WEED EATER STRING OR A WIRE TIE, BUT NO ONE WILL GO DOWN RANGE UNTIL ALL GUNS ARE CHECKED AND DECLARED SAFE! REMEMBER MUZZLES MUST BE

POINTED DOWN RANGE AT ALL TIMES, AND AFTER FIRING IS COMPLETED MUST BE BOXED OR HAVE AN EMPTY CHAMBER INDICATOR INSTALLED IN THEM.

.22 BENCHREST RIFLE LEAGUE

The 2024 South Fork Rifle Club .22 Benchrest Rifle League will start on 3 June 2024. The league will fire on Monday evenings and run for 12 weeks. The last league night will be August 19, 2024. There will be a get together the following week as has been done in the past couple of years.

There will be no Bank Week shooting prior to the starting of the league as has been done in the past. As has been the process, the shooter must fire 12 matches to earn an average. Those can be regular weekly matches, bank scores, or if needed, make up scores. After the 12 matches are fired, the 2 lower scores are thrown out and the 10 left will comprise the average for the league. The cost of a match, bank, or make up is \$5.00 per match.

For the 2024 season the Classifications that have been used in the past have been removed. In their place there will be 3 classes, Unlimited, Target, and Factory. The definitions for these classes are:

Unlimited – This class will include all Custom-Built Rifles and all-purpose built factory bench rest rifles, such as Anschutz etc. Custom Rifles are rifles that have had match barrels placed on the actions with or without tuners and in a bench rest stock.

Target – Target rifles are, rifles that have a factory stock and have a heavy barrel such as Winchester 52, Rem 541 and 40x and most Anschutz rifles that are not purpose built benchrest rifles. No tuners will be allowed to be attached.

Factory – For a rifle to compete in this class, they must have a factory stock, factory barrel, no attached tuner (magnetic tuner accepted). Improved triggers are acceptable, but the rifle must have a working safety.

A shooter can fire in any or all classes if he or she chooses.

We hope that these changes will improve the competition for the competitors and that it will level the playing field for the shooters. Especially for the shooter not wishing to fire against the Unlimited rifles.

No shooting for score will be done before 5:00 PM. Members may practice using the range boards before that time but the target boards will not be installed before 4:45.

When people are down range to install target boards, post targets, or put wind flags up, rifles must have bolts removed or chamber flags installed and no one will be seated at the benches. Shooters must move away from the bench until it is clear downrange. Safety First Last and Always!!

We hope to see everyone at the range!!

PEEKING GROUNDHOG MATCH

300 yards, then 200 yards, then 100 yards

More details on the web site or contact Alan Brandon 757-270-4392

2024 MATCH DATES ARE 4/20, 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21

500 YARD GROUNDHOG MATCH

Targets at 100, 300 and 500 yards. Classes- Heavy Unlimited, Light Unlimited, Factory Super Stock, Factory Varmint, Juniors, AR-15 223/5.56 at 100 & 300 yards, AR-10 any caliber at 100, 300 and 500 yards.

. See website for more info or call Brandon 814-421-1118

2024 DATES—4/21, 5/5, 6/2, 7/16, 8/10*, 8/11 Championship and Egg Match Sept 14th & Sept 15th

Registration due Aug. 11th, No walk-ins. *Aug 10th match is 500 yds. 500 yds. 500 yards

WHITE WOLF MATCH

Targets at 200 yards, 300 yards, and 500 yards. More info on website or contact Alan Brandon 757-270-4392

2024 MATCH DATES ARE 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5

CLUB WEB SITE is www.southforkrifleclub.com/

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WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE HELP WITH OUR PROJECTS AND CONDUCTING ALL THE SHOOTING OUR CLUB DOES. IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME TIME PLEASE CONTACT US.

More info on all shooting can be found on the website. We have many projects we are looking at for 2024.

Outdoor pistol on the right side of range is one of them. We can use some help and ideas on that project.

We are looking at some work days at the club. We will post them on the website prior to the date. If you have handy man skills, we can use you. The clubhouse is in need of some repairs. Helpers for those that know what they are doing are also needed.

Brandon is the 500-yard Groundhog match director. 2024 rules are on the website.

New for 2024 is:

MUZZLE BRAKES: side port tactical style brakes are no longer permitted to participate in the match. Radial brakes are permitted. Details are outlined in the match rules. This change aligns with other SFRC club match rules and is primarily being made with shooters' safety in mind due to the design of our range and our bench layout. I apologize for the inconvenience to some shooters who may need to modify their equipment to participate in the 2024 season.

2024

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE SOUTH FORK RIFLE CLUB

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE-HOME _____ WORK _____ AGE _____

NRA MEMBER (circle 1) YES, NO WISH TO JOIN

BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP, I AGREE TO FOLLOW ALL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTH FORK RIFLE CLUB. I ALSO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME THAT WOULD PROHIBIT ME FROM CARRYING A FIREARM.

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

As of January, 2024, Renewals \$40.00

New members \$45.00

CIRCLE ONE

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Send to:

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Cresson, Pa 16630

Please include a Self-Addressed, Stamped envelope for the return of your membership card. If you do not include the envelope your card will be placed at the club and you will have to make arrangements to pick it up.

The club is open on Monday's, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6 to 8 PM.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SOUTH FORK RIFLE CLUB

When members go to the range, they will see the improvements that have been made this fall. The range from the benches to the 100-yard berm has been filled in and leveled. The berms at 100, 300 and 500 yards have been reinforced and increased to stop bullets from going beyond the berms. The roadway to the berms has been graded and the stones that were laying on the roadway have been cleaned off to make it easier for members walking to the target stands. The 200-yard berm has had the area in front of it cleaned up and the fill used on the bench to 100-yard berm has been filled. About 500 tons of fill has been moved to do this project. The left side of the range has been trimmed to make the targets better seen from the benches on the left side of the firing line.

The range was closed for a couple of weeks while this project was being done. There is some additional work that will be done next spring. We are getting some topsoil and will plant grass on the left side of the range where the fill has been put. It would be greatly appreciated if members, when going downrange to the targets, if you see any loose stone, please throw over the edge on the left side.

Another thing members will notice is that we have secured another shed to use for our outside equipment and range boards. To get the shed into the position it is in, the fence on the left side of the gate had to be taken down and the shed moved in at that place. We noticed that there was a path worn in around the fence at that left side meaning that nonmembers have been accessing the range by going around the fence there. The fence was put back up and extended somewhat, and some obstacles have been placed there to discourage this. If any member sees this or anyone on the range that didn't come in through the gate, please ask to see a membership card. Any member can do this. Only members in good standing should be using the range.

In addition to this work, the mower that has been used has had a couple of break downs this summer. That being the case it was decided that we should look into getting a replacement. We purchased a Kubota GS2020 Garden tractor with a 48-inch mower deck. We are going to see what we can fix on the old mower so we have a backup. After all this work and money spent on the project and necessary equipment/buildings, we now see the need to raise the dues. The officers decided that we raise the dues to \$40.00 for renewals and \$45.00 for new members. The cost of maintaining the grounds and club, paying Oil, Gas, Electric and taxes have made this necessary. There are a couple of projects that need to be done next year and the increase in the dues will help these ongoing and future projects.

South Fork Rifle Club Officers