

Capitol City Rifle Club (CCRC) New Member Orientation

Welcome to CCRC. Our club was organized in 1915 shooting indoors at MSU and was later incorporated in 1936 to promote instruction, practice and competition in military and target rifle and pistol shooting. This mission statement was later amended to promote marksmanship and the sport of rifle and pistol shooting in competition. In 1947 the present 17 acre club property was purchased and the 100 and 200 yard ranges were constructed. An article in the Lansing State Journal documented this with an article stating CCRC will teach youth safety in firearm handling and shooting and also to provide a range for adults to shoot pistols and rifles.

Safety always comes first! We have 12 safety rules that must be obeyed;

1. When people are downrange do not handle your firearms.
2. Keep your gun unloaded and the action open until you are ready to shoot.
3. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and not pointed above the backstop.
4. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
5. Firearms may not be handled after consuming alcohol.
6. Use the target boards and frames that are provided. Do not hang targets on support posts.
7. Do not place targets on the ground. Bullets must impact the backstop.
8. Use only paper targets except as authorized. Do not shoot cans, bottles, bowling pins, etc.
9. All members and guests must sign in and sign out.
10. Always wear eye and ear protection, including spectators.
11. Full auto fire is not allowed. Aerial shotgunning is allowed only on Wednesday nights.
12. Aerial shotgunning (with clay targets) is allowed only on Wednesday trap nights.

CCRC has ladies and youth programs. We host CCW, hunter safety and shooting classes. We hold matches most weekends during the warm months including NRA high power rifle, small bore rifle and action pistol (USPSA and IDPA). We have special matches; ID 4, Frozen Chosin, Glassen Memorial and Sporter Rimfire that are fun for all. We have CMP matches geared for both beginners and experts alike. Wednesday nights we have trap shooting. All of these events are open to both members and guests, the public is invited. Fees are kept as low as possible. Our winter indoor small bore rifle program is held at Looking Glass Sportsmen's club in Laingsburg. The traveling winter indoor .22 pistol team shoots at Capital Area Sportsmen's League.

You will receive a bimonthly **newsletter**. It will contain an up to date **calendar** and will describe upcoming matches and events. Read your newsletter carefully to know what is going on at the club and note any changes in rules and policies. The Directors and VP's of programs have their contact information listed in the newsletter. Contact them for more information about events.

We have a **website** that contains much information on all the CCRC programs, classes, matches and most recent calendar. It will answer most of your questions. Visit: www.ccrifleclub.org
The front **gate** is locked with a four digit combination lock. Spin the tumblers to the correct combination and jiggle the lock to open it. It is recommended that you lock the gate behind you for privacy as you shoot. Sometimes neighbors and other nonmembers wander in an open gate. The gate is left open during events. Near the gate at the 25 yard firing line is a sign up book in a lidded box. Please sign in and out as you come and go with your member number and the date.

Shooting hours are from 9 AM - 8 PM on Monday - Friday and 9 AM - 6 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Do not shoot beyond these hours. We strive to be a good neighbor in the community. At one time we were litigating three lawsuits which are now resolved in our favor. The range is **closed** work days and **five holidays**; Christmas, New Years, Easter, Thanksgiving and Mother's Day. Every other day of the year the range is at least partly open during all events. Please refer to the **range use chart** in the newsletter to know what ranges are open at what time.

As you walk around the CCRC property you will see it is fully utilized. The covered firing line has target boards at 25, 50 and 100 yards. An additional covered firing line has targets at 175 and 200 yards. The trap field contains a new house with a 400 target thrower. The outhouses are located nearby. There are also portable toilets near the 25 yard ranges and the 200 yard target pits. There is a lane to the target pits along the east property line. You may use this to drive to post and change your 200 yard targets. A shed contains 200 yard target materials you may use.

You may bring up to two **guests** to CCRC. Please observe your guests while they are shooting and serve as their range safety officer. Make sure your guests are aware of the CCRC range rules. Limit your guests to 100 rounds per day. Your guests must be known to you, not strangers. You must be present with your guests at all times, do not leave them unattended. Immediate family members are welcome as your guests to shoot as many rounds as they wish.

CCRC has three **work days** held throughout the year. The most important are held the first Saturday of April and October. We rake the grounds, replace the target boards, fix the fence, make range improvements, do general maintenance and clean up. Near the first of July we have a work weekday. A hot dog lunch is served on work days. Bring leaf blowers, rakes and gloves.

The club was much improved to exist as you see it now in the period from 1998-2005. CCRC received two grants from the Hal and Jean Glassen Foundation to perform much of this work. A NRA range engineer was brought in to consult and evaluate our grounds. His suggestions were implemented in 1998 while we were closed for five months to complete the extensive work. Backstops were added for 25 and 50 yard targets and the outhouses were replaced. The trap field was improved and the sidewalk replaced. A new trap house was built with a 400 target thrower. Four new back ranges were built for action pistol (IDPA and USPSA) matches.

CCRC has an **annual dinner** on the third Sunday every March. Food is provided and members also bring a dish to pass. A general membership business meeting and the election for the Board of Directors are held. Members may attend Board meetings held the second Monday of each month. Many people have worked hard to build the club, please respect their efforts and take care of the club like it was your own property. Be considerate of the efforts of others. Please do not throw live rounds or duds in the trash. All matches at CCRC are held on a **cold range** (no loaded guns are allowed except on the firing line when instructed to load). Concealed weapons are allowed otherwise as long as they are kept concealed. Thank you and welcome to the club.