

ORIENTATION MANUAL

STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S
ASSOCIATION

2006



PREFACE AND CLUB HISTORY

The Standish Sportsman's Association was founded in East Bridgewater in 1973 by three sportsmen who were interested in the conservation of natural resources including all game and fish, fresh and saltwater.

At first they held meetings in their homes. As the membership grew, they rented a hall to accommodate their meetings. Over the years moneys were raised by holding dances, dinners, raffles, etc. In 1978 a parcel of land was purchased in East Bridgewater and after some months a right of way was purchased to provide access. Trees were cut and a road was built through the swampy area and woods to where our Club house now stands. Members continued to raise money in various ways, including selling firewood from the trees that were cut on club property.

In 1979 with moneys raised and a mortgage, the Club house was started. Except for the footings and block walls, all the labor and construction was done by our club members. All the materials and the cost of obtaining them were donated or scrounged and money to pay for the rest was raised by our members.

In 2006 we now have a Club house with full modern kitchen, an indoor 50 foot pistol range, an indoor 90 foot archery range, an outdoor 50 foot pistol range with covered firing line, a 100 yard rifle and pistol range with enclosed shooting stations, an officially laid out trap range, a skeet field, an outdoor archery range, an outdoor 30-target 3-D bow course, horseshoe pits and ample parking for our members and guests on approximately 100 acres of land.

It is our aim to promote sportsmanship among our members and to continue to improve by adding facilities to benefit our members and the community. We sponsor a fishing derby for all the kids, send youngsters to Youth Conservation Camp each year and we award scholarships as well. We also sponsor events for Seniors in the surrounding community, and we put on one of the best Sportsmen's Shows in the area. To do all this we need the cooperation, dedication and abilities of all our members. Even if in the past you have worked hard for the club, please continue your efforts and convince the guy who is not helping to do so. We need you to Volunteer for needed projects, whether they are large or small.

And please don't be a petty bickerer or a Monday morning quarterback. Instead of criticizing, pitch in and help get the little jobs done while they are small, and the big jobs will get done more easily, as well. Let's all work and grow together so that we can continue to have top notch facilities that we can be proud of, at a reasonable cost. Be a "Sportsman", not just a shooter or fisherman or bowman or whatever, and let's all pull together for the mutual benefit and the welfare of the whole Club.

GENERAL ORIENTATION

ENTERING THE FRONT GATE

An Open Gate indicates that other members are on Club property.
A Closed Gate usually means that no other members are on the property.
To enter - unlock the large padlock on the right gatepost, let it hang free from its chain, swing the gate open and latch it to the back post.

ON THE PROPERTY

Speed Limit on the Club road and grounds is 10 miles per hour.
Never park so that your vehicle will block or hinder access to any part of the road. Pull over for approaching traffic.
No Parking is allowed on the rifle or trap ranges unless specially approved by the Board of Directors for a particular function.
All firearms must be unloaded except while on designated firing lines.
No Loaded firearms are allowed in the club house. Obey all Range Rules.

OPENING THE CLUB HOUSE

To enter, unlock and remove the padlock from the steel locking bar box, then swing the bar open and fully back against the wall.
The light switches are inside the door, on your left. The first switch is for the outside pole light. In daylight, leave it off.
The kitchen light switch is on the right wall around the corner, near the front door, to the right of the refrigerators.
The outside pole light timer switch is on the right wall as you enter. It is used for exiting in the dark, and the parking lot pole light will stay on for 10 minutes, when it is activated properly.

To activate the pole light timer -

Turn the pole light switch up to the ON position, with the pole light ON. Twist the timer switch clockwise, and the light will stay on for about 10 minutes and then it will turn off by itself, giving you ample time and light to lock the front door after you shut off the pole light and all the other lights. Turn down all the switches as you leave.

CLUB HOUSE LOCK-UP PROCEDURES

Make sure there are no faucets open nor any water running.
Shut all rest room doors and lights. Note: rest rooms are electrically heated to prevent water freeze-up in cold weather. Keeping the

doors closed keeps the heat in and saves energy - and money.
Make sure the fan is off behind the kitchen grill and the coffee pot and
all other appliances are turned off. Place screen on the hearth.
Check the rear door, and the side doors in the archery and pistol ranges.
Make sure the barrel bolts are in place and locked.
Make sure, if you are the last one out, you SHUT OFF ALL THE LIGHTS.
Lock the bar across the front door, exit the property and be sure to lock
the front gate. If at any time you are not sure you are the last one
to leave, go ahead and lock up anyway. All current and authorized
members have keys and they will not be locked in.

KEYS

In February of every year, the Club locks and keys are changed, immediately following the regular business meeting. A new key, along with a new shooting badge and new membership card, may be obtained from a Board member thereafter.

All new members who have paid their current annual dues, have attended the Club Orientation training session and certify that they know all of, agree to, and sign off on, the current Club rules and regulations, are issued a key that will fit the front gate, the club house and the outdoor rifle range house.

Trap and skeet house keys are issued only to members qualified to operate the trap and skeet machines. (Note: "qualified" means: specifically trained to operate them, by a member of the trap and skeet committee).

Safe keys are issued only to Officers and to certain other members as it may be deemed necessary by the President.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Regular business meeting is held, beginning at 7:30 pm, on the first Thursday of every month.

The Social meeting is held on the third Thursday of each month, except in December (which is election night).

The Board of Directors meeting is 7:30 the fourth Thursday of every month

CLUB HOUSE SECURITY

In the event a member is alone and he wishes to use the trap, skeet or other outdoor range, he must first lock the club house.

Try never to allow anyone to remove or damage any club property unless you know they are authorized to do so. Always feel free to challenge civilly any person you feel may be borrowing or damaging club property. All members are authorized to ask others on Club property to show them their current membership dues card, shooting badge or other ID, and any member asked should do so without getting upset. In this manner of policing ourselves, we can keep Club losses to a minimum.

There is absolutely NO Borrowing of Club property without permission of the Officers or the Board of Directors.

Clean up after yourself on ranges and in the club house and on the grounds.

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS

All paid up members are issued Membership ID (dues) cards and pin-on badges annually, along with their new keys, when their dues are paid.

It is every member's duty and obligation to either display this shooting badge and/or carry his membership card while on Club property. Each member should be prepared to identify himself to another member who asks him to do so, without any hard feelings, since not all members know one another on sight.

Any member may challenge or ask any person on Club grounds for their badge or membership card, in a civil manner. This is necessary because from time to time strangers and/or visitors may come on to the property and attempt to use our club facilities without permission.

Annual Dues are \$80.00 and are due and payable January 1st of each year. Any member who has NOT paid their dues by the February business meeting will cease to be a member of this Club at that time.

Elected Officers will be refunded or given credit for their next year's dues if they meet the required percentage of attendance policy.

KITCHEN

During meetings and functions there is usually a member in attendance. Any time there is not, the honor system is in effect.

ALL MEMBERS MUST PAY for all items taken or consumed. Money should be left in the steel cylinders on the wall next to the front door, and by the coffee pot.

HEAT

At the present time the Club house building is heated by a fireplace, an oil burner, and a gas space heater. To keep the fires burning throughout the winter, it is obviously necessary to bring in fire wood.

There is an ample supply of wood on the grounds of our Club property. Some is cut, some is split, and some is not. All able bodied members are asked and are expected to help keep the fire burning by looking around and bringing in, or placing into our wood bin, some (at least as much as you use) suitable firewood for others to use. Remember, in cold, damp weather it is good to be able to warm up, and to have a meeting in a nice, warm building.

The oil burner and the gas heater are hooked up to timers which you can turn on when needed. Shift the duct baffles as needed, and replace as found. Please do not leave the work to just a few. If everybody pitches in, all the jobs will be small jobs and all the members will be able to enjoy all of our facilities, year round.

COMMITTEES

Committees are made up of volunteer members appointed by the President.

All paid up members can volunteer, whether they are Charter or Associate members. All members are urged to volunteer for Committees. Only Charter members can make motions, vote on issues at meetings, and hold office.

At Board of Directors meetings, all members may attend and participate, but only Board members can make motions and vote in the Board meeting.

Associate members and Temporary Associate members are strongly urged to participate in all Club business meetings and discussions, but they have no vote. Associate members should always feel welcome to bring their ideas or other input to our business meetings, any day.

Our future Charter members and our future Officers will come from the ranks of our present and future Associate members - who have shown their willingness to work for the benefit and welfare of the Club; then applied for, and been voted into, Charter membership.

EVERY MEMBER SHOULD READ AND UNDERSTAND THE OFFICIAL RANGE RULES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES. YOU WILL FIND MUCH INTENDED REPETITION AND SOME STRONG EMPHASIS IN THESE RULES.

WE ARE VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS, AND OUR NEIGHBORS. ANY INFRACTIONS OF THESE RULES WILL BE DEALT WITH QUITE SEVERELY. FOR THE GENERAL GOOD OF ALL. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND A RULE, FOLLOW IT ANYWAY, AND THEN BRING IT UP WITH A RANGE OFFICER OR A DIRECTOR, OR A CLUB OFFICER, OR AT A MEETING. FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION.

GENERAL RULES OF RANGE USE

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.
2. Eye and ear protection is MANDATORY on ALL firing lines* for ALL shooters, coaches, instructors, scorekeepers, observers, etc.
3. No one is EVER to go down range while ANY firearm is loaded.
4. All firearms must ALWAYS be pointed in a safe direction, down range.
5. If a person desires to go down range he MUST notify the range officer or the other shooters and WAIT until they all have unloaded. either by firing or unloading. Leave the actions open, bench or ground the firearm and step back. NEVER handle firearms when anyone is down range.
6. When shoots or matches are in progress all participants MUST follow the directions of the range officer in charge.
7. Actions on all firearms SHALL be opened and they MUST be unloaded when being displayed and/or handled.
8. NEVER shoot a firearm except on a designated range.
9. NEVER fire at poles of range back stops or overhead deflectors and baffles
10. Firearms MUST be unloaded and holstered; or in a rack, or in a case when not being used.
11. (*Firing lines Definitions) - Rifle range = on the enclosed cement pad; Outdoor pistol range = on the asphalt pad under the roof; Trap range = area inside the pole fence; Skeet range = within the shooting stations; Indoor pistol range = everywhere, when in use with firearms of any kind.

NOTE: ON ALL RANGES the rules of safety and proper firearms handling should be

practiced until they become second nature and are never out of mind. They MUST always be observed AT ALL TIMES. If in doubt --- ASK SOMEONE!!! Accidents don't just happen! They are caused by ignorance - carelessness - or disregard for safety procedures.

REMEMBER: HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL RANGES:

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.
2. Eye and ear protection is MANDATORY on ALL firing lines* for ALL shooters, coaches, instructors, scorekeepers, observers, etc.
3. NO shooting outdoors before 10:00 a.m., and NO shooting after sunset.
4. Range Officers are in charge of the ranges at all times. In their absence, any member of the Board of Directors will be a temporary Range Officer.
5. Keep all firearms unloaded and placed on the table, with actions open. when on the firing line AT ALL TIMES while any person is down range.
6. Other firearms MUST be unloaded and benched or grounded; or holstered, or in a rack or in a case when not being used.
7. Place targets on the clip or the wood strapping of pistol and rifle ranges, NOT on poles or support frames. Targets MUST be placed directly in front of the bullet traps on the rifle and pistol ranges.
8. Guests MAY NOT use ranges unless accompanied by a senior member.
9. Junior members MUST NOT use ranges unless supervised by a senior member
10. People SHALL NOT use any intoxicating beverages nor drugs on ranges or be under the influence of ANY mind altering substance prior to or during the use of firearms or archery equipment or weapons of any kind on Club property.
11. NO loaded firearms are to be on Club property except when in use at designated ranges. Safely unload ALL firearms in the Club parking lot upon arrival.
12. DO NOT handle another's firearm without permission of the owner.

13. Armor piercing or tracer ammunition, and fully automatic firearms are PROHIBITED, as well as the use of glass targets.
14. All shooting shall be done from the designated firing lines ONLY.
15. ALWAYS clean up ranges after use.
16. Infractions of any of these rules will be just cause for the suspension or cancellation of range privileges and/or termination of Club membership.
17. HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

INDOOR PISTOL RANGE RULES

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.
2. Eye and ear protection MUST be worn at all times while in the range: on ALL firing lines* by ALL shooters, coaches, instructors, scorekeepers, observers
3. Firing on the indoor range is permitted 24 hours a day, seven days per week unless the range or the Club house has been reserved for a specific purpose and time (e.g., pistol team or club event, private member use, etc.) as determined by the range committee or the board of directors.
4. The Indoor range exhaust fans MUST be used at all times when shooting.
5. Absolutely NO jacketed or semi-jacketed bullets are allowed AT ANY TIME. You may NOT even have jacketed ammo in your possession when you are shooting on the indoor range.
6. Firing of all standard handguns up to .45 caliber using ammunition of the mid-range variety is permitted. (The use of full or "hot" loads, whether factory or hand loaded is NOT permitted, except for .22 caliber rimfire.)
7. The only rifles allowed are .22 long rifle rimfire or smaller. NO Thompson Contenders allowed unless ammo is lead, not jacketed, and only mid-range loads.
8. The firing of black powder handguns is NOT allowed indoors.
9. Targets must always be at the FULL 50 FOOT distance when fired on.

10. Firearms MUST be unloaded and benched or grounded; or holstered, or in a rack or in a case when not being used.

11. Firearms SHALL be kept on or above the table at all times. Absolutely NO QUICK DRAW nor practicing IPSC draws or double taps from below the table.

12. Shooters must sit or stand by the shooting table. Do NOT move back.

13. Members and guests should NOT occupy more than TWO firing positions if any club members are waiting to shoot.

14. Members are expected to ALWAYS pick up any brass or trash they create and dispose of it in proper containers.

15. Members are expected to insure that any guests they invite onto club property adhere to ALL rules and regulations of THE STANDISH SPORTSMANS ASSOCIATION. Violations of these rules and regulations by a member's guest will be considered as a violation by the member.

16. When the RED SAFETY LIGHT and/or buzzer is turned on, immediately UNLOAD all firearms, leaving the actions OPEN, put them DOWN on the table and step back out of the shooting station.

17. ONLY paper targets may be used on the indoor range.

18. ALL OTHER APPLICABLE GENERAL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.

19. HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

OUTDOOR PISTOL RANGE RULES

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.

2. Eye and ear protection is MANDATORY on ALL firing lines* for ALL shooters, coaches, instructors, scorekeepers, observers, etc.

3. NO shooting outdoors before 10:00 a.m., and NO shooting after sunset

4. Safely operating pistols and revolvers of any caliber may be fired.

5. Targets MUST be placed on frames in front of bullet traps. NEVER place targets on top of poles or traps and NEVER fire at poles of range back stops.
6. Targets must always be at the FULL 50 FOOT distance when fired on.
7. Shooters must stay by the shooting table. Do NOT move back to fire.
8. Firearms MUST be unloaded and benched or grounded; or holstered, or in a rack or in a case when not being used.
9. Firearms SHALL be kept on or above the table at all times. Absolutely NO QUICK DRAW or practicing IPSC draws or double taps from below the table.
10. When anyone needs to go down range, he must Notify the Line, wait until ALL shooters on the firing line UNLOAD all firearms leaving the actions OPEN, put them DOWN on the table and step back out of the shooting stations.
11. Members and guests should NOT occupy more than TWO firing positions if any club members are waiting to shoot.
12. Be respectful of our close neighbors' peace and quiet and refrain from excessive rapid fire.
13. ALL OTHER APPLICABLE GENERAL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.
14. HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

OUTDOOR RIFLE RANGE RULES

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.
2. Eye and ear protection is MANDATORY on ALL firing lines* for ALL shooters, coaches, instructors, scorekeepers, observers, etc.
3. NO shooting outdoors before 10:00 a.m., and NO shooting after sunset.
4. Center fire rifles and shotguns may be loaded with up to 10 rounds at one time. This means that a 16, 20 or 30 round center-fire rifle magazine may be loaded with up to TEN rounds ONLY. You may have more than one magazine loaded at a time. (This rule does not apply to pistols and rimfire rifles.) Please be respectful of our neighbors' peace and quiet and refrain from excessive rapid fire.

5. Targets **MUST** be placed on frames in front of bullet traps. **NEVER** place targets on top of poles or traps and **NEVER** fire at poles of range back stops.

6. The open shooting windows in the rifle range enclosure act as baffles to keep your muzzle down, below the backstop at the butts downrange. They are designed this way to keep shots from going off range. **ALWAYS** use the cable and hook provided to open the shooting window. **NEVER** prop the window open higher than the cable and hook will normally allow.

7. The front door of the rifle range enclosure may be opened and used for prone or standing shooting. NO shooting is allowed OUTSIDE the shooting station enclosure. Remember to keep your muzzle **DOWN** and on Target while firing standing or prone, or in any other position.

8. ALL OTHER APPLICABLE GENERAL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.

9. HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

TRAP & SKEET RANGE RULES

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.

2. Eye and ear protection is **MANDATORY** on ALL firing lines* for ALL shooters, coaches, instructors, scorekeepers, observers, etc.

3. NO shooting outdoors before 10:00 a.m., and NO shooting after sunset. Lighted night shooting may be allowed, but only with special permission from the Board of Directors; annually or as may be appropriate and necessary.

4. Safely operating shotguns of any gauge may be fired.

5. No shot larger than 7 1/2 is allowed on the trap or skeet ranges.

6. Load **ONE** round **ONLY** in shotgun except when doubles are designated.

7. Keep action **OPEN** until it is your turn to shoot.

8. Do not call "Pull" until you determine all are ready on the firing line.

9. All shooting **MUST** be kept between the foul lines downrange.

10. Do NOT go downrange until ALL firearms have been unloaded and tabled.
11. Pick up all spent shells but ONLY when firing is completed.
12. All range gear must be carefully stowed back in the trailer when done.
13. ALL OTHER APPLICABLE GENERAL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.
14. HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

NOTE: A copy of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws may be obtained from the Secretary. You are welcome to see any Officer or Director with any questions or any problems you may have from time to time, regarding our governing rules and regulations. Please rest assured, they exist for the mutual benefit of all of the members of the Standish Sportsman's Association.

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