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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Thank you for your interest in Livingston Gun Club. We have prepared this list of frequently asked questions to give you some information about the club and its members.

### **WHO ARE YOU GUYS?**

LGC is a private club dedicated to the promotion of the shooting sports. Our members range from casual shooters to world class competitors. We also have a growing Archery program.

### **IS THERE ROOM?**

Yes. The club limits the number of active members but we are not at that limit and don't expect to be in the near future.

### **WHAT DO YOU OFFER / WHAT CAN I DO?**

Whatever you like, within limits. Livingston Gun Club prides itself on being one of the few self supervised ranges left. Every member is certified as a club level Range Safety Officer. This certification allows members to use LGC ranges for informal shooting. You let yourself in, do whatever it is you came out to do, clean up after yourself, and let yourself out. We restrict some activities because of the layout of the range and to be a good neighbor. Any club officer can fill you in on details.

If you are looking for something more challenging we offer competition and training programs. Our largest and most active program is Practical Shooting, a competitive discipline operated in affiliation with the United States Practical Shooting Association. We also have brand new field and 3D archery programs. We have hosted several GSSF matches and have a very active multigun program.

Our newest program is our training group. We have instructors who teach everything from basic firearm / hunter safety to personal protection and advanced firearm handling. We also offer courses tailored for women and young folks.

### **CAN I SHOOT SKEET OR TRAP?**

Regrettably, no. It's not that we don't like it, we just don't have the room. Island Lake State Recreation Area has an excellent trap/skeet/sporting clays program.

### **DO YOU HAVE SCHEDULED SHOOTING TIMES?**

Shooting hours are 9:00 AM to local sunset Eastern Standard Time. Shooting hours are 9:00 AM to ½ hour before sunset during Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Scheduled competitions may start earlier with prior approval from the Executive Committee. There are times when certain bays might be closed for match setup, formal training classes, or maintenance. Other than that, it's first come, first served.

### **HOW MANY RANGES ARE THERE?**

We have one rifle bay (~100 yards), five multi-purpose bays, and a shotgun course affectionately called the 'Jungle Run' (falling steel targets set along a path in the woods). We also have a brand new 'Dark House' used for low light training and competition but it is only available for official events.

### **CAN I BRING GUESTS?**

Sure, but you are responsible for them. You also have to pay a guest fee for anyone who is not a family member.

### **DO I HAVE TO TAKE A TEST?**

Yes, every member is provided with a copy of the handbook and has to pass a written test. That's part of the Range Safety Officer certification.

### **WHAT ABOUT THE RULES? ARE THEY STRICT?**

Yes and no. We are strict when it regards safety.



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### **ALL I WANT TO DO IS SIGHT-IN MY DEER RIFLE, DO I HAVE TO DO ALL THIS STUFF?**

If you want to shoot with us, you do. A self supervised range is a rare thing and we don't want to lose ours.

### **DO I HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN MATCHES?**

No, but we hope you do. It's fun, and match revenue helps pay for all of the cool stuff we do. Additionally, match participation is the best way to find sponsors.

### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

Every LGC member pays a one time, non-refundable, \$100 initiation fee. This is a once in a lifetime fee. If you leave the club and rejoin later, you don't have to pay this again. Initiation fees go into a fund primarily used for capital improvements. There is also a \$10 application fee that covers the cost of producing materials for the membership kits (paper, toner, envelopes, postage, CDs, the list goes on and on). This fee is charged when you apply and is also not refundable but you only pay it when you join. There is no charge for processing renewals. Finally, every member pays dues. For most folks, it's \$125 per calendar year. We offer discounts for seniors and prorated dues if you join late in the year.

### **WHAT ELSE IS REQUIRED?**

We are an all volunteer organization and every member is officially 'volunteered' to help out with the day to day work of maintaining the facilities and programs. The exact requirements for new members are spelled out on the membership forms. For active members, the minimum is 18 hours and there is, of course, no upper limit. Work hours above and beyond the minimum can be used for discounts on match fees.

### **DO I HAVE TO WORK?**

No, you can buy an exemption. The cost is usually the same as your annual dues.

### **YOU MENTIONED SPONSORS, WHAT ABOUT THAT?**

In order to be considered for membership you have to find two current members who are willing to vouch for you as an upstanding member of the community and someone who can use our facilities safely. Sounds kind of intimidating, but we are a friendly bunch. If you don't already know someone in the club the best way to find sponsors is to spend time with us. Meetings are an excellent place to get acquainted and matches are the perfect place to display your safety skills.

### **WHERE DO I SIGN UP?**

At the monthly meetings, held the first Sunday of almost every month. Contact the Membership Officer for details.

### **IF I DON'T SIGN UP IN JANUARY, DO I GET A PRICE BREAK?**

If you sign up after August, you get a 50% discount on dues. If you sign up after October, you pay the full fee, but you're good through the following year.

### **I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO JOIN, CAN I COME AND WATCH?**

You bet. All of our matches are open to the public. If you come out, ask for a club officer or match staff. They can set you up with eye and ear protection needed to enter the range. After that you're free to watch, check out the range, and ask questions.