

Hurononia Hand Gun Club Safety and Orientation Course



Safe Shooting Since 1958!!!

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Safety and Orientation Quick Reference Guide

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Welcome to the Huronia Hand Gun Club



**We Are a Small Family-Oriented Club Established In 1958.
We Take Pride In Over 60 Years of Fun Safe Shooting!!!**





Huronia Hand Gun Club Safety and Orientation Course

Course Length: 8/9 Hours Total With Two 15 Minute Breaks And 45 Minute Lunch

Total Day Equals (9am-5/6pm)

Approximate Timeline:

- **9:00am-9:30am:** Introduction, Range Tour
- **9:30am-11:00am:** In-Class Lessons
- **11:00am-11:10am:** Short Break
- **11:15am-12:30pm:** In-Class Lessons
- **12:30pm-1:15pm:** Lunch
- **1:15pm-2:15pm:** In-Class Lessons Complete
- **2:15pm-2:30pm:** Short Break and Move to Shooting House
- **2:30pm-4:30pm:** Range/House Orientation with Practice Live Fire
- **4:30pm-5:00pm:** Clean-Up and Debrief

The Reputation Of Firearms?

Is This Important To Us??

Why Would This Even Matter???

As firearm owners, enthusiasts and sports shooters our reputation in communities and society can mean more than we think.

Negative views and attitudes against firearms can bring negative consequences. In some countries firearms are banned altogether.

When it comes to firearms keep your dialogue, views and personal thoughts in check when communicating about them in society.

Social Media and Internet Guidelines:

As Club members you are representatives of the Club. What you do and what you say in public has a big impact on the Club.

It is important for the Club to maintain a positive image and as a result the Club expects its members to conduct themselves with care on Social Media.

The Club recognizes that it cannot control what you choose to post on your own Social Media accounts however like any Incorporated Entity we will take action if one of our members is conducting themselves in a public manner that reflects badly on the Club.

➤ Do not post photos or videos of other Club Members on the Internet without their permission. Many firearms owners like to maintain their privacy.

➤ Do not post photos or videos that show firearms being used in an aggressive or unprofessional manner.

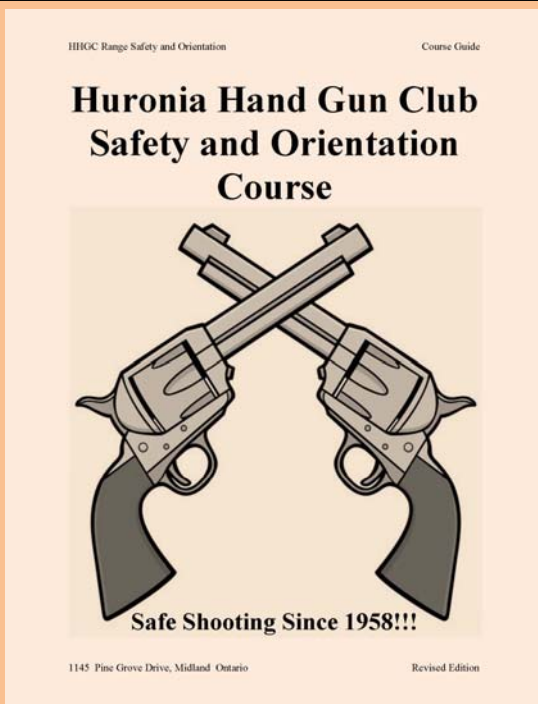
➤ Do not post racist or sexist material.

➤ Be careful of political posts that are insulting or could be seen as threatening.

Please note that the above guidelines do not mean the Club is against members talking about firearms or the Club on Social Media. The Executive feels that positive portrayal of firearms use is beneficial to the Club and the shooting sports in general.

**Please Protect Our Sport
And PROVE It Safe !!!!!**

The Safety and Orientation Course is intended to familiarize you with some of the rules and procedures of our club. You must keep this Course Guide with you at least the first several times you go to the club.



Huron Hand Gun Club Mailing Address:

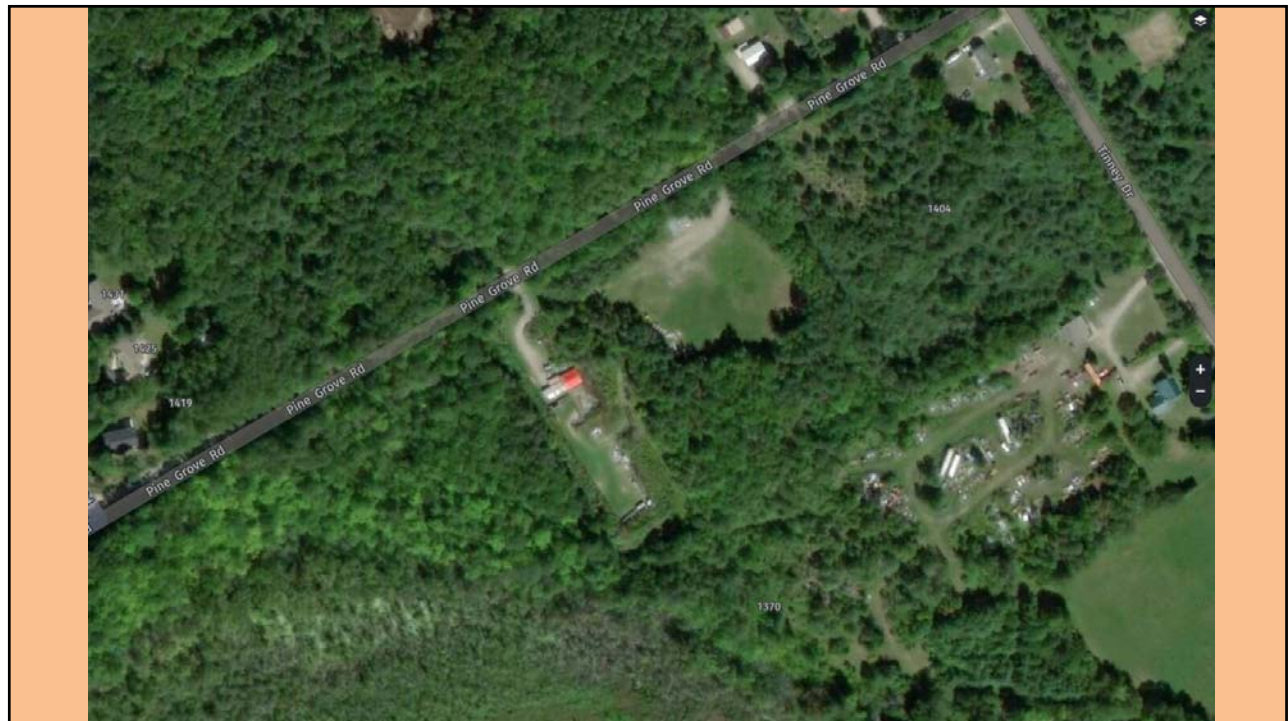
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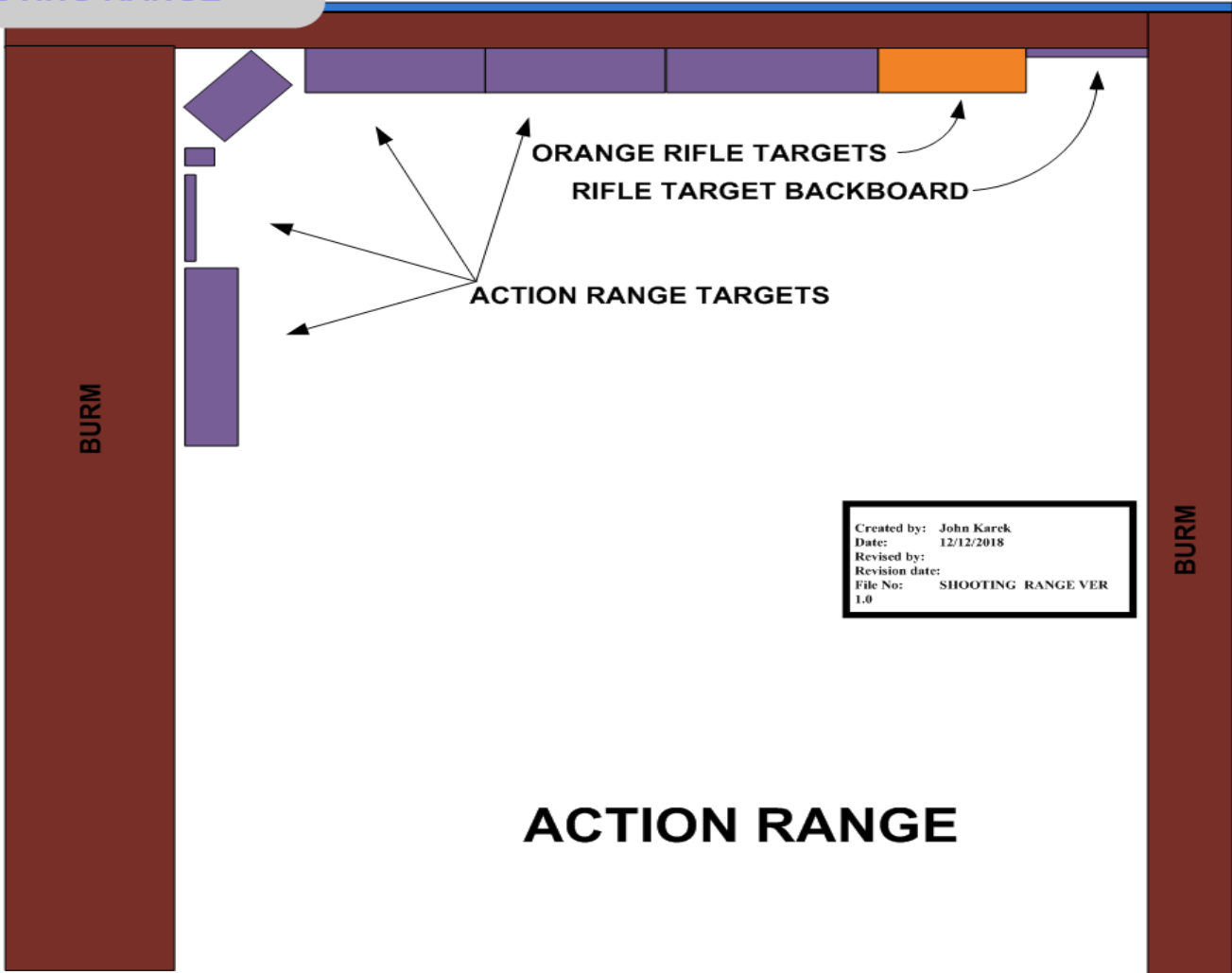
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1145 Pine Grove Rd. Penetanguishene

Clubhouse and Parking Address:

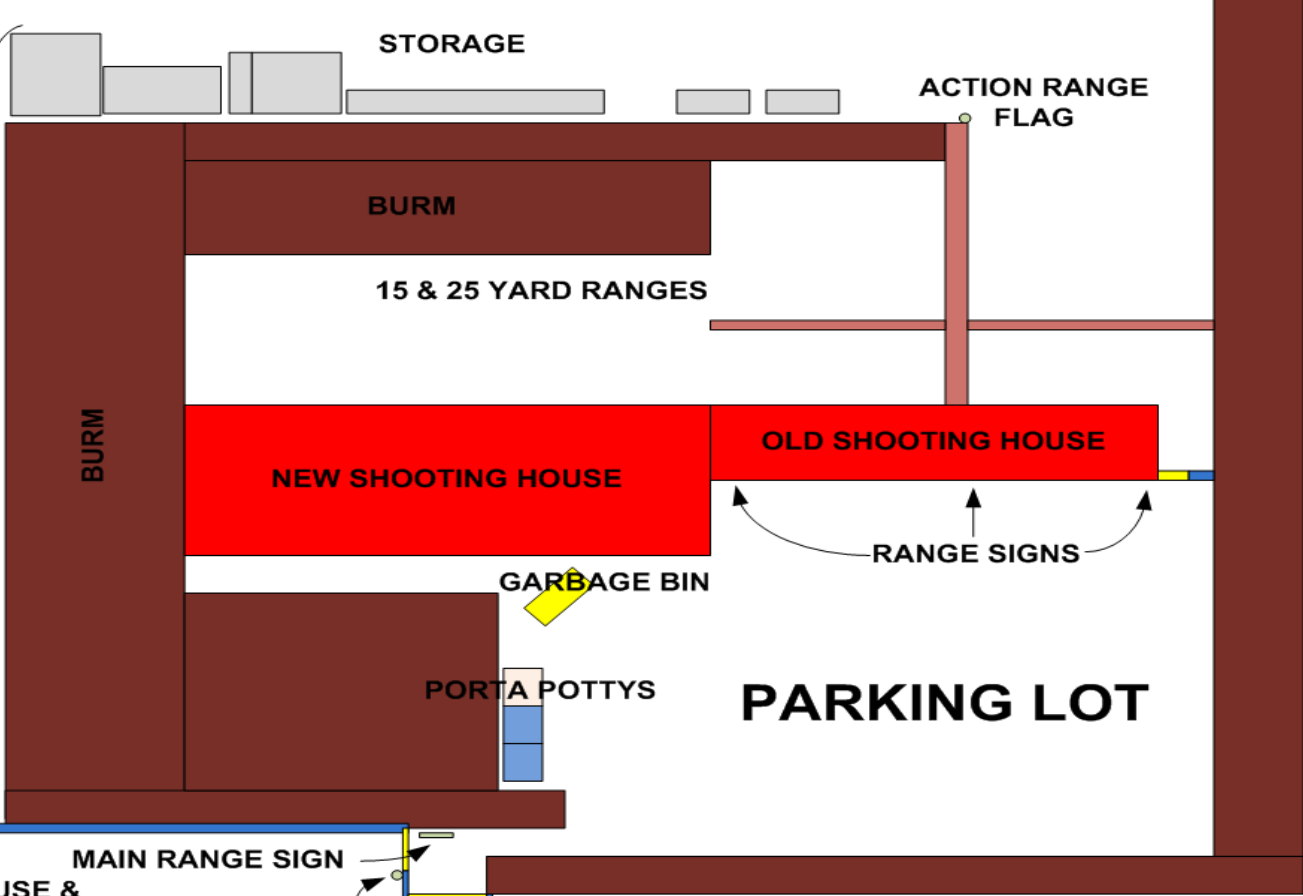
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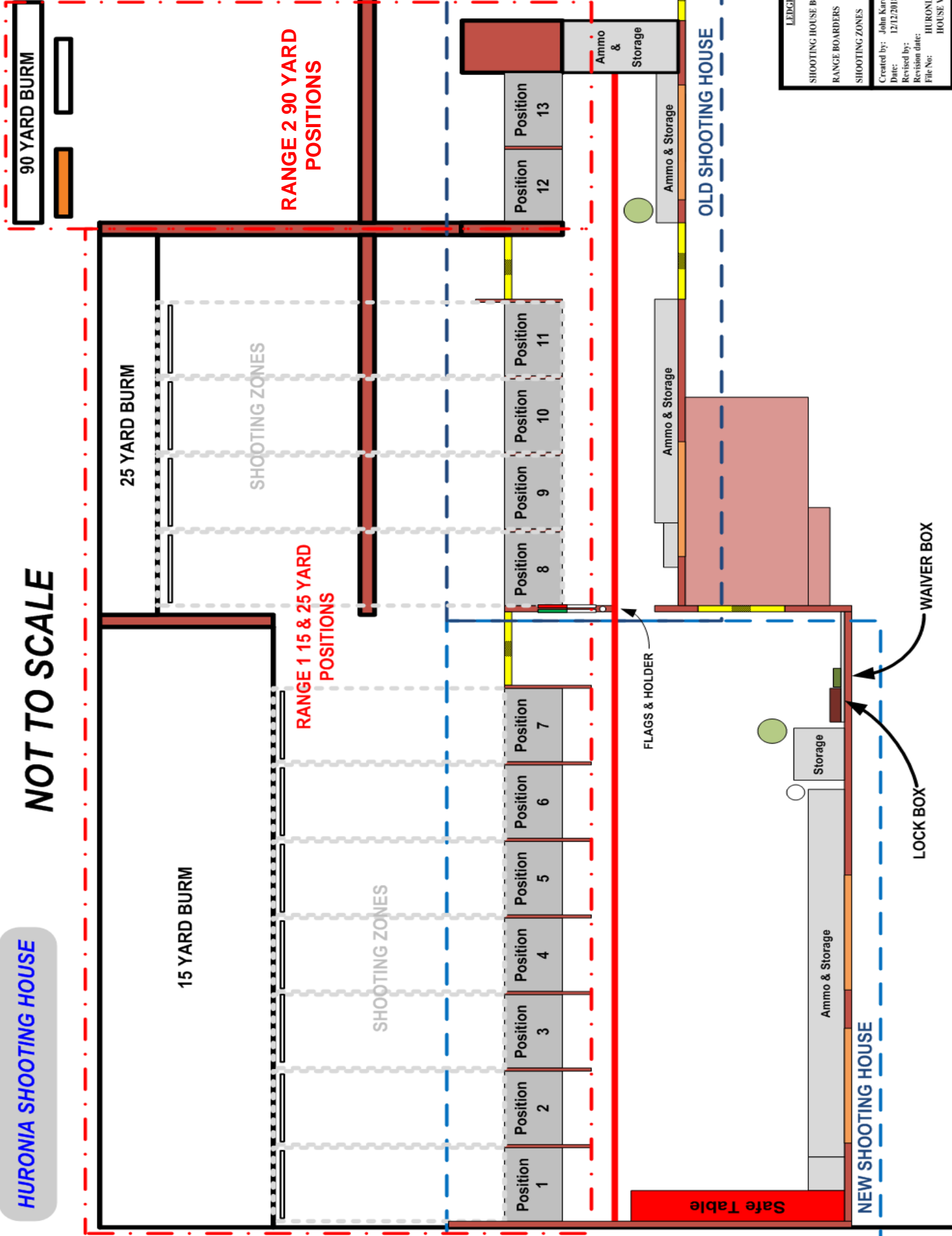
ACTION RANGE



PARKING LOT



NOT TO SCALE



LEGEND

- SHOOTING HOUSE BOARDERS (dashed blue line)
- RANGE BOARDERS (dashed red line)
- SHOOTING ZONES (dotted grey line)

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Things You MUST HAVE When You Come to The Range

- P.A.L or R.PAL. You **MUST** have your Firearms License.
- Firearm Transportation Document or Registration Card for Each of Your Restricted or Prohibited Firearms.
- Safety Glasses and Hearing Protection.
- Club Safety Course Guide for Quick Lookup of Lock Combinations and Other Info.
- Probationary Sign Off Sheet Until You are Full Member.
- Trigger Locks for Each of the Restricted or Prohibited Firearms You Bring.
- A Lockable Container, Bag or Case that is Opaque for Transportation of Restricted or Prohibited Firearms.
- Your Club Probation or Membership I.D. Card Visible So All Can See.

Things You SHOULD HAVE When You Come To The Range

- Cell Phone
- Extra Targets and a Stapler
- Extra Ammo
- Water to keep Hydrated
- Hat
- Bug Spray
- Clothes for the Weather
- Personal First Aid Kit and Tourniquet

NOTE: It is recommended that you never shoot alone. If you are shooting alone, make sure that you tell someone you are going shooting.

Buying Firearms

Non-Restricted Firearms

- You can take possession of these firearms as soon as you buy them.

Restricted Firearms


- You cannot take possession of these firearms until they are transferred into your name.
- When you purchase any new **Restricted** Firearm you will be required to give the Seller (Store or Personal) Personal Information.
- Once Purchased you will have to wait for the **RCMP** to transfer the firearm from the **Seller to You**. This usually takes between a couple of days to a couple of weeks (Depends on how busy the **CFO's** office is).
- Once you make your **First Restricted Firearm Purchase** call the **CFO's Office** at **1-800-731-4000** and inform them that you are a member of the **Huronia Hand Gun Club**.

Buying Firearms Continued:

- The **Seller** contacts the **RCMP** to initiate the **Transfer Process** then contacts you to pick up your firearm once your **Transfer** has been completed.
- When you pick-up your newly purchased firearm the **Seller** will provide you with a copy of the **Transfer Document. This Will Allow You to Legally Transport Your Firearm Home.**
- **This Document is Proof that the Firearm is Registered to You and Permits You to Now Bring Your Purchased Firearm to the Following Locations:**
 - ✓ To and From All Approved Shooting Clubs and Ranges in Ontario.
 - ✓ To Any Place a Peace Officer, Firearms Officer or Chief Firearms Officer is Located.
 - ✓ To Any Place of Business That Holds a License to Repair, Appraise or Sell Firearms.
 - ✓ To and From a Gun Show.
 - ✓ To and From a Port of Exit to Take Them Out of Canada.
- You **MUST** have this document with you until you receive your **REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**.

Sample Registration Certificate




Royal Canadian Mounted Police / **Gendarmerie royale du Canada**

Date: September 6, 2015

The Firearm Registration Certificate is issued to the owner for a specific firearm. The registration certificate is valid until the firearm is transferred or disposed of or the certificate is revoked. Firearm owners must report lost, stolen or destroyed firearms to a police officer or firearms officer.

Les certificats d'enregistrement d'arme à feu est délivré au propriétaire pour une arme à feu en particulier. Le certificat d'enregistrement est valide jusqu'à ce qu'une arme à feu, ou un dépôt ou jusqu'à ce que le certificat soit révoqué. Tout propriétaire d'arme à feu a le devoir de signaler la perte, le vol ou la destruction d'armes à feu à un agent de la police ou à un officier des armes à feu.

Firearm owners should also report any change of address where restricted and/or prohibited firearms are stored to the Registrar of Firearms.

Les propriétaires d'armes à feu doivent signaler au directeur de l'enregistrement des armes à feu tout changement d'adresse si ce sont entreposées des armes à feu à autorisation restreinte ou prohibées.

Please verify the information for each firearm. Should changes be required, call 1 800 731-4000 to report them.

Veuillez vous assurer de l'exactitude des renseignements concernant chaque arme à feu. Pour signaler tout changement, composez le 1 800 731-4000.

STANDARD CONDITIONS
Firearm owners must report to the Registrar of Firearms, within 30 days:

CONDITIONS GÉNÉRALES
Les propriétaires d'armes à feu doivent de 30 jours pour signaler au directeur de l'enregistrement des armes à feu toute modification :

- any modification to the firearm that affects its classification (non-restricted, restricted, prohibited);
- toute modification à l'arme qui fait passer sa classe (arme non restreinte, à autorisation restreinte, prohibée);
- any change in a firearm or receiver that allow it to discharge ammunition;
- approuvé à une succession ou à une telle de nature lui permettant de tirer des munitions;
- any modification to the type, action, calibre or gauge of the firearm; and
- approuvé au type, au mécanisme, au calibre ou à la jauge de l'arme à feu;
- any modification to an altered automatic firearm.
- approuvé à une arme à feu automatique modifiée.

The firearm registration certificate is issued by the Registrar under the authority of the Firearms Act.

Le certificat d'enregistrement d'arme à feu est délivré par le directeur en vertu de la Loi sur les armes à feu.

FIREARM REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE CERTIFICAT D'ENREGISTREMENT D'ARME À FEU	
Number of the registration certificate	Date of issue
<u>2015/09/29</u>	<u>2015/09/29</u>
Name	Address
<u>Mr. [REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>
City	Province
<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>
Class: Firearm	Firearm Identification Number
Restricted	<u>[REDACTED]</u>
Type	Action
<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>
Handgun	Semi-Automatic
Calibre	Number of rounds
<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>11 rounds</u>
Issued by the Registrar, signed per le directeur	Canada

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Safe Storage and Transport: Key to Success

- ✓ Unloaded
- ✓ Trigger Lock
- ✓ Locked Opaque Container
- ✓ Separate from Ammunition
- ✓ Required Documentation
- ✓ Out of Sight

**Too Much Is Better Than Not
Enough!!!**

For more info https://www.fseso.org/sites/default/files/safestorage_e.pdf

**THESE RULES APPLY TO INDIVIDUALS
THERE ARE DIFFERENT RULES FOR
BUSINESSES**

**STORING FIREARMS
SAFELY**

Unload and lock your firearms!

Store the **ammunition** separately or lock it up. It can be stored in the same locked container as the firearms.

Non-restricted firearms

- Attach a secure locking device, such as a trigger lock or cable lock (or remove the bolt) so the firearms cannot be fired; **or**



- Lock the firearms in a cabinet, container or room that is difficult to break into.



Restricted and prohibited firearms

- Attach a secure locking device so the firearms cannot be fired **and** lock them in a cabinet, container or room that is difficult to break into; **or**



- Lock the firearms in a vault, safe or room that was built or modified specifically to store firearms safely.
- For automatic firearms, also remove the bolts or bolt carriers (if removable) and lock them in a separate room that is difficult to break into.

**TRANSPORTING
FIREARMS SAFELY**

Non-restricted firearms

Non-restricted firearms must be unloaded during transportation.

Restricted and prohibited firearms

- **Unload** the firearms; **and**
- Attach **secure locking devices** to the firearms; **and**
- Lock the firearms in a sturdy, non-transparent container; **and**
- Remove the bolts or bolt carriers from any automatic firearms (if removable).
- Obtain an Authorization to Transport (call 1-800-731-4000).

**Leaving any class of firearms in an
unattended vehicle**

- Lock non-restricted firearms and locked containers carrying restricted or prohibited firearms in the trunk or in a similar lockable compartment.
- If the vehicle does not have a trunk or lockable compartment, put firearms and firearm containers out of sight inside the vehicle and lock the vehicle.



- If you are in a remote wilderness area and cannot lock your non-restricted firearms inside your vehicle, unload them and put them out of sight. Attach a secure locking device to the firearms unless they are needed for predator control.

**DISPLAYING
FIREARMS SAFELY**

Unload and lock your firearms!

Here are the rules for displaying firearms in your home: **Ammunition** cannot be displayed with, or accessible to, the firearms.

Non-restricted firearms

- Attach **secure locking devices** to the firearms; **or**
- Lock the firearms in a cabinet, container or room that is difficult to break into.



The Vital Four ACTS of Firearm Safety

ASSUME Every Firearm is Loaded.

- Regard any Firearm as Loaded and a Potential Danger.

CONTROL the Muzzle Direction at all Times.

- Identify the Safest Available Muzzle Direction.
- Keep the Firearm Pointed in the Safest Available Direction at All Times.
- The Muzzle of the Firearm **MUST NEVER Be Pointed Toward Yourself or Any Other Person.**

TRIGGER FINGER MUST BE KEPT OFF THE TRIGGER AND OUT OF THE TRIGGER GUARD.

- Resist the Temptation to Put Your Finger On the Trigger or Inside the Trigger Guard When You Handle a Firearm.
- Accidental Discharge is Far More Likely to Occur if Your Finger is On the Trigger or Inside the Trigger Guard.

SEE That the Firearm is UNLOADED - PROVE IT SAFE.

- Do Not Handle any Firearm **Unless You Can Properly PROVE it Safe.**
- Check to See **That Both** the **Chamber** and **Magazine Well** are **EMPTY**. **This is to be done EVERY TIME** you handle a firearm **FOR ANY REASON.**
- **Pass, Accept or Move Only OPEN and UNLOADED FIREARMS.** This is an Important Habit to Develop!!!

P.R.O.V.E. THE FIREARM SAFE

- **Point** the Firearm in the Safest Available Direction (Down Range).
- **Remove** ALL Sources of Ammunition.
- **Observe** the Chamber.
- **Verify** the Feeding Path.
- **Examine** the Bore for Obstructions.

The Firearm is now considered Unloaded and Safe Until it Leaves the Direct Control of the Person who Unloaded and PROVED the Firearm Safe.

***KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION**

- Any Time you are working the **Action of a Firearm** the **Muzzle Must be Pointed Down Range.**
- **When Loading and Unloading** you **MUST** keep the **Firearm Pointed Down Range.**
- **Loading and Unloading** is when you can have an **ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE** of the **Firearm.**



RIGHT WAY



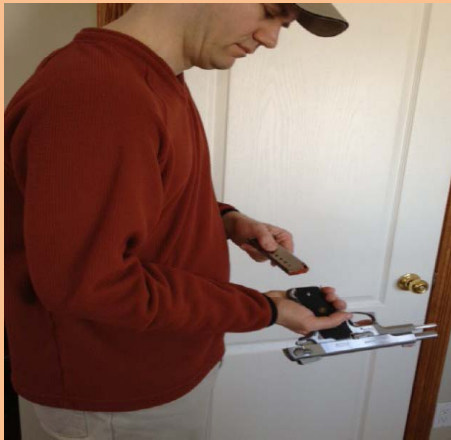
WRONG WAY

PROPER LOADING OF A SEMI-AUTOMATIC HANDGUN ON THE RANGE



THE WRONG WAY. When loading a semi automatic handgun you must keep the firearm pointed down range. **Semi automatic handguns can discharge accidentally when the magazine is inserted. DO NOT** point the firearm up when loading.

PROPER LOADING OF A SEMI-AUTOMATIC HANDGUN ON THE RANGE CONTINUED:



THE RIGHT WAY. IF you want to see the magazine-well when loading lock your elbow into your side and rotate your wrist so you can see into the mag-well.

PROPER LOADING OF A SEMI AUTOMATIC HANDGUN ON THE RANGE CONTINUED:

It is common to see people holding a handgun in front of them at eye level with the muzzle pointing up when inserting the mag.

This is **not acceptable!!!! Firearms must be pointed down range when loading or unloading.**

When moving your handgun from one location to another location on the range it must be pointed at the ground. It also must be **unloaded with the action open and the magazine must be removed.**

When moving a rifle or shotgun from one location to another location on the range it must be pointed upward. It also must be **unloaded with the action open and the magazine must be removed.**

Who Can Use The Range???



Who Can Use The Range Continued???

- The Range is for use by club members and invited guests only except for events that are open to the public.
- If you wish to bring a guest you must make sure you and your guests read and understand the range rules (posted on the building).
- Guests must also sign a waiver and pay a fee of \$5 each time they come to the range.
- Guests must be under your direct supervision at all times.

Who Can Use The Range Continued???

- If your guest is shooting you are not. Each guest can also only visit the club 3x per year. If they want to shoot more than that they must join the club.
- You must have completed your probationary training and be a member for one year before supervising a guest alone. You must arrange to meet with an Executive Member, Safety Officer, or Safety Instructor of the Club if you would like to bring a guest before you are a member for one year.
- Remember that all guests must sign in, sign a club waiver and pay the prescribed insurance fee of \$5. The signed waiver as well as the fee are to be placed into the locked **“WAIVER”** box.

Children (Under The Age of 12) Must Be Supervised with Extreme Care!!!



- Children are **EXTREMELY EXCITABLE** and it is easy for them to get distracted.
- Children also do not have a **GOOD SENSE OF CONSEQUENCE** so it is hard for them to appreciate what the results of an accident could be.
- **Note: It is against the law to let someone use a gun unsupervised if they do not have a PAL or RPAL** so if you are shooting with a child or guest you must stay with them and have them under your **DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION**.
- **DIRECT SUPERVISION** means only one gun. They are not under your **DIRECT SUPERVISION** if you are shooting or off doing something else .

Children (Under The Age of 12) Must Be Supervised with Extreme Care!!!

- **Children under 10** are restricted to air rifles, airsoft guns and archery with target tips. No crossbows.
- **Children 10 to 15** are restricted to rifles chambered in .22 LR. Rifles must be bolt action, pump action or single shot.
- **Children** under the age of **15** are **NOT** generally permitted to shoot handguns other than pellet/BB pistols.
- **At age 15 all Children must take the club safety course and become junior members of the club.**
- **Children** may take the club safety course at **12** if the parents feel the child is ready.
- **AGE LIMITS** for **Children** may not apply if they are under the **Direct Supervision of a Club Level Safety Officer or Instructor.**

When is the Range Open???

The range is open for shooting at 10am and closes at 8pm or at dusk whichever comes first, 7 days a week.

However we have restrictions on what firearms can be shot at what times.

Note that Archery and Air Rifle are exempt from the above hrs. of operation and can be shot from ½ hour after sunrise to ½ hour before sunset.

WHAT KINDS OF FIREARMS CAN YOU SHOOT AND WHEN CAN YOU SHOOT THEM???

**YOU MUST HAVE EXECUTIVE APPROVAL OR A LARGE RIFLE
ENDORSEMENT ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD TO SHOOT HIGH POWER
RIFLES !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

You can shoot just about every other kind of firearm you can think of from Archery to Air guns, 22 & other Handgun caliber Rifles, as well as any common caliber Handguns, Pistol Caliber Carbines, and 410 Shotgun.

However we are a Hand Gun Club so the club is set up with the shooting of handguns foremost in mind.

High Power Rifles and Shotguns are restricted in as far as when you can shoot them and how much you can shoot them due to noise concerns!!!



WHAT KINDS OF FIREARMS CAN YOU SHOOT AND WHEN CAN YOU SHOOT THEM???

High Power Rifles and Shotguns can only be shot from **1pm to 7pm** 7 days a week.

High Power Rifles and Shotguns are limited to **20 shots per day** per **Authorized Member**.

Rim Fire Rifle Calibres are allowed all hours **7 days** a week. Only at **NOON** may you begin shooting other calibres.

Note: Shooting hours end at 8pm. It is not safe to shoot if you can not see. All Shooting must STOP ½ hour before sunset regardless of what time it is!!!!!!!

What are High Power Rifles and Shotguns???

- **High Powered rifles are any rifle that fires a cartridge that is not commonly found in a hand gun.**
- **Some examples of High Powered Calibers are .223 ~ 7.62x39 ~ 30.30 ~ .308 ~30.06 ~ 8mm ~ 7mm Rem Mag.**
- **High Power Shotguns are any shotguns larger than a 410 Gauge.**

WHO CAN SHOOT WHAT KINDS OF FIREARMS???

ALL NEW CLUB MEMBERS HAVE HAND GUN CALIBER PRIVILEGES ONLY!

This means you are permitted to shoot any firearm that uses a **COMMON STANDARD HAND GUN AMMUNITION** such as...22 Short ~ .22 Long Rifle ~ .22 Magnum ~ .32 ACP ~ .9mm ~ .40 Cal ~ .45 ACP ~ .38 S&W ~ .38 Special ~ .357 Magnum ~ .44 Magnum ~ 410 Shot Gun Slugs & Shot Loads & Pellets ~ 500 S&W~50 AE.

SOME OLDER MEMBERS HAVE HI- POWERED RIFLE AND SHOTGUN PRIVILEGES.

These members are permitted to shoot any of the larger calibers such as...223 Rem ~ .30.06 ~.308 as well as **Shotgun using Standard Velocity Plain Lead Slugs.**

WHO CAN SHOOT WHAT KINDS OF FIREARMS???

CONTINUED:

WE DO NOT SHOOT .50 BMG Rifle, .338 Lapua Rifle or High Velocity “Sabot” Shot Gun Slugs at our Range.

WE DO NOT SHOOT Shot Gun pellet loads from the “**OLD**” shooting house (**Positions 8 to 13**).

PELLET LOADS SHOT FROM THESE POSITIONS WILL RESULT IN STRIKING AND DAMAGING THE FORWARD DOWNRANGE BAFFLES!!!

WHO CAN SHOOT WHAT KINDS OF FIREARMS???

CONTINUED:

Shot Guns using Shot Loads/Pellets may be fired from the new shooting house (**The 15 yard range only: Positions # 1 – #7**). Plain Shotgun slugs may be shot from any position. **Always be sure not to shoot too closely to any of the buildings support structures, internal baffles or side walls.**

HOW CAN I TELL WHO CAN SHOOT WHAT TYPES OF FIREARMS????

If you are a new member your membership card will say Hand Gun Caliber Only.

If you have any questions regarding what can or cannot be used and when it can or cannot be used please contact the club executive for clarification.

IF IN DOUBT – DON'T SHOOT!

Targets and Target Stands

- Club approved targets only.
- Paper or cardboard targets of any size are fine.
- You may also use steel targets, but all steel targets must be shrouded with wood or in other words have a wooden box built around them. This wooden shroud is a **CFO Requirement.**
- No shooting at anything that creates a safety hazard or mess such as glass, Cans, etc..
- It is up to each member to provide targets and stands.
- The club has some portable target stands for paper targets that you can use, but they get shot up after a while so you cannot rely on them to be in good working order.

Targets and Target Stands Continued:

- We also have some wire frames that paper targets can be attached to.
- A large target board at the 90 yard line can have paper targets stapled to it.
- When using the 90 yard target board make sure you move your paper target around from time to time. This will make the board last longer.
- You will also see some **Orange Steel Targets** hanging in boxes at the 90 yard line. They are for everyone to use.
- They may be shot at with both Pistol Caliber and High Power Rifles as they are replaced as required.
- **Orange Steel Plates** may only be shot at from the shooting house. It is not safe to shoot them up close!!!!!!!

Targets and Target Stands Continued:



If the steel plates are not painted orange then they are special softer steel targets for **Handgun Caliber Only** and may not be shot at with **High Powered Rifles**.

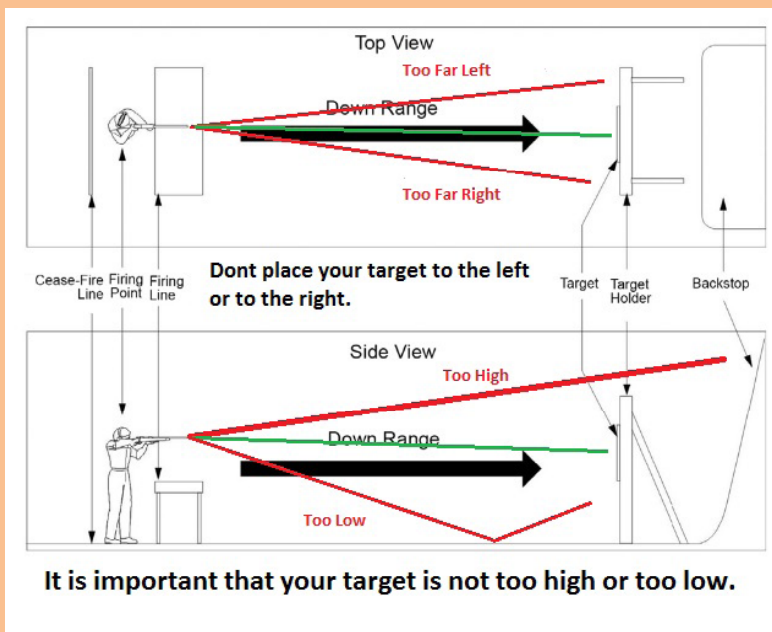
NOTE: Some Factory Ammo should not be shot at Soft Steel Targets as they can damage the targets. Examples of these are 357 Mag, 44 Mag Rem, 50 S&W.

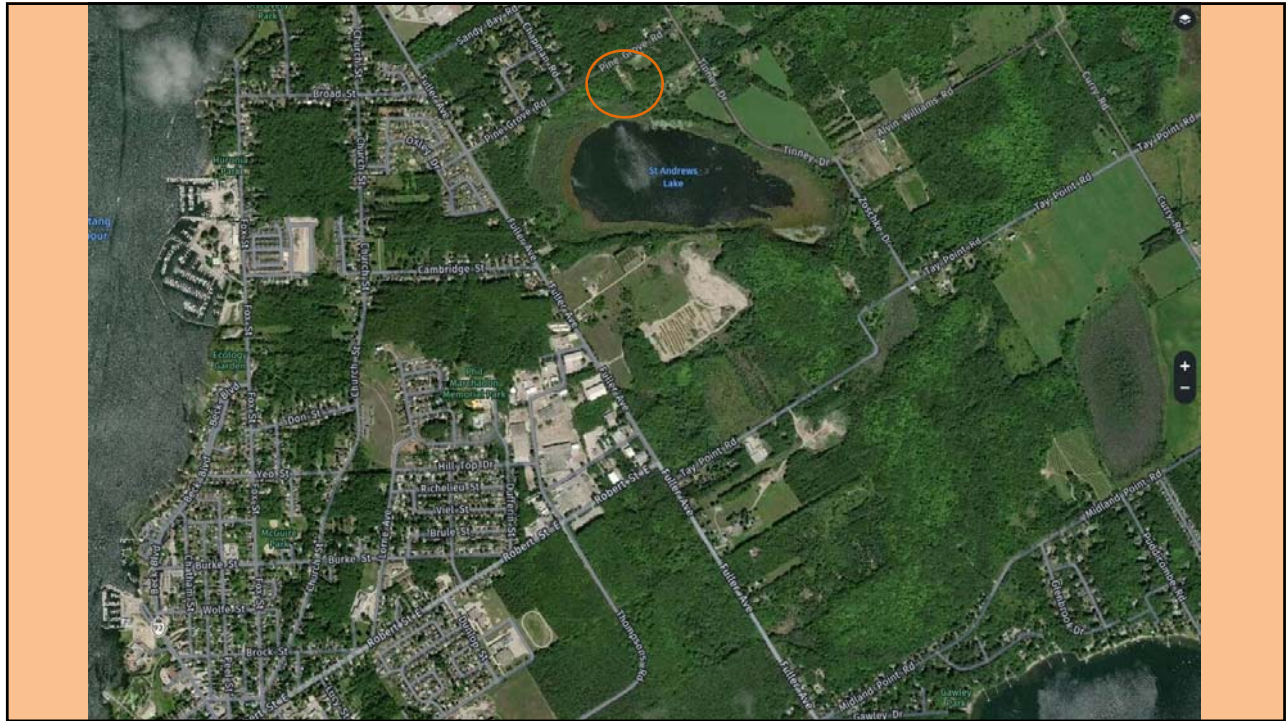
Shooting Positions and Target Placement

- You must shoot only from approved locations at targets that are in approved locations.
- The locations you can shoot from are called **Shooting Positions**.
- The locations for your targets are called **Zones**. In the shooting house you will find each **Shooting Position** marked with a number from 1 to 7.
- Each of the numbered **Shooting Positions** has a corresponding down range **Zone** or **Zones** for the target.
- If you are shooting from **Position 1** you must place your target in **Zone 1**.
- If you are shooting from **Position 2** then your target should be in **Zone 2**.

Never shoot at a target that is not in your zone!!!

Target Placement





Shooting Positions and Target Placement Continued:

- Some **Shooting Positions** only have one **Zone**. You have only one place that you can put your target for that shooting position.
- However some **Shooting Positions** have more than one **Zone**. You can pick from several places to place your target.
- Each **Shooting Position** has instructions for target placement posted on the bench at that location.
- **All targets no matter what Zone they are in MUST be located as close to the backstop** (the big pile of dirt) as possible. You **CANNOT** move your target closer to you. **This is a CFO requirement.**

Shooting Positions and Target Placement Continued:

➤ Targets must always be located lower or closer to the ground than the firearm that is being used. You should always be shooting at a slight downward angle. **NEVER UPWARD!!!!!!**

➤ If you are standing and shooting and then you sit down to shoot you may need to lower your target. It is recommended that targets be located as close to the ground as possible, but not so close to the ground that you get ground hits.

➤ Shots should always hit the berm. Not the ground. **YOU MUST ALSO HAVE AT LEAST 3FT OF BERM TO THE LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES OF YOUR TARGET.**

TARGET PLACEMENT - ALL RANGES

TARGETS MUST BE LOACTED AS CLOSE TO THE BACKSTOP (BURM) AS POSSIBLE

If You See Improper Target Placement, Call a Cease-Fire and Correct the Situation.



Range Safety Rules

- All members must be familiar with the range safety rules.
- The rules are posted on the inside of the shooting shack and down range.
- Please note that it is impossible to have rules for every situation you may encounter on the range.
- When in doubt about something you should always err on the side of caution.

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE DON'T DO IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Range Safety Rules

- The most updated range safety rules are always posted in the shooting house and down range on big bright signs. Take pictures of these signs so you always stay current with range rules.



RANGE SAFETY RULES - HURONIA HANDGUN CLUB "The Dirty Dozen"

1. All firearms are to be treated as "LOADED" at all times !!!
2. The muzzle of each firearm must be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
3. The action of each firearm must remain open at all times unless encased or actually shooting. Everyone is responsible for club & shooter safety.
4. Firearms may only be loaded and discharged at the designated firing line and only after the command to "LOAD" has been given by the Range Officer.
5. Hearing and eye protection must be worn at all times by everyone on the range. This is a MAJOR safety issue and "must" be followed at all times.
6. All minors and guests must be under "DIRECT SUPERVISION" at all times while shooting. (This means one Range Officer within arm's length of each shooter)
7. All Range Officer commands must be obeyed at all times by everyone. All shooters must notify the Range Officer each time a firearm is taken to or from the firing line. The Range Officer is RESPONSIBLE for our overall safety! All firearms must be proven "SAFE" before being moved to or from the line.
8. Alcohol and/or drug use is "PROHIBITED" on the range at all times.
9. Upon the command "CEASEFIRE" all firing will immediately stop and all firearms shall be proven safe. All firearms are to be unloaded and their actions are to be left locked open! All firearms are to be placed on the shooting bench with their muzzles pointed safely down range. All shooters must then step back behind the "cease fire line" and must not approach their firearms until the command "APPROACH THE LINE" is given.
10. All unloaded firearms not in use must be placed in the club rifle rack or a secure case. All actions are to remain open if possible and no firearms are to be left unattended at any time. You are responsible for your firearms 24/7.
11. UNLOADED handguns may be carried in holsters for "Safety & Security" reasons by club members. Once proven safe and holstered the handgun CANNOT be removed from the holster unless permission is given by the Range Officer in charge. This can only be granted when the shooter is loading at the designated firing line and is preparing to immediately shoot at the targets. ONLY those shooters qualified in shooting sports requiring the use of a holster are allowed to shoot from a holster. ANYONE observed with a "loaded" and holstered handgun away from the firing line will be subject to club disciplinary measures. "Negligent Discharges" can shut the club down!
12. No holstered or uncased handguns are allowed off the range property at any time. This is being STRICTLY enforced by the CPFO & the local police.

Stay FAR AWAY from the road AT ALL TIMES

Be Safe.....Stay Legal.....Have Fun.....Good Shooting

Range Procedures

- Contrary to what most non-shooters think, a shooting range is one of the safest places you can find.
- Statistically the drive to the range is much more dangerous than shooting.
- The reason for this fantastic safety record is that a shooting range is one of the most controlled environments you will find.
- From the minute you arrive at the range until the moment you leave there are certain range procedures that you are expected to follow.
- These range procedures are vital to the safe operation of the range and in most cases they are required by the law.

Our Club Has Over 60 Years Of Safe Shooting!!!

STEP 1

The Gate: Lock the gate behind you when you enter. This gate should be locked at all times. This helps keep non members from entering the range. **Do not park your vehicle on the road!!!**



STEP 2

The Main Range Status Sign: Flip the status sign from **CLOSED** to **IN USE** and raise the **Red Flag** on the pole.



STEP 3

Park Your Vehicle: Immediately check the **Range Status Signs** on the exterior of the **Shooting House**.

Put your Eye and Ear protection on before entering the shooting house!!!

CAUTION
SAFETY GLASSES AND
HEARING PROTECTION
REQUIRED

STEP 4

The Sign-In Book:

You must sign the club log book each time you come to the range. We suggest you use your First Name and your Club Membership Number. Make sure you note the date, your time of arrival and time of departure. The book is located in the lock box located inside the shooting house. The combination for the lock is **G.U.N.S.**



STEP 5

If You Are Alone:

- ✓ Leave your Firearms locked in your car until you learn what is going on.
- ✓ Take a walk through the **Shooting House** and **Down Range** to check things out.
- ✓ Make sure to close the gate going down range after checking and exiting.
- ✓ Make sure all **Range Signs** on the Shooting House and Action Range Gate are set correctly.
- ✓ And **Remember** if you are alone you are your own **Range Officer**.



STEP 5 CONTINUED:

If Someone Is At The Range:

- ✓ Find out who the acting **Range Officer** is or decide who will be the **Range Officer**.
- ✓ There must be an active **Range Officer** on duty at all times on all **Ranges**.
- ✓ These persons will be **RESPONSIBLE** for the **SAFETY** of **EVERYONE**.
- ✓ Make sure all **Signs** on the **Shooting House** and **Action Range Gate** are **Set Correctly**.
- ✓ **Sign-In** in to the **sign-in book**.



STEP 5 CONTINUED:

If Someone Is At The Range:

- ✓ If you plan on using the rifle Positions (Stations 12 & 13) turn the **Range 2 Sign** to **In Use** and the **Range 3 Sign** to **Closed**. Also change the sign on the Gate to warn people that the rifle range is live.
- ✓ When the 90 yard range is open the shooting house **Range Officer** is responsible for the **Entire Shooting House** including the **90 Yard Rifle Positions (Stations 12 & 13)**.
- ✓ Make sure all **Signs** on the **Shooting House** and **Action Range Gate** are **Set Correctly**.



STEP 6

Safe Area and Table:

The **Safe Area** is the main area for “**the Packing and Unpacking of Firearms**”. This is also the place where all work on firearms should be undertaken. Shooters may also use a shooting station to Pack and Unpack their Firearms

NOTE: NO LIVE AMMO IS ALLOWED IN THE SAFE AREA!!!!!!!
This includes Dummy Rounds.



STEP 6 CONTINUED:

Unpack: Unpack your firearm onto the safe table. Remove the trigger lock, **PROVE** your firearm safe and make any necessary repairs or adjustments. This may also be done at the firing line with the Range Officers approval. If you leave any of your firearms in the **Safe Area** the **Action must be left Open** and the **Magazine Must be Removed** if the **Trigger Lock is Removed**.



STEP 7

Firing Line: Ask the range officer for permission to move one of your firearms to the firing line or to **Holster Your Firearm** so you can move it to the **Firing Line**. Usually only **one firearm per person** is allowed on the firing line at any given time. When moving your pistol to the firing line **the Action Must Be Open, the Muzzle Must Be Pointed in a Safe Direction (THE FLOOR)** and the pistol must not have a Magazine Inserted.



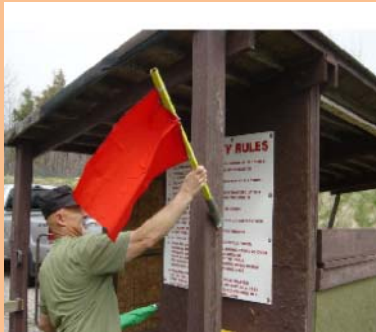
STEP 8

Firing Line: Place your **Firearm** on the **Firing Line Bench** assigned to you and wait or ask for instructions from the **Range Officer**. Just because the Range Officer allowed you to place your firearm on the line does **NOT** give you permission to begin shooting or loading your firearms. Step back from the firing line while waiting. This makes it easier for the Range Officer to see what is going on.



STEP 9

Range Flags: There are **RED** and **GREEN** **Flags and Holders** located in between **Shooting Positions #7 & #8** near the gate. These flags are provided to indicate the status of the range. The club is currently working on installing a light system to indicate range status as well. A **RED FLAG/LIGHT** must be up when the range is **ACTIVE (Possible Shooting in Progress)** and the **GREEN FLAG/LIGHT** indicates **no shooting in progress**. It is primarily the responsibility of the **Range Officer** to make sure the flags are used. But remember, **All Members Are Responsible For Safety!!!**



STEP 10

Targets: Place your targets. Ask the Range Officer for permission to put up a target to shoot at. It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ASK PERMISSION** before going down range for any reason. Just because the flag may be green does not mean it is safe.

ASK FIRST!!!



STEP 11

Targets Continued: After you have put up your target you may return to the shooting house, but you may not approach the **Firing Line** or handle your firearm until authorized by the **Range Officer**. **IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON BACK TO THE SHOOTING HOUSE AFTER YOU HAVE PUT UP YOUR TARGET INFORM THE RANGE OFFICER THAT YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON BACK!!!**

STEP 12

Shooting: Upon the command of the **Range Officer** you may move up to the **Firing Line** and handle your firearms. You must **LISTEN CAREFULLY** as each range officer may have his own way of proceeding at this point. **DO NOT LOAD OR SHOOT** before the **Range Officer Gives the Command**.



Common Range Commands Are:

- Range is Going Hot
- Eyes and Ears
- Shooters May Approach the Line
- Load and Make Ready
- Fire When Ready
- Last String
- Cease Fire

STEP 13

Check Your Target: After you have finished shooting make your firearm safe and step back from the **Firing Line**. When all shooting is finished the **Range Officer will check and prove all firearms safe**. Only then will the **Flag** be changed to **Green** and shooters will be permitted to go down range to check their targets and replace if necessary.



STEP 14

Finished Shooting: You must now ask the Range Officer for permission to remove your gun from the firing line. **P.R.O.V.E** it safe before packing it away.



Semi-Auto Pistol



Empty Magazine Well



Double Action Revolver



Single Action Revolver

STEP 15

Clean Up: Clean up after yourself. Sweep up all your empty brass and put them in the **White Plastic Bucket**. Dispose of your used targets and empty the garbage cans into the outside dumpster.

If too much brass is accumulating on the floor during the shoot inform the Range Officer or call a cease fire in order to clean up. To much brass on the floor can become unsafe as a shooter could trip and fall while shooting or handling their firearms!!!



STEP 16

Finishing Up (If you are the last to leave):

- ✓ Secure and Store all Range Flags.
- ✓ Sign out noting the time and number of rounds fired.
- ✓ Return the Log Book to the locked box ensuring that the box is locked.
- ✓ Make sure all Gates are closed and that all shot targets are removed from stands and placed in the garbage.
- ✓ Flip the Sign of the Range you were using to “CLOSED”.
- ✓ **Remember it is your Range So Treat as Such. Clean Up and Respect Others!!!!!!**



STEP 17

Range Status Sign: Flip the range status sign from IN USE to CLOSED. Lower the **RED Main Range Flag**.



STEP 18

Range Gate: Lock the gate before you leave.

NOTE: The Speed Limit on Pinegrove is 50km/h. Please Respect our Neighbours and Don't Speed. Please **NO** Loud Music and Waive and Smile!!!



STEP 19

Have a nice day. And come again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

STEP 20

Please review these steps over and over by viewing the **Huroniah Handgun Club Range Procedures Video** on our website at www.huroniahandgunclub.com.

Also check out our other content such as our calendar, course offerings, current and upcoming events.

www.huroniahandgunclub.com

Holster Policy

Holster policy varies from one gun club to the next. Some gun clubs do not allow holsters while others allow almost anything. The reason for this difference is Safety. The use of holsters can **(IF USED INCORRECTLY)** increase the potential for incidents. However the executive of the Huronia Hand Gun Club believes that if used correctly a holster in fact can increase the margin of safety for both club members and the general public. At the Huronia Handgun Club we have attempted to create a holster policy that maximizes safety and yet makes for a more enjoyable experience for the member.

General Holster Policy

- All holstered firearms must be unloaded with Magazines Removed.
- The holster must be of an approved type.
- Firearms may not be removed from the holster except at the firing line.
- Once the unloaded firearm is holstered it must not be handled unless the club member is at the firing line or the safe table.
- All members who wish to shoot from a holster must pass the Huronia Hand Gun Club Holster Certification Course or equivalent.

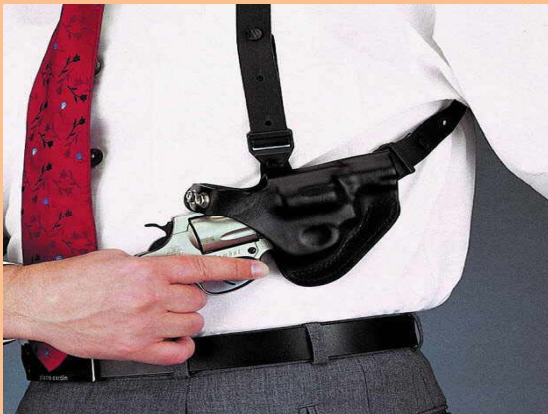
Approved Holster Use

- Holsters are Available in Hundreds of Styles.
- Only a small number of holsters available are allowed on the Range.
- The basic requirement is that the holster **MUST** be worn on the Leg or Hip.
- The Holster **MUST** be secured and the Firearm **MUST** fit snugly.
- The following Photos show Examples of Holsters that would be Suitable for use on our Range.



NON-APPROVED HOLSTERS

The Holsters shown in the photos below “**Would Not Be Allowed**” on the Range as they are **Considered Unsafe**. The reason for this is that there is **No Way** to remove the Firearm from the Holster without Pointing it in an **Unsafe Direction** or **Sweeping** another member and yourself.



ACTION RANGE APPROVAL

- The Action Range is for Approved Members only. To use the Action Range club members must have completed other additional safety courses.
- The Action Range is a much more dynamic environment than the Shooting House so extra care must be taken when using the Action Range. **Safe muzzle direction is imperative as no rounds are to leave the range area at any time.**
- Special Events such as IPSC, IDPA, PPC and Cowboy will operate at the Action Range according to the rules used for that kind of shooting event.



Regular Annual Course Offerings:

- ❖ Club Level Safety Course
- ❖ Range Officer Course
- ❖ Basic Hand Gun Handling Course
 - ❖ Holster Course
 - ❖ Action Range Course
- ❖ Advanced Hand Gun Course
- ❖ Introduction to Three Gun Course
- ❖ Introduction to IPSC Course
 - ❖ Trauma Course
- ❖ Cowboy Action Course
- ❖ Black Badge Course
 - ❖ PAL Course
 - ❖ RPAL Course
- ❖ Hunter Safety Course

Specialty Shooting Courses Are Also Available!!!



“We have a nice little club where we are able to have fun shooting. Let’s all try to keep a good thing going.”

“Have fun and safe shooting!!!”

Ernest Reid-President Huronia Hand Gun Club

Bibliography

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- The Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights (Mission and Vision Statements Along With Public Education)
- The Canadian Firearms Institute (Use of Holster Training and Action Shooting Basics)
- The National Firearms Association (Legal and Legislative Reports Along With Club Insurance)
- Shooting Federation of Canada (Rifle and Pistol Coaching and Marksmanship Training Basics)
- Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (Safe Outdoor Handling, Use of Rifles and Shotguns)
- The Chief Firearms Office of Ontario (Safe Range Layout and Recommended Use Guidelines)
- The Simcoe County Gun Club of Midland Ontario (Original Range Safety Course and Orientation Guidelines)
- The Firearms Safety Education Service of Ontario (Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course - Acts & Prove)
- RCMP / Canadian Firearms Program (Registration / Transportation / Storage of Restricted Firearms & Ammo)
- International Practical Shooting Confederation of Canada (Practical Pistol Guidelines and Introduction to Black Badge)

Huronia Hand Gun Club Training Sign-Off Sheet for Prospective Members

Print Name: _____ **Card Number:** _____

In order to assure that prospective club members are able to use the range in a safe and effective manner they are required to complete 3 successful shooting sessions for a total of 8 hrs of live fire under the supervision of a Club Safety Instructor. After completing this training, the Club Executive will either make recommendations for further instruction or grant probationary membership in accordance with club by-laws. The required training sign-offs are listed below. Remember to submit this sign-off sheet to the Club Executive on completion for final review.

Session 1 will be a 6 hour shoot conducted under the **direct supervision** of a Club Safety Instructor. Each Prospective Member is required to complete the following:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| A - Single Action Revolver | D - Striker Fired Semi-Auto |
| B - Double Action Revolver | E - Rifle/Shotgun Handling |
| C - Single Action Semi-Auto | F -Double Action Semi-Auto |

Session #2 and #3 will be conducted with any firearm the Prospective Member requests under the supervision of a Club Safety Instructor. Note that N.I. = Needs Improvement

Session Number	Supervising Member (Print Name)	Session Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	Competency Level Satisfactory or N.I.	Supervising Member (Signature)
#1a				
#1b				
#1c				
#1d				
#1e				
#1f				
#2				
#3				
Test				

Overall Result: Successful Improvement Plan Required Unsuccessful

_____ has completed his/her Training and is granted PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP with the Huronia Hand Gun Club in accordance with Club By-Laws.

Date Issued: _____ Executive Signature: _____