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RE: Snowshoe Gun Club Shooting Fees

Dear Ms. Thompson,

Please accept my apology for the delay in responding to your inquiry regarding "gate key fees" in order to become a shooting member of Snowshoe Gun Club.

For several years the "Gate Key Shooting Member"¹ fee has been \$60² per year for a member and his/her immediate family and guests. The theory is that it is intended to be a 'family membership' where there is one person who signs the application form and thereby agrees that he/she will abide by the rules and be responsible to ensure that his/her family members and guests abide by the rules of safety for shooters as established by the Board.³

¹ The gate key shooting member concept includes the member and dependents who have not yet graduated from High School, and are not over 18 years of age, residing in the residence. That loose definition, for our purposes, includes a 'significant other' and minor children of that significant other, whether or not that person and their children are classified as a dependent by the IRS.

² The club recently decided to change from a fiscal year of July 1st to June 30th to a calendar year as recommended by Mikunda Cottrell and Co., CPA's. The Board decided that it would be simpler to start the transition on July 1st, which was the date that all former shooting members were used to paying dues, and adjust the gate key fee to last for the 18 months, ending on December 31, 2009, with a special fee of \$80 for that period of time, which is \$4.44 per day rather than the \$5 per day under the \$60 fee. January 1st 2010 will be the return date to the 12 month memberships. A redetermination will then need to be made regarding a financially reasonable annual fee, dependent in a great part upon the terms of the purchase of the property.

³ The person identified as the shooting member may also become a voting member for the payment of an additional administrative fee of \$5, which is permitted by the IRS code.

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\$60 per year equates to only \$5 per day. While it may need to change some day there has never been a limit on the number of "guests" that a member may bring in to shoot with him/her, and it is not all that unusual in the summer to find a couple of families shooting .22 rifles in the pistol ranges and eating a picnic lunch.

There are two other "improved" shooting ranges with facilities somewhat like those found at Snowshoe in the Anchorage area. I have enclosed a page from the website of the Rabbit Creek Range off the Seward Highway just as you cross the Potter Marsh, and two pages from the Birchwood Range located just East of Eagle River.

Birchwood: Note that an annual membership with a "gate key" to Birchwood is \$175 for the member and spouse and children under 17. Children 17 and over who are full time students must purchase a separate Student membership for \$10, however, if they are under 18 they can only shoot with an adult family member or qualified instructor. 18 and over do not need to shoot with an adult family member, however, their hours are severely limited. There are also Individual memberships for \$95 but the hours open to them are limited and they must also pay a shooting fee each day that they actually use the range. They also have a Limited Membership, however, those fees are now \$10 per day, and the Limited Membership is only for a day at a time. There are apparently no "guest" provisions, and when I called them I was advised that everyone must be a member of some type, and every "member" must be a member of the NRA also. (Because of the NRA insurance).

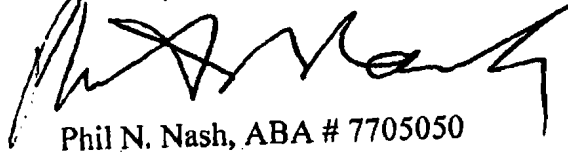
In summary, it appears that they have an individual membership with limited shooting hours for \$95 plus a daily gate fee; a limited membership which is only good for a day at \$10, again with limited hours. A student fee of \$10, but with supervision and limited hours. And a family membership of \$175 for the member, spouse and children under 17.

Rabbit Creek: It appears that an adult annual pass is \$75 each, and under 16 is \$20, or daily fees for the rifle/pistol ranges

I hope this gives the information you were requesting.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil N. Nash", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Rifle Range	
Adult Day Use	\$9.00
Junior (under 16)	\$3.00
Senior (over 60)	\$7.00
Adult Annual Pass	\$75.00
Junior Annual Pass	\$20.00
Senior Annual Pass	\$40.00
Active Duty Annual Pass	\$60.00
Shotgun Range	
Regular round 5-stand (birds & ammo)	\$14.00
Annual Pass Holder round (birds & ammo)	\$13.00
Jr/Sr round 5-stand (birds & ammo)	\$13.00
Birds only per round	\$7.00
Rentals and accessories	Prices varied
Hunter Education Building Rental fees	
Classroom Facility (24 person)	\$50.00/use
Classroom Facility (48 person)	\$100.00/use

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**Recreation & Shooting Park
Alaska**

Membership

General Membership

Individual General Membership \$95.00
* Student (Student ID Required) \$10.00
Limited Membership \$5.50

General Members have access to the park during normal operating hours.

* All shooters under 18 must be directly supervised by an adult family member or qualified instructor. The adult must be in the immediate shooting area at all times.

EPM Membership (Exclusive Park Member)

Individual EPM Membership \$175.00
(Includes spouse and children under 17 years of age living with parents.)

EPM's have access to the park 7 days a week from 7am-10pm

Trap and skeet shooting by invoice during non-business hours

Reduced day/target fees

****Restrictions****

*All EPM applicants must be 18 or older
*All applicants must be Alaska residents
*EPM cards are not transferable



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Hours

Rifle / Pistol

Monday - Tuesday
CLOSED

Wednesday - Friday
10:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday - Sunday
10:00am - 6:00pm

EPM

Monday - Sunday
7:00am - 10:00pm

Trap/Skeet Range

Summer

June 1 - October 1

Monday - Tuesday
CLOSED
CLOSED

Wednesday - Friday
3:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturday - Sunday
10:00am - 6:00pm

Winter

October 1 - May 31

Monday

Tuesday - Thursday
3:00pm - 10:00pm

Friday
CLOSED

Saturday - Sunday
10:00am - 6:00pm



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