

MEMBER HANDBOOK



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CHAPTER 1

Mission Statement

We want to provide the opportunity for everyone to become comfortable with firearms and have a place to shoot them for fun or competition.

Instruction is a critical part of this mission. We will provide access to a wide variety of courses on firearms safety, handling, and shooting. In addition, the legal issues involved in owning and using a firearm will be discussed. The instructors will be both local and those who instruct at a national level.

We will be encouraging junior shooting groups to use our ranges and provide opportunities for young people interested in firearms to learn proper firearm use.

Similarly, we will help men, women, senior citizens, and the handicapped to enjoy using firearms for pleasure and for self-defense.

Over the past few decades the general populace has become either indifferent to, or fearful of, gun ownership. This has allowed those who wish to restrict or abolish firearms ownership to get unreasonable gun control laws passed. Since politicians sense what the people will accept as laws, if people are more favorably disposed toward gun ownership and use, this will curtail the power of the anti-gun lobby.

Many pro-gun organizations lobby legislatures directly, making arguments based on the Second Amendment. We are more grass roots: We want to change the way our fellow citizens think about firearms so they will no longer accept unreasonable gun laws.

CHAPTER 2

By Laws as of April 14, 2007

Article I: Objectives

Section 1: The Current Club

The Del Norte Gun Club, (the “Club”) has now been operating at its new site for several years. In this interim the membership has grown rapidly, as have the shooting/firearms educational opportunities and the types of shooting disciplines being offered on our facilities. This current revision meets the needs of our Club.

Section 2: The Club Mission

a. To provide the opportunity for members and guests to learn firearms safety, to become comfortable with firearms and have a place to shoot them for fun or competition.

- b. To provide access to a wide variety of courses on firearms safety, handling and shooting, as well as the legal issues involved in owning and using a firearm with both local and national level instructors.
- c. To encourage junior shooting groups to use our ranges and provide opportunities for young people interested in firearms to learn how to use them properly.
- d. To help women, senior citizens and the handicapped to enjoy using firearms for pleasure and for self-defense.
- e. To promote the Second Amendment and shooting sports, and to advocate the passage of fair and equitable legislation concerning conservation, law enforcement and firearms ownership and usage, within the constraints governing lobbying or political activity as a tax-exempt organization.

Article II: Organization and Governing Bodies

Section 1: Not-for-Profit

The Club is a not-for-profit 501(c)(4) tax-exempt organization.

Section 2: General Powers

- a. The Board of Directors (the “Board”) shall consist of four Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) and three Directors, all of whom serve one year terms.
- b. The Board is authorized to, and shall manage, the business and affairs of the Club. The Board shall determine all questions of policy, and it shall in all respects be the governing body of the club.

Article III Meetings

Section 1: Annual Meeting of Members

An annual meeting of the members shall be held each year at a date and time to be determined by Board of directors. The purpose of this meeting is to announce the results of the mail-in ballot for the Board and to discuss the items on the agenda provided by the Board with the notification of the annual meeting date.

Section 2: Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

At least ten (10) days prior to the date of the annual meeting each member will be provided written notice — via hardcopy or email — of the time and place of the meeting.

Section 3: Special Meetings of Members

A special meeting of the members may be called at any time by the President, or by a majority of the Board. Only business mentioned in the notice shall be transacted at the meeting.

Section 4: Regular Meetings of Board

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at least once each month at the time and place the Board shall determine. No notice of regular meetings of the Board shall be required.

Section 5: Special Meetings of Board

The President or any two (2) Board Members may call special meetings of the Board. This special meeting may be called anytime by appropriate notification.

Section 6: Roberts Rules of Order

Meetings will not normally be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order. At general membership meetings these rules of order may be invoked by a 2/3 vote of membership present. Club bylaws will prevail in case of conflict with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 7: Quorum of the Board

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the current Board Members.

Section 8: How Board Votes are Executed

a. If a quorum is present at a Board meeting, then a voice vote is taken. Should a Board Member not be able to attend a Board meeting, that Board Member may issue a written proxy to another Board Member. The availability of a proxy counts toward a quorum as if the proxy-giver were present at the meeting.

b. If a quorum is not present at a Board meeting, then enough Board Members to achieve a quorum may be teleconferenced. With a quorum formed in this manner a voice vote may be taken.

c. The President may poll via telephone and/or email all available Board Members for a vote. The president must record the subject of the vote and the date and the response of each Board Member. This document must be presented to the Secretary at the next Board meeting. If four (4) Board votes in the affirmative are received, the vote is carried.

Article IV: Elections

Section 1: Election of Board Members

a. Each year the General Membership shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Directors via mail-in ballots — which must be received by the deadline. Each elected Board Member shall serve a one-year term.

b. To be considered for any Board position, a candidate must be a member in good standing for at least three (3) calendar years, as of the date of the annual meeting. An exception may be granted for an exceptionally qualified individual by vote of five (5) Board members.

c. To maintain the independence of the Club and to avoid conflict of interest, no one may run for the Board who has served within the past two years on the Board of another New Mexico gun organization that is not affiliated with the Del Norte Gun Club. An exception may be granted for an exceptionally qualified individual by vote of five (5) Board members.

d. Short biographies of all candidates listing capabilities applicable to the position sought will be sent to the members along with the mail-in ballot.

e. Only one immediate member of any family, for example, a spouse, parent, sibling or child, may serve on the Board at any one time.

Article V: Duties of Officers and Directors

Section 1: President

a. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Club and, subject to the control of the Board, supervise the Club's affairs. When present, the President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and the Board.

b. The President and the Treasurer or their designees shall co-sign any contracts or other instruments that the Board has authorized. In no case shall Board Members or designated signing authorities enter into any contract or instrument that obligates the Club without the express direction and consent by a majority of the Board.

c. Expense and capital expenditures in an amount set by the Board according to prevailing economic conditions require a majority of the entire Board to carry, not to exceed one-half (1/2) of liquid assets in any 30-day period. An exception to this provision may be requested from the general membership for specific projects via mail-in ballot. If a majority of the general membership mail-in ballots received by the deadline agree to the exception, the exception immediately becomes applicable.

Section 2: Vice-President

a. The Vice-President shall perform duties assigned by the President. In the absence of the President the Vice-President conducts meetings. If there is a Presidential position vacancy, inability, or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

b. The Vice-President shall act as Ombudsman and deal with all written complaints from the general membership. The Vice-President shall inform the Board of any written complaints and shall convey back to the member who complained the resultant action of the Board on the issue under complaint.

Section 3: Treasurer

a. The Treasurer, or in his absence, the President, shall have custody of all club funds and securities. He shall keep in the books belonging to the club, full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements and shall deposit all moneys, securities and other valuable effects in the name of the club in the depositaries designated for that purpose by the Board of directors.

b. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the club as may be ordered by the Board, taking proper vouchers for the disbursements, and shall render to the Board at the regular meetings of the Board, and whenever requested by them, an account of all treasurer transactions and of the financial condition of the club.

c. The Treasurer shall promptly turn over all Club financial records, books, papers, materials or any other items of Club property to the President or designated representative within five working days of vacating the office of Treasurer or upon immediate demand of the Board.

d. The Treasurer shall develop and maintain complete and accurate financial records in a modern and comprehensive fashion, using generally accepted accounting practices to facilitate Federal and state Income Tax filing and record requirements.

e. The Treasurer will submit all financial information to a professional Accountant. The Accountant will provide interim reports as required, and will provide a yearly accounting of the Club's finances.

f. At the discretion of the Board a further audit may be done to verify the Accountant's yearly report.

Section 4: Secretary

a. The Secretary, or his designate, shall keep the minutes of the membership and Board meetings in a manner and form prescribed by the Board for that purpose.

b. The Secretary will submit all required documentation on the Club to the proper State authority.

Section 5: Outgoing Board Members

Any Board Member not re-elected, voted out of office, who has resigned, been dismissed or otherwise removed from office or Club membership shall within five (5) days turn over to the President or a representative appointed by the President, any and all property, materials, records, keys, information or any items of any kind belonging to the Club that he may have in his possession.

Section 6: Vacancies

a. Board Members may be removed for cause as provided in Article VII.

b. If a vacancy occurs on the Board, the Board can fill the vacant position with an individual approved by 2/3 of the remaining Board Members.

Article VI: Board of Directors

Section 1: Board Positions

The Board shall consist of seven (7) members: four (4) Officers and three (3) Directors.

Section 2: Delegation of Powers

- a. For any reason deemed sufficient by 2/3 of the entire Board, the Board may delegate all or any of the powers and duties of any Board Member to any other Board Member or general member in good standing.
- b. The President appoints Committee Chairmen and Committee Members and assigns them tasks to be performed. At times designated by the President, the Committee Chairmen must present status reports or a final written report to the Board on any conclusions, recommendations or solutions. The vote of each Committee Member and any minority opinions should be part of the written report.
- c. To guarantee that the Club speaks officially with one voice, the President, or his designee, shall be responsible for all written communications to the membership, and a Communications Director — appointed by the Board and serving at its pleasure — shall be responsible for any statements made to the press or the public. Information conveyed which represents club policy will first be approved by the Board.
- d. A Range Officer will be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Range Officer has overall responsibility for range safety and for managing the committees representing the various shooting disciplines and competitions.

Section 3: Compensation

- a. The Board Members shall serve without compensation.
- b. Compensation for Agents performing services shall be approved by majority of the entire Board.

Section 4: Insurance

The Club will maintain General Liability Insurance and Directors and Officers Insurance.

Article VII: Suspension or Expulsion

Section 1: Expulsion of Board or General Member by the Board

- a. Should 2/3 of the entire Board vote a Board Member guilty of malfeasance, — for example., going to individuals, groups or organizations outside the Board and the general membership in order to stop or reverse a decision of the Board — the offending Board Member may be removed from the Board. This in no way prevents vigorous debate within the Club and its membership.
- b. Any general member may be suspended or expelled from the Club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board. A 2/3 vote for suspension or expulsion by the entire Board is required.
- c. The Range Officer, or any Range Safety Officer, may temporarily suspend the membership of any individual who has violated safety rules. No later than the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Board will interview the suspended member and the suspending Range Safety Officer, and determine the proper penalty. To overturn the suspension shall require a 2/3 vote of the entire Board.

Section 2: Recall of a Board Member or the Entire Board by the General Membership

The general membership may remove the entire Board or any named Board Member via the following procedure:

- a. 25% of the general membership must sign a petition of recall for either the entire Board or for named Board Members.
- b. A mail-in ballot shall be sent to ALL general members asking for a vote on the recall.

c. If 2/3 of the votes received by the deadline approve of the recall, the results will be announced at the next regularly scheduled general membership meeting. If the entire Board is recalled all Board Members will immediately be expelled. Members at the announcement meeting will select an interim President and Treasurer. An election will be held within two (2) months.

d. If more than three (3) of the Board are expelled, nominees to fill the vacant positions will be solicited and a new general election via mail-in ballot will follow as soon as possible.

e. If less than three (3) Board Members are expelled, then the procedure in Article V, Section 6, para d will apply.

Article VIII: Membership

Section 1: Member Citizenship

If the prospective member is not a US citizen, his/her membership must be approved by Board vote.

Section 2: Individual Membership

A member will be required to sign the membership form, and will be in compliance with all Federal, State and local laws concerning ownership and handling of firearms. A person becomes a member upon completion of the Orientation Course and payment of dues and initiation fee.

Other classes of membership will be established by Board decision.

Section 3: Initiation Fee and Dues

The Initiation Fee, the various Membership Dues and any other fees will be set as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Article IX: Dissolution

Section 1: Method of Dissolution

a. The Del Norte Gun Club may dissolve itself either through ceasing to conduct activities or through a merger with an organization similar in nature that has the same purpose and objective as stated in Article I of these bylaws. The Board shall form a special committee to develop a proposal to disband, which shall report out of committee to the full Board. The Board shall adopt a resolution recommending that the Club be dissolved, and directing that the question of the dissolution be submitted to a vote of the membership via mail-in ballot. A resolution to dissolve the Del Norte Gun Club shall be adopted if two-thirds (2/3) of the ballots received by the deadline agree to dissolve the Club.

b. If the Club is dissolved in order to merge with another not-for-profit organization with similar goals (including the promotion of the Second Amendment and shooting sports), all assets will be transferred to that organization.

c. If the Club is dissolved in order to allow the Club to cease to operate, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all liabilities, dispose of all Club assets. All assets shall be disbursed only to a not-for-profit organization or organizations which promote the Second Amendment and shooting sports.

Article X: Revision or Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1: Amending the Bylaws

Any Board Member in good standing may initiate an amendment to the bylaws. The Board Member must submit a written amendment to the Board. The Board may form a review committee, to examine the proposed

amendment and report out of committee to the whole Board. The amendment must carry by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote by the full Board to be accepted.

Article XI: Use of Range

Section 1: Club Responsibility

The Club will not be responsible for the commercial use of the Del Norte range. Any commercial user will provide proof of insurance and will accept all responsibility relating to the commercial use, and will comply with any Board-specified limitations on the activity.

CHAPTER 3

Organizational Information

Our by-laws provide for a Board of Directors (Board) elected from the membership. The Board consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) At-Large Directors.

Appointed positions within the club that serve at the discretion of the Board include the Communications Director and the Range Officer. Various committee chairs are appointed by the President.

The Del Norte Gun Club is organized under Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

The Del Norte Gun Club is affiliated with the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and the National Rifle Association (NRA).

CHAPTER 4

Membership

Membership will be available to any person 18 years of age or older who is legally able to possess a firearm in the State of New Mexico. Applicant must be in compliance with all Federal, State, and local laws concerning ownership and handling of firearms. Initiation fees and dues for all categories of membership will be set by the Board. All members must take a club sponsored orientation class before shooting at the range. All Members will be allowed two shooting guests on the same range as the member.

Regular Members

Regular Members are members who have joined the Del Norte Gun Club after December 31, 2002 and are in good standing. Regular members may have Associate Memberships linked to their membership. Each Member will be issued two Guest Badges.

Associate Members

Members of the immediate household, under 21 years of age, and the spouse of a Member in good standing are eligible for Associate Membership. Associate members must meet the same qualifications as a Regular Member. Associate Members will have the same privileges as a Regular Member except they may not have linked Associate Members and are not eligible to vote.

Senior Members

Anyone who is sixty-five years of age or older at the time they join the Club is a Senior Member. A current member who has turned sixty-five years of age as of January 1 of the current membership year is a Senior Member. Space is provided on the Membership and Membership Renewal forms to indicate Senior Member status. Senior Members must meet the same qualifications as a Regular Member. Senior Members will have the same privileges as a Regular Member.

Honorary Members

The Board may bestow an Honorary Membership upon a person providing significant service to the Club. Honorary Members must meet the same qualifications as a Regular Member. Honorary Members will have the same privileges as a Regular Member.

Charter Members

Charter Members are members who joined Del Norte Gun Club prior to January 1, 2003. Charter Members must meet the same qualifications as a Regular Member and will have the same privileges as a Regular Member.

Guests

The member can bring a maximum of two non-family shooting Guests per range visit. The non-family shooting Guests must wear a Guest badge at all times. When the Guests are on the firing line, they must occupy adjacent firing positions and be directly supervised by the member. After a few visits, no more than four, the non-family Guest is encouraged to become a member.

A member may bring more than two of his/her immediate family as Guests during a range visit, but no more than two may be on the firing line at one time.

Members must ensure all Guests have read and understood the range rules and will ensure all Guests abide by those rules. Members are responsible for all actions taken by their Guests and will hold the Del Norte Gun Club harmless for accidents and injuries to Guests. Non-shooting Guests will not be allowed on the firing line. Guest badges will not be honored for entrance to the shooting facility without the accompaniment of the Club member.

Suspension or Expulsion

1. Any Member (of any type), Associate Member, or guest of a Member may be suspended or expelled from the range for violation of Primary Range Rules or for behavior deemed grossly unsafe by the Range Officer or any Range Safety Officer (RSO). Any such suspension will be reported to the Board in writing by the Range Officer or by the RSOs. Suspended or expelled Members must petition the Board to be allowed admittance to the Range. All such petitions will be reviewed by the Board no later than the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Privileges of Associate Members linked to the suspended Member will also be suspended.
2. Any Member suspended for grossly unsafe behavior may be required to attend an orientation class before being re-admitted to the range. This requirement will be at the discretion of the Board. Cost of the orientation class will be borne by the Member. Additional penalties may be assessed by the Board.
3. The Board, at its discretion, may suspend or revoke the privileges of any Member for repeated safety violations reported by the Range Officer or RSOs.
4. Any Charter Member who is suspended from the range for violation of Primary Range Rules or for behavior deemed grossly unsafe by the Range Officer or any RSO will lose their Charter Member status.
5. Decisions of the Board on Member suspension or expulsion are final.

Replacement of Badges, Keycards

If a Member or Guest badge is lost, it must be replaced before shooting at any range. There will be no fee for the first replacement. Cost of replacement keycards, and Member and Guest badges will be borne by the Member.

Member Orientation

1. Each Charter Member, each Associate Member linked to a Charter Member, and each Honorary Charter Member must attend a range orientation session before being issued a membership badge. The session will be conducted by one or two RSOs and will concentrate primarily on Range Safety and Range Rules. There will be no live fire.
2. Each new Member, each Associate Member linked to a new Member, and each new Honorary Member must attend a range orientation session before being issued a membership badge. The session will be conducted by NRA certified instructors or RSOs and will include the NRA First Steps training program (with live fire) along with a Range Safety and Range Rules review. There shall be a maximum of four session participants for each RSO or instructor.

3. Orientation sessions will follow the following format:
 - a) Orientation for NEW members will be based upon NRA First Steps program.
 - b) Primary Range Rules will be reviewed and discussed.
 - c) Regular Range Rules will be reviewed and discussed.
 - d) Individual Range Rules will be reviewed and discussed.
 - e) Each participant will perform a “live fire” exercise demonstrating their ability to handle and shoot a firearm safely.
 - f) During “live fire” portion of session, two shooter will be supervised by an RSO or a certified instructor while at the firing line. Additional RSOs may be assigned to reduce session time if necessary.
 - g) Photo Membership Badge will be issued to participants successfully completing the session.
 - h) Two Guest Passes will be issued to participants successfully completing the session.
4. Any member using the 1000yd range will be required to attend a special class on long range shooting conducted by instructors experienced in long range shooting. There may be a nominal charge for the class. Member badges will identify members qualified to shoot on longer ranges. Expected topics will be:
 - a) Long range ballistics
 - b) Special equipment required
 - c) Ammunition
 - d) Special safety requirements
 - e) Other requirements
 - i. All bullets to hit impact berm
 - ii. All bullets will remain supersonic
 - iii. 70% of bullets will hit a 6ft x 6ft target

CHAPTER 5

Range Safety Plan

Organization and Duties

1. The Range Officer will supervise safety operations at the Range. The Range Officer is an appointed position and will serve at the pleasure of the Board. Decisions by the Range Officer may be appealed by petition to the Board.
2. The Range Officer has the following responsibilities:

- a) Appoint Range Safety Committee (subject to Board approval).
 - b) Schedule and organize RSO support for competitions and special events.
 - c) Set guidelines for RSOs.
 - d) Administer Liability Insurance Policy and consult with insurance company safety representatives.
 - e) Scheduling of all ranges.
3. Range Safety Officer Training Plan will include:
- a) Members may become an RSO by completing Range Safety Officer training.
 - b) Each RSO will attend Range Safety meetings as directed by the Range Officer and will be recertified annually by a Training Officer.
 - c) RSOs will be independent contractors and will not be employees of the Club.
 - d) In consideration for training provided by the Club, each RSO will provide Range safety or instruction services to the Club over a period of one year for the number of times specified by the Board after consultation with the training staff. Any RSO, failing to fulfill obligations to the Club by performing such duties may be billed for the cost of training provided by the Club in the last 12 months.
4. Duties of Range Officer and Range Safety Officers:
- a) Remove Members or Guests from the Range for safety violations.
 - b) Write safety violation reports on Member and Guest violations.
 - c) Conduct random safety inspections on various ranges.
 - d) Conduct New Member Orientation.
 - e) Provide RSO support for competitions.
 - f) Provide supervision for small groups of junior shooters.
 - g) Provide occasional first aid treatment.
 - h) Provide telephone numbers for emergency services
 - i) Provide written safety violation reports to the Board and provide information to the Board in case of appeal of safety violation.
 - j) Provide written accident reports to Board.
5. Range Officer or Range Safety Officers will have the following items when acting in official capacity on ranges:
- a) Membership badge
 - b) RSO Safety Vest
 - c) Range Rules
 - d) List of emergency telephone numbers

CHAPTER 6

Range Rules

Range Rules provide for a safe and friendly shooting environment for members and guests. Enforcement of rules is the duty of every member.

Primary Range Rules

Violators of Primary Range Rules will be ejected from the Range and Membership will be suspended until final action is taken by the Board.

1. Follow the Fundamental NRA Rules for safe Gun Handling:
 - a) Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
 - b) Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
 - c) Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
2. Follow the NRA Rules for using or storing a gun:
 - a) Know your target and what is beyond.
 - b) Know how to use the gun safely.
 - c) Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
 - d) Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
 - e) Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
 - f) Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
 - g) Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
 - h) Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.
3. Additions to NRA Rules
 - a) No one is permitted on any firing line unless wearing proper eye protection and hearing protection.
 - b) Alcoholic beverages, alcoholic beverage containers, and illegal drugs are NOT permitted on range property at any time.
 - c) For the safety of all members at the range: if on a given day you feel that your judgment is impaired for any reason, please do not come to the range that day.
 - d) Firearms will be fired only in appropriate designated areas and at appropriate targets. Never cover any target with the muzzle of your firearm that you are not willing to destroy.
4. Unsafe discharge of a firearm, willful destruction of club property, or use of obnoxious or abusive language will result in the violator being removed from the range, suspended from the membership, removed from membership, or criminally prosecuted. Any action except removal from the Range and temporary suspension of Membership will be taken by the Board.

5. The Range Safety Officer (RSO) is the ultimate authority on enforcement and interpretation of Range Rules or any safety issue. RSOs have the authority to remove ANYONE from the Range for safety violations. Disputes with an RSO must be taken before the Board.
6. The following standard Range commands will be used:
 - a) Cease Fire: All shooters will cease firing immediately, remove finger from the trigger and wait for further commands, or then, as appropriate, either place firearm on the bench or ground with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, or make a handgun safe and holster it. If the firearm is on the bench or the ground, the shooter will step away from the firearm. Further instructions may be given by the Range Safety Officer in charge. The command "Range Is Hot" will be given when the problem is resolved.
 - b) Range Is Safe: All firearms have been determined by the Range Safety Officer in charge to present no hazard to anyone downrange. This command must be given before anyone goes downrange. No firearms are to be handled when the Range is in this condition.
 - c) Range Is Hot: Shooters may resume shooting at will. Nobody is allowed downrange except for workers in the pit at the 1,000 yard range.
7. The "Cease Fire" command normally applies only to the range on which the command is given, but may be given to the entire facility when safety requires it. Anyone may declare a "Cease Fire." "Cease Fire" for the entire facility requires that each individual range be given the "Cease Fire" order.
8. When a red flag is NOT being flown at the entrance, the entire facility is closed to live fire.
9. Each specific range will have flags to designate if that specific range is open. When the specific range is closed the flag will be removed or locked in its container.
10. No hunting or shooting at wildlife is allowed.
11. Members, Associate Members, and Guests at the firing line must display their membership badge or board approved equivalent at all times.
12. Members are responsible for ensuring that firearms are safe and in good operating condition before discharging.

General Range Rules

1. The range will be open for shooting from sunup until sundown. The range may be opened after sundown for night shooting with the approval of the board.
2. Lock the gate upon entering or exiting the range except during special events, when the gate is manned.
3. All persons entering the range are to use their keycard in when entering, and use the keycard again when leaving.
4. Treat all firearms as loaded. Firearms must be cased or holstered until you are on an individual range. Cased firearms must be made safe.

5. Members are permitted a maximum of two (2) shooting guests per visit. A shooting guest is any non-member including children at the firing line. Members are required to review range rules with guests. Guests may only use the same range as the member and must be on adjoining lanes of that range. Sharing of Guest Badges is not allowed. Members are responsible for the safety and conduct of guests, and must supervise guests at all times. Non-shooting guests are not allowed on the firing line.
6. Members will furnish targets appropriate to the range on rifle and pistol ranges. Members will furnish clay pigeons on shotgun ranges. Exceptions may be allowed by the RSO.
7. All targets will be placed so that bullets will strike the impact (back) berm at the appropriate height. No bullets should strike the pit floor or side berms.
8. Additional rules for individual ranges will be followed.
9. Shooting at aerial targets is prohibited except on shotgun ranges.
10. Each shooter is responsible for cleaning up litter or waste before leaving the range. This includes removal of targets, cartridge cases, or other items. Keep our facility clean.
11. Competitions will be allowed only on designated Competition Ranges or elsewhere as specifically designated by the board on a case-by-case basis.
12. **If no RSO is available, the first shooter on the range is the Range Safety Officer in charge for that range.** If the first shooter leaves and there are other shooters on the range, the first shooter will appoint a replacement Range Safety Officer in charge for that range. All members are responsible for safe operation of the range. If anyone notices **ANYTHING** they feel is unsafe, they should call an immediate "Cease Fire" and resolve the problem.
13. Speed limit for the range is 10mph maximum.
14. Vehicles will only be allowed on established roads.
15. Targets will not be placed on the target frames or carriers in a manner that will damage the frame or carrier. Do not shoot at the target frames or carriers.
16. No explosive targets are allowed.

ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC RANGE RULES

Sighting Bench - 25 yards

1. Rifles only, handguns and shotguns are not permitted on this range.
2. Full automatic weapons and actuator type devices are prohibited.
3. Tracer, armor piercing, and incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
4. Treat all firearms as loaded and check the barrel for obstructions before firing. Be sure the proper ammunition is being used.

5. All firearms not in cases, holsters, or storage racks must be pointed downrange toward the impact berm with the barrel parallel to the ground at all times. Firearms not in use must be unloaded with a visible open bolt indicator, if possible, or the action open where applicable. No firearm may be handled when anyone is downrange.
6. Reloading equipment is not permitted on the firing line benches.
7. This range will not be used for competitions.
8. This range is used for sighting-in firearms and will be used for no other purpose.

100 Yard Rifle Range

1. Only rifles and shotguns may be used on this range. Handguns are prohibited on the 100 yard range unless each shooter and each handgun has been approved for use on this range by the Range Officer. Single-shot Contender and like handguns are permitted and need not be approved.
2. Full automatic weapons and actuator type devices are prohibited.
3. Tracer, armor piercing, and incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
4. Treat all firearms as loaded and check the barrel for obstructions before firing. Be sure the proper ammunition is being used.
5. All firearms not in cases, holsters, or storage racks must be pointed downrange toward the impact berm with the barrel parallel to the ground at all times — except muzzleloaders may be pointed upwards when loading. Firearms not in use must be unloaded with a visible open bolt indicator, if possible, or the action open where applicable. No firearm may be handled when anyone is downrange.
6. Reloading equipment is permitted on the firing line benches.
7. Targets will be placed at either 100 yards or at 50 yards from the firing line. Shotgun patterning at closer range is permitted on the Western most end (position #1) of the 15 position range. The four foot target frames will only be used for shotgun patterning. Thrown or aerial targets are prohibited.
8. The Range Officer will determine whether the 15 position range or the 30 position range will be used for competition. One of the sections will always be available for member use.
9. The firing line is the concrete pad for non-schedule events. Schedule events with a RSO present may establish other firing lines.

Combination 200 Yard and 300 Yard Rifle Range

1. Only rifles and single-shot Contender-like handguns may be used on this range.
2. Air rifle, or 22 caliber rim fire (22 short, 22 long, 22 long rifle or smaller rim fire rifles are not permitted on this range.
3. Full automatic weapons and actuator type devices are prohibited.

4. Tracer, armor piercing, and incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
5. Treat all firearms as loaded and check the barrel for obstructions before firing. Be sure the proper ammunition is being used.
6. All firearms not in cases, holsters, or storage racks must be pointed downrange toward the impact berm with the barrel parallel to the ground at all times. Firearms not in use must be unloaded with a visible open bolt indicator, if possible, or the action open where applicable. No firearm may be handled when anyone is downrange.
7. Reloading equipment is permitted on the firing line benches.
8. Targets will only be placed on the 200yd for the 200yd position and 300yd for the 300yd position.
9. Club provided steel gongs maybe used on this range. 50 caliber BMG will not be permitted to shoot at the steel gongs.
10. This range can be used for competition, one bench will be available for non-competition use during competitions.
11. The firing line is the concrete pad or in line with the pad for non-schedule events. Schedule events with a RSO present may establish other firing lines.

1000 Yard Rifle Range with firing positions at 200, 300, 600, 800, 900, and 1000 yards

1. Only rifles may be used on this range.
2. Air rifle, or 22 caliber rim fire (22 short, 22 long, 22 long rifle or smaller rim fire rifles are not permitted on this range.
3. Full automatic weapons and actuator type devices are prohibited.
4. Tracer, armor piercing, and incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
5. Upon arrival, the Range Safety Officer in charge (or the first shooter to arrive) will raise the flag at the entrance to the range. It is the responsibility of subsequent shooters to check each firing position and the target pits to coordinate activities with the Range Safety Officer in charge. The range becomes “Hot” when the pits are sealed and the RSO so directs the shooters.
6. Treat all firearms as loaded and check the barrel for obstructions before firing. Be sure the proper ammunition is being used for each firing position. The RSO will determine the appropriateness of ammunition used.
7. All firearms not in cases, holsters, or storage racks must be pointed downrange toward the impact berm with the barrel parallel to the ground at all times. Firearms not in use must be unloaded with a visible open bolt indicator, if possible, or the action open where applicable. No firearm may be handled when anyone is downrange unless the pit is sealed and the range is declared hot by the Range Safety Officer.
8. Reloading equipment is permitted at the benches on the 1000 yard firing line.

9. All shooters on this range must be approved by the Range Officer and demonstrate the ability, the knowledge, and the equipment to competently shoot at this range. Member badges will identify shooters certification to use the range. To receive certification, shooters must attend a club sponsored long range shooting clinic or present other club recognized certification. No certification is required for participating in a supervised event or competition. Guest of a certified member may use the range up to and including 600 yards. There are two categories of permitted shooters: (1) those approved for shooting up to 600 yards, but no farther, and (2) those approved to shoot over the entire 1,000 yards.
10. Paper, cardboard, and non-rigid plastic targets, properly attached to target carriers and frames will be used on this range. All other targets will require prior and specific approval by the board.
11. This is a competition range

Shotgun Range

1. Shotguns only may be used on this range. All ammunition used on this range must be loaded with #7-1/2 or smaller size shot.
2. Full automatic weapons and actuator type devices are prohibited.
3. Tracer, armor piercing, and incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
4. Treat all firearms as loaded and check the barrel for obstructions before firing. Be sure the proper ammunition is being used.
5. Shooters will have their firearms rendered safe (actions open) prior to entering the firing area.
6. Firearms will not be loaded until the shooter is in the shooting gate.
7. Firearms shall be returned to an open action status upon completion of a station and carried action open when not secured in firearms rack.
8. No more than two (2) shells may be loaded on clay pairs.
9. Upon a call of "Cease Fire" all shooters shall maintain their current position and muzzle control if in act of shooting.
10. Shooters must maintain a safe line of fire at all shooting gates.
11. After the trapper says "Trapper Ready", shooter may call "Pull" at any time.
12. Hulls or live shells that fall to the ground shall stay on the ground until all shooters in the flight have shot the station.
13. Only one shooter allowed at a shooting gate at any given time.
14. All shooters and observers shall have and will use both ear and eye protection.
15. First shooters will be rotated at each station.
16. Shooters will clean up all spent hulls and any other debris or waste before leaving the range.
17. Vehicles are restricted on the range.

50 Yard Bullseye Handgun Range

1. Only handguns, air rifle, or 22 caliber (22 short, 22 long, 22 long rifle, and 22 Magnum) or smaller rim fire rifles are permitted on this range.
2. Full automatic weapons and actuator type devices are prohibited.
3. Tracer, armor piercing, and incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
4. Treat all firearms as loaded and check the barrel for obstructions before firing. Be sure the proper ammunition is being used.
5. All firearms not benched, in cases, holsters, or storage racks must be pointed downrange toward the impact berm with the barrel parallel to the ground at all times. Firearms not in use must be holstered, unloaded, have the action open. No firearm may be handled when anyone is downrange.
6. Shooting will only be done from the concrete pad firing line.
7. Targets will be placed only at 15yd, 25yd, and 50yd from the firing line. Bullets must hit the impact berm and not the pit floor.
8. This range is a competition range.
9. Club provided metal targets can be used at the 25yd and 50yd lines. Shooters must be on the concrete pad in the marked area to use the steel targets.

50 Foot Close-In Handgun Range

1. Only handguns, air rifle, or 22 caliber (22 short, 22 long, 22 long rifle, and 22 Magnum) or smaller rim fire rifles are permitted on this range.
2. Tracer, armor piercing, and incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
3. Treat all firearms as loaded and check the barrel for obstructions before firing. Be sure the proper ammunition is being used.
4. All firearms not benched, in cases, holsters, or storage racks must be pointed downrange toward the impact berm with the barrel parallel to the ground at all times. Firearms not in use must be holstered, unloaded, have the action open, or have the hammer on an empty chamber. No firearm may be handled when anyone is downrange.
5. All shooters must fire from the same distance to the target. No shooter will fire if any person is downrange.
6. This range will be fully or partially closed to member use when it is being used for a training session. Partial closure is allowed for competitions with a minimum of one bay reserved for general membership use.
7. Non-metallic soft targets and water-filled plastic jugs (one gallon or smaller) may be used if targets are suspended from the target frame.

50 Yard x 50 Yard General Purpose Training Range

1. Only handguns, air rifle, or 22 caliber (22 short, 22 long, 22 long rifle, and 22 Magnum) or smaller rim fire rifles are permitted on this range.
2. Fully automatic firearms (and mechanical actuating systems) may be used ONLY under the direct supervision of a Club Safety Training Officer or a specific designee of the Range Officer. Any discharge of these firearms must be scheduled, in advance, with the Range Officer.
3. Tracer, armor piercing, and incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
4. Treat all firearms as loaded and check the barrel for obstructions before firing. Be sure the proper ammunition is being used.
5. All firearms not benched, in cases, holsters, or storage racks must be pointed downrange toward the impact berm with the barrel parallel to the ground at all times. Firearms not in use must be holstered, unloaded, have the action open, have an open bolt indicator. No firearm may be handled when anyone is downrange.
6. Your gun should remain in its holster or range bag until the Range Safety Officer tells you otherwise.
7. Never load your firearm unless instructed to do so by the Range Safety Officer.
8. Never point the muzzle of your firearm at anything but a target.
9. All firing must be downrange. DO NOT use the side berms as impact berms. No targets may be placed directly on the berms.
10. Training has priority use of this range.
11. This range will be closed to member use when it is being used for a training session.

Action Pistol Range

1. Handguns, air rifle, or 22 caliber (22 short, 22 long, 22 long rifle, and 22 Magnum) or smaller rim fire rifles are permitted on this range. Rifles and shotguns which are approved by the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) may be used on this range provided the cartridges are those approved by SASS and do not exceed the muzzle velocity limit specified by SASS. SASS classified firearms will be handle as directed by SASS rules and regulations. Muzzle loading cannons of 75 caliber or less are permitted.
2. Full automatic weapons and actuator type devices are prohibited.
3. Tracer, armor piercing, and incendiary ammunition is prohibited. Treat all firearms as loaded and check the barrel for obstructions before firing. Be sure the proper ammunition is being used.
4. All firearms not in cases, holsters, or range bags must be pointed downrange toward the impact berm with the barrel parallel to the ground at all times. Firearms not in use must be holstered or benched. No firearm may be handled when anyone is downrange.
5. All firing must be downrange. DO NOT use the side berms as impact berms. No targets may be placed upon the berms.
6. Your gun should remain in its holster or range bag until the Range Officer tells you otherwise.

7. Never load your firearm unless instructed to do so by the Range Officer.
8. Never point the muzzle of your firearm at anything but a target.
9. Never put your finger on the trigger until your sights are on the target.
10. Keep your finger off the trigger when you:
 - a) Draw your firearm from its holster
 - b) Change magazines in your semiautomatic pistol
 - c) Load your revolver
 - d) Replace your firearm in its holster.

CHAPTER 7

Competitions

Competitions may be held on the Range for several reasons: Fellowship and fun; improvement of marksmanship; evaluation of skill level; training; youth group training; advancement of shooting sports, commercial competitions and other legitimate functions. To accommodate various competitions, procedures are required to enable orderly and pleasant events. Any practice session will be classified as a competition if any scores are recorded for ranking, classifications, certification, or awarding of prizes.

Organizations which may sponsor competitions

1. Range Officer or Range Safety Officers (RSO).
2. Civilian Marksmanship Program Coordinator.
3. Members or groups of Members
4. Certified Firearms Instructors
5. Youth Groups (ROTC, Junior ROTC, 4H, high school groups, church groups, Boy or Girl Scouts, Hunter safety etc.)
6. Sport Shooting Groups and Associations
7. Public Safety Groups
8. Commercial competition groups
9. Del Norte Gun Club

Charges for Range Use

1. Range Officer or RSOs may sponsor competitions for Members and competitors. This classification will be used if results are recorded for classification by any other organization except as noted below... All participants must display badges. Guest Badges will not be honored. At the discretion of the Board or Range

Officer, the Range may supply targets and other materials. Such competitions will be open to all Members. Entry fees, a portion of which must be paid to the Club for the non-member competitors, may be charged and prizes awarded. The event must be scheduled by the Range Officer.

2. Members and groups of Members will not be charged range fees for range use as long as each participant is a Member. All participants must display badges. Guest Badges will not be honored. The event must be scheduled by the Range Officer. Sponsors will be responsible for targets, ammunition, and any other materials that may be required. Entry fees may be charged and prizes awarded.
3. The Civilian Marksmanship Program affiliated with the Club will not be charged for Range use unless otherwise determined by the board. CMPs affiliated with other organizations may be charged for Range use but such charges may be waived by the Board. The CMP coordinator will serve as RSO for such competitions as long as the coordinator has completed the required Range Safety Officer training. Sponsors will be responsible for targets, ammunition, and any other materials that may be required. The event must be scheduled by the Range Officer
4. Certified firearms instructors may use the Range for training and instruction with approval of the board. Any use must be scheduled with the Range Officer. Certified firearms instructors must furnish the Range Officer a copy of their certification and must agree to abide by all Range Rules. Range fees will be based upon the number of positions and the amount of time reserved and must be paid the day of use. Instructors must directly supervise all shooters. Sponsors will be responsible for targets, ammunition, and any other materials that may be required. Fees may be charged and will be the responsibility of the instructors.
5. Youth Groups may use the Range for training and instruction with approval of the board. Any use must be scheduled with the Range Officer. Sponsors must negotiate with an RSO to provide supervision during the session. Range fees will be based upon the number of positions and the amount of time reserved and must be paid the day of use. Usage fees may be waived by the Board. Sponsors must directly supervise all shooters and must be present at all times. Sponsors will be responsible for targets, ammunition, and any other materials that may be required. Entry fees may be charged and prizes awarded.
6. Sport Shooting Groups and Sport Shooting Associations may use the Range for training, instruction, or competitions with approval of the board. Any use must be scheduled with the Range Officer. The Group must furnish all personnel required for their competition and must negotiate with an RSO to provide Safety supervision for the competition. The RSO will not provide any dispute resolution except for safety matters. Range fees will be based upon the number of positions and the amount of time reserved and must be paid the day of use. Sponsors will be responsible for targets, ammunition, and any other materials that may be required. Entry fees may be charged and prizes awarded.
7. Public Safety Groups may use the Range for training, instruction, or competitions with approval of the board. Any use must be scheduled with the Range Officer. The Group must furnish all personnel required for their competition and must negotiate with an RSO to provide Safety supervision for the competition. Range Rules will prevail in all cases. The RSO will not provide any dispute resolution except for safety matters. Range fees will be based upon the number of positions and the amount of time reserved and must be paid the day of use. Usage fees may be waived by the Board. Sponsors will be responsible for targets, ammunition, and any other materials that may be required.

8. Commercial competition groups may use the Range for training or competitions with approval of the board. Any use must be scheduled with the Range Officer. The Group must furnish all personnel required for their competition and must negotiate with an RSO to provide Safety supervision for the competition. The RSO will not provide any dispute resolution except for safety matters. Range fees will be based upon the number of positions and the amount of time reserved and must be paid the day of use. Sponsors will be responsible for targets, ammunition, and any other materials that may be required. Entry fees may be charged and prizes awarded.
9. The Board will have sole discretion in setting of Range Usage Fees. The fee structure may not discriminate against any specific group but will set equivalent fees for equivalent groups. The Board may appoint a representative to negotiate fees and conditions with any group wishing to hold a competition. The Board may waive usage fees for any group upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board Members present.
10. Practice sessions maybe held for competitions for members and guest. All participants must display badges. At the discretion of the Board, the Range may supply targets and other materials. Such practice sessions will be open to all Members. Range fees will not be charged. Event must be scheduled by the Range Officer.

Sponsor Responsibilities

1. Sponsor is the person, group or organization responsible for the competition, training, or event held at the range.
2. Sponsor agrees to strictly enforce the Primary Range Rules
3. Sponsor agrees to strictly enforce Individual Range Rules.
4. Any disputes over Range Rules and Safety Matters will be resolved by an RSO. Decision is final. Decision may be appealed to the Board.
5. Sponsor will be responsible for all personnel required for holding a competition: Range Safety Officers, judges, clerical personnel, target personnel, parking, collecting fees for submission to the Treasurer, etc.
6. Sponsor accepts responsibility for all persons and equipment while said personnel and equipment are performing task or competition while on the range and accepts all liability of damages and to hold harmless the DNGC for any and all such damages. Liability insurance in the form and amounts acceptable to the board maybe required at the board discretion. Del Norte Gun Club sponsored events will not require separate liability insurance.
7. If, required, sponsor will negotiate with an RSO to provide Safety supervision during the competition.
8. Sponsor will be responsible for identification of any participant in a competition. Participants will not have shooting privileges for any ranges except those specified for the competition, training, or event. Participants will not have access to any range for practice purposes unless specifically arranged by the sponsor in advance.
9. Sponsors will be responsible for any cleanup required to restore the range to original condition after the competition. This includes cleanup of cartridge casings.

10. Sponsor will be responsible for contracts with service organizations such as grounds cleanup, temporary tents, parking, catering, and portable toilets. The Range Officer must approve vendor, contractor, or service organization used for any such agreement. The Range Officer may provide a list of approved groups for such services. Contractor personnel will not have shooting privileges for any range.
11. Sponsor of a formal competition will submit a report to the Chief Range Officer listing all participants, their membership status and their scores or rankings.
12. The Board will approve contract form to be used for competitions.

APPENDIX I

History of Club

In 1963 a group of nine air traffic controllers in Albuquerque, New Mexico decided they needed a place to shoot shotgun. They incorporated as the Del Norte Gun Club, a non-profit 501(c)(4) organization. They were wise in the ways of government and knew that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was granting land to recreational organizations.

The Club Secretary, Richard Chiavario, began the process to obtain land for the Gun Club. After the required probationary period, the Gun Club was granted a patent on 56.8 acres of land in 1970. A “patent” granted title to the land under a reversionary clause which stated that if the land ceased being used for its original purpose, the title would revert back to the BLM.

The 56.8 acres were located in the wilderness area of Sandoval County well north of Albuquerque on land that was being leased for cattle grazing. The lease was held by the King brothers (Gov. Bruce King and his brothers, Sam and Don). They readily agreed to relinquish their grazing rights on the 56.8 acres provided the Club fenced the land in so that no cows would be shot. This was done.

In 1977 much of the land north of Albuquerque became the City of Rio Rancho. Rio Rancho has been the fastest growing city in New Mexico for many years now. The rest of Sandoval County also has been experiencing rapid growth. As a result the Gun Club found itself surrounded by rapidly encroaching development.

The Club knew it had to move, but according to the patent, if it ceased using the land for a firing range, the land would revert to the BLM and the Club would have no money to move elsewhere.

In a series of discussions with the BLM beginning in March 2000 two crucial facts arose. First, Congress had passed a law stating that if land under patent contained hazardous material, and the patent holder would release the Federal Government from

any responsibility for cleaning up the hazardous material, the BLM could transfer title free and clear to the patent holder. Second, Sandoval County was very interested in obtaining the 56.8 acres for a new government complex.

The Club began fruitful and friendly negotiations with the BLM and Sandoval County.

Because of the rapid growth around the range, the value of the Club’s land had skyrocketed. After serious discussion and reflection, the Club members, a very community minded bunch, agreed that the reason for the high value of the land was directly related to Sandoval County’s growth. Therefore, it would be equitable for Sandoval County to share equally in the land’s current value.

A final deal was made which was acceptable to the Club, the BLM and Sandoval County. The deal was also backed by both U.S. Senators from New Mexico as well as the U.S. Representative in whose district the land

was located, and praised by articles and editorials in local newspapers. Everyone agreed it was a win-win-win deal.

The deal was that: (1) the Club would release the Federal Government from any responsibility for hazardous material clean-up, (2) the BLM would grant free and clear title to the Club, (3) the Club would donate one-half the property to Sandoval County, (4) Sandoval County would purchase the remaining one-half the land at its appraised value, and (5) on owning the land, Sandoval County would accept primary responsibility to handle the hazardous material clean-up.

The deal was closed and the land transferred to Sandoval County in January 2002.

By July 2001 it had been apparent that the deal for the sale of the land looked very promising. It was time to locate land for a new range and to get a Master Plan drawn up.

The Club was interested in a section (640 acres) of land. The only land parcel that large which was within reasonable driving distance and still far from any development was on the ranch owned by the King brothers. In July 2001 the Kings once again came to the aid of the Del Norte Gun Club and identified a perfect parcel of land they were willing to sell to the Club. It is located in the high desert at an altitude of 6,600 feet and is as beautiful as only the southwest high desert can be. A gentlemen's agreement was made for the sale of the land once the Club had the money and had obtained the zoning change to "special use".

The Club also agreed to purchase a 65 acre finger of land for an extended safety zone.

The Club chose Clark Vargas of C. Vargas and Associates, Ltd. to design the Master Plan. After a long search the Club was of the opinion that Clark was the best range architect in the U.S. and that he would design us an overall range layout that would be world-class. He began work on the Master Plan in January 2002.

Final zoning was granted at the end of July 2002 and the land for the new range purchased in August 2002.

On January 28, 2003 Joe Kelly, PE of JC Engineering in Albuquerque was contracted to perform final engineering drawings and drainage studies.

Contracts were signed on May 28, 2003 with Mark Jones of Victor Corporation for earthmoving and with Brian McClintock of McClintock Surveying & Drafting, Inc. for staking.

APPENDIX II

Board of Directors Guiding Principles

Background

A couple of years ago we were a tiny range with limited assets. Now we are on the way to being a world-class organization. This growth was achieved because of the funds generated by selling the land of our former range. In making the world-class range a reality the Board had to learn many lessons. These lessons are expressed in the guidelines below. As the Club matures and evolves, it is hoped that future Boards will follow these guidelines which are based on hard experience.

Principle 1 — The Club is primarily a membership organization.

The Board must have as its prime mission to look out for the members and provide them with a world-class recreational shooting facility. Non-members will, of course, be invited to matches and to CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) clinics. We will also offer other opportunities such as sighting-in days. Events such as these will prove our commitment to the community and act as a source of recruitment.

Principle 2 — Customer Service is Everything.

This is the most important Guideline of all. That means among other things:

1. Make it easy to join or renew.
2. Provide a newsletter (hardcopy or email) to let the members always know what is going on.
3. Sponsor activities for members' spouses and dependents.
4. Answer members' questions, and listen to, and act upon, their requests.

The Board must never get the idea that we are doing the members a favor by letting them join. It is quite the other way around — the Club owes its very existence to satisfied members.

Principle 3 — Community-mindedness must remain an integral feature of the Club.

It is very clear that the Club is involved in a political process for its existence. Being community-minded gives the Club its best chance for long-term survival.

The first application of this guideline was donating one-half the land from the old range to Sandoval County. This donation generated support from our US Senators and Representatives, as well as very favorable publicity in the local press and community.

A practical application of this Guideline for the future is the mission of the Club to provide all citizens of New Mexico with the opportunity to become comfortable with firearms and have a place to shoot them for fun or

competition, and, in particular, to help juniors, women, senior citizens and the handicapped to enjoy using firearms for pleasure and for self-defense.

Principle 4 — Have the most flexible range facility possible.

There are three aspects of the shooting sports that attract new members:

1. The ability to always be able to shoot when you want, in a way that you can have fun.
2. The ability to shoot in sanctioned, competitive matches on a local, regional and national level.
3. The ability to learn and practice how to protect yourself with firearms.

That's why we provide ranges that will always be open for use by non-competitors, and why we have initiated training programs that will instill safety consciousness and knowledge of when it is appropriate to use a firearm.

As in any human endeavor, interests grow and wane. What's popular today will probably be replaced in popularity by some other shooting sport in the next 5 – 10 years. To handle this evolution it is imperative that the individual ranges be designed to be as flexible as possible so they can be used for many shooting disciplines.

Principle 5 — Have sub-groups manage the various shooting disciplines.

It is the Board's duty to make sure that there are ranges reserved for both competition and non-competition. It is also the Board's duty to innovate or respond to suggestions regarding new kinds of fun shooting (the 500 yard egg shoot that was established by another range about 10 years ago is an example). The exact details of all shooting activities and disciplines are impossible for the Board to know.

Groups must be established for each shooting discipline, whether competitive, just-for-fun or instructional. The individuals in these groups will know and understand the needs of their shooting discipline. Because of the flexibility of the range design, the activities of several of these groups could be held on a given range. It would just be a matter of scheduling. These groups would handle the administrative duties need to hold matches (advertise, get scorers, etc.) or to organize activities.

Principle 6 — Keep at the cutting edge of instruction.

As soon as we get the money, we must put in the CAPS trainer. That is one of the state-of-the-art methods of developing the judgment of when and how to use a firearm in self-defense. With the advent of concealed carry in New Mexico this will prove invaluable for training and will make our Club a unique source for this type instruction.

We have already started the Training Counselor cadre. They will train other instructors. With this instructional talent we should offer minimal cost (supplies and a reasonable fee to the instructor) instruction in all the NRA courses available. This should be for Club members and guests. Special offers can be made to seniors, women and the handicapped.

Principle 7 — Safety is paramount. The safety rules WILL BE vigorously enforced.

Future Boards must continuously evaluate range safety and make modifications in the range rules when it makes sense to do so.

At all times, the range rules must be vigorously enforced. If this is not done, soon there will be safety problems.

Principle 8 — Keep a dues structure that allows for future growth.

We set the initial dues at \$150 per year. This was based on having 1,000 new members and an operating cost of \$150,000 per year.

When we have more than 1,000 new members, we will not reduce the dues. Instead the dues of the additional members will be used for range improvements, land acquisition, etc.