

MEMBERS HANDBOOK

BECKLEY GUN CLUB

**West Whitby Road
Cool Ridge, West Virginia**

**Beckley Gun Club, Inc.
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In Affiliation with:



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CHAPTER 1

PREAMBLE

The Beckley Gun Club was founded in 1976. Since its inception the club has been an affiliate of the National Rifle Association and dedicated to the safe and responsible ownership and enjoyment of firearms.

The Club's first range facilities were located in Beckley. In 1979 the club expanded its operations by moving to a site near Eccles. In 1994 the Club again moved, this time to its present site on West Whitby Road near Cool Ridge.

Twice the Beckley Gun Club has been chosen NRA Gun Club of the Year. It is the only club in the country to be so doubly honored.

The current range facilities of the Club offer a variety of shooting opportunities, including:

- Five hundred yard high power rifle range;
- Trap and skeet;
- Pistol range with falling plate machines and covered firing points;
- Multi-purpose range, with covered firing points, 100 yard rifle and 25 yard pistol targets.

The club also offers monthly classes in firearm safety and handling, as well as instructor, range safety, and civilian marksmanship courses.

After over a quarter of a century, the Beckley Gun Club continues to serve its members and its community by upholding the best traditions of responsible firearm ownership.

CHAPTER 2

**BY-LAWS
OF THE
BECKLEY GUN CLUB, INC.
PO BOX 2101
BECKLEY, WV 25802**

AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of this organization shall be **Beckley Gun Club, Inc.**

ARTICLE II

OBJECT: The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle, shotgun, and pistol shooting, and archery, among citizens of the United States resident in our community, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms and archery equipment, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance, which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP: Any citizen of the United States 18 years of age or older may become a member of this organization on vote of the Executive Committee after subscribing to the following pledge and payment of annual dues. Members who show evidence of membership in the National Rifle Association shall pay \$10.00 less dues as an inducement to belong to the NRA. Junior membership will be available for those under age eighteen as established by the Executive Committee under the guidelines of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship.

THE NRA PLEDGE

I certify that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that, if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

- (a) The member's dues to the club shall be set by the Board of Directors.
- (b) No member of the club in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits offered by this club.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS: (a) Annual Meetings - The annual meeting of the club should be held during the month of February in each year. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers shall hold over until their successors have been elected.

(b) Regular Meetings - The regular business meeting of the club shall be held during each month at a time and place fixed by the Executive Committee.

(c) Special Meetings - A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given to all officers and members in good standing in writing by United States Mail not less than seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting.

(d) Quorum - Those members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

(e) Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all proceedings.

(f) The Board of Directors shall meet at least once each quarter. Minutes of these meetings shall be published in the newsletter.

ARTICLE V

DIRECTORS - Directors of the club shall consist of the past presidents who have served at least one full term of office and the current president. Directors must be club members and have maintained membership since their presidency. They shall be in charge of the policies of the club.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS - Executive officers of the club shall include a president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, educational and recreational officer, and an executive officer. These officers, acting together with all committee chairs and club directors, shall constitute the executive committee of the club. They shall be elected by vote of the members in good standing present at the annual meeting and to include such absentee ballots as received at the clubs business address (P. O. Box 2101, Beckley, WV 25802) prior to the election in a sealed envelope plainly marked ballot with the member's signature across the seal. (Absentee ballots shall only be accepted in the regular election of officers.) They shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. The election procedure shall be as follows:

Before Election:

1. Ballots mailed to each member.
2. Rules specify that each member must vote on his own ballot. (Voting spouse must mark separate ballot)
3. A list of all members and eligible spouses is prepared before the meeting.

At Meeting:

Mailed in Ballots - Picked up at post office by

1. All envelopes received are to be verified as active members. To the side of the member's name on the membership list, the word "mailed" should be written. (Members name is taken from the outside of the envelope)
2. One member is assigned to open the letters and stating the number of signatures on the outside. That member passes the contents too a second member who then verifies that the correct number of ballots are enclosed. (To assure privacy, member one must not be told or shown of any votes while member two must not be told the names on the outside envelope.
3. ALL ballots are placed in the ballot container.

Voting at the Meeting

1. Ballots are passed out to members who have not voted by mail.

2. A list of absentee ballots received shall be read so that members will know if their mailed ballots have been received.
3. When members finish voting, they come forward, sign by their name on the membership list and place their folded ballot in the ballot box.

When Totaling Votes, the following procedure will be followed:

1. One member of the Board of Directors and at least one member who is not running for office shall count and total votes.
2. A report is completed by these members which lists the winner of each office and the number of votes cast for each candidate.
3. Total legal votes must be less than or equal to the number of ballots cast in each race.
4. Envelopes, ballots and election report, signed by the members responsible for it, must be preserved for the audit committee.
5. Election results shall be included in the meeting minutes.

(a) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of the activities of the club.

(b) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held regularly at such time and place as the committee may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time at the call of the President, or on demand, in writing, to the Secretary by three members of the Committee. PROVIDED, that the committee may take action on any issue presented by the president by email or text message to the members of the committee, unless any member of the committee objects to proceeding in that manner, in which case the president shall call a special meeting to consider that issue.

(c) Those members of the committee present shall constitute a quorum.

(d) Resignation of any officer may be accepted by majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

(e) A vacancy in the Executive Committee may be filled by a vote of the remaining members of the committee. However, if more than one vacancy exists, a special meeting of the club shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided in Paragraph (a) above.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

(a) President - The president shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee. He shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors. He shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

(b) Vice-President - The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.

(c) Secretary/Treasurer - The Secretary/Treasurer shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the club. All committees or individuals filing reports will provide copies of these reports or correspondence to the secretary/treasurer. He shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings as required in article V. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the club. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to him. He shall be responsible for reaffiliation of the club annually with the National Rifle Association and State Association. He shall have charge of all monies of the club and place such funds in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such funds shall be withdrawn only by check and for payment of such bills as the Executive Committee approves. The Secretary/Treasurer shall make available club records within a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty days, to any club member.

(d) Educational & Recreational Officer - The Educational and Recreational Officer shall have charge of all instruction with authority to appoint his assistants.

(e) Executive Officer - The Executive Officer shall be chairman of a committee consisting of all shooting committee chairmen. All shooting committee chairmen shall report directly to him. He shall be in charge of the ranges of the club, the printing of the scoreboards, the arranging of competitions, etc.

(f) Neither Executive Officers nor Committees shall contract without approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION:

(a) Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote of suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing has been given to the officer containing the reason for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting, the officer shall be given a full hearing.

(b) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension may be taken unless fifteen days notice in writing has been given to the member containing the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

(c) Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Board of Directors, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Executive Committee and the accuser and the accused, which notice shall be given in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

(d) Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the Board of Directors. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Board of Directors. A special meeting of the Board for the purpose of acting on the appeal will be called giving at least ten days notice in writing to all members of the board in good standing, and stating the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the Board present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

(e) Any officer or member of the club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from this club immediately upon receipt of official notice by the Secretary/Treasurer of this club from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association.

(f) The National Rifle Association shall be given complete report whenever a member of the club is suspended or expelled, showing charges and action taken.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS: Any proposed amendments to these By-laws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. They must be acted upon by the club membership at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose, provided a copy of the approved amendments and a copy of the proposed amendment change has been sent to each club member by United States Mail at least ten days prior to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary to pass it.

ARTICLE IX

ANNUAL BUDGET:

(a) An annual club budget shall be prepared each year by the club Executive Committee. The budget shall include all expenditures of the club. It will be prepared in a fashion as to the custom of the club. It will include all anticipated expenditures balanced against the anticipated revenues.

(b) The initial budget for each year must be approved by the club at the Annual Meeting. If it fails to pass at that meeting, the club must approve a budget no later than the last day of March of that given year.

(c) The budget may be revised throughout the year by the Executive Committee; however, the total amount of the budget cannot exceed the total amount approved by the club. Any expenditure over that amount must be approved by the club.

(d) The Executive Committee shall have the power to reallocate the funds between accounts by no greater than 5% of the total budget. This reallocation may not have an adverse affect on the function of any account.

ARTICLE X

AUDIT COMMITTEE: The Board of Directors shall each year serve as an audit committee. All club records shall be turned over to the Board of Directors one month prior to the Annual Meeting. They shall in this capacity be responsible for auditing all club records, determining their accuracy and completeness, and seeing that all past records are kept in an orderly fashion. Additionally, the committee shall be responsible for accounting for the disposition of all club property. Any discrepancies shall be published in the club's newsletter immediately following the annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Election of a Committee Chairman for any active shooting discipline shall take place during the month of September at any scheduled match.

Members shall be eligible to vote if they have competed in at least one third of club matches in that shooting discipline that year. Voting will be by ballots cast at the match. No absentee ballots allowed.

In the event no one desires to seek election, the president of the club shall have the power to appoint someone to serve for that term. Should the chairman resign in midterm, the president shall have the power to appoint someone to fill the term.

The committee chairman shall have the power to appoint the members of the committee. The president shall have the right to appoint a member to the committee. All committees shall consist of at least three but no more than five club members.

Committees shall govern their discipline in respect to all match rules, procedures, and fees. Match dates will be set up by the committee within the guidelines laid down by the club. The committee shall not have the power to override any operational procedures laid down by the club, Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee.

All club events will be presented to the Executive Committee for consideration and approval before being scheduled, placed upon the Club calendar, and/or otherwise advertised.

CHAPTER 3

CLUB ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Club Officers (Executive Committee)

President
Vice President
Secretary/Treasurer
Education Officer
Chief Executive Officer
Committee Chairs
Club Directors

Range Operations

Chief Range Safety Officer
Range Safety Officer - Pistol
Range Safety Officer- Shotgun
Range Safety Officer - Rifle

Committees

Education Committee
Shotgun Committee
Pistol Committee
HighPower Committee

CHAPTER 4

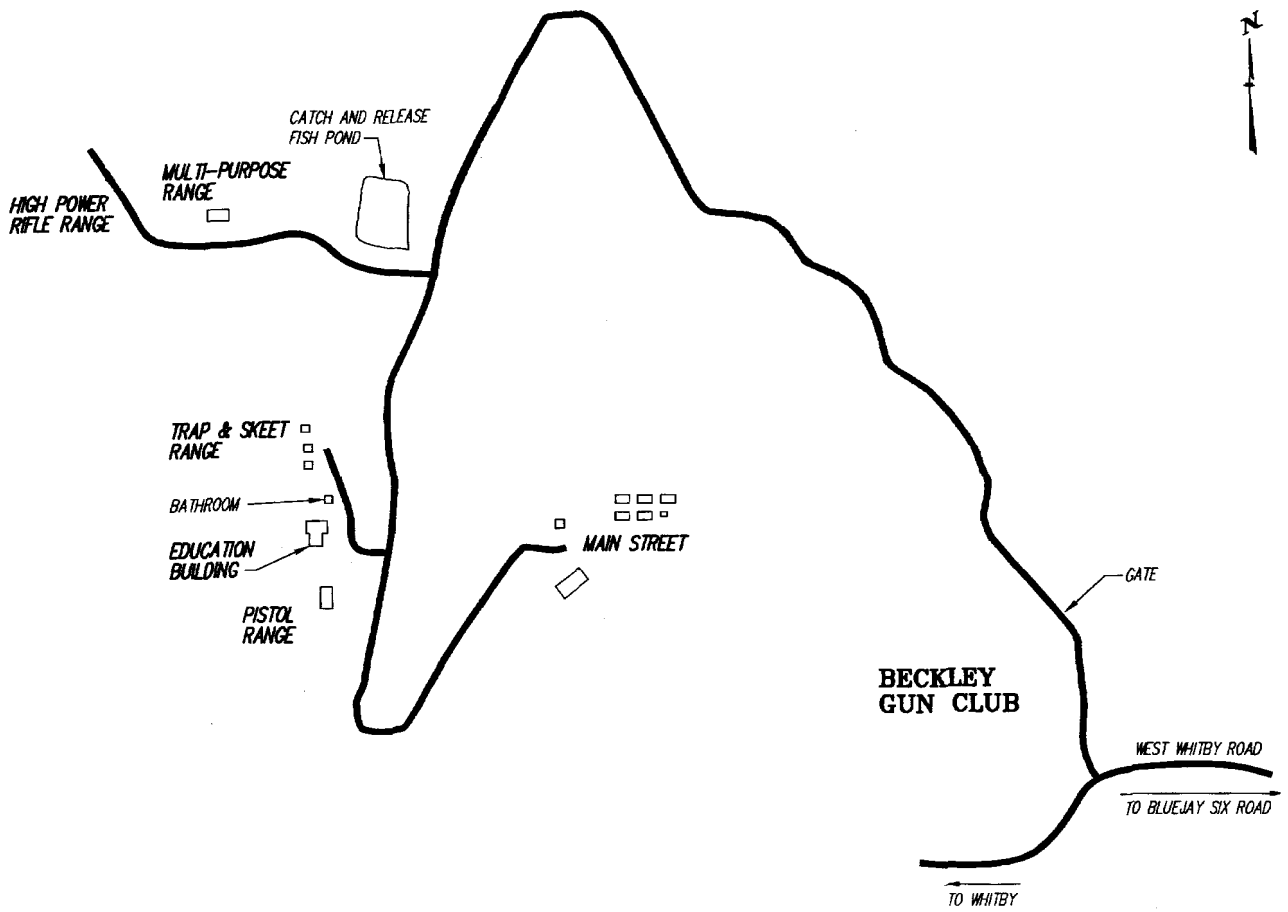
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Beckley Gun Club, Inc. is a non-profit corporation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. All officers are volunteers who receive no remuneration other than reimbursement for out of pocket expenses. The club conducts its educational efforts with the assistance of club members who are certified NRA instructors, and who likewise receive no compensation.

The club is supported in part by the dues of its members, and receives other income from its various educational offerings, match fees, and fund-raising events. The club also accepts donations from local businesses and individuals who support its goals.

CHAPTER 5

RANGE MAP



CHAPTER 6

RANGE OPERATIONS GUIDE

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RANGE OPERATIONS GUIDE

1. General. Live firing conducted at the Beckley Gun Club Range Complex is designed to provide authorized personnel access to a facility where they can become proficient with privately owned firearms. Members in good standing are permitted to engage in unsupervised live firing only on the Highpower rifle, Multipurpose, and Pistol ranges, and only upon the conditions specified below. No live firing is permitted except at designated firing ranges.

Non-members shall engage in live firing only in events open to the public where a range officer is present; or as a guest of a Beckley Gun Club member, who shall be responsible for the actions and safety of such non-member.

No person shall engage in live firing on the Trap and Skeet Range unless accompanied and supervised by a Shotgun Committee Key Club Member.

2. Facilities for Use. Range availability is subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee. However, the following rules generally govern, and live-fire shooting is normally limited to, the following ranges and equipment:

- a. High Power Rifle Range--Rifles smaller than .50 caliber centerfire; provided that .50 caliber rifles may be used but the owner must obtain approval of the Executive Committee before bringing such firearms to the range.
- b. Multipurpose Range -- Rifles smaller than .50 caliber centerfire; pistols and shotguns of any caliber or gauge.
- c. Pistol Range--Handguns Only; up to .45 caliber. (No pistols firing centerfire rifle ammunition.)
- d. Trap and Skeet Range--Shotguns only. (#7 or higher number shot; no slugs.)

NOTE: No tracer, armor-piercing, or steel core ammunition is permitted on any range at any time.

3. Range Limitations and Safety Requirements. All live-fire shooters will:

- a. Fire only on the ranges as specified above.
- b. Fire only authorized firearms and ammunition.
- c. Point firearms and fire at authorized targets only.

- d. Members' guests may fire only after completing a "hold harmless" agreement. (Required for each visit to the range complex by non-members during events.)
- e. Ensure all projectiles impact within the established range safety limits.
- f. Call "Cease firing" and make safe all firearms when a shooter moves forward of the firing line or during any unsafe condition.
- g. Use "Range in Use" flags or markers where required.
- h. Call "Cease firing" if a firing line becomes staggered (one shooter forward of another) anywhere on the range complex.
- i. Use appropriate ear protection.
- j. Wear appropriate eye protection.
- k. Notify a Range Safety Officer of any safety infractions.
- l. Police all brass, paper, and other debris that accumulates on the range.
- m. Check in with the designated Range Safety Officer on the scheduled range before any scheduled event.
- n. Conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times and be responsible for the conduct of any guests they bring.
- o. Be responsible for their guns and ammunition while on the complex.
- p. Firearms that are out of the case and not being fired must be benched. (Actions open and facing up, chambers empty, muzzles pointing downrange, and safeties on, as appropriate.)
- q. During scheduled events, only load firearms on the firing line after the Range Safety Officer has given the command to load.
- r. Follow all instructions from the Range Safety Officer.

4. Authorized & Prohibited Firearms. Fully automatic firearms are authorized; however the owner must obtain approval of the Executive Committee before bringing such firearms to the range. The Executive Committee can deny automatic fire at any time and for any reason. Upon request, the member must provide the club with copies of required federal licenses and any other required paperwork to the Chief Range Safety Officer before firing any automatic firearms.

All firearms must comply with state and federal law, and be in good operating condition.

5. Authorized Personnel. The following persons are allowed to fire:

- a. Current members of the shooting club.
- b. Invited guests of the above, provided the authorized person is present and assumes full responsibility for the conduct of his or her guest(s); and provided

further that after a guest has visited the Range twice during a given year, the member shall ask the guest to join the Club.

c. Personnel approved by the Executive Committee on a case-by-case basis.

d. Non-members, during events open to the public.

e. No pets are allowed on the range complex.

6. Hours of Operation and Scheduling. The Chief Executive Officer shall develop a special event live-fire schedule based on requests received which shall be published in the club newsletter. All other range requests will be approved based on range availability. Members must lock the gate to the club after entering and when leaving the range, except during times of club events, and on Sundays during the public hours of the shotgun range.

7. No Alcoholic Beverages or Drugs. Alcoholic beverages or drugs (including prescription and over-the-counter medications which impair the senses) are not permitted on the range facilities and no shooter shall consume the same before or during live firing. The Range Safety Officer shall deny access to anyone in violation of this prohibition.

8. Medical Support. In the event of a medical emergency, call 911 and notify any Range Safety Officer immediately.

9. Camping. Club members over the age of twenty-one may camp overnight at the range only with prior approval of the Executive Committee. Permission may be obtained by calling the club telephone number (255-5334) at least one week in advance.

10. Age Restrictions. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall possess any firearm or ammunition on the Club's premises, or otherwise engage in any form of shooting, except while accompanied by, and under the supervision of, a Club member over the age of twenty-one years. No person under the age of eighteen years shall possess any firearm or ammunition on the Club's premises, or otherwise engage in any form of shooting, except while accompanied by, and under the direct supervision of, a Club member who is over the age of twenty-one years and who is also that person's guardian.

CHAPTER 7

RELEASE, WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, AND ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AGREEMENT

NOTICE: BY ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE BECKLEY GUN CLUB, EVERY MEMBER AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING:

WHEREAS, in consideration of membership in the Beckley Gun Club, and the privileges and advantages of such membership, including use of the Club range facilities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Club Member agrees to the following:

Club Member agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Beckley Gun Club, its officers, agents, servants, instructors, volunteers, and employees, (collectively hereinafter referred to as “**The Club**”), from any and all fault, liabilities, costs, expenses, claims, demands or lawsuits arising out of, related to or connected with: Club Member’s presence at and/or participation in any formal or informal shooting match; any course of instruction; any discharge of firearms; Club Member’s presence on or use of the Club’s range, buildings, land and premises (“Premises”); and any acts or omissions by Club Member.

Club Member furthermore waives for himself/herself and for his/her executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs and next of kin, any and all rights and claims for damages, losses, demands and any other actions or claims whatsoever, which he/she may have or which may arise against The Club (including but not limited to the death of Club Member and/or any and all injuries, damages or illnesses suffered by Club Member or Club Member’s property) which may, in any way whatsoever, arise out of, be related to or be connected with: any formal or informal shooting match; any course of instruction; the Premises, including any latent defect in the Premises; Club Member’s presence on or use of said Premises; Club Member’s property (whether or not entrusted to The Club); and, the discharge of firearms. **The Club shall not be liable for, and Club Member, on behalf of himself/herself and on behalf of his/her executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs and next of kin hereby expressly releases The Club from any and all such**

claims and liabilities, including, but not limited to, any and all claims based upon gross negligence and/or reckless misconduct.

Club Member hereby expressly assumes the risk of taking part in any activities or use of the Premises, including, but are not limited to, instruction in the use of firearms, the discharge of firearms and the firing of live ammunition.

Club Member hereby acknowledges and agrees that Club Member has read this instrument; understands its terms and accepts those terms voluntarily. Club Member furthermore hereby acknowledges and agrees that he/she has read, understands and will at all times abide by all range rules and procedures and any other rules and procedures promulgated by The Club.

Club Member expressly agrees that this instrument is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and that if any provision of this instrument is held invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be impaired thereby. No remedy conferred by any of the specific provisions of this instrument is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. The election of any one or other remedy hereunder by The Club shall not constitute any waiver of The Club's right to pursue other available remedies. This instrument binds Club Member and his/her executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs and next of kin.

CHAPTER 8

RELEASE, WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, AND ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AGREEMENT

(Non-members/Guests)

WHEREAS, in consideration of permission to enter upon and use the range facilities of the Beckley Gun Club, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned agrees to the following:

The undersigned agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Beckley Gun Club, its officers, agents, servants, instructors, volunteers, and employees, (collectively hereinafter referred to as “**The Club**”), from any and all fault, liabilities, costs, expenses, claims, demands or lawsuits arising out of, related to or connected with: The undersigned’s presence at and/or participation in any formal or informal shooting match; any course of instruction; any discharge of firearms; the undersigned’s presence on or use of the Club’s range, buildings, land and premises (“Premises”); and any acts or omissions by the undersigned.

The undersigned furthermore waives for himself/herself and for his/her executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs and next of kin, any and all rights and claims for damages, losses, demands and any other actions or claims whatsoever, which he/she may have or which may arise against The Club (including but not limited to the death of the undersigned and/or any and all injuries, damages or illnesses suffered by the undersigned or the undersigned’s property) which may, in any way whatsoever, arise out of, be related to or be connected with: any formal or informal shooting match; any course of instruction; the Premises, including any latent defect in the Premises; the undersigned’s presence on or use of said Premises; the undersigned’s property (whether or not entrusted to The Club); and, the discharge of firearms. **The Club shall not be liable for, and the undersigned, on behalf of himself/herself and on behalf of his/her executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs and next of kin hereby expressly releases The Club from any and all such claims and liabilities, including, but not limited to, any and all claims based upon gross negligence and/or reckless misconduct.**

The undersigned hereby expressly assumes the risk of taking part in any activities or use of the Premises, including, but are not limited to, instruction in the use of firearms, the discharge of firearms and the firing of live ammunition.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that the undersigned has read this instrument; understands its terms and accepts those terms voluntarily. The undersigned furthermore hereby acknowledges and agrees that he/she has read, understands and will at all times abide by all range rules and procedures and any other rules and procedures promulgated by The Club.

The undersigned expressly agrees that this instrument is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and that if any provision of this instrument is held invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be impaired thereby. No remedy conferred by any of the specific provisions of this instrument is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. The election of any one or other remedy hereunder by The Club shall not constitute any waiver of The Club's right to pursue other available remedies. This instrument binds the undersigned and his/her executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs and next of kin.

Dated this the ____ day of _____, _____.

CHAPTER 9

BECKLEY GUN CLUB SAFETY REVIEW

The club's safety review is designed to encourage members to think about safety at all times. Ultimately the responsibility for safety rests with the individual who has control of the firearm, and it is each shooter's responsibility to be sure that they are handling and operating their firearms in a safe manner. Remember, the first rule of firearm safety is **always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.** It is your responsibility to know what is a safe direction.

Please take time to review the correct answers to the safety review on the following pages. Should you have any questions or comments, call any club officer, or the club at 255-5334.

Beckley Gun Club Safety Review

1. Circle the three fundamental gun safety rules:

- a. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- b. Always use powerful ammunition.
- c. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- d. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use
- e. Always hit the target.

2. What direction(s) is/are considered safe to have a gun pointing while on the range?

Normally, downrange is the safe direction; BUT, the first rule of gun safety applies and requires the shooter's utmost attention to be aware of anything which would render any particular direction unsafe - even downrange. For example, if a person wanders onto the range, or behind the target holders; or if a person intentionally goes down range to change targets, etc.

3. When shooting, you should:

- a. always make sure you are using the proper ammunition for your gun.
- b. wear eye protection.
- c. wear hearing protection.
- d. All of the above.

4. When a cartridge fails to fire immediately, you should:

- a. put the safety on and lay the firearm down.
- b. keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction and, after waiting at least 30 seconds, open the action and remove the cartridge.
- c. open the action immediately and inspect the cartridge to determine the malfunction.
- d. none of the above.

5. The safety on a firearm:

- a. is designed so that when it is activated it guarantees that the gun will not fire.
- b. is found only on semi-autos.
- c. is a mechanical device that can fail.
- d. makes it impossible to pull the trigger.

6. If the front sight appears higher than the rear sight when the shot is fired, the shot will hit the target:
- a. high.
 - b. low.
 - c. in the center.
7. When aiming, you should focus on the _____ so that it appears sharp and clear.
- a. rear sight
 - b. target
 - c. front sight
 - d. bulls eye
8. Your finger should be on the trigger:
- a. only after the gun is loaded.
 - b. only after you are safely set-up on your firing point.
 - c. only when your sights are on the target.
 - d. only when you are shooting or resting the gun on the shooting table between shots.

True or False ?

9. F Gun safety rules do not apply to air guns.
10. F Ammunition should not be present when cleaning a firearm.
11. F Cartridges should not be exposed to water or solvents.
12. F When shooting, you should always know your target and what is beyond.
13. F Bullets fall harmlessly to the ground after they have struck their target.
14. F When uncocking a revolver, you should place the thumb of your non-shooting hand in front of the hammer until you have lowered the hammer far enough so you can safely remove your finger from the trigger.