



# IAIN ROBERTSON

## FIREARMS LIAISON OFFICER

### RANGE SAFETY FOR DUMMIES

Only load your firearm when the Range Officer says it is OK.

Point your loaded firearm at the target. Nowhere else.

If you can't manage that all the time:

Don't point it vertically above 70 mils while loading

Don't point it horizontally more than 200 mils off the line to your target.

Always clear your firearm and have it checked clear before you leave the firing point.

### RANGE ETIQUETTE FOR DUMMIES

Don't point your gun at anyone. Not ever.

Turn up on time. If you are late, the whole programme may go wrong in accommodating you.

Don't argue with officials.

Obey the rules, sensibly not slavishly.

Your view that a rule is not sensible is NOT VALID.

The answer to your question is probably written down somewhere. Have you looked?

Range time is valuable. Be ready to move forward when your turn comes.

Range time is valuable. Fix technical problems off the firing point.

Range time is valuable. When you have fired your last shot, clear your firearm and get off the range.

Your handloads, and the consequences, are your responsibility.

It is not acceptable to guess at the correct elevation. If you don't know, go away and find out.

Shooting out of turn once can happen to anyone. If it keeps happening to you, you are not paying enough attention.

If you are keeping the score, speak clearly. Some of us have been shooting for years and are A BIT DEAF.

On the radio, listen out before you transmit. Keep it accurate, clear, brief, relevant and logical. And on the correct channel.

Your bad shooting is not the butt marker's fault.

Muzzle brakes, black powder and benches in amongst a club day are an inconvenience. Ask before using them and don't expect the ordinary range user to accommodate your minority behaviour.

If you don't know, say so.

If someone says they don't know, that's an invitation to help, not to ridicule. We were all new to this once.

If somebody demonstrably doesn't know, by all means correct them – politely - if it's unsafe. Otherwise, until they ask, leave them to learn from experience – it's a better teacher than you.

If you do know, before you open your mouth, are you sure? When did you last read the underlying rule?

Keep your conversation polite, quiet and friendly. We are all out to enjoy ourselves and really don't care what you think of the Prime Minister / Pope / Jimmy Savile / git on the third target along / idiot who cut you up on the drive in / latest bizarre MoD / EU / NRA / Elf n' safety regulation.

Take your turn at duties on the range and in the butts. But don't accept duties you aren't qualified for.

Your club Range Officers are doing you a favour just by being there. Show them respect.

Your club Treasurer is doing you a favour just by being there. Pay your bill.

If you get someone to mind your firearm, you have just marooned them to the spot. Don't abuse the favour they are doing you.

Don't get your car bogged down and bring the range to a standstill.

Pick up your brass

and your litter.

Children and dogs are welcome. Screaming / barking delinquents loose on the ranges are not.

The staff are doing their best. Not all problems can be solved. Please keep the discussion constructive.

The rain is NOT THE NRAs FAULT. Buy an umbrella (£15 in the Range Office, in support of GB teams).