## ACROSS THE CANAL SHOOTING SPORTS FACILITY (LOCATED AT 1.6 MILES ON SOUTH MORRIS ROAD)

## SAFETY RULES

## **INTRODUCTION**

It is required that each person who wishes to operate the facility have some instructions on the safe use of the Skeet machines. This can be arranged by contacting **James Bindel** at **361-4505**.

The Owner's desires to provide good working and safe equipment. The condition of the equipment is dependent on the users reporting equipment failures or unsafe conditions of the equipment to **James Bindel** at **361-4505**. Neither the Owners nor any other person (such as volunteer workers) can make any warranty as to the safety or condition of the facilities and therefore it is the responsibility of each user to inspect the facility prior to and after use and report equipment failures and or unsafe conditions to James Bindel. Do not operate the equipment if you think it is unsafe.

## BE IT KNOWN THAT EVERYONE WHO USES THE SHOOTING FACILITY DOES IT AT HIS OR HER OWN RISK.

- 1. Be aware that there could be rattlesnakes, black widow spiders and or wasps in and around the skeet houses.
- 2. Upon unlocking the Skeet house door, make a careful survey of the area and identify where there may be any hazards.
- 3. The Skeet machines are electrical mechanical devices that use springs to store energy which is used to throw the clay disks. **NEVER STAND DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF A SKEET HOUSE CLAY EXIT DOOR WHEN THE SKEET MACHINE POWER IS TURNED ON. EXTEME CARE MUST BE OBSERVED AT THE LOW HOUSE (SHOOTING STATION No. 7)**.
- 4. ALWAYS TURN THE SKEET THROWER OFF WHEN LOADING THE SKEET MACHINE, WORKING ON THE SKEET MACHINE AND OR CLEANING AROUND THE SKEET MACHINE AREA. Note: The Skeet machines must be turned back on prior to shooting. This should be done after everyone is clear of the Skeet Machines. ONLY DESIGNED PERSONS MAY BE IN THE SKEET HOUSES WHILE THEY ARE IN USE.

- 5. With the Skeet machines on and all persons are behind the shooter, and the Shooter is at the shooting station, the Shooter is ready to shoot. While personnel are in front of the shooting stations or down range, all firearms shall be unloaded, with action open, chamber empty, and safety on if available.
- 6. ALL WEAPONS MUST HAVE THEIR BREACHES (ACTIONS) OPEN EXCEPT WHEN A SHOOTER IS AT THE SHOOTING STATION. NEVER LOAD MORE THAN TWO SHELLS AT ANY ONE TIME. FIREARMS WILL ONLY BE LOADED AT THE SHOOTING STATION IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SHOOTING. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT.
- 7. Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction Aiming and pointing a firearm is only permitted toward the target area from the firing line.
- 8. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS REQUIRED FOR <u>ALL</u> PERSONNEL IN THE RANGE AREA.
- 9. Use only firearms which are known to be mechanically safe and sound.
- 10. Only lead shot may be used on the shotgun ranges, sizes 7-1/2, 8, 8-1/2, 9 and 10. No steel, solid projectile, or magnum powered loads are permitted.
- 11. **Misfires** shall be handled as follows:
  - A. DO NOT MAKE A SECOND ATTEMPT TO FIRE!
  - B. Continue pointing the firearm down range for not less than one minute.
  - C. Unload and clear the firearm. Visually check the chamber and bore.
  - D. **Do not** discard misfires on the ground or in trash containers.
- 12. Firearms not in use shall be stored in the range racks. Firearms stored in the range racks shall be unloaded, chamber empty with action open where applicable, and safety on if available.
- 13. ANY PERSON DEEMED INTOXICATED, OR UNFIT TO HANDLE A FIREARM OR ANY PERSON DISPLAYING CONDUCT UNBECOMING A LADY OR GENTLEMAN SHALL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE FACILITIES.
- 14. A member or spouse bringing children under 18 years old to the shotgun ranges must maintain absolute control over the children's activities at all times.
- 15. Any person witnessing a violation of the Range Rules and Regulations or safety standards is responsible for calling it to the violator's attention.
- 16. No shotguns larger than 12 gauges are permitted for use on the Shotgun ranges.
- 17. Black Power shotguns are permitted; all rules of Safety and Conduct apply. In addition shooters should advise all other shooters of the presence of black powder, and to refrain

- from smoking in the immediate area. Only 7-1/2, 8, 8-1/2, 9 and 10 shall be used on black power shotguns.
- 18. No one is to handle another person's gun while in the rack, without the owner's permission.
- 19. A **pattern board** is provided for use by shooters and the following rules apply to its use:
  - a) All applicable Safety Rules Apply,
  - b) No slugs or buckshot allowed on the pattern board,
  - c) You must supply your own pattern paper,
  - d) Take your pattern paper with you or throw it in the trash,
  - e) Any shot size except that listed in (b) above is permitted.
- 20. At the conclusion of your shooting, first turn off the Skeet machines and wind up the pull cord. and hang it inside the Skeet "High" house. Make sure the trap doors are secure from perpetrators (Locked). PLEASE REMOVE ANY EMPTY BOXES AND CARDBOARD FROM THE SKEET HOUSES. PICK UP ALL OF YOUR TRASH AND PUT IT INTO THE TRASH CONTAINERS. EVERYONE WHO USES THE FACILITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LEAVING THE AREA CLEAN.
- 21. Violations of the above rules and regulations may result in the loss of range privileges, and in some cases may lead to expulsion from Shooting Facilities.
- 22. A consent form will be signed and dated and filed for all shooter who adhere to these rules. All others will not be allowed on site.