

Tri State Gun Club
Montrose, IA
Membership Package
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Tri State Gun Club, Inc. is a private non-profit corporation, incorporated in the state of Iowa. Our mission is to provide members with a facility for the enjoyment of shooting sports and related outdoor activities, and to promote public education and youth participation in shooting and hunting activities.

Tri State Gun Club also sponsors and promotes a variety of shooting competitions including league trapshooting, informal trapshooting, IHMSA handgun silhouette matches, CMP high-power rifle matches, as well as other competitions.

Our facilities are comprised of 25- and 50- yard pistol ranges along with rifle ranges from 25 to 300 yards. All have covered firing lines. Reactive steel targets as well as target frames are on the 25- and 50- yard pistol ranges. On the long pistol/rifle range the small berms are laid out 25, 50, 75, and 100 yards and are for rimfire ammunition use **only**. The large berms are laid out in meters 50, 100, 150, and 200. Sighter gongs are placed at the 100, 150, and 200- meter ranges. Sighter target stands are placed at the 50, 100, 150, and 200- meter berms. In addition, we have constructed a 300-meter-long range. All ranges can be reserved by members at the cost of \$40.00 for four hours.

An automatic trap machine (clay target launcher) is available for members use on Trap 1. This has a voice release control system so that a single member may use the machine without requiring another person to pull or score. A skeet range is also available for members use. A cash deposit box is mounted in trap one and inside the bottom storage area of the high skeet house. The machines must be refilled when done and all speakers turned off.

The facilities include a climate controlled, spacious, smoke-free clubhouse with kitchen facilities and two open-air shelters, available for members use by reservation. No fees are charged providing the clubhouse is cleaned and returned to the condition you found it. This is a great benefit for members for graduations, family reunions, etc.

Club memberships runs July 1st through June 30th and are valid for one year. A prospective member must present an application to the membership for approval at a regular monthly meeting. Membership dues and fob deposit **must** be included with application. Membership is \$60.00 per year plus a \$29.00 deposit that is required for an electronic gate pass (fob). In the event membership is not approved all funds will be returned to the applicant. At any time you decide not to renew your membership, upon returning your fob, your deposit will be returned to you. New memberships are pro-rated \$10.00 every quarter. Annual membership cost may be changed by approval of the Board of Directors to reflect operating costs. The annual meeting is held each year in August with regular monthly meetings occurring on the second Friday of each month. Officers and Directors are elected at the annual meeting. A copy of the by-laws is available for members. Members are encouraged to attend all meetings, in particular the annual meeting.

Tri State Gun Club is a family-oriented organization, and we encourage members and their families to use the facilities and encourage safe firearm usage. Volunteers from among the members perform maintenance, conduct shooting competitions, mow grass, grade the road, spray weeds, clean the clubhouse, etc. Please do your part by volunteering to help when and where you can. We have clean-up days scheduled periodically, please make yourself available for them. If you see something that needs attention and you can take care of it, do so. Clean up after yourself. Let an officer or director know if something needs to be addressed.

Specific Range Rules

1. Approved eye and ear protection is mandatory for all shooters and spectators on the line.
2. No one is allowed to go forward of a firing line until all guns are safe. No gun handling is allowed while anyone is down range. No shooting while anyone is down range.
3. During a cease-fire, remove the magazine, unload, open the action, and bench the firearm. This applies to all firearms including rifles and shotguns. Firearms will be unloaded with the action open when traversing from range to range or moving behind the firing line.
4. Store guns so that they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
5. Target frames are to be used for holding targets and are not to be fired at deliberately. Do not use ammunition that will damage metallic targets. If you are unsure, ask first.
6. Steel targets (falling plates, drop and turn racks, popper targets) are provided on the pistol range. **Use only straight wall pistol cartridges to shoot at these targets.** Bottleneck or other centerfire rifle cartridges will penetrate these targets or cause other damage. Any person who damages these targets will be required to pay for the repair or replacement of them. Do not shoot at steel targets from less than 25 feet as bullet fragments may be deflected back toward the shooter with the potential for injury to the shooter or bystanders. Do not shoot these targets with shotgun slugs as they will warp them.
7. Steel silhouette targets are not to be shot at with centerfire rifles using bottleneck cartridges.
8. Do not use glass of any kind for targets. If you use plastic or aluminum cans pick them up afterwards.
9. No exploding targets allowed on property!
10. Never fire a rifle or handgun into the air above the target backstops. A centerfire rifle projectile can travel as far as 5 miles in some instances. **You are responsible for what you do. Be Safe.**
11. Do not fire anything other than a shotgun on the trap ranges. There is no target berm behind the trap range to contain rifle or handgun projectiles.
12. Any person violating safety rules or intentionally causing damage to club property will be expelled from club property and appropriate civil or criminal action will be taken.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. If you see a member or guest acting in an unsafe manner, bring it to their attention. If the problem persists, let an officer or director know. Remember, it is your club. **Safety is the primary emphasis when using this range.** This cannot be over-emphasized. Disregard of the rules may result in termination of membership. The following rules and regulations are to be observed by all members and guests when using this range:

THE "CONDITION CHECK" RULE OF SAFE GUN HANDLING

Whenever you pick up a gun that has been out of your direct control, even for an instant, open the action to check and see whether the gun is loaded.

FOUR CARDINAL FIREARMS SAFETY RULES

1. Always consider all guns as "loaded."
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are on target and have decided to fire.
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond (and around) it. A bullet will continue its path until something stops it.

The following rules are always also to be observed by members and guests:

- Members must have their electronic gate pass while at the facility. If another member asks you to show your pass, do so.
- Members are responsible for the actions of their guests. A member must always accompany all guests and children. Guests can shoot only under the direct supervision of a member. Members are allowed two guests per visit.
- Except for formal competition open to the public, any guest that uses range in excess of two times per year must apply for club membership.
- Any member observing misuse of the range or dangerous practices must report the incident to the Range Officer (319-795-2460) or Club President (319-795-3380).
- Vandalism should be reported to the sheriff's office (319-372-1152 or 911) for immediate action.
- This is a "**Pack it in, Pack it out**" facility. Please cleanup the facility before you leave.
- Members are responsible for ensuring that all gates and buildings are closed and locked when entering and leaving the range.
- No fighting or abusive actions or language will be tolerated. Anyone participating in a fight or other disruptive behavior will be told to leave and an investigation will determine whether the participants will be barred from the facility.
- If you break it, fix it. If you cannot fix it, call an officer or director so it can be addressed.
- Range hours are daylight to dark for rifle and pistol ranges. The trap range may be open after dark for leagues, registered events, special events, etc. as there are lights for the ranges. Special training sessions may be organized for night shooting on the pistol and rifle ranges by request.
- Any serious injury that occurs on club property must be addressed by rendering medical aid and/or calling 911 for EMS assistance. Additionally, the incident must be reported to the club president. That number will be posted in the clubhouse and at each firing range.