



Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

Los Alamos, New Mexico

Member Handbook

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The Rules of Firearm Safety

Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.

This is the primary rule of firearm safety. A safe direction means that the firearm is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.

Always keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.

Whenever you pick up a firearm, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the firearm has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the firearm alone and get help from someone who does.

Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

When holding a firearm, rest your finger along the side of the firearm on the frame. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

Know your target and what is beyond.

Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first -- shoot second.

Be sure the firearm is safe to operate.

Just like other tools, firearms need regular maintenance to remain operable. Regular cleaning and proper storage are a part of the firearm's general upkeep. If there is any question concerning a firearm's ability to function, a knowledgeable gunsmith should look at it.



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Chapter 1

Welcome to the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

Welcome to the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club! It's only a few dollars a year to add your entire family to your adult membership, so please bring them along and get them interested and trained in the shooting sports too!

First some background on the club. We have been a part of Los Alamos from the beginning. One of our earliest club members collaborated with Oppenheimer and other top Manhattan Project scientists to "reinvent the oldest weapon, the bow" as mental recreation, resulting in the design of the modern target recurve. The club provided recreation for the Project members and their families. The club has been in its present location in beautiful Rendija canyon for 45 yrs or so and been a part of the Los Alamos community for 60 years. We've put a lot of work into our great facility over the years.

1.1 How Are We Organized?

The club is a non-profit volunteer organization. There is an elected Board of Directors and a Section Chair for each major shooting discipline (archery, rifle, pistol, skeet, trap, woman's sections, etc). Most members seem to be loosely affiliated with the section in charge of their favorite event, but there are many who shoot several events and belong to several sections. The section system is mainly a way to organize the facility and is very informal. In no way must you "join" a section to participate. However, it helps us to maintain mailing lists, organize work parties and plan for training, events, and matches. The sections are not "factions." We are all in one club and usually work to help other sections with their big matches and events.

The board and section chairs meet monthly, usually at the [Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce](#) conference room at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month to conduct club business and planning. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have a concern or a good idea or are just curious, please come. If you can't make it, then talk to the appropriate chair about your concern, or any board member, and we'll bring it up at the next meeting.

As mentioned, the club has no paid staff. Mostly, the club has been built and maintained by volunteer labor. This is a Los Alamos tradition dating back to when the town was very isolated. Most of the town's recreational facilities were built by volunteers and we are proud to continue that "can do" tradition. The various ranges at the club are maintained by each section, with an annual "Spring Cleanup Day" in late April when many of the club members turn out for general maintenance and big projects. We also have a "Fall Cleanup Day" in late October to get ready for indoor shooting and have the ranges ready for winter. Besides being fun, you get to meet a lot of folks you may not see at your matches. You also get satisfaction and pride in keeping up the club's facilities and the club buys lunch!



Within each section, duties like planning matches, ordering targets, mowing the grass, etc., are taken on by interested volunteers. Your section heads need your help! You don't have to be an expert shot at your event to help; most tasks just require someone to do them rather than specialized skills. However, if you want to become an expert, hang out with the section folks at the work events, get to know them, and they will ALWAYS help you out with shooting questions, advice, practice sessions etc. If you want to really understand your sport, help set up a match. You will get a much better feeling of what goes into course-of-fire design and operation of the match and equipment. If you want to try a new event, usually you can just show up but it's much better to call the appropriate section head in advance to see if special equipment, ammo, or training is required. They either tell you or set you up with someone to go over what you need to know prior to the event.

1.2 What are the facilities like and where are they?

The club has a license from United States Department of Energy (DOE) to operate in Rendija Canyon on the northeast side of town. We have a clubhouse with a meeting room, restrooms, and 50 ft indoor range. The indoor range hosts archery, small-bore .22 rifle, and pistols that use ammunition with a velocity under 2,200 feet per second (fps) (**NOTE: FN 5.7x28mm ammunition is not allowed**). The restrooms are located inside as is a phone. Behind the clubhouse is the skeet range and next to that are conventional and international trap ranges. They all feature remote controlled, voice activated commercial duty traps. These traps are also part of the Sporting Clays stations. Others are spread out across the grounds. We also shoot 5 Stand clays here.

Down the hill west of the shotgun ranges are the four pistol ranges. We have three large action pistol bays that are enclosed on three sides. Practical pistol and cowboy action are shot there. There are steel gongs, poppers and other targets, as well as props for these sports. We also have a very nice bullseye pistol range with a covered firing line that is used for target shooting. Targets and frames are in a shed by the bullseye range.

Further east down the road from the clubhouse is the rifle range. There are berms at 100, 200, and 300 yards. Gongs are set up in front of the berms at 200 and 300 yards. The firing points on the rifle range start at 25 yards out to 300 yards that have in-ground fixtures to hold target frames. Frames for your own paper targets are in a shed by the range. The rugs in the shed are for covering the tables, prone shooting, or to use as rests. High power rifle, 22 silhouettes, black powder silhouettes, and machine gun shoots are held here as well as lots of informal sighting-in and practice.

The bullseye archery range is across the clubhouse parking lot and has targets at standard yardages. There are also several archery ranges in the woods behind the picnic pavilion that feature "woods walks" style targets set at marked or unmarked yardages. The 3-D shoots are held here. There is also a trail through the woods used for Safari Shoots. The Club grounds and the shelter near the archery ranges are the site of the annual Buffalo Barbecue. Remember to follow the posted rules. NO firearms are EVER allowed on the archery ranges! SAFETY FIRST!



Across the road from the clubhouse is the caretaker's house. He is unpaid, but keeps an eye on things for us.

1.3 The LASC Bulletin

The club writes and publishes a monthly newsletter, the *BULLETin*, with information on range schedules, contact info for section chairs, upcoming activities, match scores, announcements, and articles written by club members. The club also has a great web site, <http://www.la-sc.org>. The site has up-to-date schedules, training, items for sale and general information and we are always adding to it, so log on often!

1.4 On to the fun!

So much for the business - ON TO THE FUN! Here's what we have to offer you -with more new events on the way.

SAFETY FIRST! (Why is this under FUN? Because being unsafe is certainly un-fun for everyone around you!) We welcome all SAFE shooters; safety is and must remain foremost in our minds. To that end, we offer formal training classes for general shooting, special classes for youths, women, and hunters, plus section clinics in the various events. If you are not sure about ANYTHING, please call the Board or the appropriate section head.

The club is blessed with many [NRA-certified instructors](#) who will not only help you to be safe but can help your performance also. Starting out properly will prevent all the bad habits you'll have to unlearn later. There is a lot to firearm handling and safety that is common sense and a lot that requires some instruction, especially in marksmanship. You owe it to yourselves, your families, your fellow members, fellow firearm owners and society in general to know what is safe and practice it!

If you are an experienced safe shooter, you can still learn much from our experts. The club has members who compete at the national level; you can pay hundreds for a clinic offered elsewhere or learn from them through the section clinics. If you are new to a sport, it will really help jump start you and get you advice on the best equipment etc. Please use this resource! There are also signs at each range with specific safety rules.

1.5 What shooting activities does the club have to offer me?

Lots! Here is a partial list of the activities the club offers:

Trap - shotgun shooting at clay "bird" targets (little orange clay Frisbees) flying away from you very fast at different angles and from different shooting positions. 25 birds make a round. Use birdshot (size 7 1/2 or smaller). A good place to start shotgunning, it isn't easy to be perfect though. Shot year-round.

International Trap - similar to ATA trap, but harder angles, faster targets. 2 shots may be used.

Skeet - shooting at clay birds launched at many fixed angles from a high house (sinking



targets) and a low house (rising targets). Some of the 8 shooting positions require hitting simultaneous targets from both houses with 2 shots. Use birdshot (many use 8's or 9's) and 25 shots make a round. Shot year-round.

Sporting clays - multiple clay birds from many angles and many traps. Some roll across the ground and hop like rabbits, others are like a whole covey of (tiny) quail. As close to real bird hunting as you can get. Birdshot again but bring all your choke tubes; you'll need them. Usually 50 shots per round, sometimes more. Lots of fun, hard to score high at first.

Bullseye pistol - precision shooting at bullseye targets for score. Pure accuracy is everything here. A good place to start and learn the basics but a lifetime to really master. Shot outside or indoors. Year-round.

Action (IPSC) and practical pistol (IDPA) - fast shooting at multiple targets from moving positions, somewhat similar to combat. Scoring is a mixture of timing and accuracy. Lots of rounds fired very fast with "practical" accuracy, often at steel targets that ring or fall when hit. Be familiar with your firearm first but don't be scared off. Just ask for some training. It is a lot of fun and very popular right now. Shot outside or indoors year-round.

Cowboy Action Shooting - somewhat similar to action pistol, except that only [old west style firearms are used](#). Pistols are single-action revolvers. Lever action rifles and shotguns are also used at the same time, switching from firearm to firearm within a single stage. Targets are various steel plates that fall when hit. The scenarios are usually a bit humorous and fun is very important to the basic concept. Dressing up as an old west character is encouraged. Shot outside April to November. Occasional long range silhouette shoots with original or replica black powder cartridge buffalo guns are held.

High Power Rifle and JC Garand Matches - This is a military style match, held at 200 yards, with targets reflecting 200, 300 and 600 yd bullseyes. Military rifles such as Garands and AR15s are usually used, however bolt guns with iron sights are also used. Shots are fired slow or rapid in various stages from standing, sitting or prone positions. Participating in these matches helps develop very good rifle skills for all shooting and hunting situations. Experts can shoot tiny groups at 200 yards with open sights. You may qualify to buy a surplus Garand or Carbine rifle from the Civilian Marksmanship Program after shooting this event. The club has loaner rifles, scopes, mats, etc and government surplus ammo. High power matches are shot from May thru November and JC Garand matches from October thru April.

22 Silhouette - Knock over steel targets shaped like chickens, pigs, turkeys, and rams at 40, 50, 75, and 100 meters with a 22 rimfire (no magnums) of any sort, pistol or rifle, scoped or unscoped. If you have a 22, there is a class for it. Lots of fun, very inexpensive to play and practice, easy to get a few, very hard to get them all. A good game for the learning beginner, as well as for experts. Shot year-round.



Precision 22 - shot indoors with Olympic-style rifles. The club has loaners. Accuracy is everything. Excellent training for all rifle sports. A good place to start before moving to bigger firearms but to be really good takes incredible discipline. Youth groups also participate through 4H and NJROTC.

Machine guns -Yes, you can legally own fully automatic machine guns in NM with a special federal government permit. Many club members have them and bring them out for an annual shoot that the public is invited to. This is one of our most popular events, with many women especially coming to try them out. Everyone really enjoys shooting these often misunderstood firearms, even the initially skeptical. This is strictly a fun event.

Bullseye archery - traditional shooting at fixed ranges at bullseye targets. A good place to start and return to, to keep critical skills sharp. Shot outdoors and also indoors all winter too.

Field archery - shot on trails through the woods, at marked or unmarked yardages. Targets can be bullseye, paper animal, or life-size 3-D foam. Very good hunting practice, or just for fun. Archers may want to brush up first on the archery bullseye range.

Women's section - women are critical to the continued future of all forms of shooting. This section addresses instruction, safety, protection, etc from a woman's point of view and interests. The classes have been a huge success and we will have follow-on activities to keep the momentum up.

Hunting section - Represents club interests to the Fish and Game Dept. Possible other events are seminars, local photo-safari trips to train in hunting field craft, perhaps a Turkey Shoot during fall sight-in days. Ride/hunt sharing will be via the web site, and mentor/newcomer pairings will be emphasized. Also folks who drew solo tags and need a partner for safe hunting can find each other at the web site.

Training -This is our most important function. We offer training to members and the community in firearm safety, many forms of shooting, and hunting. We have several certified instructors and have a heavy schedule of classes available. Individual safety instruction is also available. If you don't ask, we can't know what you need. Concealed Carry classes for NM permit are offered once a month. Call the club Training Coordinator or check the schedule on the web site for more info.

Plinking, Sighting in, and Open Practice - when the ranges are not scheduled for events they are open for safe practice and casual use. The gongs see a lot of action this way. Please don't put anything except targets out for shooting. Other items may be unsafe from ricochet, and make a mess that a volunteer has to clean up. If you have not been taught how to use an unattended range safely, please call for instructions. No surplus armor piercing, tracer, or incendiary ammo on any ranges, please!



There are many opportunities to pursue whatever interests you. Feel free to try any or all of them. If you get bored or plateau and need a new challenge, we've got a new game you'd love. It may even give you an excuse to get a new firearm! If an event is not listed, we'll see if there is interest in adding it. Most of the newer events got started like this with a suggestion or a request, and they've proved very popular.

1.6 Frequently asked questions

But I'm just a hunter. What's there for me?

A whole lot more than just a place to sight in your firearm! For example, we all know after a firearm is sighted in, you must practice, practice, practice! This can get boring, boring, boring shooting at little circles, and there are no bench rests where most of us hunt. How about some variety and camaraderie? Try High Power Rifle shooting, where you'll fire more rounds in a single match that you do in a good year on your own. Timed fire gets your blood going just like when you spot your game. Are you used to shooting like that? Just how good are you offhand -standing, kneeling, and prone at 200 yards? Do you want to see some real experts in action? Or just want to see some incredible rifles? You WILL be a better shot after you try this; you may even get hooked.

How about smaller game and more hunting-like events?

Game doesn't wear little concentric circles, after all. Then try 22 silhouettes. The firearms are any flavor of 22 rimfire -rifle, pistol, scoped or not, all in separate classes. The targets are 10 metal silhouettes each of chickens at 40 meters, pigs at 50 meters, turkeys at 75 meters, and rams at 100 meters. What's that you say, how do you knock down a heavy steel plate at 100 yards with a 22? No, not with a 22 magnum, but with skill. Oh by the way, it's all shot STANDING. If you can master this, you will not be coming home with empty game bags! It's a lot of fun, lots of rounds are fired, it's inexpensive, and recoil is not an issue for new or smaller shooters.

Bird hunters - you've sat all day in a freezing blind or tramped all over the mountain when FINALLY the first bird of the day flies by. Are you going to make that one shot successfully?

The answer is more likely to be "yes" if you've been working out on the trap, skeet, and sporting clays courses. Again, unless you hunt more often and in a lot better places than most, you will shoot more shells in a single round than you probably get on game in a year. Trap is a bit like grouse hunting with flushed straightaway shots, skeet has all the frustrating angle shots, and sporting clays has everything you'd see on a hunt and a whole lot more. If you can't wait for bird season to start, these games will scratch your itch.

Bowhunters - you are stalking through the woods on an expensive remote hunt and you see the animal of a lifetime! You estimate range, draw back, aim, and let fly. Swish - thunk! You just hit the vitals on -a tree. Maybe you should have been out on the archery range? I know the targets are little circles and the yardages are clearly marked, but that



just means you are on the bullseye range. Have you seen the woods ranges with marked and unmarked distances, on paths that go up and down and turn? Have you shot at the life-size 3-D foam targets enough that when you get to chase the real thing, you can remain calm and rock steady for that one shot? Are you just tired of endless practice alone and want some buddies to schedule regular practice with? I think you'll find what you need at our archery ranges, rumored to be the "best in the west."

Hunter Education - an important youth training activity that the club provides is Hunter Education. This covers safety, shooting, firearm handling, woodcraft, survival, and lots of just plain hunting info. New hunters should definitely take it, even if they are experienced with firearms. Transplanted hunters will learn that western hunting is much different from eastern hunting, and besides new game, there are new hazards you need to know about. For example, muley and whitetail hunting is not the same game at all, and until recently, elk were extinct in the East. You will learn practical tips from some very experienced folks. Also, neighboring states like Colorado require hunter education for ALL hunters regardless of age or experience, so you should get your card if you want to travel and hunt.

But I'm not into competitions.

Neither are many members, but companionship, free advice, lots of practice under a helpful eye, and sometimes just an excuse to take time out for some fun can be found during the scheduled events. The competitions are only as competitive as you want them to be. We have to organize the range times in some manner, and this format seems to work. Many of the events or shooters don't keep score, others keep it just so you can see how you did compared to last time, and others are tough head-to-head competition. Sometimes all in one match. Mostly, the matches are FUN. For real non-competitive fun, try cowboy action shooting. You get to shoot 6-guns, lever rifles, and shotguns in an Old West scenario complete with props. You get to dress the part if you wish. You might have to rope a cow, dynamite a safe, pick the lock on jail cell or save a buddy from the hangman's noose. You will be laughing at yourself and others. You're in the west anyway, why not try the "Old" West?

I just joined to learn to protect my family.

This is a tough issue for any firearm owner. We address it in several ways. First, be safe with your firearms at home. Learn and practice firearm safety! Our certified instructors will teach you how. We offer women-only and co-ed class in safety and basic shooting that covers defense issues as well. We offer a "Refuse To Be A Victim" class. We have offered the Eddie Eagle program to the schools to teach young children how to safely respond if they find a firearm (Stop -Don't Touch-Leave the Area-Tell an Adult). We now have two IDPA Matches a month -this is a bit stylized from real combat, (which we all hope we will never see) but it is excellent practice in handling your pistol in a safe and accurate manner while moving through pre-set scenarios. The timed nature adds some urgency that can begin to mimic the stress of a real encounter. After becoming familiar and comfortable with this sport you will become very proficient with your pistol. Periodically specialized defensive pistol classes are offered. The key thing is: to be



effective you must always practice, and this is a great way to get that practice in.

What about concealed carry in NM?

It requires a special training class required by the State of New Mexico that we offer once a month. This is a major personal responsibility and skill set that we each must keep current if we choose to participate.

I'm a hardcore competitor, how do I fit in?

You'll find lots of competition in all the events. While we have lots of casual shooters, we are a big club and have some really good shooters. Each section has a few shooters (at least) who give each other a weekly or monthly run for the money. You can have fun at any event, but you'll need to work hard to win every time. There are no easy pickings here. We have some nationally ranked shooters as members. If you are already one of these, please consider offering your experience with some of the clinics. Maybe you'll want to try a new sport too?

I'm new to shooting. How do I start out?

Great! Someone we can start out properly who doesn't have any bad habits yet! Please call us ASAP! When you call, we can set you up with an NRA-certified instructor to get you started right. If there is a particular event or firearm type that interests you, (shotguns, pistols, archery, etc) then call the appropriate section chair and they can also advise the best way to start. After some basic safety training, usually you can come to an event and they will walk you through everything, and many folks will let you try different equipment. Normally they will try to meet with you before hand and go over things, as match days are usually way too hectic for good safe learning.

One thing you should NOT do as a new shooter is just head out to the range and use an unfamiliar firearm. You endanger yourself and everyone else! We are not born knowing these things, and after years of shooting, we still sometimes have to ask how to check and safely operate a new firearm. New firearm designs put the various controls in different places, antique firearms have some VERY strange features and quirks, and some firearms such as semi-auto pistols can remain loaded even when the magazine is removed. An unattended firing line is not the place to start learning. And certainly don't leave your firearm stored unsafely at home! Lock it up unloaded, lock up the ammo somewhere else, and get some training. A loaded unfamiliar firearm lying around the house is a horrible hazard (and possibly a crime), not an asset!!

It's not difficult to learn to be safe, it doesn't take long, and it's definitely worth it! The training you get will also save you years of struggling to become proficient by trial and error. Sign up for a beginning shooters class.



Any other questions?

We're sure there are many. Please call a board member or the appropriate section chair and we'll get you answers. If you have something to contribute, by all means call! Los Alamos is a spread out and very busy place, so it can be hard to meet folks if you are a newcomer. We hope you'll meet lots of good people at the range and find friends, hunting buddies, mentors and students. Welcome to the Club!

Please take some time to review the LASC SAFETY HANDBOOK, which is Chapter 3 of this handbook, for specific rules pertaining to each range.

For club contacts, schedules, training, updates, and general information, check our web page: <http://www.la-sc.org>.

Chapter 2

LASC New Member Orientation

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 Membership Requirements

As long as you can legally possess a firearm under local, State and Federal laws, and affirm that you do not belong to any organization advocating the violent overthrow of the government, you will be accepted for membership.

2.1.2 New Member Orientation Location and Dates

New Member Orientation takes place on the second Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon, and on the 3rd Saturday at 12:00 noon. This second orientation session is subject to change. An internet appointment and [LASC Calendar reservation](#) for the Saturday orientation is recommended. Please check the LASC website to contact the [Membership Secretary or the Orientation Coordinator](#).

The orientations are held at the LASC Clubhouse and last about 90 minutes.

2.2 Orientation Overview

ALL new members are required to attend this safety orientation in order to be issued a photo ID club badge which is required for unescorted access to the LASC facilities.

Photo ID badges are issued to club members 18 years of age or older, who are permitted by New Mexico law to possess a long gun. New Mexico law requires that a person be 19 years old in order to possess a handgun. Hence, a club member must be 19 years of age or older to possess and use a handgun on the LASC ranges unescorted unless participating in a match or training event.



Your LASC photo ID badge can also have an electronic proximity card key attached to it. The proximity card key will allow access to the LASC clubhouse via the electronic lock on the door, which includes a classroom, indoor range, bathrooms, microwave, and kitchen sink/cleanup area. The proximity card is optional however; there is an additional \$5 deposit fee per prox card desired. [Click here to see a video](#) on how to use the new electronic lock with your prox card.

The first priority of the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club is safety. Hence the major priority for this orientation will be a review the safety rules and the general range rules, most of which are safety based. The last portion of the orientation is a walking tour of the LASC range facilities, and we will review some of the range-specific rules as we move from one range to the other. Many of the range rules are listed in this New Member Orientation Chapter, while the complete safety handbook is Chapter 3.

Agenda for the New Member Orientation

- Review of membership applications
- Issue badges and gate combinations (Members must wear badges at all times on the LASC ranges)
- Handouts
 - Member Handbook
 - LASC Range Safety Handbook (Chapter 3 of Members Handbook)
 - LASC Bulletin (section contacts are listed)
- What are your interests? We attempt to tailor a portion of the orientation to the interests expressed by the new members.
- Club operations-activities are run through the various sections.
- Communication with members
 - e-mail
 - web site <http://www.la-sc.org>
 - Member Handbook
- Work Credit Program
- Safety is Job 1!
- Discussion of LASC range facilities
- Tour of LASC range facilities



2.3 Applications, Fees, Dues and Photo ID

1. Fill out the membership application form
2. Present government issued ID, e.g., NM driver's license
3. Pay dues:

	Individual NRA	Family NRA or Individual non-NRA	Family non-NRA
Introductory	\$66.00	\$72.00	\$78.00
Renewal	\$132.00*	\$144.00*	\$156.00*

* - Please Note: There is a work or pay policy to encourage members to help the club by volunteering their time. Please refer to the [Work Credit Program](#) for more information.

There is a discount of up to \$60 per year for participating in the work credit program

There is an additional discount of \$12 per year for NRA membership

Charge of \$12 for family membership (only applies if there are other family members who wish to have a badge)

NOTE: The Family Membership is intended for household members who have minor children under the age of 21. A person who is over the age of 21 must join the Club on an Individual Membership (or their own Family Membership) basis.

2.4 LASC Range Facilities

Gates are to be closed and locked before and after entry unless a public match or event is occurring. All members are range officers. Don't be afraid to call a "Cease Fire."

LASC Member ID badges must be worn where visible. Unescorted personnel seen on LASC grounds without a badge may be challenged and asked to leave the grounds.



2.4.1 Indoor Range

- Lights (three different switches) - either side of door and in back for target illumination.
- Backstop (check the bottom plate to insure that it is in position) -continually check while shooting.
- No shooting closer than 7 yards to backstop. Move target away from backstop if needed.
- Instruct the members to fix the wires if needed - no Celotex or similar targets
- Police/sweep brass and garbage and place in garbage cans -not lead drum in corner.
- Do not discard "dud" ammunition in garbage cans or lead drum
- Targets may or may not be available for use
- Ventilation system
- Heating and cooling system
- Bathrooms -keep the doors closed in cold weather
- Offer a prox key: \$5 deposit
- No centerfire rifles or shotguns
- Do not shoot archery targets unless using a bow and arrows
- Ammunition velocities must be less than 2200 fps
- ***FN 5.7 x 28mm ammunition is not allowed***
- Open until 10:00 PM on days the range is open
- Make sure door to storage area is closed and locked prior to shooting
- No shooting at anything but backstop.
- No shooting when range is reserved for a class or meeting.
- No black powder
- 4-H Junior Program meets at 5:30 PM on Mondays in Indoor Range (generally 10 to 18 years old)

2.4.2 Archery Range

- Fixed distance targets
- Broadhead pit
- Ranges along path in the trees



2.4.3 Shotgun Ranges

Skeet, Trap, 5 Stand, International or Bunker Trap

- No driving on the gravel and asphalt
- Use the patterning boards not the target frames
- Do not operate the LASC traps unless trained and certified by Ed Bush shoot during the scheduled activities.
- Members may set up their own portable stands and shoot their own targets -no shooting targets on the houses.
- The cost per round is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members
- On the Skeet Range, there can be bullet spatter from the "steel pit" safety glasses are required and a brimmed hat is recommended.

2.4.4 Rifle Range

- 20 positions
- Occasional "shot rain" - safety glasses required and brimmed hat recommended
- Target frames in house, fit abs pipe set into the ground at 24" (15, 25, 50, 100, 200 and 300 yards) and 32" (200 and 300 yards) widths
- Gongs at 100, 200 and 300 yards. No AP at the gongs. No .50 BMG at the gongs.
- 40, 50, 75 and 100 meter silhouette stands, target holders at 150 meters and 200 meters
- Matches are silhouette on the 2nd Saturday, high power on the first Sunday, and Garand Matches on the second Sunday.
- Do not climb on, drive on, or place targets on berms
- Do not shoot targets on silhouette lines
- Spinner/reactive targets may be used but must be provided and retrieved by member -no glass, all trash (cans, milk jugs etc.) must be removed and placed in garbage after shooting

2.4.5 Pistol Ranges

There are four pistol ranges

- **Range "A" (also known as the Covered or Bullseye Pistol Range)**
Covered bullseye range with target frames in house, fit target stands at 25 and 50 yards. Targets are in the small shed adjacent to the covered range. Full targets are fifteen cents, repair centers are a nickel. Deposit payment in the can. Rimfire rifles are permitted on the bullseye range.
- **Ranges "B" and "C" (also known as the IPSC Handgun Range, and the Practical Pistol Range, respectively)**
Two bays are available for tactical shooting. You will need to set up your own targets.



- **Range "D" (also known as the Steel Pistol Range)**

Eastmost bay ("steel pit" nearest the clubhouse) has three reactive target stands.

- ✓ Don't shoot the plates from closer than 12 yards.
- ✓ Don't shoot the 22 rimfire targets with anything but 22's.
- ✓ Spinner/reactive targets may be used but must be provided and retrieved by member.
- ✓ No glass containers may be used as targets.
- ✓ All trash (cans, milk jugs etc.) must be removed and placed in garbage after shooting)
- ✓ Do not climb on, drive on, or place targets on the berms.

2.5 A Call to Action

The Club needs your help!! LASC is an all-volunteer organization. If members don't do it, it doesn't get done. The first place to get involved is with the sections that you're interested in.

If you like pistol, talk with the [Pistol Chair](#) about participating in the IDPA Matches, or better yet, about helping with the matches. If you like rifle, talk with the [Rifle Chair](#) about the annual High Power Clinic in the spring, or the monthly Garand Matches. Or check out the [silhouette matches](#). Actually, why ask? Just come out to the matches, participate and ask how you can help. Go to the web site and you'll see a list of section contacts. Use it and get involved!

We usually have several board slots open.

Be part of the solution. For example, figure out some way to help cut the grass and dump the trash. If you get the urge to complain about the target frames on the rifle range being shot to pieces, call the [Rifle Chair](#) and ask him how you can help construct new frames. If the bulbs are burned out in the indoor range, go buy some bulbs and replace them. Bring the bill to one of the Board Members and you'll get paid. This is a member run organization. Be creative about what contributions you can make to the club.



Chapter 3

LASC Range Safety Handbook

This chapter was prepared by LASC's Chief Range Safety Officer. Questions or comments on this Safety Handbook may be directed to the Chief Range Safety Officer at the [LASC Website](#).

3.1 Introduction

The membership of the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club (LASC) is dedicated to and committed to the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment. This safety handbook has been prepared to provide all shooters, instructors, observers, and spectators with the safety rules that enable us to enjoy shooting without harm or injury to our guests, the public, the environment, and ourselves.

3.1.1 Responsibilities

While at LASC, each of us is responsible for our actions and the actions of our guests. We must be careful whenever we handle our firearms or archery equipment. We are aware that any of us can make a mistake, so we help each other and watch out for each other on the range. Each of us follows and enforces the safety rules in this handbook strictly, politely, and courteously. Each individual assumes the full responsibility and risk of handling firearms and archery equipment and the use of the LASC facilities.

Violation of any of the safety rules and warnings, stated or implied, could result in severe personal injury or death to the user or bystanders or result in firearms or property damage.

The rules in this Safety Handbook are intended to provide a safe shooting environment. These rules encourage safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment and they are to be interpreted broadly in their application to include all possible circumstances and events to ensure safe and responsible activities at LASC. These rules do not limit LASC to solely enforcing safe and responsible use of the Shooting Ranges. LASC can limit use of the range beyond these rules, as LASC deems necessary for safety, maintenance or administrative reasons.



3.2 Basic Firearm Safety Rules

The following four basic firearms safety rules apply to all ranges, all situations involving firearms, and everywhere firearms are present. Following these rules will prevent nearly all firearm accidents.

- 1. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.**
- 2. Never point a firearm at anything you are not willing and justified to destroy.**
- 3. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard and off the trigger until your sights are on target and you're ready to fire.**
- 4. Know your target and what is behind it before you shoot.**

These four firearm safety rules are the basic rules that should be reviewed before each shooting session or match. Apply these four basic firearm safety rules at all times, at all shooting events.

3.3 General Range Safety Rules

These rules apply to all LASC ranges, at all times!

- Firearms must be holstered or cased, or unloaded with the action or cylinder open and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction in all areas of the range except the firing line or shooting points.
- Firearms may be un-holstered, uncased, or loaded only on the firing line or shooting point.
- Eye and ear protection is mandatory during firing. This applies to both shooters and spectators. ANSI Z87 rated eye protection with side shields or wrap-around sides is recommended. Earplugs or earmuffs, or both are acceptable.
- No shooting is allowed before 8:00 a.m. or after sundown on the outdoor ranges.
- Keep the muzzle pointed down range when on the firing line.
- All firearms on the firing line will be unloaded and made safe (the action opened, and if possible placed on safe) before anyone goes forward of the firing line.
- No firearms will be handled while anyone is down range.
- Firearms may be loaded only on the firing line.
- Anyone on the range, whether shooter, observer, spectator, or instructor has the authority to order a "CEASE FIRE" if they observe an unsafe act or condition.



- All competitors, observers, and spectators must stay well back of the firing line when not shooting and avoid any activity that might distract the shooters on the firing line.
- Coaches, instructors, safety officers, range masters, and match directors may be on the firing line to perform their assigned duties.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all ranges.
- No one is allowed on LASC property if impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- Do not discard live or defective ammunition on the range or in the trash place them in the dud canisters provided near each range.
- Glass, explosive, and pyrotechnic targets are prohibited.
- Tracer, armor/metal piercing, steel core, and incendiary ammunition are prohibited.
- Do not climb, drive on, or cross over any of the earth berms.
- Do not place or shoot at objects on the berms.
- Do not shoot at target frames, frame holders, barriers, or match props.
- Never handle another person's firearm or equipment without their permission.
- Never leave the range without picking up your brass, cleaning up after yourself, throwing your garbage away, and putting away the targets, target stands and movable targets (bowling pins, etc.) you have used.
- Paintball guns and air-soft guns may be used on the range, but must follow the same firearm safety rules as live firearms. War games, paint-ball wars, or other games where the firearms are pointed at a person are prohibited on all areas of the LASC.

3.4 Metallic Target Safety Rules (All Ranges)

- Ensure all shooters and spectators in the proximity of the metallic targets are wearing eye and ear protection. ANSI Z87.1 compliant safety glasses are strongly recommended.
- Never shoot a steel target with a center-fire or rim-fire handgun cartridge at closer than 12 yards.
- Never shoot a steel target with a shotgun slug or lead bullet larger than 45 caliber from a muzzle-loader (handgun or rifle) at closer than 35 yards.
- Never shoot a steel target with shotgun shot larger than #7 shot or buckshot at closer than 12 yards.
- Never shoot a steel target with shotgun shot #7 or smaller at closer than 7 yards.
- Never shoot a steel target with a center-fire rifle at closer than 75 yards
- Never shoot a steel target with a rim-fire rifle cartridge at closer than 12 yards.
- Ensure no one is in the spatter zone of the metallic target.



3.5 Range-Specific Rules

3.5.1 Rifle Range

- Shotguns allowed only with slug ammunition
- Handgun practice/shooting at less than 40 yards will be done at the Handgun Range.
- Do not shoot at the silhouette stands
- Do not shoot the gongs with .50 BMG, metal/armor piercing, incendiary, tracer, or steel core rounds.
- When going down range, walk on the center or right side of the range to avoid the over flight of shotgun pellets.

3.5.2 Indoor Range

- Shooting is allowed on the indoor range from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.
- Rim-fire and handgun caliber firearms only.
- The velocity of any cartridge used must not exceed 2200 fps.
- No center-fire rifles allowed.
- No black powder firearms allowed.
- No armor piercing ammunition allowed.
- Food should not be prepared or consumed inside of the clubhouse due to the lead residue from shooting on the indoor range.
- Turn the ventilation fan on before firing, and turn it off before you leave.
- Verify that the door to the right, downrange is closed and locked.
- Never shoot from closer than 7 yards to the bullet trap/backstop. If you need to shoot at shorter distances, move the target closer to the 7-yard line.
- The indoor range may not be used when a scheduled class or meeting is in session in the classroom.

3.5.3 Range "A" (also known as the Covered or Bullseye Handgun Range)

The Bullseye Handgun Range is the large pistol range with the covered firing positions.

- Only handgun caliber handguns and rifles, and rimfire handguns and rifles may be used on this range.
- No shotguns, rifle caliber handguns, center-fire rifle caliber rifles, or full-automatic firearms may be used on this range.
- Mount only one (1) bullseye target per target frame.



3.5.4 Range "B" (also known as the IPSC Handgun Range)

- Only handgun caliber handguns and rifles, and shotguns using #7 ½ or smaller shot are allowed on this range.
- Do not shoot steel targets on this range with rifle calibers.
- Paper targets may be shot with pistol caliber rifles and shotgun slugs on this range
- Special steel shotgun targets for shot appropriate for cowboy action shooting and 3-gun action matches may be used on this range. Maximum shot size allowed is #7 ½

3.5.5 Range "C" (also known as the Practical Pistol Range)

- Only handgun caliber handguns and rifles, and shotguns using #7 ½ or smaller shot are allowed on this range.
- Do not shoot steel targets on this range with rifle calibers.
- Paper targets may be shot with handgun caliber rifles and shotgun slugs on this range.
- Special steel shotgun targets for shot appropriate for cowboy action shooting and 3-gun action matches may be used on this range. The maximum shot size allowed is #7 ½

3.5.6 Range "D" (also known as the Steel Handgun Range)

- Only handgun caliber handguns and rifles are allowed on this range.
- The .22 plate rack may only be shot with .22 caliber rimfire rifles and handguns.
- Do not shoot the .22 plate rack with hyper-velocity 17 HM2 or 17 HRM.
- Only handgun-caliber rifles (for example, lever-action .38 Special) are allowed on this range.

3.5.7 Shotgun Range

- No guns shall be loaded until the shooter is on the shooting station. Loading is putting any part of a loaded shell in any part of the firearm.
- The firearm shall be unloaded before leaving the station or changing stations.
- When not on station, carry your firearm with the breech open. Pumps and automatics will have their bolt open. Fixed breech firearms will be broken open.
- Store all firearms in racks or in your vehicle.
- ONLY active shooters, designated pullers, shooting instructors, and referees are allowed "on the field."
- Be alert for range personnel entering or leaving the trap houses.



- Shooters will pick up their hulls after all members of the squad have finished shooting!
- Stay clear of the low-house trap when picking up empties.
- Rules of the shooting sports for skeet, trap, and sporting clays, establish **MAXIMUM SHOT SIZE** of 1 ¹/₈ oz. or #7 ¹/₂ shot. Shotgun slugs, buckshot, or shot larger than #7 ¹/₂ are not permitted.
- No handgun or rifle shooting on the shotgun ranges.
- The bunkers and trap houses are **NOT TARGETS** or target stands!
- Do not attempt to operate the target throwers until you are trained and authorized to do so.
- Do not rest the muzzle of your shotgun your foot.
- Do not drive on the trap and skeet ranges including gravel or asphalt surfaces.

3.5.8 Bunker Trap Range

- No firearms shall be loaded until the shooter is on the shooting station. “Loading” is putting any part of a loaded shell in any part of the firearm.
- The firearm shall be unloaded before leaving the station or changing stations.
- When not on station, carry your firearm with the breech open. Pumps and automatics will have their bolt open. Fixed breech firearms will be broken open.
- Store all firearms in racks or in your vehicle.
- **ONLY** active shooters, designated pullers, shooting instructors, and referees are allowed “on the field.”
- Be alert for range personnel entering or leaving the trap house.
- Shooters will pick up their hulls after all members of the squad have finished shooting!
- Rules of the shooting sports for skeet, trap, and sporting clays, establish **MAXIMUM SHOT SIZE** of 1 ¹/₈ oz. or #7 ¹/₂ shot. Shotgun slugs, buckshot, or shot larger than #7 ¹/₂ are not permitted.
- No handgun or rifle shooting on the Bunker trap range.
- The bunker house is **NOT A TARGET!** Don't shoot it!
- Do not attempt to operate the target throwers until you are trained and competent to do so.
- Do not rest the muzzle of the shotgun on your foot.



3.5.9 Archery Range

These rules apply to the archery fixed distance target range and the backcountry stalking range.

- Do not shoot the targets with broad-heads.
- No bow handling when people are retrieving arrows or downrange.
- When searching for arrows beyond the archery targets on the backcountry range, lean your bow upright against the target to inform people you are down range behind the target.
- Do not shoot at the archery targets or silhouettes when someone's bow is leaning against the target.

3.6 Match-Specific Safety Rules

- Always conduct a safety briefing before the beginning of a match.
- Review the four basic firearms safety rules first.
- Cover the LASC range rules relevant to the match.
- Event-specific rules may be adopted for LASC sanctioned events.
- Cover any additional safety and match rules applicable to the specific match and its course(s) of fire as directed by your organizational affiliation, such as SASS, IPSC, IDPA, ATA, NSSA, NRA, etc.

3.7 Concealed Carry Rules

- Loaded carry firearms may not be drawn or handled except at a firing point or on the firing line in a manner consistent with normal range or match rules, or in the event the use of deadly force is necessary and justified to protect yourself or another person from deadly force or great bodily harm.
- Only persons licensed to carry a concealed firearm by the State of New Mexico or issued a concealed carry permit recognized by the State of New Mexico are allowed to carry concealed firearms on the range.
- IDPA or other sanctioned matches designed for the use of concealed firearms are allowed.
- Match-specific rules will be followed as dictated by the courses of fire and the rules of the match's organizational affiliation, such as SASS, IPSC, IDPA, NSSA, ATA, NRA, etc. If the organization we are affiliated with for a match prohibits bringing concealed firearms to the match or to the firing line, then CCW license holders are required to follow those rules for the duration of the match.



3.8 Non-LASC Event-Specific Rules

- All organizations conducting non-LASC sanctioned or for-profit events, matches, training, etc., are required to fill out and submit an LASC Range Use Agreement package.
- This package with applicable forms can be obtained from the LASC President or Vice-President, or can be downloaded from the LASC web site.
- After this package has been approved and signed by the LASC President or designee, the contracting organization may conduct its specific event(s) using its specific rules provided all participants are properly briefed (see the preceding Match-specific Safety Rules).

3.9 Fire Safety

3.9.1 Fire safety rules during high or extreme fire danger conditions:

- No smoking at the Range except in vehicles.
- Don't throw your cigarette or cigar butts out.
- No fires in the pavilion area by the archery range.
- Muzzle loading rifles with patched balls are restricted to the firing positions with bare ground in front of them.
- If you see or start a fire, call 911 and report the fire, then put it out if you are qualified to do so, or if you feel it is safe to do so.

3.9.2 Fire safety rules during low or moderate fire danger conditions:

- Be careful when smoking and disposing of butts.
- Do not leave fires in the pavilion area unattended.
- If you see or start a fire, call 911 and report the fire, then put it out if you are qualified to do so, or if you feel it is safe to do so.

3.10 Emergency Response

3.10.1 In the event someone is injured:

- Assess the injury.
- If the injury is serious:
 - Call 911 or have someone call 911
 - Apply first aid or CPR as appropriate. (First Aid kits are located in the range house and in the target/storage sheds on or adjacent to each range.)
 - Have someone open the gate nearest the injured person, and stand at the entrance to direct emergency responders to the injured person.
- Work with the emergency responders as they direct.



3.10.2 In the event of a crime

In the event that you become aware that a crime has been committed at the LASC facilities,

- Call 911 and report the incident
- Notify one of the club officers listed in the following section.

3.10.3 After a serious injury, crime, or safety violation

Please notify one of the following club officers after a serious injury, crime, or safety violation has occurred at any of the LASC ranges:

Howard Hall, LASC President

- Phone: 672-0006
- e-mail: president@la-sc.org or hmall.lasc@gmail.com, or
- Frank Pytko, LASC Vice President
- Phone: 986-2049
- e-mail: vice-president@la-sc.org or frankp@nets.com, or
- Jay R (Skip) Andersen, Chief Range Safety Officer
- Phone: 662-4173 or 412-5976
- e-mail: skip.andersen@comcast.net

3.11 LASC Range Evacuation Plan

In the event of fire, bad weather, or other disaster that makes remaining at the range unsafe:

- Call 911 when appropriate.
- Notify others present.
- Take your firearms, lock up, and leave the range.

In the event of fire, bad weather, or other disaster that blocks the road to Los Alamos, and makes remaining at the range unsafe:

- Verify the road to Los Alamos is impassable.
- Call 911 and report the situation, requesting San Ildefonso Pueblo assistance to open the gate to Highway 501.
- Make sure all personnel at the range are notified and accounted for.

- Evacuate down Rendija canyon, turning right down Guaje canyon.
- Once you've reached safety, notify the police department and the pueblo.



- In the event of heavy rains or snow that cause flooding above or below the range, do not attempt to cross flooding arroyos. It is safer to take shelter in your vehicle or in the clubhouse at the range, and wait until the flooding water recedes. Many vehicles have been destroyed or damaged in Rendija canyon during floods.

Chapter 4

The Work Credit Program (WCP)

Fall Clean-up Day is usually held in late October. Announcements will be made as to the exact date via email and the online LASC calendar.

All ranges will be closed all day for the Annual Fall Clean-up Day.

4.1 Introduction

Each club member is asked to perform six hours of volunteer labor each year. Volunteer work credit for the membership year beginning 1 April is required to be performed by 1 April the following year. In general, the volunteer work will be performed during the previous membership year.

Club members 70 years old or over will be excused from the volunteer labor requirement, as will disabled individuals who request that they be excused from the requirement.

Club members who wish to buy out of part or all of the volunteer labor requirement may do so for \$10/hour. We estimate that we will log about 2,000 volunteer labor hours during the next year. It is important that we identify useful tasks to be performed with this volunteer labor.

A club member will be appointed by the LASC Board to run the Work Credit Program and designated as the Work Credit Program (WCP) Coordinator.

The WCP Coordinator will work with the board and with the Section Chairmen to identify the tasks that they would like to perform. The WCP Coordinator will also be open to input from members. A list of currently open tasks follows this paragraph. In some cases a task coordinator is also listed. You are encouraged to examine the list and find tasks match your skills and interests. You can then negotiate a schedule with the task coordinator. If no task coordinator has been identified, contact the WCP Coordinator and volunteer.



4.2 Current tasks

Some of the current tasks that members can volunteer for include:

1. September: Once each week, pick up the garbage from all the garbage cans on the range (indoor, rifle, shotgun and pistol), and put new bags into the garbage cans. (One month of this counts as your full credit for a year)
2. October: Once each week, pick up the garbage from all the garbage cans on the range (indoor, rifle, shotgun and pistol), and put new bags into the garbage cans. (One month of this counts as your full credit for a year)
3. September: Once each week, clean the restrooms. (One month of this counts as your full credit for a year)
4. October: Once each week, clean the restrooms. (One month of this counts as your full credit for a year)
5. If you would prefer to clean just the Ladies Restroom, or the Men's Restroom, then volunteer for that, and two months will count as your full credit for a year.
6. Cut up downed wood in the area south of the Bullseye Covered Range and stack it for later removal.
7. Haul wood from the area south of the Bullseye Covered Range to the county landfill.
8. Haul building trash from the shotgun ranges to the county landfill. Buildings that were demolished are located out by the fence downrange from the shotgun ranges. If you are planning to load this trash, make sure that the shotgun ranges are closed while you are loading.

4.3 What counts for volunteer labor?

- The following list is meant to be illustrative, not exhaustive.
- Participation in the Spring and Fall Clean-up days
- On-going club activities
- Running a Rifle Silhouette Match
- Running a Pistol Match
- Teaching a course
- Serving on the LASC Board
- See the FAQ for more details -also see the Process section.



4.4 The Process -Suggesting a Task and Getting a Task Approved

Approved tasks will be posted on this website with the task leader's contact information. Club members interested in assisting can then contact the task coordinator.

Task initiation/definition can occur in many different ways:

1. A board member or a section chairman may have a task that he would like done. He can discuss it with a club member or members. If the member is interested in doing the task, then board member should approve the task, telling the member to go ahead (in cases where the board member is confident that no-one else is working on the task), and have the member should send a short e-mail describing the task to the WCP coordinator, copying the board member. The WCP Coordinator will reply, providing some standard instructions about how to report work credit and how to get reimbursed.

The reasons to coordinate through the work credit coordinator are:

- so we don't have two people doing the same job, and
- so we have a short description of the task that we can incorporate into the spreadsheet when work credit is listed.

The individual will perform the task, and then send WCP Coordinator a list of who worked and how many hours. This will be logged in the LASC database.

2. An LASC a member could come to a board member or section chairman with a suggestion for doing a task. The board member can approve the task, with the club member sending a brief description of the task to the WCP Coordinator.

After we do this for a while, we'll all have a better feeling for how the approval process should go. In most cases it probably will be done at the section level. But we also want to make sure we don't have two guys each thinking they're fixing the same hole in the sheet-rock. If you're not sure if someone might already be working on a task, then send an e-mail with the suggestion to the WCP Coordinator. The WCP Coordinator will respond, either telling the member to go ahead, or tell the task coordinator.

4.5 Getting Credit and Tracking Credit Hours

There are two ways to report work credit:

- Pick up one of the small cardboard cards just inside the door to the clubhouse. Fill out the card, fold it, and drop it into the slot of the "cash box" just to the right of the door to the men's restroom.
- Send e-mail to the WCP Coordinator with your hours and a brief description of what you worked on. (Your description of what you worked on doesn't have to be



a novel. The reason for the description is that we are trying to get a sense of what volunteer labor it takes to run the club.) Work credit will be logged by the WCP Coordinator. Entries will be made based on input from the task coordinators. E-mails will be sent to members periodically so that each member can understand his/her work credit status.

This volunteer labor is a significant Club asset, and by logging the labor, we will be able to see how effectively we are using this asset. Status reports will be published both on this Work Credit Web Page and in the Club Bulletin.

Club members are encouraged to be honest in the way they report their hours. The reality is that for non-professionals fixing things, much of the time is spent running back and forth to the hardware store. This counts as time. Planning counts as time. Buying materials counts as time.

If you have special skills that you feel might be useful to the Club, please send an e-mail to the WCP Coordinator. Skills that immediately come to mind are welding, wiring, plumbing, heating/air conditioning and general mechanical, because those are the tasks in our immediate future. But don't be limited by this list. For example, we need someone to volunteer to paint the women's rest room.

Chapter 5

The rest of the handbook

5.1 Mission Statement

5.2 Organizational Information

5.2.1 LASC Board Resolution regarding land transfer and the clubs future

The highest priority for the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club is to continue to operate as a regional shooting facility at the current location in Rendjia Canyon. To support this priority, the board will follow a policy of full cooperation with the county government and with the Department of Energy. For example, the Club will actively support training requests from the Los Alamos Police Department, the State Highway Patrol and the State Fish and Game Department even during the current period of limited range hours. In addition, the LASC Board will actively support opportunities for the Club to demonstrate that it continues to be an asset to the local community and a regional resource as it has been for the past 50+ years. This includes supporting the local 4H shooting program and the Boy Scouts.



Appendix A

A Brief History of the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

The Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club is an organization of over 400 members. In addition to providing facilities to permit members to participate safely in the shooting sports, the Club is active in the promotion of firearms safety and in community affairs.

For example, several Hunter Safety classes are offered each year. The Club graduated its first Hunter Safety Class in 1960. Another community service that the Club offers, and has for many years, is Hunter Sight-in Day, a day during which the rifle range is made available to local hunters to provide a safe area in which to adjust the sights of their hunting rifles.

Many local groups have, with Club permission, used the Clubs grounds and other facilities for picnics and meetings over the years. The annual Buffalo Barbecue is an event enjoyed by many in Los Alamos, Club members and non-members alike. Mention of this popular event first appears in Club records from the autumn of 1954.

The Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club was formed by a few local citizens in October 1947. The format of the Club was then, as now, a single organization with several sections, each related to some area of interest. The chairs of the various sections formed the board of directors. Early Club structure comprised Hinting and Fishing, Conservation, Target Shooting, Archery, Membership, Program, Publicity, and Legal Committees. The board of directors appears to have been changed to something very much like the present structure in the early 1950's. The Club presently has Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Muzzle Loader, Wildlife, and Senior Citizen sections.

In the early years, Club facilities were moved several times as land became available, and unavailable, for Club use. The present site of the Clubs facilities is in Rendija Canyon. The Clubhouse is located just north of the road. In addition to its use for Club board meetings, Hunter Safety classes, etc., the clubhouse is used as an indoor range for archery and for smallbore rifle and pistol shooting, including the Junior Rifle activities of the Club.

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