

RANGE REMINDERS

Combined Range Committee (CRC) Update: Range Etiquette.

Please check the Monthly Calendar for Gopher Flats days, and if you plan to use a range on another club's day or evening, please check-in with the Rangemaster when you enter the gate. ***We ask that you park, get out of your vehicle, check-in with the Rangemaster and ask if you can shoot. If permission is granted, advise the Rangemaster where you plan to shoot. Do not just drive by and wave.*** It is important to find members of the club running the range that day, so they know where you will be.

Use good judgment, drive slowly, and be safe. We share the range with other clubs and need to get along. If the Rangemaster says that no ranges are available and declines your request, please be courteous and leave. We are guests of the other clubs on days that are not Gopher Flats days. The CRC occasionally rents ranges to law enforcement agencies and some, or all, of the ranges could be closed to club members during that time. If you do not follow these procedures you will be asked who you are and which club you are affiliated with. A report will be given at the monthly CRC meeting and our club representatives will have to follow up with warnings to the members in question. If you have any questions, please contact a club officer. Email addresses are in the newsletter. - Dave Larson

Firearm Safety

The title is misleading: this is about SAFETY all year long. We will continue to have fun at the range. But, please be sure that you and your guests follow all the safety rules we have in place. These start with the basic gun handling rules we are all familiar with:

- ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction
- ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
- ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use
- NEVER use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting and know your target and what is beyond.
- ALWAYS wear Ear and Eye protection while at the range. All the rules are for our own protection, both for physical safety and financial liability. Our insurance requires that we all follow all the established safety rules. Now, let's go out and have FUN with GUNS. SAFELY!

- Mike Farrow, Chief Range Officer

No Steel Core- Or Steel-Jacketed Bullets

At the November 2012 CRC meeting, concern was expressed that someone was shooting steel jacketed bullets on one of the ranges. Safety rules prohibit shooting steel jacketed bullets on any of the ranges. Steel bullets retain heat and have started brush fires on other shooting ranges. Members are asked to check the ammo they or their guests shoot with a magnet. If the magnet sticks to the bullet, and not to the case, **do not fire that round on any of the ranges.**

- Mike Farrow, Chief Range Officer

Guests at the Range

One of the benefits of being a club member is the ability to take friends and colleagues to a great private range for some fun shooting. As members, our responsibility is to stay with our guests at all times and ensure that they follow the range rules. Since anyone on the range can be asked for a membership card at any time, our guests cannot be left on their own. Bring guests; invite them to join, but stay with them at all times while. - Mike Farrow, Chief Range Officer