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The Range is Open !!

Construction of the divider wall between the 50 and 100 yd ranges is complete.. Effectively we now have two ranges and there have been some changes to

the safety rules. Dale Mullin covers the highlights on page 3 and a more extensive overview of the changes is available on the website.

Women on Target 22 May 2010

Women On Target is designed to create more hunting and shooting opportunities for women. There are currently about two million American women who hunt and an additional four million who enjoy target shooting. These numbers are steadily increasing.

Women On Target is helping women learn shooting and

hunting skills in a safe and supportive women-only atmosphere.

ASC is sponsoring a Women on Target event 22 May.

For more information and to obtain an application check out the ASC website at Airfield Women on Target.

Bowling Pin Match March 13th

We are proud to announce another Bowling Pin Match on the 13th of March. This will be a special match as one of our long time member Cort Tompkins will be moving away for awhile. In his honor

Steven Gordon will be offering free lunch to all of the Pin Match attendees. Email Steven if you plan to come so he can get a accurate head count.

Steven.gordon@airfieldshootingclub.org

4H Instructor Weekend March 27-28

There will be 4H Instructor Training the weekend of March 27-28. This is cross disciplinary training and may require the use of all of the ranges. 50, 100, and shotgun. Check the calendar before you head out!!

Greek HXP in Stock at CMP

The Civilian Marksmanship Program now has 30-06 HXP in stock. Pick some up so that you have ammo to shoot for our next Service Rifle Match.

Gun Show Help

Andy needs help manning the booths at the the next few gun shows. Not only do you get to knock out some service hours but you can get free admission to the show. Email Andy to volunteer.

March 20—21 Hampton
April 17-18 Virginia Beach

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Special Note

- Our regular Newsletter Editor Stan Winner is on convalescent leave recovering from a hospital stay. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers so he can return to full duty as soon as possible.



The official range rules have been updated and posted to the club website. There are a number of updates designed to enhance safety with regards to the new wall.

Please read and familiarize yourself with the updates.

[Airfield Shooting Club Range Rules](#)



Ensure that you check out the calendar on our website before heading out to the range.

ASC President's Commentary

Keeping "Honor" in the ASC Honor System...

The Airfield Shooting Club (ASC) currently operates on the Honor System for its members to use the ranges. The ASC Board requires that all of our members follow and obey each of the Range Rules and Regulations (Rules) as set by the ASC Board. In our Rules, each member is required to act as the Range Safety Officer (RSO) at appropriate times and to control the use by all members and to ensure safety and compliance with the Rules. The RSO and all members on the range are entrusted to immediately correct any member committing a Rule violation. If the corrected member fails to comply or repeatedly violates ASC Rules, then the RSO or ASC Member observing the violation must report to the ASC Board the violation observed. We are a "self-policing" club.

As you all should be aware now, we have a new range wall dividing the 50 yard and 100 meter ranges. Our new rule clearly states that if you observe any member or guest shoot the new wall, then they will suffer expulsion from the Club. It is the duty of all of the ASC members to report this violation to the ASC Board immediately. I also want to encourage you to report to the ASC Board other violations that you as members observe on the range that cause damage to any of the ASC assets, including target frames, benches, tables, the new 12 ft. lateral indicator post (red post with white arrow), porta-john, ASC shed, shooting pavilions, etc. The ASC Board wishes to take swift action against members that abuse ASC property. An example of one of these violations would be observing a member place target items (onions, shot shells, cartridge cases, apples, etc.) on the bottom cross beam of the target frames. When a member tries to shoot at these items, then the likelihood of shooting the target frame is great. Damage to target frames is costly and time consuming to repair for our Club. When we have to pay for new target frames so often, then important ASC funds are being diverted from the other goals that we have planned for the benefit of our members such as running water and "real" restroom facilities.

Safety of those using the range and those in the vicinity of the range is priority number one for the ASC Board. It is therefore important that all serious and/or repeated safety violations observed should be reported to the ASC Board. You might be thinking: Do I have to report all safety violations that I observe? The answer is "No." You can exercise some commonsense. When you observe someone not wearing hearing/eye protection, then you should remind them that it is for their own safety, but the ASC Board does not need to know about it. If you observe a member hanging objects under the target frames and shooting at them so that the rounds fired do not impact the lower portion of the berm, then politely correct them and ask them to comply with the Rules. If that violating member refuses to comply or gives you a hard time about it or complies but continues to violate other range rules repeatedly, then you should inform the ASC Board of the situation by noting the violating member's Club number and the date and time of the infraction(s). If rounds are exiting the range or going

over the berm, and a member refuses correction, then the ASC Board definitely wants to know which member it is so that appropriate action can be taken. All members need to remember that we share the range with the 4-H Center and that the range is located on the 4-H Center property. There may be 4-H guests that are hiking in the woods around our range. **If one round exits the range and causes injury to a person, then I can almost guarantee that the ASC range will be closed and all of our time and investment in the range will be for nothing!**

If there is ever any doubt whether you should report Rule violations observed to the ASC Board, then I think you should err on the side of caution and let us know by e-mailing any of the ASC Board members or logging on to our website at www.airfieldshootingclub.org and clicking on the "Contact ASC" tab at the top. As I stated above, we are a "self-policing" club. If you fail as members to properly monitor the range and report Rule violations, then the ASC Board will have to take other action. The ASC Board has discussed in the past the possibility of installing video equipment in the pavilions to monitor the members. I personally do not want to see this happen. I have concerns about the ASC Board becoming "Big Brother." I do not want anyone constantly looking over my shoulder as I use the range. The money spent on video equipment would be costly, and I would rather see that money put into range improvements such as running water and "real" restroom facilities. I think that most of you would agree with me. So I ask each of you to do your part in monitoring the range, report Rule violations, and keep the "Honor" in our Honor System.

I look forward to seeing you SAFELY using the range!

Tim Drewry
ASC President

HELP US HIT THE BULLSEYE! The ASC Board is here to serve the ASC members. Your comments and thoughts are always welcome whether about the matters discussed above or other important matters concerning the range. Just log on to airfieldshootingclub.org and send your comments to us via the "Contact ASC" tab at the top.

Updated Range Rules — Dale Mullin

Construction of the wall is complete and the range has been reopened. The addition of the wall required us to take a look at the range rules and we found that a few modifications were necessary. I want to take a few moments to go over those rules changes and the reasons for them so that we won't have any problems. The background behind these rule changes is that we effectively now have TWO ranges. The Board has decided that the safest course of action is to treat each range as being entirely separate. In other words each range will have its own Range Safety Officer and each range can go "hot" or "cold" independent of what is happening on the other range.

At present you can still see the firing line of the other range from either the 50 or 100-meter range. In the near future we plan to have a visual (and noise) barrier between the two firing lines. Regardless whether you can see the other line or not, we are now requiring that there be a separate RSO on each range.

If a member brings a guest, the member and the guest(s) are now required to be on the same range (either 50, or 100) that the guest(s) is using. If either the member or his guest(s) wishes to shoot on the other range, it will be necessary for the member and his guest(s) to move together as a group. This new rule is designed to ensure that members have their guests under their immediate control and supervision.

Speaking of moving from one range to the other: Since one range can be "hot" while the other is "cold" there may be some difficulty in moving uncased firearms from one range to the other. The easiest course of action is to unload and case your firearm before moving between ranges. That way you'll be OK whether the range you're moving to is "hot" or "cold." If for some reason you cannot case your firearm, the best course of action is to unload and place your firearm on the bench, pointing down-range. Then check with both Range Safety Officers to see if they will remain "hot" long enough for you to move your unloaded firearm between the two

ranges.

There are a couple of other new rules to help keep everyone safe and to protect our new wall. The first states: Do NOT set targets nor shoot at anything closer than 12-feet laterally from the range separation wall on the 50-yard range. The berm on that side of the 50-yard range is not as high as it is on the rest of the range. In order to avoid problems we will not shoot into the part of the berm that is within 12-feet of the wall. The other rule is to help protect the wall from unnecessary damage. Our club invested a considerable sum of money into this wall and we hope to make it last a very long time. Here is the rule: Any member observed purposely shooting into the range separation wall will be subject to expulsion from the membership. If a guest is observed purposely shooting the wall the guest will be asked to leave the range and never return. The member responsible for this guest will be subject to expulsion.

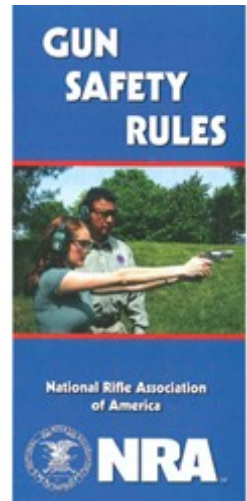
The revised Range Rules have been posted on our club website. <<http://www.airfieldshootingclub.org/files/RangeRules02-10.pdf>> Changes are in blue text to make it easier for members to see what has changed. Please take some time to read through and understand the new rules. If you have questions please feel free to send me an e-mail <Instructor@airfieldshootingclub.org> or ask your question on our website's forum. We expect to have copies of the revised rules laminated and posted on the range sometime in the very near future.

We are excited about the possibilities that the new wall opens up. We expect to be able to schedule matches on one range while still keeping the other range available for general use by the membership. The wall will also make it easier for us to share the range with anyone renting the facilities from the 4-H Center. We are thrilled to be able to go back to using the range again. Have fun, and please keep it safe.

Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Always keep the unloaded until ready to use.



Pungo Posse Match March 6th

The Pungo Posse is a SASS affiliated club and shoots the first Saturday of each month at Airfield Shooting Club.

Cowboy Action shooting is one of the fastest growing segments of shooting sports. Many have attributed this growth to the friendly nature of most of the cowboy shooters or the addictive fun once a shooter assumes an "alias" and gets into the aspects of the action.

Everyone is welcome to come out and see what Cowboy Action Shooting is all about although new shooters will be required to observe one match before they can participate unless they are SASS members visiting from another range. Matches typically consist of four to six stages and registration starts at 8:30AM with a safety meeting at 9:30AM.





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Next Board Meeting 20 March at 9AM

The Board of Directors meetings are open to all members and prospective members.

Prospective members can make arrangements to complete their range qualifications after the completion of the board meeting.

Agenda

Minutes from September

Reports

Old Business

New Business

The Range Bag - Leupold Mark AR Scope

Reviews of Shooting related equipment and tips and tricks for shooters of all types.

If you want to write a review of a piece of equipment that could help your fellow shooters or provide a substantial tip or trick that could help an aspiring shooter email Greg at webmaster@airfieldshootingclub.org and we will work with you to get your efforts posted on the web page or right here in the club newsletter.

After the NCStar debacle a few months ago I was still in need of some decent optics for my flat top AR. I decided to save up my pennies and dimes until I could afford a Leupold!

I bought a Leupold Mark AR 3-9x40 and took it out for test. Check out the full review online to see how it all wrung out.

