



# **Halifax County Gun Club**

## **New Member Orientation**

# Application Process

1. Submit application with application fee of \$50.00 + dues
2. Attend a orientation session and pay dues.  
Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month at 2 PM sharp.  
You have 60 days from date of application
3. Application will be voted on by The Board of Directors.
4. Upon approval a membership card will be issued.
5. One year probation starts.
6. Board will vote on Regular Membership at the end of probationary period.

# YOU HAVE 60 DAYS TO TO COMPLETE ORIENTATION

During that time, you can enjoy the Club Facilities as a guest as long as you are accompanied by a club member.

If you do not complete orientation within 60 days, you will be required submit a new application and pay another application fee

## AMOUNT DUE AT ORIENTATION

Membership dues and application fee are to be submitted with your application. The amount required for dues is as noted per the table below. Dues are prorated depending on the time period that you join.

Initiation Fee:	<u>\$50.00</u>
Regular Membership (includes family)	_____
Life Membership (\$1,250.00)	_____
<b>Total Submitted:</b>	_____

Date of application; prorated amount:		
November 1 <sup>st</sup> - January 30		\$150.00
February 1 <sup>st</sup> - April 30		\$125.00
May 1 <sup>st</sup> - July 31 <sup>st</sup>		\$100.00
August 1 <sup>st</sup> - October 31 <sup>st</sup> *		\$150.00
* (Membership good through the next year)		

# Welcome to HCGC

- Welcome to HCGC, all new members must attend a new member orientation meeting , where you will review the orientation book and ask any questions you may have about HCGC policies. At this time we will sign off on your orientation and you will pay your dues. Once this it complete, it will be sent to the board of directors for approval.
- Members of the HCGC are volunteer guardians of all grounds and equipment. Whatever your passion, normal wear and tear should be maintained by the member(s). If a member(s) perform needed repairs, maintain receipts to be reimburse all expenses by HCGC. Please remove all damaged items from the range and HCGC property.
- **Pledge to treat all firearms as if loaded, always pointing in a safe direction. Abide by all club procedures as outlined in this orientation. Violations could result in cancellation of membership by the Board of Directors.**
- **The use of Alcohol or drugs while on any of the ranges, skeet, trap, pistol, or rifle, is strictly prohibited.**

# HALIFAX COUNTY GUN CLUB POLICIES

- 1. The club ranges are for members, their guests, and competitors in club matches. They are maintained by the membership with club funds and lots of hard work. Please do not abuse or litter the ranges. Place all trash in the barrels provided. Never leave brass or hulls on the ranges. Take down and dispose of all targets when you finish shooting. Please drive only on the roads and park in the proper areas. Please do not drive on the range!**
- 2. Club members are required to wear their current membership card while on the club ranges; should you not recognize someone, ask to see their membership card. Members are to bring only two guests at a time to the ranges and we expect guests to apply to join our club if they wish to continue to use our facilities after their third visit (this does not apply to participants in club shoots). Members are 100% responsible for their guests and should always make them aware of the club safety rules and proper range etiquette.**
- 3. The club does not provide pistol or rifle targets for members. You must bring your own targets along with some type of fastening device for them. Place them in the frames so that the bullet will pass through the center without hitting the supports and at a height to allow the bullet to strike the impact berm and not the ground. Never shoot at any target on or near the ground. The use of bottles, cans, plastic jugs, etc. as targets is strictly forbidden. Never shoot at anything that could cause a ricochet. Always use the proper range for the type of firearm you are shooting.**

- 4. Before you use a range always be sure that there is no one down range.**
- 5. Persons under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating drugs will not be allowed to shoot and will be removed from the facilities.**
- 6. Always practice the first rule of shooting; assume that a firearm is always loaded and never point it at anything that you do not intend to shoot! Firearms should only be loaded when the shooter is at the proper firing point and is ready to begin shooting. When not being fired all firearms are to have their actions open and be placed so that the muzzle is pointed down range. Never touch a firearm when someone is down range! No one is to go forward of the firing line until the range has been made safe. Members assume all responsibility for SAFETY. Shoot Management has complete control of the entire facility during a club sponsored shoot. During work days all ranges will be closed to shooting.**
- 7. Eye and Ear protection is required at all times while on any range.**
- 8. Any member that has an accident or encounters any problems at the range must report it to a club officer. Should you encounter an unauthorized person never force the issue or argue; leave the range and contact the Halifax County Sheriff Department. Our range facilities are private property and violators will be prosecuted for trespassing. Members are expected to know and understand these rules; should you encounter a member breaking a safety rule try to discuss the problem with the member if possible or contact a club officer so that proper action can be taken to either remove the problem or the person.**

**A list of Officers phone #'s and Sheriff is posted in the Club House**

# Membership Badge

Must be worn when on any of the Ranges.



# Halifax County Gun Club

## Range Access and Trap Safety Rules

### Range Access and Safety

- All new members must attend the Halifax Orientation before field/ranges access will be allowed. All youth shooters along with parent or guardian must attend the Halifax Orientation.
- Access to the various fields/ranges are restricted to members only. Visitor may use ranges when accompanied by an adult member of the Halifax County Gun club. An adult member must be 21 years old or older.
- Adults members 19 and 20 years old may be on the range unaccompanied by adult 21 years or older member but may not escort youth shooters.
- All youth shooters (18 years and younger) **MUST** be accompanied by an adult member of the Halifax County Gun Club.
- All youth shooters who are not accompanied by an adult other than a parent or guardian must have a signed **LIABILITY** Waver by the parent, guardian or loco parentis.
- All youth shooters must have the properly issued HCGC Youth ID card when on any range.
- **Minors** must be accompanied at all times by adult while at the facility.
- Youth shooters must have a adult club member present on each field/range that they are shooting on.
- Minors must be accompanied by a family member of the HCGC on the pistol and rifle ranges.
- All shooters must wear eye and ear protection at all times while on ranges.
- Youth shooters must have a safety briefing before access the ranges
  - Must muzzles be pointed in a down range at all times
  - Must have action open unless it's their turn to shoot
  - Must have fingers off the trigger unless it's their turn to shoot.



# Trap Machine Safety

- No youth shooters are allowed to be in the trap houses during the setup of the field and shutdown of the fields after shooting.
- Once verified by an adult that the trap is in a safe mode, de-cocked and powered down, youth shooters will be allowed in the trap houses to restock targets.
- As youth shooters progress they will be instructed proper technique to start-up and shutdown a trap.
- To operate solo, the youth shooter(s) must be approved and designated by a coach or the HCGC Safety Officer. Such designation will be visible on the youth shooter ID card.\*

- \*Stick on label dots and initialed by a coach or safety officer.

# Pistol Range

- The Pistol range is heavily used. It is the first thing one sees coming into the Club. Keep it presentable at all times.
- Shooters will maintain the target backstops. Remove all targets after each session. Once it rains it will be on the ground.
- No rifles larger than .22LR rim fire. .223/5.56 is larger and more destructive than the .22LR.

# Pistol Range



# Pistol Range Rules

## RANGE RULES

- Eye and ear protection must be worn.
- ALL METAL PLATES - HAND GUNS ONLY - 9 MM and UP.
- Do not shoot above ORANGE 2 x 4 board.
- Do not Drive Vehicles on range field.
- Remove your trash, targets and shell casings.

### ATTENTION SHOOTERS

This range is for handguns and .22 rifles only.  
Please do not post targets on support poles.

Please police your targets and casings and dispose of properly when finished.

The pistol range is the first thing one sees coming in.

Thank you,  
HGOC

**NO  
TRESPASSING**

Halifax County Gun  
Club Members Only

**EYE & EAR  
Protection  
Required**

Membership  
ID Card Must  
Be Visible

**DANGER**

**FIRING RANGE**

Weapons Firing in Progress

# Range Rules



**NO VEHICLES  
ON RANGE  
PLEASE**

**ALL PETS  
MUST BE  
ON A LEASH**



**PLEASE CLEAN UP  
AFTER YOUR PET**

# .22 Plinking Range

- In this area you may shoot .22 Pistols and Rifles using
- **.22 Short, Long, or LR ammo only**
- **NO** .22 Magnum    **NO** .17 cal    **NO** Centerfire
- **To Fire Safely at Metal Targets, Shooters must:**
  - Use .22 Short, Long or LR Ammo Only
  - Fire from a minimum distance of 15 yards
  - Position yourself directly in front of the target
  - **“DO NOT FIRE AT AN ANGLE”**
- Targets should not be more than 10 feet in front of the berm to avoid ricochet.



# Welcome to the Rifle Range

- The same rules apply to the Rifle Range.
- Maintain the bench area, keeping it clean. Collect all brass. Dispose of targets, drink bottles, etc. in trash receptacles provided.

**REMEMBER:**  
**SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT!**

1. TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY ARE LOADED.
2. ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.
3. NEVER LOAD YOUR WEAPON UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO USE IT.
4. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER AND OUT OF THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL YOU ARE ON TARGET AND READY TO FIRE.

**WELCOME TO HALIFAX**

# The Trap Field

- The instructions for activating the Trap machine is shown in the following pictorial.
- Connect machine release cords cable or remote. This is a twist type plug to prevent machine from becoming unplugged.
- Turn on pump switch.
- Turn on machine release switch.
- Load machine. Every other stack of clays, the separator rail can be removed for ease of loading targets.
- To shut trap station down, reverse the steps above.

# Trap house operation

## Step 1



# Step 2: Release cables



Connect release cable to machine by twist lock plug in's.

# Step 3: Turn on pump motor and release switch to on position



# Step 4: Loading targets for Trap machine



# The Skeet Houses

- Open the target exit door.
- Plug in thrower transformer
- Connect release cable (twist lock plugs)
- Turn on thrower, load machine
- To shutdown, reverse start up procedure, turn off release cable switch, disconnect cable, unplug power, lay plugs across transformer.
- Turn off lights and lock the door.



# Step 1: Open skeet house door

Left picture inside, right picture outside looking in.

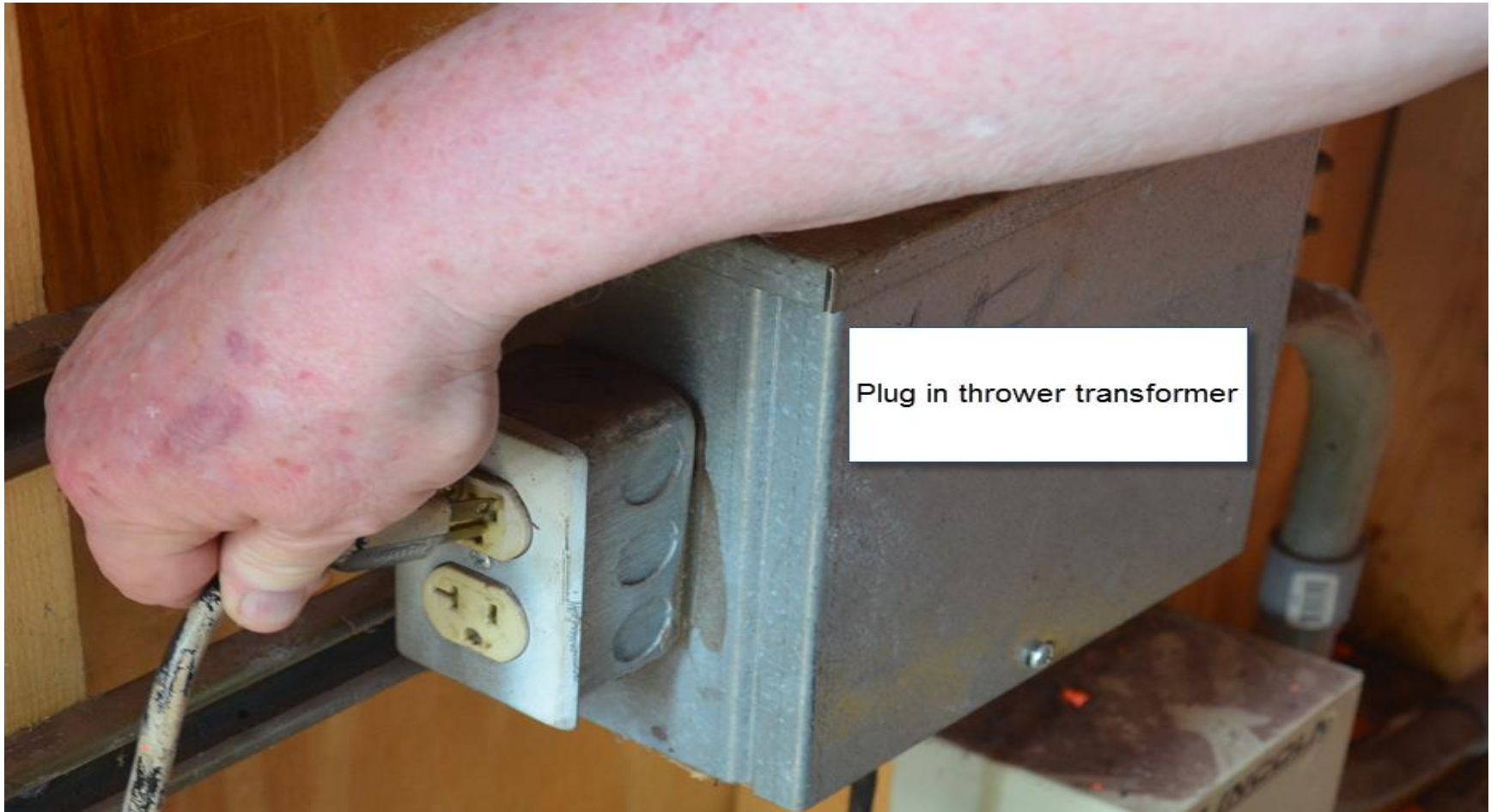


Skeet house door by releasing latch



outside view of house door open

# Step 2: Plug in thrower to transformer

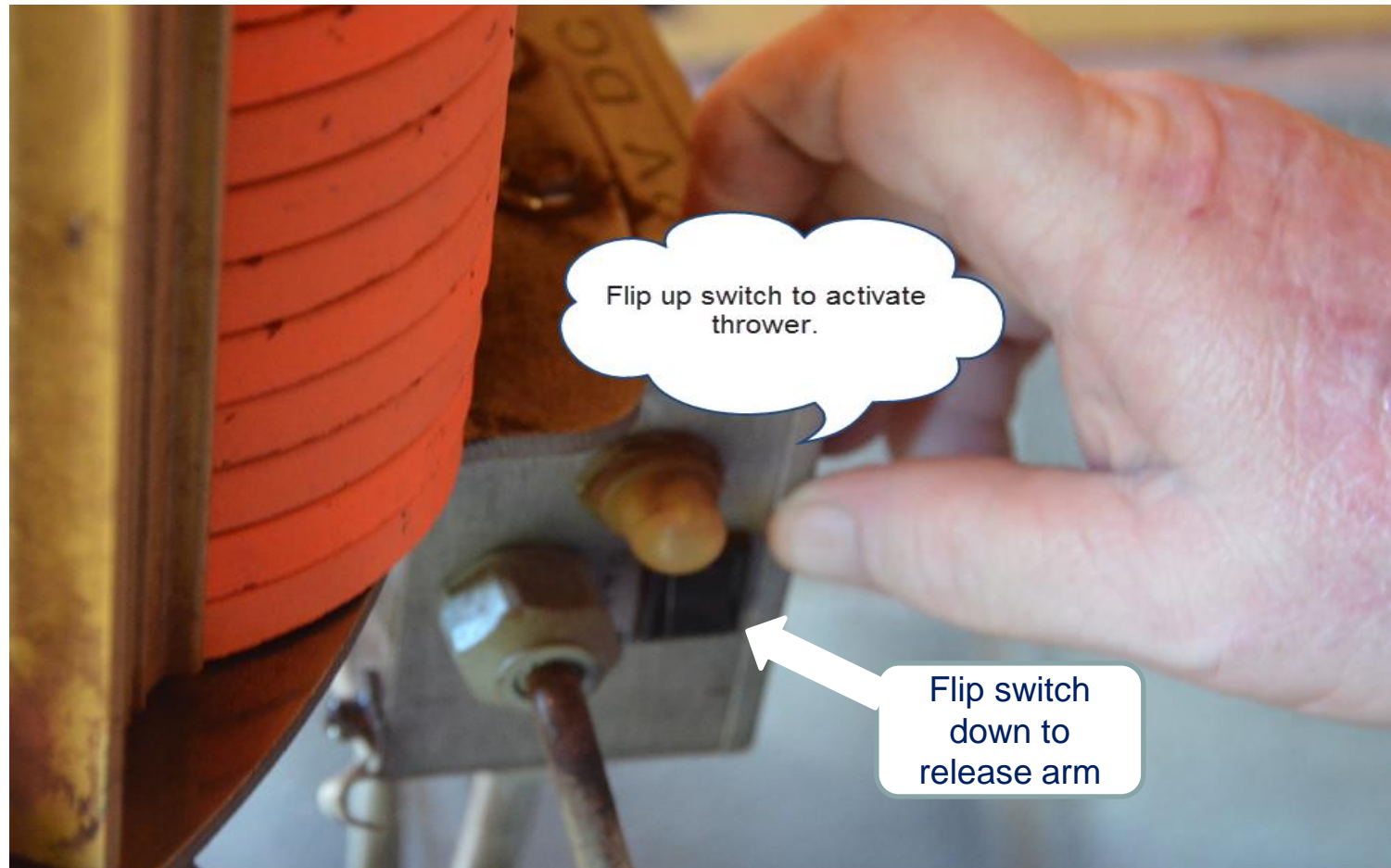


Plug in thrower transformer

# Step 3: Connect cable release



# Step 4: Activate thrower



# Step 5: Load targets



Fill thrower from storage inside the house

# Shutdown Skeet House

- To shut down skeet house reverse steps 5 to 1. At Step 4, flip switch down to release the thrower spring (see picture back at Step 4). This will throw the loaded target so **STAY CLEAR OF THE WINDOW**. After unplugging thrower to the transformer, disconnect release connection, cable or remote. Close the skeet window.



# Lock Skeet House Door



# Links at halifaxskeet.com

- To see the operational instructions for the Skeet and Trap machines, follow the hyperlinks below.
- Click on “Orientation” to navigate to the instruction links.

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## Orientation Manuals

Below are the links to set-up of the Skeet and Trap Fields along with the overall Orientation Manual that can be referenced for new-member Orientation.



[Halifax County Gun Club Rev03 Orientatio\[...\]](#)

Adobe Acrobat document [4.1 MB]



[HCGC August 1, 2020 Trap Shoot Program.p\[...\]](#)

Adobe Acrobat document [107.8 KB]



[Skeet Field Set-up.pdf](#)

Adobe Acrobat document [595.7 KB]

## Contact Us Today!

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## I agree to the following

1. I have read the orientation book, attended orientation and agree to follow club rules and abide by policies set by the Board of Directors.
2. I will always wear my membership card when on any range and always wear eye and ear protection.
3. I will always use safe practices in handling all firearms.
4. I will remove all targets after each session and police all brass and hulls.
5. I will pledge to treat all firearms as if loaded, always pointing in a safe direction.
6. I will not shoot rifles larger than .22 LR rim fire or shotguns on the Pistol Range.
7. I am aware and understand members take care of this property.
8. I am aware that violations of club rules and policies could result in cancellation of membership by the Board of Directors.

New Member Acknowledgement:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Visiting Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Received By (Club Member) \_\_\_\_\_