

THE STURT PISTOL & SHOOTING CLUB INC



Information for Visitors

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Welcome

Thank you for visiting the Sturt Pistol and Shooting Club.

As a visitor or trainee, you have a number of obligations that are essential in providing you with a safe and enjoyable visit. These are outlined below.

We hope you enjoy your visit with us.

About our Sport

Due to the nature of our sport and its legal obligations provided for under the **Firearms Act 2015** (and its **Regulations**), there are a number of legal requirements which must be adhered to. These have been put in place to protect your safety, the safety of our members, and the image which our sport displays to the general public.

It is a legal requirement for **everyone** who attends the Range to sign the **Attendance Register** or the **Visitor/Trainee's Register** (as appropriate). Each page of these **Registers** has a Declaration which states:

You, the undersigned, declare that you have not had a personal Firearms Licence suspended, cancelled or revoked in any State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia or its dependencies - nor do you have a Firearms Prohibition Order issued against you or have any medical condition which may have a bearing on your ability to handle a firearm safely.

If you falsely sign this Declaration, then you will be in breach of the Firearms Act 2015 and its Regulations 2017.

Insurance

Everyone who comes to the Range must sign either (or both) the **Attendance Register** and **Visitor/Trainees Register** (as appropriate - refer details on Notice Board). This ensures that you are covered by the State Association's general insurance whilst you are on the Range and also records your attendance at the Club. Visitors/Trainees must also pay the appropriate fee.

You will be required to enter in either of the **Registers** your **Firearms Licence Number** (if you have one) or **Driver's Licence Number** (or other acceptable ID). You will need to do this EVERY time you visit the Club.

If you intend to use a firearm whilst visiting, there may be some fees involved which cover the cost of targets and patches etc.

On the Range

You will be required to obey all instructions given to you whilst on the premises. These will usually be from your host or mentor for the visit, or the Range Officer controlling the activities on the Range.

If you would like to participate in any activity on the day which requires the handling of ANY firearm, you can only do this under the DIRECT supervision of your fully licenced host or mentor.

Safety

It is an offence to enter any of the firing Ranges if:

- you have **consumed alcohol** earlier on that day.
- you are **under the influence of any recreational or illicit substance**.
- If your **prescribed medication** in any way inhibits your ability to safely handle a firearm.

Such assessment will be at the sole discretion of your host, the Range Officer or the Club Secretary.

Dangerous or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated anywhere on the Club's premises - and you will be asked to leave. If considered a serious incident the Police will be called.

You must be in the company of a Club member to enter any of the Ranges. If there is a competition in progress, **hearing protection MUST be worn**. There are earmuffs or ear plugs available in the Club House. If black powder firearms are being used, **you must also wear eye protection** on that Range.

You must remain **behind the safety rails** whilst a competition is in progress. Under no circumstances are you (or anyone) permitted to go forward of the firing line until the Range Officer has cleared all firearms and declared the Range safe (ie, for the purpose of changing targets etc.)

In the event of a general safety issue (ie a bushfire) there are designated **evacuation assembly areas** located around the Club. Please take time to read the Evacuation Procedures which are located in the Club House and also on each Range. You must obey directions given by the officer-in-charge who will be wearing a hard hat.

The **first aid kit** is located in the Club House. There are usually several first aid officers on the Range during programmed competition days.

Fire extinguishers are located in the Club House and the Air Pistol Hall.

General

The **toilets** are located to the western end of the Club House.

The Club House and all the Ranges are **designated non smoking areas**. Smoking is permitted under the shade cloth/patio area and outside of the Ranges. Please respect others comfort when smoking in these areas and use the bins provided for your butts.

The **speed limit** from Majors Road to the Range gate is **20kms/hr** and then **5kms/hr throughout the Club grounds**. This is not only for safety reasons but also to minimise dust (in summer) and minimise road damage during the wet weather.

The **consumption of alcohol is permitted after 3.30pm** but only in approved areas specified by the Club's Liquour Licence. A map showing approved areas is on the Club House wall in the patio area under the shade cloth.

GENERAL - *continued*

Taking photographs or videos of any Club member or visitor, and then posting them on ANY social media is not permitted and may result in legal action.

Security cameras are fitted throughout the Club's environs and they operate 24/7. All footage is recorded and kept on file for future reference.

Mobile phones MUST be switched to mute, or off, when on the any of the Ranges.

There are several **disabled parking spaces** which are reserved for Club Members and Visitors who hold a current Disabled Parking Permit. If you park there, and do not hold a current Disabled Parking Permit, you WILL be asked to move your vehicle. There is also a designated area for the parking motorcycles.

The South Australia Police inspect the Range regularly for safety compliancy and also issue the Club with a Certificate which enables the use of certain categories of firearms on the Range. These include: Air Pistols; Air Rifles; .22 Pistols; .22 Rifles; Centre Fire Pistols (up to .38 calibre); Centre Fire Rifles (some conditions apply); Black Powder (percussion) Pistols and Black Powder (percussion) Rifles.

The **Club Program** is available on the Club's website and also from the Notice Board in the Club House. The days of programmed activities are:

Saturday: All matches start at 1.00pm except CF50 which starts at 12:30pm and must be completed by 1.00pm.

Sunday: All matches start 10.00am.

Monday Night: Starts at 7:00pm (includes Air Pistol & Air Rifle). Air Pistol is self squadding - first there are first on the line.

Wednesday Morning: Starts at 9.00am. Matches include Air Pistol/Air Rifle and Club Match. BP can also be shot but you must have an experienced RO in attendance. Any other Club competitions that can be conducted safely and in conjunction with other Range users are also OK. **Note:** Full match scores **do not** count towards trophies but **do** count as an attendance and scores can be recorded by the Club Scorer.

The Club Match and either of the Black Powder matches are programmed for every Wednesday and Sunday morning.)

Once a member of the Club, **access to the Range** (at times other than for programmed matches) can be applied for via the Committee of Management.

Further information about the Club's activities can be obtained from the Club Secretary on **08 8377 1437** (only monitored during programmed events - see above) or sturt pistolclub@outlook.com

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