

# Winchester Canyon Gun Club Membership Power Point Presentation

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# Welcome to the Winchester Canyon Gun Club Community

- **Safety** is our Number One priority.
- **Safe environment** for you and a **Safe environment** for those around you.



# WCGC Four Rules of **Safe** Gun Handling

1.	Treat all firearms as if they are always loaded.
2.	Never allow the muzzle of your firearm to point toward anything you do not intend to shoot.
3.	Keep your finger off the trigger, and along the side of the gun, until your sights are aligned with the target and you have made the conscious mental decision to shoot.
4.	Be sure of your target and its surroundings.



# Executive Staff and Board of Directors

- President – Dayton Aldrich
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Paul McKenna
- Treasurer – Matt Montanano
- Secretary – Brent Manchester
- Range Manager – Matt Nordin

- Brian Nash
- Nick Morello
- Ruthann Morrison
  - Finance Manager
  - Membership Chair



# Range Rules



- All members and guests are responsible for following all range rules at all times.
- All members are responsible for informing guests and fellow members of range rules and making sure that they are abiding by WCGC rules at all times.
- All shooters and guests of shooters **MUST** sign a waiver prior to any shooting on the ranges. This includes all events. Adult parent/guardian must sign a waiver for all minors that they accompany. <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/61d5a69258c96/web/>
- *Adult Shooters must be over the age of 21 or over the age of 18 with a valid & unexpired Hunting License to shoot at WCGC.*
- Signed waiver is good for one year from date of waiver.



# Regulations Reminder



- A reminder regarding discharging a firearm within the Los Padres National Forest. Please note, Winchester Canyon Gun Club follows Forest Order 05-07-00-21-01 to the fullest.
- The discharging of any firearms is only allowed in "DESIGNATED TARGET RANGES". WCGC Rules state that discharging firearms is only allowed in designated firing lines. No discharging of firearms are allowed by law outside of the designated firing lines.
- Also, under our permit with the Los Padres National Forest all WCGC shooting ranges will be closed during cultural holidays such as winter and summer solstices and spring and autumn equinoxes. The club also must be closed to all shooting activities from Sunset to Sunrise.
- WCGC acknowledges and adheres to the agreement we have with the Los Padres National Forest. We feel privileged to uphold this agreement. Please help us follow our agreement and help make WCGC a safe place to shoot.



# WCGC Is a Primitive Location

- No Potable Water – Water and sodas are for sale at the clubhouse and range office, when open to the public.
- No Electricity – Though limited electricity is provided by generator(s) and solar power.
- Rattlesnakes – It is not unusual to encounter rattlesnakes and other wildlife at the club. Normal precautions should be taken similar to those you take when outdoors in remote locations.
- The weather can be unpredictable and change quickly. Remember to bring sunscreen and a jacket with every visit.



# Range Closures

- The facility is closed for firearms use on all solstices and equinoxes. Usually, the club holds a clean up day on those instances.
  - Clean Up Days: Volunteers receive a \$25 gift card towards shooting fees or next years' dues and lunch.
- Partial or full closure for special events. See website, emails, and Facebook/Instagram.
- Inclement weather. Facility is closed when it rains and can be closed due to wind or poor visibility.
- Any other time by order of the Club President or Range Manager.





# Public Hours

- The range is open to the public on the weekends.
  - **Rifle & Pistol Range: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**
  - **Shotgun: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**
  - **Shotgun is also open Wednesdays (same hours).**
- There are fees to shoot when open to the public.



# Fees

- **Trap and Skeet –**

- Member: \$6 per round (1 round = 25 targets/1 box of ammunition)
- Member's Guest (limit of 2): \$8 per round
- Non-Member: \$10 per round

- **Rifle & Pistol –**

- Member: \$10 per day (Saturday & Sunday only)
- Under 18: Free (With Paid Parent/Guardian)
- Member's Guest (limit of 2): \$15 per day
- Non-Member: \$25 per day
- Special Shoots (IDPA, 3-Gun, Falling Plates, etc.): Prices vary, see website for current pricing of special events.



# Range Staff

- **Range Administrative Assistants (RA)** – Check people in, collecting fees, promote the club and accept memberships. Issue eye and ear protection if needed. Answer any general questions you may have.
- **Range Safety Officers (RSO)** – Work to ensure a safe environment for all persons at the facilities. Explain procedures and range rules to non-members and members. Check for compliance with range rules, and address any violations of the rules. Can assist with minor firearm *malfunctions*. Provide first-aid if needed. Has **final say** on all matters on the range.
- **Range Manager** – Responsible for RAs and RSOs and the range facilities/equipment. Coordinates special events. Law Enforcement and Military liaison.



# Non-Public Hours Range Use

- Use common sense.
- Must bring own targets and stands. See policy for types allowed (metal gongs, cardboard, paper, clay targets, etc...) NO GLASS, TRASH, ETC!
- Any safety violations observed, member is responsible to address. Contact the Range Manager about any violations observed. [rangemanager@wccgc.org](mailto:rangemanager@wccgc.org)
- Leave the facility in the same condition, or better, as you found it.
- If unescorted non-members are observed (walking in), they should be told range is closed. Contact the Sheriff's Department if you feel that is appropriate.
- Do not give out the combination to ANYONE. Fire Department, Forest Service, and Sheriff's all have our gate combination.



# Facility

- **Shotgun:**
  - 3 Trap Ranges
  - 1 Skeet Range
  - 1 40 Yard Archery Range
- **Rifle/Pistol:**
  - 50 & 25 Yard Handgun Range
  - 100 Yard Rifle Range
  - 200 Yard Rifle Range  
(not available on public days  
except open to members on  
4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month)
  - 40 Yard Archery Range



# Shotgun Shot



As of January 1, 2017 only non-toxic shot is permitted to be used on all shotgun fields, including member only days.



# Shotgun Range

## Trap Range:

- Only one shell to be loaded in the shotgun at a time. No doubles (except 5 stand or doubles trap). Shot size 6 non-toxic or smaller.
- Trap 1 is voice activated and capable of doing wobble and doubles.
- Trap 2 and 3 can be voice activated, but usually set up a manual push button. Can be activated as a “wobble” or continental trap. Sometimes reserved for events.
- Eye and ear protection are required while on the range.



# Shotgun Range Continued...

## Skeet Range:

- Can load two shells, as some stations are doubles. Shot size 6 or smaller non-lead.
- Wireless manual or voice activated remote.
- Firearms are to be stored only in the racks, not on the assembly table.
- Observers or persons waiting to participate in a round should be courteous of those person who are shooting the round and keep their conversations low volume and minimal when in the staging area.





# Shotgun Cease Fires

- When the range is closed (flag and/or sign) all firearms are to be placed in the rack (action open if possible) until range is open. Break action shotguns can be closed.





# Shotgun Targets

- Shooting positions should be at one of the established shooting stations (no standing at the edge and shooting out into the valley).
- No targets are to be placed on top of the trap houses. Do not shoot the Archery Range hay bales/targets.
- Biodegradable clay targets are to be used at the shotgun fields.
- No shooting or operating motor vehicles in the area of the fire road above the skeet field (except for organized club events).
- At the berm, no targets are to be placed higher than half-way up the berm.



# Rifle/Pistol Ranges: 25 & 50 Yard Handgun Range

The WCGC handgun range is split into two separate ranges.

- 50 Yard Range (Range A)
- 25 yard Range (Range B)



# Rifle/Pistol Ranges: 25 & 50 Yard Handgun Range

- Commonly referred to as the Pistol Range.
- Primarily used for handguns (pistols and revolvers).
- Drawing from a holster is not permitted on 25 Yard Range.
- Drawing from a holster is not permitted unless training with a WCGC approved instructor on the 50 Yard Range.
- Rifles shooting .22 Long Rifle ammunition can be used. However, any other caliber, even if it's classified as a "handgun" cartridge, must be used at the Rifle Range.
- Eye and ear protection are required at all times.
- Range can be closed for public use for special events. Check Website, emails, and Facebook for the latest updates.
- Targets and targets stands are available for use on public days.



# 25 & 50 Yard Range Continued...

## RANGE RULES

1. **ALWAYS** keep muzzle pointed DOWN RANGE
2. **ALWAYS** keep finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. **ALWAYS** keep firearm unloaded until ready to use.
4. **NO CROSS RANGE SHOOTING!** (Only fire at target on your assigned lane)
5. Call out **"CEASE FIRE"** prior to walking onto range.
6. When you hear **"CEASE FIRE"**, unload your weapon, leave your firearm facing down range & step **BEHIND** the yellow line.
7. Take flag and place into ground pocket on the range.
8. Do not go past the 25 yard range mark unless both Handgun Ranges A & B are on **"Cease Fire"**.
9. When you are done setting up the targets, and have checked that there are no persons down range, remove flag and place back in storage pipe and call out **"RANGE IS CLEAR"**

All persons not down range must stay behind the yellow line.  
The handling of ammunition or other firearms/components is **prohibited**.



# 25 & 50 Yard Range Continued...

- If you observe an unsafe act, depending on severity, inform the person of their actions and educate them on safe firearm handling and/or contact the on-duty RSO on public days. If acts warrants it, call a cease fire until the situation is no longer a safety hazard. On non-public days, attempt to identify the person and inform the range manager of the incident at [rangemanager@wcgc.org](mailto:rangemanager@wcgc.org).
- Easy way to have a fun and safe experience? Introduce yourself!



# 100 Yard Range

- Commonly referred to as the Rifle Range.
- All caliber rifles up to, but not including, .50 BMG can be used at this range. Muzzleloading/black powder rifles .50 caliber or larger can be used. Only shotguns using rifled slugs can be used.
- Eye and ear protection are required while on the range.
- Range can be closed for public use for special events.
- No cross range shooting. Shoot only at the target directly in front of your shooting position.
- Targets are available for use on public days.



# 100 Yard Range Continued...

- When a cease fire is called (anyone can call a cease fire), all firing stops, firearms are unloaded, magazine, clip or additional ammunition removed, action is opened, and firearm is placed in one of the rifle racks. If the action cannot be locked back (most AK-47 type rifles), then a chamber flag or empty cartridge case is to be placed in the action and the bolt closed on it.
- All shooters/observers are to step back, away from the benches/firing line. When range is called safe, usually by the person who called the cease fire, the flag/sign is placed on the range and persons are allowed to go to their targets for inspection, replacement, removal or repositioning.





# 100 Yard Range Continued...

- All persons not downrange stay behind the benches/firing line. The handling of ammunition or other firearms/components is prohibited.
- Replacement targets are located in the target shed on the west side of the 100 yard line (when open to the public).
- The person who removed the flag/sign does a visual and verbal inspection to ensure the downrange area is clear, then calls the range clear and open.



# 100 Yard Range Continued...

- When moving rifles from the rack to the firing line, the muzzle is to be pointed up until at the firing line. Then, the muzzle should be rotated and pointed downrange.
- At no time should the muzzle be pointed cross range or down the firing line.
- Shooting is permitted only from the benches. Shooting in front of, behind or above the benches is prohibited.
- Eye and ear protection are required at all times



# 200 Yard Range

- Referred to as the 200 Yard Range.
- Not open for general use on public days. Is utilized for special events on public days (IDPA/3-gun/muzzleloaders/CCW etc.)
- Open to members only on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.
- All approved firearm types are permitted to be used.
- No airborne targets.
- Do not place rocks on the range for any reason. Rocks cause ricochets.
- Do not shoot for any reason into the Hesco Barriers on the right side of the 200 Yard Range.
- Sunrise till noon (Bench Rest Shooters) Noon till sunset (Dynamic Shooters)
- Will be intermittently closed for LE training/private use during the week. Check the website and emails for notification.



# Rifle/Pistol Targets



- Only items designed as a target are to be used as a target.
- Steel targets can be used with the following limitations:
  - Must be AR500 steel or harder
  - Must be hanging/swinging or mounted in a way to deflect the projectile downwards
  - Shooter should not be closer than 15 yards
  - If excessive spall or bounce back is occurring, the target shall not be used
  - If another shooter complains about spall/bounce back, the target shall not be used
  - On Public Days, the RSO must approve the use of all steel targets
- Absolutely NO ground targets
- No airborne targets.
- Do not place rocks or other hard objects that can cause a ricochet on the ranges. Sandbags or metal tent stakes should be used to prevent target stands from falling.





# Archery Ranges

- Two at the Shotgun Range.
- An archery target is available for rent on Public Days.
- Broadhead tips are not permitted to be used on Club targets/bales.
- No firearms are to be used on the archery ranges.
- No nocking/drawing of arrows if there is a person in front of the firing line.



# Special Events



- **Law Enforcement or Military Use** – Range may be partially or completely closed to members on those days a law enforcement/military agency has reserved the range. Check the calendar on the website or emails for schedule.
- The club has numerous events through the year. Some have a major impact on availability of the facility, others have minimal impact.
- All special events have to be approved by both the Club President and the Range Manager.



# Conclusion

- Your Membership Card will be issued to you after orientation ( must be worn and visible while at the range ), gate combination will be emailed to you within a week. If the combination doesn't work at any point throughout the year, the range is probably closed.
- A copy of this power point presentation can be found on our website, in the membership section.
- Have a **safe** and enjoyable time when using the facility. Tell your family and friends about us.
- Questions/comments.
- We will do some hands-on firearm loading and unloading using inert “dummy rounds.”
- We will then go on a walking tour of the shotgun range. When completed, we will drive/walk to the rifle/pistol range for a tour. Please bring eye/ear protection as the facility is in use.

