

## RRSC MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY

Hi, thank you for your interest in the club. We are a small "not for profit" private club with a limited membership. We are not open to the general public. The Club offers access to the Russian River for fishing (salmon, steelhead, shad and bass) and boat launching. There are water sports, camping privileges, and we also have archery and trap shooting. We have members who belong to the club for a place where they can enjoy peace and quiet, bird watch or have fun with their dogs. We are looking at an air gun range for 2020 but have not tested it yet. We have many special events. Our annual Crab Feed is renowned. We have campouts, luaus, and trap shooting contests. We do not have any other type of gun range (rifle, pistol, etc.) We do not have a "family membership" but a member is allowed to bring any other person who is a member of their household as a "guest" when using the club facilities. So for example if the husband is a member his wife or minor child does not need to be a member to accompany him. A member is also allowed to bring a few other guests a few times a year. Since we are incorporated once you become a member you also own a portion of the club – so if there are 150 members you own 1/150th of this beautiful place.

We are accepting membership applications. If interested, you would need to fill out an application and appear at a Board meeting for a brief interview. If you are well known to a club member, and sponsored by them, you do not need to come to a Board meeting. The Board meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 to 7:00 P.M. Membership costs \$225 per year. There is a \$50 new member fee. There is also a donation of \$100 if you feel your life circumstance will not allow you to do 2 days of volunteer work per year. Typically, members, who live far from the club, have disability problems, etc. elect to make this contribution. This encourages members to volunteer or allows members to "opt out" of volunteering and provide the club with a \$100 "opt out fee" so that we can hire for the work to be done. Membership runs from November 1 through November 1 of the following year. Dues are owed on November 1st and delinquent on Dec. 31st. There is a \$25 late fee.

Once your application is received the membership chairman, will contact you. Please make sure you have given an email where you can be reached. The Club has an annual meeting in November when Board members are elected. Typically, Board members are chosen from those willing to serve (there is a lot of work involved), and well known to the membership. We are all volunteers, so we expect all members to be willing to work 2 days a year or make the extra \$100 "opt out payment".

Usually a person comes to the club and looks over what we have. You can get good idea by looking at Google Earth for Duncan's Mills. The club is on the river next to the rodeo ground. If

you are interested in trap shooting, we do allow a person who is a non-member to try out trap shooting for a couple of rounds to see if they want to do it. We usually have a shotgun that a newcomer can use. The best idea is to bring your own ammunition as described below. A round of shooting is 25 targets and the cost is \$9.00 per round for a non-member. This covers the cost of the clays and does not include ammunition. If you become a member the cost per round of shooting is \$5.00 for the clays (\$3 for youths). The cheapest ammunition is at Walmart. You should buy "target type" of ammunition with shot size of 7 ½ or 8 and velocity of about 1250 fps or less. You will also need eye and ear protection. If the shooter is small or recoil sensitive, we recommend "low recoil" ammunition.

If you decide you are interested, please let us know if you would like to come so we can make sure we have appropriate personnel available. If your interest is trap shooting, we are open Sundays from 10:00 to mid-afternoon, and Wednesday from 3:00 to 7:00 P. M. Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. We are closed for trap shooting during the winter and reopen when daylight savings time returns. You would need to check the calendar posted on the Club's web site to ensure that we are in fact open the day you want. We sometimes are closed due to special events. Please let us know if you want to try trap shooting since it will be necessary to go through an orientation and 1 round of shooting to demonstrate safe gun handling. You need to let us know when you would like to come and arrive at or near the opening time so we can try to fit you in. If you arrive later and we are busy with members the Range Master might not have time to work you in.

Attached is a copy of the membership application and a waiver. These are PDF documents so you can print them out. If you wish to apply, then please fill them out and return them with your check for \$275 to the address on the application. We will have your application on the next available Board meeting which is the first Wednesday of each month. Please feel free to ask any questions.