



MIT Pistol & Rifle Club

Info for Prospective Members

1 What is the Club and What Does it Do?

The Club exists to encourage safe competitive and recreational shooting among members of the MIT community. Club members have access to the MIT Range for practice. The Club has at least one team in the Greater Boston Pistol League, and many members compete in other local pistol and rifle leagues. There is a Club pistol championship each Spring. Club members help with Range maintenance, and teach evening marksmanship and safety courses.

2 Membership Requirements

2.1 MIT Affiliation

You must have some MIT affiliation. Any present or past member of the faculty or staff, or employee or student, or other person eligible to use the Athletic Department facilities can become a member. You must have a current or continuing affiliation to get a campus pistol permit. (Alumni and retired employee are considered “affiliated” for this purpose.)

2.2 Firearms Knowledge

You must be familiar with the safe and responsible handling of firearms. If you are a new shooter, you must have taken either the MIT P.E. Pistol Class or the course offered by the Club. If you are an experienced shooter you must possess an N.R.A. Classification Card for some type of pistol or rifle competition.

2.3 License

You must have a valid Massachusetts Firearms Identification Card (FID) or License to Carry Firearms (LTC). Both can be obtained from your local police station; the cost is \$25 for a four-year term. If your local police chief requires membership in a club to grant an LTC (thus leading to a chicken-and-egg problem), talk to us and we can work something out.

2.4 NRA Membership

You or someone in your household (at the same address) must be a member of the National Rifle Association. NRA dues support competitive shooting, instructional and training courses and many other activities. The NRA magazine alone is worth the cost of membership, just to stay informed about legislation, safety, and gun care.

3 Dues

Once you have satisfied Items 1 through 3 above, fill out the attached application form. The dues are listed on the form. The “work fee” is a sort of deposit which is refundable on your next year’s fees at a rate of \$5/hour of work done for the Club. (Range cleanup and reconstruction, for example.) There is a Club work survey included to help us organize work parties. Once your application is approved by the Executive Committee, you’re in.

If you are not an NRA member, an application form is included. Ordinarily, if you join through a club, the NRA annual membership dues are \$25, but the club gets to keep \$2. To keep the NRA happy, we will take the \$, but we’ll apply it to your Club dues. In short, anyone wishing to join the NRA through the Club should add \$23 to their dues check, and return the NRA form with their Club application. DO NOT send a separate check made out to the NRA.

4 Range Security Arrangements

A number of changes have been made at the Range and to our operating procedures to comply with the Campus Patrol’s review of Range security. Access to the Ready Room is now only through the door to the left of the drinking fountain near the rest room (across from the weight room). The door to the Rockwell lobby is only to be used as an emergency exit. The Ready Room door has an electronic touch-pad lock. All members will be given the entry code when they receive their membership card. Both the rifle and pistol ranges have a motion-sensor alarm system. Club Range Officers will be given the codes to deactivate these alarms.

The Campus Patrol is extremely concerned that they have no idea what firearms are kept in the Club safe. In the future, you must submit an inventory form (blanks are inside the safes) if you wish to keep any firearms in the Club safes. You must also enter your name on the sheet posted inside the safe, and remember to mark your gun cases with your name and contact information.

5 Range Use

The MIT Pistol Range currently allows rimfire and air_shooting only. It is also likely to be closed for reconstruction at some point over the summer of 2003.

In many clubs membership includes a key to the range and your ability to use it at any time you want assuming there is not a scheduled activity taking place. We are guests on the MIT ranges. Their primary function is serving the needs of the university. Our use is restricted to Tuesday nights from 5:30pm to 6:30pm for open shooting. We may also shoot at times allowed by the rangemaster. (In practice, this often includes later hours on Tuesdays, but this is not guaranteed.) If you want to shoot at other times, check with the rangemaster to see what is available. While restricted, we get the use of fine facilities at a low price.