



Hamilton/Wenham Rod & Gun Club

Application Instructions

Please Read Them Carefully

Included with this memo please find a description of our Association and a blank membership application form. We hope you find them useful.

Please note that before acceptance into our Association, each applicant must be a current member of the National Rifle Association (NRA) and Gun Owners Action League (GOAL); both are important organizations that defend our Constitutional Rights. The Hamilton-Wenham Rod and Gun Club supports them 100%.

In addition, successful completion of an approved gun safety course is mandatory. We will, however, accept a currently valid license to carry (LTC) or Firearms Identification Card (FID) in place of the safety course completion certificate.

Carefully review the **Statements of Understanding** printed on the application form. Your application **will not be accepted** until we receive **all of the required information**. Copies of NRA /GOAL membership cards, course certificates and/or LTC/FID cards are appropriate.

As an alternative, you may join both the NRA and Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) by visiting their web sites. Web links are provided on our web site <http://www.hwrgclub.org>. The links will connect you to the appropriate site. Just follow the directions shown by the respective organizations and you are home free. After enrolling, please submit copies of your NRA and GOAL ID cards. An online copy of your membership confirmation is no longer acceptable.

If you have questions or require additional information you may contact us via our website. Please send us a message and someone from the [Membership Committee](#) will respond to your inquiry in a timely manner.

Thank you for considering our club.

Sincerely,

The Executive Committee

P.O. Box 2413 - S. Hamilton, MA 01982

NRA – GOAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

NRA		GOAL	
1 Year	\$30.00	1 Year	\$45.00
3 Year	\$75.00	3 Year	\$100.00
5 Year	\$125.00	5 Year	\$150.00

Note: The amounts shown are subject to change at any time. Please check with the appropriate organization for current pricing of membership.

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Hamilton/Wenham Rod & Gun Club

The Hamilton-Wenham Rod & Gun Club, Inc. is located on 8½ acres of land off Chebacco Road in Hamilton, Massachusetts. We limit our membership but only to the extent that allows our members access to range facilities without any waiting lines. Our facilities include: a 100 yard rifle range with covered firing points and shooting benches, a 25 yard pistol range with enclosed firing points, a separate shotgun range with facilities for “Five Stand” and limited sporting clays, a small stocked pond for catch and release fishing. In addition, we have two archery ranges; a field range and a woods range with a tree stand. Rifle and pistol facilities are wheelchair accessible.

Membership in the Club is open to any law-abiding American citizen who has reached the age of eighteen and one half years (18½). Similarly, we do not discriminate against any type of firearm . . . rifles, shotguns and pistols are all welcome on our range, as long as their owners follow the Club range rules, which are the basic rules of safety, common sense and courtesy. Automatic weapons usage is prohibited without express written permission from the HWRGC Executive Board which in turn must coordinate with the Hamilton Police Department for such intended usage.

Club meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Hall, located at 37 School St. (off Route 22) in Hamilton, MA. Meeting time is at 7:30 PM.

The Club stands wholeheartedly behind the safe and responsible ownership and use of firearms. To this end, we have set up a Basic Firearms Safety Course which is held, each month, at our range. The course is open to Club members and non-members alike. Our instructors are certified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety to teach courses required by the Massachusetts General Laws in order to obtain a firearm license. (LTC and FID)

As long as firearm ownership remains a political issue in this country, the Club has a political agenda. We believe in every American’s right to keep and bear arms for all lawful purposes. We encourage our members to actively support this right and as an NRA affiliated club, we require all our members to maintain a membership in the National Rifle Association. We also require our members to maintain membership in Gun Owners Action League (GOAL), the NRA’s official lobbying group in Massachusetts.

*Club Fees are as follows: *Please review the supplemental information shown on the next page.

Initiation Fee \$125.00

Annual Dues: \$75.00

**Work Incentive: \$125.00

** Note: The work incentive is an annual fee payable at acceptance and at membership renewal. If a member contributes twelve (12) hours to club-related work activities or performs other approved services that are of value to the club, during a membership year, the fee is not charged for the following year.

Range Key Deposit: \$20.00

Trap Key Deposit (Opt.) \$10.00

For additional information please contact:

HWRG Membership Committee: [Membership Committee](#) (membership@hwrclub.org)

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Membership Fees

The amount due at acceptance may vary somewhat depending upon the date of entry into the club. Entry dues for memberships effective after July 1st, each year, are subject to pro-rating. Pro-rating does not, however, apply to GOAL/NRA fees. We do not normally accept memberships for a partial year after July 1st because of our “once per year” membership renewal cycle. Membership is renewable each year, during January, unless prorated for a longer period as shown.

The full work incentive fee (WIP) is charged irrespective of the month of entry, but will not be charged again during the full **initial membership period**. Dues only are prorated at the rate of one twelfth of the annual amount for dues (\$75.00) for each remaining month as shown in the table below. Membership applications are not accepted during the month of December.

Entry Mo.	Initiation	Dues	WIP	Key	Additional Yr. Dues	Total	Initial Membership Duration
January	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$345.00	Current Yr.
February	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$345.00	Current Yr.
March	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$345.00	Current Yr.
April	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$345.00	Current Yr.
May	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$345.00	Current Yr.
June	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$345.00	Current Yr.
July	\$125.00	\$37.50	\$125.00	\$20.00	\$75.00	\$382.50	18 Months
August	\$125.00	\$31.25	\$125.00	\$20.00	\$75.00	\$376.25	17 Months
September	\$125.00	\$25.00	\$125.00	\$20.00	\$75.00	\$370.00	16 Months
October	\$125.00	\$18.75	\$125.00	\$20.00	\$75.00	\$363.75	15 Months
November	\$125.00	\$12.50	\$125.00	\$20.00	\$75.00	\$357.50	14 Months
December	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: The amounts shown above do not include NRA / GOAL membership fees which may apply during the membership renewal period (at the end of each calendar year) with the Hamilton-Wenham Rod and Gun Club.



Hamilton/Wenham Rod & Gun Club

**Application for Membership
Hamilton-Wenham Rod and Gun Club Inc.
P.O. Box 2413
So. Hamilton, MA 01982**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Init: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:(_____) _____ Date of Birth: _____ Occupation: _____

E-Mail Address _____ Newsletter via e-mail? Yes _____ No _____

Name of Sponsoring HWRG Club Member (please print) _____

Sponsor's HWRG Member # _____

Note: If you do not have a club sponsor, you can still join. Click [here](#) to email the Membership Committee and set up an interview.

My interests are (please check all that apply):

- Pistol
- Rifle
- Shotgun
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Archery
- Competitive Shooting Events (Pistol/Rifle/Shotgun)

Are you currently or previously a member of another (rod & gun) club?

- Yes (enter club name here) _____
- No

Statements of Understanding

- I understand that membership in both the National Rifle Association (NRA) and Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) is mandatory and must be maintained throughout the entire membership period; and further that my application for membership **will not be accepted** unless hard copy proof of **current NRA & GOAL** membership is included with this application.
- I understand that if I join the Association after July 30th, the amount payable for membership at the time of acceptance will include: 1) A prorated amount for the current year dues; 2) Full amount of dues for the following year; 3) The annual Association Work Incentive Program (WIP) fee. I further understand that as part of the Association's membership renewal process, **at the end of each calendar year, including the current year**, I will be charged for a one year NRA-GOAL membership at the then current NRA-GOAL membership rates.
- I understand that I must also include, together with this application, hard-copy evidence of successfully passing the Massachusetts Gun Safety Course or its equivalent.
- I understand that if accepted as a member of the Hamilton and Wenham Rod and Gun Club, Inc., I will abide by the existing by-laws and range-rules governing the use of our range and the facilities. I further understand that if I violate the rules set forth governing the use of the Town of Hamilton's former landfill property, I could be dismissed from membership.
 - I understand that in order to use the Club's range, I must sign the lease. Once I sign my name to the lease, pay the appropriate membership fees as shown and receive my range orientation I will be assigned a key to the range.
- I understand that all members are included in the Work Incentive Program. (WIP)
- I understand that membership is renewable at the end of each calendar year.
- I understand that an initiation fee of \$125.00 shall be levied against each **newly admitted member** and **former members who are seeking reinstatement**, unless another member of the Association, in good standing, is within the applicant's family unit. In such cases the initiation fee is waived.

I certify that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that, if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership Fees

Initiation fee:	\$125.00	Trap Key \$10.00 (Optional)
Annual Dues:	\$ 75.00	
Work Incentive:	\$125.00**	
Range Key Deposit:	\$ 20.00	
Total due at acceptance:	\$345.00*	

*Total Amount Due is subject to prorating when entry date is after July 1st each year.

** **Note:** The work incentive fee is an annual fee payable at acceptance and at membership renewal. If a member contributes twelve (12) hours to club-related work activities or performs other approved services that are of value to the club, during a membership year, the fee is not charged for the following year. This amount is not prorated.

Payment Amount: _____ Date: _____ Method of Payment: _____

When you have completed the application, please scan and email it to the Membership Committee at membership@hwrgclub.org or mail it via USPS to the club at:

**Hamilton-Wenham Rod and Gun Club
P.O. Box 2413
So. Hamilton, MA 01982**

The Membership Committee will then contact you and once approved, you will be requested to appear - **IN PERSON** - at one of our regularly scheduled monthly meetings where you will be introduced and welcomed into the club. The meetings start at 7:30PM on the third Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Hall at 37 School Street (off Route 22) in South Hamilton, Massachusetts.

Please show up by 7:00PM on meeting night in order to have time to complete the financial requirements.

Applications are reviewed by our Executive Committee and may be rejected if all required information has not been provided.

My signature as written below acknowledges that I, as a member of the Hamilton-Wenham Rod and Gun Club, Inc. (Association), and I agree to become a party to the Lease granted by the Town of Hamilton, Massachusetts, to the Association on April 24, 2006.

I further acknowledge that I have received a copy of the By-laws of the Association and the Association's Firing Range and Safety Rules and that I will abide by the rules set forth therein and that I will not be granted access to the Association's firing range until range orientation has been conducted. Said Lease, is available for viewing at any regular Membership monthly meeting.

(Applicant Signature)

(Date)

(Applicant Printed Name)

(Assigned Badge Number)