

East Elgin Sportsmen's Association

New Members Guide

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Welcome

We are a family-friendly sporting club. It is our pleasure to provide you with the New Member's Guide. We hope that this guide will provide you with answers and be used as a reference. Further we hope it inspires your active participation in the many exciting disciplines and activities that make up EESA. If after, you have any questions feel free to contact any of the Directors of the Board.

~ Safety ~ Fun ~ Education ~

Safety ~ we work hard at our club to ensure the safety of everyone who shoots or visits the ranges. Our volunteers and instructors are trained and licensed. We have protocols in place to make certain any and all activities continue to provide enjoyment for years to come. Range rules and etiquette are located under Rules and Responsibilities.

Fun ~ Fun is second only to safety at EESA! We offer a fantastic facility, a wide range of activities, and regular planned events. Most importantly a knowledgeable, welcoming group of enthusiastic gun owners, who are happy to help you enjoy the wonderful world of shooting sports.

Education ~ EESA is heavily involved in many training programs including a top junior rifle program, classes in licensing, holster certification and range officer training. In addition we have several members actively involved in educating the public on responsible gun ownership and the joys of the sport through media relations and shoots for non-shooters. If you would like to get involved in any of these endeavours, ask a director for information on organizing your own group event or lending a hand with something already scheduled.

Facilities

~ Club House ~

In 2010 the old log cabin EESA had used as a clubhouse and meeting centre was torn down (after 55 years of use, and outgrowing it's usefulness). We replaced it with the 2 storey building you see today. We acquired occupancy in Spring 2011 with thanks to the support and work of many of our members. The new club house has an open area where we hold our monthly general members meetings; as well as a classroom, washrooms, and a full kitchen. In addition we have a second floor specially designed for hosting indoor archery and air rifle / pistol.

~ Indoor Range ~

To the left of the clubhouse is our indoor range. After 3 months of probationary membership you may opt to purchase a key; this grants you 24 hr access to the indoor facility. Inside you will find a heated lounge with washrooms and a viewing window to the 10 shooting stations available for hand guns and handgun calibre carbines. We have automated target returns at each station and a ventilation system for

air quality.

~ Outdoor Ranges ~

We currently have 4 outdoor ranges available. Our 300 m range is the longest in Southwestern Ontario with target stands at 100m, 200m, and 300m points; as well as gongs. It contains covered shooting stations with concrete benches and is wheelchair accessible. In addition we have 45m, 85m, and 100yard ranges for rifles, shotguns and handguns.

~ Trap House ~

Our trap house is located in the middle of our facilities. It contains a cover for shooters and runs weekly shoots on Sunday afternoons as well as monthly special events. Future plans for the trap field are in mind for skeet and 5 stand sporting clay.

~ Fishing Pond ~

We have an approximately 2 acre pond located near the front south corner of the property for those members interested in fishing. We hold the Annual Malhon Hale Fishing Derby for kids every year.

Provincial Fishing Regulations Apply.

Shooting Disciplines

Junior Rifle ~ Starting the first Friday in January and running every Friday through to the end of April each year, this program offers young shooters ages 10 – 21 yrs the opportunity to learn safe gun handling and the fundamentals of target shooting. EESA has produced some of Canada's top junior shooters with representation at National and International events. A \$10 fee includes both targets and ammunition each Friday night.

Senior Rifle ~ Also involved in a competitive league, our senior rifle group practises Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings and holds inter-club events.

Bullseye ~ With a focus on accuracy in single-handed shooting, our bullseye members meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings and holds special Bullseye events.

IPSC ~ The International Practical Shooting Confederation organizes a style of “running and gunning” competition that stresses speed, accuracy and power. We have a very active group of members who host large matches throughout the year in addition to monthly club level events. IPSC meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings every month. ***A Black Badge must be completed in order to compete.***

IDPA ~ The International Defensive Pistol Association holds regular competitions simulating practical self-defense scenarios. IDPA meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening every month.

A Holster Certification course is required in order to compete

Cowboy Action Shooting ~ CAS is a multi-faceted shooting sport in which participants compete with firearms typical of those used in the taming of the Old West. The shooting competition is staged in a unique, characterized “Old West” style. It is a timed sport in which shooters compete for prestige on a course of different shooting stages.

Archery ~ Junior Archery runs every Friday evening starting the 1st Friday of May and runs through to September. Kids ages 4 – 21 yrs are encouraged to come out and learn the skill of archery. Cost is \$3 per child or \$5 per family. There is also a 3D archery trail in the woods surrounding EESA's property. The senior archery group stage 4 3D tournaments each year.

Special Events

Open House ~ Every year EESA opens its doors to the general public for an opportunity to experience the excitement of shooting firearms. This event is held in June in previous years we have seen thousands of adults and children put tens of thousands of rounds through guns of several types. Spanning 2 days, EESA relies heavily on its members who volunteer their time and energy for everything from the planning and setup to food preparation, ticket sales and ammo distribution. Also a great way to get your 8 hours of service in each year.

Blast Off Military Shoot ~ For more than 10 years this annual event has brought together shooters who share an enthusiasm for vintage and modern military firearms. Various competitions are held in the spirit of fun and sportsmanship. Another great way to get your 8 hours of service in each year.

Malhon Hale Fishing Derby ~ The first Saturday in May is the annual Malhon Hale fishing derby. At that time, we stock the pond with trout and members and local children come and try their luck for an assortment of prizes as well as fresh fish.

Haunted Range ~ In October EESA transforms into a spooky adventure with fun for the whole family. Admission costs help raise money for junior programs and other projects around the club. Many volunteer hours go into the success of this event.

Charity Matches ~ EESA has a strong history of hosting annual IPSC matches in an effort to raise money for worthwhile causes. In the past, such groups as the Breast Cancer foundation, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the East Elgin Secondary School Drama department have been recipients of the great generosity shown by the shooting community.

Newbie Shoots ~ In an ongoing effort to further education and interest in firearms and responsible gun ownership, EESA offers supervised shooting opportunities for groups with little or no experience. Member assistance at these events is always appreciated. Groups include church organizations, wedding parties, employee social committees and student associations.

Meetings and Classes

General Membership Meetings ~ The last Monday of each month at 7pm, EESA holds a general meeting which all members are encouraged to attend. This is the opportunity to address concerns, hear updates on ongoing projects and learn about upcoming events. It is at these meetings that decisions for range rental / usage requests are voted on. Approved dates for outside organizations to utilize EESA facilities are then put in the online calendar so members can check range availability.

Board of Director Meetings ~ EESA BOD is made up of 12 volunteer members who have been voted by the general membership and who give up their time to help run club business. They meet on the second Monday of every month. Any member is welcome to attend BoD meetings.

Annual General Members Elections ~ Annual elections are held on the last Monday of January. You must be a member for 3 months to be able to vote; and a member for 15 months to run for a position on the BOD.

ATT Courses ~ For members wishing to transport restricted firearms, the CFO mandates that an ATT (authorization to transport) course be completed before a club sponsored ATT can be issued. The course takes 1 day and includes a practical portion; after which your information is submitted to the CFO. Cost of course is \$30.

Black Badge ~ For those interested in IPSC, a black badge course must be taken. Over the 2.5 days of training, proper holster techniques, safe shooting while on the move, and the general rules of IPSC are covered. For more information on times and locations feel free to drop in at the indoor range, on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month between 6 – 9 pm.

IDPA Holster Certification ~ IDPA offers its own certification for those wishing to compete in matches. Basic safety and rules of IDPA are covered. For more information come out the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.