

Highland Sportsman Club Membership Application

Name: *print* _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Date of Birth: Mo: ____ Day: ____ Year: ____

Email Address: _____@_____

(Email required to receive the club newsletter, effective March 2013)

TWRA Sportsman License No. _____

1. Why I want to become an HSC club member:

2. Tell us about your family: Are you married? Yes No

Wife's name: _____ Children? Yes No

Boy's Ages? _____ Girl's Ages? _____

3. Tell us about your interests – Do you: Hunt Fish Camp Archery Skeet

Trap Conservation Target Shooting (Pistol / Rifle) Black Powder

Other _____

4. Rank 1 through 6, the following Club activities: ____ Gun Hunting

____ Archery Hunting ____ Clay Target Shooting ____ Hunter Safety Instructor

____ Rifle/Pistol/Black Powder Shooting ____ TCL/TWRA Conservation work

5. Have you ever been convicted of a Felony? Yes No

(or had your hunting/fishing privilege suspended)

6. Have you completed a hunter safety course? Yes No

7. Are you a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA)? Yes No

8. List any other clubs, organizations, churches or groups that you are currently active with:

Signature of Primary Sponsor: sign

print

A letter from the primary sponsor, in support of applicant for membership must accompany this application.

Signature of first Co-Sponsor: sign

print

Signature of second Co-Sponsor: sign

print

Submitted with this application is my \$300.00 initiation fee. It is understood that if my application is accepted for membership, I will pay a pro-rated amount of the annual dues based upon the month in which I am accepted for membership. In the event my application is not accepted, the initiation fee will be returned to me.

I understand the expectations of me as a club member are to participate and assist in club activities including work parties, attend club meetings and to dedicate myself to help make the club better for all members.

I further understand and agree that as part of this application process, Highland Sportsman Club is allowed to conduct a background investigation on me, and that the results of such investigation and its conclusions may be used by Highland Sportsman Club in order to process my application for membership.

Signature of Applicant: sign

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Received by: _____

Officers Title: _____

Date: _____

Information to help club members get to know you:

Please take a few minutes to think about and answer the following questions. Add anything else you think we would be interested to know about you. This information will supplement the information you gave us on the application form.

Name: *print* _____

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

When did you come to Chattanooga and what brought you here?

Where do you work and what do you do?

Tell us your main reason for wanting to join the Highland Sportsman Club?

What is your favorite type hunting/fishing?

Tell us about your other outdoor interests (such as types of hunting and fishing)?

Tell us something about yourself that you would like us to know – something you especially like to do or something you are proud of?

Welcome to the Highland Sportsman Club:

The information below is intended to help you understand the membership application and approval process for joining this club. It is not a quick or automated process. It is managed by the Membership Committee. The Club Vice President is the committee chairman. You will be meeting with them at least twice before your name is submitted for a vote by the club membership.

The purpose of this process is to allow a period of time to ensure that you understand the commitment of your time and effort that is expected as a club member. It also allows time for the club members to get to know you prior to having to make a decision about accepting you as a member.

Key people during your application process will be those members who signed your application, agreeing to be your “Sponsor”. Their role in your journey to club membership is to help you get to know other members and help you get answers to your questions. We consider them to be your “Mentors”. (Be sure they see this because they may be unfamiliar with the role of club expects them to play.)

As an applicant, you will be able to participate in most club activities. During your application period you will be expected to:

- Attend our regular monthly club meetings,
- Participate in club activities and work parties.

Your participation in club functions/activities is the way you will find out what it takes to have a successful club. It is also how we will judge if your level of interest and participation is sufficient to be recommended for club membership.

After you have submitted your application and initiation fee, you must attend at least six (6) regular monthly club meetings (generally held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00PM, unless it conflicts with a holiday) and a minimum of two (2) other club activities before the Membership Committee can recommend you for a club vote. The 6 meetings and 2 club activities must be completed within 1 year. You should get in touch with the Vice President and arrange to meet with the Membership Committee as soon as possible. At that meeting, any questions you have will be answered. Any questions you have about the club expectations for applicants should be explored with this group. The application process will be explained in more depth.

We also want to learn more about you and your interests. You will be asked for additional information which will be used as input for a write-up to be placed on the club bulletin board and website.

At some point after you have met the attendance and activity requirements, and there are membership slots open, the club Membership Committee will meet with you again to discuss the possibility of submitting your name for a club vote.

You will need patience as you proceed through the process. We usually have several applicants waiting and only experience about 10 openings each year. It could quite possibly take a year before you are considered for membership (i.e. voted on by the general membership at a monthly club meeting).. In the meantime, you will not be expected to pay club dues, but will be able to enjoy most of the benefits of membership. As an applicant, however, you **MUST** be accompanied by a club member anytime you are on club property.

We look forward to getting to know you and have you get to know us.

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