President’s Corner

I had the pleasure of representing our club at the annual “Young Guns Youth Hunt” again this year! After breakfast the young hunters hit the woods, by noon many had returned with deer to show-off. After lunch, those that were unsuccessful in the morning returned to the woods. By dark they started to return to a pizza dinner, door prizes, and a presentation from the NRA given by Dave Butz, retired defensive end of the Redskins. By the time I left, there had been 29 deer turned-in for the 60 young hunters! SCSC has agreed to provide 1-year Jr. NRA memberships for the participating young hunters as we did last year. We were well received and acknowledged during the program, on tee-shirts and our banner was prominently displayed. I spoke to several parents interested in joining us.

By the time you see this, deer season for shotgun has begun and hopefully many of you have been successful! Unfortunately, I have heard of a very few hunters that have had their stands and/or feeders stolen. It is always a good idea to secure your property when leaving it unattended on unsecure properties. Please be aware of others in the woods on ACPT properties and try to assure that they are club members.

Be careful, be successful and use that safety harness! Good hunting to all where ever you hunt!

Respectfully, Frank

Points of Interest to Members

First SCSC Snake Head Fishing Tournament Rules

1). Contest is open to all members in good standing including eligible family. The contest will run from today until 12 midnight 31 December 2012.
2). Fish may be caught in any legal manner.
3). Prizes will be awarded for the longest fish $50, the second longest fish $25, and the most fish $25. If no fish are entered into the contest the prize money goes into the land and building fund.
4). Entries must be submitted by email to edwwinters@netzero.com or by USPS to Middleton Hall, 4045 Renner Road Waldorf, MD 20602, Attention Wildlife Committee, Snakehead Contest Division. Entry into the contest constitutes permission to use your entry information and likeness for publicity.
5). Entries shall contain: name of member or family member catching the fish, member number, specific location of the catch, picture of the fish next to a ruler, picture of the fish with the angler, date and time of the catch AND most important, length of the fish. Entries will be by pictures only. DO NOT SEND ACTUAL FISH.
6). In the event of a tie, the earliest email or post mark will be the tie breaker.
7). All fish must be dead per Maryland state law.
8). Prizes will be awarded at the annual meeting in 2013.
9). The main purpose of this contest is to have fun. The rules may be changed or modified by the Wildlife Committee Snakehead Fishing Contest Division Rulemaking Subdivision at any time. Decisions of the judges are final.

Indoor Range Rules Ready for Review

Included in this Recoil are our revised Indoor Range rules, which we ask the membership to review in advance of discussions at our November membership meeting. Our Indoor Range liability waiver is also included in this issue and we ask that you review it prior to the membership meeting. These documents will be presented for membership approval after our discussion. The Indoor Range Standard Operating Procedures should also be reviewed by the membership and are on the SCSC web site, stcharlesssc.com in the November Recoil section. Please be prepared to discuss these documents and cast your vote to accept or deny.

Attention Hunters

Hunters please do not confront St. Charles Communities workers, especially off St. Charles Parkway. We only hunt here at the discretion of the landowner. If you should you see an obvious SCC worker while you're hunting, please just back off.

New Hunting Maps Available

For those members that plan to hunt on St Charles property, there are new maps available. They are on line in the members only area of the web site. Log in and there is a link on the first page. There are eight (8) maps available in JPEG files so they can be downloaded by individual members. The first three (3) maps show the total area (and half of the area) on one sheet of paper. The remaining five (5) are views zoomed in to show more detail around the various parts of the perimeter. The various ATV trails are marked for reference. Remember, if you go off the trail you are spooking someone else’s deer. If you have any questions, email me at Philip.lang@verizon.net or call (301) 375-8748.
# St. Charles Sportsman’s Club
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President Frank Fruh called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present except Paul Goodwin, Second Vice President, Tony Barnett, Treasurer, and Ed Winters, Wildlife. 47 members and guests were present, 37 signed the roster.

President: Frank Fruh advised the membership of the passing of member Al Castro, who died while hunting. It is not known if he fell from his tree stand or had a medical episode that caused him to fall. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loving family and friends.

Secretary: Elaine Costello made for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3 membership meeting as printed in the Recoil. The motion was seconded by John Leber. The vote was called and the motion passed.

Treasurer: In the absence of the treasurer, President Fruh provided copies of and explained the September monthly income summary report for Middleton Hall. There was no SCSC treasurer's report.

Huntsmaster: Jim Pollock requested the members send him harvest reports and photographs for our annual awards. Dave George, Jim Pollock and Dan Goodwin repaired the gate off Piney Church Road near 488 so you will need your key to enter that area. The gate at Billingsley Road just before the county dump has been replaced by Dave George. Members will need to bring their key for that entrance also.

Conservation: Phil Lang reported he has maps of the hunting area available on the web site. There are eight maps total. One map is scaled so the entire St. Charles area shows on one page, two are scaled so half of the area shows on one page, and the remaining five are various portions of the boundaries of the larger scale to show contour lines and ATV trails. They are jpg files available on the members only area of the web site. He also has copies available.

Wildlife: As of the writing of this report there are zero entries in the Snakehead fishing contest! Tonight I would like to shorten the wildlife report. Instead of talking about Snakeheads, we are going to hear about snakes. That’s shorter, right? Maryland boasts 27 species and subspecies of snakes, only two of which are venomous. These are the timber rattlesnake and copperhead. Comparatively, 115 snake species occur in North America while about 2100 species occur worldwide. Two snake species are considered endangered in Maryland. The mountain earth snake is found exclusively in Western Garrett County and is found in fewer areas than any snake in the northeastern U.S. and the rainbow snake which was believed extirpated from Maryland until recently when a few were found in Charles County along the Potomac River. Snake killing and hides and pets can contribute to the decline of snake populations. However, habitat destruction remains the leading threat to snakes and other wildlife. All native snakes in Maryland are protected by the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act. This means that native snakes cannot be killed, possessed, bred, or sold without first acquiring the proper permit from the Department of Natural Resources. Additionally, Maryland requires a Captive Reptile and Amphibian Permit for the possession, breeding, and sale of native reptiles and amphibians in the state. If you are experiencing a problem with snakes or other “problem animals” and you don’t know what to do, call the Nuisance Animal Hotline at 1-877-463-6497. I have included a checklist of the Snakes in Maryland: Common: Black Rat Snake (Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta); Eastern Garter Snake (Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis); Eastern Hog Nose Snake (Heterodon platyrhinos); Eastern Kingsnake (Lampropeltis getula getula); Eastern Milk Snake (Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum); Eastern Ribbon Snake (Thamnophis sauritus sauritus); Eastern Worm Snake (Carphephos amoena amoena); Northern Black Racer (Coluber constrictor constrictor); Northern Brown Snake (Storeria dekayi dekayi); Northern Copperhead (Agkistrodon contortrix mokasen); Northern Ringneck Snake (Diadophis punctatus edwardsi); Northern Water Snake (Nerodia sipedon sipedon); Rough Green Snake (Opheodrys aestivus); Smooth Green Snake (Opheodrys vernalis vernalis); Southern Ringneck Snake (Diadophis punctatus punctatus); Uncommon: Coastal Plain Milk Snake (Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides X triangulum); Corn Snake (Elaphe guttata guttata); Mole Kingsnake (Lampropeltis calligaster rhombomaculata); Northern Red Belly Snake (Storeria occipitomaculata occipitomaculata); Queen Snake (Regina septemvittata); Smooth Earth Snake (Virginia valeriae valeriae); Southern Copperhead (Agkistrodon contortrix contortrix); Timber Rattlesnake (Crotalus horridus horridus); Rare: Northern Scarlet Snake (clemophora coccinea coccine); Redbellly Water Snake (Nerodia erythrogaster erythrogaster); Endangered: Mountain Earth Snake (Virginia valeriae pulchra); Rainbow Snake (Farancia erytrogramma erytrogramma); Eastern Kingsnake (Lampropeltis getula getula); Eastern Milk Snake (Lampropeltis sirtalis); Eastern Hognose Snake (Heterodon platyrhinos); Eastern Garter Snake (Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis); Eastern Hog Nose Snake (Heterodon platyrhinos); Eastern Kingsnake (Lampropeltis getula getula); Eastern Milk Snake (Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum); Eastern Ribbon Snake (Thamnophis sauritus sauritus); Eastern Worm Snake (Carphephos amoena amoena); Northern Black Racer (Coluber constrictor constrictor); Northern Brown Snake (Storeria dekayi dekayi); Northern Copperhead (Agkistrodon contortrix mokasen); Northern Ringneck Snake (Diadophis punctatus edwardsi); Northern Water Snake (Nerodia sipedon sipedon); Rough Green Snake (Opheodrys aestivus); Smooth Green Snake (Opheodrys vernalis vernalis); Southern Ringneck Snake (Diadophis punctatus punctatus); Uncommon: Coastal Plain Milk Snake (Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides X triangulum); Corn Snake (Elaphe guttata guttata); Mole Kingsnake (Lampropeltis calligaster rhombomaculata); Northern Red Belly Snake (Storeria occipitomaculata occipitomaculata); Queen Snake (Regina septemvittata); Smooth Earth Snake (Virginia valeriae valeriae); Southern Copperhead (Agkistrodon contortrix contortrix); Timber Rattlesnake (Crotalus horridus horridus); Rare: Northern Scarlet Snake (clemophora coccinea coccine); Redbellly Water Snake (Nerodia erythrogaster erythrogaster); Endangered: Mountain Earth Snake (Virginia valeriae pulchra); Rainbow Snake (Farancia erytrogramma erytrogramma); Historical: Northern Pine Snake (Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus). This concludes another edition of (with emphasis) The Wildlife Report!

Committee Reports

Indoor Range: Rick Nichols reported 66 members and 7 guests used the range during October. He stated only two members assisted with painting the indoor range walls and backstop, Michelle Kline and Kevin Marshall. We are not done yet. More help is needed and Rick will be at the range on Saturday at 12:00 p.m. and next weekend on Saturday and Sunday to finish the work. Please come and help. Once we get the painting done we can get the target holders restrung.

Regarding changes to the Indoor Range SOP, waiver and range rules, he asked members to review the documents printed in the Recoil and on the web site and be prepared to discuss the issues at the December meeting. Frank Fruh stated at least the changes need to be printed in the Recoil. This will be done for the December issue.

Junior Rifle: Perrin Lewis reported Steve Haimbach ran the Junior Rifle match for November while he was working at the gun show. We are in need of ammunition. Junior Rifle meets the first Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. at the indoor range. Kids from 6 to 18 are welcome. Their parent must remain with them. All equipment is provided. RSO help is needed.

Legislative: In the absence of Ed Winters, President Fruh gave his report. As of right now, Tuesday evening, some of the polling places are just closing. Unless there are legal challenges to the election we should know who was elected or reelected by the time this report is read. Even though the election is over the battle to secure our rights and legislation that will benefits us as American citizens has just begun. Victory in an election does not mean that we sit back and let any person in office look out for our interests. We need to look out for our own interests. We need to make sure that we are heard. We need to insure that our elected officials know what
we want. It is a new political season. It is time for us to be more active. It is time to be best friends with the people in office. If it is not us, it will be someone else lobbying to our elected officials. It will be someone else pushing for their interests. It will be someone else getting their legislation passed. Who out there is willing to step up? Who is willing to write letters, send emails, make phone calls and meet face to face with people in office? We have a choice, we can be part of the solution or we can be a silent part of the problem. We can make a difference. We can be heard. Believe! Believe we can make a difference. Act! Act and make a difference. This concludes my political rant for this evening. On a side note, I would like all current, active Legislative committee members of record to RSVP regarding the annual all you can eat lobster and steak/open bar appreciation dinner. Family members are welcome same as last year. Dress is hunter casual. There will be no long winded speeches or even short ones.

Membership: Dave George presented one application for membership consideration: Jeffry Seehase sponsored by Francis McGarvey. After a brief introduction, the perspective member was asked to leave the room. Jim Pollock made a motion to accept him into membership, Marlene Smith seconded. A vote was called and the motion passed. The new member was welcomed into the club.

Old Business
Frank Fruh reported the membership voted to approve the purchase of NRA youth memberships for the Young Guns. The event will be held this Saturday, Youth Hunting Day. We will receive a list of enrollees and will process their applications through our NRA recruitment set up through Dave George to get this young hunters junior NRA memberships. The organization had asked us in the past, and we have published it and I've asked several times at the table, for guides to volunteer to take youth out in the field on Saturday and provide a place to hunt for the additional kids they may be picking up this year. So far no one has come up to me to be a guide and take a young person hunting on Saturday. If I don't hear from you within the next 24 hours, it will be too late to be involved this year. The event will be held at the Bel Alton Fire Department this Saturday. I will be there most of the day at the club table with membership applications to recruit parents.

John Leber asked the status of the Beretta pistols. Frank reported we have purchased the pistols but not picked them up from the license holder. We are looking into establishing a firearms trust so the guns can be transferred to the corporation and not an individual. Perrin Lewis offered the name of a lawyer who has assisted him with a gun trust. The pistols are in our possession in standby.

Jim Pollock asked the status of the safe to store the Beretta firearms. Rick Nichols stated Perrin Lewis was looking into getting a safe and if he is unable to do so, Rick, will purchase one from Dick's which can be bolted to the wall.

New Business
Rick Nichols made a motion to spend $60 for trophies for the LaPlata High School Navy JROTC Air Rifle Team. Tom Scheid seconded, the vote was called and the motion passed.

Good and Welfare
John Leber reported this Saturday is the Marine Corps birthday. Sunday is Veterans Day.

Perrin Lewis reported the Friends of the NRA gun raffle is in progress. 200 tickets remain to be sold. The drawing will be held at the Friends dinner on March 2, or when all the tickets are sold. The guns are a Franchi I-22 12 gauge shotgun, H&R SB2-988 Ultra Slug Hunter and a CVA Wolf .50 black powder rifle. Tickets are $10.

Frank Fruh announced a raffle for the Charles County Crime Solvers, a Benelli Montefeltro Semi-Automatic 12 GA 3". Tickets are $5 each or 3 for $10. The drawing will be held on December 11.

Frank Fruh asked if there was any interest in a club Christmas party or New Years Eve party. There was no response.

The 50/50 of $35 was won by new member, Jeffry Seehase. Worker drawing was won by Pat Malherek for indoor range.

There being no further business, Tom Scheid moved to adjourn the meeting. Marlene Smith seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Respectfully, Elaine Costello, Secretary.
Indoor Range
Rick Nichols
Work will continue, please contact Rick Nichols when you are able to assist and he will give you items to accomplish. The Rim-Fire match is continuing, results will be posted when it is complete.

Junior Rifle
Perrin Lewis
The Junior Rifle program is open to kids age 6 to 18 years and is free of charge. The goal of the program is to teach basic rifle marksmanship and firearm safety. We encourage each participant to work toward qualification in the Winchester/NRA marksmanship program. Junior rifle meets the first Sunday of each month at the indoor range at 1:00 PM. We shoot for 3 hours. If anyone has any questions or would like to help out, please feel free to contact Perrin Lewis at 301-638-1230 or plewis@genesisfirearms.com.

Membership
Dave George
Membership Numbers as of 10/23/12
Regular 366
Associate 16
Life 33
Honorary 15
Total 430
Note: SCSC has a limit of 450 Regular members.

New applicants approved by the SCSC Board 11/21/12.
(None)

E-Mail Address / NRA Information Needed
Occasional communication is conducted via E-Mail. Please notify the Membership Chairman of a change in your E-Mail address: dc_george@comcast.net.

Per SCSC bylaws, the club must maintain 100% membership in the NRA so please keep your membership current. Upon renewal, please advise the Membership Chairman of your new NRA expiration date. New SCSC membership cards will not be issued if NRA membership information is not current.

Scouts
Jeff Kensinger
The month of November Boy Scouts of America focuses on "Scouting For Food." This is a program where every Boy Scout Unit across the Country spends 2 weekends working on getting donated non-perishable food items and then delivering them to a local food bank. Out Troop had 17 Scouts and 9 adults volunteer a total of 137 hours of their time to produce 1793 pounds of food donated to the St Joseph's Church in Pomfret's food bank. The Troop, which is open to boys 11-17, meets every Thursday night from 7 to 8:30 pm at Jenifer Elementary School on Berry Road. For more information contact Scoutmaster Jeff Kensinger: 301-645-1154 or jsken1963@aol.com.

Indoor Range SOP

Beginning here and continuing through page 9 are the Indoor Range Standard Operating Procedures which you are asked to read and be prepared to discuss at the December membership meeting.

St. Charles Sportsman’s Club
Indoor Range Procedures
Adopted May 2009 / Updated July 2012

Title of Document:
Indoor Range Facility Standard Operating Procedures

Authority
Article 12 Section VII of the St. Charles Sportsman’s Club (SCSC) Bylaws states “The Indoor Shooting Facility shall be governed by an Indoor Shooting Facility Committee (ISFC). The chair of the Indoor Shooting Facility Committee shall serve as Range Master. This committee is responsible for direct oversight and management of all aspects of the operation of the Indoor Shooting Facility within Middleton Hall.”

Required Safety Equipment
Eye and Hearing protection must be used at all times while on the range.

Indoor Shooting Facility Committee
The Indoor Shooting Facility shall be operated in strict accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws and regulations. The Indoor Shooting Facility Committee shall have final authority on all matters related to enforcement of laws and regulations and in all matters related to Indoor Range firearms and environmental safety.

The Range Master is the chairperson of the Indoor Shooting Facility Committee. The Range Master may appoint assistants to serve as the Chief Range Officer, and may additionally appoint Range Officers and assistant Range Officers. The Range Master, Chief Range Officer, and Range Officers shall be certified. The criteria for certification shall be determined by the Range Master and the Indoor Shooting Facility Committee.

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed within the In-Door Shooting Facility area at any time. No individual shall use the In-Door Shooting Facility if under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants. The range may not be used by any individual who has consumed alcohol within the preceding 8 hours.

All shooting conducted on the Indoor range shall be under the direct supervision of an SCSC Certified Range Officer. All persons using the Indoor Shooting Facility shall follow Range Officer instructions.

General Range Rules

The Indoor Shooting Facility Committee shall be established on the dates and hours as designated by the Range Master and the In-Door Range Committee. A Range Operation schedule will be published in the RECOIL.

Guests shall be the responsibility of their current member host(s). Only one guest per host is permitted on the firing line at one time, unless authorized by the duty RSO. The sponsoring host must be present during the time period while the guest is on the firing line.

The SCSC Indoor Shooting Facility may be used by other organizations subject to approval by the Indoor Shooting Facility Committee and the SCSC membership.

Violations of Indoor Shooting Facility rules shall be immediately brought to the attention of the on-duty Range Officer and the individual violating the safety rules. If not immediately corrected, the Range Master shall be notified of the problem. If an individual is judged “unsafe” by the Range Master or his authorized representative (Range Officer), this individual may be required to discontinue Range use until such time as this individual can satisfactorily demonstrate safe firearms handling capabilities. Range safety disputes shall be brought to the attention of the 2nd Vice President.

General Range Rules

The RSO (Range Safety Officer) on duty has final authority on all decisions concerning range safety.

No smoking inside the Indoor Range.

Consumption of food and/or drinks is prohibited in the range with the exception of the observation area.

Anyone using the range must wash their hands before leaving with soap and cold water. This will help reduce the risk of lead exposure.

Remove all targets from the range. Throw away used targets and shot out cardboard backers. Place usable backers in designated area.

Police all brass in the Firing Lane and Ready Area. Place unwanted brass in recycle bucket.

All fire doors are to be kept closed at all times. Do not block fire doors open for any reason.
All firearms must be cased or concealed when entering and leaving the range. The only exceptions are on duty law enforcement officers. All misfired ammunition must be placed in the ammo can located outside the Range Control Center.

**Firearms and Ammunition**

Handguns up to .45 caliber may be used. No ammunition may exceed 1610 fps. .22 cal. Rim fire rifles along with .22 cal. long rifle ammunition may be used. Use of shot shells is prohibited. Center fire rifles, including rifles chambered for handgun cartridges, and shotguns are prohibited. Black powder firearms are prohibited. Full automatic fire is prohibited in the indoor range. Automatic fire is defined as shooting more than one round with each pull of the trigger. Air rifles and pistols may be used. They must shoot pellets. BB’s are prohibited.

Firearms should only be loaded while in the firing line. While in the firing line and NOT engaged in actively firing, the firearms should be rendered safe by removing the magazine, applying the safety (if equipped) and locking back the slide, or placing an empty casing or other appropriate item to hold open the slide on firearms not equipped with a slide lock, or opening the cylinder. When leaving the firing line, firearms should be cased, holstered, or rendered safe by removing the magazine, applying the safety (if equipped) and locking back the slide, or placing an empty casing or other appropriate item to hold open the slide on firearms not equipped with a slide lock, or opening the cylinder. This does not apply to law enforcement personnel, persons authorized for concealed carry or the on duty RSO.

Movement of firearms between firing lanes may be allowed under supervision of the Range Safety officer. When moving firearms from one firing lane to another, the firearms should be cased, holstered, or rendered safe by removing the magazine, applying the safety (if equipped) and locking back the slide, or placing an empty casing or other appropriate item to hold open the slide on firearms not equipped with a slide lock, or opening the cylinder. The muzzle should be pointed in a safe direction and care should be used to ensure the muzzle does not point at any person.

**Holsters**

Use of Cross Draw holsters and/or holsters that allow a firearm to be pointed in an unsafe direction are prohibited.

**Observation Area**

The observation area is the room located at the rear of the range. It is the first room you come into when entering the range to sign in. The bathroom is located on this level. Firearms in the observation area should be cased or holstered. The firearm may be uncased in the observation area if authorized by the Range Safety Officer. The firearm may be rendered safe by removing the magazine, applying the safety (if equipped) and locking back the slide, or opening the cylinder. The muzzle should be pointed in a safe direction and care should be used to ensure the muzzle does not point at any person. Unless authorized by the on duty RSO, firearms in this area should be cased or holstered.

Loading and unloading of magazines and speed loaders is allowed in this area. This is the only area food and drinks are allowed. Be sure to wash your hands with soap and cold water before eating or drinking while at the range and after you finish shooting.

**Ready Area**

The ready area is defined as the area behind the firing lanes. Loading and unloading of magazines and speed loaders is allowed in this area. Handling of uncased firearms is prohibited in this area, unless authorized by the RSO on duty.

**Range Control Center**

The Range Control Center is the enclosure in the ready area. The booth is only to be used by Range Staff.

**Firing Lanes**

The firing lanes are defined as the area between the partitions. The front of the firing lane is the red line painted on the floor. The rear of the firing lane is the rear of the partition. Firearms are only to be handled in a firing lane. Unless authorized by the RSO on duty. All firearms must be cased or holstered before leaving a firing lane.

Do not allow any part of your body to cross over the red line. Only when the range is declared cold, authorized persons are allowed to go past the red line - down range.

**Impact Zone**

The impact zone is the metal backstop. The room behind the backstop houses the ventilation system filters. Access to this room is restricted to those who are wearing Tyvec suits, respirators, non-permeable gloves, and safety glasses.

**Targets**

Steel targets are only allowed for air rifles and air pistols. Paper targets are the only approved target. Cardboard backers must be used behind all paper targets. Do not use cans, bowling pins, etc. as targets. The target should be hung so that all bullets will impact in the backstop. A target hung too low will cause damage to the ceiling. A target hung too low will cause bullets to hit the floor.

**Range Commands**

“The Range is Hot” - When the range is hot no one is to move forward of the red line. This command may only be given by the Range Safety Officer on duty.

“Cease Fire” - May be called by anyone who feels that an unsafe condition exist on the range. Cease Fire means that everyone should stop shooting and wait for further instructions by the RSO on duty. No handling of firearms is permitted during “cease fire” conditions.

The Range is cold - Only the Range Safety Officer on duty may call the range cold only after all firearms have been cased, holstered, or rendered safe by removing the magazine, applying the safety (if equipped) and locking back the slide, or opening the cylinder.

**Chief Range Officer**

The Range Master (Committee Chair) may appoint a Chief Range Officer to assist in managing daily operations. Duties of the Chief Range Officer include scheduling Range Officer duty; Training prospective range officers; scheduling lead abatement work days; establish a Lead Compliance Program; overseeing range maintenance; and other duties as assigned.

**Range Officers**

Range Officers will be trained by the Master Range Officer or the Chief Range Officer. The on duty Range Officer is responsible for safe operation of the indoor range. Range Officer duties shall include opening and closing procedures; maintaining range cleanliness; stocking bathroom supplies; checking membership cards; collecting money; target sales; preparing range sign-in sheet; maintaining log book; reporting maintenance issues and other duties as assigned.

**Assistant Range Officers**

The Master Range Officer may appoint Assistant Range Officers as necessary for smooth operation of the Indoor Range Facility. Assistant Range Officers will work with the on duty Range Officer supporting daily operations. Assistant Range Officers may also help the Chief Range Officer with maintenance and lead abatement.

**Range Opening Procedures**

Disarm alarm system and make sure door is unlocked. Set up sign-in sheet. Turn on lights for Range Control Center. Turn on all range lights and ventilation system. Check each lane to make sure target cable system is in working condition, make notes of any damage/repairs in range log book. Notify Indoor Range committee chairman of any damage and repairs made.

Take note of overall range condition, are the floors clean, trash cans empty. Notify Indoor Range Committee chairman if the range has been left dirty.

Go down range, turn off and remove dehumidifier. Only enter and exit the down range area thru lane 8. Do not cross the red line from any other lane. Check for damage to lights, backstop, ceiling tiles, floor, and walls. Paint over any impact marks on walls with white spray paint. This will aid in identifying problems.

Fill water bucket to use for later clean up. The range can now be used.

**Closing the Range**

Confirm that the range is safe. Make sure that all firearms are unloaded and cased or holstered.

Dispose of all used targets and shot out cardboard backing.

Non-permeable gloves must be worn for daily range clean up. Put range tables down to discourage anyone from entering and exiting the range.

Clean range tables with D-Lead All Purpose Cleaner. Dilute cleaner as listed in product instructions.

Enter and exit range only through lane 8. Use rubber squeegee to police all brass. Place unwanted brass in the recycle bucket.

Brooms are not to be used for any reason in the range, the range area should be cleaned by wet mopping with D-Lead All Purpose Cleaner.

Wet mop the floors, starting from the red line working towards the backstop. Do not push debris over the bullet deflector at the bottom of the range.
The Range address is: Middleton Hall, 4505 Renner Road, Waldorf MD, 20602
Task a member to gather witnesses’ and/or take notes of what was done at what time, if necessary.
Task a member to wait outside to direct EMS to situation of importance.
File report

Saint Charles Sportsman Club
Indoor Range Rules
Revised July 2012
- The Range Safety Officer (RSO) on duty has final authority on all decisions concerning range safety.
- Only one guest per member is permitted on the firing line at one time, unless authorized by the on duty RSO.
- Eye and hearing protection must be used at all times while on the range.
- Always keep the muzzle of the gun pointed in a safe direction. The use of holsters that allow a firearm to be pointed in an unsafe direction are prohibited.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- Use of the range while under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or other intoxicating substances is prohibited. The range may not be used by anyone that has consumed alcohol within the preceding 8 hours.
- Consumption of food and drinks is prohibited in the range area.
- Guests are not permitted in the Range Control Center.
- Guests are to immediately alert the RSO on duty to take charge of an emergency situation whether major or minor.
- Handguns up to .45 caliber may be used. No ammunition may exceed 1610 fps.
- .22 cal. Rim fire rifles along with .22 cal. long rifle ammunition may be used.
- Use of shot shells is prohibited.
- Center fire rifles, including rifles chambered for handgun cartridges, and shotguns are prohibited.
- Black powder firearms are prohibited.
- Full automatic fire is prohibited in the indoor range. Automatic fire is defined as shooting more than one round with each pull of the trigger.
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- Paper targets are the only approved target. Cardboard backers must be used behind all paper targets. Do not use cans, bowling pins, etc. as targets.
- The target should be hung so that all bullets will impact in the backstop. A target hung too high will cause damage to the ceiling. A target hung too low will cause bullets to hit the floor.
- When finished shooting, remove your targets from the cardboard backers. Throw away used targets and any backers that are unusable. Return usable backers to the designated area.
- Police up your brass when finished shooting. Place unwanted brass in the recycle bin.
- All misfire ammunition should be placed in the “defective” ammo can.
- After shooting, you must wash your hands with soap and water in the observation area bathroom.
- Do not turn out the lights without prior approval of the RSO on duty.
- Fire doors are to be kept closed at all times. Do not block fire doors open for any reason.
- I am legally not prohibited from using or possessing firearms or ammunition.

backstop. Put all debris from the range floor into the contaminated materials buckets.
To wet mop the floors, fill the aluminum pan to fill mark with water. Using the Rubbermaid wet mops. Rinse the mops in the water. Mopping from left to right, start at the red line and work towards the backstop. Rinse the mops after every few passes. Be sure all debris are picked up and put into the contaminated materials buckets. Do not place this material in the trash can. Slowly drain the water from the pan into the floor drain when finished mopping. The goal is to keep all heavy metal particles in the tray. Dump the metal particles into the contaminated materials buckets.

Replace pan next to wall by lane 8 and put mops on wall rack. Make sure water from mops drips into the tray.
Place dehumidifier next to floor drain and turn on.
Leave range through lane 8. Be sure to step on the tacky mat as you walk through lane 8.
Remove sheet from tacky mat as needed. Dispose of used tacky mat and gloves in trash.
Dump all trash from range, observation area, and bathroom in dumpster at rear of building.
Turn on dehumidification system.
Turn off range lights. Make sure light switches are turned all the way off.
Lights will begin to flash and flicker if they are not.
Turn off Range Control Center light as you leave.
Check the floors in the observation area, sweep if needed.
Check the bathroom to make sure it is clean.
Lock all cabinets and desk if they have been opened.
Turn off air conditioning in the summer. Turn heat down but not off in the winter.
Set the alarm.
Turn out observation area lights.
Lock the door and leave range.
Wait and listen to make sure alarm stops chirping.

Range Maintenance
- All maintenance and repairs are to be entered in the log book.

Daily Maintenance
- Wet mop the range floors.
- Dump trash.
- Inspect all target cables and pulleys, repair if possible, or note if they need to be replaced or repaired in the logbook.
- Wipe range tables down.

Weekly Maintenance
- Clean Range Control Center windows.
- Mop observation area.
- Clean bathroom.

Monthly Maintenance
- Clean out bullet trays at base of backstop. Recycle all material.
- Dispose of misfired cartridges.

90 Day Maintenance
- Replace ventilation filters. Filters should be bagged and bags are to be tied shut. Bags can then be placed in dumpster behind building.
- Flush floor drain with hose.

6 Month Maintenance
- Do monthly and 90 day maintenance.
- Pressure wash all surfaces in down range area.
- Paint as needed.
- Remove debris from sump at rear of range.

Emergency Procedures Overview:
1) Members are to immediately alert the RSO on duty to take charge of the situation whether Minor or Major.
2) Any member may call “Cease fire” before alerting the RSO if the situation requires it. Once alerted, only the RSO may command the range “Hot” again.
3) RSO may task other members to help with assignments needed to contain/control the situation.

Minor Injury/Emergency - Cut finger, headache, bathroom flood, etc.
- Assess the situation.
- Render aid or call for help.
- File report.

Major Injury/Emergency – Heart attack, power failure, severe bodily injury, etc.
- Assess the situation and take appropriate action.
- Task a member to render aid if possible (ex: first aid or CPR)
- Task a member to call for help.
- Note: If alerting 911 – state your name, the type of emergency, and the address of the emergency.
If you agree to abide by these rules, give them back to the RSO on duty and sign the waiver form. If you do not agree to abide by these rules, you are not able to use the range.

St. Charles Sportsman's Club
Waiver, Hold Harmless and Release

In consideration for the use of the SCSC owned or leased property, or participation in Club activities, I agree to the terms of this document and the SCSC Rules and Regulations.

1. I acknowledge that there are always risks involving physical activities and acknowledge that there is always the risk involving the use of firearms, crossbows, archery or other equipment. While SCSC strives to have a safe environment, the Club cannot guarantee total safety.

2. I understand that if there is an accident involving property damage or personal injury involving me, I will assume all responsibility and liability.

3. I hereby waive and release SCSC, its officers, director, employees, volunteers and agents from any and all costs, liabilities, expenses and judgments including attorney’s fees and court costs arising out of my participation in Club activities.

4. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify SCSC, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers and agents from all claims made by me or any action brought on behalf of me or by others including, but not limited to, spouse, children, other family members, guardians, holders of power of attorney, or any other persons or entities.

5. It is understood that if a member or guest of this Club causes an injury to another’s person or property, that person causing the injury can be held liable.

6. If an SCSC member, I understand I am executing this agreement on behalf of all included in the “Family Memberships” as defined in the SCSC by-laws.

7. I acknowledge that I am legally not prohibited from using or possessing firearms or ammunition.

By signing this waiver, I acknowledge I have read the Indoor Range Rules and will comply with the rules of the SCSC facility and/or activity.

Name: (Please Print): __________________________ Date: ________
Guardian Signature (if under 18): ______________ Date: ________
Witness Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________
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please call the Indoor Range at 301-645-1148 to confirm opening hours.
Attend The Membership Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 8 p.m., Middleton Hall
Dinner Served at 7:00 p.m.

It's Hunting Season
Read the Huntsmaster's Report

New Hunting Maps Available
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Revised Indoor Range Rules Enclosed
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