

2025/2026 General Reminders and Information

1. Due to environmental concerns the Club does not have a dump site. We will from time to time designate a location for **wood and weeds** removed from the compound to be deposited for burning. The dumpsters at the crossroads are for household garbage only during the waterfowl season!!!! The dumpster next to the Drake Duck Tower in the Compound is for larger household items. No “wet” garbage can be deposited in this dumpster. You may NOT deposit batteries, old fuel or oil, hazardous materials, paint, refrigerators, construction/demolition materials or similar items in any dumpsters or anywhere else on the Club. Members and Shooting Rights holders are responsible for removing all such items from the Club property. If the dumpsters are full, **DO NOT** put your garbage on the ground next to the dumpsters. Take it with you!! **Failure to comply with any of the above will result in a monetary fine and/or loss of hunting privileges.**
2. The draw siren (15 minutes before the draw starts) will be used only on Opening Weekend. After that weekend there will be no draw siren. The siren will be used to signal the start of legal shooting hours from Opening Day through the end of November. After that time there will be no start siren. The siren will be used to signal the close of hunting each day for the entire season. It is your responsibility to have a cell phone, watch, etc., that is accurate, as it is often difficult or impossible to hear the siren. We all need to be extra careful about shooting too early or late as it is both illegal and draws unwanted attention to the Club.
3. The water provided from the Club well in the compound is **NOT POTABLE**. Bring your own water for drinking purposes and advise all of your guests of this. Please use the Club water sparingly on Opening weekend so that we do not run our supply dry.
4. **IF YOU BRING A GUEST ON OPENING WEEKEND - PLEASE READ THIS!**
In past years there has been some confusion about the guest rules for Opening Weekend. The following is intended to clear up the confusion.
 - No guest fees will be charged on Opening Weekend.
 - **Each member may only bring immediate family members as guests on Opening Weekend. Immediate family is defined in the Club rule book.** A member’s spouse/domestic partner can hunt without being counted as a guest.
 - Members with a second membership may have one guest who is not an immediate family member.
 - Opening Day guests for members over 70 do not have to be immediate family members.
 - Guest rules apply the same for shooting rights holders.
5. **LIABILITY RELEASES** – Every member, family member, shooting rights holder and guest that uses the Club must sign the current DocuSign liability release. This includes anyone who comes to the Club, whether hunting or not. We have a new version of the release for 2025, which means everyone who has already signed a release in past years must sign a new one. Again, we require these DocuSign releases from everyone!!
6. Please **be extra careful** in our canals early in the season as lots of people are operating their boats for the first time in many months. Go-Devil type motors should be operated with extreme caution in the vicinity of busy landings.

7. We need to always be mindful of encroaching on someone else's draw. We have all been in the perfect location and we have all been just a little off the "X". Being in the right spot is a great experience unless someone hunts too close to your blind or "skybusts" the birds as they are coming to you. If you move from your blind, be aware that you will most likely be moving closer to another hunter's draw. Club rules state that **no hunting is allowed within 200 yards of another hunter** and the more distance you keep between you, the safer it is. Modern bismuth and tungsten shot can penetrate human skin at distances well over 200 yards. This is a reoccurring sportsmanship and safety problem that members constantly ask us to address. We are all in this together. **Treat everyone's hunting experience as you would want them to treat yours.**

8. On busy hunt days we ask that you not hang a tag on any draw that you are not going to physically occupy. We also ask that members with 2 memberships draw only one "am" and one "pm" draw each day. Members who hunt together are asked to not block draws near them that will not be hunted, especially on Opening Weekend.

9. All blinds are subject to a split "a.m. and p.m." draw, changing at 12:00 noon. Morning draws must be claimed within two hours after shooting time begins and afternoon draws must be claimed by 1:30 p.m. or they are considered an open draw. Decoy(s) placed in a draw constitute a draw being claimed.

10. Big Mallard, Little Mallard and Mathison #1 will be open for hunting on Saturday, October 11th and may be open on Sunday October 12th (depending on number of hunters present at Sunday morning's draw). After the 12th these draws will be closed to all entry and used as a refuge and loafing area for the birds during the remainder of the waterfowl season, including the late Youth Hunt.

11. Schon Pond (the Bass Pond) will be open for hunting on the Opening Weekend (October 11-12) and will then close for the remainder of the season. This draw will be a refuge for the geese and will hopefully improve our goose hunting in nearby fields that we have planted. If geese are not using Schon Pond, we can change this draw back to an open draw.

12. AFTER OCTOBER 12th the following draws are restricted to 20 gauge shotguns or smaller, for the remainder of the waterfowl season: Mathison #2, Mathison #3, Sullivan, Kernan and Kruger.

13. The use of electronically operated spinning wing waterfowl decoys will be allowed on the Club from December 1st through the end of the 2025-2026 waterfowl season. Their use is prohibited prior to that date. Electronically operated decoys designed to create a disturbance on the water's surface, as long as they do not have spinning wings, are acceptable throughout the season, as are wind and manually operated decoys (i.e. kites, wind socks, jerk strings, etc.).

14. If you have dogs that bark, do not leave them outside your cabin where they will disturb others.

15. PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE COVER ON AND AROUND OUR BLINDS. Driving boats haphazardly into the tules immediately around blinds usually results in the cover being ruined for the rest of the season. This is especially true if a "pass through" path is cut by boats so that the boat does not have to back out to get clear of the blind area. If you are not sure where to park your boat around a wooden blind, ask before you potentially destroy the cover. Wading in the immediate vicinity of a blind (within 10 feet), except for the entry path, will damage the cover irreparably as well. DO NOT prune the natural cover or cut or break down the stuffed cover to where it exposes a blind either. That cover will not grow back and as the tules turn brown and start to lay over, the blind will no longer be hidden from the birds for the remainder of the season. While having to look through all that thick cover early in the season can make seeing the birds more difficult, it also makes seeing you more difficult! Following these simple guidelines will improve both your hunt experience and that of anyone who hunts the blind after you.

