



ORIENTATION

LISBON FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION



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THE LISBON FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION FOUNDED IN 1946

- The club is located on approx. 8 acres in Lisbon & Bowdoin.
- The Club facilities include:
 - A four season club house
 - 25, 50, & 100 yard Rifle Range
 - 5 Station Trap Range with warming shed
 - 18 yard Pistol Range
 - Archery Range



MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Eleven regular Club Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm (there is no December meeting)
- Meetings are held at the Club House on 180 Store Rd in Lisbon
- A Calendar of events is maintained on the Lisbon Fish & Game Assoc. website lisbonfga.org events will be announced in emailed newsletters and on social media.



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Club Officers are elected at the January meeting each year and serve a one year term
- Four Board Members serve three year terms. Typically one Board seat is up for election each January
- A fifth Board Member is a representative appointed by the Slovak Catholic Association
- Names and contact information is available on the website lisbonfga.org



RANGE HOURS

- The Range is open Monday thru Saturday 9:00 am to sunset
- Sundays, in consideration of nearby church services, the range is open 12:00pm to sunset
- The archery range may be used at any time from sunrise to sunset.
- A sunset chart is available on the sign in table in the clubhouse. And available online at <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/science-research/weather-tides/sunrise.html>
- Failure to cease fire by sunset will result in complaints from our neighbors, is a violation of the rules, and may result in suspension of your membership.
- There may be occasions when the range will be closed for work, out of courtesy to a nearby function, or for a private function by member request. If you wish to reserve our facilities for a private function the procedure can be found on our website.
- The calendar, newsletters, social media and member email notifications will let members know when the range is going to be closed.



THE SECRET CODE

- After entering the facility, lock the gate behind you.
- The combination to the gate and the club house locks are the same.
- The gate and the clubhouse must remain locked at all times that they are not in use.
- The combination code is changed every January. Each member receives the new combination when they renew their membership
- Do not give the combination to anyone. Violation of this policy will result in suspension of your membership
- If asked for the code by someone that you do not know, direct the person to a club officer so that their membership and orientation status may be verified.



PARKING

- Please observe the following :
 - Travel and park on the gravel driveway or to the right of it during mud season or after periods of heavy rain.
 - During dryer periods parking by the outhouse near the Rifle Range path is permitted
 - Access this area only by turning left between the posts at the end of the gravel driveway.
 - Use caution to park only behind the rifle range firing line
 - Parking by the pistol range is permitted when the ground is not soft.
 - Parking at the Trap Range is not permitted
 - If you make a rut, in consideration of the volunteers that mow the property, please fill it in before you leave the range.



SIGN IN / OUT

- You must sign in and out on the sign in sheet located in the club house whenever visiting or using the facility.
- Check off which range you are there to use or note that you are there to work.
- All members of your party must sign in and out.
- **Members found in violation of the sign in policy may be subject to suspension of their membership**
- The clubhouse and the gate must remain locked while you are on the range.



WHICH RANGES CAN BE USED AT THE SAME TIME ?

- All three ranges are available on a first come first serve basis except during an organized shoots which will be published on the club calendar.
- The Rifle Range and Pistol Range may be in use at the same time
- The Trap Range and Pistol Range may be in use at the same time
- The Rifle and Trap Range may not be in use at the same time. On Sundays when a trap shoot is scheduled, the Trap range takes precedence over the Rifle Range even if it is not in use when you arrive.
- The Archery Range may be in use at the same time as any of the other three ranges
- Members are strongly encouraged to check in with each other when more than one range is in use.



SAFETY FLAGS

- Upon arrival, if there is a Baker Flag on 1 or 2 of the posts at the end of the gravel drive, the designated range/s are in use
- The Baker Flags are located on the sign in table in the club house
- If there is no one on the range when you leave, return the baker flag to the sign in table. Otherwise leave the flag up for the last person to return to the club house when they leave.



SAFETY FLAGS & MAINTENANCE



- If someone is on the property to doing maintenance or mowing the grass, they will be signed in but no flag will be raised.
- Before proceeding to any of the ranges make contact with the person to determine which ranges are safe to use while they are working.



PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Hearing and eye protection is required on all of the firearm ranges
- Disposable hearing protection is available in the clubhouse
 - The club has them available on the honor system for \$1.00 per set
- Prescription eyeglasses are acceptable on the range
- Before any range is declared **HOT** it is your responsibility make certain that everyone is safely behind the firing line and that hearing and eye protection is in place.



SAFETY



- We are proud to have had no serious incidents or injuries in club history
- We are committed to continuing this record
- It is up to every member to follow the Safety Rules that are in place to protect all of us
- **Prior to using the facilities you and everyone in your party are Personally Responsible for reading, understanding, and following the range safety rules.**
 - You have received a copy today and the rules are posted various places at the facility and are available on lisbonfga.org
- Except for Organized Shoots, when a trained Range Safety Officer will be present, we are all responsible for insuring our own safety, that of our guests, and other members using the range.
- **This Club is only as safe as its members**





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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

- Your membership is a family membership and includes your significant other and anyone under the age of 18 who lives with you.
- Your significant other may request their own membership card and use the facilities without you present if the membership is current and the spouse/partner has completed orientation. Your significant other will need to pass a background check and there is a fee of \$5.00 for issuance of their membership card.
- Family members under the age of 18 are not permitted to use the facility unless accompanied by the adult member who has been issued a membership card. Children are not eligible to receive a membership card.
- Children who attain the age of 18 who wish to obtain their own membership may do so at the current membership renewal rate. In the event of a separation a significant other who was previously issued a membership card may also obtain their own membership at the renewal rate.
- Members are encouraged to use the facility with their families. All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult member at all times.
- Children present while a family member is on the firing line must be directly supervised by a non-shooter behind the firing line and be wearing appropriate hearing and eye protection.



GUEST POLICY

- Members are encouraged to bring a guest to the facility as well as to activities sponsored by the LF&GA.
- A guest is permitted to use the facility once with a sponsoring member. After that, if they wish to continue utilizing our facilities they are expected to become a member.
- The sponsoring member shall escort the guest at all times while at the facility.
- For insurance reasons, guests must sign in and out and are required to completely fill out a Guest Waiver as neatly as possible. The sponsoring member must also sign the waiver form.
- Waivers are available in the clubhouse or may be printed in advance from the lisbonfga.org site
- The waiver is to be dated the day that the guest uses the facility and be placed in the lockbox located in the clubhouse or given to a club officer before using the range.



CONCEALED CARRY

- Persons with a valid concealed carry permit are allowed to carry on club property
- On the shooting range the following are acceptable:
 - the carry pistol remains in the holster in the carry position
 - if the pistol is removed from the carry position and is not in use, it is to be made clear, safe and placed on the bench pointed down range with the action open



IMPORTANT TO NOTE...



- There is a coed outhouse adjacent to the Rifle Range
- There is **no hunting** permitted at any time at any location on club property
- Be aware that beyond the 100 yard berm is a residential home. You are responsible for where your bullet stops. Be certain that all of your shots land in the berms.
- **ZERO TOLERANCE** - The Lisbon Fish & Game Association has a zero tolerance policy towards anyone found to be under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drugs on club property even when not actively using one of the ranges.



YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- You are responsible for understanding the proper and safe operation of your firearm
- Getting proper safety training from a certified instructor is recommended
- Read the owners manual for the firearm. Most U.S. manufacturers have them available on-line or will furnish them free of charge if you do not have one.
- You are responsible to know how to put your firearm in a “safe condition” promptly.
- Do not handle firearms for any reason (even to case them and leave the range) while anyone is down range / forward of the firing line.
- Every Member is considered a Range Safety Officer. You are personally responsible to ensure the safety of yourself and others and that every round fired stops safely on the range
- Know where the range markers are and what is considered down range



RULES OF FIREARMS SAFETY

- There is no such thing as an “unloaded gun”
- Always treat every firearm as if it is loaded
- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire
- Always keep your gun unloaded until ready to shoot.



SAFE CONDITION MEANS...

- The firearm is unloaded. The action is open and the magazine is removed (if detachable)
- Slide, Bolt or Lever is locked open
- Revolver Cylinder is open and empty
- For any firearm that has a bolt that cannot be locked open, place a spent cartridge or chamber flag sticking up and out of the chamber so that it is easily visible.
- Set all firearms on the bench with the muzzle pointed down range.
- When anyone is forward of the firing line, step back from the bench and keep hands off from all firearms.



FIRING LINE

- As a rule fire only from behind the firing line
 - Some Pistol Shooters using the 25 yard Berm on the Rifle Range may choose to shoot forward of the firing line. In this case other shooters using the rifle range must have their firearms clear and safe as previously described.
- Fire only from a point that lines up with your target and directs rounds into the impact berm
- Before anyone moves forward of the firing line they need to signal to other shooters confirming that the range is **CLEAR**.
 - All firearms must be made clear and safe
 - There is to be no handling of firearms for any reason while members are forward of the firing line



RANGE CONTROL AND CALLS

- Use of the ranges requires courtesy and patience from everyone
- The Range Status can only be in one of two conditions
CLEAR or **HOT**
- Be sure that you have the attention of all shooters before asking to change Range Status
- **Everyone must be on the same page.**



TARGETS

- Paper, Cardboard or Composite Targets (such as Shoot N See) only.
- Shooting at Cans, Glass or Plastic Bottles, is not permitted
- Steel targets are not permitted except at Club sanctioned shoots
- Movable or Portable Targets except those provided by the club on the Pistol Range, are not permitted
- Targets are to be placed at eye level from where you are shooting on the frames
- Do not hang targets or intentionally shoot the upright posts or the frame crossmembers
- Members may replace target backing material as needed. It is located in the club house.
- Targets must be placed so that bullets impact the berm – NO EXCEPTIONS



UNACCEPTABLE FIREARMS & FULL AUTOMATIC FIRE

- Shotguns with birdshot or buckshot are not permitted on the rifle or pistol range.
- Fifty (50) caliber BMG Rifles are not permitted
- 50 caliber Black Powder Muzzle Loaders are however acceptable
- Full Automatic fire is allowed but only after alerting the LPD to let them know who you are, where you are and what you are doing. (Neighbors are very likely to call the LPD when they hear full auto fire)
 - We recommend 3 to 5 round bursts to stay on target and not risk shooting over berms
- Call the LPD when you are done shooting full auto. We have a great working relationship with LPD and want to maintain it.



RIFLE RANGE

- Covered Firing Line. The roof was added in 2010
- Sound Barrier Fencing was added in 2017
- 25 yard, 50 yard, 100 yard berms
- Personal Safety Equipment is required
- Range Safety Rules and Commands apply
- Wait until other shooters have finished their shots before asking for a ceasefire
- If shooters are waiting to go down range be prompt in finishing your shots and getting into a safe condition
- Get your business done down range promptly so that you do not hold up other shooters
- Use binoculars or a spotting scope whenever possible to check group size



PISTOL RANGE

- Range Safety Rules and Commands apply
- Personal Safety Equipment is required
- Traditional handguns only
- Paper Targets only on the wooden stands provided. Repair materials are stored in the club house.
 - The only exception will be for Club sanctioned shoots such as Steel Challenge where a Range Safety Officer is present for the event.
- All firing will be done from the firing line
- All shots must be directed into the impact berm



ACCEPTABLE FIREARMS ON THE PISTOL RANGE

- Traditional Handguns only
- Black Powder handguns, all calibers, are allowed
- Handguns larger than 50AE are not allowed
- Pistol caliber carbines are not allowed
- Rifles are not allowed
- Rifle caliber handguns are not allowed



TRAP RANGE

- Trap Shoots are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.
- Trap Shoots are held from 12:00 to 6:00 pm.
- On these Sundays, the Trap Range has priority over the Rifle Range
- The Trap and Rifle Ranges may not be in use at the same time.



TRAP RANGE RULES & PROCEDURES

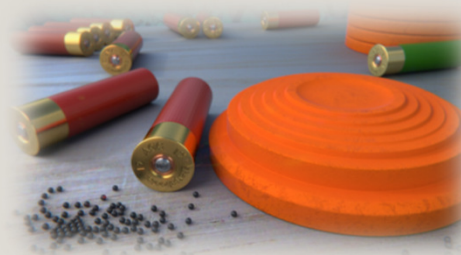


- Personal Safety Equipment is required
- The trap machine in the trap house is for sanctioned club shoots only
- You may only fire from one of the five shooting positions when using the club trap machine.
- If you are using your own portable trap machine it is to be set up to the right of the trap house. Shots are to be directed in the normal direction.
- Load your shotgun only when it is your turn to fire. Load one shot at a time, No doubles.
- After shooting, verify that shotgun is unloaded, safety is on, and keep the action open.
- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.



APPROVED AMMUNITION ON THE TRAP RANGE

- Ammunition shall be 12 gauge or less (no 10 gauge)
- Not more than 1 1/8 ounces of shot or 2 3/4 drams of powder
- No Reloads
- No hunting loads
- 7 1/2 or 8 shot only
- Members must supply their own clays for practice.
- For sanctioned shoots, clays are provided and you supply your own ammunition.



ARCHERY RANGE



- The Archery Range is located adjacent the club house
- It may be used while any of the other ranges are in use.
- Crossbows are permitted
- The club has a target bag that is available for use
- Only Field Points are permitted.
- Keep shots low so they do not go into the woods



SPENT BRASS

- When you have completed firing you are required to police your brass
- Unwanted brass may be deposited in one of the white brass buckets provided and becomes the property of the club
- Members who reload may retain their own brass and are permitted to remove brass that they plan to reload from the brass buckets
- Brass left on the range is unacceptable and a hazard for the volunteers who mow the property.



MISFIRES

- If you have a misfire, follow good safety protocol with the weapon pointed down range
 - Wait 30 seconds
 - Put the safety on (if equipped)
 - Drop the magazine (if detachable)
 - Eject or remove the bad round from the chamber
 - Examine the primer. If the firing pin indent is light, off center or nonexistent it is recommended that you have your firearm checked by a competent gun smith.
- Place the bad round in one of the orange “misfire” buckets.
- Do not leave unfired rounds on the ground. (The lawn mower likes them even less than spent brass).



TRASH

- Trash cans are provided on each range for range trash only
 - empty ammo boxes, used targets
 - no food items please
- Please do not hesitate to pick up trash that you may find
- Emptying of the trash cans, like all range maintenance, is done by volunteers periodically.
- If you find that a can is full, please empty it. You may leave the bag outside the clubhouse if you are unable to dispose of it yourself.
- Cigarette Butts are to be placed in cans provided



INCIDENT REPORTING

- If there is a serious incident or injury that warrants it , dial 911.
 - In the event you do not have cell service there is a phone in the club house.
 - The club land line number is **353-2770**
 - The club address is **180 Store Road, Lisbon Falls**
- There is a first aid kit in the club house.
- If you witness an unsafe act or violation of range rules please try to address it in a nonconfrontational way. Most people are reasonable and will be glad to correct the problem immediately.
- If the person is not cooperative and you cannot correct the issue it must be reported using an incident form that can be obtained in the clubhouse.



INCIDENT REPORTING

- You are required to fill out an incident form as completely as possible
 - Your name and names of all involved including any witnesses
 - Names can be obtained on the sign in sheet or via a vehicle license plate number if necessary
 - A description of the incident
 - Call a club officer to inform them of the incident and the report
- If there is an altercation be polite and do not escalate the situation if possible.
 - If necessary sign out and leave.
 - If you need to call the LPD (which should be the last resort) the number is 353-2500 and is on your member card.
- All incidents are reviewed by the executive committee to ensure that the situation is resolved properly and to prevent it from happening again in the future.



VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS & PROJECTS

- Periodically the club schedules volunteer work days.
- We ask for members to donate their time for the good of the club
- It requires a team effort to assure that the facilities remain in good condition.
- There is always a list of large and small projects needed to maintain the facilities or to make planned improvements.
- These dates will be published on the calendar on the club website and information will be included in newsletters and discussed at monthly meetings.



AND IN CLOSING...

- Treat the range as if you owned it. You do.
- We do not have a grounds keeper. We rely on volunteers.
- Do not litter or be too proud to pick up another persons litter.
- There is no seniority where safety is concerned. Question anyone doing something wrong or unsafe.
- Be polite. courtesy is the best policy. Be mature enough to listen if questioned. If you are wrong, admit it, apologize and correct the problem. If you are in the right don't escalate to an argument.
- Be disciplined enough to do the right thing. Keep in mind that every action with a firearm that is unsafe, unlawful, un-sporting, or unethical jeopardizes our rights to keep and bear arms.
- We build our reputation every day.
- An active member is an asset, and a club is only as good as it's members. **WELCOME.**



QUESTIONS?

- Please give your signed Orientation Acknowledgement to the person conducting your orientation.
- Weather permitting we will walk through the facility before we conclude.

