



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 clubhouse, and 7 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 have our own website at www.tondushooting.co.uk and details can be found there of our club, along with membership information and how to obtain a membership application form. You are welcome to visit the club for an informal chat prior to contacting the Membership Secretary to progress through to an Induction Course, which all new members need to attend before they are permitted to shoot. During the Induction Course a membership swipe card, used to record attendances, will be issued and a shooting record will be set up for you on our computerised Range Mate system in the clubhouse. All procedures will be covered on the Induction course. After course attendance your details will be then forwarded to the South Wales Police for them to vet your suitability to become a member. After approval by the South Wales Police you will be cleared to shoot and must record what you have shot on the Range Mate system for every visit and also what you have shot, as the committee will refer to your record when considering you for full membership. There is also a need for your shooting to be verified after entering on the system by a member who is authorised to do that. The swipe card is your membership card and must be worn at all times when on club premises. As a member it is important that you always sign in with your swipe card on arrival, and swipe out on leaving the premises, as we need to keep a record of who was on the premises each day and failing to do so may well affect your application to join. As a probationer you may use one of the club guns. Club guns are only issued by approved armourers and there may be an occasion when an armourer is not present, in which case, please enter details of your visit on your shooting record with a note that “no armourer was present”. 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. Do please note that you are required to use any firearms that you own at least three times a year, and that we legally need to inform the Police of any member who does not use their firearms.
3. Act in a safe manner when around firearms.
4. Always sign in and out with your swipe card when on the club premises.
5. Always complete your shooting record on the Range Mate computer system, as the committee will look at it.
6. Obey any instructions given by a Range Conducting Officer.
7. Have consideration for other club members especially when they are shooting targets.
8. Use the correct target and mounting frame for your type of shooting.
9. Wait until approved as a full member before applying for a firearms certificate (not needed for airgun only shooting) Your application can be prepared in advance however – and do ask us for advice.
10. 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 and targets so that you can shoot straight away
3. The ability to purchase ammunition (cash, cheques or card payments are acceptable)
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 – Small bore Rifle – Bench Rest Rifle - Black Powder - Gallery Rifle - Light sporting Rifle – Pistol - Carbine and Field Target, but not full bore rifle or shotgun.

Ammunition - Steel BBs, .22 Magnum and 17WMR ammunitions are not permitted. Jacketed and gas-checked ammunition is also not allowed. If in doubt, never be afraid to ask.

Our Ranges

We have seven 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, plus maximum muzzle velocities and energy. These conditions have to be adhered to. We have tried to make our ranges disability friendly and do have a number of handicapped members, including a group of visually impaired shooters-

Range 1. 25m range between the river and the indoor range, certified for use with .22rf rifle and standing pistol. There is also the opportunity to shoot airgun only at 35m on this range.

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 at distances of up to 50m using airguns. Note that only airguns may be used if shooting at field targets.

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

Range 5. 25m walled outdoor range, certified for all calibres up to .455 with no maximum for Black Powder. 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. Indoor 10m airgun range alongside the club house, for airguns with a maximum muzzle energy of 6ft/lbs. Note: Field Target and .22 calibre airguns must not be used on the indoor 10m targets as these calibre guns are too powerful for the target equipment.

Range 7. the lower end of our ground, behind the 50m and 100yd walls can be 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 or ammunition on a range which is not approved for that type of firearm. Airguns with a maximum muzzle energy of 6ft/lbs may be shot on all of the ranges. Range information can be found in the clubhouse along with the range safety certificates for each range.

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 properly.

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 Welfare Officer, who is responsible for Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults etc. We also have four trained first aiders.

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