

MWSA SAFETY & ORIENTATION FORM

Welcome to MWSA

All new members are required to read and sign this Orientation form before being allowed to utilize any of the Club's facilities. The Club places SAFETY above all other Membership considerations. Any firearms mishap could jeopardize the Club's relationship with the Town of Barrington or our neighbors possibly denying the use of these facilities to all of our Members. This must not happen.

Club History

The MWSA takes its name from Major Waldron who lived in this area and owned much of the surrounding land in the sixteen hundreds. These were the days of the Indian wars. The Club owns about 230 acres of land with most of it located north of RT 9. Seventy acres or so are located south of RT 9. This acreage was acquired as part of the original land purchase. This land was used to grow crops and raise pheasants up to the fifties. Parts of this land now is leased to a local organic farmer.

MWSA was officially established June 19, 1931. Its origin in 1925 was as the Dover Chapter of the Isaac Walton League. In June 1931 the members voted to drop their membership with the Isaac Walton League and to form a new club which they named after Major Waldron. In 1935 the club acquired the current Club house and 80 acres of land then known as the Ham Farm. Today's Club House is the same old house that was purchased in 1935 and that had been damaged by fire. Evidence of the fire can still be seen in the attic. The Club paid \$1,800 for the land and the house. In the 1980s the club merged with another club known as the Oyster River Club. This is when construction of the current indoor range was begun.

In recent years there has been much new construction in the Outdoor Range and the Club House. Handicap ramps have been installed and the outdoor ranges have been made safer. The Club website has a number of articles on the history of the Club and the immediate area.

Club Facilities

There is the main **Club House** which includes a kitchen, a rest room and a meeting room that can accommodate fifty people. On the second floor are storage for various club activities that require secure storage and a basement which houses some of the club's mechanical s.

Off the Kitchen is the entrance to the **Indoor Range** on the floor below. This addition was completed sometime in the mid eighties. There is room for ten mobile shooting stations which can be located at various distances from the target area such as 75', 50', etc. The range is well lit and offers its own exhaust and heating systems.

Indoor Range Use

The Indoor Range can only be used when accompanied by a club range officer or club pistol instructor until a member has completed the requirements for becoming a member of the indoor range and has been given a key, except during Thursday night open shoots or other special events.

**Access to the Indoor Range can be obtained after the completion of the following requirements:
Membership in the club for one year.**

- Attendance at Indoor Range events for a minimum of six times.
- Successful completion of the Range Safety Test and payment of the Annual \$40 Range Fee.

Beyond that there are very specific rules and regulations that apply including:

Gun type, no shot guns or center fire rifles.
Ammo type, no lead bullets except for .17 & 22 cal rim fire.
Velocity restricted to 1200 ft per second and no magnum loads.
Target type, paper only

There are two Outdoor Ranges.

One is the **Shotgun Range** which has facilities for both Trap and Skeet Shooting. It has its own parking area and clubhouse.

The other range is known as the **Outdoor Range** and is designed to permit short range hand gun activity at the same time shooting is taking place on the Rifle ranges. There are safety berms at appropriate distances and concrete abutments dividing the two ranges and providing protection between the Shotgun Range and the Outdoor Range.

The **long-side** of the range has fifteen covered shooting stations. Targets are set at 300, 200 and 100 yards.

On the **short side** there are also 15 covered shooting stations with shooting benches and gun racks. Targets can be set at any distance up to 50 yards.

Outdoor Range Qualification by the Outdoor Range Chair or his/her designee will be held every Saturday following the Membership meeting.

The date and time will be announced at the Member Meeting when you are sworn in. These times can vary. Anyone interested in using the Outdoor Range must attend. The regulations are very specific and must be observed. There's a lot going on, on the Outdoor Range all year long.

Again there will be Specific Safety and Use Regulations.

Club Activities

MWSA offers five different **NRA shooting programs**.

Basic Pistol
Basic Rifle
Basic Shotgun
Personal Protection in the Home
Personal Protection Outside the Home
Home Firearm Safety

One should refer to the Club's website (www.MajorWaldron.com) for schedule and contact information for each of these activities as well as our page on Facebook



Thursday Night Open Shoot – Thursday 7-9PM unless noted otherwise on the calendar. There is a \$3 fee for members and \$10 fee for non members. Waiver forms will be required of new members. Note, if no one shows up by 7:30PM, the Range Officer will close the range.

Action Shooting Group – In addition to the NRA Programs noted above, The Action Shooting Group meets one weekend each month. Contact info on the website.

This activity is for experienced shooters and new shooters are required to demonstrate proficiency before attending these sessions. One should, refer to the Club website for schedule changes.

There is a modest fee and the shooter must provide their own handgun, holster, ammunition, and ear and eye protection.

Bulls-eye League - This is held every Wednesday evening in the Indoor Range. Contact info on the website.

4H Shooting Sports –MWSA host the 4H Projectiles shooting club which includes both 22 caliber rifle and archery every first and fourth Saturday mornings on the indoor range. For further information contact Sam Faulkner at (603) 335-0390

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)

This is an organized Rifle Shooting Program for which there is a formal schedule. The contact is John Orr [603-905-9059](tel:603-905-9059) or johncorr@metrocast.net

. For further information refer to the Club's website.

Hunter Education —The Hunter Education Course is the NH Fish & Game program required for obtaining ones first hunting license. See the Fish & Game website or MWSA members can contact Dan Keleher at (603) 692-2149 or MWSAHunterEd@gmail.com for further information

Shotgun Range – The range is used year round. Refer to the website for activity specifics and schedules or contact – Dave Landry at (603) 343-5841 or Bob Sherwood at info@bob-sherwood.com

Miscellaneous and Charitable - Throughout the year the Club conducts a number of important activities to obtain money for the Club's several annual Charity contributions. Members should refer to the website or Facebook page for the latest updates and event schedule to keep abreast of these important activities.

Work Program - Club rules require five hours of work per year. Understanding that there are some people whose lives are too busy to take part in the work program there is a buyout option that allows those members to pay an additional \$35.00 in place of the work hours. Members who cannot participate in the work program must send in an additional \$35.00 with their membership renewal application. This activity is intended to help reduce the Club's operating expenses while providing a way for members to be involved in everyday club activities. Any time work is done the chairman of the work party will sign the club's Work Receipt Form which must be mailed in with your renewal application. This form can be obtained on the Club's web site in the forms section. Work requirement can be satisfied by;

Facility work parties

Club Firearm's course assistance

Ground maintenance

Activity Leaders – Open shoot nights

SAFETY

Safety, the safe handling, operation and use of firearms, is the single most important consideration for all Club Members.

All members are expected to know all of the rules and regulations that pertain to the individual ranges or special shooting activities which may be ongoing in addition to the basic NRA Firearms Safety regulations. Each range has its special provisions but the rules that apply to all are as follows:

Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction

Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot

Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use

Other Safety Rules:

Know the target and what is beyond.

Know how to use the gun safely.

Be sure the gun is safe to operate.

Use only the correct ammunition for the gun.

Wear ear and eye protection.

Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.

Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.

Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting.

Learning the rules and skills necessary for safe gun handling and ownership begin with the **attitude** necessary to acquiring the **knowledge** and then the **skills** necessary to safe gun ownership and use.

MWSA will not tolerate any failure by a member to observe the fundamental rules listed above and or any special rules listed below –

Armor piercing ammunition is limited to paper and cardboard targets.

No steel plates.

No incendiary ammunition is permitted.

No full automatic firearms or those equipped with a bump fire or slide fire device are permitted.

Indoor Range has special provisions for the type of bullet, caliber & velocity that are permitted.

Targets must be paper or cardboard except for special events approved by the BoD.

No eating, drinking or smoking is permitted on the firing line.

On the outdoor range shooting will be permitted only between the hours of 9AM and sunset or 8PM whichever is earlier.

When shooters are down range no handling of firearms will be permitted.

All ranges are closed on Easter and Christmas.

All members are required to sign in before using the range.

Guns when not in use must be either holstered or contained in a case or be resting facing down range unloaded with the action open or placed in the racks unloaded, actions open Each range has special provisions that the shooter must know and obey at all times.

I understand and agree to follow the listed requirements. I understand failure to do so may subject the member to a disciplinary action.

Major Waldron Sportsman's Association

Outdoor and Club Orientation Acknowledgment Form

I have attended the range and club orientation session and agree to abide by all rules and procedures stated in the forms issued and verbal instructions in the MWSA SAFETY & ORIENTATION FORM

Name (Print Legibly) _____

Name (Signature) _____

Range Orientation by: _____

Date: _____

Range Gate Code Issued: _____

Card Endorsed: Y / N

This form must be returned to the Membership Secretary.