ADDITIONAL RANGE USE INFORMATION:

ALL MEMBERS – PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT FULLY. TWO NEW SECTIONS WERE ADDED FOR 2017 – "BRINGING FAMILY MEMBERS AND CHILDREN TO THE RANGE" AND "SHOOTING ON RANGE #2 – HANDGUN/OVERFLOW RANGE".

MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

Members are required to have proof of membership with them each time they come to the Selkirk Game & Fish shooting facility. At times you will be asked to show your membership. It is up to the individual to prove they are a current member of our club. If you cannot show proof of membership then you will be asked to pack up and leave.

The laminated name tag that you received with your *first* membership and with the current year sticker you receive is *NOT* your membership card. The membership card is a paper about 6 inches square with the letters MWF in the upper left corner. Below these letters will be a box with the name SELKIRK written in. The main body of the membership has the person's name and address info with family membership info written in the right hand portion of the membership card. This is what we want to see as proof of membership at the range. Also, only members may shoot at our range, non-members and guests are 'observers' only.

BUMP FIRING:

Bump firing is a term used to make a "semi-auto" firearm seemingly go 'full auto" by manipulation of the firearms trigger and recoil. **Bump Firing is** *prohibited anywhere* **on the Selkirk Game & Fish property.** Our facility is not approved for full auto fire. Individuals caught bump firing will have their memberships revoked.

EXPLOSIVE TARGETS:

Targets have become available that explode and burn upon impact with a bullet. These targets are a fire hazard. **Explosive Targets are** *prohibited anywhere* **on the Selkirk Game & Fish property.**

SHOOTING ON RANGE #2 - HANDGUN / OVERFLOW RANGE:

Range #2 is located adjacent, (to the east of), the main 200yd shooting range. Shotgun, handgun and rifle shooting is allowed on range #2 with the following stipulations.

SHOTGUN SHOOTING:

The shooting of shotgun pellet or slug loads must be done from the firing line 50 metres from the end berm. No ground shooting at targets. Targets must be set up such that pellets or slugs will pass thru the target and impact into the face of the end berm. **ABSOLUTLY NO SHOOTING OVER TOP OF THE END BERM. ALSO, ABSOLUTLY NO HAND THROWN OR MECHANICALLY THROWN** "CLAY PIGEON" TARGETS ALLOWED ON THIS RANGE. Shotgun and handgun shooting is permitted to be done at the same time at the 50 metre firing line from the end berm.

HANDGUN SHOOTING:

All handgun shooting on Range #2 must be done from the firing line located 50 metres from the face of the end berm. No ground shooting at targets. Targets must be set up such that bullets will pass thru the target and impact into the face of the end berm. Targets must not be closer than 10 yards/metres from the shooter. Steel targets are used at your own risk. Do not shoot steel targets closer than 10 yards/metres with a handgun. Please also read the "Holster Use" and "Range Restriction" sections of this handout.

RIFLE SHOOTING:

Rifle shooting is permitted on range #2. Rifle shooting is permitted from the shooting tables 100 metres from the end berm and from the 50 metre handgun firing line. No ground shooting at targets. Targets must be set up in front of the end berm such that bullets will pass thru the target and impact into the face of the end berm. Only .22 cal. rimfire rifle shooting allowed on steel targets. Steel targets are shot at your own risk. Steel targets should not be closer than 10 yards/metres from the shooter. **ABSOLUTLY NO STEEL TARGET SHOOTING WITH CENTREFIRE RIFLES.**

NOTE: Handgun shooters have priority on the use of Range #2.

Rifle shooting from the shooting tables 100 metres from the end berm is permitted until handgun shooters show up to shoot at the range. When this occurs, 100 metre rifle shooting MUST CEASE with the rifle shooters having the option of moving forward and shooting from the 50 metre line with the handgun shooters or ceasing to shoot altogether. *CONFRONTATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN RIFLE AND HANDGUN SHOOTERS. The club policy is: HANDGUN SHOOTERS HAVE PRIORITY ON RANGE #2 AT ALL TIMES.*

SHOTGUN AND TRAP SHOOTING:

Our shotgun/trap shooting field is located between the main 200yd rifle range and the adjacent handgun shooting range. Shooting of shotguns at our facility is allowed under the following conditions:

Firstly: Trap shooting is only allowed at our facility when the Selkirk Game & Fish 'Spring' or 'Fall' Trap Leagues are in progress. The trap leagues normally operate Wednesday evenings beginning at 5:00pm. The dates for the start and end of the trap leagues are posted on our website Event Calendar. When the trap field is in operation both the 200yd rifle range and the adjacent handgun range are closed to all shooting. *Shotgun shooting is not allowed on the trap field at any other time except for when the trap leagues are in progress or a special trap event is scheduled. DO NOT throw your own clay targets or bring your own clay target thrower to the trap field when the 200yd rifle range and adjacent handgun range are in use. The reason for this is "Safety". Shooters on the trap field will be standing ahead of the rifle range firing line located on their left and any targets shot with shotguns will cause broken pieces of target and deflected shot to rain down on handgun shooters shooting on the adjacent handgun range.*

<u>Secondly</u>: Those wishing to sight in their shotguns for 'Buckshot' and 'Slugs' may do so at the handgun range adjacent to the 200yd rifle range. Shotgun shooting is done at the 50m line from the end berm just like handgun shooting. Targets must be set up such that the projectiles from the shotgun go thru the target and into the face of the end berm. DO NOT THROW TARGETS OR SHOOT OVER TOP OF THE END BERM.

HOLSTER USE:

Holsters may be used to carry '*empty/unloaded*' guns only. The procedure on the firing line should be as follows: a) an empty gun is drawn from a holster and loaded; b) the gun is fired at the target; c) when firing is complete, the gun is unloaded, visually inspected to be 'empty' and only then put back into the holster. (Of course, at all times the gun is out of the holster, the muzzle is pointed safely down range for all shooting and loading procedures).

Drawing a loaded gun from a holster is reserved for those with special training. During certain handgun competitions that are held at our shooting facility, competitors are allowed to carry and draw a loaded handgun from their holster and engage a series targets as set out in the competition. In order for a competitor to qualify to draw a loaded gun from their holster, they must first complete a 'Holster' safety course which is put on by several competitive handgun shooting organizations. Competition shooters accredited with a holster safety course are allowed to draw a loaded firearm from their holster while practicing at our facility. However, upon leaving the practice area firing line, the guns are to be unloaded and made safe while holstered.

Please be aware, rapid drawing of a loaded gun from a holster, '*western style*', is very dangerous. Shooting through the arteries in your thigh will cause you to bleed to death within a few minutes!!!

BRINGING FAMILY MEMBERS AND CHILDREN TO THE RANGE:

Several complaints were lodged with the club this year with regard to some shooters bringing family members and young children to the range. It is not against the rules for family members to come to the range since many of our members have "Family Memberships". The names of the main member along with his or her spouse and any children 12 to 17 years of age are listed on their family membership card. The main complaint was some young children were up at the firing line picking up their mother or fathers fired casings as they were shooting. In some instances the children were picking up casings around the legs of other shooters thereby distracting them and causing a safety hazard.

The Selkirk Game & Fish Associations policy for bringing children to the range is this:

- All children brought to the range must be under the supervision and control of an adult at all times
- All children must be under the supervision and control of an adult while that person's partner or spouse is shooting.
- All children must have adequate hearing protection OR BE FAR ENOUGH FROM THE SHOOTING SO AS NOT TO BE AFFECTED BY THE LOUD NOISE. THE SAFE DISTANCE WITHOUT HEARING PROTECTION IS 50 METRES.
- All children must be kept well back of the firing line when shooting is going on so as not to cause a distraction to people handling loaded firearms or in the process of shooting.
- Children are not allowed to go forward to the firing line until ALL SHOOTING HAS CEASED AND THE FIRING LINE HAS BEEN MADE SAFE. ADULT SUPERVISION IS STILL REQUIRED.
- During the cease fire, children may go downrange with their parents to view or reset targets etc., however they must be under the full supervision of an adult.

RANGE RESTRICTIONS:

Each of our shooting ranges is approved for certain types of firearms. *Our 200yd main range is approved for rifle shooting only*. We even have a sign mounted on the truss of the roofing stating - "NO SHOTGUNS OR HANDUNS". Yet we still find the odd accumulation of shotgun hulls and handgun brass casing on the rifle range firing line. *PLEASE – NO SHOTGUN OR HANDGUN SHOOTING ON THE MAIN 200YD RANGE!!!*

FACILITY EVENTS:

Our facility is used by many government agencies and shooting organizations for training, testing and competitive shooting. We have an 'Event Calendar' on our website that is kept up to date throughout the year informing members as to when special events are scheduled at our facility. Please get into the habit of checking the event calendar regularly.

FIRING LINE CEASE FIRE:

When a group of people are shooting on the same firing line and it is decided to 'cease fire' to check or change targets, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that: a) everyone on the firing line understands that a 'cease fire' is coming up. b) all guns are laid down with muzzles pointed down range, receiver actions locked open and *all clips or magazines and cartridges removed from the gun.* c) **absolutely no handling of firearms** *for any reason* while people are down range checking or resetting targets!!!

Before declaring the range 'live' to start shooting again, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that: a) everyone is back from downrange. b) take a good look downrange for any person that may be hard to see because they are kneeling down or wearing camouflage jackets or may be physically handicapped and can't move as quickly as others. d) ensure everyone on the firing line is aware the firing line is becoming 'live' again and shooting is about to begin.

And also.....

Please pickup and place all garbage in or beside the 45 gallon drums provided. **Do Not Start Fires To Burn Garbage.** Removal or burning of garbage will be looked after by Game & Fish grounds people.

Our website is: <u>www.selkirkgameandfish.ca</u> Emails may be sent to: info@selkirkgameandfish.ca