



STRAIGHT SHOOTER

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2022 Match Schedule

The 2022 Match Schedule is ready. A copy can be found in this newsletter, on the website and at the range. Put up a copy somewhere so you can check it before going to the range. Look it over and pick some matches to be in and have fun. The club matches are for fun and to hone your shooting skills. Come out and have fun with your fellow club members.

Range Expansion

This past year the owner of the property north of the range, on the other side of the block wall, approached us wanting to sell 10.3 acres of land. The club officers sat down with the owner and worked out a deal for the purchase of the property for \$30k. Many meetings over several months the officers and club members worked out all the many parts of the deal and how we would pay for the property. We now own this property, expanding the club to a little over 68 acres of land. Currently no plans are in place for this new area. It was mainly purchased to have a buffer between us and a housing area north of the range.

Club Officers

President: Greg Robbs	(573) 430-8611
Vice-President: Tom Bridgewater	(573) 883-6953
Secretary: Larry LaChance	(573) 915-2952
Treasurer: Cynthia Courtway	(573) 517-3527
Executive Officer: Tony Robbs	(573) 701-3200
Safety Officer: Tony Miano	(573) 756-0462

Membership Total: 478

President's Corner

2022, what will this year bring? Hopefully we'll see some kind of normalcy. Last year we saw the unavailability to buy some types of ammo. And for most of us, we saw a big shortage of reloading components. This led to the loss of shooting time at the range both in open shooting and match shooting.

With that said, the Club kept going forward. We've made upgrades to the buildings, to the property grounds and both ranges. The trailer park property is very close to being cleaned up and removed. A new culvert pipe was placed in Hendrick Rd to better the water shed problem.

For those members who haven't heard, a land purchase opportunity popped up one day, and the Club grabbed hold. Several meetings with the sellers, an offer accepted, and contract signed. Everything is very close to finalization. We will be enlarging our club by an additional ten acres.

As this new year goes on, we'll continue to enjoy our Club to its full potential. Looking forward to the pleasures and good times that our Club brings to its members as we all safely enjoy the shooting sport!

I'm also pleased to report that the Club planned a Spring Swap Meet last year along with the regular one in the fall. This year both swap meets and both work days we're very successful. As we use our range let's all remember!!!

Safety is Always First!!

Greg Robbs
President
67 Gun Club Inc.

**Always wear ear and eye protection
when shooting or when others are
shooting!**

Non-Member Match Fee

The Club dropped the \$5 non-member match fee midyear last year. If you have a friend or family member that like to get back to shooting in our matches let them know. If any of them would like to become a member let us know.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

This year's annual Awards Banquet will be held on 5 March 2022 at the Farmington American Legion Hall, located at 1604 W Columbia St. in Farmington. We will start at 6pm with the dinner catered by Harps of Park Hills, serving fried chicken, baked ham, green beans, corn, mac-n-cheese, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, ice tea, lemonade, water and cake for dessert. Cost is \$10 if paid in advance or \$12 per person at the door. We need a head count by 22 February. Tickets can be purchased in person at 22 Crane St. in Park Hills or by mailing a check with your name to 67 Gun Club Inc, PO Box 255, Farmington MO 63640. Come out and have a great meal and enjoy time with your fellow members. We will also hold the annual election of officers for 2022 and pass out the awards for the 2021 matches.

There will be door prizes, and maybe some silent auction items.

Range Safety

Notice Notice Notice

When the firing line is called SAFE, the lights are running and the warning horn is sounding, this means someone is down range!!! During this time of SAFE, all firearms are to be on top of the shooting benches or in a rack, actions open, and not touched again until everyone is back from down range.

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

We don't want or need anything going wrong. We all need to follow the rules.

First Aid

A First Aid kit is in the ceiling of the rifle range, and more are to be installed on the other 2 ranges. Let us know if you must use them so we can restock.

Membership Cards

All members of the 67 Gun Club must have their current membership card on them while at the range. This is a Club policy that we need to follow. If asked to show your card, please do so, If you do not you will be asked to leave. Members should be proud to be a part of this Club and don't hesitate to prove it.

Spent Brass

While you're at the range enjoying a shooting session, if you're not keeping your spent brass to reload please pick it up and put it in one of the blue half barrels that are close by.

We've made good progress on not leaving our brass on the ground but it still needs a little more attention, some 22 brass is still making it to the ground. On the other hand, a lot of the steel brass is tossed to ground, let's work on that, please use the blue half barrels or just throw it in the trash can.

NRA Membership Discounts

Did you know that if you renew or join the NRA through your club that you can get a great discount? Current NRA membership rates through the club are:

Annual - \$35 (\$10 savings)
3 Year - \$85 (\$15 savings)
5 Year - \$125 (\$25 savings)
Life - \$1000 (\$500 saving)

The club also gets a small commission on each NRA renewal and new membership done with our club.

Contact Larry LaChance to get signed up for these great savings.

Clean-up Before You Leave

When you are done shooting at the range clean up before you leave. Toss trash into the trash cans, spent brass into the blue tubs and used targets removed from the backers. If you see a trash can getting full, take the time and empty it into the trash dumpster.

Meeting Attendance

The club monthly business meeting attendance is very poor. We are 475+ strong but we allow about a dozen members to decide what goes on within the club, then members complain about the decisions made. Come to some meetings, make your voice heard, tell us your ideas on improvements, but most importantly be a motivated member in the Gun Club you enjoy.

Business meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month a 7 pm at the St. Francois County Weber Road Facility located at 1101 Weber Rd. in Farmington.

Come to a meeting and meet the members that run your club!!

Shotgun Usage

Shotguns are NOT to be used on the rifle portion of the range. Use only the designated shotgun area on the south end of the high-power range. There are two shooting benches in this area and an orange snow fence movable backer there. Shotgun shots to the black backers do a large amount of damage to the frames and backers.

Trailer Park Clean-up

Several years ago, the club purchased the old mobile home park south of the range. This was purchased get a bigger buffer zone south of the range and help end some of the theft at the range. Over the years we had looked at many ways to clean up the area, but all had a cost of over \$20K. Early in 2021 a gentleman that owned other property in the area came to us and asked if he could clean up the property. He did not want any money to do the work only to be able to have all the metal and anything else he found. An agreement was reached and signed protecting the club. To date all trailers and trash have been removed and work has been started on removing the metal buildings. We do expect that the property will be all cleaned up later this year at no cost to the club.

Why we require NRA Membership

We get asked often “Why are we required to be a member of the NRA”. Some will tell you because the NRA fights for your gun rights here in America. That is true the NRA has been fighting for our rights since 1871 when they were founded. But why do we require your NRA membership? The insurance company we use for the club’s liability insurance provides lower rates to NRA affiliated clubs. We have NRA grants available to us if we are a 100% NRA membership club. The NRA also provides us discounted training and range support and information. The requirement was placed in our club bylaws over 25 years ago. Last year we polled the club membership about this subject and learned a lot. Over 70% of the members said they would still want NRA membership a requirement. 20% said they would drop their club membership if NRA membership was not a requirement. So, it was decided to keep the NRA requirement.

Gongs

The club provides gongs at 200 yards and 300 yards for members to shoot. These gongs are made of AR500 steel and not cheap. These gongs do not last long when shot at with steel core bullets or armor piercing ammo. Several years ago, we placed a gong at 100 yards for members to use, it lasted a little over a week before it had holes in it. We continue to ask members and their guests to only use lead or lead core bullets on the gongs. Shooting the gongs are fun but use the right bullets.

Club Website

The club website was redesigned early last year to be easier to use on cellphones and tablets. We added a picture area, club officer area with pictures of your club officers and gave the site a new look. Things we hope to add soon are match high scores, members only area with sales and question areas. It’s a work in progress that we are trying to make better for our members.

NO STEEL TARGETS ON THE HANDGUN RANGE

Shoot Down Range

All firearms should only be pointed down range and only shoot at targets down range. We are right now looking at ways to patch the roof over the rifle range where people have shot holes in the roof. We have a weathervane on the main building that has a bullet hole in it, someone had to aim for that.

Think safety and shoot down range this is your club, shooting up everything will in time cost you higher club dues and someone will get hurt.

The Gate

The gate we currently have works great but like most things today it does sometime break down. If you go out to the range and the gate will not open for you call or text Larry LaChance at 573-915-2952, that it is not working. DO NOT try to force the gate open as this could damage the gate costing the club a lot of money. Remember we do have a camera pointed at the gate recording you. Normally the spring thunderstorms cause a few problems, and we are working to lessen that issue with better grounding.

Gate Key Cards

The gate was installed in 2018 and we have started to have members with key cards that have stopped working. We do replace non-working key cards at no charge as long as the member turns in the old non-working card. We have found that everyone that has had a non-working key card kept it in their wallet in their rear pocket. We ask that members stop carrying them in their wallets, as it bends the card some and causes damage. It is a big letdown to you the member to drive out to the club and your key card does not work. Contact Larry LaChance if your key card stops working. Now if you lose your key card then you will have to pay \$15 for a replacement card.

In the event of an emergency call 911 and follow the information sign on the main building

Email Address

Currently we have email address on 438 members out of 478. Why is giving us your email address a benefit to you? We can get you range closure times, match cancelations, updates on gate issues and much more. There is nothing more frustrating than driving to the range to spend some time shooting only to find out it is closed due to target backer or berm repairs. We try to notify members in advance of upcoming repairs that would prevent them from shooting. Contact the club at 67gunclubinc@gmail.com with your correct email address.

**A bad day of shooting
beats a good day at work!**



Range Mowing

We pay a local company to mow the range grounds as needed, the normal mowing days are Friday mornings. They work to mow quickly with little down time for our members. Please allow this company the time needed to mow; they do a great job at keeping our range looking good.

New Member Applications

Do you have friends or family members that want to join the 67 Gun Club? They can print out our current new membership application from the club web site at 67gunclub.org anytime. We also have new member applications in a box at the range located on the north side of the restroom building.

THINK SAFETY ALL THE TIME

2022 Match/Event Schedule

Range will close 1 hour before match time

MARCH 2022			
Saturday 5 th	ANNUAL BANQUET	6pm – 9pm	Farmington American Legion
Saturday 19 th	Stinging the Steel #1	9am – 2pm	Handgun Range
Saturday 26 th	High Power #1	10am – 2pm	Rifle Range
APRIL 2022			
Saturday 2 nd	PPC #1	9am – 3pm	Handgun Range
Saturday 9 th	200 Yard .22 Centerfire Varmint #1 300 Yard .22 Centerfire Varmint #1	10am – 3pm	Rifle Range
Thursday 14 th	4-H Youth	6pm – 8pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 16 th	50 Yard Scoped Rimfire #1	10am – 1pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 23 rd	Bowling Pin #1	9am - ?pm	Rifle Range
Thursday 28 th	4-H Youth	6pm – 8pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 30 th	100 Yard Hunting Rifle #1 100 Yard .22 Centerfire Varmint #1	10am – 12pm 12pm – 3pm	Rifle Range
MAY 2022			
Saturday 7 th	Stinging the Steel #2	9am – 2pm	Handgun Range
Thursday 12 th	4-H Youth	6pm – 8pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 14 th	Bowling Pin #2	9am – ?pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 21 st	Range Workday	9am – 2pm	NO SHOOTING
Sunday 22 nd	Spring Swap Meet	9am – 2pm	NO SHOOTING
Thursday 26 th	4-H Youth	6pm – 8pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 28 th	PPDS #1	9am – 2pm	Handgun Range
JUNE 2022			
Saturday 4 th	200 Yard Varmint Match #1 300 Yard Varmint Match #1	10am – 12pm 12pm – 3pm	Rifle Range
Wednesday 8 th	Bullseye 900 Rimfire #1	6pm – 8pm	Handgun Range
Thursday 9 th	4-H Youth	6pm – 8pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 11 th	PPC #2	9am – 3pm	Handgun Range
Saturday 18 th	200 Yard Varmint Match #2 300 Yard Varmint Match #2	10am – 12pm 12pm – 3pm	Rifle Range
Wednesday 22 nd	Bullseye 900 Centerfire #1	6pm – 8pm	Handgun Range
Thursday 23 rd	4-H Youth	6pm – 8pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 25 th	Bowling Pin #3	9am - ?	Rifle Range
JULY 2022			
Saturday 2 nd	PPC #3	9am – 3pm	Handgun Range
Saturday 9 th	100 Yard Hunting Rifle #2 100 Yard .22 Centerfire Varmint #2	10am – 12pm 12pm – 3pm	Rifle Range
Wednesday 13 th	Bullseye 900 Rimfire #2	6pm – 8pm	Handgun Range
Thursday 14 th	4-H Youth	6pm – 8pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 16 th	50 Yard Scoped Rimfire #2	10am – 1pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 23 rd	Stinging the Steel #3	9am – 2pm	Handgun Range
Wednesday 27 th	Bullseye 900 Centerfire #2	6pm – 8pm	Handgun Range
Thursday 28 th	4-H Youth	6pm – 8pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 30 th	Rifle Pin #1	9am - ?	Rifle Range

AUGUST 2022

Saturday 6 th	200 Yard Varmint Match #3 300 Yard Varmint Match #3	10am – 12pm 12pm – 3pm	Rifle Range
Wednesday 10 th	Bullseye 900 Rimfire #3	6pm – 8pm	Handgun Range
Thursday 11 th	4-H Youth	6pm – 8pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 13 th	PPDS #2	9am – 3pm	Handgun Range
Saturday 20 th	High Power #2	10am – 2pm	Rifle Range
Wednesday 24 th	Bullseye 900 Centerfire #3	6pm – 8pm	Handgun Range
Thursday 25 th	4-H Youth	6pm – 8pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 27 th	100 Yard Hunting Rifle #3 100 Yard .22 Centerfire Varmint #3	10am – 12pm 12pm – 3pm	Rifle Range

SEPTEMBER 2022

Saturday 3 rd	PPC #4	9am – 3pm	Handgun Range
Thursday 8 th	4-H Youth	6pm – 8pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 10 th	Rifle Pin #2	9am - ?	Rifle Range
Saturday 17 th	50 Yard Scoped Rimfire #3	10am – 12pm	Rifle Range
Thursday 22 nd	4-H Youth	6pm – 8pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 24 th	200 Yard .22 Centerfire Varmint #2 300 Yard .22 Centerfire Varmint #2	10am – 3pm	Rifle Range
Sunday 25 th	Masons Event	10am - ?pm	Rifle Range

OCTOBER 2022

Saturday 1 st	200 Yard Varmint Match #4 300 Yard Varmint Match #4	10am – 12pm 12pm – 3pm	Rifle Range
Sunday 2 nd	Stinging the Steel #4	9am – 2pm	Handgun Range
Sunday 2 nd	Masons Event (alternate date)	10am - ?pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 8 th	Bowling Pin #4	9am – ?pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 15 th	100 Yard Hunting Rifle #4 100 Yard .22 Centerfire Varmint #4	10am – 12pm 12pm – 3pm	Rifle Range Rifle Range
Saturday 15 th	PPDS #3	9am – 3pm	Handgun Range
Saturday 22 nd	High Power #3	10am – 2pm	Rifle Range
Saturday 29 th	50 Yard Scoped Rimfire #4	10am – 12pm	Rifle Range
Sunday 30 th	Fall Swap Meet	9am – 2pm	NO SHOOTING

December 2022

Saturday 3 rd	Range Workday	9am – 2pm	NO SHOOTING
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See match rules for updated rules and Match Captain contact information.

Match Rules can be found on the Club website at:

67gunclub.org/match_information/

Or at the range in the document boxes located on the north wall of the restroom building.

67 Gun Club Inc.

Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday March 5th 2022, 6pm – 9pm

Farmington American Legion Hall
1604 W Columbia Street, Farmington

Cost \$10 per person in advance

\$12 at the door

Contact Larry LaChance to purchase your tickets, Call or text 573-915-2952

Open to all 67 Gun Club Inc. members and their guest

Kids are welcome to come.

Meal provided by Harps of Park Hills

Fried Chicken

Baked Ham

Green Beans

Corn

Mac-n-Cheese

Mashed Potatoes with Brown Gravy

Rolls

Ice Tea

Lemonade

Water

Cake for dessert

Door prizes

Awards presented to the 2021 Match Shooters

Election of the 2022 Club Officers

Come out and enjoy an evening with your fellow members relaxing, talking bull, making connections, and having good fun.

Your 2022 Membership card is stapled to the front of this newsletter.

Have an idea you think will make your gun club better email it to the club.

Have you taken pictures at the range and want to share them with the club on our website?
Email them to us so everyone can see them.

Remember Safety First.

Shooting at the range can be a great time, but unsafe acts hurt everyone.

Try reading this newsletter, you may be surprised at what you can learn!

Contact the 67 Gun Club Inc.

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