

Rules & Procedures

Stoughton Conservation Club



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New Clubhouse: Indoor Archery Range, Trap and Skeet Ranges.
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Old Clubhouse: Indoor Pistol Range, Outdoor Archery Range
and Archery Woodswalk.
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Introduction

Effective Date: **January 1, 2010**. This document supersedes all previously published rule-books.

Note: The Stoughton Conservation Club is not responsible for any members' or non-members' personal belongings which are lost, damaged or stolen.

The rules in this document apply to activities on Stoughton Conservation Club grounds for general member use. Additional rules may apply to specific events. In no cases do these rules supersede local ordinances or state and federal law.

To reserve Club facilities: The cost per day is \$200 for the New building and \$100 for the Old building, both with a cleaning deposit. \$200 for the New building and \$100 deposit for the Old building that will be refunded if the building is left in the same condition as it began. Facilities Request Forms are available at the Clubhouses or may be downloaded from the website, and must be filled out before a request will be considered. Get completed form to the Buildings & Grounds Chair (see newsletter for who it is) who will bring it to the Board. If approved, it will be noted in the minutes, then posted on the Clubhouse and Website calendar.

SCC's Website is <http://www.stoughtoncc.org> "Alerts" are posted on the Home Page; also a link to a Calendar with activities listed. Double-click on the activity for available info.

A. Stoughton Conservation Club Membership Rules

The facilities of Stoughton Conservation Club are extensive and expensive. They are paid for by members of SCC and are all for their benefit and use. Therefore, certain rules have been set in place to protect and preserve the facilities for members and their families.

New-member orientations are on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 SHARP (late-comers will not be included) and will last a little over an hour. Dues are set by the Board of Directors and as of this revision, are \$75.00 a year, with a \$30 Initiation fee the first year, and \$10 for the magnetic key card that gives you access to the buildings/ranges. **Membership dues drop-off boxes** are located inside both clubhouse doors.

To mail renewals, send to SCC, P.O. Box 366, Stoughton, WI, 53589. Members are urged to renew their memberships without being reminded to keep The Club costs as low as possible. **YOUR NEWSLETTER ADDRESS LABEL HAS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATE ON IT.**

Membership is open to all adults age 18 and over.

Membership fees are established by the Board of Directors and are stated in the newsletter.

Membership is for one calendar year from the date the member attends the orientation session and receives his/her membership card, and that date is on the membership card.

If a member lets his/her membership lapse, they are required to pay the initiation fee when they rejoin.

Membership does not supersede any local, state or federal regulations.

A Stoughton Conservation Club membership is a “family” membership. That is, when an adult joins, that adult’s spouse and minor children living in their household are automatically considered members and may make use of the Club facilities and partake in Club activities. When minor children in a member household reach the age of 19, they must apply for their own membership.

Members may acquire a magnetic access card (a.k.a., “key card”) to gain entrance to Club facilities. This electronic card is coded to that member and IS NOT TRANSFERABLE OR LOANABLE; IT MAY NOT BE USED BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THE MEMBER IT WAS ISSUED TO. By popular request, the spouse of a member may get another access card registered to them simply by attending the Orientation session, learning the rules of usage of Club facilities and paying for the key card. (This way the spouse can bring the member’s children to use Club facilities when the member of record is at work or away.)

NOTE: For all facilities use, the member of record (the one who’s name is registered with SCC, or the spouse with their own key card) must be present. No one may use the Club facilities without the member of record (or spouse with their own key card) present.

This means members may not drop minor family members off at The Club and leave the premises or go to other locations on the premises.

Club members are responsible for their family and guests, and their family and guests’ actions. SPECIFICALLY, they must chaperone (control) their guests and family members.

GUEST POLICY

Members are allowed to bring a guest to use the facilities at SCC. Each guest is limited to ***one visit per calendar year***. The purpose of guest visits is to introduce non-members to the benefits of SCC and encourage them to join.

B. SCC General Facility Rules

A member’s most important duty is safety – range safety as well as general safety. The next most important duty is protecting the property and interests of the Stoughton Conservation Club.

1. Members are responsible for knowing how to work their firearm(s) safely: they must be knowledgeable enough to be able to recognize when a firearm is cleared, i.e.: magazine out, fixed magazines empty, actions open, chamber(s) empty and safeties on.
2. If a firearm can not be cleared of a live round:
 - Temporarily shut down range.

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- After waiting at least 15 minutes from the last attempt to fire a chambered round that cannot be removed from the gun have shooter encase and remove his/her firearm from the premises.
 - Re-open the closed range.
3. Remind shooters pointing any firearm loaded with projectiles larger than No. 7-1/2 shot into the air that the only safe direction is down or downrange. Projectiles from firearms accidentally discharged into the air can cause serious injury.
 4. When signing in for the indoor range, shooters should print their names on the list. Be sure to print your first name rather than using initials.
 5. If you are unsure whether someone is a club member, ask to see their membership card.
 6. Before resuming shooting warn shooters to put on hearing protection. After a reasonable interval announce "Commence Firing" in a loud voice.
 7. Club officers and Board of Directors are not excused from these rules. Any problems with anyone refusing to comply with this or any club rule should be reported to a Board Member ASAP, with as many details as possible, including but not limited to date, time, names or physical descriptions, license plate numbers, vehicle descriptions, etc.
 8. Dangerous behavior or horseplay of any type will not be tolerated and will be grounds for expulsion from the club grounds.
 9. **Members are responsible for their guests. Parents are responsible for their children. IF YOU CAN NOT CONTROL THEM, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE, AND YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**
 10. **Reread the previous rule.**
 11. Make sure that things are properly cared for. **Members and guests will clean up the grounds before they leave** and help as necessary. Be sure that the facilities are secured when the days shooting is done.

12. **Members and guests only.** Each SCC member may bring one guest to shoot. It is the responsibility of the member to instruct and monitor the safety of the guest at all times. Limit: 1 guest per member. Each guest is welcome as a guest ONCE A YEAR. The purpose of the guest policy is to introduce people to our wonderful facilities SO THEY WILL JOIN.
13. Just as ignorance of the law is not a defense, neither is ignorance of Club rules.
14. Absolutely **no hunting** is allowed on Stoughton Conservation Club property.
15. Your membership card must be with you while on the SCC property. It must be shown when requested by any other member to verify current membership. Membership cards cannot be loaned or transferred to another person at any time. Spouses may obtain a second card to accompany children to the range only after completing the orientation process.
16. Work parties may take vehicles to whatever point on the range is necessary, ground conditions permitting, but otherwise driving on the grassy areas is prohibited.

Be aware of everything happening on the firing line and do your best to prevent accidents (firearms or otherwise) and to render assistance should an injury occur. In the event of an injury:

- Stabilize the injured party.
- Do not attempt to treat an injury beyond stopping major bleeding or treating for shock unless you are trained in first aid. Do not exceed your training.
- Where possible have someone else call the paramedics (Dial 911).
- Where possible send someone to the Club street entrance to guide the paramedics to the accident.
- If you are the only other person at the site of the accident, stabilize the injured party first and then call the paramedics.
- Notify the Club President or Vice President as soon as possible as long as doing so does not interfere with taking care of the injured.

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- Make no statements to the press.
- Do not speculate to anyone as to the cause for the accident.

C. Fundamental Gun Safety Rules

1. TREAT EVERY GUN AS IF IT WERE LOADED.
2. Always keep the gun unloaded and the action open until ready to use.
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
4. Know how to use your gun safely.
5. Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
6. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
On SCC ranges, all loaded firearms must be pointed down towards the ground or down range towards the backstop (impact berm). NOT UP IN THE AIR (except on trap and skeet ranges, where muzzle-up is acceptable).
7. Always be sure of your target, what's beyond it and what's around it. If you have the slightest doubt about anything at all, DO NOT FIRE!
8. Never let your muzzle cross anything you are not willing to destroy.

D. SCC Shooting Hours

NEW: AS OF THIS REVISION, THERE IS NOW A ***NO-TOLERANCE POLICY*** IN PLACE REGARDING SHOOTING HOURS VIOLATIONS! IF YOU ARE CAUGHT SHOOTING BEFORE OR AFTER POSTED SHOOTING HOURS, AT THE VERY LEAST, YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE ***SUSPENDED*** AND COULD BE REVOKED FOR LIFE.

Outdoor firearms ranges:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-sunset;

Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.;

Sunday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., except for posted changes.

Indoor firearms range: 8 am-9:30 pm for firearms.
Indoor archery: 24 hours, 7 days a week
unless otherwise noted.

Discharge of quiet arms such as air guns and archery are not time-restricted.

EVEN THOUGH WE SET THESE HOURS, WE MUST OBEY THEM. SHOOTING DURING NON-SHOOTING HOURS VIOLATES OUR CONDITIONAL-USE PERMIT.

Deer Hunter's Sight-In Clinic: For several days prior to the opening of the Gun Deer Hunting season, The Club runs a Deer Hunter's Sight-In Clinic. During this time, members will have to pay the same fees as non-members. Schedules will be posted on the website and on the range gate at least a month prior to the first closed day.

E. General Range Rules: these apply to all firearms ranges.

These rules apply to all activity on all ranges, in addition to the discipline- (type of shooting) and range-specific rules that follow this section. Because our ranges are multi-purpose, discipline-specific rules apply on any range where a certain discipline is being practiced. At special events there may be some variation from these procedures where event rules and customs dictate. At these events appropriate safety supervision is the responsibility of match officials.

1. **All local ordinances and state and federal laws concerning the possession, use and handling of firearms must be strictly obeyed.** It is the shooters' responsibility to know the ordinances and laws.
2. It is the shooters' responsibility to know the Club rules.
3. Fully automatic weapons are prohibited.
4. .50 BMG weapons are prohibited.
5. Tracer, armor-piercing or incendiary bullets are prohibited.
6. All uncased firearms must be unloaded, actions open and magazines out except when they are on the firing line being fired. Long guns should be placed in the rack with the actions open; break-open-style long guns in racks may be closed.

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7. All firearms on the firing line shall be pointed downrange into the impact area at all times.
8. No loaded firearm will be laid down, rested or leaned against a shooting bench or in any other way left unattended at any time.
9. When present, the Range Officer, Trap Linesman or Scorer is the final authority and must be obeyed at all times.
10. **No firearms may be handled while anyone is forward of the firing line.**
11. **Eye and ear protection is required.**
12. Any person on the line may call for a cease fire. Firing shall immediately cease and not resume until the reason for the cease fire has been remedied.
13. If there are **any** uncased firearms on a firing line, no one may move forward of the firing line without calling for a “cease fire” and checking that all firearms are unloaded, with the magazine out and action open.
14. There will be no intoxicants of any kind on any firing line. Firearms shooters who have been drinking or who a member feels may be intoxicated will not be allowed on the firing line. Any member may ask these people to leave and should ask other members for assistance if the violators refuse. As a last resort, members should involve the authorities.
15. All shooting, including blanks, must be done only into approved impact areas or fields of fire using approved targets.
16. All shooters on any of the ranges **MUST** shoot from a common firing line.
17. Handguns in holsters or holsters alone may not be worn at any time.
18. Spectators must remain behind the shooters at all times during range operations.
19. Pick up your brass and hulls, used targets and target fragments. Leave the range cleaner than when you came.

20. NO TRESPASSING. If you don't have a membership card on you or aren't accompanying a member as a guest, you are trespassing.
21. Membership card must be on hand at all times and displayed to anyone who requests to see it.

F: Range-Specific Rules

OUTDOOR FIREARMS RANGES (25-, 50- and 100-yard ranges)

1. RANGE HOURS: (unless otherwise posted)
Yearly
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am to Sunset
Saturday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am-3:00 pm
NO SHOOTING BEFORE OR AFTER POSTED HOURS
2. You must gain access to the outdoor ranges using your own valid security card. DO NOT prop open the doors. NO "piggy-backing" (gaining access when someone else uses their card to open the door).
3. *The gate to the outdoor range parking lot must be kept locked at all times except during entry and exit.*
4. ALL SHOOTING must be done from inside the bench shelters. NEVER ahead of the benches.
5. Keep firearms pointed downrange at all times.
6. Actions must be open unless when shooting.
7. PAPER TARGETS ONLY.
8. RE-READ THE PREVIOUS RULE.
9. All targets must be placed at the base of the backstop inside the impact huts and be positioned to minimize the possibility of a bullet striking outside the impact huts.
10. Pick up empty cases and used targets. Dispose of in the provided trash receptacles.

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11. Respect the “45-minute time limit.” This is an Honor System to give every member equal access to shooting time. If the benches are full and another person arrives to shoot, the shooter or party who has been shooting the longest has another 45 minutes to shoot and will be the first to leave and give his bench to the waiting shooter.)
12. Keep bench hut doors closed at all times (to manage the noise).
13. No rapid fire. (Definition of “rapid fire”: 5 rounds in less than 10 seconds).
14. All shooting must be done from the provided benches or from a line even with the front of the benches. At no time will any shooter fire beyond this line.
15. Make sure the door and gate are locked when you leave.
16. No .50 BMG caliber firearms, no firearms in any Barrett proprietary calibers, and no Class 3 weapons.

SKEET AND TRAP RANGES

1. Shotguns firing on the Skeet/Trap fields must use cartridges loaded with size 7-1/2 or smaller size (larger number) shot.
2. Hand-thrown or foot-trap-thrown clay targets may be used on Field #4 (farthest from the Clubhouse) only.
3. All club members are equally responsible for monitoring safety and rules enforcement.
4. All Skeet and Trap League shooters must be members of SCC. Non-members are welcome to shoot on Sunday mornings only, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, or during special events approved by the Board of Directors.
5. A “round of trap or skeet” is defined as 25 targets.
6. The shotgun muzzle must be pointed downrange or straight up at all times. Break-open shotguns may be pointed at the ground. No other positions are permitted.
7. The gun action must remain open until it is your turn to shoot.

8. Be sure nobody is in the trap or skeet house before you begin each round.
9. Place the orange cone on top of the trap house when you are reloading it. If you see an orange cone on the trap house roof, do not load your gun.
10. The only time you may load a shotgun is when you are standing on the designated shooting station.
11. All shotguns must be unloaded and the action must be open when moving between shooting stations.
12. Trap: Only one (1) shell may be loaded when shooting singles. Two (2) shells may be loaded when shooting doubles.
13. Skeet: Two (2) shells may be loaded on each shooting station except on station eight (8). Only one (1) shell may be loaded on station eight (8).
14. When a shooter uses a “release trigger”, it is his or her responsibility to inform all shooters on the squad as well as the trap help.
15. Always stay behind the current shooter (shooting line) during a round of trap or skeet. Do not pick up empties until the round is complete.
16. Shooters shall not intentionally fire a second time at the same target.
17. Cross-firing from one range to another is not permitted.
18. If a delay occurs when a shooter is on station and ready to shoot, the action must be opened and the shell removed.
19. Only shotguns may be fired on the Trap and Skeet ranges. Rifles, handguns, bows and arrows are not permitted.
20. Lead and non-toxic shot shotshell loads may be used.
21. Maximum Shotshell load limits:
Trap and Skeet: 1-1/8 oz. of #7-1/2 to #9 shot
22. Shotgun slugs are not permitted.

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23. Clay targets are the only type of target permitted.
24. No shooting on or at the Trap and Skeet houses.
25. Do not walk in front of the trap and skeet machines when they are turned on.
26. All trap and skeet shotgun patterning must be done shooting down-range on trap field 4 (furthest from new Clubhouse) with #7-1/2 or smaller size shot in non-magnum loads only. Clean up all targets and material when done.

Larger shot and/or magnum loads may be patterned at the outdoor ranges, but ONLY at the set distances and with targets inside the impact berms. No targets may be placed at intermediate distances.
27. All shooters must pick up their shells and trash before leaving the range.
28. Trap and skeet fields 1, 2 and 3 are only open for Club-sponsored events. Trap 4 is to be used by members (and guests) using their own target-throwing equipment.
29. Trap: (5) five shooters maximum per round.
Skeet: (6) six shooters maximum per round.
Be courteous to others – reduce the number of shooters per squad in cold weather.
30. At the end of the shooting session or event, all shooters shall help reload the traps, and clean up and put equipment away.
31. Inside the Clubhouse, actions must be open at all times.

INDOOR RANGE

1. *JACKETED BULLETS ARE NOW ALLOWED IN OUR INDOOR PISTOL RANGE.* However, our building lacks the concrete back wall and ceiling that supported the backstop previously, so NO FULL MAGNUM-POWER LOADS (.357 Mag, 10mm, .41 Mag, .44 Mag, .454 Casull, .460 S&W/Ruger, .480 Ruger, .500 S&W Mag, and any other pistol rounds with over 600 ft/lbs of power) because of the force these fast, heavy-bullet loads generate. You can still shoot these calibers with midrange loads or reduced-power handloads..

2. RIMFIRE EXCEPTIONS:

- .22 Rimfire cartridges with plated bullets are acceptable. As of this Rules Revision, no company is manufacturing true jacketed .22 LR ammo.
- No jacketed .22 Rimfire Magnum loads. It is the responsibility of the member to ascertain if the loads are true jacketed (not allowed) or merely copper-washed (allowed).
- No .17 HMR firearms in the Indoor Range (.17HMR ammo is high-velocity and is only available with jacketed bullets).

3. Mid-range (non-magnum) power loads only.

4. NO HARD-CAST HUNTING LOADS. These are magnum-power loads, and with hard-cast lead bullets that can damage the backstop as badly as or worse than jacketed bullets.

5. No pistols chambered for centerfire rifle cartridges in the indoor range.

6. Loaded pistols shall be pointed down range, never UP.

7. All firing must be done from the 50-foot line, never closer to the backstop.

8. INDOOR RANGE HOURS: (unless otherwise posted)
Monday-Sunday: 8:00 am to 9:30 pm
NO SHOOTING BEFORE OR AFTER POSTED HOURS

9. The indoor range will be closed to general use at least 1/2 hour before the beginning of Leagues for set up.

ARCHERY RANGES

Special Note: Crossbows are not allowed in the Indoor archery range. They are allowed ONLY in the outdoor firearms ranges or on the Outdoor Archery Sand Pits (behind the old building). No crossbows may be fired at any archery target backing. THEY *MUST* BE FIRED INTO SAND.

Outdoor Archery Practice Range and Woods Walk course

1. **Absolutely NO FIREARMS on the outdoor archery course or practice range!**
2. Broad heads and field tips are allowed at the outside practice range only. Broad heads are to be shot at the sand pits only. The Excelsior bales on the Outdoor Practice Range behind the Old Building are for field points only.
3. The Outdoor Archery Practice Range has a maximum safe shooting distance of 40 yards. However, shots longer than 40yds can be shot if no other shooters are present at the normal shooting line.
4. There is no open shooting for members in the woods on Wednesdays or Thursdays unless you are a league member. (June 1 thru August 30th)
5. Arrows are not to be nocked when someone is downrange.
6. Only paper and cardboard targets may be used.

Indoor Archery Range

1. **Bows and arrows only! NO FIREARMS OR CROSSBOWS shall be shot inside the archery range.**
2. Only target points and field points may be used for general shooting on the standard Archery targets. **Absolutely NO BROADHEADS.**
3. Bows are to be drawn straight back and not pulled at an angle above the shoulders. This will prevent any miss fires going in to the ceiling.
4. Arrows are not to be nocked when someone is downrange.
5. If an arrow falls off the bow and moves downrange, do not retrieve the arrow until everyone on the firing line is finished shooting, no matter how close the arrow is to you.

6. When practicing, place targets between the lane numbers to preserve the backstop material.
7. New five-spot, single-spot and Vegas targets are \$1.00 each (deposit fees in the drop box next to the new targets). Old, used targets are free.
8. Only paper and cardboard targets may be used.
9. Absolutely no horseplay is allowed in the range.

