

Advice to Potential Applicants and New Members of the Niantic Sportsmen's Club

Joining the Niantic Sportsmen's Club...

The club welcomes your interest! We have been here in East Lyme on Plants Dam Road since 1955 and offer a variety of programs and family fellowship of all kinds.

To join as a member, you must first:

- Locate, or be referred to, a member who will sponsor you;
- Acquaint yourself with the club calendar by reading the website (www.nianticsc.net) and e-bulletins/newsletters/posters on the website, or email nscmembers@snet.net;
- Have your sponsor or another club member give you a short tour of the facilities, then pick up our two-page application form at the club Lounge, or print it out from the website;
- Fill out the application form, attach the application fee, and mail it in or leave it at the Lounge. Be sure that you have read the meeting-attendance, interview, and member-orientation requirements.

*Then, if the membership is not at its "capped" level, you **must**:*

- Attend a Friday-evening monthly meeting—on the second Friday of the month except for July and August—to be "Read In" to membership;
- At the Read-In meeting, you should schedule, and then be present for, a short pre-membership interview at the club, usually on a Tuesday evening;
- Attend a Friday-evening monthly meeting for your "Vote In" to membership, when you will pay your membership dues and obligations.
- **To use the ranges, you must participate in a Member Orientation, usually held on a Saturday morning a week after the regular monthly meeting.**

During this application process, ***you are invited to enjoy club functions as a guest***; it's also your opportunity to meet people, to survey opportunities to volunteer—and to observe procedures on our ranges first-hand.

After you are a member...

You are encouraged to participate in our programs in Skeet, Muzzleloader, Archery, Pistol, Rifle, Air Pistol and Rifle, Youth, Buildings and Grounds, Kitchen, Lounge, and Special Events.

Many of our programs are educational and family-oriented and have become well-established at the club over many years. At the core, however, is a tradition of volunteerism. Find an area where you can help out, and then join in! As a member, you will receive club bulletins and newsletters; make an effort to attend monthly meetings to keep abreast of activities and planning. **Your dues are due at the end of December and payable no later than January 31 of the coming year.**

And...if you have an idea for a new program or helpful procedure, please discuss it with other members and pass it on to the club's executive board.

