

# **An Introduction to the Tondu Target Shooting Club**

Firstly - a warm welcome to our club, which has been in existence since 1896. We are lucky enough to own the 3.017 acres of our site, which has a clubroom, and 5 ranges including an indoor one which has the 'old clubroom' attached, now used for storage purposes. We are affiliated and fully insured through the NSRA (National Smallbore Rifle Association). We are also affiliated to the NRA (National Rifle Association).

We have our own website at [www.tondushooting.org.uk](http://www.tondushooting.org.uk) and details can be found there of our club, along with membership information and a downloadable membership application form. Or, on your first visit you can complete a membership application form, which can be found in the clubhouse. It is also important that you sign the diary in the clubhouse on arrival, as we need to keep a record of who was on the premises each day. It is most important that you sign in on each visit to the club and complete your shooting record, as failing to do so may well affect your application to join. Once an application form has been completed and handed to a club official, you will then be insured whilst on the club premises and a shooting record will be set up for you in the Probationary members' record book. As a probationer you may use one of the club guns. You can also purchase ammunition for use on the ranges but must not take it off the club premises, any surplus ammunition will be stored ready for your next visit. The probationary period, by law, must be a minimum of 3 months, but can be longer, as approval will depend on when the next committee meeting is. Note that shooting must never commence until at least two people are present.

## What we expect of you:

1. Be a regular attendee and show an interest in target shooting
2. Act in a safe manner when around firearms
3. Always sign in when on the club premises and complete your shooting record
4. Obey any instructions given by a Range Conducting Officer
5. Have consideration for other club members especially when they are shooting targets
6. Use the correct target for your type of shooting
7. Wait until approved as a full member before applying for a firearms certificate
8. Become familiar with the Range Rules, Club Constitution and Safety Instructions, which can be found in the clubroom and on the website.

## What you can expect of us:

1. A warm welcome and use of the club premises
2. Provision of club firearms so that you can shoot straight away
3. The ability to purchase ammunition
4. All the advice that you may need (never be afraid to ask)
5. Fair consideration of your application to join

## **What can be shot on our ranges?**

We are a club that can cater for a variety of target shooting, such as:

Airgun - Smallbore Rifle - Black Powder - Gallery Rifle - Light sporting Rifle - Pistol - Carbine and Field Target

But not fullbore rifle or shotgun. It's best to ask if you are in doubt.

## ***Our Ranges***

We have six ranges for use by members. Having said that, each range has its own specific conditions for use which include the type of firearm that can be used along with the shooting positions which dictate the line of sight to the target. These conditions have to be adhered to. We have tried to make our ranges disability friendly and do have a number of handicapped members, with sessions being held on the indoor 10m airgun range on Friday mornings specifically for members of Stroke. The 10m range is also in use on Thursday afternoons for the Visually Impaired/Blind to be able to shoot using acoustic equipment.

**Range 1.** 25m range between the river and the indoor range, certified for use with .22rf rifle and pistol in the standing position only.

**Range 2.** 25yard indoor range fitted with returning targets and certified for use with .22rf rifle prone at 25 yards, .22rf pistol standing at 20 yards, plus .177 airguns with a maximum muzzle energy of 6ft/lbs at 10m. Note: Field Target and .22 calibre airguns should not be used on the indoor 10m targets as these calibre guns are too powerful for the target equipment.

**Range 3.** 50m outdoor range, certified for use with .22rf rifles and pistols in prone, standing and kneeling at 50m. Also used for Field Target using airguns. Note that only airguns may be used to shoot at the field targets.

**Range 4.** 100yard outdoor range is certified for prone .22rf rifle only at 100 yards.

**Range 5.** 25m walled outdoor range, certified for all calibres with no maximum, but with a limit on velocity and muzzle energy. Only lead bullets are to be used - jacketed and gas checked heads must not be used. Permissible shooting positions are standing only, however .22 can be shot from the kneeling position.

**Range 6.** the lower end of our ground, behind the 50m and 100yd walls is used for Field Target air rifle shooting, but only when the 50m/100yd ranges are closed.

As you can see each range has its own set of operating rules so it is essential to understand what can and what cannot be shot at the club and on which range. Please make sure that you do not use an inappropriate firearm on a range which is not approved for that type of firearm.

## ***Clubhouse Facilities:***

You may, of course, use all of the facilities in the clubhouse - all we ask is that you treat them as though they were yours at home, in particular don't leave dirty cups about, it only takes a minute or two to wash them up.

## ***Club Officers***

We have a President, several Vice Presidents, a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Match Captains for each of the disciplines (A match captain is responsible for reporting to the committee and for arranging competitions in their chosen discipline), plus a number of specific posts, such as Disability Officer, Child Protection Officer, Vulnerable Adults Officer. We also have four trained first aiders.

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