



**FORT AIRGUN CLUB**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Other names</b>	
<b>Date of birth</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

This application permits one person to shoot at the club as a probationary member on no more than three visits, to receive initial instruction in the safe handling of airguns and have their suitability for club membership assessed.

I submit my application for membership of the Fort Airgun Club. The range safety rules have been explained to me and I have a copy of said rules, I agree to abide by them and all other club rules at all times.

I agree to exonerate the club and the club committee from any claim arising from any accident or incident in which I am involved in any capacity whatsoever at, or on the club grounds.

I agree that a probationary period of no less than three visits will be served and that during this time my conduct will be assessed by the club committee. After this period the club committee will determine if the probationary period is extended or full membership be granted. The committee reserve the right to reject this application at any time.

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Persons under 18 years require the approval of a parent/guardian.

Parent/Guardian

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

**Visit Information**

	Date	Shoot type	Supervising Member	Signature
Visit 1				
Visit 2				
Visit 3				

**Membership Approval**

Date or Review	Accept/Reject/Deferred	Committee Member	Signature

## **Fort Airgun Club Membership Pack**

Fort Airgun Club is based in some beautiful Welsh countryside near the village of Llanarmon-yn-Ial, near Mold. We mainly shoot HFT (Hunter Field Target) and put on regular competitions for Members and visitors alike. We also have regular Club days which normally take the form of a full 30 shot course and plinking range that are enjoyed by Club Members and visitors, mainly for the excellent banter and friendly atmosphere. We run a safe and enjoyable Club in which safety takes precedence over all shooting.

## **Fort Competitions**

Fort Airgun Club run two separate series of HFT competitions during the calendar year, plus a number of charity events. The charity competitions involve HFT clubs from around the North West of England and have become very popular in the short time they have been running, raising over £5000 to date.

The first of the general HFT competitions is the Fort Winter Series, which runs from January until April. The second is the very popular Fort Grand Prix Series, which takes us from April through to the end of the year.

We also host a round of the North West Gauntlet Series, an inter-club competition.

The Gauntlet has proved extremely popular over the years. The rivalry is very keen but always good natured.

The competitions are shot over a 30 shot course and we generally welcome 30 to 40 shooters for our competitions and Club days.

The Gauntlet usually sees around 40 to 60 shooters in attendance.

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy themselves. Don't worry if you are inexperienced as we will allocate an experienced HFT shooter to shoot with you and give you help and advice in any way you need.

Don't even worry about what airgun you are shooting, as long as it is under the legal limit of 12ft/lbs (802fps), you will be made most welcome. Club competitions are £5 to enter for members and juniors under 16 years old shoot free of charge.

## **Club Days**

Club Days at Fort Airgun Club are very relaxed but also essential. These days are the perfect opportunity for all levels and abilities of HFT shooter to practice and swap advice and tips. Instruction is available for those who request it.

Come along to one of Fort Airgun Club's relaxed and friendly Club Days. There will be a full 30 shot course to practice on and a plinking range to fine tune your airgun setting and of course a wealth of hints and tips from experienced shooters.

## Members Entitlement

As a Member you will be entitled to the following:

- Club Days at Gweryd Lakes are free (Non-members £5.00)
- Use of the permanent course at Gweryd Lakes at any time (£5.00 fee per person, payable at the landowners house or cafe)

## A Brief Introduction to HFT (Hunter Field Target)

### What is HFT?

HFT or Hunter Field Target to give it its full name is an air rifle shooting discipline that consists of shooting 30 metal targets set out in hunting type scenarios, these targets may be in the open, up trees, partially obscured behind roots etc, the list is endless and determined by the course setters imagination, each shooter takes one shot at each target from a peg which will be the designated point to shoot that target from, pegs are numbered 1 to 30. Points are scored by hitting or knocking down the target, no points are scored for a miss or shooting the wrong target. A full set of the rules and course format can be found on the official UKAHFT (United Kingdom Association of Hunter Field Target) website [www.ukahft.co.uk](http://www.ukahft.co.uk)

### What Sort of Targets Do You Shoot?

Our targets are metal re-settable targets that have a hit/kill zone varying in size from 15mm up to 45mm, which if struck by your pellet will cause the target to fall down and 2 points are scored, if you hit the target anywhere else and it does not fall down you score 1 point, miss the target completely you get a zero (commonly called a doughnut). Targets are placed around the course at distances from the shooting peg varying from 8 yards up to 45 yards.

### Who Can Shoot at a HFT Event?

Anyone over 9 years of age who owns/has use of an air rifle below the current legislation for non FAC air rifles of 12ft/lbs (802fps). **Shooters must be at least 9 years old** & not be banned from shooting under Section 21 of the Firearms Act. FAC air rifles will not be permitted in any event under any circumstances. Juniors under the age of 16 years old will however have to be supervised by a parent or guardian. Don't feel that you may not be good enough for our competitions; we have beginners through to more experienced shooters taking part. Men, women, and children are all

welcome at our events; the emphasis is more on having a good time in a safe environment than being competitive. Of course there will be some shooters who will take it more seriously than others but don't feel intimidated, you will soon be put at ease and made to feel welcome. Advice from seasoned veterans flows freely and anyone will be happy to answer any questions you have.

### **What Calibre Rifle Can I Use?**

At our events we have 5 classes you can compete in and they are as follows:

- Junior           Aged between 9 and 16
- Open            PCP rifles and semi recoiling rifles of .177 or .22 calibre
- Ladies          Aged from 16 upwards
- Recoiling      All recoiling rifles whatever calibre
- Veterans       For the more shooter aged 60 and over

Don't think you have to spend a fortune on equipment to attend one of our events, use what you have to get started, HFT is addictive so be warned before you start.

### **Can I Use a Scope?**

Yes, you are advised to use a scope, there are some restrictions on the magnification of scope you can use, the rules do state that you cannot adjust your scope setting after you have taken your first shot, so most use a setting up to a maximum of 10x. Open sights can also be used if you wish.

## Safety

Any and all shooting activities must be carried out in accordance with the UKAHFT rules.

- Any air rifle is allowed as long as it complies with current legislation for airguns and has a power output less than 12 ft lbs, which can be subject to a random and/or compulsory chronograph test at each event.
- Participating shooters must be at least 9 years old & not be banned from shooting under Section 21 of the Firearms Act.
- All shooters must attend a safety briefing at each event held immediately before the session they are shooting in, any shooter not attending the briefing will not be permitted to shoot in that round.
- When a single blast of a whistle or hooter is heard all shooting must immediately stop. Shooters must discharge their rifles into the ground, away from the target, at a safe distance. Targets must NOT be sighted or the gun shouldered during a cease fire.
- Upon hearing two blasts of the whistle or hooter firing may re-commence after you have visually checked it is safe to do so, only marshals are allowed to halt or commence firing
- Guns will only be sighted, shouldered or discharged over a recognized firing line, this does not mean the car park. Guns will always be kept un-loaded & un-cocked when not in use.
- Rifles must be cased or carried with the muzzle pointing down at all times when not in use, this includes rifles carried on a sling.
- Do not cock your rifle until you are ready to take aim.
- No gun should be cocked or loaded between lanes.
- Multi-shot rifles must have the magazine removed, and be in a visibly safe condition when not at the firing point.
- Every member of a group should ensure theirs & their shooting partner's activities are carried out in a safe manner in accordance with UKAHFT rules, it is all our responsibilities to ensure we shoot safely. Failure to comply can result in expulsion from the event, ground, & any future UKAHFT events.
- NEVER rest the rifle muzzle on your foot. When getting down or up from a prone shots always be aware of where your rifle muzzle is pointing, it should

remain pointing down or down-range at all times, ask your shooting partner for their assistance in handing, or taking, your rifle from you if you find it difficult getting up or down safely

- If you are approached by a marshal for any reason i.e. shooting technique or safety please do as they have asked as remember they are there to make sure the course is shot fairly and most of all safely. In the case of a dispute, the Chief Marshall can be called, and their decision is final.
- No persons other than the shooters that are taking part in that session will be permitted on the course, with the exception of marshals, organisers, press photographers and VIP guests (who all must obtain and wear UKAHFT Hi-Vis vests prior to entering the shooting area, these can only be obtained from UKAHFT).
- All juniors must be under the direct supervision their parent/guardian on the day. Juniors not taking part in the competition will not be permitted to enter any of the shooting arenas.

## **Fort's Committee**

As a Committee we try to ensure the smooth running of the Club and take care of everything behind the scenes, the Committee is:

- Bill Jones - Club Chairman
- Brian Lewis - Club Treasurer
- Brian Lewis - Club Captain
- Mark Smith - General Secretary
- Safety Officer - Brian Franklin

We also value our Members help and as a Member you are expected to help as and when you can within the Club.

## **Your First Visit to the Club**

Bring along your rifle (we have Club guns if you don't have your own), some pellets, good walking boots (preferably waterproof), and some waterproof clothing.

If you require food and drinks, you are advised bring your own with you as there is no on site facilities for this. You are also advised to bring a decent bag to keep all your personal items dry in the event of rain.

Club guns can be used for a maximum of 3 visits unless otherwise authorised by the Committee.

## **Fort's Website and Club Forum**

Fort has it's own website with up-to-date Competition, Club day dates and Results from previous competitions, this can be found at [www.fortairgunclub.com](http://www.fortairgunclub.com), check the website and forum regularly for up-to-date information about the Club.

You can also find a link to our Club forum, once registered you can read and ask questions regarding the Club, shooting, and general chit-chat.

Many of the Clubs Members regularly join in on-line including the Clubs Committee Members, we find this is a valuable and entertaining asset to the Club and we hope you participate.

## **Contact Details and location**

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