

RICHMOND HUNTING CLUB



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GENERAL

- 1. The Policies and Procedures established by the Board of Directors apply to all members and all areas of Richmond Hunting Club. Members that violate these Policies and Procedures may be brought before the board of directors and are subject to losing their membership and/or club privileges.**
- 2. Any individual that has been denied/revoked a membership cannot come on to club property even as a guest of a regular member.**
- 3. No member of this club is to contact the landowner or rancher of an area for any reason. If there is any "problem" you must see the area manager and work it out with him.**
- 4. GUESTS are permitted ONLY when accompanied by a member that has been issued a Guest Card. This applies to all areas, trailer parks or water ponds. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 5. By signing the club membership card the member agrees to carry liability insurance and support the constitution, bylaws, policies and procedures.**
- 6. All members shall have a current application on file in order to utilize club lands and/or facilities.**
- 7. You will be obligated to produce your membership card for inspection, on request of any gatekeeper, patrolman or fellow members.**
- 8. You must prominently display windshield sticker attached inside lower right hand corner of the windshield. Without a current sticker you cannot hunt.**
- 9. No hunter will be permitted to hunt while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.**

10. Each hunter will be held responsible and liable for any damage to property, livestock or other hunters while using the property.
11. Fish and Game laws shall be observed and will be enforced. Violators may be expelled pending a board of director review. Serious violations of Fish and Game Laws may be cause for immediate temporary suspension pending a review by the board of directors.
12. Hunting or retrieving game with ATVs or UTVs is strictly prohibited unless approved through the California Department of Fish and Game. Use of ATVs or UTVs to travel to and from hunting areas or blinds may occur only with written permission of president, vice-president, area manager or pond coordinator.
13. All hunters will make every effort to retrieve a crippled bird. Common courtesy must be exercised when approaching another members hunting area by announcing yourself and asking permission to retrieve the crippled bird.
14. No plastic bottles or rubber tire decoys of any kind will be permitted. Any reworked bottles or buckets must be approved by the area manager or pond coordinator and have drivers license and membership number attached. All blinds and decoys must be removed from fields no later than 14 days after the season closes.
15. No member of the club shall trespass on unharvested or planted fields or interfere with the harvesting of crops or field operations in any manner.
16. No member will be permitted to cross a refuge boundary to retrieve a bird. This is a game law violation and subject to Rule #6.
17. **No Driving on farm roads or blocking access to farm roads shall be permitted without permission from the president, vice-president area manager or pond coordinator.** Park in designated areas ONLY. Violations of this policy may result in you being held financially accountable for damages the roads and landing strips.
18. There will be no hunting on water blind property except by water blind holders and accompanied guests.
19. Positively no shooting around pastured livestock. Keep out of posted pastures.
20. No shooting within 300 yards of a clubhouse including B.B. guns, pellet guns, and sling shoots.
21. No solid projectile loads – rifle, pistol or shotgun slugs shall be permitted anywhere on Richmond Club property from September 1 through February 1.
22. Any member caught littering on any property may be suspended from club.

23. All clubhouses and facilities are on a first come basis. Reserving any part of the facility is not permitted.
24. In Clubhouse areas all dogs must be kept in a fenced area or on a leash that does not allow the dog out of the immediate area of the owners trailer space. No dogs allowed in clubhouses. Handlers must immediately clean up after the dogs they are responsible for.
25. Richmond Hunting Club, Inc. highly recommends that all upland game hunters wear a blaze orange hat and vest while hunting on RHC properties.
26. No refunds shall be granted after a signed application has been received by Richmond Hunting Club, Inc.
27. Members that violate policies, procedures, rules or regulations of the RHC may be brought before the Board of Directors and are subject to losing their membership and/or club privileges and will forfeit any fees paid to Richmond Hunting Club, Inc..
28. Under no circumstances shall a club member contact a landowner or tenant farmer without specific permission of the President or Vice-President of Richmond Hunting Club. Check with the Area Manager for field availability.
29. No minors or wives are allowed on the property unless they are named on the application for membership. These forms must be returned to management prior to entry upon the property. This applies to both hunting and visiting Junior License holders.

TRAILER PARKS

1. A member must be present with trailer registration for the vacant trailer space drawing in order to be eligible.
2. No one shall open or work on any electrical service box without permission of the President, Vice President or Area Manager.
3. Parked vehicles cannot be left so that they block access by emergency vehicles from any entrance.
4. Richmond Hunting Club, Inc. will not be responsible for damage to trailers or vehicles due to negligence, maintenance, loss of power or acts of nature.
5. All RVs must be legally registered and display the current year license.
6. All RVs must be maintained in a mechanical condition that will allow the trailer to be immediately towed, including the tires.
7. No vehicles, boats or utility trailers will be stored or left in the trailer area.
8. No ATVs or UTVs will be stored in a trailer area except during duck hunting season.
9. Year around trailer parking leases may have one storage shed not more than five (5) feet wide by three (3) feet in depth at their trailer space. It must be maintained in good condition including paint. It must be removed after the hunting season.
10. Hunting equipment such as decoys and miscellaneous blind items can only be stored under or adjacent to the trailer during the hunting seasons
11. No trailer or RV may be in the trailer park without a current signed RV Parking Agreement.
12. The use of Carpet or pallets as walk ways will NOT be allowed in or around trailers except at Area Managers discretion. One 4' x 8' landing may be placed at the entrance of a trailer and must be kept in good repair.
13. Members name, membership number, and space number must be displayed in a window adjacent to the entry way of any trailer, camper, motorhome or any such temporary lodging. If no window is available, a waterproof sign must be attached adjacent to the entry way with the above information.

PASS SHOOTING BLINDS

1. Only members can draw for blinds. Guests MUST hunt with the member.
2. No member is allowed to have more than one blind tag in his/her possession.
3. On Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays the drawing will be held at the Arbuckle club house at 5:00 AM.
4. No member is allowed to move or remove another members tag in the clubhouse draw room.
5. Any Member in the pass shooting blinds without a valid blind tag will be brought before the board of directors and may be expelled from the club.
6. All tags must be returned by the member when hunting is complete but no more than 1½ hours after shooting time ends.
7. Tags cannot be passed from one member to another.
8. Mondays through Fridays the blind sign in will be at the mail box in the parking at Highway 20 and Able Road. Sign in will begin no earlier than 5:00am.
9. Members hunting a pass shooting blind Monday through Fridays will remove their name from the book when leaving the area.
10. As a courtesy to others, a hunter should be in their blind and ready to shoot ten (10) minutes before legal shoot time and stay a minimum of one hour before leaving.
11. Hunters may not walk to a blind the last 90 minutes (1 ½ hour) of shoot time and may not walk out to the parking lot during that time.
12. Dogs must be in the blind area and under control at all times.
13. All Fish and Game Laws shall be observed. Shoot time in the AM and PM will be strictly enforced.
14. Retrieval of game in the refuge is not permitted and is a Fish and Game Law violation.
15. The temptation to sky scrape or shoot at high flying birds should be avoided. .
16. Blind and area around the blind should be free of litter. Remember this is your club.
17. Violations of these rules or complaints should be reported/discussed with the Area Manager as soon as possible.

18. No free roaming in the fields adjacent to the Hwy 20 pass shooting blind. Hunters must remain in the blind except during travel to or from the blind or bird retrieval. Travel routes on club maps must be followed.
19. There shall be no free roaming, decoys, or shooting from the pass shooting blinds to the half mile ditch.

FIELD BLINDS

1. Area Managers get the first pick of field blinds. There will be one pick for each area (Princeton, Arbuckle, Butte City, and Maxwell) for a total of four.
2. Only one field blind per member. However, if two or more members wish to share a field blind they will be permitted to do so but the succeeding member(s) will forfeit their right(s) to draw for other fields. There will be a maximum of four members per blind.
3. Each member should check with the area manager before erecting a blind or setting decoys to insure that blinds are a minimum of 300 yards apart and that the farmer has completed his field work for the season.
4. The field blind-set must be completed no later than December 1st. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the field and it will then be made available to other members. Any field blind/decoy set removed during the season will result in the forfeiture of the field and can then be made available to other members.
5. All blinds must be prominently identified with the members name(s) and club number(s). If layout blinds are used, the field must be identified with a stake that has the members name(s) and club number(s) clearly identified. A field blind/decoy set may be used by other members when the field holder(s) is/are not present.
6. Common courtesy is expected of any member who uses another members(s) field blind/decoy set. All blinds and decoys are to be left as they were found. All empty shell casings and litter is to be picked up and removed from the field blind/decoy set.
7. During pheasant season, fields will be open for pheasant hunting after 8:00 AM.
8. The use of ACT/ATV is restricted to traveling to and from the blind and must be approved by the area manager. ACT/ATV will not be used for retrieving game at any time.
9. Moving blinds after the season has started is prohibited.
10. Anyone, with the exception of the area manager, found tampering with water control boards/valves will be terminated from the membership upon conviction and will be held financially liable for any damages to land owners property.

WATER / EXCLUSIVE BLINDS

- 1. Payments for water blinds must be submitted by March 1st of each year. Blinds not paid for in full will be sold to other prospective members.**
- 2. All positions/holes in a blind must be paid for. If the entire blind is not paid for, then the club has the right to allow the existing paid members to pay the remaining balance or relocate paid existing members and resell the blind. No refunds – be sure your blind is paid for! Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Board of Directors.**
3. Should a blind become available, the fill procedure is as follows – you must be on a “request to relocate” list maintained by the Vice President. The request must be in writing PRIOR to the blind becoming available.
 - First choice will be paid water blind members in the pond where the blind becomes available according to application date and blind designation (specific and non-specific)
 - Second choice will be paid water blind members from other ponds, according to application date and blind designation (specific or non-specific)
 - Third choice will be paid non-water blind members, according to application date and blind designation (specific or non-specific)
 - Forth choice are new members from advertisement within or outside of the club.

The candidates will have 48 hours to respond to the offer unless an exception is granted by the offering person. The entire blind and membership must be paid for within 10 days unless an exception is granted the offering person. If any person(s) refuse or do not respond within stated time frames or agreements, then they will be dropped from the blind list. Please contact the Vice President with a written request to relocate or call the VP if you have any questions.

4. Anyone, with the exception of the pond manager, found tampering with water control boards/valves will be terminated from the membership upon conviction and will be held financially liable for any damages to land owners property.
5. Dogs must be in the blind area and under control.
6. As a common courtesy to others, shooters should be in the blind area and ready to shoot ten (10) minutes before legal shoot time.
7. Guests must be accompanied by a water blind member.
8. Each blind holder shall be responsible for the removal of the litter around their blind area.

9. The use of ATC/ATV and the routes taken to blinds must be approved by the pond coordinator. ACT/ATV's will not be used for retrieving game at any time.
10. Driving private vehicles on pond roads will not be permitted unless authorization has been obtained from the pond coordinator or area manager.
11. Any violations of these rules and/or complaints about other hunters in the pond should be discussed with the Pond Coordinator.
12. Early/Late shooting is not permitted. Fish and Game Laws apply and shall be enforced.
13. Common courtesy should be demonstrated at all times. Decoys should not be picked up or moved when adjacent hunters are in their blinds.
14. One person of those assigned to a blind shall be named as the "leader" having the responsibility for relaying information from the Pond Coordinator to all members of the blind.
15. There must be a least one of the principle blind owners present in the blind when permission is granted to other members that are also water blind holders to hunt another member's water blind.