

# ***Down The Barrel***

Newsletter of the Otter Valley Rod and Gun Club



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## **From The Editor**

Hi, I'm Randy Lambert and I will be attempting to continue with the OVRG newsletter. Tom has been doing a great job for a very long time and now needs a well-deserved break. I'm going to start with a quarterly newsletter but will send out special notices as required.

I'm not a "computer guy" and working with the programs has been interesting. I will attempt to send out the newsletter as a PDF but if you have problems opening it please get in touch with me and I will send it out a different way. Also, if you received this by mail and would like an electronic copy please let me know. Some emails are illegible on the membership forms.

You can get in touch with me at [ovrgnews@outlook.com](mailto:ovrgnews@outlook.com).

## Presidents Report

Good Day Everyone,

As per the recent CFO Inspection we have had to make some changes to bring our Club up to current regulation.

The First change most of you have probably noticed, is the RANGE OPEN/CLOSED sign has been moved to be close to the Entrance Gate. Second, the addition of an OPEN/CLOSED Sign and FLAG at each Range and the Third, a fence on the Outdoor Handgun Range.

Each Outdoor Range now has a Status Sign (OPEN/CLOSED) and a RED FLAG.

Outdoor Ranges are SPORTING CLAYS, TRAP, Outdoor Handgun and Rifle.

The Correct Procedure for Signs and Flags is as follows, assuming you are first to arrive at Club.

1. Once you have exited Plank Line onto the Otter Valley Rod & Gun Club laneway proceed to locked gate at posted speed limit.
2. Unlock and open gate.
3. Latch gate to post with provided chain.
4. Go to Range Status Sign and open it up so that it reads DANGER SHOOTING RANGE OPEN.
5. Return to your mode of transportation and proceed to area of Club you are intending to use at posted speed limit.
6. DO NOT turn SPORTING CLAYS sign to OPEN and/or Raise Flag next to Sporting Clay Status Sign unless it is a Designated Sporting Clay Time (Sporting Clays can only be shot on Scheduled Days or if section organizers are trying out new scenarios).
7. Once you have parked your mode of transportation at the parking area for that Range -  
LETS USE RIFLE RANGE FOR EXAMPLE
8. SIGN IN
9. Turn Range Status Sign from RANGE CLOSED to RANGE OPEN.
10. Raise Red Flag to top of flagpole.

If you arrive and Steps 1-4 have already been completed, start at Step 5.

Once Step 10 has been completed, you are good to unpack and get set up to have fun.

As always, be COURTEOUS of others and most of all BE SAFE.

The SHOT GUN Patterning Board is part of the Outdoor Handgun Range, so when using Patterning Board use Range Status Sign and Flag on Outdoor Handgun Range.

Also, when using the SHOT GUN Patterning Board the RIFLE RANGE MUST BE CLOSED.

If others are using Rifle Range and you want to use Patterning Board, take time to talk to them and when they take a break you can use Patterning Board, as long as they are standing by Outhouse.

PLEASE WORK TOGETHER ON THIS.

The addition of the fence on the Outdoor Handgun Range is to prevent anyone from entering into the line of fire.

The orange snow fence is going to be replaced with wood fence boards at our spring clean up day.

When you leave PLEASE turn Status Sign to CLOSED and Lower Flag on range you are using (IF YOU ARE THE LAST TO LEAVE).

If you notice someone has forgotten to turn Sign and Lower Flag and no one else is on that Range, Please be courteous and do so for them (it might be you next time).

If you are last one out (no one else to be seen) turn Large Range Status Sign at gate to CLOSED and LOCK GATE.

These changes regarding Flags and Signs are outlined in a manual Published by the Canadian Firearms Centre and ALL Ranges in Canada MUST follow the Guidelines in the manual. WE ARE NOT BEING PICKED ON.

## Range Reports

Below are the current dates for sporting clays .

### **Sporting Clays**

January 27    February 17

March 31    April 28

May 12    June 9

July 7    Aug 11

Sept 8    Oct 6

Nov 17    Dec 26

## Range Reminders

A few reminders about using the outdoor ranges.

Only paper targets are allowed, no balloons, tv's or other non-paper targets.

Please enjoy the challenge of the steel targets on the handgun and rifle ranges but please do not use your AR-15 or SKS or any other large calibre rifles on the handgun range. Members put a lot of work into the design and construction of these targets and they are not designed for these large calibres.

Do not shoot targets other than ones on the target boards (for example yardage signs).

There are two realities for people to join a gun club. One is everyone is out to have fun and enjoy shooting in all the various disciplines. The other is most of us don't have anywhere else to shoot. We currently are not required to have a range officer present but that could change if certain individuals continue to not follow club rules.

If you have any suggestions or ideas to improve the club, please come out to a meeting. They are held on the second Wednesday of the month and generally last an hour or so.

Club website is [www.ottervalleyrodandgunclub.ca](http://www.ottervalleyrodandgunclub.ca)

