

Swamp Road Sportsmen's Club



12TH Annual

Invitational

Canned Gopher Shoot

The competition:

- This is a rain or shine event held July 18th, 2026.
- Shoot as many of the canned gophers (24 cans of beverage) in 12 minutes as you can with 24 bullets. The canned gophers will be spaced from 100-300 yards.

The Rules:

- Use any of your favorite rifles. Caliber, weight, action type, no restrictions on your rifle! You must use the same rifle throughout the competition.
- Use any aid to stable your aim. Use of sandbags, bi-pods, tripods, lead sleds or even a rock if that's what will work for you.
- You can set your shooting aids up on the bench along with your ammunition, but your rifle must remain in the gun rack with the **action open** until the shoot begins.
- All ammunition will remain loose in ammo boxes until the start of the competition. Loose means no stripper clips. You **cannot** load your magazine until the start of the competition. Please have ammo counted out to 24. You can have extra ammo incase of a misfire, just please separate them to prevent any mixups.

- If a gun malfunction occurs, it will be to the discretion of the range supervisor if there will be a make-up at the end of the shoot. Please bring reliable guns and ammunition.
- A count down timer will be set within sight of each shooter. When the timer reaches “0” shooters will cease fire and clear their weapons.

Scoring:

- A hit is defined as any can that does not hold its fluid. If the can is grazed by a bullet but does not leak it is **NOT** a hit. If the bullet ricochets in front of the can and it hits the can and makes it leak it is a hit. If the bullet hits the can stand and the can falls off and hits a rock that punctures the can to make it leak it’s a hit. Final score will be judged by the range supervisor.
- The following will be the distance of the targets along with the score for each.

Yards	Number of cans	Points for each can	Total points
300 +	2	50	100
250 - 299	4	25	100
200 - 249	5	15	75
150 - 199	9	10	90
100 - 149	4	5	20
	24 Total Cans		385 Total points

- The points will be added up to determine the winner.
- If shooters have a tie score in points, tie will go to the shooter with the most targets hit. If also tied in the most hits it will go to the shooter with the furthest targets hit. If still tied it will remained tied and the division will be equally split.

Cost:

- Each shooter will pay \$25 to shoot the competition. \$12 will go to the club for targets and range improvements, \$13 will go back to the winning shooters.
- The entry fee will be prepaid at time you reserve your bench time and or sign up. No refunds.

Prize money split:

- Last place gets their entry fee back, \$25. This will get paid out before the other moneys are split.
- The remainder of the prize money will be split 3 ways on a Lewis class Payout. 50% of prize money for 1st Lewis, 1st and 2nd place will split 60 – 40. 30% of prize money for 2nd Lewis, 1st and 2nd place will split 60 – 40. 20% of prize money for 3rd Lewis, 1st and 2nd place will split 60 – 40.
- Any ties will be split 50 -50, yes you may take less for 1st place than 2nd place if there is a tie.
- This is a fundraiser, so any money donated back to the club would be appreciated.

How to sign up:

This year we **do not** require a prepaid sign up. We will do a first come first shoot sign up the day of the event. If you do want a specific time you can pay and sign up before the shoot. We will fit you to that time as close as we can. We will have two shooters at one time so if you would like to shoot with a friend please sign up together. You will need to call me, text me or e-mail me to reserve your time. To prevent double booking there is only one person that can sign you up and that is Mike O'Leary. Payments can be done several ways, please contact me.

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