

Greetings!

Dear Prospective Member,

The Southwest Conservation Club is rich in history and is quite a remarkable landmark in the Fort Wayne and Waynedale area. We want to encourage you to become a part of this history by joining the club. The Southwest Conservation Club is a place dedicated and focused on conservation efforts and as such, you will find that it is a place of diverse and healthy wildlife.

In the pages of this packet you will find more details about the rules, regulations and entitlements of becoming a member. All ranges, ponds and grounds are off limits to non-members, unless during a public event.

Each prospective member must complete the application as well as find a sponsor to endorse their application before applying. Along with the application, the first year's dues must be paid and submitted to the Club. First year member's dues are \$175 and \$150 each year thereafter.

As a new member, you will also have many opportunities to get involved and volunteer here at the SWCC. At the conclusion of your orientation you will have the chance to specify where you feel you could be of most help to the club. We encourage you and your family to get involved with the club.

Please feel free to visit our website, www.southwestconservationclub.org or visit our Facebook page for more information about our organization.

Again, we welcome you to join the Southwest Conservation Club!

Thank you,

The Southwest Conservation Club Board

On the evening of your induction into the club you will be asked to read our pledge:

"To promote true sportsmanship, and the principles of broad practical conservation. To promote legislation designed to conserve and restore wildlife to our coverts and water. To promote and cooperate in the beautification and purification of our rivers." To the above objects I pledge my support as a member of the Southwest Conservation Club.

Supporting Conservation Since 1938

Helpful Information



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Renewing Your Membership

- Dues are \$150 and are due by January 31st of each year.
- After February 1st the renewal fee is \$155
- Dues can be mailed to the club with cash or a check made out to “Southwest Conservation Club”

Work Off Your Membership Dues

- Volunteers make things happen! For every hour that you volunteer with a committee, in various aspects at the club, you receive \$2 towards your membership the following year.
- Once you join a committee, the committee chair will track your hours for submission to the SWCC board.
- There are many ways to get involved at the club, see the Committees and Club Involvement page for a list of committee options.

Bring Your Friends to the Public Events

These events are open to the public and we encourage you to bring friends and introduce them to the club.

- **Trap and Skeet:** Every 2nd and last Sunday of the month starting at noon (year round) \$4.50
 - Sign in starts at 12:00 Noon and shooting starts at 12:30 PM until sundown
- **3D Archery:** Every 2nd Saturday of the month starting at 9:00am (March- September)
 - Adults \$10 / Children \$5, 2 times around a 20 target course. Kitchen generally open
- **Fish Fries:** (TBA)
 - Adults: \$8.25; 6-12 years \$4.50; Children under 6 FREE
 - All you can eat includes... Alaskan Pollock or pork tenderloin, French fries, green beans, corn, rolls, dessert. Drinks: pop \$0.50; draft beer \$1.25
- **BINGO:** (TBA)
 - The Southwest Conservation Club hosts BINGO every Thursday evening. This is an event that is open to the public and all proceeds benefit the general funds of the club. Doors open at 5:00pm and the first game starts at 6:00pm. There is a full service kitchen available for food and drinks.
- **Flea Markets:** Second Saturday of the month (April – September)
 - This is a good way to come out and find the treasures you’ve always wanted! Or, get a booth and sell those items you’ve been meaning to find a new home for.

Monthly Member’s Meetings

- ✓ When: Every 2nd Monday of the month starting at 8:00pm
- ✓ Where: Southwest Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Rd. 46809
- ✓ Who: All members are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings

Check the club’s website calendar for more details! www.southwestconservationclub.org



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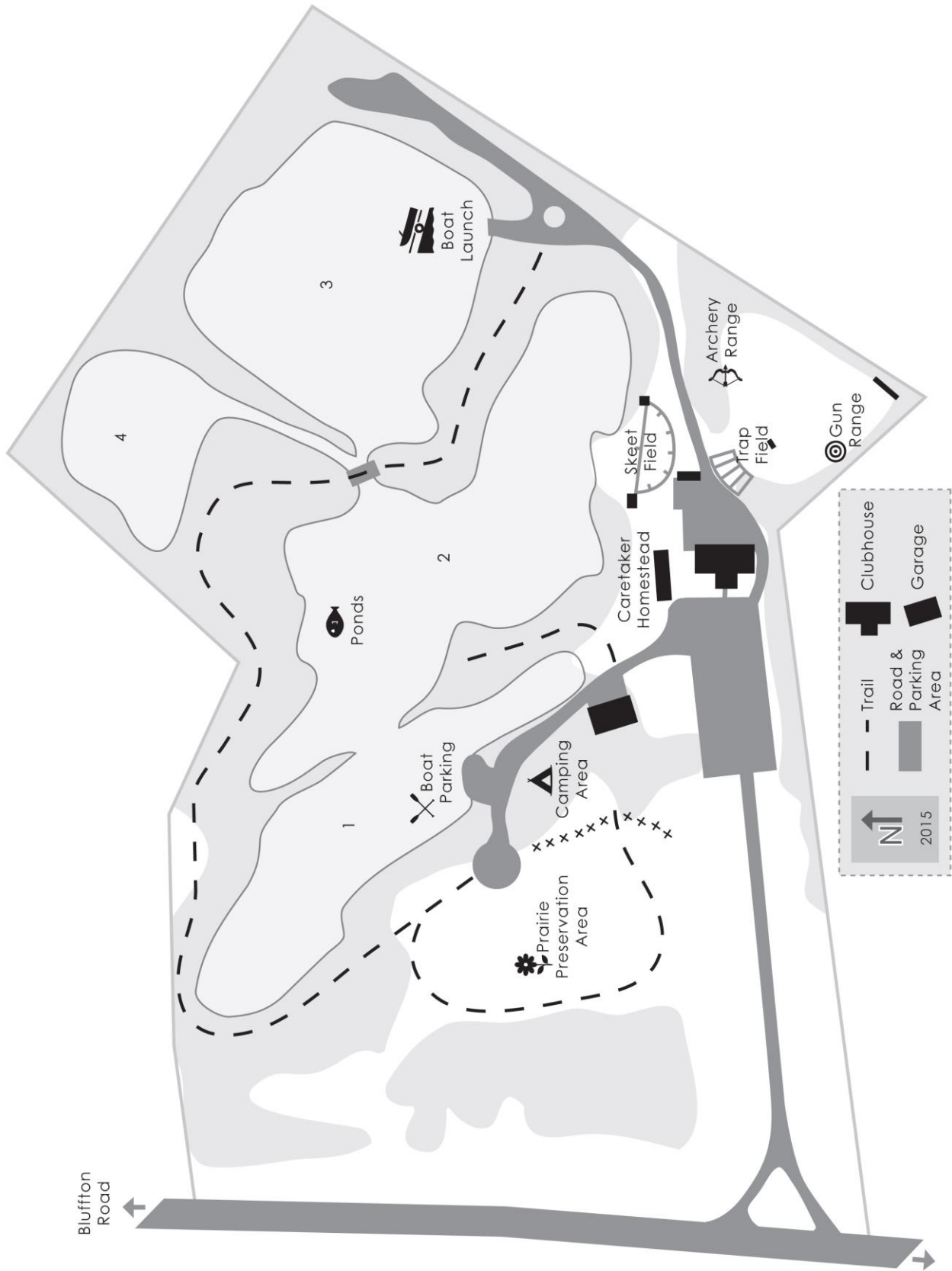
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Fishing Rules & Regulations

1. All members must sign in and out in the fishing sign-in box. List the number of each fish caught. Please include the length and weight for bass caught.
2. When out in boats or canoes you must have a life vest or flotation device with you at all times. These life vests must fit properly and be approved by the United States Coast Guard.
3. No swimming or wading in the ponds.
4. There is a \$1.00 donation (per person) required each time you fish. Please place this in the box near the sign in location.
5. Fishing is allowed for members, their spouses, and children and grandchildren under the age of 21 only. The member must be present for all fishing. No guests are allowed while fishing.
6. Members may launch their private boats. No gas powered motors allowed. Propulsion by oars, paddles or trolling motors only.
7. Fishing is allowed day or night.
8. There is to be no fishing during trap and skeet shoots. All ponds must be cleared by noon on those day and they will reopen at the end of trap and skeet. (Trap and Skeet is every 2nd and 4th Sunday)
9. No frogs or turtles are to be hunted or removed from the ponds.
10. No Littering. Trash must be placed in the containers provided or taken from the property when you leave.
11. No mutilating of fish (i.e. no damaging fins or tails to mark fish)
12. Members may leave their boats on SWCC property at the boat launch area in pond 1. However, any boat left on the property is free for any member to use.
13. Reminder: all members should carry membership card while on the premises and your sticker should be in your vehicle.

These fishing rules and regulations must be followed at all times. Failure to follow any of these rules will result in the loss of fishing privileges.

Types of Fish in the Ponds:

- **Bass**
All bass should be released unless noted on the sign in sheet
- **Blue Gill**
Limit 20 pan fish per day
- **Carp (Grass carp- triploid carp)**
Do not attempt to remove from ponds as they control weeds
- **Catfish**
Limit 3, 14-in minimum
- **Crappie**
Limit 20 pan fish per day

If you have questions regarding fishing or the ponds please contact the ponds committee chair.



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© Range Rules & Regulations

1. Range use is permitted to members, their spouse, and children and grandchildren under the age of 21. As a courtesy, sworn police officers are permitted to fire their duty weapon only. Absolutely no guests of members or police officers!
2. Shooting hours are from 9am to dusk (Monday- Saturday) and 12:30pm-dusk on Sunday. Changes in range hours, reduced shooting distances, and range closure will take place due to hall rentals and special clubhouse events.
3. Sign in and out each and every time you use the range. The sign in box is located near the parking lot side of the range. There is a \$1.00 donation (per person) required each time you shoot. Please place this in the box near the sign in location.
4. 72 yards is the maximum shooting distance.
5. Shot shells are to be shot at a designated area (empty section) of the range backstop only- far left end. There will be no backboard placed here. This is the designated area for patterning (please supply your own material to shoot at for patterning- scrap wood, paper, cardboard, etc). Slug guns no closer than 25 yards.
6. No automatic firearms of any type.
7. Absolutely no rapid fire! Allow at least one second between shots, to avoid the appearance of automatic fire.
8. No armor piercing, incendiary, or explosive ammunition of any kind is allowed on the range.
9. Paper targets only! Targets must be placed on the backstop, away from upright timber posts and below cables and cross support timbers. Do not shoot through the support timbers. No thrown targets, steel spinners, cans, or glass.
10. It is your responsibility to clean up after yourself. This means paper targets, brass, shot shells, and your trash. Separate receptacles are available for brass and shot shells.
11. Reminder: all members should carry membership card while on the premises and your sticker should be in your vehicle.

These range rules must be followed at all times. Failure to follow any of these rules will result in the loss of range privileges.

The Southwest Conservation Club Range Safety

The range at the club is one of the only firing ranges inside city limits in the state of Indiana. Therefore, practicing safety and precaution while using the range is imperative in order for this privilege to continue to be offered by the club.

1. Safety and responsibility is your #1 concern at all times. One unsafe act could ruin range use for all members.
2. Eye and ear protection must be used at all times.
3. No alcohol, drugs, or other mind-altering substances should be used before or after range time.
4. When sighting with any firearm, start at 25 yards then work your way back.

If you have questions regarding the range please contact the range committee chair.



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▲ Camping Rules & Regulations

1. Campsites are available on a first come first served basis. There are no reserved sites.
2. Camping is a member's only activity, including their spouse, and children and grandchildren under the age of 21. (No children are to be left unattended.)
3. Campsites with electricity require a \$5.00 donation (per night) to offset the cost of electrical. (Donations collected will be put into the general fund and recorded in the camping account)
4. Primitive camping remains no charge, but donations would be appreciated.
5. All campers are required to sign in at the sign-in box located on the south side of the garage.
6. Any campers using club firewood are requested to help cut and split firewood to replenish the stock.
7. No camper is to be left on SWCC property unless it is being used. If a camper is left on club property for 48 hours or more, unattended, it will be considered empty and will be required to be removed immediately. The maximum time any camper may be left on club property is 14 days. After this time period has elapsed, it must be removed from the property for a period no less than 24 hours. (Campers must be moved periodically to prevent killing grass).
8. All motorized vehicles must be parked in the lane or in the parking lot. No motorized vehicles of any kind may be parked on the grass other than to load or unload campsites. (This list includes, but is not limited to, cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc.)
9. All trash from your campsite must be placed in the trash container on the grounds. No trash is to be left on site.
10. Campfires may only be made in the designated fire rings and should never be left unattended. If there's heat or coals, there's a potential for a fire to spread. You should always completely put out your fire. Excessive fires are not permitted. When a fire is lit, always use caution.
11. The front doors of the club may be left open for access to restrooms. Contact the caretaker or camping committee chair person to arrange this. (*Interior doors of club must be remained locked if front doors are open*)
12. Quiet hours for the campground are from 11:00pm until 7:00am. Please respect other campers.
13. Reminder: all members should carry membership card while on the premises and your sticker should be in your vehicle.

The club campground is a privilege and is not to be abused. Any abuse may cause this privilege to be revoked. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in making this campground an enjoyable place for all members to use.

If you have questions regarding camping or the campground please contact the camping committee chair



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Southwest Conservation Club By-Laws

Article I

The name of this organization shall be Southwest Conservation Club, Incorporated.

Article II

Purpose

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Article III

Officers

Section 1.

The Administrative Body of this organization shall be a Supreme Council consisting of eleven (11) members of the organization who shall have charge of all the property of the organization, real and personal, and who shall preserve and protect the same, and whose duty it is to see that the purpose of this organization as expressed in the Articles of Incorporation and in these By-Laws, are forever fully and completely carried out, and shall have all the power necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Association as expressed in the Articles of Incorporation and as expressed here in the By-Laws. The members of said Supreme Council shall be the members set forth in Section II herein at the time of the adoption of these By-Laws and any vacancy on said Council shall be filled by the remaining members of the said Council by their election from among the members of a successor, said election to be held in such manner as said Council may determine.

Section 2.

A list of members who constituted the Supreme Council is available in the Secretary's file.

Section 3.

The officers of the organization except as herein provided in section 1, shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, together with an Advisory Board of five (5) members. The Vice-President shall automatically serve as one member of the Advisory Board and shall be chairman thereof. Each year after adoption of these By-Laws, two members shall be elected, one for a term of three years and one for a term of one year. There shall also be elected at each annual meeting, one (1) delegate as Club Representative to attend County Council Meetings, and one alternate.

Article IV

Duties of Officers

Section 1.

The President shall act as chairperson of all Club meetings and may attend all Committee meetings. The President shall make appointments to fill any temporary vacancies. The President shall, in the absence of the Treasurer, be authorized to sign checks covering expenses approved by the Board of Trustees. At the beginning of the President's term the newly elected President shall appoint all committees deemed necessary.

Section 2.

The Vice President shall act as chairperson of all Club meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall be Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Vice President shall also be indirectly in charge of the custodian.

Section 3.

The Secretary shall keep the Club records, including minutes of Club and Board or Trustee meetings, committee appointments, attendance records, list of members with addresses and telephone numbers. The Secretary shall issue statements to each member for their dues or other financial obligations to the Club and shall collect from members all money due the Club turning such funds over to the Treasurer, taking proper receipts thereof.

Section 4.

The Treasurer shall receive all money collected by the Secretary and various committees and keep each account separate. The Treasurer shall deposit all money in a bank or banks designated by the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer shall sign all checks authorized by the Board of Trustees and shall keep detailed records of Club receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall make financial reports to the Board of Trustees on request and to the Club monthly. Also, the Treasurer shall read to the meeting the quarterly report of the auditor.

Section 5.

Advisory Board together with the President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall constitute a Board of Trustees, whose duties shall be: to investigate and recommend application for membership, to act as a trial committee to consider any complaint against any member, making recommendations to the Club for its final decision, to take care of all normal corporation business, to appoint an assistant to any elective officer subject to ratification by the membership at a regular meeting. Any appointed assistance to any officer is to attend all Board meetings as a non-voting member. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Board of Trustees shall select a temporary chairperson for the Board and regular Club meetings.



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Article V Membership

Section 1.

Any person may become a member of this Club upon reaching the age of 21 years, having been recommended by a member who's membership exceeds 12 calendar months, having been passed favorably by the organization, and upon payment of the initiation fee and dues as established from time to time by the Organization. Applications for membership must be read by the sponsor at a regular meeting. The Sponsor is responsible for the New Member during their six (6) month probationary period. Then referred to the Board of Trustees for recommendations. The Board's recommendation must be acted upon by the members at the subsequent meeting.

Section 2.

Any member absent from the Club may obtain a withdrawal card. Upon request, the member may exchange the withdrawal card for membership upon payment of current year's dues if exchanged within four (4) years from expiration date of current year's dues. After that date a new membership must be applied for.

Section 3.

Applicants must have initiation fee and current dues paid before becoming a member. Dues for applications received after June 1 will be 50% (percent) of annual dues. Dues for applications received after November 1 will be for a full year and will apply to the next calendar year.

Section 4.

Yearly dues are due January 1 and delinquent after February 1. Any member allowing their dues to become delinquent may be reinstated upon payment of current year's dues and a reinstatement fee of \$25.00. Starting January 1 the second year of delinquency and from there on a new membership application must be applied for.

Article VI

Section 1.

Meetings shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 8:00pm. All meetings shall be held at the Club House.

Section 2.

The President, Board of Trustees and any five members of this organization may call a special meeting upon a written and signed petition of the President. The President shall give due notice to all members of such meeting. Twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum to conduct a business meeting of the Club.

Article VII

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Procedure."

Article VIII

1. Presiding Chairperson shall call for a motion on all questions.
2. Organization shall vote yes or no.
3. All approvals must be by majority vote.
4. No member to have floor without recognition of Chair.
5. When the meeting is out of order or noisy, any member may ask Chair to restore order.
6. On special meetings, rules of procedure may be suspended.

Article IX

Election of Officers

Election of Officers shall be held at the general meeting in December. The elected Officers are to take office the first day of January. A nominating committee appointed by Chair shall obtain two or more candidates for each office which shall also be open for nomination from the floor; if only one nominee is obtained, then the chair may declare that nominee be elected by acclamation. Each Office shall be voted separately. All voting by ballot and all candidates shall be elected by majority. In case of another vote, low candidates to drop out.

Nominating Committee shall accept no nominee for Officer who has not been a member in good standing for at least one calendar year.

Article X

By-Laws, Changes, and Amendments

These By-Laws may be changed and amended, abrogated, or added to in the following manner:

- (a) Articles I, II, III, and X may be amended or changed at a special meeting called for that purpose (after a notice of thirty (30) days, by mail, is given to each and all members of this organization and in which notice the purpose of said meeting shall be specifically designated), and by a vote in favor of said change by ninety (90) percent of the members of this organization in good standing at the time said meeting is held.
- (b) All other articles and section of these By-Laws may be amended or changed at a special meeting called for such purpose (upon giving the notice as provided herein) by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at said meeting.
- (c) Any desired amendments or changes in these By-Laws shall be referred to the By-Laws Committee for their study before being presented to a meeting of the Club.

Article XI

No firearms of any type shall be permitted inside the Club House that has not had all ammunition and clips removed except those authorized by the Board of Trustees.



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