



Prince Albert Pistol and Rifle Club
2023 New Members Information Package
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Welcome to the club! Your membership and participation is appreciated.

The objective of the PAPRC is to develop and promote the safe enjoyment of the shooting sports. Safety in all our activities is of prime importance to all members.

The club maintains a webpage paprc.org where you can find copies of this and other important information such as policies and procedures. Contacts are listed on the last page of this package.

The club's venues hold many competitions throughout the year. The dates are usually coordinated with other clubs across Saskatchewan. Please check the website for links to the venue's websites for dates and further information.

There is also a Facebook page for the club and Facebook groups for some of the venues.

As a PAPRC member you will be asked to help with the operation of the club. These activities range from work bees at the ranges, trade shows, fund raising and supporting PAWF activities such as turkey shoots. Volunteer hours are the only thing that keeps this club running and fees affordable. Members are expected to volunteer at least 16 hours yearly. The club is generously supported by many local businesses in the area. Please help us show your appreciation by supporting them.

Ranges

The club operates ranges at 2 locations:

The Indoor and Baffled ranges on the Prince Albert Wildlife Federation property are just north of Prince Albert on highway 2. To use these ranges, you need to be a member of the PAPRC and the PAWF. Memberships for the PAWF are available at the Co-op Tackle Shop on 2nd Ave. W.

The West Range is approximately 14 km west on highway 3. Members of the PAPRC and their guests can use the west range. Guests are welcome but if using the ranges more than once they need to buy a membership. Spectators are welcome but must be under the member's supervision at all times.

Please be aware that the PAPRC may, from time to time, use recording devices, both video and audio at any of the ranges.

Please carry your PAPRC membership card with you when at any of the ranges.

Please help us keep the ranges safe and clean.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency there are first aid kits at all venues and signage listing contact information as well as the land and GPS locations of that range.

West Range Key-Fobs

If you wish to obtain a keyfob to the West Range you will need to complete a *safety questionnaire*, an *orientation session* and be *signed off* by the director of the venues you wish to use.

Until you are signed off you will need to be accompanied by a club member who will take responsibility for you.

This is for safety and insurance reasons and your training is a requirement of the RCMP Shooting Range Regulations.

The director who is signing you off is also a volunteer and is not reimbursed for his or her time.

Your questionnaire and signoff sheet are attached to the back of this package, please retain all of the pages and hand in only the questionnaire and signoff sheet. Keep this package in your range bag for future reference.

It is *your responsibility* to coordinate with the director of the venue(s) you wish to use so you can complete your orientation.

Once the directors are satisfied that you have successfully completed the training you can submit your sign off sheet to the **Chief Range Officer** and obtain your key-fob. There is a deposit of **\$50** for the key-fob and you will need to sign an agreement form for its use. Contact information is on the last page of this package.

Keys are not available for the PAWF Indoor or Baffled Ranges as shooting is only allowed there during club times.

Please note: Persons under 18 years of age and persons who do not have a current PAL must be directly supervised by a club member with a current pal AT ALL TIMES.

General Safety Rules for all Venues:

Keep in mind the basic firearms ACTS:

Assume every firearm is loaded.

Control the muzzle direction at all times.

Trigger finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target and you're ready to shoot.

See that the firearm is unloaded and PROVE it safe.

Point the firearm in the safest available direction.

Remove all cartridges.

Observe the chamber.

Verify the feeding path.

Examine the bore.

Safety is of primary importance and requires continuous attention and self-discipline. On any part of the club's grounds, and particularly on the shooting field, your full attention must be given to safety and safe gun handling techniques.

Where self-discipline and attention to safety procedures are lacking, it is the duty of all members to enforce these rules.

All outdoor ranged are closed from $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sunset to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise.

Please be aware of the possibility of ricochets, especially when shooting at steel targets. Steel core and magnum ammunition should never be fired at anything that may cause a ricochet.

Please do not shoot above the berms. Bullets can travel a long distance.

Fully automatic firearms, tracer or incendiary bullets and exploding targets are specifically not allowed at any range.

Upon entering each venue, please sign the log book. Your insurance depends on this.

Shooters must show their membership card when requested by any member on the range.

All persons are urged to wear approved eye and ear protection while on this range. Your everyday eye glasses will not protect you. Please use approved safety glasses. Ear muffs with microphones are very convenient as they allow normal conversation while muting loud noises.

Firearms must be in gun racks when not in use. Handling of firearms must be kept to a minimum and keep the muzzles pointed up or down when handling them.

Please use appropriate targets and remove your targets before leaving the range. There are trash bins at each venue and a dumpster at the Silhouette range. The shotgun range has a canister for spent hulls.

Please pickup and dispose of (recycle) your spent brass.

Please leave each range in better condition than when you got there.

Please close and lock all gates behind you when entering and leaving the West Range. This is to prevent members of the public from wandering in and getting locked in. During competitions there will be signs asking to leave the gates unlocked. **There will be lock boxes installed so emergency services can enter the gate.**

Firing line procedures

All ranges employ a system of red flag, red light or red sign to indicate the range is "hot".

As per the Canadian Fire Arms Act - **Operations 5(e)** if more than one person is simultaneously engaged in shooting activities on the shooting range, a person shall act as the range officer.

When anyone is forward of the firing line do not approach the firing line whether it be to place firearms in racks or boxes on the shooting benches. Please wait until everyone is off the range.

Before anyone advances forward of the firing line all firearms must be emptied of ammunition, their magazines removed, the action opened and the firearm placed in the gun rack or in the case of pistols, laid on the shooting bench with the open action facing up.

When anyone is forward of the firing line no one shall handle any firearm, magazine or ammunition.

When anyone is forward of the firing line please step well back from the firing line and shooting benches.

When a "Cease Fire" is called all shooting must stop immediately, firearms must be emptied of ammunition, their magazines removed, the action opened and the firearm placed in the gun rack or in the case of pistols, laid on the shooting bench with the open action facing up. Some ranges require a flag to be placed in the open chamber. Shooters must step back from the firing line.

No one shall advance forward of the firing line until all firearms are visually checked to be safe and an "All Clear" is called.

When the range is clear and everyone is back behind the firing line, loading and firing will not commence until "Range is clear" and/or "Range is hot" is called.

The following pages list rules specific to each venue during general use by club members. During competitions other rules will also be in effect. These will be explained during the safety meeting preceding the match.

Black Powder Venue Safety Rules

In addition to the general range rules the following rules also apply at this range:

Only Muzzle Loading or Black powder cartridge firearms firing black powder or black powder substitutes (Pyrodex) are allowed on this range. Never use smokeless powder in a muzzle loader.

Please use an approved volumetric measure to pour powder into the bore. Never pour directly from the powder horn or flask.

Because vintage firearms might not have a safety device such as found on more modern firearms, keep the hammer at half cock. It is important to prevent a black power revolver's loaded chambers from chain firing so seal the cylinder with grease.

If a muzzle loader is not primed to fire, it is safe to handle. To ensure that a muzzle loader is not primed to fire, do the following:

1. Point the muzzle in the safest available direction and keep finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard.
2. Check that the hammer is **NOT** in full-cocked position.
3. Check for a percussion cap or see if the priming pan is primed.
4. If the firearm is primed, remove cap or priming powder.

In addition, it is difficult to tell if there is already a charge in the barrel of a muzzle loader. Experienced shooters mark the firearm's ramrod at a level that shows the bore depth when the bore is empty. When the marked ramrod is inserted into the barrel, it shows whether or not the firearm is loaded.

In the case of a misfire, keep the muzzle pointed down range and try another cap, remove the nipple and clean the flame channel. Reinstall the nipple and try another cap all the while keeping the muzzle pointed down range.

This range is also used for CAS events and as such must abide by CAS rules.

The silhouettes are thin metal therefore no centre fire rifles firing smokeless powder allowed.

Do not remove silhouettes from stands.

When finished shooting place silhouettes back on stands.

Shotgun Venue Safety Rules

In addition to the general range rules the following rules also apply at this range:

Only 12 gauge or smaller shotguns are allowed on this range, loads equal to or lighter than 3 drams equivalent of powder or containing equal to or less than 1 1/8 ounces of shot, or containing shot equal to or smaller than 7 1/2. Please check your ammunition that it complies with this rule.

Safety Glasses and Ear Protection is **MANDATORY**.

Always shoot north from the shooting stations. When moving from station to station or waiting your turn at a station always ensure that the shotgun is unloaded, the action is open and the muzzle of the shotgun is pointed in a safe direction.

Only 2 shells maximum may be loaded at any one time. You shall only load your shotgun while you are on the station and it is your turn to shoot.

The designated Range Officer will have the final say on all matters of safety and instruction during a shoot and in the area of the shoot.

Any spent hulls that land on the ground must remain there until after shooting is completed. Please clean up after using the range. The range provides a box for recycling boxes and a canister for the hulls.

Silhouette Venue Safety Rules

In addition to the general range rules the following rules also apply at this range:

The 25 yard target stands are for rim fire ammunition only. Anything else will destroy the base.

The gongs and plates at 200, 385, 500 yards are for center fire rifles. Please do not fire down the 1000 yard bush cut as there is no berm to stop the bullets (the Red Wing grid road is just beyond).

The movable silhouettes should not be shot with magnum or varmint calibers as these will damage the targets, however the swinging targets may be used with these calibers.

Multi-Gun Venue Safety Rules

In addition to the general range rules the following rules also apply at this range:

The 25 yard target stands are for center fire pistol and rim fire pistols and rifles only. Anything else will destroy the stand and endanger those present with ricochets.

The gongs and plates at 50 and 100 yards are for center fire, soft core ammunition and are not made to withstand magnums. If you are using steel core please only shoot at the paper target stands.

Magnums are not allowed on this range.

This is the only range where shooters are allowed to advance forward of the firing line during the course of fire but *only during matches*. Applicable rules for that governing body will also be in effect during that match.

Indoor PAWF Range Safety Rules

In addition to the general range rules the following rules also apply at this range:

Paper targets only. New targets are available from the range officer for a nominal fee.

Place the paper targets in the proper stands provided.

Only current members of the PAPRC and PAWF can use this range.

No one is to be shooting without a qualified Range Officer present.

Air pistols and air rifles are shot from the 10 meter line.

All other shooting is from the 20 meter line.

The target carriers are for airgun use only.

Turn on the ventilation system before shooting begins and turn it off when shooting is completed.

Lead core, target load ammunition only. No Steel core, no metal jackets, no plus loads. This is because of the backstop construction and ricochets. Proper ammunition is available from the range officer for a nominal fee.

A maximum of 10 rounds in the firearm allowed. Do not load one into the chamber then insert a full magazine.

Holsters are not allowed.

Please pickup and place your spent brass in the recycling container and sweep the floor with compound before leaving. Please do not dry sweep as this raises lead dust.

The Designated Range Officer will be the last to leave the range.

Baffled PAWF Range Safety Rules

In addition to the general range rules the following rules also apply at this range:

Paper targets only. New targets are available from the range officer for a nominal fee.

Place the paper targets in the proper stands provided.

Only current members of the PAPRC and PAWF can use this range.

No one is to be shooting without a qualified Range Officer.

Shooting is only allowed from the concrete firing line.

Jacketed ammunition is allowed. Only handguns and rimfire rifles are allowed on this range.

Please pickup and recycle your spent brass.

The Designated Range Officer will be the last to leave the range.

Please keep the gate locked at all times.

West Range contact list:

Chief Range Officer: Keith Nielsen 306-763-4146

Black-Powder Range: Ken Bird 306-980-0263,
Keith Nielsen 306-763-4146

Shotgun Range: Myron Sosnowski 306-763-4142
Steve Jeffers 306-940-9494

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PAWF Range contact list:

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New Member Sign Off Sheet Questions

B-Black Powder Venue

- 1) How can you check a muzzle loading firearm to make sure it is not charged?

- 2) What types of powder should only be used in a muzzle loading gun?

- 3) What do you use to pour the powder in the muzzle of a muzzle loading firearm?

- 4) What type of safety is found on most original style muzzle loaders?

- 5) What is the proper procedure if you have a miss-fire with a muzzle loading firearm?

- 6) Why do you seal the cylinder of a black powder revolver with grease?

SS-Shotgun Sports Venue

- 1) What is the maximum gauge for a shotgun on a trap, skeet or sporting clay field?

- 2) What is the largest size load permitted on a trap, skeet or sporting clay field?

- 3) What safety items must be worn at all times when shooting shotgun sports?

- 4) How must you hold your firearm while carrying it or waiting to shoot?
- 5) Who do you take instructions from during a shoot and in the area of the shoot?
- 6) What is the maximum number of shells that can be loaded at any time?

M-Multi-Gun Venue

- 1) What must you do upon arriving at the range?
- 2) Where is the Safe Area located?
- 3) What is the minimum safe distance to shoot steel with a High Power Rifle?
- 4) What is the maximum amount of people allowed on range before someone has to become the Range Officer?
- 5) Where must your firearm be stored while not in use on the Mulligan Range?
- 6) What steps must be taken before anyone heads down range to check targets after shooting has been stopped?
- 7) Who is responsible for clean up after your shooting is complete for the day?

W-Indoor & Baffled Venue

- 1) What is the first thing you do when you arrive at the range?

- 2) What kind of targets can be shot on these ranges?
- 3) What must you do when a cease fire is called
- 4) When can you go ahead of the firing line?
- 5) In the indoor range what distance can you shoot live fire from?
- 6) In the indoor range what ammunition is allowed?

PAPRC West (Buckland) Range Sign Off Sheet	
Members Name:	
Membership Card #:	
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Range gate procedures	
Log book entry	
Parking and unloading	
Placing firearms in racks	
Personal protective equipment	
Emergency procedures	
Red light/flag/sign procedures	
Review range rule signs	
Firing line procedures	
Berms, targets and stands	
Placement of targets	
Targets allowed	
Firearms allowed	
Ammunition allowed	
Cleanup of targets	
Cleanup of brass	
Correctly answered all questionnaire items	
Comments	
Date	
Range	
Director	
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