

Range Rules



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A. HOURS OF OPERATION

1. Shooting on a closed range could endanger lives and is strictly prohibited.
2. Closure times for all ranges shall be listed in the Club calendars and on the Club website.
3. The Outdoor Rifle/Pistol Range is open to Members from 09:00 to one-half hour after sunset.
Exceptions: All day on Thanksgiving and Christmas, and periodically for Club sanctioned events, e.g., Outdoor Pin Shoots, Cowboy Action Shooting Matches, and .22 Rimfire Plate Shoots.
4. The Indoor Pistol Range is open to Members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Exceptions: periodically for Club sanctioned events, Monthly Meetings, and whenever the Main Hall is being used for meetings, dinners, classes, etc.
5. The Outdoor Archery Range is open to Members from sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
Exceptions: periodically for Club sanctioned events.
6. The Indoor Archery Range is open to Members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Exceptions: periodically for Club sanctioned events.
7. The Trap Range is open to Members from 09:00 to one-half hour after sunset.
Exceptions: during regularly scheduled Trap events and leagues, and periodically for Club sanctioned events.

2 Jul 2015

B. GENERAL FIREARM RULES

1. Do not point your firearm at anything you do not intend to destroy! Muzzle direction is key! Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction. Never sweep any person with the muzzle of your firearm, whether open or closed, loaded or unloaded. Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction whereby an inadvertent discharge would allow a projectile to leave the range.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep your firearm unloaded with the action open until ready to use.
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
5. All firearms actions must remain open except while actually aiming and firing, when holstered, or when cased. Never leave a firearm unattended with the action closed.

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3 May 2012

6. Know where others are at all times. Be mindful of adjacent areas and act accordingly.
7. Know how your firearm operates before attempting to use it.
8. Be sure your firearm and ammunition are compatible.
9. Do not mix ammunition calibers and/or gauges when shooting. When using more than one firearm, use one at a time. When finished with that firearm, secure it and its ammunition before using the next one.
10. Do not handle any firearm or stand at the firing line where firearms are present while others are down range.
11. No loaded firearms may be handled away from the firing line. 3 May 2012
12. Do not fire any round before ensuring that the range has been cleared for live fire.
13. Wear ear and eye protection while on any shooting range.
14. Designate a Range Officer when none is present or assigned. The first person to arrive on the range shall act as Range Officer until an Authorized Club Range Officer is present. 6 Feb 2014
15. Obey all Range Officers' commands.
16. Authorized Club Range Officers have final authority about the use of all Club ranges. 6 Feb 2014
17. Firing Line
 - a. All shooting shall be done from the approved firing line, except during certain Club sanctioned events or as noted below. 7 Jun 2018
 - b. Under no circumstance are shots to be fired from behind the yellow line located immediately to the rear of the approved firing line. 7 Jun 20181 Aug 2024

18. Shoot only at authorized targets.

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6 Feb 2014

- a. Exceptions: Authorized Club Range Officers and Instructors may utilize non-standard targets of their choice when engaged in training or coaching sessions.

6 Feb 2014

- b. Except during Club-sanctioned events, all targets must be placed at the base of the berms.

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19. Member's Club badges must be displayed on the Member's person when using any range, other than at Club events open to the public.

20. All persons under 18 must supply a Liability Release form signed by their parent or legal guardian and must be accompanied by an adult Member at all times when on Club property.

1 Oct 2015

21. A range log shall be maintained on the Indoor Range. This log shall list the Members name, badge number, the time the Member logged in, the range(s) used, the time the Member logged out and the date and day of the week. All Members shall log into the range log before using any range. Exceptions: Members shall not be required to sign in for scheduled leagues or events open to the public.

1 Feb 2024

22. Guests

- a. All nonmembers, including immediate family (spouse and children under 18), are considered Guests.

5 Jun 2014

- b. b. If a Member brings a guest, the Member shall enter the date, name of the guest, address/town of residence, relationship, and the Member's membership number in the Range Logbook. For spouse and immediate family under the age of 18, the words "SPOUSE", "SON", or "DAUGHTER" may be used.

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- c. All guests must complete and sign a Liability Release form, each and every time the guest steps on club property, and deposit it in the appropriate file box upon entering Club property.

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| d. Members may host no more than three guests at any one time, but any guest must be accompanied by the host Member at all times when handling firearms or shooting on any range. Guests must relinquish shooting lanes to Members if there are not enough lanes for everyone to shoot. | 14 May 2012 |
| e. No person may be a guest more than three times per year. This limit shall not apply to guests who are immediate family. | 5 Jun 2014 |
| 23. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are allowed on any Club range at any time. Mixing alcohol or drugs with shooting activities is unsafe. Anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol on Club property is prohibited from operating any machinery or power tools, or handling firearms , bows, or crossbows. | 14 May 2012 |
| 24. No fully automatic firearms and no rapid-fire or bump-fire devices are allowed on any Club range at any time. | 3 May 2012 |
| 25. Firearms will not be taken down range unless carried in a holster designed for that firearm. | |
| 26. Members are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their guests. Police your brass and trash into the appropriate containers when done shooting. | 3 May 2012 |
| 27. Smoking is prohibited in the Main Club building. This includes the Indoor Ranges. | |
| 28. Additional Rules and Procedures may be in force during specific activities, events, leagues, etc. Any such items will be prominently posted. | |
| 29. The practice of shooting when drawing from a holster is prohibited, except under the direct supervision of the Chief Range Officer or certified Club instructor, or during a Club sanctioned event. | 1 Feb 2024 |
| 30. When transporting or moving firearm(s), the firearm must be in one of the following conditions: | 7 Oct 2021 |
| a. unloaded and cased; | 7 Oct 2021 |
| b. holstered; | 7 Oct 2021 |
| c. open and empty; or | 7 Oct 2021 |
| d. empty with inserted chamber flag. | 7 Oct 2021 |

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| 31. When releasing control of any firearm(s), the firearm must be in one of the following conditions: | 7 Oct 2021 |
| a. unloaded and cased; | 7 Oct 2021 |
| b. holstered; | 7 Oct 2021 |
| c. open, empty, and racked; or | 1 Feb 2024 |
| d. empty with inserted chamber flag on the back table. | 1 Feb 2024 |
| 32. When moving with a firearm, fingers must remain outside the trigger guard. | 7 Oct 2021 |
| 33. Prior to going downrange outdoors for any reason, the acting range officer will call for the line to be made safe. All firearms must be cased, racked, or holstered, and the flashing red range lights turned on before proceeding downrange. No one shall handle any firearms while persons are downrange. | 1 Feb 2024 |

C. ADDITIONAL INDOOR PISTOL RANGE RULES

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| 1. While using the Indoor Range, the door to the outside must be kept closed and the exhaust fan must be turned on. | |
| 2. Use only the club provided cardboard target hangers. If a cardboard target hanger becomes damaged to the point that it cannot be used replace it with another club provided cardboard hanger. Do not shorten the cardboard hangers or alter them in any way. One target per lane/per hanger. | 17 Feb 2025 |
| 3. Except during Club sanctioned events, or at the direction of a Club Range Officer, only paper targets may be used. Paper targets may not exceed 21 inches x 21 inches | 17 Feb 2025 |
| 4. Only lead, jacketed lead, plated lead, solid copper, or frangible bullets are allowed. All other bullets, including, but not limited to, incendiary, exploding, armor piercing, tracer, steel jacketed, or steel core ammunition, are prohibited. | 7 Jun 2018 |
| 5. Ammunition use on the Indoor Range is limited to pistol calibers only. | 6 May 2021 |
| 6. All centerfire rifle or shotgun ammunition is prohibited, even if fired from a handgun. These include, but are not limited to, 5.7x28mm and .30 Carbine cartridges, as well as .410 "Handgun" or .410 "Personal Defense" ammo. | 6 May 2021 |

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| <p>7. All rifles and carbines are prohibited, regardless of cartridge or caliber, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rifles or carbines firing .17 or .22 caliber rimfire ammunition. b. Centerfire rifles or carbines chambered for pistol caliber ammunition only, with the same exclusions as listed in the rules above. | 6 May 2021 |
| <p>8. Air, pneumatic, or CO2 powered pellet guns, firing lead pellets only, are allowed. No darts, BBs, or steel shot may be used at any time.</p> | |
| <p>9. For health reasons, no food or drink is allowed on the Indoor Range.</p> | 3 May 2012 |
| <p>10. Shooting Black Powder or Black Powder substitutes (Triple 7, Pyrodex, etc.) is prohibited</p> | 6 May 2021 |

D. ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE RULES

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| <p>1. While shooting on the Outdoor Range, the doors must be kept closed.</p> | |
| <p>2. Ground level targets are prohibited.</p> | 3 May 2012 |
| <p>3. Clay pigeons placed on the bottom half of the backstop berms (not the small berms used to protect the target frames) are acceptable targets. Clay pigeons placed in plastic target holders, commonly known as “bird boards” or “Pigeon Hold Targets”, are allowed, as long as the plastic holders are attached to standard Club target frames, or to a shooter supplied target frame whereby the clay targets are positioned approximately as they would be if using a Club target frame.</p> | 3 May 2012 |
| <p>4. When not in use, all firearms must be unloaded and either holstered, cased, or placed in the provided racks with actions open.</p> | 21 Apr 2016 |
| <p>5. With Club provided target frames, shotguns may only be used when firing slugs, as shotshells containing bird or buck shot will destroy the frames. Anyone wishing to use bird or buck shot must use their own personal target holders. Any such holders must be approximately the same height as Club target frames. Anyone found shooting at Club target frames with birdshot or buckshot shall be fined \$20 per target frame shot.
The Club has a Patterning Board for use when patterning shotguns with bird or buck shot. Any Member of the Trap Committee has access to this item and will set it up adjacent to the Trap Range for Club Members on request.</p> | 1 Aug 2013 |
| <p>6. (REMOVED)</p> | 6 Jun 2019 |
| <p>7. Except during Club sanctioned events, sustained rapid fire with centerfire rifles or pistols is prohibited. At all other times, rapid fire shooting with centerfire firearms shall be restricted to two to three round bursts.</p> | 7 Jun 2018 |

8. Regardless of type, all targets must be positioned in the area shown in Figure A (see Appendix), at the 25, 50, or 100 yd berms only.
9. Approved targets include:
 - a. paper targets attached to Club target frame backers; or
 - b. targets attached to shooter supplied target supports of similar size and construction to Club frames (See Rule D-11). These may include paper targets, balloons, empty cans, empty plastic bottles, or other items that will allow a bullet to easily pass thru without being deflected in any way; or
 - c. targets used in Club sanctioned events or activities; or
 - d. targets as specified below, used solely in the manner described.
 - e. **STEEL PLATES**
Steel targets may not be rigidly mounted; they must be free to swing or move on impact. Hanging plates must be supported in such a way that the target face is initially angled downward by no less than 10°. Steel plates must be placed in the area shown in Figure A, at the 50 or 100 yd berm for any centerfire rifle caliber, or at the 25, 50, or 100 yd berms for centerfire pistol or any rimfire caliber.
 - f. **COMMERCIAL REACTIVE RESETTING STEEL TARGETS**
 - g. Targets similar to those shown in Figures B1 to B4 (see Appendix), positioned as shown in Figure A, are approved for use at the 25, 50, and 100 yd berms.
 - h. **DUELING TREES**
A single dueling tree, with a maximum height of six (6) feet, may be placed in front of, and directly against, the barrier berm of the 25-yard range. The tree must be placed in the center of the 25-yard section. A maximum of two (2) shooters may engage the tree at any one time.
10. Glass items, pressurized containers, and targets constructed of any material that shatters on impact, or that cannot be easily and completely removed from the Range after being shot, are specifically prohibited.
11. Shooters shall personally police and remove all target debris before leaving the range. If you bring it in, you must take it out.

16 Jun 2020

1 Aug 2024

2 Jul 2015

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12. Shooter supplied target supports, referenced in Section D-8 (2) above, must be constructed of wood and indelibly marked with the name and membership number of the shooter. Any shooter constructed target support system may make use of the fixed Club target frame bases, but Club target bases shall not be moved or modified in any way.

2 Jul 2015

13. The use of Tannerite type binary explosive targets, up to one (1) pound, are allowed on the outdoor range at 50 and 100 yards only. The member is responsible for any damage to club property. No other explosive devices or chemicals may be used without prior permission from the Board of Directors.

15 Aug 2019

E. ADDITIONAL TRAP RANGE RULES

1. All firearms must be unloaded and safely racked when not in use.
2. All firearms must be carried to and from the firing line with actions open.
3. A firearm may have a round in the chamber when the shooter is standing at their station on the line, but the action may not be closed, and the firearm may not be mounted to the shoulder until it is the shooter's turn to fire.

14 May 2012

F. ADDITIONAL ARCHERY RANGE RULES

1. No firearms of any kind may be shot on the Indoor Archery Range.
2. No broadheads shall be used except on targets specifically designated for their use.
3. Crossbows are allowed.

4 Feb 2021

G. APPROVED TARGETS & PLACEMENT

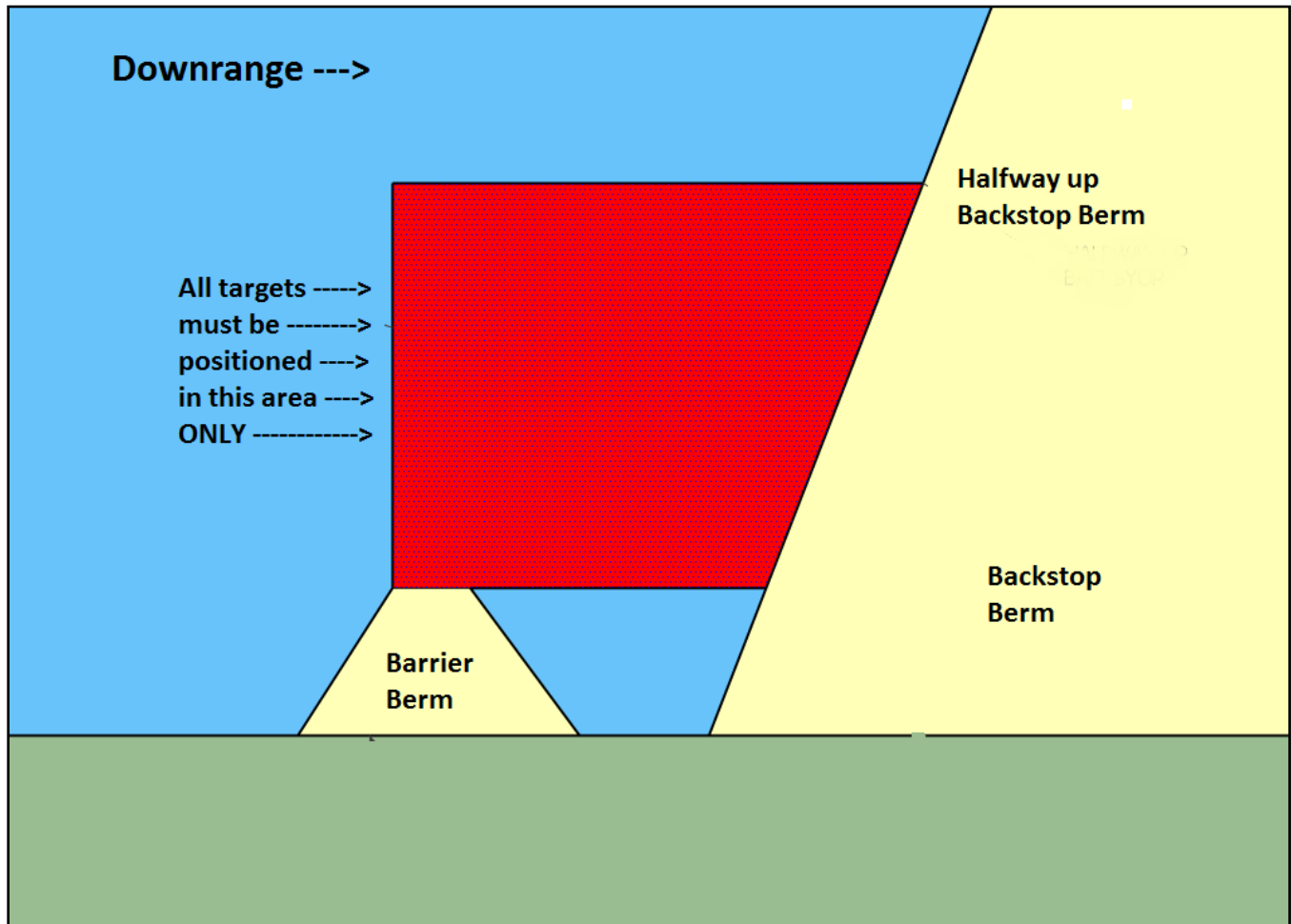
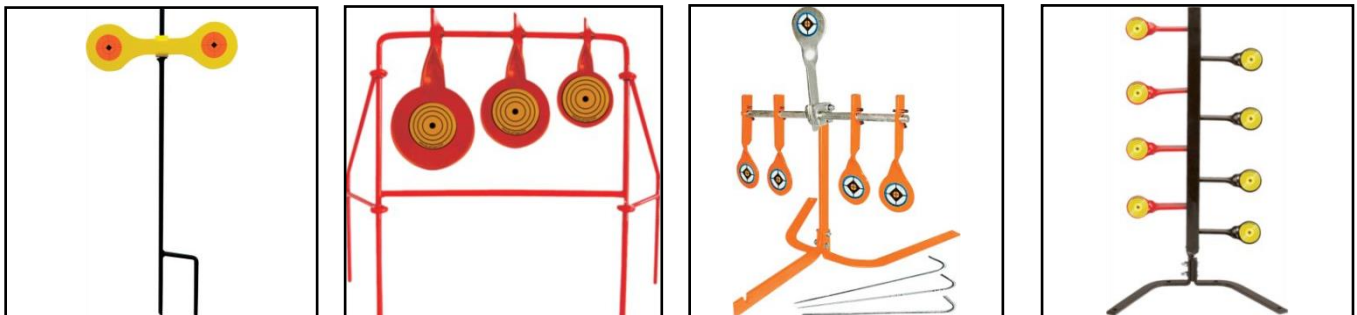


Figure A



Figures B-1 – B4

H. REVISION HISTORY

17 Feb 2025

Rule C2, C3 changes:

New Range requirements. One target per lane/per hanger.

1 August 2024

Rule 17c Removed, 18b Modified,

D. ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE RULES, 9H Dueling trees. Modified.

Removed all references to an alternate firing line.

1 February 2024

Rule B-1 changed to add:

Do not point your firearm at anything you do not intend to destroy!

Rule B-18-b changed and read:

Except during Club-sanctioned events, steel targets must be placed at least 10 yds away when used with pistol caliber rounds and must be placed at least 50 yds away when used with rifle caliber rounds, even if shot from a pistol.

Rule B-22-b changed and read:

If a Member brings a guest, the Member shall enter the name of the guest in the Range Log under Member's name and the town of residence in the badge number space. The word "guest" is insufficient. For guests who are immediate family, the words "SPOUSE", "SON", or "DAUGHTER" may be used instead of town of residence.

Rule B-29 changed and read:

The practice of shooting when drawing from a holster is prohibited, except under the direct supervision of a Club Range Officer, or during Club sanctioned events.

Rule B-31-c changed and read:

open and empty; or

Rule B-31-d changed and read:

empty with inserted chamber flag.

Rule B-33 added

Rule C-2 changed to add:

Double hangers are no longer allowed to avoid rounds hitting the walls.

7 Oct 2021

Rules B-30, B-31, and B-32 added

6 May 2021

Rule C-5, C-6, C-7 changed and read:

C-5 *The use of any ammunition more powerful than commercially available .44 Magnum is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the .500 S&W, .454 Casull, and .480 Ruger.*

C-6 *All rifle and shotgun ammunition, except Rimfire cartridges, is prohibited, even if fired from a handgun. These include, but are not limited to, the 5.7x28mm and .30 Carbine cartridges, as well as so called .410 "Handgun" or .410 "Personal Defense" ammunition.*

C-7 *All rifles and carbines are prohibited, regardless of cartridge or caliber, with the following exceptions:*

- Rifles or carbines firing .17 or .22 caliber rimfire ammunition, including, but not limited to .17 HMR, .17 HM2, .17 PMC, .17 WSM, .22 Short, .22 Long, .22 Long Rifle, .22 BB Cap, .22 CB Cap, and .22 WMR.*
- Centerfire rifles or carbines chambered for pistol caliber ammunition only, with the same exclusions as listed in Rules 5 and 6 above.*

C-10 *Shooting Black Powder or Black Powder substitutes (Triple 7, Pyrodex, etc.) on the Indoor Range is prohibited.*

4 March 2021

Rule C-7 changed and read:

All rifles and carbines are prohibited, regardless of cartridge or caliber, with the following exceptions:

*Rimfire rifles or carbines firing .22 Short, .22 Long, or .22 Long Rifle ammunition.
Centerfire rifles or carbines chambered for 38 Special/.357 Magnum or 9x19mm ammunition.*

4 Feb 2021

Rule F-3 changed and read:

As crossbow bolts will completely penetrate the Club provided backstops, no crossbow shall be used, except with specifically designated targets capable of capturing crossbow bolts without pass through.

30 January 2021

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16 June 2020

Rule D-8:

"DUELING TREES" paragraph added.

7 May 2020

Rule B-21 changed and read:

A range log shall be maintained on the Indoor Range...

Rule B-22.c changed and read:

All guests must complete and sign a Liability Release form and deposit it in the appropriate file box upon entering Club property.

21 November 2019

Rule C-7 changed and read:

All centerfire rifles and carbines are prohibited, regardless of cartridge or caliber. The only rifles or carbines allowed are those chambered for .22 Short, .22 Long, or .22 Long Rifle.

15 August 2019

Section D-12 added

6 June 2019

Rule D-6 removed and read:

No human appearance or silhouette targets of any nature whatsoever shall be used on any Outdoor Range, except during a Club sanctioned activity or event.

5 July 2018

Section B-18-b added

7 June 2018

Section B-17 changed and read:

All shooting shall be done from the approved firing line, except during certain Club sanctioned events.

Section B-29 changed and read:

The practice of shooting when drawing from a holster is prohibited, except under the direct supervision of an Authorized Club Range Officer

Section C-3 changed and read:

Only paper targets no larger than 21" by 21" may be used.

Exceptions: targets used for special sanctioned events, with an Authorized Club Range Officer present.

Section C-4 changed and read:

Only lead, jacketed lead, plated lead, or frangible bullets are allowed. All other bullets, including, but not limited to, incendiary, exploding, solid copper, armor piercing, tracer, steel jacketed, or steel core ammunition, are prohibited.

Section D-7 changed and read:

Rapid fire shooting with centerfire rifles or pistols shall be restricted to two to three round bursts. Sustained rapid fire is not safe, as the inevitable muzzle climb may cause rounds to impact at the top or even above the backstop berm, and is prohibited.

1 February 2017

Section C-10 changed and read:

Shooting Black Powder on the Indoor Range is prohibited.

21 April 2016

Section D-4 changed and read:

When not in use, all firearms must be unloaded and racked with actions open, holstered, or cased.

Section D-8 changed and read in part:

STEEL PLATES

Steel plate targets may not be rigidly mounted; they must be free to swing on impact. Plates must be supported in such a way that the target face is initially angled downward by no less than 10°. Steel plates must be placed in the area shown in Figure A, at the 100 yd berm for any rifle caliber shooting, or at the 50 or 100 yd berms for pistol caliber shooting. Steel Plate targets may not be used at the 25 yd berm.

1 October 2015

Revision History Section added

Section B.20 changed and read:

All persons under 18 must be accompanied by an adult Member at all times to shoot on any range.

Section B.22.c changed and read:

All guests must complete and sign a Waiver of Liability form and deposit it in the appropriate file box before entering any Club Range.