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Message from the CRO

Membership in River Bend Gun Club is a privilege that is based on your safe and responsible use of the Club. Failing to do so will place your membership at risk of being suspended or terminated. We have several ROs who are responsible for checking sign-ins and policing the property to ensure that our rules are followed and that non-members are not accessing the club unattended. Many of these ROs are also the ones who donate their time to ensure that there are organized activities for you to participate in and that ranges are correctly set up and maintained. From time to time one of these Club officials may approach you with comments or concerns about a situation on the range. I am confident that you will find their tone appropriate for the situation; elevated when they feel an immediate resolution is needed and relaxed when the situation is not one of immediate concern. These ROs know the rules and are empowered by the Board to act on behalf of the Club Manager and CRO. Please recognize that they are volunteers giving their time to ensure that RBGC is a safe place to shoot for everyone and moreover that they are the authority on the range. Meeting an ROs comments or concerns with an argumentative or combative attitude will not be tolerated under any circumstances. I recognize that many of you have many years of experience with firearms and are competent shooters but the rules of River Bend Gun Club are non-negotiable and, while some may consider them restrictive, they are designed to make sure everyone enjoys shooting sports safely and goes home as healthy as they arrive.

Thank you for your support.

Mark Leeber

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IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANY OF THESE RULES DO NOT USE THE RANGE UNTIL YOU HAVE ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION OR CLARIFICATION.

MEMBER BADGES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. Badges and gate cards are the property of River Bend Gun Club and members who are asked to surrender them by a club official must do so immediately or risk exacerbating whatever situation created the request to begin with.

Members are responsible for knowing and adhering to these rules. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse for not following them. It is recommended that every member keep a copy of the Range Rules in all of their shooting bags for reference and we further recommend that you keep one in your glove box.

These rules are current as of the date indicated at the top of each page; however, they may be revised from time to time. The Club's most current Range Rules can be found at our web site: www.rbgc.org. *Members are responsible for visiting the web site and keeping themselves current on the rules of RBGC.*

A list of Club Officers, Directors and Match Directors, along with the ability to email them, can be found on the Web Site under Member Services and the subheadings Club Officer Contact Information or Range Officer Information link.

Please do not assume that because you find a shotgun shell or rifle case on a range that you may shoot a rifle or shotgun on that range. Use this rule book to determine where you may shoot your firearm. Furthermore do not emulate the actions of others assuming that they know the rules. Once again, ignorance of the rules will not be tolerated

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1. GENERAL RULES

Members are encouraged to use the facilities of the River Bend Gun Club (RBGC or "the Club") as often as they like. These rules are intended to make our activities safe, convenient, and enjoyable for everyone. Please follow the rules of safe gun handling, common sense, safety, and follow all rules on Guests.

1.1 - Speed Limit

The **speed limit** on all club roads is **15 mph**. Vehicles may not be driven on any range, including firing points, except for maintenance or as necessary during matches under the direction of an appointed RO. The Club Manager or Chief Range Officer (CRO) may approve exceptions for physically handicapped members.

1.2 - Drugs and Alcohol

The **possession or use of illegal drugs** under any circumstances is **prohibited** on Club property. Violation of this rule by any member will result in permanent expulsion from the Club. Violation by any guest will result in permanent expulsion from Club property for both the member and guest.

Consumption of alcohol before or during shooting is **prohibited**. Any member who consumes any alcohol immediately prior to or during shooting shall be expelled permanently from the Club. Any member handling any firearm of any type during or immediately after consumption of alcohol shall be suspended for a period of not less than 180 days. Violation by any guest will result in permanent expulsion of the guest from Club property and a suspension of the member who brought the guest for not less than 180 days.

1.3 - Club Property and Buildings

Only Club officers or authorized maintenance personnel may open locked buildings. Closed gates indicating that a range or ranges are closed may not be opened by anyone but a Club officer. The willful destruction of club property by any means will result in immediate and permanent expulsion from the Club.

1.4 - Organized or Group Events

Group matches, clinics, events and structured activities must be authorized and approved by the CRO and/or the Club's Board of Directors. All events and attendees must comply with all regulations established by the CRO and/or Board for their conduct.

1.5 - Training

Under no circumstances may any member or guest offer fee based training on Club property without prior approval from the CRO and/or Board of Directors.

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Under no circumstances may any member present himself or herself as a firearms trainer in any capacity and offer free or fee based training on Club property to members or non-members.

No member may engage the services of a firearms instructor, certified or not, with the agreement that the instructor may provide their services at the Club without prior consent of the CRO and/or Board of Directors.

** RBGC will offer organized training to the membership in the near future to address this need.

1.6 - Firearms and Ammunition not permitted

National Firearms Act (NFA) "**Class III**" **firearms** with full-automatic-fire capability may **not** be fired in full-automatic mode **nor** may **military ordnance**, as defined in section 3.1 of these rules be fired on any range at RBGC.

Firing the following types of ammunition is **prohibited** on all Club ranges:

<p style="text-align: center;">tracer rounds armor-piercing rounds flechette rounds exploding rounds Buckshot Shotgun Shot larger than #2 Steel Shot</p>

1.7 - Suppressors

Silencers, noise suppressors or cans may be used on any firearm appropriate for the range it is being used on. For example a 22 pistol with a suppressor may be used on any range where a 22 pistol may be used. If you bring a suppressor on club property please be prepared to present the ATF paperwork if asked by any club official. Do not bring suppressors to the gun club without the appropriate paperwork. Under no circumstances should silencers without the proper paperwork be brought to the club. Under no circumstances should a member or guest use an improvised silencer on club property. **USE OF ANY ATF RESTRICTED FIREARM AT RIVER BEND WITHOUT THE CORRECT PAPERWORK IN YOUR POSSESSION IS A VIOLATION OF THE CLUB RULES AND WILL BE TREATED LIKE ANY OTHER RULES VIOLATION.**

1.8 - Short Barreled Rifles or Shotguns

Short-barreled rifles, those with barrel lengths under 16 inches, may be used on any "rifle appropriate" range provided you have the ATF paperwork for the gun. Short-barreled shotguns, those with barrels less than 18 inches, are not allowed on the Trap, Skeet, Five Stand or Sporting Clays courses under any

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circumstances. Short-Barreled shotguns may be used on other bays appropriate for 3-Gun activities provided you have the ATF paperwork with you. USE OF ANY ATF RESTRICTED FIREARM AT RIVER BEND WITHOUT THE CORRECT PAPERWORK IN YOUR POSSESSION IS A VIOLATION OF THE CLUB RULES AND WILL BE TREATED LIKE ANY OTHER RULES VIOLATION.

1.9 - Super Guns

Super Guns is the category given to those guns that shoot heavy jacketed bullets very fast and have an extreme range making them especially dangerous in the hands of inexperienced shooters who may not be able to ensure the bullet impacts a berm with every shot. These guns are chambered to shoot rounds that include but are not limited to 338 Lapua Magnum, 416 Barrett, and 50 BMG. As new rounds are brought to market this list may be expanded and every member should assume that any round designed to deliver a jacketed bullet weighting over 300 grains with a muzzle velocity of 2900 FPS or greater will fall into this category. To shoot any of these rifles at River Bend Gun Club you must first receive approval from the CRO by demonstrating competence with your firearm. The Super Gun “check-out” should be scheduled with the CRO. Members who have not been approved by the CRO and Guests are not permitted to shoot these guns at River Bend under any circumstances.

1.10 - Club Matches

RBGC has a very active match schedule on every weekend of the month. The match schedule is posted on the RBGC web site. Scheduled matches take precedence over all other activities. In very few cases ranges may be closed the afternoon before a match for setup in which case the range will be closed from the afternoon before the match until the match is complete and all tear down is done. In most cases matches are scheduled such that there is always another range that can be used, for example if MP-2 is closed MP-1 will be available. In the case of matches that span multiple bays on a range the entire range is closed to the general membership even if some of the bays are empty. It is critical for safety reasons that all firearms on the “Match” range are under the control of the Range Officers. You are encouraged to check the calendar before you make plans involving a specific range on the weekend.

For major matches hosted at River Bend, like State, Area, and National level championships, a range may be closed for several days prior to the beginning and several days after the end of such a match. This schedule will also be posted on the Web Site.

1.11 - Police Activities

RBGC has fee based agreements with several of the local Police departments to use a very limited number of our ranges Monday thru Thursday. Under no

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circumstances should members intrude on the training activities of these Law Enforcement agencies. If there is a concern about a situation on a range occupied by the police the concern should be escalated thru the CRO or Club Manager who will take appropriate action. Police training activities may be allowed to deviate from the published firearm, ammunition, or caliber restrictions on a specific range during their use of that range. These deviations are pre-approved by the CRO and DO NOT extend to the membership of RBGC. If you see a police car parked on a range that does not mean members may do so. If you see the police training with rifles on a pistol only bay that does not mean the membership of RBGC may do so. The rules contained in these pages are the rules of the River Bend Gun Club as they pertain to Member use of the Club.

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2. CLUB USAGE RULES

2.1 - Members

The Member is the one whose name is on the membership application that was initially submitted and approved. The member is the only one with guest privileges. Every Member must legibly sign-in at every range on every visit as soon as they arrive at the range. When signing in, the Member must provide the date, time, and circle "Mem" or place an "M" in the member/guest column of the sign-in sheet indicating that they are a Member.

Membership cards must be visible at all times while on Club property. Lost cards will be replaced upon request. Members unable to produce a current membership card and any unaccompanied visitors will be asked to leave.

Members pay for the privilege of shooting at RBGC and are expected to see that other range users are wearing current membership cards or are the guests of, and accompanied by, a member. Any person without a current membership card or valid temporary range usage card, or unaccompanied by a host member, should be asked to leave the ranges immediately. If you do not feel comfortable asking an unauthorized person to leave Club premises, please notify a Club official (Club Manager, CRO or a Range Officer) as soon as possible.

2.2 - Family Members of a Member

2.2.1 - Spouse

A member's spouse may use the Club when accompanying the Member to the Club. Additionally a Spouse may take the range tour and after successful completion receive a membership badge of their own. After receiving their badge the spouse may use the Club without the Member accompanying them however there is only one gate key issued per membership. The spouse may not bring guests. Spouses of Members must legibly sign-in at every range on every visit as soon as they arrive at the range. When signing in the Spouse must provide the date, time, and circle "Mem" or place an "M" in the member/guest column of the sign-in sheet indicating that they are the Spouse of a Member. In the case of divorce the Spouse loses all privileges to the Club. In the case where a Spouse does not have their own ID card and has not completed the range tour they must stay on the same range or bay as the member and cannot be in a different area of the club.

2.2.2 - Dependent Children

The dependent children of a member have no privileges at the Club. To qualify as a dependent a child must be claimed as a dependent on the

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member's tax return for the current year. Dependent Children of the Member may be brought to the Club by the Member or the Spouse provided the Spouse has completed the Range Tour and has their own badge. At no time is a Dependent Child allowed to use any range unaccompanied or unsupervised. The Member or Spouse is responsible for all actions of the child and must accompany the child at all times. While a Dependent Child is shooting the Member or Spouse may not be shooting but must be supervising the child. Dependent children of Members must legibly sign-in at every range on every visit as soon as they arrive at the range. When signing in the Dependent Child of a Member must provide the date, time, and circle "Mem" or place an "M" in the member/guest column of the sign-in sheet indicating that they are the Dependent Child of a Member. In the case where the Spouse does not have their own badge and has not completed the range tour they may not take any dependent children to another area of the club.

2.2.3 - Grandchildren

The grandchildren of a member have no privileges at the Club. Grandchildren of the Member who are under 18 years of age may be brought to the club by the Member or the Spouse provided the Spouse has completed the Range Tour and has their own badge. At no time is a grandchild allowed to use any range unaccompanied or unsupervised. The Member or Spouse is responsible for all actions of the grandchild and must accompany the grandchild at all times. While a grandchild is shooting the Member or Spouse may not be shooting but must be supervising the grandchild. Grandchildren of Members must legibly sign-in at every range on every visit as soon as they arrive at the range. When signing in the grandchild of a Member must provide the date, time, and circle "Mem" or place an "M" in the member/guest column of the sign-in sheet indicating that they are the grandchild of a Member. In the case where the Spouse does not have their own badge and has not completed the range tour they may not take any grandchildren to another area of the club.

2.3 - Guests of a Member

A Guest is anyone on Club property who is not a member, Spouse of a Member, dependent child of a Member or grandchild of a member. Members may bring up to two guests to the Club during any one visit. Non-shooting guests are still guests and count toward the limit of two per visit. The Member is responsible for every action of their guest(s). Guests must legibly sign-in immediately underneath the Member and indicate their guest status at every range on every visit as soon as they arrive at the range. The sign-in sheet is a waiver of liability and all guests by signing-in are agreeing to the terms. Every Member bringing a guest needs to point out to the guest that the sign in sheet is a waiver. In the case that a Guest refuses the terms of the waiver they are to be escorted off the property by the Member and the Guest forfeits the privilege to return to the Club.

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Members must accompany their Guests at all times and are not to shoot while their Guest is shooting. Only one guest may be shooting at a time. Non-shooting visitors are considered guests, must sign in as any other guest, and their presence counts toward the limit of two guests per visit.

Guests are limited to a total of three visits. After three visits as a guest of any member visitors are expected to complete an application and apply for membership or join the waiting list. A visitor may not visit as a guest more than three times by accompanying different members. The three visit limit is cumulative irrelevant of who the host Member is.

The Spouse of a Member or dependent children of Members may not under any circumstances bring guests. The Member is the only one with guest privileges.

2.4 - Hours of Operation

Club hours are from sunrise to sunset on all ranges except the shotgun ranges, which are open with automatic traps on certain days of the week, light and weather permitting (check the *Bullet-In* monthly for scheduled days and hours of operation). Evening shooting (until 9:00 p.m.) will be scheduled periodically on the lighted field - watch your newsletter or contact the shotgun Manager for current schedules.

2.5 - Club Safety Rules and Range Etiquette

This section covers rules that apply to the Club as a whole; rules for specific ranges are found in section 4.

Range safety is a must for RBGC to remain a safe place to shoot. All members and guests are expected to follow the Club's rules, and all members share the responsibility to enforce these rules. If you see dangerous or prohibited activity taking place, speak to the person(s) involved - they may simply be unaware of the danger or rule violation. A gentle reminder is better than an accident or a lawsuit.

If it is not possible to correct any safety or rule violation problem diplomatically, note the name and/or description of the individual, the make, model and license number of their car, or anything else that will help club officials identify the member and immediately notify the range officer responsible for the specific range, the CRO or the Club Manager. Also report any damage to Club property to a Club officer.

2.5.1 - Basic Safety Rules

The following basic safety rules apply on all ranges at all times:

- Always assume every gun is loaded until you can see that it is not.

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- Always keep your firearm's muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Be sure your firearm is mechanically safe to operate.
- Know how to use your gun safely.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
- Keep your gun unloaded with the action open until you are ready to shoot.
- Only load your firearm at the firing line.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- Always know what your bullet will hit and where it should stop.
- Shoot only at targets that will not cause injury.
- Fire only from a shooting bench or from **directly** behind the firing line.
- Stop firing **immediately** if any person on the range moves forward of the firing line or forward of any muzzle of any firearm while shooting is in progress or if an animal wanders onto the range.
- When **you** are not currently shooting, stay behind the muzzles of all firearms in use.
- A Firearm may never be discharged at anytime or on any range in front of the specified firing line.
- **Do not handle any firearm on the firing line when people are down-range or forward of firing points or when the red lights indicating a cold range are flashing.**
- Pick a firing point lined up with your target and a nearby backstop so you can shoot straight down the range (firing diagonally across the range could result in ricochets or bullets leaving the range over a side berm).
- **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU USE TARGET FRAMES OR OTHER FIXED ITEMS AS TARGETS, DESTROYING CLUB PROPERTY WILL RESULT IN YOUR PERMANENT SUSPENSION FROM RIVER BEND GUN CLUB.**

2.5.2 - Rules for Carrying Firearms to and from the Ranges

Only firearms appropriate for use on a given range may be present on that range. When firearms are carried in a vehicle or moved between vehicles and ranges they must be unloaded and carried in an appropriate case, gun rug, or shooting cart. If they are not in a case, gun rug, or shooting cart the action MUST be open and there MUST be an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) in the action or the bolt must be completely removed. Every member is given 2 ECIs during the Range Safety Tour and they are available for sale on Shotgun Hill.

During official River Bend matches overseen by RBGC ROs and sanctioned by the CRO or Board of Directors competitors may carry their unloaded handguns from the parking area to the range in appropriate holsters.

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Unloaded handguns may be carried in appropriate holsters within the match shooting and parking areas during match operation only. Pistols in holsters may not have a magazine (even an empty one) in the gun unless on the firing line under the direct command of a Range Officer. Shotguns and rifles must be unloaded, and on a cart, in a case, have the bolt removed, or have an ECI in the action.

Note: For ALL non-match shooting ALL FIREARMS must be taken from the parking area to the range in a case, gun rug, on a cart, or uncased with the action open and an ECI inserted or bolt completely removed. Pistols may not be worn in holsters outside the confines of the range being used.

Shoulder holsters are prohibited except in the case of full-time law enforcement personnel who are clearly identifiable by a uniform, displayed badge or other official ID. Such persons may carry their weapons in a loaded condition; however, no other person may carry a loaded weapon of any kind on Club property except when on a firing line or in the case of Cowboy action when moving from a loading area to a firing line, and only in accordance with accepted practices of disciplines routinely shot at the Club. Furthermore, empty handguns carried in a holster may not be carried in a “cocked and locked” condition.

All guns not on an active firing line must remain unloaded.

A loaded firearm must never be left unattended.
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2.5.3 - Range Cold Indicators - Flashing Lights

Some of the ranges are equipped with flashing red lights to indicate the range is cold. Under no circumstances should anyone cross the firing line without these lights on.

Under no circumstances should anyone handle a firearm on the firing line while these lights are on. If you are ready to leave or clean your gun when asked to make the range cold indicate that you need a few minutes to unload and remove your gun from the line while the range is still hot. If you are switching guns ensure that the gun on the line is unloaded with the bolt open and ECI inserted and move it to a rear table then, making sure that the bolt on the other gun is open and an ECI inserted, bring that from the rear table to the line. Once your switch is complete step away from the line and your part in making the range cold is complete.

When the red lights are flashing nobody should be seated at a bench on the firing line, fiddling with a gun on the firing line, or moving items back and forth from the firing line to the rear tables. Ranges may be equipped with Red

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Lines painted down the center from left to right. While the range is cold everyone on the range must stay behind the red line except to go down range and hang targets.

2.5.3.1 - Making the range cold

The following is the procedure for calling a range cold.

When arriving at a range where others are present and shooting:

1. Sign-in and make sure any family members or guests sign-in.
2. Unload your gear and arrange it on the appropriate tables.
3. All firearms should be brought from your car to the range in cases or gun rugs. If they are not in a case, gun rug, or shooting cart the action MUST be open and there MUST be an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) in the action or the bolt must be completely removed.
4. Upon opening the gun case open and if possible remove the bolt of the firearm, there should never be a magazine in the gun when you arrive at the range. Rifles on MP-1 or MP-2 should have the muzzle pointed into the corn field with the bolt open when on the middle or rear table or at the back berm when on the firing line. An ECI should be in every rifle not in immediate use.
5. After organizing your gear and collecting your targets and stapler check with each individual on the range asking if you can make the range cold to set targets.
6. Once you get a confirmation from each person on the range, even those not seated at a bench or involved in shooting, position yourself at the red switch that controls the flashing lights.
7. Make eye contact down both ends of the range announcing "Range Cold" loud enough for everyone to hear and listen for their acknowledgement.
8. Turn on the lights.
9. Before going down range ensure that there is nobody seated at a bench on the firing line.
10. Proceed down range and properly set your targets setting enough for at least 20 minutes of shooting.
11. Return to the shooting area staying clear of the firing line and benches at the line.
12. Once everyone has returned from downrange check with each person to ensure they are ready to make the range hot.
13. Once everyone is has agreed to go hot position yourself at the red switch making eye contact down both ends of the range and announce "Range is Hot" loud enough for everyone to hear and acknowledge.

If when you arrive the range is already cold:

1. Sign-in and make sure any family members or guests sign-in.

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2. Make sure that there is nobody at the switch about to make the range hot and if there is ask if he will maintain the cold range while you set your targets.
3. Follow steps 9-13 above

If when you arrive the range is empty start at number 1 above and proceed to 13 only eliminating steps 5 and 12. Please Note: someone may have arrived after you were already placing targets and you did not see them go down range to set their targets. Before making the range hot visually scan downrange left to right and announce loud enough for anyone to hear "Range going Hot" followed by "Range is Hot".

2.5.4 - Range Etiquette

The following rules will help ensure safety and enjoyment by all on the range.

- Prearrange for supervision of your children not shooting with you, and of your pets, before you set up for shooting - they are not allowed on Club property unattended. Furthermore, barking dogs are an annoyance to other members, if your dog is prone to barking when leashed please leave it at home.
- Open the action of all firearms and insert an ECI immediately after removing them from their cases.
- Keep all firearms pointed in a safe direction and down-range only when at a firing point.
- When moving firearms from a staging area to a firing line the muzzle should be pointed straight up in the air.
- Be considerate of others - set enough targets at one time to shoot for 20 to 30 minutes.
- Observe the rules for proper target positioning (see next section).
- Do not drive your vehicle on the range, including firing points, unless you have been approved to do so, due to a physical handicap, by a Club officer.
- **Personally make sure that every shooter using the range understands that the firing line has been cleared before moving down range.**
- **Before calling the firing line "hot" again, personally verify that each shooter knows that the line is going hot.**
- Use a rate of fire that will not result in damage to the target frames - the maximum rate of rifle fire from a prone or sitting position (and only when using a military sling) is **ten shots in 60 seconds**. **Rapid fire** from an offhand position is not permitted at any time.
- Keep your projectiles within the confines of the range.
- Clean up your targets when you finish shooting, and put them in a trash can.
- Police your firing area before leaving - the Club does not have a

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sanitation staff, so members are expected to leave the ranges at least as clean as they found them.

- **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU USE TARGET FRAMES OR OTHER FIXED ITEMS AS TARGETS, DESTROYING CLUB PROPERTY WILL RESULT IN YOUR PERMANENT SUSPENSION FROM RIVER BEND GUN CLUB.**

2.6 - Acceptable Target Types and Positioning

Paper targets are acceptable on every range except the shotgun ranges (however, large 40" x 40" backer paper may be used on the shotgun patterning board - see section 4.8).

Center paper targets on frames to prevent damage to the frame structure, and place them high enough so that the bullet will impact the backstop and not the ground. Keep target frames and supports near a backstop - this helps prevent ricochets.

Cans, wood blocks, plastic, cardboard, paper boxes and other such materials are acceptable as targets only on the Plinking ranges. Be careful to position all such targets near the backstop to prevent ricochets. Anyone using such items as targets must clean up the range before leaving.

"Pepper poppers" and heavy metal plates are only acceptable on the Action Pistol Range, the Cowboy Ranges, the Action Complex, or the Steel Plate ranges. Be very careful with these targets - ricochets are common, and lead splatter from steel plates is a serious hazard. Keep targets near the backstop to limit danger. Shooters should stay at least 12 yards (36 feet) away from metal plate targets and should always wear eye protection. Spectators must stand back from the firing line and also wear eye protection.

Metal silhouette and spinning metal targets for informal practice are also acceptable on the Plinking, Action Pistol, Action Complex, and Steel Plate ranges (for pistols only! - metal targets can be severely damaged by rifle fire).

The following types of targets are **unacceptable**:

- drainage pipes, number markers, range equipment and structures, or any other Club property;
- live trees or animals;
- Any Fruit or Produce;
- glass bottles, china plates, ceramic jugs, etc., which could produce flying fragments and small, long-term, hazardous debris;
- rocks, concrete, stones, railroad rails and heavy metal items - the great risk of ricochets from such would endanger not only fellow club members but also our neighbors, and consequently the Club's existence.

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Placing targets on top of the backstop of any range, or shooting at objects located on a backstop, is **prohibited**.

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3. FIREARM CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

Any firearm should fall into one or more of the following categories according to its physical configuration or its usage. If you cannot determine which category your firearm belongs to, ask a range officer, the CRO or the Club Manager.

3.1 - Military or Police Ordnance

Firearms (excluding black powder firearms) with military or police projectiles larger than .45 caliber (specifically including 14.5 mm Russian antitank rounds, 20 mm or larger cannon shells or variations thereof, rockets, mortars, grenades, explosive rounds and similar ordnance) **may NOT** be fired on Club property. Any member wishing to fire a .50 cal. BMG rifle (Super Gun) must contact the CRO for certification before firing it at the range. After being certified, the .50 cal. BMG may **only** be fired on the High-Powered (HP) range, Multipurpose 1 (MP1) range, or Multipurpose (MP2) range. When MP1 is used, a buffer zone of six benches (the three adjacent benches on each side of the firing point) must be kept **empty**. If another shooter needs one of the benches in the buffer zone, the .50 cal. BMG shooter must stop firing and allow the other shooter to use the bench. When MP2 is used, the right most position must be used and the barrier must be up between the rightmost bench and the 2nd bench.

Prohibited Ammunition: tracer, armor-piercing, flechette or exploding rounds, double-aught (00) buckshot, or any other ammunition deemed unacceptable by the Club Manager or CRO may be NOT be fired at any time.

3.2 - Automatic Firearms

Firearms capable of full-automatic fire or requiring a "Class III" Federal Firearms License may **not** be fired in the full-automatic mode on any range at RBGC. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule.

3.3 - Handgun Categories

3.3.1 - Black Powder Cartridge Handguns

Pistols or revolvers firing cartridges loaded with black powder, Pyrodex, or other substitute propellant for black powder.

3.3.2 - Defense Handguns

These are typically pistols or revolvers with fixed or adjustable sights and barrels less than 4 inches long.

3.3.3 - Hunting, Varmint or Silhouette Handguns

Handguns with factory muzzle velocities over 1600 feet per second or muzzle

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energies above 600 ft-lbs and equipped with telescopic sights.

3.3.4 - Target Handguns

These are typically pistols or revolvers with adjustable sights and barrels at least 4 inches long.

3.3.5 - Muzzle-Loading Handguns

Pistols or revolvers loaded from the muzzle or front of the chamber using black powder, Pyrodex, or other substitute propellant for black powder.

3.4 - Rifle Categories

3.4.1 - Black Powder Cartridge Rifles

Long-barreled muzzle-loading or cartridge guns using black powder or a propellant (such as Pyrodex) intended as a substitute for black powder.

3.4.2 - Defensive Rifles

Semiautomatic rifles primarily intended for defensive purposes (to be fired at close range on stationary targets only).

3.4.3 - Military Rifles

Semiautomatic rifles or select-fire rifles (used at RBGC only with semiautomatic selected) typically used by military and police forces; rifle calibers in .308 or smaller and pistol calibers .45ACP or smaller. Examples include but are not limited to: M-16, AR-15, AR-10, M1 Carbine, Mini-14, Mini-30, FAL, SMG, MP-5, and others that are approved for use by the CRO or Board of directors.

3.4.4 - Hunting Rifles

Long-barreled smokeless powder cartridge rifles and which shoot a single bullet with each trigger pull and are designed primarily for hunting.

3.4.5 - Target Rifles

Rifles designed primarily for target shooting, including but not limited to match-grade semiautomatic military rifles (AR-15, M-16, M-14, M-1, M-1A) as well as bolt-action rifles of various calibers, usually equipped with aperture or telescopic sights (this category also includes custom-built bolt-action bench rest rifles featuring heavyweight barrels, very light trigger pulls, wide fore-end stocks and high magnification scopes, in calibers ranging from .17 and up, but usually not exceeding .308 caliber).

3.4.6 - Super Guns

Super Guns is the category given to those guns that shoot heavy jacketed bullets very fast and have an extreme range making them especially

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dangerous in the hands of inexperienced shooters who may not be able to ensure the bullet impacts a berm with every shot. These guns shoot rounds that include but are not limited to 338 Lapua Magnum, 416 Barrett, and 50 BMG. As new rounds are brought to market this list may be expanded and every member should assume that any round designed to deliver a jacketed bullet weighting over 300 grains with a muzzle velocity of 2900 FPS or greater will fall into this category. **To shoot any of these rifles at River Bend Gun Club you must first receive approval from the CRO by demonstrating competence with your firearm.** The Super Gun check-out should be scheduled with the CRO. Guests are not permitted to shoot these guns at River Bend under any circumstances.

3.4.7 - Short Barreled Rifles

Short-barreled rifles, those with barrel lengths under 16 inches, may be used on any "rifle appropriate" range provided you have the ATF paperwork for the gun. **USE OF ANY ATF RESTRICTED FIREARM AT RIVER BEND WITHOUT THE CORRECT PAPERWORK IN YOUR POSSESSION IS A VIOLATION OF THE CLUB RULES.**

3.5 - Muzzle-Loading Long Guns

Guns with smooth or rifled long barrels loaded from the muzzle using black powder, Pyrodex, or other substitute propellant for black powder. These include the traditional Black Powder or the Modern bolt action Muzzleloaders.

3.6 - Shotgun Categories

3.6.1 - Slug Shotguns

Long-barreled smokeless powder cartridge shotguns that shoot a single slug with each trigger pull and are designed primarily for hunting.

3.6.2 - Target Shotguns

Long-barreled smoothbore guns that shoot multiple pellets with each discharge.

3.6.3 - Defense Shotguns

Shotguns with pistol grips and without shoulder stocks.

3.6.4 - Tactical Shotguns

Smoothbore semiautomatic and pump shotguns typically used by military or police forces. 12 or 20 gauge typically with extended tubular magazines or clip fed actions with either traditional full stocks or full stocks with a pistol grip.

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3.6.5 - Hunting shotguns

Smoothbore guns that shoot multiple pellets with each discharge, designed primarily for small game, upland birds, or waterfowl hunting.

3.6.6 - Short Barreled Shotguns

Short-barreled shotguns, those with barrels less than 18 inches, are not allowed on the Trap, Skeet, Five Stand or Sporting Clays courses under any circumstances. Short-Barreled shotguns may be used on other bays appropriate for 3-Gun activities provided you have the ATF paperwork with you. **USE OF ANY ATF RESTRICTED FIREARM AT RIVER BEND WITHOUT THE CORRECT PAPERWORK IN YOUR POSSESSION IS A VIOLATION OF THE CLUB RULES.**

3.7 - Cowboy Guns

3.7.1 - Cowboy revolver

- Must be a center fire caliber at least .32 and no larger than .45 caliber or percussion calibers of at least .36 caliber and no larger than .45 caliber.
- Standard velocity .22 caliber Rimfire is allowed for junior and buckaroo categories and for side matches.
- Derringer of .22 caliber and larger are allowed and pocket pistols must be .31 caliber or larger and have no swing out cylinder.
- Revolver may be an original or a modern reproduction thereof of a revolver made before 1896.
- During non match activities, any of the following modern revolvers: Colt New Frontier, Ruger Blackhawk, .32 caliber Single Six, or Ruger New Model Bisley (**ammunition shot in these revolvers must also meet the requirements listed below**).

3.7.2 - Cowboy rifle

- Rifles must be in a caliber commonly available in revolvers.
- Standard velocity .22 caliber Rimfire is allowed in the junior and buckaroo categories and for side matches.
- Rifle must be a lever- or slide-action, tube-fed, exposed hammer rifle or carbine manufactured before 1899, or a modern reproduction of such a firearm,
- be chambered for .25 caliber or larger centerfire ammunition of "pistol" type (i.e., **not** 30-30, 30-06, or 45-70), (**ammunition shot in these revolvers must also meet the requirements listed below**).
- have open sights or original-style tang-mounted peep sights,
- have a BATF legal barrel (over 16" long), and
- **not** have a box magazine.

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3.7.3 - Cowboy shotgun

- Shotguns with or without hammers, having single or double triggers of at least 20 gauge and no larger than 10 gauge are allowed.
- Lever action, single barrel, tubular feed, exposed hammer shotguns of the period are allowed, whether original or replicas.
- The only single slide action of at least 16 gauge and no larger than 12 gauge allowed is the Model 1897 Winchester, whether original or replica.
- Side-by-side, single barrel and lever action centerfire shotguns in .410 gauge are allowed in junior or Buckaroo category.
- Shotguns must have a BATF legal barrel (over 18" in length).

3.8 - Archery

The Archery Range at River Bend Gun Club is located against the river on the opposite side of the corn field from MP1 and MP2. Access to the Archery range is the dirt road at the far end of MP1, do not enter this range from any other direction.

3.8.1- Long Bow

A longbow is a type of bow that is tall (roughly equal to the height of a person who uses it), is not significantly recurved and has relatively narrow limbs, that are circular or D-shaped in cross section. It will normally allow its user a fairly long draw, to the ear or further.

3.8.2 - Recurve Bow

A recurve bow is a form of bow defined by the side-view profile; in contrast to the simple longbow, a recurve bow has tips that curve away from the archer when the bow is unstrung. By one technical definition, the difference between recurve and other bows is that the string touches sections of the limbs of recurve bows when the bow is strung. A recurve bow stores more energy than an equivalent straight-limbed bow, giving a greater amount of cast to the arrow.

3.8.3 - Compound Bow

A compound bow is a modern bow that uses a levering system of cables and usually cams and pulleys to draw the limbs back. The limbs of a compound bow are usually much stiffer than those of a recurve bow or long bow. This limb stiffness makes the compound bow more energy efficient than other bows, but the limbs are too stiff to be drawn comfortably with a string attached directly to them. The compound bow has the string attached to the pulleys, one or both of which has one or more cables attached to the opposite limb. When the string is drawn back, the string causes the pulleys to turn. This causes the pulleys to pull the cables, which in turn causes the limbs to bend and thus store energy.

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3.8.4 - Cross Bow

A crossbow is a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles. A mechanism in the stock holds the bow in its fully-drawn position until it is shot by releasing a trigger.

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3.8.5 - Target Points or Field Points

Target and field points are arrow heads that are conical in shape with a pointed end. These are designed for target shooting.

3.8.6 - Broadheads

Broadheads are hunting arrow heads with very sharp knife-like edges or razors.

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4. RANGE DESCRIPTIONS

The Club ranges are listed in this section as they are approached along the road into the range, along with the categories of firearms permitted at each.

4.1 - Cowboy Hill Range

The Cowboy ranges 1 thru 7 are for **Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS)** matches and practice unless other activities have been approved by the CRO or Club Manager. Bays, 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been designated for general club member use when a cowboy match's are not in progress. During any organized match on Cowboy Hill all other bays are closed per Rule 1.10.

Paper and metal targets (including reactive targets such as pepper poppers and falling plates) may be used on all bays except for bays 8 and 11. Paper targets may only be used on Bay 8. Bay 11 is set aside for the patterning of shotguns.

For the purpose of practicing Cowboy Action Shooting with **Cowboy guns and Cowboy ammunition** on bays 1 thru 7 place your targets carefully in accordance with the following rules:

- Set targets within the following ranges:
 - 7 to 10 yards for revolvers
 - 8 to 16 yards for shotguns
 - 13 to 50 yards for rifles
- Place targets so that bullets will impact the rear back stop (berm) if the target is missed, and will not ricochet into adjacent bays.

Caution: do not set targets closer than the minimum distances specified - bullets or fragments ricocheting from steel targets could cause serious injury to you and others.

During Cowboy Action matches and practice revolvers may be loaded only at the loading table or on the firing line. Shooters may not leave any firing line with live rounds in firearms except in the case of a firearm malfunction. Immediately after leaving the firing line revolvers must be unloaded (i.e. spent brass) and holstered or placed in a case or cart. Rifles may be loaded only at the loading table or on the firing line. Immediately after leaving the firing line rifles must be unloaded and cased or placed in a cart or rack with action open. Shotguns may be loaded only on the firing line, and the shooter may load no more than two rounds at a time. Immediately after leaving the firing line, unloaded shotguns must be cased or placed in a cart or rack. All practice shooting will be conducted in accordance

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with the rules and procedures that would normally be followed during an official match.

- Do not carry firearms between the parking lot and the ranges in the holster except at a SASS Sanctioned match.
- No Vehicles allowed on the paved area except official vehicles.
- Eye and ear protection is required at all times on this range.
- This range can only be used for Action Pistol and Cowboy practice in designated bays. Practice only in bays that have no permanent stages constructed for non-Cowboy practice.
- All shooting will be done forward of the covered areas except during a match in inclement weather.
- Bays 1 thru 7: Lead bullets only, no painted or jacketed bullets can be used on steel targets.
- No shooting through any permanent stage prop (Shooting from windows or doorways accepted for cowboy practice, but no standing back from props to shoot targets setup in windows or doorways)
- Accidental damage to any permanent prop will be immediately reported to the club manager or range officer and will be the responsibility of the shooter to repair the damage.
- Bays 1 thru 7: All SASS approved firearms and calibers can be used on these ranges. Rifle ammunition must have muzzle velocity less the 1400 FPS.
- No clay bird throwers can be used on Bays 8, 9,10 or 11.
- Keep off of all berms.

4.1.1 - Cowboy bays 1 through 7

These bays are principally intended for Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) matches and practice. For specific rules see Range Rules 6.8.1 Cowboy Firearms and Ammunition.

Cowboy Bays 1 thru 7, Pistol and rifle ammunition must:

- be of **non-magnum** caliber,
- have a muzzle velocity less than 1,000 fps (pistol ammunition),
- have a muzzle velocity less than 1,400 fps (rifle ammunition),
- be of “single projectile” design,
- have all-lead bullets (bullets recessed below the case mouth, and jacketed, semi-jacketed, plated, gas-checked, or copper-washed bullets are **not** allowed; however, bullets with molydisulfide or equivalent coatings are acceptable)
- .22 Magnum ammunition is not allowed to be used.

Shotgun ammunition used on Cowboy bays 1 through 7 must have number

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7½ or smaller lead birdshot (**no** steel or plated shot). Magnum and high-velocity loads are **not** allowed.

4.1.2 - Cowboy Bay 8

This is for general membership and is limited to handgun use only. No Steel targets are allowed.

- Bay 8 is a general purpose bay set up for the general membership of River Bend for handgun use only.
- No steel targets will be used on Bay 8.
- Handgun calibers will be standard center fire calibers. No Magnum Calibers are permitted.
- Move target frames back to the edge of the range when you have completed shooting.
- Paper/Cardboard shooting scenarios of your choice can be set but they must be set in such a way that the bullets will impact the back berm of the range.
- Paper and cardboard targets can be set at any distance as long as the bullet will impact the back berm.

4.1.3 - Cowboy Bays 9 and 10

These bays are for general membership and limited to handgun use only. These bays are designated for steel plate targets.

- Bays 9 and 10 are set up with steel plate targets.
- No Magnum or +P Caliber ammunition may be used on these bays. Remember - **no** rifles or shotguns can be used on these bays.
- Do not move the benches or stand forward of them when firing - the minimum range for firing at steel targets is **twelve yards**.
- Do not move the fixed reactive target tables.

No magnum pistols, shotguns, 17 cal, 5.7x28 cal, center fire rifles, or pistols chambered in rifle calibers are allowed on steel plate ranges at any time.

4.1.4 - Cowboy Bay 11

This is the Shotgun Patterning bay for general membership and is limited to shotguns only. NO SHOT LARGER THAN #2 and NO SLUGS are allowed on this range.

- Bay 11, is set up for patterning #2 shot or smaller, shot gun loads.
- No Rifles or handguns are permitted on Bay 11.
- After firing is complete all materials used for patterning the shotgun must be placed in an appropriate trash container.

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- No slugs are permitted on this range.
- Shotgun must be single loaded with one shell at a time.
- Target must be set in such a manner that the shot will impact the back berm.
- Eye and ear protection is required.

4.2 - Plinking (PK) Ranges

Plinking generates a large volume of trash. Help keep these ranges clean by depositing all debris in the trashcan when you have finished shooting. Remember that any targets likely to cause ricochets or to shatter into numerous small pieces are **prohibited**.

<p>EYE AND EAR PROTECTION ARE REQUIRED ON THE PLINKING RANGES</p>
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None of the following are allowed on the Plinking Ranges: shotguns, .17 cal, 5.7x28 cal, magnum calibers, center fire rifles, or pistols chambered in rifle calibers.

4.2.1 - Rim-fire Plinking Range

This range is for .22 caliber rim-fire handguns and .22 caliber rim-fire rifles fired at any acceptable target. Acceptable targets for this range include paper targets as well as plastic containers, cans, spinning metal plates, wooden blocks, or the steel plates provided. The target frames are intended for paper targets only. Please keep all non-paper targets near the backstop, and fire at them only from behind the table while staying between the side berms. Firearms may be loaded only at the firing line, and all firing must be done from behind the bench.

The plate racks in this range may not be engaged from closer than 12 yards or 36 feet.

4.2.2 - Center-fire Plinking Range

This range is for any center fire handgun firing a center fire pistol cartridge (**HANDGUNS ONLY**), fired at any acceptable target. Acceptable targets for this range include paper targets as well as plastic containers, cans, spinning metal plates, wooden blocks, or the steel plates provided. The target frames are intended for paper targets only. Please keep all non-paper targets near the backstop, and fire at them only from behind the table while staying between the side berms.. **Shooters may only use non-magnum center fire pistols chamber for pistol calibers on this range.** Firearms may be loaded only at the firing line, and all firing must be done from behind the bench.

The plate racks in this range may not be engaged from closer than 12 yards

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or 36 feet

4.3 - Bull's-eye Pistol (BP) Range

This 30-position PISTOL ONLY range is designed for recreational or competition precision shooting at paper bull's-eye targets only.

General BP range rules

- Do not use plinking or plinking-type targets on this range.
- Use 21" x 24" cardboard backers for the metal frames (bring your own if you wish).
- Use round bullseye paper targets only (no silhouettes).
- Place only **one target** in the **center** of the backer.
- Fire only from on the concrete directly behind the tables (**DO NOT MOVE IN FRONT OF THE FIRING LINE TO SHOOT**)
- Do not move target frames and benches.
- Limit your rate of fire to one round every 5 seconds (rapid fire with any caliber, especially magnums, may result in excessive damage to the target frames and carries a high risk of ricochets).
- 22 rimfire rifles may be used on the far right side in the Open area ONLY DURING YOUTH ACTIVITIES SUPERVISED BY THE YOUTH RO.

When the BP range is in use for matches or scheduled events, either the AP or PK range may be used as an alternate provided the gun you are shooting is allowed on that range.

4.3.1 - Target Positions 1-25

Positions 1-25 are reserved for matches (NRA 2700, International Pistol etc.), or for pre-approved practice by accomplished Bulls-Eye shooters only. These are turning frames at 25 yards and fixed frames at 50 yards. Firearms allowed are Non-Magnum Target Handguns chambered in .22 rimfire, .38, 9mm, 10mm, .40, 44-40 and .45 ACP calibers only. **Magnum calibers are not permitted on these positions.**

4.3.2 - Target Positions 26-30

Positions 26-30 are for general membership use for Bulls-Eye type shooting. These are fixed frames at 25 and 50 yards: Firearms allowed are Non-magnum Handguns chambered in 22 rimfire, .38, 9mm, 10mm, .40, 44-40 and .45 ACP calibers only. **Magnum calibers are not permitted on these positions.**

4.3.3 - Position 31 just to the right of the sidewalk downrange

This is a wooden target frame at 50 yards and is available for general membership use for any type of Handgun shooting with Target, Defense, Hunting, Varmint, Silhouette, Black Powder Cartridge, or Thompson Center

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Contender pistols. Magnum calibers may be shot here.

4.3.4 - Open Area to the Far Right of the Target Frames

The open area to the far right of the target stands has PVC pipes in the ground to accommodate targets stands for our Youth programs as well as an area for a Ransom rest that can be checked out by members. Magnum calibers may be shot here. All shooting is to be done from the cement and not from in front of the bathrooms.

4.4 - Action Pistol (AP) Range

This range has three bays for recreational and competition action shooting, using **Pistols and Pistol** caliber ammunition only, and at a variety of targets including silhouette and IPSC targets, reactive "pepper poppers", metallic targets and metallic action falling plates. **No Rifles or shotguns are permitted on any of the 3 Action Pistol bays.**

No firing is permitted from behind the specified firing line (Immediate area behind the shooting Tables) on any of the Action Pistol Bays. You may not fire from under the covered areas on The Action Pistol Bays.

Note that the AP bays are for action shooting practice and competition, not for plinking; there are plinking ranges for this purpose.

General AP Bay Rules

- Do not carry firearms between the parking lot and the range in holsters.
Exception: Refer to Rule 2.5.2.
- If you carry your firearm in a holster within the AP area, remove the magazine and/or leave the chamber empty until you are in firing position.
- Wear eye and ear protection at all times in the AP area.
- Fire only from immediately behind the firing line (aligned with the back side of the tables).
- Put used targets and backers in the trash containers provided and replace wooden frames against the side berms when you are finished shooting.

4.4.1 - AP Bay I

This bay is set up with two resettable reactive target stands - the left stand supports six 8-inch plates and the right stand contains five regulation-size bowling pins. Shooters may also use their own resettable reactive targets here. This bay is for **non-magnum handguns** only. Any member using their own resettable target here must place the targets more than 12 yards from the firing line and must be mounted such that rounds missing the targets strike the rear berm. **No 'Plinking'** targets such as aluminum cans may be used on this bay.

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- Remember - **no** rifles or shotguns, or pistols firing Magnum or high-velocity ammunition are allowed.
- Do not move the benches or stand forward of them when firing - the minimum range for firing at steel targets is **twelve yards**.
- Do not move the fixed reactive target tables.
- Use the centrally located wooden target frame and board provided **only** for the attachment of paper targets for sighting in (this frame is **not** for IPSC or other types of speed firing).

4.4.2 - AP Bay II

This bay may be used for all handguns. **Magnum and +P ammunition is permitted only as long as Paper targets are being used.** Targets stands are provided on the left and right sides of the bay and should be moved to the middle of the bay to have targets affixed to them. You must provide your own 21" x 30" cardboard backers for attaching targets. Under no circumstances should any targets be situated so that the bullets fired at it hit the side berms. All targets should be arranged such that bullets passing thru or missing targets will impact the back berm. Member owned steel or other resettable targets must be placed at the base of the back berm and must be engaged from at least 12 yards or 36 feet away.

- Attach the cardboard backers to the frame uprights using protruding drywall screws (provided) - do not use staples.
- Place targets high enough on the frames so that projectiles strike the backstop, not the ground.
- Set the target frames forward of the firing tables but close to the berm or backstop to contain bullets or fragments that could fly to an adjacent bay.
- Do not remove the firing tables from their approved positions.
- Paper and cardboard target can be set at any distance as long as the bullet will impact the back berm. Steel targets should be set no closer than 12 yards from the shooter.
- Movable target frames must be located in such a way that bullets fired through them impact the rear berm of the bay. **DO NOT** place frames in positions that allow bullets fired through them to impact the side berm.

Members who wish to practice pistol shooting for "Three-gun" matches may use Action Complex Bays for this purpose.

4.4.3 - AP Bay III

This bay may be used for all handguns. **Magnum and +P ammunition is permitted only as long as Paper targets are being used.** Targets stands are provided on the left and right sides of the bay and should be moved to the middle of the bay to have targets affixed to them. You must provide your own

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21" x 30" cardboard backers for attaching targets. Under no circumstances should any targets be situated so that the bullets fired at it hit the side berms. All targets should be arranged such that bullets passing thru or missing targets will impact the back berm. Member owned steel or other resettable targets must be placed at the base of the back berm and must be engaged from at least 12 yards or 36 feet away.

- Attach the cardboard backers to the frame uprights using protruding drywall screws (provided) - do not use staples.
- Place targets high enough on the frames so that projectiles strike the backstop, not the ground.
- Set the target frames forward of the firing tables but close to the berm or backstop to contain bullets or fragments that could fly to an adjacent bay.
- Do not remove the firing tables from their approved positions.
- Paper and cardboard target can be set at any distance as long as the bullet will impact the back berm. Steel targets should be set no closer than 12 yards from the shooter.
- Movable target frames must be located in such that bullets fired through them impact the rear berm of the bay. **DO NOT** place frames in positions that allow bullets fired through them to impact the side berm.

Members who wish to practice pistol shooting for "Three-gun" matches may use Action Complex Bays for this purpose.

4.5 - Multipurpose Ranges

These ranges have fixed-position target frames and fixed firing lines. No other target systems (including spinners and silhouettes) may be used unless similar in design to those already on the range, or approved in advance by the Club Manager or CRO.

All targets on these ranges should be placed on the provided target backers. Targets should not hang below the backers but should be mounted so that shots go through the center of the back preserving the frame of the backer and allowing us only to have to replace the particle board of the backer. Special care should be taken to place targets such that the bullet strikes the target and then the rear berm and nothing in between. Rounds that hit the bay floor may very well ricochet over the back berm so make sure that your target placement prevents this.

The alternate for either MP Range is the other MP Range, or the HP Range.

4.5.1 - Multipurpose Range #2 (MP2)

The left side of this 100-yard range is for firing .22 caliber target rifles only.

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High-powered target rifles (when fired from competition stances), and other firearms as permitted by these rules or the CRO, can be fired on the right side of the range.

- Set your targets only at designated positions, and only in frames provided by the Club or pre-approved by a Club officer.
- Do all your shooting from behind the established firing line.
- Limit your rate of fire to 10 rounds in 60 seconds. Rapid or sustained fire is permitted only if you are in a prone or sitting competition position, using a sling around your extended arm. **Rapid fire from the offhand or standing position is not permitted.**

4.5.2 - Multipurpose Range #1 (MP1)

This 200-yard range is for bench rest rifles, target rifles, hunting rifles, slug shotguns, black powder long guns and pistols, and scoped hunting, varmint and silhouette handguns (including Thompson Center Contender pistols using rifle cartridges), firing at paper targets placed at between 50 yards and 200 yards only. Muzzle-loaders may shoot from positions 1 thru 4 only (Inline actions and/or the traditional Muzzleloaders).

- Place all targets in front of impact berms.
- If you are firing a slug shotgun, place your targets immediately in front of a backstop in order to minimize ricochets.
- Do all your firing from behind the front edge of the concrete slab and in line with a target frame - no firing is permitted from the grass area.
- Limit your rate of fire to 10 rounds in 60 seconds - rapid or sustained fire is permitted only when you are in a prone or sitting competition position, using a sling around your extended arm.
- Use the three open bays for standing, seated, or prone competition shooting practice only.
- For special rules concerning .50 caliber BMG rifles, see section 3.4.6.
- Use positions 1 thru 4 for black powder muzzle-loading firearms only.

4.5.3 - Multipurpose Range #3 (MP3)

WHEN OPENED - This 100-yard range will be for bench rest rifles, target rifles, hunting rifles, slug shotguns, black powder long guns and pistols, and scoped hunting, varmint and silhouette handguns (including Thompson Center Contender pistols), firing at paper targets placed at between 25 yards and 100 yards only. **NO SUPERGUNS ALLOWED ON THIS RANGE.**

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- Set your targets only at designated positions, and only in frames provided by the Club or pre-approved by a Club officer.
- Do all your shooting from the established firing line - no shooting from in front of it or behind it.
- Limit your rate of fire to 10 rounds in 60 seconds. Rapid or sustained fire is permitted only if you are in a prone or sitting competition position, using a sling around your extended arm. **Rapid fire from the offhand or standing position is not permitted.**

4.6 - Muzzle-Loading (ML) Range

This range is located on a part of the **High-Powered Rifle Range**: This range is for muzzle-loading (or other black powder) handguns and rifles, using paper or silhouette targets only, and is **open only for matches** (at other times, muzzle-loaders may shoot from MP1 firing positions 1 thru 4).

<p>BE CAREFUL WITH BLACK POWDER!</p>

- Do not smoke on or near the firing line.
- Keep the powder can spout covered.
- Use a powder measure - do not load directly from a powder can or horn.
- Always keep the muzzle pointed up until ready to shoot.
- Only cap or prime with the gun pointed down range.
- Never blow down the barrel - a spark could ignite unburned powder.
- Use the forward bench to rest your gun, put down your caps, or set up a scope.
- Do not handle guns during an "all clear" or while people are down range.

4.7 - High-Powered Rifle (HP) Range

Before using this range a member should shoot an organized match run by an RO so that they can become familiar with range operations. It is critical that shooters on this range be capable of putting every round into the back berm from 200, 300, and 600 yards.

This range is for centerfire target and hunting rifles, caliber .222 or larger, equipped with target or telescopic sights. **Supergun use on this range is restricted based on rules 3.1 and 3.4.6.** Pistols, shotguns, centerfire rifles smaller than .222 cal., and rimfire rifles may **not** be fired on this range (the Club may allow exceptions to this for Sanctioned Matches run by a Club RO). This range is closed whenever there is a scheduled activity on the Muzzle Loading range (ML) but otherwise HP has priority over ML range activities.

Range flags must be displayed at the 300-yard firing line whenever any firing line on the HP range is in use (the flags are in metal cans at the poles on the

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300-yard firing line and the target line).

Before firing any rounds on this range the following Gate procedures should be followed:

If shooting from the 200 yard line: Close the gate between the dirt road and the road to the pits and close the gate just behind the 300-yard line.

If shooting from the 300 yard line: Close the gate between the dirt road and the road to the pits and close the gate just behind the 300-yard line.

If shooting from the 600 yard line: Close the gate between the dirt road and the road to the pits, close the gate just behind the 300-yard line, and close the gate just across the creek that is the main entrance to the lower portion of the HP range.

While the 200-, 300- and 600-yard firing lines may be used by an experienced shooter alone, it is strongly recommended that use of the 600-yard firing line include at least two **members**: one shooter and one target spotter in the pits (**eye and ear protection** are required while working in the pits). Because guests cannot be left unattended you may not leave your guest alone on the firing line or in the pits. When using this range, radio or wire communications must be used for communication and safety between the shooter and the target pits. This equipment is available from Club officers upon request. Any target spotters left in the pits must remain behind the cement wall at all times when the range is hot.

Only Club-supplied frames and 200/300/600-yard paper targets may be used on the permanent target stands. Target frames for general use are located in the green shed attached to the right side of the range storage building located to the rear of the pits.

4.7.1 - HP-Rifle Range load testing

The High power range is primarily a position shooting range for 200, 300 and 600 yard National match and mid-range (600 yard) shooting. There is a load testing bench behind the 600 yard firing line. If you wish to shoot from this bench it must be moved to the normal 600 yard firing line for use and returned to its normal storage area off the firing line when done.

4.7.2 - Multiple Members on the HP Range

The member who raises the flags on the 300 yard firing line "owns" the entire HP range until they leave. This member controls what firing line is in use. If this member decides to move to one of the other firing lines all persons must follow or leave the range.

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4.7.3 - Rifle Requirements for use on HP Range

Only rifles chambered for cartridges that are capable of shooting 600 yards accurately are allowed to be fired on the 600 yard firing line. While they may be used from the 200 and 300 yard firing lines, NO SBR may be used at the 600 yard firing line.

4.7.4 - Sealed Pits

When the HP range is in use for a scheduled match and the pits are sealed, anyone leaving the sealed pit area will be in violation of the ranges rules. This will be consider a severe safety violation.

4.7.5 - Shooting Positions on HP Range

Shooters may shoot standing, kneeling, sitting, or prone from the 200 and 300 yard firing lines. PRONE ONLY or seated at the load testing bench are the only positions allowed from the 600 yard firing line.

4.8 - Action Complex

This range is not yet open to the general membership. Once opened the rules will be as follows:

The action complex consists of 8 bays intended for USPSA, IPSC, Action Pistol, Action Rifle, 3-Gun, Shotgun, and Defensive Rifles. On these bays shooters may shoot defensive handguns, target handguns, defensive rifles, military rifles, and defensive or tactical shotguns. This range is not appropriate for hunting guns or any other guns intended to be shot off a bench or rest. Rifle calibers larger than .308 and pistol calibers larger than .45 are not allowed on this range. Magnum and +P or +P+ ammunition is allowed on this range provided it meets the caliber guidelines. Maximum shot size for shotguns on this range is 6. Slugs may be used on this range on Bay 1 only unless under the supervision of an RO in a match setting.

Shooters bringing their own steel rifle targets to this range need to follow the guidelines for using steel on any other ranges where it is allowed placing steel targets at the base of the back berm. Rifle steel is only allowed on bays 1 or 2 of the action complex (far left bays 100 yards and 75 yard deep respectively) and rifle steel must be shot from the farthest most point from the back berm that is within the confines of the side berms. Pistol steel may be used on bays 1 thru 6 of the action complex but shooters cannot engage these targets from closer than 36 feet. For the purposes of shooting steel with a shotgun, when shooting a slug the shotgun must follow the rules for shooting steel with a rifle, when shooting birdshot use the pistol rules of 33 feet for shooting steel. Buckshot is not allowed anywhere on the club property at any time.

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Driving onto the bays is limited to Range Officers setting up for matches and club officials doing maintenance on the bay. Under no circumstances is anyone else allowed to drive on the bay or leave the gravel parking area bordering the bays.

Eye and ear protection is mandatory on this range at all times by shooters and spectators.

Members practicing for Action shooting sports may set up a course of fire in the bays provided they:

- Only have one shooter at a time in the bay and the guns of all other shooters are empty.
- Unless overseen by an RO of the club the use of multiple guns in one course of fire by carrying them loaded on your person is not permitted. Second and third guns must be staged on the course of fire and the guns being discarded must be discarded in a safe bucket or similar area either unloaded or with the safety on. Handguns can be holstered provided they are not redrawn while carrying another gun.
- Place targets high enough on the frames so that projectiles strike the bottom 3rd of the berms, not the ground.
- Do not engage in any acts that would not be permitted in an official Action Pistol, 3-gun, IPSC or USPSA match.
- Do not set up shots on targets past 170 degrees in the bay (a shot should never angle behind the shooter).
- Rapid fire from the offhand position is allowed on this range provided bullet impact is into the bottom 3rd of a berm.
- Shooters must police their shotgun hulls and any steel or aluminum cases on this range.
- If target stands are provided return them to the storage area in good condition, the target stands themselves are not targets!
- Items inside the connexes or fenced areas are reserved for match use only they are not for general membership use.

Shotguns only on bays 7 and 8 with shot size of 7.5 or smaller.

4.9 - Silhouette Range

The Silhouette Range is primarily a NRA approved range for Black Powder Cartridge Rifle and High Power Rifle Silhouette competitions. Metallic gongs will be provided at 200 meters (219 yards), 300 meters (327 yards), 400 yards (366 meters), 385 meters (420 yards), 500 yards (457 meters) and 500 meters (545 yards) for use with hunting rifles and scoped hunting, varmint and silhouette handguns using rifle cartridges.

NO SUPER GUNS ALLOWED ON THIS RANGE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

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Steel core, steel penetrator, armor piercing, or solid non-lead bullets are not allowed on this range at any time.

The silhouette range consists of one firing line and multiple target berms. Shooters will shoot from the prone, kneeling, or seated position from the firing line. Metal gongs will be permanently placed on each target line and will be available for regular use unless destroyed or damaged at which time they will not be replaced. Traditional Silhouette targets will be reserved for organized club activities involving the silhouette discipline.

Shooters **MUST** align themselves in front of the intended target; shooting diagonally across the range is not permitted. Sighting or aiming over the 500 meter back berm is not permitted for any reason to ensure that bullets have no chance of leaving the range. Shooters unfamiliar with the ballistics of their load at distance should start on MP-1 or MP-2 and make sure they know their 100 or 200 yard zero. Under no circumstances should a shooter shoot at any targets using a random hold-over, know you ballistics or do not shoot here.

- This range is limited to the use of centerfire rifles and scoped handguns.
- Calibers permitted on this range are as follows:
 - * Minimum caliber is .222
 - * Lead bullets smaller than .358 caliber moving at 2400 FPS or less.
 - * Lead bullets between .358 and .458 caliber moving at 2000 FPS or less.
 - * Lead bullets larger than .458 caliber moving at no more than 1800 FPS
 - * Jacketed bullets up to .308 moving at 2900 FPS or slower
 - * Jacketed bullets larger than .308 and smaller than .458 moving at 2400 FPS or slower.
 - * No jacketed bullets larger than .458 are permitted on this range.
- Steel core, steel penetrator, armor piercing, or solid non-lead bullets are not allowed on this range at any time.
- Only approved shooter provided target holders are to be used. Under no circumstances are they to be above the top of the berms at 200, 300, 385 and 500 meters.
- **No targets are to be mounted on any of the steel uprights**
- It is strongly recommended to wear eye and ear protection in the shooting area.
- Sight-in benches will be provided.
- The forward edge of the concrete pad is considered the Firing Line. Under no circumstances are personnel allowed to cross this when the range is considered "Hot".
- The uprights behind the firing line are considered the Caution Line. All personnel are to be behind this line when the range is called "Cold".

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- An “Empty Chamber Indicator” must be displayed in the breech of the firearm when not in use. These may be purchased from the Manager or in the Shotgun club house. A make shift indicator may be used with a fluorescent engineering tape attached.
- All firearms on the cleaning benches are to be placed so they are pointing into the woods angled towards the ground behind the firing line.
- A “Cold Range” indicator or yellow flashing lights will be displayed on the firing line when all shooters have agreed and have unloaded their firearms and rendered them safe. Only after this is done are you allowed to proceed to the target area.
- A gate to the target area is provided with a flagpole. Whenever the range is in use, the gate is to be closed and a red range flag will be displayed on the pole. The flag will be stored in a container on the pole.

4.10 - Shotgun (SH) Ranges

These include Skeet, Trap, Five-Stand and Sporting Clays ranges, and are for shotguns only, firing at clay targets (no firing at live animals is permitted). **No slugs, buckshot, steel shot, or any loads of lead shot larger than #7½, are permitted on these ranges. Please remember that the smaller the number the larger the shot so 7.5-12 is the only shot allowed on Shotgun Hill. Members found on Shotgun Hill or Sporting Clays with steel shot or shot larger than 7 and a half will be suspended from the club for a minimum of 90 days for the first offense and permanently for the 2nd. Steel shot and shot larger than 7 and a half will fly farther and could injure someone on an adjacent range.**

Shooters must sign in at the **field house** before shooting and check out before leaving the ranges. The automatic equipment of the shotgun ranges will be available for use only when the ranges are staffed by Club personnel authorized by the Board of Directors. The days and hours of shotgun range operation will be printed in the *Bullet-In* each month. Outside scheduled range operating hours, members wishing to use their own hand-operated launching equipment for shotgun practice should check with the Club Manager/*Shotgun Manager* for permission.

Authorized shotguns:

- **12ga or smaller**
- **Shoot only 2 ¾ inch or shorter shells**
- **Use only 7 ½ shot or smaller**
- **LEAD SHOT ONLY (NO STEEL SHOT)**
- **Shoot only from designated shooting stations**
- **Shotguns must be shot from the shoulder**
- **Shotguns without shoulder stocks may not be used on the shotgun hill.**

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NOTE: The CRO, Club Manager, or Shotgun Manager have the authority and discretion to prevent the use of any shotgun they deem unsafe.

*All shooters and spectators are **REQUIRED** to wear **both eye and ear protection while anywhere on the shotgun ranges. If you are not wearing eye and ear protection you will have to leave the range.***

All shotguns, even empty, must be handled with care:

- Carry your shotgun either with the breech broken or with the breech bolt open, depending on type.
- Keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction – either down towards the ground (preferably) or upwards, **do not carry in a manner where your barrel sweeps across other people.**
- Place your shotgun in a stand or case when not in use.
- Keep your shotgun open and unloaded at all times except when you are on a firing station preparing to shoot.
- Do not load more shells than the number of targets that will be presented at one time.
- Do not place shells into any part of the gun until you are standing on the shooting station with your gun pointed safely toward the flight area.
- Handle your firearms in a manner consistent with its design and function.
- Maintain control of your weapon at all times so as to pose no threat to others.
- Do not set an unsafe example for other less experienced shooters (for example: by shooting while holding your gun upside down or behind your back or one handed.)

Only one shooter, from a single firing station, may fire at a time. No more than one person may occupy a firing station at the same time, except when a coach and pupil are working together (and in that case, there may be only one shotgun on the station).

Never **“poach”** another shooter’s missed *targets* – if it is their turn to fire, it is not yours.

The person pulling targets (the “puller/trapper”) is in charge of the field, and all shooters must follow their commands. When the command “Cease Firing” is given by anyone, immediately cease all firing, open your action and remove all shells from your gun.

When the trap machines are to be filled a **Flashing Red Light** will be displayed on the *field near* the trap house. While this **Light** is visible, immediately cease all

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firing, open the action, remove all shells from your gun, and place your gun in a rack or in the bag. ***While personnel are in the trap houses you may not sight your weapon down range in the direction of the trap house or personnel. FIRING IN THE DIRECTION OF PERSONNEL IN THE TRAP HOUSES WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FROM THE GUN CLUB.***

No one except authorized personnel may make adjustments to the trap machines or enter the trap houses except when requested

Sighting ***or gun fitting/checking gun fit*** is only permitted on the shooting station or in a designated **SAFE** area. It is **FORBIDDEN** to shoot at, OR EVEN SIGHT AT, any live animals while on any range.

You may retrieve only your empty hulls, provided this does not unnecessarily delay the shooting squad, ***or create an UN-safe situation.***

Continuous use of the range when others are waiting is discourteous. Do not go directly from the last station back to the first to begin a new round until you have ascertained that there are no others waiting to shoot.

4.10.1 - Shotgun Patterning Board

The patterning wall on Shotgun Hill is no longer available for use as a patterning board. All shotgun patterning should be done on Cowboy bay 11 and you should refer to the rules for this bay before using the bay.

4.10.2 - New Sporting Clays Range

Once this range opens there will be formal rules governing check in, starting point, and route of travel through the course. To access a portion of the course you may have to traverse the parking areas of the Action Complex and/or the Silhouette range. In doing so shooters are not allowed to stop off at either of these two ranges to practice, test, or otherwise shoot their shotguns. Additionally the carts should travel at the outermost perimeter of these ranges to ensure safe passage and that any matches in process are not disrupted.

4.11 - Archery

The Archery Range at River Bend Gun Club is located against the river on the opposite side of the corn field from MP1 and MP2. Access to the Archery range is the dirt road at the far end of MP1, do not enter this range from any other direction.

Longbows, Recurve bows, and Compound bows may be used at River Bend Gun Club. Target points are the only arrowheads allowed at River Bend Gun Club.

- **CROSS BOWS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT RIVER BEND GUN CLUB**

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- **BROADHEADS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT RIVER BEND GUN CLUB**
- Never shoot an arrow at anything other than an established target
- Arrows should only be nocked on the shooting line and pointed in the direction of the targets.
- No shooting from a position behind another archer. Multiple shooting lines are available, but all archers should shoot from the same line.
- After shooting, insure that all other archers are through shooting prior to moving downrange to retrieve arrows
- If you are looking for a lost arrow behind a target, leave your bow leaning against the target face so that it will be seen by other archers coming up.
- Prior to shooting, check to see that the "Archery Range in Use" sign is up at the target end of the range.

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5. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF RULES

Except as provided elsewhere herein, violation of Range Rules will result in action deemed appropriate by the Chief Range Officer, Club Manager or other club official (Range Officer, Board of Directors, etc.) based upon the nature of the violation and the conduct and demeanor of the offending party. Penalties may include, but are not limited to suspension and/or a repeat of the "Range Safety Tour," or permanent expulsion. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests and as such will be held accountable for Range Rule violations committed by their guests. Appeals of any penalties will be in accordance with the By-Laws of the Club.

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6. BADGE ICONS/PINS

Members who have completed the required certifications for Superguns, will either receive icons on their badges or pins to place on their badges. In the case of pins the member should first punch a small hole in their badge with a pin or nail and then attach the pin. For annual members who receive a new badge each year the pins should be removed from the old one and placed on the new one.

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7. DETERMINING WHERE TO SHOOT YOUR FIREARM

Follow these steps to determine which range to use for the type of shooting you want to do:

- Determine the category for your firearm using the Firearm Category Definitions in Section 3.
- Use the Range Usage Chart on the next page to identify acceptable ranges for that firearm category (indicated by an "X").
- Select an acceptable range.

If none of the ranges indicated as acceptable for your firearm is available for use, please see the Club Manager or CRO for guidance.

Remember, YOU are responsible for using the range you chose SAFELY .
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