



Sir Walter Gun Club, Inc.
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Range Safety Briefing

RANGE SAFETY & SECURITY

- The front gate is to be kept closed except when scheduled shooting events, open to the public, are taking place. The last member leaving the event should secure the gate, after first ensuring that all guests and visitors have left the range.
- All member target storage sheds have the same combination. Once opened, rotate the dials on the lock to prevent unauthorized persons from obtaining the combination. Buildings should be locked when not in use. The Skeet buildings are locked by key, which may be purchased once a separate briefing is completed.
- In the event the main gate is offline, the red metal gate will be used. The red gate lock uses the same combination as the member target sheds.
- If a members badge is lost or malfunctions while on club property, a special gate code can be found in a locked box inside the Range 1 member target shed. The lock combination for the box is the same as the door lock. The code can be used to open the gate with the key pad on the gate access box. **THE SPECIAL CODE WILL ONLY OPEN THE GATE ONCE. (DO NOT USE THE SPECIAL CODE TO ENTER THE CLUB PROPERTY, as you will not be able to reopen the gate as you leave.)** If the code is used, please follow the instructions found in the box to notify the Security Committee so they can replace the code. The code for the member combination locks will not open the automatic gate.
- Members may bring guests to the range, and shall be responsible for their behavior and conduct. The member must be present with the guest when shooting is taking place. Members should ensure that guests or family members have been briefed on range safety procedures and continuously monitor their guest's activities to ensure compliance.
- No alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted on gun club property. Members and guests are encouraged to refrain from partaking of alcoholic beverages or any drugs that may impair ones ability to safely handle firearms prior to handling or shooting firearms.
- No shooting of any kind is permitted before 8:00 AM (9:00AM on Sundays) or after the "Hours of Range Operation" times posted on all ranges. The hours of operation may also be found in the club rules at our web site in the members only section.
- Shooting is restricted to authorized paper and steel targets and "plinking" targets such as plastic soda bottles. Never shoot glass targets of any kind. Under no circumstances should range props or hardware be shot at or used for directly holding targets. *If you don't want to pay for the repair or replacement -- **Don't shoot at it.***

FIREARM SAFETY

- Firearms should be transported unloaded. Firearms which are kept loaded in a vehicle should be unloaded before being taken out of the vehicle.
- While not in use on the firing line, all actions must be kept open — Cylinders open on revolvers, slides locked open on autos and bolts or actions open on long guns. It should be clearly obvious to any observer that the firearm is unloaded and safe when not in use. At any time on any of the ranges, firearms shall not be touched while someone is down range or the range is cold. Even if the firearm is unloaded, someone down range cannot know if it is unloaded; therefore, no firearms should be picked up, moved or touched until everyone is back behind the firing line and the range has been declared hot.
- Although properly licensed concealed handguns may be carried on the range property, no one should ever carry a concealed handgun onto the firing line or anywhere near any competitive shooting event. If in doubt about what constitutes "near" please check with the match officials or Range Safety Officers.
- Members should inspect the firearms and ammunition of any guests for possible safety problems prior to allowing the guest to shoot at our facilities. Ensure that the ammunition is appropriate for the firearm and is safe to use.
- Only commercial ammunition or the reloaded equivalent may be used on any of the facilities of the gun club. Prohibited ammunition includes tracer rounds, exploding or incendiary ammunition or devices.

FACILITIES

- Storage buildings are expected to be kept neat and clean. Please return all target stands, etc. to where they were found.
- Vehicles should be parked only in designated areas - please do not park on the road. Vehicles should not be driven onto the ranges except under the direction of a match director who is placing or removing props and supplies during a scheduled match or under the direction of the Range Officer for the purposes of maintenance.

RANGE USE

- Shooting of rifles and pistols is restricted to within the bermed ranges – No shooting is allowed outside the bermed ranges except under the supervision of a range officer during the course of an organized event, such as an IPSC match.
- Shooters should always be aware of their lines of fire and their bullet impact areas. Careful attention should be paid to target placement which would result in bullets leaving the range.
- Targets should never be placed on or near the ground and shot from a close distance – or at angles that could result in rounds skipping up and out of the bermed ranges.
- Glass objects should never be shot with any kind of firearm. Breakable objects such as plastic soda bottles or milk jugs and skeet birds can be shot **ONLY** on range 2. The broken remains must be cleaned up by the shooter before leaving the range. Large objects should not be put in trash barrels, but in the dumpster, located by the skeet fields.
- Any gun cleaning supplies, brass or shell casings or any trash must be cleaned up by the shooter before leaving the range.
- **CARE MUST BE TAKEN THAT ALL PROJECTILES IMPACT THE BERMS.**
- **RANGE 1** is a general shooting facility. Handguns and rifles are limited to those firing **Traditional Handgun Caliber** ammunition. Shotguns may also be used. Bay 1-A is reserved for the plate rack. Members may purchase a key after a briefing is completed. **Only Handguns** firing traditional handgun caliber ammunition (not to exceed 1600 FPS) may be fired at the plate rack (no Thompson Centers or large revolvers firing rifle cartridges) On Bay 1-B; only the fixed target stands may be used. No steel may be used on 1-B Targets should be placed in positions that ensure safe lines of fire and impact areas. Shooting may **ONLY** take place in the areas between the target zones and the boundaries defined by the blue lines on the concrete walls and range floors. Class III firearms firing pistol calibers only, may be fired on 1-C & 1-D using only the rear berms intersected by the concrete wall between 1-C & 1-D (see club rule 9.10)
- **RANGE 2** is a general shooting facility. Any firearm may be used, including Class III firearms. (see club rule 10.4) Targets should be placed in positions that insure safe lines of fire and impact areas, and **ONLY** at the base of the berm.
- **RANGE 3** is for pistol or 22 Rimfire rifles only. Shooting may only be done from the bench at the covered firing line. Sitting or standing only. Targets should be centered on cardboard backer material and placed on the metal target frames. Place only one target, centered on the cardboard backer, on each frame. Only the fixed target frames may be used.
- **RANGE 4** is for rifle use. Shoot from the covered firing line only. Handguns may be fired, preferably from the bench. Shotguns may **ONLY** be fired with slugs. Care must be taken that all projectiles impact the berm. Targets should be centered on the cardboard backer. Place only one target on each frame. Portable frames may be used provided all rounds properly impact the berm.
- **RANGE 5** is for 22 Rimfire or smaller, rifles or pistols only. Shooting may only be done from the covered firing line. Portable target frames may be used provided all rounds properly impact the berm.
- **The Skeet Range** is restricted to shotguns only. No shot larger than No.6 is to be used on the skeet range (Shooting slugs can be done on range 2 & 4 and Buckshot can be fired on Range 1 & 2.) To use the Skeet Ranges, members must first get a briefing from either the Range Officer or the chairman of the Skeet committee on the proper use of the skeet machines. After the briefing the member can purchase a key to the skeet houses.
- Members can fish in either of the two ponds on the club property, but must first obtain a “permission slip” from the Range Officer. Members fishing on club property are subject to checks by Wildlife Officers and can be cited for illegal fishing unless they possess the proper permission form.

MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

- Metal targets such as plates and pepper poppers are for use **ONLY** with handguns. Handgun ammunition velocity should be limited to 1600 fps. Never shoot any steel target with a rifle. Metal targets should be placed in such a manner that they are shot at straight on – never at an angle. This prevents inadvertent ricochets and skipping.
- Paper targets in the storage buildings are to be paid for as they are used. Please refer to the posted price chart in each building for current prices. Targets are priced at the clubs cost.
- Please return all equipment, materials and supplies to their original location when you are finished using them.
- The use of the clubs chronograph requires special care to ensure that the sky screens are positioned so that they will not be shot. Shooters should be aware of their muzzle placement, especially when using a high mount scope. If you are unfamiliar with the chronograph or any other range equipment, please check with the Range Officer.
- The Ransom Rest on the left side of Range 4 can be used with most pistols to test for accuracy at 25 and 50 yards. When installing the rest, **do not use a wrench to tighten the pistol in the grips**; hand tight is sufficient for excellent accuracy testing. The metal target frame hanging on the barrier wall behind the Ransom Rest mount is the proper frame for use with the Ransom Rest, as it is the correct height. Return the rest and any grips to the Range 3 shed when finished.
- If you damage, break or destroy any range equipment, please do the Honorable thing and repair or replace it.

A complete copy of the Sir Walter Gun Club Safety Rules can be found on the Club Web Site

<http://www.sirwaltergunclub.com>

The Board of Directors and Members of the Sir Walter Gun Club thank you for your assistance and cooperation in maintaining a clean, safe shooting facility