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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope this correspondence finds you in good spirits and eager to spend some time at the club.

Please remember our members that have had medical issues and haven't been able to attend our functions. Gentlemen you are missed and our prayers are with you!

This month's entertainment will consist of the young men and women that the club sponsored at camp. I'm sure you will not want to miss their stories and feed back about camp. Also we will have a questions and answers session on the updated range rules that are being published along with this newsletter.

If you have not had your pistol range orientation you **can not** use the range until that has been completed. Again this is due to the modifications that have been made to the range. See Robert or Scott to get your training.

If you helped with the club's annual hunt and fish day last year and have not been in contact with Clay Taylor please fill free to reach out to him. We have a new raffle started just in time for the NHFD event. See Jerry McCaleb for more details.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the general meeting.

Todd

HUNTER EDUCATION

Upcoming classes are
**September 9th, October 7th,
and November 4th.**

Any club members who are Hunter Education Instructors and would like to help with the classes, please contact Bill Long or any BOD member.

DINNER MEETINGS

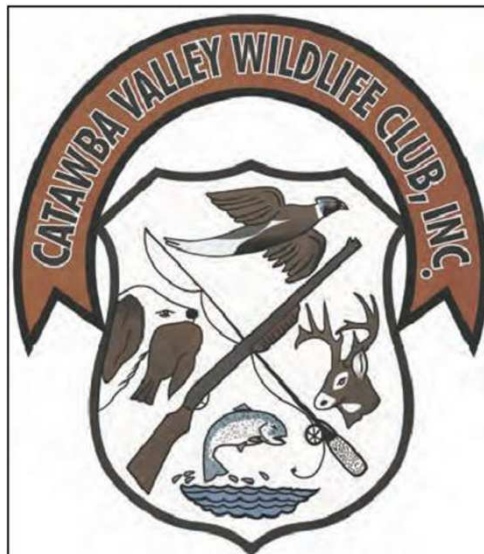
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AUGUST DINNER

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UPDATED RANGE RULES

10 COMMANDMENTS OF FIREARM SAFETY

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded even if you believe it to be unloaded.
2. Guns carried into the club, ranges must be unloaded and taken down or have the actions open. Guns should be encased until reaching shooting areas.
3. Always be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstruction.
4. Always carry your gun in a manner such that you control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble. Keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.
5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.
6. Never point a gun at anything you don't want to shoot.
7. Unattended guns should be unloaded; guns and ammunition should be stored beyond the reach of children and careless adults.
8. Never climb a tree or fence with a loaded gun.
9. Never shoot at a flat, hard surface such as the ground or water. Bullets don't always burrow in - they often ricochet.
10. Do not mix firearms and alcohol!

CVWC GENERAL RANGE RULES

Display good sportsmanship and be courteous at all times (no profanity).

Hours of permitted operation:

Monday through Saturday – Sunrise to Sunset
Sunday – 12:01pm to Sunset

No 50 BMG chambered firearm allowed.

No Automatic Slide Fire/Bump Fire firearms allowed.

No steel core ammunition to be used on steel targets.

No tannerite reactive targets or equivalent to be used.

Only the provided CVWC steel targets may be used. These steel targets are not to be moved from their permanent locations.

The use of CVWC facilities while taking or using controlled substances (including prescription drugs and/or alcohol) is strictly prohibited!

Sign in before using any of the ranges (this includes family members); guest must sign a waiver immediately and before using any of the CVWC facilities. As a member of the CVWC you are responsible for yourself and your guest!

Children (17 yrs. and younger) must be under the direct and close control and supervision of their parent or guardian.

NO CROSSFIRE, impacts must be perpendicular to berm!!

No discarding of miss-fired ammunition into the trash barrels.

All guns not in actual use shall have their actions visibly open in such a manner that any prudent person could tell the weapon is safe. Magazines shall be removed or emptied (when removing is not an option).

Members must display their I.D. badges while on Club property.

Anyone breaking these rules will be subject to disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

WE TAKE THESE RULES VERY SERIOUSLY!!

CVWC PISTOL RANGE RULES

In addition to the CVWC general range rules the following applies to the pistol range:

Allowed guns:

Rim fire handguns and rifles
Centerfire handguns {Handgun cartridges only! example : 38 spl., 357 sig., 44 mag}.
Rifles (Only rifles chambered for handgun cartridges!)

Guns not allowed:

Handguns chambered for rifle cartridges. {example : 223 rem., 30-30 win., 7x30 Waters}
Handguns chambered in 5.7x28mm
Shotguns
Muzzleloaders (pistol or rifle)
BB or Pellet guns

Range color code by sections:

Red: 7 yards
Orange: 15 yards
Yellow: 25 yards
Green: 10-50 yards

When shooting in the green (10-50 yds) using the individual target stands, taller target frames (club provided or your own)

must be used to ensure rounds impact the 50 yds. berm and not the protective berms or ground.

Standard (club size) target frames must be used for paper targets at these specific ranges/color (in the frame holder between the protective berm the main berm!):

Red: 7 yards
Orange: 15 yards
Yellow: 25 yards
Green: 50 yards

Hearing and eye protection are required while the Pistol Range is "Hot".

No target frames higher than 6 feet or lower than 4 feet.

Only shoot at the steel targets from the marked area of the range house and at an angle of 90 degrees to the plate rack or dueling tree. Do not crossfire!

Do not shoot at the uprights, railroad ties, or any colored/painted parts of the berm/backstop.

Do not place any targets on the ground or the protective berms. Clay birds allowed on the 7yd berm and 50yd main berms only. No clay birds allowed on the 15 or 25yd berms.

No cans, bottles, jugs, golf balls, tennis balls, etc. allowed as targets on pistol range.

Do not move steel targets.

No loading or unloading of guns on the bench in back of the range house. Actions and/or cylinders open in this area at all times.

No parking behind the range house. This area is for loading and unloading gear into and out of member vehicles, not loading and unloading firearms!

CVWC RIFLE RANGE RULES

In addition to the CVWC general range rules the following applies to the rifle range:

The RED and GREEN light system on the rifle range must be observed. A **verbal** response shall be given by **each** shooter to acknowledge the intent of clearing the firing line. No one is permitted beyond the firing line until the firing line has been confirmed clear and the light has turned green (cold).

UPDATED RANGE RULES (CONTINUED)

CVWC RIFLE RANGE RULES CONTINUED

CLEAR = all guns shall have their actions visibly open in such a manner that any prudent person could tell the weapon is safe. Magazines shall be removed or emptied (when removing is not an option). Likewise, the firing line shall remain green (cold) until all person(s) are behind the firing line and have verbally communicated that they are ready to go Red (Hot). Once the Red (Hot) light has been established firearms may be loaded.

Shooters shall grant new arrivals access to place their targets within a reasonable amount of time. When necessary shooters shall relinquish their place on the firing line every 30 minutes to accommodate other waiting members.

Only paper targets and frangible objects such as clay birds, along with soda cans and plastic drink bottles may be shot on the rifle range. ALL targets and any debris created by those targets must be removed upon completion of shooting. No steel target other than those provided by the CVWC.

Hearing protection is required while the rifle range is "Hot". Eye protection is suggested.

Always keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction – **no exceptions!**

Do not crossfire (including the steel plate). Engagement of the steel targets shall be at 90 deg.

Do not place any targets on the ground or the protective berms.

No parking behind the range house. This area is for loading and unloading gear into and out of member vehicles.

CVWC Sporting Clays, Skeet, Wobble Trap Rules

In addition to the CVWC general range rules the following applies to the shotgun range(s):

Treat every gun as if it were loaded.

All shotgun actions are to be kept open – no shells in gun when not in shooter's box or station. Load only when you are prepared to fire.

Always keep muzzle pointed in a safe

Rifle Range color code by sections: *Your firing position color code must correspond with your target and your target holder frame number must correspond with your bench number. If you are firing from bench 9 your target frame must be adjacent to the #9 on the frame holder.*

Position (Bench #)	Berm Yardage	Color	Comment
1-6	100-300	none	Located left of range house in the grass
7-12	100-300	none	Left side range house
13-20	100-300	none	Center section Indoor
21-23	100-300	none	Right side range house
24-25	50 & 300 only	Green	Use only the 50 yd. berm or the 300 yd. berm.
26-30	50	Green	Use 50 yard berm only
	25	Yellow	Use 25 yard berm only
	7	Red	Use 7 yard berm only

direction – no exceptions!

Ear and eye protection are for your own safety and are required at all times for everyone on or near the course – shooters and spectators.

Shoot only from the designated shooter's box or station.

Empty gun and clear the action before turning or leaving the shooter's box or station.

No shot size bigger than # 7 permitted and no loads heavier than 1-1/8 oz permitted.

Pick up your empty shells and dispose of them in the containers provided.

Make sure you fill the trap and release the spring arm when you are finished. (*Wobble and Skeet range only*)

Deposit funds in furnished mail box and fill out sign-in sheet. (*Wobble and Skeet range only*)

All guns not in actual use shall have their actions visibly open in such a manner that any prudent person could tell the weapon is safe.

Shooters may not remove the precautionary chain blocking the entrance to the shooter's box or whereby enter a chained box.

Gun is to be unloaded if anyone is down range or the trapper is exposed.

Obey the commands of the trapper/referee and or range officer.

If your group is holding up the range let smaller groups shoot through.

CVWC Archery Range Rules

In addition to the CVWC general range rules the following applies to the archery range:

No broadhead tipped arrows

Shoot only from established shooting lanes.

Only authorized CVWC members are allowed to modify/move course shooting lanes and targets.

Place your bow against the target in view of oncoming shooters while looking for arrow(s) after a missed shot.

Make sure the group in front of you is clear before you start shooting.

If your group is holding up the range let smaller groups shoot through.

Only shoot at the designated target(s).

Check the July Newsletter for the list of Sporting Clays Trappers for September.

Due to space constraints the workday list for July will appear in the September Newsletter.

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