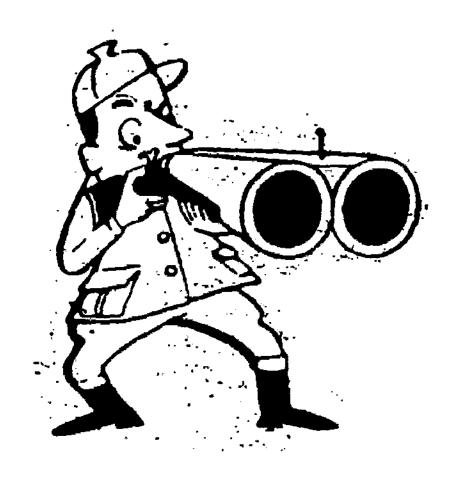




- RIFLE RANGE -

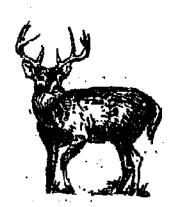
- MANUAL OF RULES & REGULATIONS -



"A nell regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a a free State, the right of the people to keep and hear Arms, shall not be infringed." (2nd Amendment to the Constitution)

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"Success is relative -- the more success, the more relatives."





GENERAL RANGE RULKS FOR ALL DISCIPLINES

- 1. Always point the Muzzle in a safe direction.
- 2. Keep your finger off the trigger except when shooting.
- 3. Keep the action open and the firears unloaded, except when shooting.
- 4. Know your firearm and ammunition.
- 5. Carry only one caliber / gauge of ammunition at a time.
- 6. Be sure of your Target -- and what's beyond.
- 7. Know where others are at all times.
- Wear eye and ear protection at all times.
- 8. Know and obey all range rules and commands.
- 10. DO NOT mix alcohol and drugs with shooting.
- 11. NO CROSSFIRING will be allowed on the range.
- 12. While shooting, if a JAM occurs, warn other shooters and request help from range master.
- 13. ONLY LEAD BULLETS will be used on silhouette targets.
- 14. YOU WILL NOT SHOOT ANYTHING UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE RULES FOR THAT PARTICULAR DISCIPLINE AND ARE CERTIFIED.
- 15. Remember <u>SAFETY FIRST</u> think of your fellow shooters



"The politicians who said they were aiming for a reduction in taxes & balanced budget need a bit more target practice."



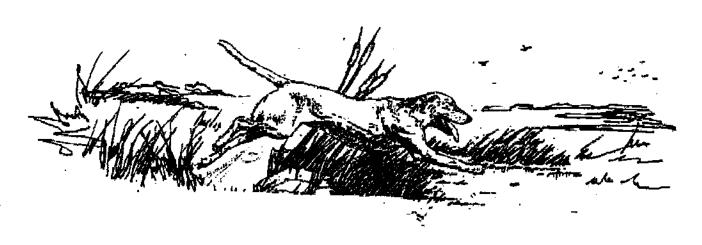






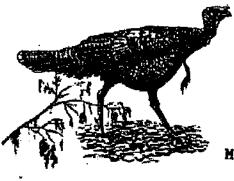
CONDUCT & PROCEDURES FOR ALL DISCIPLINES USING THE RANGE

- 1. Obey all range rules and/or range master commands.
- 2. Fire only at assigned targets.
- 3. No handling of firearms while persons are down range.
- 4. Always POLICE the range when done.
- 5. No food or beverages on the firing line.
- 6. No smoking on the firing line.
- 7. Do Not enter the firing line area until properly authorized.
- 8. Do not display any firearm except in the firing line area.
- 9. NO ARMOR piercing ammunition will be used.
- Members are responsible for guests.
- 11. Any infraction of club rules / regulations for the various disciplines will result in disciplinary action so directed by the Rifle Committee and the Club Board Members.



"Optimism is Custer hollering "Now lets not take any prisoners,"







MODERN RIFLE & PISTOL RANGE COMMANDS

Note: The Range Master Commands and expected responses are as follows:

- i. "x" rounds load. Come to a firing position when ready! Load "x" number of rounds and assume a firing position with muzzle down range, safety on.
- Ready on the left! Ready on the right! Sound off if not ready.
- 3. All ready on the firing line!
 No response signifies three second interval before next command.
- 4. Commence Firing! Start shooting.
- Cease Firing!Stop shooting.
- Unload!
 Empty your pistol/rifle.

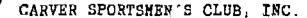
Note: When the range master is ready to suspend firing to score and paste or replace targets, the commands are:

- Make pistol/rifle safe. Bolts open; slides back; pistol/rifle on the bench or down.
- 2. Step back from the firing line.
- 3. Advance and score.





"To truly abolish the death penalty, the first step must be taken by the murders."





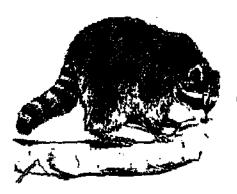
- 1. The range master organizes and assigns the shooters to each firing point.
- 2. One 25-yard (standard American) piston target is installed in front of each firing point at 100 yards.
- 3. The range master commands LOAD MAGAZINES WITH "X" ROUNDS EACH.
- 4. The range master commands:
 - a. SLOW FIRE (10 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)
 - b. "X" ROUNDS
 - e. LOAD AND LOCK
 - d. READY ON THE RIGHT
 - e. READY ON THE LEFT
 - f. READY ON THE FIRING LINE

 If a firer is not ready, he will announce to
 to the range master, NOT READY ON POSITION

 NUMBER when everyone is ready, the fire
 command is continued: READY ON THE FIRING
 LINE
 - g. COMMENCE FIRING
- 5. When the firers have finished, they will place the rifle down, bolt open, slide back, then step to the rear of the firing line, indicating to the range master that they have completed firing.
- 6. When time has expired, or when the firers have finished, the range master commands:
 - a. CEASE FIRING
 - b. UNLOAD
 - c. CLEAR ON THE RIGHT
 - d. CLEAR ON THE LEFT
- 7. The range master looks to the right and left to determine that the firing line is clear. When the firing line is clear, the range master commands:
 - a. THE FIRING LINE IS CLEAR
 - b. FIRERS MOVE FORWARD AND POLICE YOUR BRASS
 - e. SCORE AND PASTE TARGETS



"Ever notice that no matter how busy a feller is, he always has time to talk about how busy he is ?"



MUZZLELOADING - BLACKPONDER CAUTIONS & COMMANDMENTS

- 1. USE ONLY BLACK POWDER OR REPLICA BLACK POWDER IN ALL MUZZLELOADERS. Pyrodex is the brand name of the most commonly known replica black powder.
- 2. TREAT EVERY GUN AS LOADED. Never point it at anything you don't intend to shoot. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times, including while loading.
- 3. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET BEFORE FIRING. Be aware of the location of other people around you. Know what is behind your target. Never fire into water or a flat, hard surfaces. Round balls are prone to glance or ricochet.
- 4. BE SURE YOUR GUN IS IN FIRING CONDITION BEFORE YOU PULL THE TRIGGER. Make sure the ball is firmly seated on the powder, the gun is not overcharged, and there is not obstruction in the barrel.
- 5. TREAT A MISFIRE OR FAILURE TO FIRE WITH EXTREME CARE.
 Keep the gun pointed in a safe direction down range, and
 wait at least one full minute before repriming.
- E. MAKE SURE YOUR GUN IS UNLOADED BEFORE YOU STORE IT AND STORE THE GUN, POWDER, AND CAPS SEPARATELY. Keep the it away from children, etc.
- 7. PROTECT YOUR KYES AND RARS WHILE SHOOTING. Always wear shooting glasses and ear plugs to prevent possible harm.
- 8. NEVER SHOKE WHILE LOADING, SHOOTING OR HANDLING BLACK POWDER PROPELLANTS.
- 9. NEVER LOAD DIRECTLY FROM A STEEL POWDER CAN, HORN OR FLASK.
- 10. NEVER DRINK ALCOHOIC BEVERAGES BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING.

"I think the reason that so many Congressmen run for re-election is, that they don't want to try to make a living under the laws they pass."



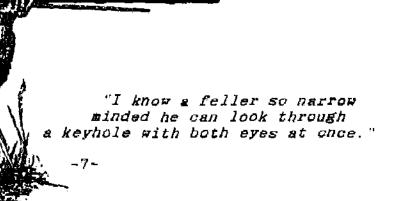
LOADING AND FIRING PROCEDURES FOR CAP LOCK MUZZLELOADING RIFLES AND PISTOLS

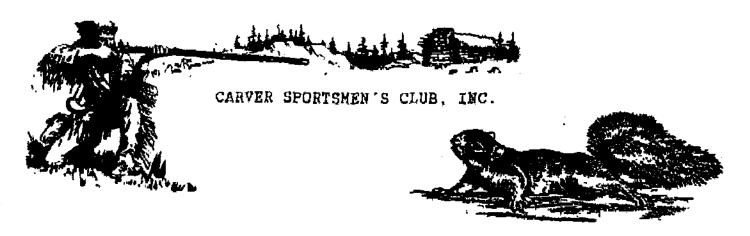
- 1. Be sure that the gun is unloaded. Run the ramrod down the barrel to the breech plug to check.
- 2. Set hammer at half cock. (Safety for Euzzleloader)
- 3. Clean all oil and grease from inside the barrel.
- 4. WITH GUN POINTED IN A SAYE DIRECTION, place cap on the nipple, fully cock the hammer and fire to dry out the bas of the bore and the nipple. (Repeat if needed)
- 5. With muzzle pointed up, and no part of the body over the gun, pour measured charge down the barrel. (Use manufacturer's recommended charges)
- 6. To insure that the black powder fully enters the drum and nipple area, slap the side of the barrel in front of the lock.
- 7. Center a well greased patch over the bore and press a round ball, or a well greased minie/conical ball with sprue "up" into the muzzle.
- 8. With ball starter and ramrod, push round/minie/conical ball down on top of powder firmly but without crushing the powder. It is very important to seat the ball firmly against the powder SO THAT NO AIR SPACE EXISTS BETWEEN THE BALL AND POWDER CHARGE. A good method of determining this is to insert the ramrod when the firearm is fully loaded and mark the ramrod at the muzzle for a reference.
- 9. WITH THE GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION and hammer at half cock, place a percussion cap on the nipple. THE GUN IS NOW LOADED.
- 10. Pull hammer back to full cook position and YOU ARE READY TO FIRE. FIRE! using proper aim.
- 11. After firing, wait one minute to reload, this will allow any remaining sparks in the barrel to burn out.
- 12. If a "misfire" or failure to fire occurs, wait at least one minute with the gun pointed at the target, put a new cap on the nipple and try to fire again.

"Women without principal certainly draw plenty of interest."

LOADING AND FIRING PROCEDURES FOR FLINT LOCK MUZZLELOADING RIFLES AND PISTOLS

- 1. Be sure that the gun is unloaded. Run the ramrod down the barrel to the breach plug to check.
- 2. Set hammer at half cock. (Safety for muzzleloader)
- 3. Clean all oil and grease from inside the barrel.
- 4. WITH GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, place a small few grains of 4f or 3f powder in the flash pan, close the frizzen over primed flash pan, fully cock hammer and fire to dry out pan, touch hole and base of bore.
- 5. With muzzle pointed up, and no part of the body over the gun, pour measured charge down the barrel. (Use manufacturer's recommended charges)
- 6. To insure that the black powder fully enters the base of bore and touch hole, slap the side of the barrel in front of the lock.
- 7. Center a well greased patch over the bore and press a round ball, or a well greased minie/conical ball with sprue "up" into the muzzle.
- 8. With ball starter and ramrod, push round/minie/conical ball down on top of powder firmly but without crushing the powder. It is very important to seat the ball firmly against the powder SO THAT NO AIR SPACE EXISTS BRIVERN THE BALL AND POWDER CHARGE. A good method of determining this is to insert the ramrod when the firearm is fully loaded and mark the ramrod at the muzzle for a reference.
- 9. WITH THE GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION and hammer at half cock, place a small amount 4f or 3f in the flash pan, pull frizzen down over the pan to keep powder in place. THE GUN IS NOW LOADED.





- 18. Because gas escapes from the touch hole on flintlocks, before firing check to see if the next shooter is clear.
- 11. Pull hammer back to full cock position and YOU ARE READY TO FIRE. FIRE! using proper aim.
- 12. After firing, wait one minute to reload.
- 13. If a "misfire' or failure to fire occurs, wait at least one minute with the gun pointed at the target, using a touch hole pick, clean and reprime pan for firing.

