

# Zia Rifle and Pistol Club Member Guidebook

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The Zia Rifle and Pistol Club (ZR&PC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe, family oriented, shooting sports facility for its members. We promote the use of small arms for hunting, competitive shooting and recreation.

The ZR&PC requires that its members to be eligible under state and federal law to possess and use firearms. Members must agree to abide by all safety and conduct rules. The ZR&PC does not discriminate on ANY other basis.

The ZR&PC is affiliated with the National Rifle Association and our objectives are fully consistent with it.

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## History and General Information

The ZR&PC was founded in 1959. The range is currently located south of Albuquerque in Montessa Park.

To contain costs, no clubhouses, pro shop, range offices or dedicated range officers are provided. We rely on the sportsmanship and stewardship of our members and internal organizations to provide services as needed. No running water is available on the range but portable latrine facilities are provided.

ZR&PC hosts a number of organized shooting activities and matches. All club members are encouraged to actively participate in one or more of these activities. For information call the activity chairman listed in the newsletter or on the web site.

Club members receive a monthly newsletter that contains a schedule of events, match results, general information, and lists the names and phone numbers of the Board. The Board of Directors meets monthly at a time and place announced in the newsletter. The monthly schedule is also available on the web site.

We hope you enjoy the club. Be safe, shoot straight and bring a friend!

## Zia Rifle and Pistol Club Policies and Procedures

1. Any reported violation of a safety rule will result in appearance before the Board and repetition of the range safety course as a minimum. A second infraction can result in dismissal from the Club.
2. Every current adult member and associate member is entitled to a membership card and a key to the gate.
  - a. Membership is annual and expires March 31st each year.
  - b. The keys of non-renewed members will be deactivated on 1 May, a \$35 late fee is assessed thereafter (Late fee applies to Regular and Senior Members only).
  - c. Regular members, Senior members, associate members and junior members must include a completed annual test with his/her application for renewal or new membership.
  - d. Zia members serving Active Duty Military Deployments of four months or more during the annual membership renewal period will be granted waiver of Zia dues and late penalties for that membership year. Tests and other requirements remain in effect. Normal application will be necessary upon return to local duty.

3. The gate is to be locked unless a guard is posted to verify membership, guest, or event participant status.
4. No member may 'loan' any key to a non-member. Loaning keys is grounds for dismissal. Board members, members at large, and event managers may temporarily issue keys for range maintenance and event control purposes. Unescorted guests may not be admitted to the range without a member/sponsor.
5. Replacement keys can be obtained from the membership office and there is a \$10 replacement fee for lost keys.
6. All members should have their card and key with them while using the ZR&PC facility. Any member may ask to see a range user's card and key at any time. Non-members participating in scheduled events are guests of the event chairperson and are not expected to be members.
7. Junior members and guests must be supervised by an adult member at all times, including scheduled events.
8. Each adult member may have no more than two guests shooting at a time.
  - a. ***Frequent guests are expected to become members.***
  - b. All guests who are shooting must use the same firing range as, and remain under the supervision of, the sponsoring member.
  - c. Non-shooting guests must also remain with the sponsor.
  - d. If you are meeting your guests at the range, arrange to meet them at the front gate and escort them into the range facility from there.
  - e. If guests of other members are waiting at the range gate for their sponsor, do not allow them to enter the range unless you are prepared to escort them until their sponsor is found, until you can hand them off to another who will take escort responsibility, or until you can escort them back off of the facility.
  - f. "For Profit" training is not authorized on Zia property without specific BOD approval as to date, time, location and content of said training. This policy does not preclude Zia members providing training to their family members, small numbers of other Zia members and/or guests (within the limits of this document) on a not-for-profit and a non-interference basis with other non-participating range users.
9. **ALL** wildlife is strictly protected at the Zia Range. Do not shoot at, or near, or otherwise harm any wildlife. Violation of this policy will be grounds for dismissal from the club.
10. 50 BMG caliber weapons are not permitted at the Zia Range for safety reasons.
11. a. Exploding or incendiary projectiles, stationary explosive charges, and thrown explosives are not allowed.
  - b. Semi-automatic weapons with so-called "bump-fire" modification are, for Zia purposes, close simulations of NFA Class III full automatic weapons and such are only permitted to be fired in that mode on the western practice "plinking" ranges. Semi-automatic use is permitted as otherwise stated in this guidebook.
12. The order of priority for range use is as follows:
  - a. Maintenance for reasons of safety.
  - b. Maintenance scheduled in the newsletter or approved by the board.
  - c. Matches scheduled in the newsletter.
  - d. Unscheduled maintenance.
  - e. Casual shooting.
13. If PNM power crews are performing maintenance on the power lines that run along the south end of the range, they will post a note at the front gate. All Zia ranges will be cold for the duration of the maintenance.

## **Zia Rifle and Pistol Club Code of Conduct**

1. The Zia Rifle and Pistol Club is a family oriented facility. Members should conduct themselves in a manner that promotes a safe and friendly environment. Foul language, displays of anger and unsportsmanlike conduct are not appropriate.
2. Persons observing unsafe or inappropriate behavior should record the name and/or vehicle license number of the offender, time and date of the incident, a physical description of the offender and report it to the Board of Directors. Do NOT attempt to intervene in a situation where anger or bad conduct is displayed.

3. The consumption of intoxicating or debilitating drugs or beverages is strictly forbidden to persons engaged in shooting activities. Obviously, no illegal substances are allowed.
4. Members are encouraged to bring their children. Children must be supervised at all times. Children are expected to obey all safety and conduct rules of the ZR&PC.
5. Pets must be on a leash. Hunting dogs in training must not be allowed to roam in a manner that interferes with shooting activities or degrades safety.
6. A reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person vandalizing, willfully destroying or stealing ZR&PC property.
7. **Members are expected to clean up their own trash, used targets, spent cases, etc. and place them in the receptacles provided. Always pick up a little extra if previous range users “forgot” to clean up.**
8. Protect your Range environment and facilities.
  - a. Climbing on berms causes’ erosion. Do not destroy native plants.
  - b. Bring your own targets and shoot only at appropriate targets. **Do not shoot** target frames or other range facilities or equipment.
  - c. Do not use targets or other equipment that belongs to organized club activities without specific approval of the activity chairman (If you didn’t bring it to the range...don’t use it).
  - d. Keep doors and hatches secure to prevent wind damage.
  - e. Let the Board know if you find something broken or in need of care.

## **Zia Rifle and Pistol Club Safety Rules**

1. **Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.**
  - a. This means down range or deeper into the berm you are using. Never shoot or point a loaded gun up range, cross range, above the top of the berm, or at the ground in the berm at such an angle as to make ricochet out of the berm likely.
  - b. At all times, keep your firearm pointed further into the berm so that discharge would safely place the projectile in the berm area and the round would come to rest within the berm.
2. **Always keep your finger off of the trigger until ready to shoot.**
  - a. The maxim is: “On target, on trigger. Off target, off trigger”
3. **Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.**
  - a. ***Treat every firearm as if it were loaded until proven otherwise!***
  - b. Zia is a cold range. This means that all firearms anywhere on the range property, including the Firing Line, shall at all times be and remain (A) unloaded, (B) the actions open, and (C) detachable magazines removed (“Rendered Safe”). The **ONLY EXCEPTION** is for firearms properly present on the Firing Line during such time as the line is Hot. Carrying loaded firearms is prohibited, anywhere on the range other than the firing line. You may load and fire your gun only at the benches, firing line or, if participating in an organized activity, under the direction of a Range Officer (RO).
  - c. It is highly recommended that you unload all firearms before you come to the range. However, if you have a loaded gun in your car which you want to fire, (e.g., a carry, off-duty, or self protection firearm) put it into a case or “gun rug” and take it to the firing line of one of the ranges when it is hot. Once the line is hot you may then remove the firearm for use.
  - d. Gun handling, repair, demonstration, or display in the parking lot, or any areas other than the firing line, is strictly prohibited. You may only touch the firearm to pick it up, check its status, render it obviously safe (as described below) and either place it in a case/holster or carry it to a hot firing line.
  - e. Holstered firearms should have the chamber empty, magazine removed or cylinder empty, hammer down. Rifles or shotguns must be empty, magazine out, slung or carried muzzle up, bolt or chamber locked open (firearms that do not lock open during carry should be propped open with some device that makes the condition of the firearm obvious to others).
  - f. Live ammunition may be carried in speed loaders or magazines on your person.

4. **Know your target and what is around and beyond.**
  - a. Erect your targets so that rounds come to rest within the berm. Pay attention to where your rounds are going to go...before you shoot!
  - b. Place targets so as to prevent ricochets out of the berm or back toward the firing line. Usually, this means, as a minimum, placing targets deep in, and at the base of the berm and maintaining at least 10 yards from metal targets.
  - c. Make sure the downrange areas are unoccupied.
  - d. Use targets of paper or metal. Do not use glass or materials that leave shards or hazardous materials.
  - e. Do not shoot into standing water remaining after storms.
  - f. Use of "plinking" targets is limited to the practice ranges (see range rules below).
5. **Be sure your guns are safe to operate.**
  - a. Always make sure the bore is unobstructed before firing.
  - b. Make sure that the mechanism, especially the safety, is in working order.
6. **Know how to use your guns safely.**
  - a. If you are unsure, seek help from a certified NRA instructor.
7. **Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.**
  - a. Do not use magnum calibers, armor piercing rounds, or any projectiles containing steel, tungsten or other enhanced penetration designs on steel targets – see range rules.
  - b. Do not use exploding or incendiary ammunition.
  - c. Do not fire ammunition you have found on the range.
  - d. Retrieve all "dud" and live ammunition. Do not leave any unfired ammunition on the range.
  - e. If you find live ammunition or duds on the range, pick them up and dispose of them properly or give them to a Board member.
8. **Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.**
  - a. All shooters and observers MUST wear eye and ear protection while that range is hot.
  - b. **High quality eye protection should be worn at all times by everyone on the range.** Even when not on the firing line or if the range you are using is under a "cease fire condition", the other ranges may be hot. The importance of eye protection at all times cannot be over-emphasized.
  - c. Wrap-around glasses with polycarbonate lens and applicable UV protection are recommended. A billed cap is also recommended as additional eye protection.
9. **Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.**
  - a. Intoxication or reduced capacity during shooting activities is grounds for dismissal from the club.
  - b. Be aware of "over the counter" and prescription drug effects. These can be dangerous while shooting.
10. **Store your guns so that they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.**
  - a. **Do not leave firearms unattended.**
  - b. If you find an abandoned firearm on the range:
    - Render it safe.
    - Take possession of it.
    - Leave a note at the front gate that will allow the owner to contact you.
    - Confirm the owner and return the firearm.
    - If you are uncomfortable with this procedure, render it safe, take possession, and contact a Board member.
11. **Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.**

- a. Matches and individual shooting activities may impose additional safety requirements.
- b. If you are beginning a new shooting discipline or activity and are unfamiliar with the requirements, seek help from a certified NRA instructor.

## 12. Additional Safety Regulations.

- a. Obey all Range Officer commands instantly.
  - See “Zia Range Officer/shooter Responsibilities and Procedures” below.
  - A “CEASE FIRE” **MUST** be called immediately **by anyone** who observes an unsafe, or potentially unsafe, situation at any time.
  - If a potential safety problem is noted, call “CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE” in a loud and clear voice and insure that everyone on the line is aware of the problem. Be urgent and assertive.
  - Everyone on the line shares responsibility for safety on the range. There is no penalty for mistakenly calling a cease fire for safety reasons.
  - Once a cease fire has been declared, only the Range Officer may again declare the range “hot”.
- b. Be aware of lead contamination.
  - Do not smoke or eat after handling ammunition or brass until you have thoroughly washed your hands.
  - Do not use hats or other articles of clothing as brass or ammunition containers.
- c. Smoking is not allowed on the firing lines.
- d. Beware of the use of black power and open flames or sparks.
- e. Beware of stinging, biting or otherwise potentially hostile desert critters. Respect the fact that we are intruding on their home and they may resent it. **Do not harm them.**
- f. Clothing recommendations.
  - Wear articles of clothing appropriate for the activity, e.g., do not wear loose-necked garments that could catch hot brass.
  - Wear a brimmed hat for added protection from hot brass and the sun.
  - Use gloves when handling targets, tires and other range materials.

## Zia Range Officer/Shooter Responsibilities and Procedures

1. The first shooter on a range is the acting Range Officer and retains that title and the duties thereof until that shooter either delegates them to another or is the last shooter to leave the range. RO is a serious responsibility. If you are not comfortable with or cannot fulfill the duties of the job, delegate it to another as described below.
2. Every shooter shares responsibility for knowing, following, and enforcing the safety rules.
  - a. Do not allow others to ignore the rules. If you see a potential problem, it is your duty to correct it.
  - b. A polite reminder in time may prevent an accident. If the individual(s) involved become agitated or offensive, leave that range and report the incident as described in the Code of Conduct.
  - c. If someone reminds you of a rule, he/she has done you, and all of us, a big favor. Respond with a smile, a “thank you”, and then correct the problem.
3. When leaving the range, the RO must clearly delegate the job to another shooter (unless the RO is the last to leave the range) and obtain a clear acknowledgement from the designated individual.
4. The RO declares the range states of “hot”, “cease fire”, and “cold” as applicable.
  - a. This is done in a loud and clear manner and the RO should establish eye contact and obtain acknowledgement from all shooters on the line. Use of hearing protection on the line can easily lead to missed or misinterpreted commands. The RO must insure that all commands and acknowledgements thereof are unmistakable.

- b. Only the RO may declare the range “hot”. Prior to doing so, the RO must insure that:
  - All personnel have returned from down range and that it is safe to continue.
  - He/she has advised all personnel to don ear protection (this also assumes that all will already be wearing eye protection).
  - It is safe to proceed.
- c. All shooters should acknowledge RO commands.
- d. Upon “Cease fire” each shooter must immediately:
  - Stop shooting.
  - Remove magazines from the firearms or empty the cylinder.
  - Remove rounds from the chamber, i.e., remove all ammunition from the firearm.
  - Lock the bolt or slide back, swing the cylinder out on revolvers, or break the action open, as applicable. Firearms that do not lock open should be propped open with some device that makes the condition of the firearm obvious to others. Use of an NRA style “bolt open indicator” tab is recommended. In any case, it should be possible for an observer to insure that the firearm is unloaded and in a safe condition from a distance (note: while you are shooting one firearm, all others should be maintained in this safe condition on the bench. It is recommended that all firearms except the one in use remain unloaded and in a case or pouch).
  - Place the safety on, if applicable.
  - Ground all firearms on the bench, muzzle down range (as always).
  - Step away from the bench so that the RO can easily ascertain that all firearms are safe and so that he/she can monitor the condition.
  - Confirm visually with the RO that you are “safe”.
  - Do not touch the firearms in ANY way during a cease fire or when the range is “cold” (Cleaning, sight adjustment, repair, removing a firearm from its case, etc. are forbidden). Stay well clear of the firearms so that it remains obvious to the RO and those around you that you are complying. **For the purposes of this rule, cased firearms are treated the same as uncased firearms, and as such no handling in any way of cased firearms is permitted except when the range is “HOT”. TOUCHING A FIREARM DURING A “CEASE FIRE” OR “COLD RANGE” IS A SAFETY VIOLATION.** The preceding Cold Range guidance is not intended to prohibit Match Directors, Activity Chairpersons or Range Officers from following the Zia By-Law guidance of Article VIII, Section 2 and 3, Formal and Informal Events, so long as the deviations comply with Club Safety Rules, this document.
  - Monitor others on the line to insure that they are also complying with the requirements.
5. Once the RO has ascertained that all shooters have complied with the “cease fire” he/she declares that the range is “cold”. Do not step forward of the line, even after a “cease fire” until you have confirmed that is safe to do so and the range has been declared “cold”. When returning to the line from down range, make sure the RO is aware of your location and the location of others in your party.
6. The RO should be considerate of all shooters on that range and make every effort to accommodate all.
  - a. Coordinate with other shooters and call cease fire periodically so that shooters that have come to the line while it was hot may go down range to set targets and so that others may paste, score and retrieve targets. On the other hand, allow time for shooting. The balance is best accomplished by application of common sense and courtesy.
  - b. Be polite but do not compromise safety rules.

## Zia Rifle and Pistol Club Ranges

### 1. General Rules for All Ranges.

- a. Casual shooting at other than standard targets, e.g., tin cans, plastic milk jugs, etc. is allowed **only** on the Practice Ranges. On the Practice Ranges you may use any safe targets except glass or materials that leave shards.
  - b. Do not climb berms or backstops on any range. This causes erosion and is dangerous.
  - c. Shooting after dark (beyond sunset plus 30 minutes) is permitted at the Indoor Range, the Tunnel, the Action Pistol ranges and the practice range.
  - d. Throughout the range, the club has provided hanging steel targets (gongs) in the form of flat steel plates and silhouettes.
    - **Do not use any magnum, armor piercing, or other ammunition that will damage the steel targets on those targets.**
    - Absolutely no projectiles with ferrous metal content are permitted on steel targets. Check your projectiles with a magnet; if it sticks, use that ammunition on paper targets only. High penetration hunting ammunition, steel jacketed or steel jacketed bullets with copper flash coating, steel or tungsten core bullets, other enhanced penetration designs, etc., damage the metal silhouette/gong targets. **Do not use them on steel targets**; use them only on paper. **Misuse of high power ammunition damages the targets and can lead to dismissal from the club.**
    - Do not use a rifle to engage any of these targets at less than 100 meters unless you are participating in a match that requires it.
    - Notify a Board member as soon as possible if you observe any damage to one of the hanging steel targets (gongs) anywhere on the range. A cupped or pock marked gong can cause dangerous ricochets.
  - e. Place your targets as deeply in the berm as possible, at the base of the berm so as to insure that every round will come to rest within the berm. Shooting up at targets or down at steep angles can cause the round to pass through the target and out, or to ricochet up and out of the berm. **This is an important safety issue. Do not allow your rounds to leave the berm you are using!! Repeated violations may lead to dismissal from the club.**
  - f. Do not put targets on top of the berms of ANY range.
  - g. Do not place targets on target frames, silhouette stands or metal gong frames.
2. **Small bore Silhouette, Bulls-eye Pistol and Bench Rest Ranges.**
- a. Located at the eastern side of west area. Range of 25 to 200 yards.
  - b. Since these ranges are not separated by berms, all are considered as one for the purposes of Range Officer control. Because of the physical layout and potential for varied activities, these ranges require extra effort and vigilance on the part of the RO and all shooters.
  - c. Use only your own targets on your own frames or the target panels provided. Place targets only on the disposable backing **between the frames**. Do not attach target to the target frames or cross members. **This is common sense; do not destroy the target frames.**
  - d. Do not use shotguns to shoot at Zia target stands. If shotguns are used on these ranges, shooters are expected to bring personal targets and stands. Violation of this rule could result in dismissal from the Club.
3. **Practice Ranges.**
- a. Located at the two berm areas at the western side of the west area.
  - b. Since these two ranges are separated by berms, they are considered as separate ranges for the purposes of Range Officer control.
  - c. Use of legally registered class III firearms and weapons in "bump fire" mode is limited to these areas.
  - d. These are the **ONLY** berms where shooting at other than standard paper or steel targets is permitted. You are expected to remove any debris from these areas when you are finished shooting.
  - e. Targets are expected to be placed in the spaces between the frames of the target holders to prevent excess damage to the target stands.
  - f. Do not use shotguns to shoot at Zia target stands. If shotguns are used on these ranges, shooters are expected to bring personal targets and stands. Violation of this rule could result in dismissal from the Club.

#### 4. Action Pistol Ranges.

- a. Three berm areas located immediately west of the Bench Rest Range.
- b. Since these ranges are separated by berms, they are considered as separate ranges for the purposes of Range Officer control.
- c. A safety area is located between Action Pistol Ranges 2 and 3. During matches the safety area will be used for casing, uncasing, and holstering unloaded firearms; to practice mounting, drawing, "dry-firing" and re-holstering of unloaded firearms; to practice the insertion and removal of empty magazines and/or to cycle the action of a firearm; conduct inspections, stripping, cleaning, repairs and maintenance of firearms, component parts and other accessories. Dummy ammunition (including practice or training rounds, snap caps and empty cases), loaded magazines, loaded speed loading devices and live rounds must not be handled in Safety Area under any circumstances.
- d. Steel targets are not allowed on the eastern-most Action Pistol Range (berm #1).
- e. Place steel targets as deep into the berm as possible and positioned so as to prevent ricochets out of the berm or rebounds.
- g. Do not use shotguns to shoot at Zia target stands. If shotguns are used on these ranges, shooters are expected to bring personal targets and stands. Violation of this rule could result in dismissal from the Club.

#### 5. 100 Yard Zero Wind Tunnel Range.

- a. Located between the Practice ranges and the western-most Action Pistol Range (berm #3).
- b. Zero your firearm to  $\pm 2$  inches at 25 yards ( $\pm 8$  inches at 100yards) on an open range prior to using the tunnel range. Center your target on the tunnel opening to prevent rounds from hitting the sides of the tunnel.
- c. Do not use the tunnel hatch cover as a target stand. The hatch serves as a gate when firing is in progress to prevent entry into the impact area.
- d. Use the frame at the impact end of the tunnel as a target holder.
- e. Close the tunnel impact area hatch and firing room door to keep tumbleweeds and debris out of the tunnel.
- f. Do not crawl into the tunnel as desert creatures may resent your presence.
- g. Due to the enclosed space extra hearing protection is recommended.
- h. Turn out the lights, turn off the fan and secure (without locking) the door before leaving.

#### 6. Small bore and air gun indoor range:

- a. Located north of the small bore silhouette range.
- b. .22 rim fire, pellet and BB only.
- c. Used only for scheduled events; not available for general use.
- d. Must be scheduled through a club board member.
- e. The scheduled activity is responsible for clean up (No food or scraps, wrappers, etc. are to be left in the building), heater shutdown, turning off the lights, and securing the building.

#### 7. Shotgun Range.

- a. (1) General-The Shotgun Range is divided into two sections, Area S1 and Area S2. (1) Area S1 is the eastern range area, immediately west of the flag pole and the High Power (known distance) Range 600 yard line. (2) Area S2 is west of Area S1 and along the south side of the road that leads to the entire East Range.  
  
(2) Area S1-When not being used for formal activities, Area S1 is a casual area for informal shooting by club members and guests. This area is equipped with several club-owned clay bird launchers for informal use. These are powerful spring-loaded machines. **Do not allow anyone who is not completely familiar with the operation of these devices near or to operate them.** Obey all safety precautions regarding the operation of such equipment. Do not leave them cocked when not in use.  
  
(3) Area S2-This expansion area is only for **Formal Shotgun Activity** events and is closed to casual and informal shooting. Unauthorized shooting in this area is deemed a safety violation.
- b. Fire only in the direction of west to south between the white post markers on Range S1. Shooters will have their weapons rendered safe (actions open) prior to entering the firing area. Firearms will not be loaded until the



shooter is in the shooting gate, cage or position. Firearms will be returned to an open action status upon completion of a station and carried open action when not secured in a firearms rack.

- c. Hulls or live shells that fall to the ground shall stay on the ground until all shooters in the flight (squad) have shot the station.
- d. Casual shooters will clean up all spent shells and any other debris before leaving the range (formal activity shoots will be cleaned up as part of the shoot after the range is called cold).
- e. For casual shooting, when more than one group is using the range, a single Range Officer will be established for the purpose of Cease Fire control and Range Safety. Formal activity shoots will have an appointed Range Officer who will control the entire shoot.
- f. Shooters must have permission of the Range Officer to test fire any weapon. Guns will be discharged only in an attempt at a competition type target (thrown target within the normal confines of the Shotgun Range).
- g. A patterning board is located downrange on the S1 range. The minimum distance for firing at the Patterning Board is 20 yards. Steel shot, buckshot and/or slugs shall not be fired at the Patterning board. A cease fire must be called on the shotgun firing line before proceeding forward to use the Patterning Board. Shooters going forward to use the Patterning Board and returning to the firing line will have their shotgun broken open or chamber locked open as appropriate.
- h. The entire shotgun range is considered separate from the High power (Known Distance) Range and the Metallic Silhouette Ranges and may be used independently of them. The flag and flag pole are used only to identify the in-use status of the High Power and Metallic Silhouette ranges and have no application to the status of the Shotgun Range(s). However, do not proceed down range from the immediate area of the S1 shotgun area when those ranges are in use. **Be aware of the activity on those ranges.**
- i. **Do not use any firearm other than a shotgun on the shotgun range.** Only #7 1/2 birdshot or smaller (e.g., #7 1/2, #8, etc.) are acceptable for use on the Shotgun ranges. Buckshot, steel shot and slugs are prohibited anywhere on the shotgun range.

## 8. High Power (Big Bore) and Metallic Silhouette Ranges.

- a. Located on the Eastern range area east of the Shotgun range.
- b. Before using either of these ranges, raise the red flag at the western entrance to the ranges. If the flag is already raised and the range(s) is in use when you arrive, coordinate with the Range Officer before proceeding. If the flag is raised and no activity is evident on the range, you must physically inspect the range, i.e., drive down range, to insure that no one is actually down range, before beginning shooting activity. If the flag is not raised when you arrive, you must still insure that no one is down range before shooting. The last person to leave the range(s) must lower and secure the flag.
- c. Since these two ranges are not separated by berms they are considered as one for the purposes of Range Officer control. If the shotgun range is in use, before going "hot" insure that no one from that area has ventured down range and continue to monitor activity on the shotgun range.
- d. Given the open nature of these ranges, it is especially important to place targets ONLY in front of the berms provided so that every round comes to rest in the berm and does not ricochet out of the range.
- e. The chain link fence on the Eastern side of the range marks the boundary of Kirtland AFB. Do not approach the fence for any reason.
- f. **High Power (Big Bore) range:**
  - Located at eastern range area, between the shotgun and metallic silhouette ranges.
  - This range features firing lines placed on berms at ranges from 200 to 600 yards with a military-style target scoring pit. The berms at the various firing lines are not target berms for casual shooting. Do not shoot at or place targets on or in front of the firing position berms. Firing lines other than the 600 yard firing line may ONLY be used during scheduled activities. Use of the shorter firing lines makes simultaneous use of the metallic silhouette range unsafe.
  - When done firing, secure the target carriers in the pit with the attached chains to prevent wind damage. Do not leave target frames in the raised position.
  - Use only the provided target frames; do not mount targets directly on the target carriers.

- The large numbers behind each target are position numbers – NOT targets. Firing at these number boards is a safety violation.

g. ***Metallic Silhouette Ranges:***

- Located at the eastern-most side of the range.
- Silhouette targets out to 790 yards.
- Shoot at the silhouettes **only** from the benches and firing line. Do not move downrange to shoot at a closer range.
- Many of the berms on these ranges have T-shaped steel stands which are used **only** for silhouette matches. Do not damage these silhouette stands. If you are placing your target stands in front of these berms, place them at the base of the berm such that your bullets will impact the berm but will not hit the silhouette stands.
- **Do Not** fire a rifle at any gongs that are less than 100 meters out from the firing line.
- **Do Not** damage the steel targets by use of prohibited calibers or projectiles – see general rules above.
- **Do Not** mount targets on the gong hangers or T stands. Shooters are expected to bring their own target stands to hang targets on this range. This rule **is not negotiable**, as targets on the hangers and T stands create the opportunity for ricochets and excess damage to the gong hangers and stands which made of are of soft steel.
- If the gong supports are damaged or the gong falls to the ground, do not fire at the remaining pieces of the supports. This causes excess damage to the structures and considerable extra expense to the Club.