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Range Safety Orientation

All new members are required to complete this training course before gaining access to the shooting range. If you haven't already done so visit the website (fundyshootingsports.org) go to the "membership info" page & review all the documents – **signing up as a member means you have read and agree to abide by all our rules.** Failure to follow our rules may result in **suspension** or a **lifetime ban.**

The Purpose of this Presentation

- Promote firearms safety
- Raise awareness of Range safety issues
- Ensure that members understand the range operating rules and personal liability
- Lower the risk of a safety related event at the range

Safety is everyone's responsibility!

What are Our Safety Rules?



Range Rules
25/50 Yard Firing Line

- Unlock main gate and secure lock on the end of the arm
- Raise the Red flag and turn the Range "IN USE" sign over
- Unlock main seacan and sign in with arrival time in the log book
- Record the name of your guests in the log book
- All shooters must wear safety glasses and have hearing protection
- The Range Safety Officer is in charge at all times
- On arrival, firearms are to remain cased or racked until the shooter moves to the firing line and uncased only when all members are behind the firing line
- When handling any firearm check to ensure it is empty
- All firearms are to be carried with the actions open
- When on the firing line always point the firearm downrange
- No person shall touch a firearm while anyone is down range of the firing line
- Do not shoot over the back stops
- Acceptable targets are: Paper or cardboard
- UNACCEPTABLE TARGETS: GLASS, COMPUTERS, AEROSOL CANS, PROPANE CANS, FOAM INSULATION CANS OR KITCHEN APPLIANCES
- **The 25/50 Yard range is shotgun certified for slugs only no birdshot**
- No alcohol or drugs are to be consumed prior to or during shooting
- Do not use staples on the rubber matting, use push pins provided
- Do not store any firearms or ammunition in the seacan
- Before leaving: Pick up your used paper targets or cardboard and put in the burning barrels, pick up any misfired rounds and place them in the container provided and pick up used shell casings and place in the buckets provided
- Upon leaving, lower the Red flag, turn the Range "Not in Use" sign over, record your departure time in the log book and lock the seacan
- Lock and secure the main gate

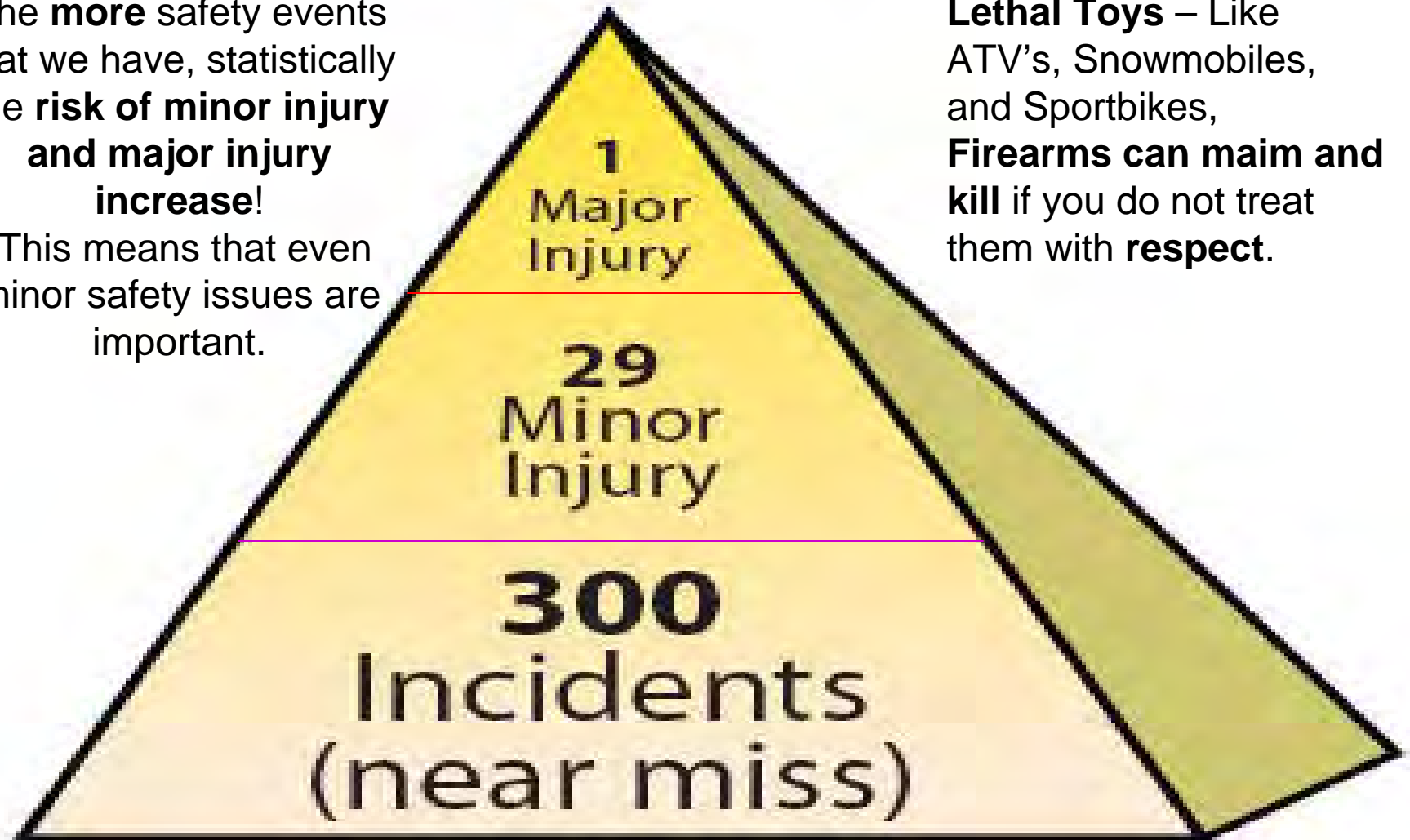
Range rules are posted on a large sign attached to the seacan. Read and follow them!

They are also on the club website under "membership info".

The Safety Triangle

The **more** safety events that we have, statistically the **risk of minor injury and major injury increase!**

This means that even minor safety issues are important.



Lethal Toys – Like ATV's, Snowmobiles, and Sportbikes, **Firearms can maim and kill** if you do not treat them with **respect**.

Why is this Presentation Necessary?

- The club membership has increased significantly to over 350 members
- The number of range safety-related events (reported) has climbed significantly
- The majority of club members do not attend club meetings. Consequently, they may not be aware of safety issues.
- **We are filling in the base of the safety triangle (by having safety incidents)!**
- **Without intervention by all members someone may get injured or killed.**

Members share the responsibility of keeping the range safe, avoiding injuries to themselves, others, and the public. Use of range property is a privilege that can be revoked by the owner, especially if it becomes an unsafe facility.

Utilizing the Range



Contact the club president or executive if you discover trespassers. You can advise them to leave but avoid confrontation. If necessary, call the police.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARDS WHILE AT THE RANGE! Your membership card is your permit to transport non-restricted firearms – DO NOT FORGET IT!

Range Is Private Property!



The range is NOT crown land. Anyone who is not a club member (or guest) is trespassing. Anyone who is not a club member (or guest) carrying a firearm on the range is **BREAKING THE LAW** and faces **SERIOUS CRIMINAL CHARGES!**

Main Gate



If you are the last person leaving the Range it is vital to lock the gate to prevent trespassers from entering the range. Trespassers have historically caused significant damage to range facilities. They are also not insured or allowed to shoot at this range without the presence and authorization of the club.

Leave the Lock Closed When Gate is Open



Leave the lock closed on the gate so that it will not be stolen. It is acceptable to leave the gate open while using the range; you may prefer to lock it closed for security if you are alone. **REMEMBER – THE GATE PADLOCK IS ALWAYS LOCKED!**

Range Not in Use



Green flag must be up when range is not in use. Ensure that the red flag is tightly secured at bottom of pole to prevent it from being ripped by the wind.

Range in Use



Red flag must be up when range is in use. Ensure that the green flag is tightly secured at bottom of pole to prevent it from being ripped by the wind. Proceed to the seacan at the 25/50 yard line unless the inside gate is closed.

Stop if the Inside Gate is Closed as 200 Yard Range is in Use!



You must stop at this gate at the top of the hill as some one is firing from the 200 yard line. This effectively closes the entire range to anyone else. **To proceed is to risk being shot!**

200 Yard Firing Position



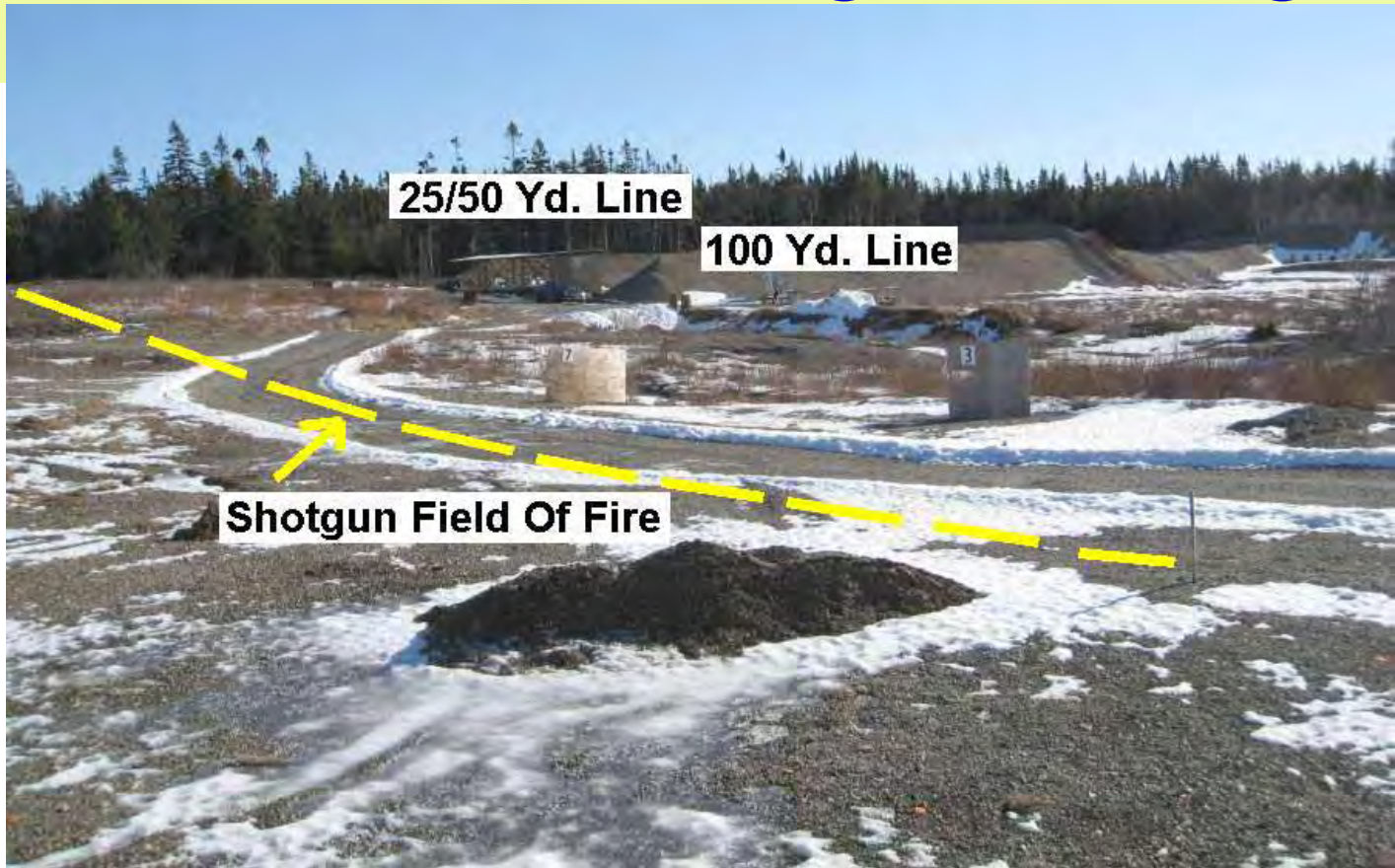
This is where a shooter is positioned while firing on the 200 yard line. The entire range is in the field of fire. Do NOT enter if the inside gate is closed.

View From 200 Yard Firing Position



As you can see from the 200 yard firing line, the entire range is in the field of fire so other firing positions are closed and off-limits. If you wish to shoot 200 yards IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE ALL OTHER RANGES ARE VACANT AND IT IS SAFE TO DO SO. Lock the inside gate closed – your key (gate, seacan) is the same.

View From Shotgun Range



As you can see from the shotgun firing line, the entire range is in the field of fire so other firing positions are closed. If shooters are on the pistol or rifle firing lines you must not shoot shotgun as they are downrange of your firing position. As with the 200 yard range you must ensure all other ranges are vacant before using the shotgun range.

Using The Manual Clay Thrower



If you want to shoot clays with your shotgun and arrive at the range to find other ranges in use, you can use the manual clay thrower on the 100 yard range. The thrower is located in the main seacan and bolts to the yellow table at the 100 yard firing line. USE EXTREME CARE when cocking the thrower – it can easily break an arm. NEVER pass in front of the cocked thrower. Use target loads only – no magnums, no bigger than 7 ½ shot, aerial targets (clays) **only**.

Open Seacan and PRINT NAME LEGIBLY In Log Book



It is extremely important to **print** your name in the log book **and any guests** that you have. Remember, **there are limits on the number of guests** allowed per member: **2 guest/member**. Targets & target stands are also located in the trailer. Hours of operation are daily 9:00 am until ½ hour before legal hunting ends (maximum of 9:00 pm). Check the schedule on the website to ensure the range is not booked for a special event. Hearing protection & eye protection ARE **MANDATORY** on the firing line.

Approved Targets ONLY – No Junk or Trash!



If you violate these rules you are risking injury and will be banned from the club. Names of banned members are shared with other local clubs! Paper targets are free and available in the trailer for member use on the range.

Approved Targets - Placement



Always take special care to avoid unnecessary damage to range furniture (railway ties, target frames, crosspieces). NEVER fire from one shooting lane into another. Place targets correctly and clean them up when done shooting.

What High Powered Rifle Fire Does to Pistol Targets



High caliber rifles, high velocity rifles, and steel jacketed ammunition (SKS 7.62x39) will penetrate/spall pistol targets. This is dangerous to the shooter and destroys valuable club property – these targets are now scrap. Violators will be banned from the club.

ATTENTION:

**THE 100 YARD RANGE STEEL RIFLE GONG IS FOR USE WITH
STANDARD CENTER FIRE AMMO ONLY**



VZ58 / CZ858 / SKS SHOOTERS:

**SURPLUS 7.62x39 (STEEL CORE) MUST NOT BE
USED ON THIS TARGET**

**ALL OTHER USERS MUST ENSURE AMMO DOES NOT CONTAIN
STEEL (AKA "GREEN TIPS") – IF IN DOUBT TEST WITH A MAGNET**

VIOLATORS WILL RECEIVE LIFETIME BAN!

What Surplus 7.62x39 (Steel Penetrator) or Green Tip Ammo Does To The 100 Yard Rifle Gong



Surplus 7.62x39 & 5.56 (.223) Green Tip ammo have steel cores that will heavily damage the 100 yard rifle gong. This target will now cause dangerous ricochets and must be replaced (\$\$\$ cost to the club membership).

The 25/50 & 100 Yard Back Stop



There are houses down range of this berm. Projectiles from rifles and pistols can reach local homes if you overshoot the berm. Be careful and responsible. Avoid climbing the berm as it pushes down the soil affecting the height and angle for stopping rounds.

The 25/50 & 100 yard Firing Line



Stay behind this line when the firing line is in use. Only go to target area when a **cease fire** has been sounded by the range officer and **acknowledged by the other shooters**. When a cease fire has been called all firearms must be unloaded, pointed downrange, and actions open. **Do not even touch a firearm while under a cease fire order or if ANYONE IS DOWNRANGE!**

Changing Targets / Moving In Front Of The Firing Line



After a ***cease fire*** has been sounded by the range officer and ***acknowledged by the other shooters*** & all firearms are unloaded, pointed downrange, with actions open, proceed to the target stand. NO ONE may ***touch a firearm while under a cease fire order or if ANYONE IS DOWNRANGE!*** Notice the bolt is removed & chamber empty on the rifle above. Handguns can only be holstered unloaded with action open – except under strict supervision during IPSC events (Black Badge Qualified).

If you are standing here at the 25/50 Yard Line and people start shooting on the Shotgun Range: **STOP THEM!**



You are down range of the shotgun firing position while on the 25/50 or 100 yard firing point. **You are in the line of fire and could be shot!** To avoid injury you absolutely must stop people from using the shotgun range if you are at the 25/50 or 100 yard firing line. Report the incident to the club executive as soon as possible.

If you witness an unsafe act speak to the person(s) involved and coach them.
Don't confront – EDUCATE!

- Report unsafe acts to the Club executive.
- Communicate with other shooters sharing the range to ensure clarity regarding safety rules.
Don't assume others know. Verify!
- Select a range safety officer when appropriate – ANY TIME there is more than 1 shooter!

Don't Litter: Keep your Range Clean!

We Are Guests On The Property!

- Don't shoot glass objects, kitchen appliances, computers, foam insulation cans or **ANY OTHER TRASH!!! Violators Will Be Banned! USE YOUR HEAD AND PICK UP AFTER YOURSELF!**
- **PAPER** Ammo boxes and used **PAPER** targets can be put in the burn barrels. **METAL CANS, SPRAY CANS, PLASTIC BOTTLES, USED BRASS AND OTHER NONFLAMMABLES DO NOT GO IN THE BARRELS!!! TAKE THEM HOME WITH YOU!!!** If you bring it out, you can bring it back. The range is not a dump and other members are not pleased having to clean up after lazy, ignorant people!
- Pick up and dispose of misfired rounds in a safe manner – **USE THE MISFIRED AMMO BOX LOCATED AT THE 25/50 YARD FIRING LINE.**



- **Please** pick up your spent brass and shotgun hulls and deposit them in the containers provided in the trailer.

Leaving The Range – Last One Out



Log out of the register book in the seacan by recording your departure time & lock the door. Put the green flag up and tightly furl the red flag at the bottom, flip the “Not In Use” sign up. Drive your vehicle out the main gate & lock it behind you. See you next time!

Thanks for watching and enjoy your range safely.