

CHAPTER 3

**BYLAWS OF THE
DESERT MARKSMEN RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA**

As Amended: December 2015, and Approved: February 2016
Affiliated With the National Rifle Association of America
11250 Waples Mill Rd. Fairfax, VA 22030, USA

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be: THE DESERT MARKSMEN RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, INC.

Which will function as a shooting club under these Bylaws and the accompanying Club Rules and Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT:

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among citizens of the United States resident in our community, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Any citizen of the United States old enough to legally own and operate firearms in the State of California may become a member of this organization after paying the initiation fee and dues specified in the standing Club Rules and subscribing to the NRA pledge. If circumstances dictate, a vote of the Executive Committee may be required to approve a new member.

The Desert Marksmen and its members and employees shall not discriminate by segregation, refusing membership, curtailing participation, or otherwise against any person on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or sexual preference.

All club members must be current, individual NRA members.

The NRA Pledge:

I CERTIFY that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group which has as any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions by force or violence; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that, if admitted to membership, I will faithfully fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

ARTICLE IV

DUES & INITIATION FEES

The initiation fees and dues shall be specified in the Club Rules.

No member of the club in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits by this club.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the club shall be held on the third Tuesday of February in each year, at which time the newly elected officers will be inaugurated. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers shall hold over until their successors have been inaugurated.

Regular Meetings. The regular business meeting of the club for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month, at which time and place as may be specified in the Club Rules.

Special Meetings. A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President, or upon the call of the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 50 club members. Notice of the time, place, and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing in writing by United States mail not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for holding the meeting. The place of special meetings shall be fixed by the Executive Committee. "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern this club in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws or the Club Rules.

Quorum. Twenty members of the club shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, with the exception that 35 members shall constitute a quorum for matters pertaining to suspension or expulsion of club members under Article IX.

ARTICLE VI

SHOOTING DISCIPLINES

Definition and Purpose. A group of club members united for the purpose of fostering a particular style or type of rifle or pistol competition may petition the general membership to establish a club recognized Shooting Discipline.

Group Leaders. Each Shooting Discipline may select a club member as Group Leader to represent their interests in club affairs.

A list of the active Shooting Disciplines will be maintained as part of the Club Rules. Changes to this list must be made in accordance with Article XI.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS

The elected Officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

The officers shall be elected by a plurality vote by ballot through the United States mail of the club members in good standing. The election shall be held in January every other year.

All candidates for office must have been members of the club for at least one year at the time of their election. Any candidates for office must inform the Executive Committee (EXCOM) no later than December club meeting.

The term of office for all officers shall be two years.

A member cannot stand for election for more than two consecutive terms in any one office, or not more than four consecutive terms as any elected officer.

If there are no candidates for an elected office, the EXCOM may allow the current past officer to remain in office until the next election, or they may appoint a member of their choice to fill that office until the next election.

The Elected Officers, acting together with the Shooting Discipline Group Leaders, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of all the activities of the club. The Executive Committee may make agreements with other organizations and individuals to carry out objectives of the club.

The officers of the Secretary and and/or Treasurer may be replaced by a paid employee or may be contracted out as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

A paid Treasurer shall remain a member of the Executive Committee and shall be authorized to sign on the Club Checking / Savings accounts and Credit Cards.

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such time and place as the Committee may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand, in writing to the Secretary, by three members of the Committee.

Two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

The Executive Committee may conduct Club business via electronic means, such as e-mail, except for matters pertaining to suspension or expulsion of club members under Article IX.

Any Executive Committee member may present a motion via e-mail to the other members for consideration and discussion. After discussion and upon a second the motion will be formally presented by e-mail from the Secretary to the committee members for voting.

Voting must be by e-mail reply to the Secretary within 5 business days. The e-mail must contain the motion before the committee and the vote of the committee member.

Two-thirds of the Committee must respond for the e-mail vote on the motion to satisfy the quorum requirements. Alternate discipline leaders may not vote via email. The Secretary shall, by e-mail, inform all the committee members of the results of the voting.

The Secretary shall maintain copies of all e-mails pertaining to motions handled thru electronic means.

Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

A vacancy in the Elected Officers positions of the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee. However, if more than one vacancy exists, a special meeting of the club shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual election.

ARTICLE VIII

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee. He shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such duties as usually pertain to his office.

Vice-President. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.

Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the club by the National Rifle Association and by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, except as noted below. The Secretary shall be responsible for making all arrangements required for preparing and counting ballots in club elections. The Secretary shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings, as required in Article V. The Secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the club, and have the custody of the books and papers of the club, except the Treasurer's book of account. The Secretary shall be responsible for re-affiliating the club annually with the National Rifle Association.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee.

Discipline Leaders: Discipline leaders are responsible for submitting match reports, statistical information, and any fees required by their discipline's governing body. They must also submit match reports and match fees to the club treasurer not later than the first club meeting following their match.

Expenditures. Monies in amounts less than a limit specified in the Club Rules may be withdrawn by check or checks signed by the Secretary, and used only for payment of normal daily operating expenses. Monies in excess of the amount specified in the Club Rules, shall be withdrawn by check signed by authorized Executive Committee Officers, and used only for payment of such bills as shall have been pre-approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested, and an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

Any Elected Officer or Group Leader may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall be have given to the officer of the reasons for his removal and the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.

Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall be have given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member will be accorded a full hearing.

Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filled with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee, and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who notifies the President. The President will call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen days notice in writing to all members of the club in good standing stating the date, time, place, and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full club the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

Any officer or member of the club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association of America shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from this club immediately upon receipt of official notice by the Secretary of this club from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association of America.

The National Rifle Association shall be given a complete report whenever a member of the club is suspended or expelled, showing charges and actions taken.

ARTICLE X

MATCH RULES

All rifle and pistol competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations specified by the National Rifle Association of America. The rules of other governing bodies of the Shooting Disciplines involved, if appropriate, shall be consistent with the rules of The Desert Marksmen.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

Bylaws. Any proposed amendments to theses Bylaws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular or special meeting. If approved by a majority, a ballot including a copy of the proposed amendments will be forwarded to each club member by United States mail. Amendments approved by a two-thirds vote of the returned ballots will be forwarded to the NRA for approval. Upon approval by the NRA, the amendment will become retroactive as of the date it was ratified by the membership.

Club Rules. Any proposed amendments to the Club Rules may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular or special meeting. If approved by a majority, a ballot including a copy of the proposed amendments will be forwarded to each club member by United States mail at least ten days prior to the next regular or special meeting called for the purpose. If approved by a two-thirds vote, including certified absentee ballots, the amendment will be adopted immediately.

“I hereby certify that these Bylaws have been adopted by this club.”

Secretary / Treasurer for Desert Marksmen Rifle & Pistol Club.

CHAPTER 4

RULES OF THE DESERT MARKSMEN RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB (Revised January 2012)

ARTICLE I

DUES & INITIATION FEES.

Annual dues shall be sixty (\$60) dollars per year.

The initiation fee shall be forty (\$40) dollars.

The Elected Officers' dues shall be paid by the club.

Any assessments or change in dues or initiation fee will require ten days prior notice by US Mail and two-thirds vote, including certified absentee ballots, in regular or special meeting called for this purpose.

Guest Policy. Non-members are not allowed access to the range except in the company of a current member, or to attend a regularly scheduled club match or other club open house event. Persons belonging to the immediate family (parents, spouses, and children) of a current member may accompany that member to the range an unlimited number of times. All others who live in California are to be considered prospective club members and are limited to two "familiarization visits" to the range. Such persons must become club members before they are allowed further access to the range (matches and open house events excepted). Non-members living out of state are limited to two range visits in any calendar year (matches and open house events excepted).

Family Membership. Any person who meets the criteria for becoming a club member, is part of the immediate family of a current club member, and lives in that club member's home, need not pay the initiation fee to become a club member.

Memberships in arrears shall be assessed a late renewal fee of \$ 40.00.

Any Member in arrears for more than one year shall be dropped from the club.

Members of the active US Military, Active Reserves/National Guard, who are temporarily transferred out of the area, shall have their current membership extended through the year of their return without additional dues or fees.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS.

The time of the regular business meeting will be 7:30 PM.

A sign-in sheet will be used at all regular or special meetings so a record of the members in attendance will be available.

ARTICLE III

SHOOTING DISCIPLINES.

The current active Shooting Disciplines are:

1,000 Yard

Black Powder Rifle/Pistol

Bullseye Pistol

Cowboy Action

Defensive Pistol

High Power Rifle

Practical Pistol

Small Bore Rifle

Tactical Rifle

Urban Tactical

The club members performing the duties of Quartermaster and Newsletter Editor shall also be counted as Group Leaders.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS:

The EXCOM group leaders shall be the club officers nominating committee and shall make their choices known at the December club meeting.

EXCOM Meeting Attendance. All committee members, both voting and non-voting, are expected to attend ALL Executive Committee meetings. Any Discipline without representation by its group leader, or alternate, without prior written notice to the Secretary, for two consecutive meetings or three meetings within one year, shall result in the Discipline being suspended from active status until such time as a responsible leader and alternate can be presented to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:

The maximum disbursement of club funds which may be transacted by a single signature check shall be six hundred dollars (\$600). The Treasurer shall be required to provide the Executive Committee a complete accounting of funds disbursed by single signature checks before such checking account is replenished from the general fund.

Anyone appointed by the executive committee to make a trip in the club's interest will be reimbursed for travel at \$0.60 per mile traveled plus a reasonable amount for meals. Expense account reports, including a mileage report, must be submitted. Expenses for amounts in excess of \$200.00 must be approved by the executive committee prior to payment. Amounts of \$200.00 or less may be paid by the Treasure upon receipt of a completed expense report.

The club shall obtain a credit card from a local building supply store for the purpose of purchasing supplies for range projects as may be approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall not appoint more than three Executive Committee members as buyers.

ARTICLE VI

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION:

Any member deliberately using armor piercing (AP), tracer, or incendiary ammunition on the range or found engaged in any act of vandalism will be expelled from the club.

Any non-member found trespassing on club property, or who has committed a serious safety violation may be barred from membership and/or club matches for a period of up to one year.

ARTICLE VII

SAFETY PLAN:

A copy of the Safety Plan shall be given to all new members. Copies are available from the Secretary upon request.

ARTICLE VIII

All employees and/or Work for Hire agreements must be in writing and approved by the EXCOM.

The EXCOM shall provide for controlled entry at the highway gate during all scheduled matches and / or approved events by either hiring a safety officer or contracting out for such services.

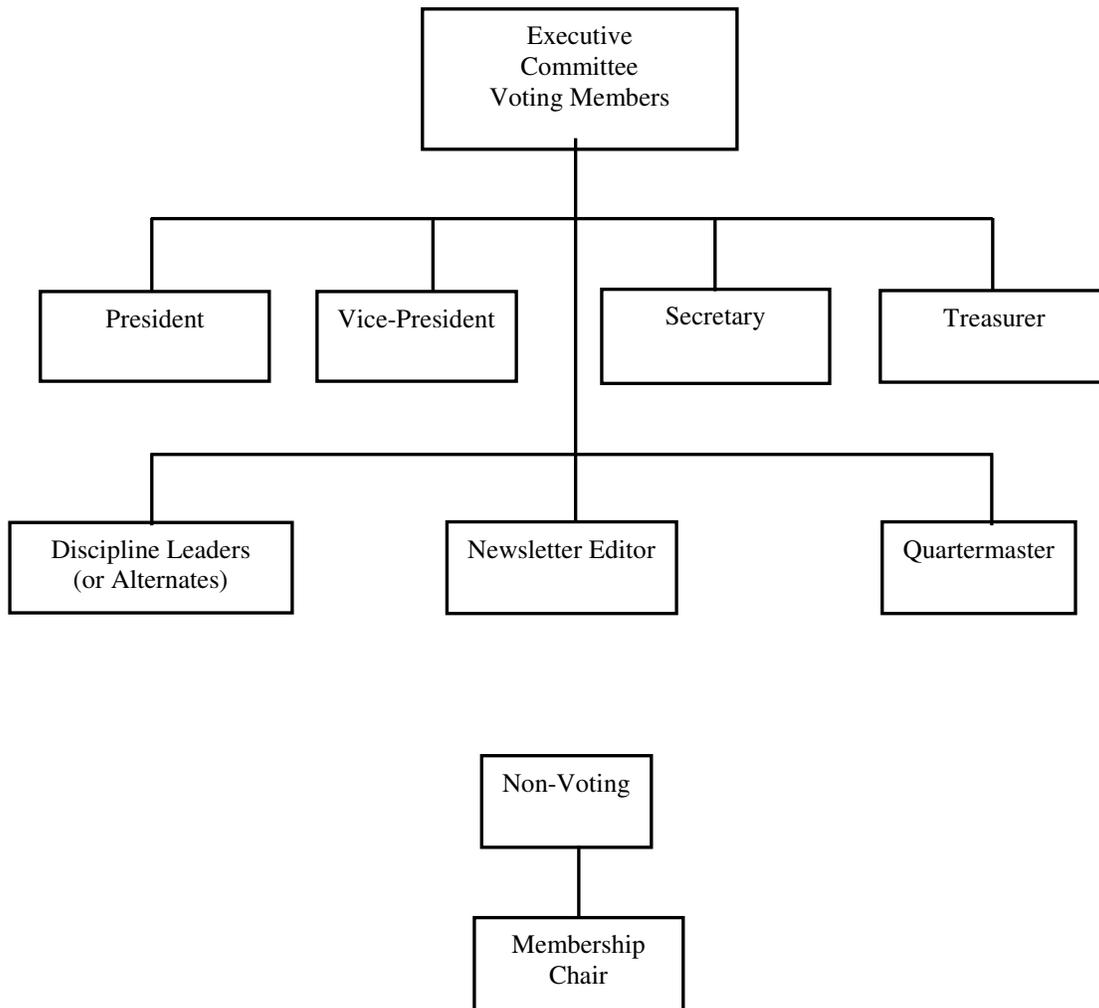
When a safety officer is posted at the highway gate, every club member seeking access to the range must provide a photo ID and their club membership card to the guard before passing through the gate. Failure to do so may result in suspension or expulsion from the club as outlined above. Non-members must provide photo ID and sign the Hold Harmless waiver before passing through the gate.

Any member may ask another person on the range for photo ID and/or a membership card at any time to ensure that no one is trespassing on the range. Failure to provide proof that one is authorized to use the facilities may be construed as trespassing with consequences as outlined elsewhere in this document.

The EXCOM shall contract for portable toilets for the range.

“I hereby certify that these Club Rules have been adopted by this club.”

ORGANIZATION CHART



CHAPTER 5

SAFETY PLAN

SAFETY PROCEDURES

These guidelines are for the purpose of educating the general membership on the safe operation of the range during Open Range time. The operation of the range during scheduled matches is subject to guidelines established for each discipline and will be under the control of the Match Director.

FIREARM HANDLING RULES

Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.

Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.

Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until your sights are on the target.

Keep the action open and the firearm unloaded until ready to use. This means the shooters are in position on the firing line and the range has been cleared for live firing.

Know how the firearm operates.

Be sure the ammunition is correct for the firearm. It is recommended that when on the range with more than one firearm, use one at a time and when complete, store that firearm and its ammunition before using the next one.

Be sure of the target and what is beyond. Also be mindful of adjacent areas.

Do not mix alcohol or drugs with shooting activities.

NOTE: Be aware that certain circumstances may require additional precautions not specifically outlined in this list.

GENERAL RANGE RULES

During scheduled matches or scheduled practice times the range as a whole is considered closed.

The Director of any scheduled event is the Range Officer for the entire range during the period of the event and must be consulted.

If a member is using any portion of the range prior to the arrival of the Event Director or arrives during a scheduled event, the member must secure permission to use any other portion of the range and abide by the Event Directors decision.

Know and obey all range commands.

It is everyone's responsibility to act as a range officer when none is present.

Open range shooting is allowed 24 hours a day, seven days a week unless campers are present. If members are using the campground then shooting should cease by 2330 hours unless campers agree to a later cease fire time.

Use of the range during open range time will be restricted to the following areas: All positions of the 600 Yard range, all positions of the Bullseye Pistol Range (shed), and the practical/tactical range, except as noted below.

The first two positions on the main range 600 yard line may not be used when the Bullseye Pistol Range is in use.

1000 Yard Range usage must be scheduled and approved by the ExCom a minimum of 90 days in advance. However, casual shooters may use this range if all other ranges and the camping area are unoccupied. The Desert Marksmen gate must be closed to indicate that the 1000 yard range is in use, and shooting from this pad must cease immediately when another member arrives to use any other Desert Marksmen facility.

The 600 – Yard Range is open to all firearms and ammunition (except as noted below) providing that federal and State of California legal type, caliber and gauge requirements are met.

The Bullseye Pistol Range is restricted to any rim fire firearm, any standard center fire Pistol caliber, muzzling loading pistols/rifles and smoothbore muskets, and all air guns. No Shot Guns or HP rifles.

Steel core and armor piercing ammunition are prohibited on all Desert Marksmen ranges. Ammunition with steel jackets or with steel cartridge cases is permitted.

Incendiary ammunition including tracers or ammunition with magnesium tips is prohibited on all Desert Marksmen ranges.

Targets may be made of any material except GLASS. Paper attached to a shooting stand and or steel targets specifically designed as a shooting target are strongly recommended. Targets and stands are to be provided by the member. Take your trash HOME!!

Targets are to be placed on the flat surface of the Range and be maintained to ensure that the fired projectiles hit a desired portion of the backstops. (Do Not place targets on the berms.)

Every consideration must be taken to ensure that projectiles never leave the range property.

All firearms will be cleared before leaving the firing line.

For purposes other than active target shooting, members may wear a loaded and securely holstered handgun provided that it is holstered in a safe carry condition.

Safe carry for a handgun is per the manufacturer recommendation for the make and model of handgun and or/you are proficient in the safe handling of the handgun.

All non-members are prohibited from wearing a handgun for any purpose other than active target shooting.

The use of black powder is authorized on all open ranges.

Duplex loads in muzzle loading firearms are prohibited.

Capping, priming and firing of blanks, including popping of caps or flashing of pans will be done on the firing line only.

Open powder containers on the firing line are prohibited.

No smoking within 50 feet of the firing line when black powder is in use.

Eye and hearing protection will be worn at all times when shooting or watching shooting within 25 yards of the firing position.

Recommended eye protection should meet American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z87.1- 1998 standards or equivalent.

Minimum hearing protection of 25-dB reduction is recommended. Protection is strongly recommended within 50 yards of shooting activities.

Minor children under the age of 18 must be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult at all times while handling or discharging a firearm.

RANGE SCHEDULES

Members may submit a proposed scheduled activity in writing to the Executive Board buy mail or in person at the General Membership Meeting. All proposed activities are subject to approval in regards to safety or conflict with previously scheduled events. Please submit proposals 90 days prior to the event.

PARKING

Parking in front of any active firing position for any purpose is prohibited.

Parking is authorized within the picnic and camping area. Between the Bullseye Pistol Range (shed) and the behind the 600 - Yard range.

Vehicle loading and unloading may be performed forward of the firing line only when a cease-fire has been called and the line is clear.

GUEST POLICY

Members are responsible for their guest and must ensure that the guest complies with all safety procedures.

All scheduled events are open to the public and are not subject to this policy.

MAINTENANCE

Members are required to maintain the range in a condition the same as or better than when the member arrived.

Maintenance days are scheduled through out the year and all members are strongly encouraged to attend.

PICNIC / CAMPING AREA

Camping is allowed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (Excluding scheduled events requiring use of the campground.)

No discharge of firearms in the picnic area.

All fires require a current fire permit from the National Forest Service.

HUNTING

Members must be aware that the club range is within the National Forest where hunting is permitted. During hunting seasons, care must be taken to ensure that no hunters are within any potential bullet impact area, including areas surrounding the club range property.

When in compliance with all hunting rules and regulations, members may hunt on the club range.

All scheduled or open range activity takes precedence over all hunting activity at any location within or surrounding the club range.

When hunting the club range, members must park their vehicles off the edge of the road adjacent to the picnic/camping area across from the black powder range.

Post a visible sign on the dash stating that they are hunting on the range with their name, time and date they started, their estimated time of completion and in what area they will be.

Before arriving members commence activities that member must signal the hunter with three five second bursts of their vehicles horn and wait for the hunter to return.

If the hunter does not appear, the member is responsible for finding the hunter before starting any activity.

Hunters are responsible for staying within the stated area and must return to their vehicle upon being signaled.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Chopping of trees is prohibited. Grounded dead wood may be used for firewood.

Due to environmental and safety concerns, the mining of lead within the range is prohibited.

Hazardous materials are prohibited with the exception of those required for the routine or scheduled maintenance operations.

Use of firearm cleaning solvents in quantities not exceeding one quart is permitted.

SAFETY VIOLATIONS

Safety rules are established to protect members and guest from serious injury or death and to protect range property. Violating any portion of the safety procedures will result in disciplinary action appropriate to the nature of the offense. The severity of discipline action will be determined by the consideration such as the impact of damage caused bodily injury or death and the circumstances of the violation.

General Offenses / Disciplinary Action:

(Re: Any violation of a section of the Safety Procedure, not directly involving the use of a firearm.)

Committing any General Offense can result in the following action being taken.

Any member may discipline another member about a General Offense and at their discretion report the offense to an Executive Officer.

When a violation is reported to the Club Executive Officers (Elected Club Contacts) they shall be required to call for a review of the incident by the Safety Officer.

If the offense is a member first, the Club Executive Officers may upon written agreement by the member waive the review.

The Safety Officer shall investigate all other General Offenses within thirty days.

Should the investigation find that a safety violation has occurred, the following action may be taken by the ExCom under Article IX of the Bylaws.

First Incident, the offender shall be counseled to the incident by the Club Safety Officer or Club President. The offender must review the Safety Procedures and sign an affidavit of understanding and compliance, which will be forwarded to the Club Secretary.

Second Incident, (within one fiscal year) the offender shall be counseled by the Club Safety Officer or Club President, shall receive a suspension of Club privileges for up to three months without reimbursement or credit of member fees. Before reinstatement the offender must review the Safety Procedures and sign an affidavit of understanding and compliance to include a final warning notice to be forwarded to the Club Secretary.

Failure to comply with the above administrative requirements shall result in the loss of Club membership for all time and the loss of current membership fees. Depending on the severity of the offense, a final warning notice can be issued at any time.

Major Offenses / Disciplinary Action:

(Any violation of the Safety Procedures involving the use of a Firearm)

Committing any Major Offense can result in the following action being taken.

When a violation is reported to the Club Executive Officers they shall be required to call for a review of the incident by the Safety Officer.

Investigations regarding violations accidental in nature, property damage or gross negligence and no bodily injury occurred shall be investigated within 30 days.

Bodily injury accidental in nature, non-firearm related, shall be investigated immediately.

Violations involving serious bodily injury accidental in nature, any bodily injury involving a firearm, any bodily injury of gross negligence and suspicious in nature, any accident resulting in death, any alleged violation of County, State or Federal Law, members must report this to the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department or call 911 for assistance immediately.

Members must immediately report the incident to any Executive Officer. An investigation shall be performed immediately.

Should the investigation find that a safety violation has occurred; the following action may be taken by the ExCom under Article IX of the Bylaws.

First Incident, the offender shall be counseled to the incident by the Club Safety Officer or Club President. The offender must attend a NRA Firearms Safety Course within 90 days and provide a certificate of satisfactory completion, which will be forwarded to the Club Secretary. Violations involving bodily injury, accidental in nature, in addition to the aforementioned, the member shall receive a suspension of Club privileges for up to six months without reimbursement or credit of member fees. Violations involving serious bodily injury, gross negligence, unlawful activity, or accidents resulting in death, result in the loss of Club membership for all time and the loss of current membership fees.

Second Incident, (within one fiscal year) the offender shall be counseled by the Club Safety Officer or Club President, shall receive a suspension of Club privileges for up to one year without reimbursement or credit of member fees. Before reinstatement the offender must attend a NRA Firearms Safety Course within 90 days and provide a certificate of satisfactory

completion, which will be forwarded to the Club Secretary. The offender must review the Safety Procedures and sign an affidavit of understanding and compliance to include a final warning notice to be forwarded to the Club Secretary.

Failure to comply with the above administrative requirements shall result in the loss of Club membership for all time and the loss of current membership fees. Depending on the severity of the offense, a final warning notice can be issued at any time.

Appeals / Disciplinary Action:

Appeal requests must be submitted in writing within 30 days of notification of the Executive Committee's decision.

Appeals must be mailed to the Club President care of DM P.O. Box 1124, Lancaster, CA 93534.

A response will be returned within 30 days of receipt.

An appeal hearing, if granted, will be conducted within 60 days of receipt.

The Executive Committee's ruling of the appeal, with or without a hearing, is final.

Members have the right to appeal to the membership of the club under Article IX(4) of the Bylaws.

CHAPTER 6

RANGE OPERATIONS

General.

Live firing conducted at the Desert Marksman Rifle and Pistol Club Range Complex is designed to provide authorized personnel access to a facility where they can become proficient with privately owned firearms.

Facilities for Use.

Open live fire shooting is normally limited to the following ranges. Ammunition is restricted as outlined under general range rules pertain to all ranges.

Main Range (A) - Rifles, pistols and shotguns any caliber or gauge. Target Risers in the 600-yard pits restricted to scheduled matches only.

Bullseye Pistol Range (B) - Center fire pistols, rim fire pistols / rifles and muzzle loading pistols / muskets / rifles. (No center fire rifles.)

Practical Pistol Range (C) - Center fire rifles, handguns, shotguns, rim fire rifles and handguns, muzzle loading and black powder firearms.

Muzzle loading / Small Bore Range (D) - Restricted to scheduled matches or when authorized by a Match Director of a scheduled match.

1000 Yard Shooting Pad (E) - Restricted to scheduled matches. (Over shoots the entire Range Complex)

Range Limitations and Safety Requirements.

Live-fire shooters will:

Check in with the match director when a scheduled match is in progress the Match Director is in charge of the entire range complex. You must check-in before setting up to shoot.

Fire only on open ranges. (Main, Bullseye Pistol and Practical Pistol Ranges).

Fire at authorized targets only. (Paper targets on proper target holders, personal metal swingers or provided range metal plates.)

Ensure all projectiles impact in safe areas within the established range boundaries.

Call "Cease firing" and make safe all firearms before a shooter moves forward of the firing line or during any unsafe condition.

Call "Cease firing" if the firing line becomes staggered (one shooter forward of another) anywhere on the range complex.

Use appropriate ear protection.

Wear appropriate eye protection.

Police all brass, paper, and other debris that accumulate on the range from your use. (Pack-it-in / Pack-it-out)

Notify Club Officials of any safety infractions / violations.

Authorized and Prohibited Firearms.

Full-automatic firearms are authorized, provided that the owner has all proper licenses and permits in their possession.

Any Club Official present at the range complex may deny full-automatic firing for any reason.

Authorized Personnel.

The following persons are allowed to discharge firearms:

Current members of the shooting club

Invited guests of the above, provided the authorized person is present and assumes full responsibility for the conduct of his or her guests.

Members of the Public that are participating in a scheduled Match / Event.

Personnel Responsibilities.

Shooting Club Members

When a match is in progress you must check-in with the Match Director before setting up to shoot.

You and your guest must have a current "Hold Harmless" agreement on file before shooting.

Shooters will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times and will be responsible for the conduct of any guest they bring.

All shooters are responsible for their firearms and ammunition while on the range complex.

Firearms that are out of the case and not being fired must be benched or racked. (Actions open and facing up, chambers empty, muzzles pointing downrange, and safeties on.)

Do not point firearms at anything other than authorized targets.

Fire only at your own target.

Give the command "Cease firing" if an unsafe condition exists.

Follow all instructions from any RSO present.

Police the area of your brass and any other debris.

Match Director

Arrive at least one hour before scheduled match start time.

Maintain control over the entire range complex by opening or closing ranges as necessary to maintain a safe environment while a match is in progress.

Designate open shooting ranges for shooters not participating in the scheduled match. (Only 1000 yard matches close the entire range)

Assign RSO to cover both the scheduled match and the open shooting ranges.

Check to verify that the RSO has their certification card on their person.

Have the RSO sign out one radio, RSO vest, required range flags, Hold Harmless Agreements, SOP binder, and first-aid kit.

Match RSO

Have your RSO certification on your person.

Obtain the following: "Hold Harmless" agreement forms, radio, first-aid kit range binder, flags, and any special instructions.

Conduct range inspection using the checklist, Outdoor Range Appendix 1.

Check that all open range shooters have current club cards or are guests of a club member. Have all guests fill out "hold harmless" agreements.

Conduct range safety briefing using Appendix 4.

Supervise open range shooting in accordance with section 6(a) of this chapter. Failure of shooters to abide by the procedures listed in section 6(a) will result in immediate eviction from the range and possible suspension of future shooting privileges. Report all incidents to the Match Director.

Hours of Operation and Scheduling.

The range complex is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Normal shooting hours are 24 hours a day, seven days a week unless campers are present. If members are using the campground then shooting should cease by 2330 hours unless campers agree to a later cease fire time on ranges A, B & C, except for scheduled matches and scheduled special events.

When range A is closed for a match the Match Director may open range D for 100 yard practice / sighting in.

Weekend scheduled matches run from 8:00am until 4:00pm.

First Sunday (monthly, range D) – Muzzle loading rifle silhouette.

Second Saturday (monthly, range C) – Practical Pistol

Second Saturday (Apr – Oct, range B) Bullseye Pistol

Second Sunday (monthly, range D) – Small Bore Rifle (inactive)

Second Sunday (monthly, range C) – Urban Tactical & Brinks Training

Third Saturday (Apr – Jul & Sep, range A) Service Rifle, Garand Match

Third Saturday (monthly, range C) - Defensive Pistol & OSP Training

Third Sunday (monthly range, A & C) – Cowboy Action

Fourth Saturday (monthly, range A & one 1000 yd in Oct) Tactical Rifle

Fifth Sunday (4 or 5 times a year, closes the entire range) 1000 Yard Rifle.

Special Events.

Muzzle Loaders Rendezvous – Normally scheduled for late April or early May. Exact times and dates will be determined each year as circumstances dictate.

Spring Work Party – First Saturday in May, Yearly

Fall Work Party – Fourth Sunday in Oct, Yearly

Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs.

Shooters may not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs (including prescription and over-the-counter medications) before or during live firing. The Match Director or RSO will deny range access to anyone in violation.

Emergency Action Plans.

In the event of a medical emergency, call 911 and notify a Club Official immediately.

Hold Harmless Agreement Form.

A “hold harmless” agreement form will be completed by all members annually at membership renewal time.

Any member that brings a guest to the range complex must have that guest complete a “hold harmless” agreement form and forward it to the Club Secretary before bringing that guest to the range complex.