

Riverside Gun Club (RGC) Skeet & Trap
New Shooter Orientation
January 23, 2011



New Shooter Orientation Objective: The objective of this orientation is to insure that all new shooters to RGC Skeet & Trap have a common understanding of: basic shotgun safety; basic clay target shooting posture, positions & protocols; the basic layout of RGC Skeet & Trap facilities and can adequately demonstrate the carrying, loading and firing of a shotgun at a clay target. Assume every new shooter to Riverside is a new shooter. **Safety first, last and always!!**

Basic Shotgun Safety

To be conducted for all shooters new to RGC prior to any shooting. generally in the Skeet Shack. Safety should be reiterated when on the field as well. New shooters will be engaged by RGC Range Officers specifically to insure acceptance & understanding of basic gun safety.

1. Brief safety review and question & answer.
 - a. Point firearm in a safe direction at all times.
 - b. Make sure the firearm is safe and unloaded.
 - c. Only load the firearm while on station and when ready to shoot.
 - d. Keep finger off trigger until ready to fire.**
 - e. Firearms remain open at all times except while on shooting stations.
 - f. A shooter shall carry only one size (gauge) of ammunition.
2. Identify and review types of shotguns used and their differences.
3. Demonstrate loading techniques for shotguns to be used.
4. Inspect firearm, choke and ammo. **WE SHOOT NON TOXIC AMMO ONLY.**
5. Eyes & Ears – available and proper fit.
6. Follow Range Officers (RO) directions at all times.

The Basics of Clay Target Shooting

To be conducted at the Skeet Shack or on the field for all shooters new to shotgun sports.

1. Remember basic shotgun safety.
2. Determine eye dominance and client preference of right/left mounting.
3. Eyes & Ears.
4. Review various loading techniques.
5. Open stance versus rifle stance (need to swing 180 degrees).
6. Gun tight to the shoulder, gun butt up, not head down, and see the rib.
7. Weight slightly forward, nose over toes. Bend forward at the waist, lean into the shot.
8. Explain concept of lead. Variable lead for skeet. Rising lead for trap.
9. Explain concept of acceleration of the swing, follow through. Focus on the bird!!!
10. New shooters will be accompanied through a clay round (or part of a round) adequate for an RO to assess their overall grasp of gun safety, clay shooting concepts and overall abilities.

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Skeet & Trap Facilities (<http://www.riversidegc.org/>)

Briefly describe club layout and facilities and those of RGC to all shooters new to RGC.

1. RGC Skeet & Trap has a cadre of Range Officers (ROs) who have years of shooting experience, several are NRA Certified Shotgun Instructors, all are eager to help new shooters.
2. There is a Duty Range Officer (DRO) in charge of each shooting session, introduce yourself.
3. When in doubt or uncertain, ask questions, ask for assistance of RO's.
4. Remember basic shotgun safety in the shack and on the fields.
5. Review shooting hours and special shoots. Get on our email list.
 - a. Tues & Thurs eves. 7 PM to 9 PM (Skeet only)
 - b. Sunday 9 AM – 1 PM (Trap, Skeet and often 5 Stand).
6. Skeet Shack – place to set up, relax and meet other shooters.
 - a. Coffee, snacks, soft drinks, water. Spare eyes & ears. Pay as you go.
7. Settle shooting fees after you shoot.
8. Three clay fields: Upper – skeet and 5 stand. Middle – skeet & trap. Lower – trap.
 - a. Explain the basic games of: TRAP, SKEET & 5 STAND.
9. Shooting squads casually form up and shoot. Ask if you may join a squad.
 - a. Shooting with experienced shooters will help you!
10. Pick up your spent hulls after a round or at the direction of a Range Officer.
11. If you bring your own ammo, have it inspected by a Range Officer.

RGC

Full service sportsman's club. (<http://www.riversidegc.org/>)

1. Rifle, pistol, shotgun, air rifle, archery, fishing.
2. Indoor and outdoor ranges.
3. NRA Sanctioned training programs.
4. Adult and youth developmental programs and leagues.
5. Special events; youth fishing derby, holiday shoots, CMP Program, competitions.
6. Public banquet facilities. Pool tables, darts, horseshoes.
7. Full service bar.