

ARTICLE I  
NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Emerald Park Gun Club. This organization shall be sponsored by the River Road Park and Recreation District and shall remain under such sponsorship at the pleasure of the District.

ARTICLE II  
OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized shooting among citizens of the United States resident in our community, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship, and furnishing a safe place for the public to shoot. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP

(a) Any citizen of the United States 17 years of age or over may become a member of this organization on vote of the Executive Committee after subscribing to the following pledge and on payment of the usual initiation fees and dues.

The NRA Pledge

I CERTIFY that I am a citizen of the United States of America and that I am not a member of any organization or group which has as any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions by force or violence; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence, and if admitted to membership I will faithfully endeavor to fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

(b) The Superintendent of the River Road Park and Recreation District shall be considered a non due paying, voting member and voting member of the Executive Committee providing he subscribes to the NRA Pledge in writing.

(c) Associate Clubs. Any other club affiliated with the National Rifle Association and or the National Muzzle Rifle Loading Association, and or the Oregon State Rifle and Pistol Association, whos' objectives are similar to those of this club may be considered an associate club upon the payment of the appropriate dues and the approval of the general membership. Associate clubs and members will have all the rights and responsibilities of the regular members except they shall not hold office or vote.

(d) Associate Members: Members of Associate Clubs, providing they are paid up members and in good standing with their parent club, may upon subscribing to the NRA pledge and payment of the prescribed dues be enrolled as Associate Members subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

(e) The Emerald Empire Junior Gun Club shall be the junior division of the Emerald Park Gun Club and shall be entitled to all the rights and responsibilities of Associate members of the senior club. Individual members of the junior club shall be granted full membership in the senior club upon reaching their seventeenth (17) birthday; at age eighteen (18) they shall be dropped from the rolls of the junior club.

(f) Family Membership shall be permitted in the senior club. Family membership shall grant to the husband and wife full membership status, and shall grant range privileges to children under seventeen (17) years of age. Children under twelve (12) years of age must be under direct supervision of parent or club instructor when on the range.

(g) The Range Master and family shall be a non dues paying member of the Emerald Park Gun Club, provided he subscribes in writing to the NRA pledge.

#### ARTICLE IV DUES

- (a) Annual, General, and Family membership dues shall be established by the Executive Committee and approved by the gun club general membership and by the Park Board of Directors.
- (b) Associate Membership dues shall be the difference between the dues of the parent club and the dues of this club but shall not be more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the out-of-district rates nor less than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the in-district rates, per year.
- (c) Junior Club dues shall be established by the members of the junior division, subject to approval of Executive Board of Senior Club.
- (d) Charter members shall be granted life-time in-district membership privileges. This section is not subject to the provisions of Article XI, and shall not be subject to revision.
- (e) No member of the club in arrears shall be eligible to vote or enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits offered by this club. A re-instatement after ninety days after expiration of dues shall be on the same basis as a new membership.

#### ARTICLE V MEETINGS

- (a) Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the club shall be held on the second Wednesday of March each year. If the annual meeting shall not take place at that time the officers shall hold over until their successors shall have been elected. Officers elected at this time shall take office immediately.
- (b) Regular Meetings. The regular business meeting of the club for the transaction of business shall be held quarterly on the second Wednesday of the last month of the quarter at such time and place as may be fixed by the President.
- (c) Special Meeting. A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing in writing by United States mail not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the President.
- (d) Quorum. Ten percent of the general membership of the club entitled to vote, present and voting, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. If a quorum cannot be formed in two attempts, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to poll by mail, or canvas one-fifth the entire general membership determined by lot.

#### ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

- (a) The officers of this club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Instructor and Executive Officer. The officers, acting together with the chairmen of standing committees and the superintendent of the River Road Park and Recreation District, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the club. They shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of all the activities of the club.

- (c) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held regularly at such time and place as the Committee may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand, in writing to the Secretary, by three members of the Committee.
- (d) Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- (e) Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.
- (f) A vacancy in the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Committee.
- (g) Each member of the Executive Committee shall have only one vote.

#### ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- (a) President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee. He shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such duties as usually pertain to his office. He shall appoint all special committees.
- (b) Vice-President. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request. The Vice-President shall be in charge of the club library.
- (c) Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the club by the National Rifle Association and by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. He shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings, as required in Article V. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the club and have the custody of the official books and papers of the club, except the Treasurer's books of account. He shall be responsible for re-affiliating the club annually with the National Rifle Association.
- (d) Treasurer. The treasurer shall account for all dues, membership fees, shooting fees, and all other club income. He will keep a detailed record of income and expenses in the proper categories within the park approved budget and shall be able to report at any and all meetings of the club the condition of the club budget. The Treasurer shall be the chairman of the budget committee.
- (e) Chief Instructor. The instructor shall have charge of all small arms instruction with authority to appoint his assistants. He shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee. He shall be chairman of the Junior Committee.
- (f) Executive Officer. The Executive Officer shall have charge of the ranges of the club, the printing of scorecards, the arranging of competitions, etc. He shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee. He shall be chairman of the Range Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII STANDING COMMITTEES

- (a) The Membership Committee shall be charged with recruiting new members. It shall be required to screen applicants for acceptability according to club by-laws. The Committee shall act as a welcoming agent for new members to familiarize them with the benefits, facilities, and other members of the club. The chairman shall be elected at the annual meeting by the general membership.
- (b) The Statistical Committee shall keep statistical records on the club membership and shall be the statistical staff for all club sponsored events. The chairman shall be elected at the annual meeting by the general membership.
- (c) The Publicity Committee shall publicize the club's events and projects and attempt to maintain good public relations. The chairman shall be elected at the annual meeting by the general membership.

- (d) The Junior Committee shall be responsible for the promotion of shooting for the children and young people of the community. The Junior Committee shall act as the sponsoring committee required for affiliation of a Junior Club with the National Rifle Association. The chairman shall be the Chief Instructor.
- (e) The Range Committee shall be responsible for the preparation of range plans. They shall also be in charge and responsible for maintenance, repair, and improvement of the range. The chairman shall be the Executive Officer.
- (f) The Ways and Means Committee shall be in charge of all fund raising activities of the club except for formal matches. The chairman shall be elected at the annual meeting by the general membership.
- (g) The budget Committee shall prepare the annual club budget under guidelines established by the park superintendent and submit said budget to the Executive Committee for approval and submission. The Treasurer is Chairman.
- (h) The composition of the standing committee shall be determined by the committee chairmen subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
- (i) No committee, standing or otherwise, shall contract bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE IX SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

- (a) Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen days' notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reasons for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.
- (b) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen days' notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.
- (c) Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days' notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.
- (d) Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who will call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen days' notice in writing to all members of the club in good standing stating the date, time, place, and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full club the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

(e) Any official or member of the club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association of America shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from this club immediately upon receipt of official notice by the Secretary of this club from the Secretary of the National Association.

(f) The National Rifle Association shall be given a complete report whenever a member of the club is suspended or expelled, showing charges and action taken.

ARTICLE X  
MATCH RULES

All formal competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the National Rifle Association of America, approved by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and the Secretary of the Army.

ARTICLE XI  
AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose. Upon approval of the majority of the members present such proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board of Directors, River Road Park and Recreation District and to the National Rifle Association for Approval.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary

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Henry Rust  
Chairman  
River Road Park and Recreation District