

Important Construction Updates - Plinking and Benchrest Ranges

The new plinking range is OPEN, the old one is permanently CLOSED

The new range is located to the east of the benchrest range and can be accessed from a new road located on the south end of the benchrest parking lot. The new range is designed to be more user friendly especially for a beginner. We have much larger steel plates at much closer distances as well as smaller plates at greater distances. In addition, we added two more dueling trees for some competition with your friends or family if you wish. Because over the years we found the falling plates were extremely difficult to maintain we choose to install static plates on the new range. The plates will wiggle and ring, but they don't fall which we believe will eliminate the maintenance issue. We encourage all members to please go look at the newest addition to our facility.

As a reminder the range is for **handgun cartridges ONLY**. This means firearms chambered in cartridges such as 9mm, 38 special, 45 ACP, 44 magnum, 45 colt, 22 rimfire are permitted. **Bottleneck or rifle cartridges such as .223 or 7.62x39 are NOT safe to use at these distances, will destroy the targets, and are absolutely not permitted.**

If you have any questions about if you may shoot a particular cartridge please contact us at plinking@okcgunclub.org .

Benchrest Range Updates:

In addition to the new plinking range we are finishing up our repairs to the benchrest range and we will soon begin the construction of an additional benchrest range where the old plinking range was located. We will make any needed enhancements to the east and west berms, remove the old plinking targets and cover and push the rear berm back to 100 yards, and install new shooting benches.

This new benchrest range will function as a separate range and operate independently from the existing range. This means when we have a competitive event at one range the other range could still be open for members to use. In addition, we expect we can get an approximate 50% increase in capacity out to 100 yards. We find the greatest % of people really don't shoot that much past 100 yards. By adding more 100-yard shooting positions we can help alleviate some of the congestion on our most heavily used range.

Please be patient with us during the construction process. Because of the usage of heavy equipment, we will be forced to close the range during the week (M-F) while construction is underway, and it could take 2-3 months depending on weather. The range should always be available on weekends. We will be making every effort to open the existing benchrest range as soon as we can and once the berm between the two ranges is adequate to protect the operator, we may be able to open benchrest during the week before construction is completed.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you do not exit your vehicle for any reason while construction activities are underway. The operator has limited visibility and we do not want anyone injured. You are welcome to observe the work, just do it from the parking lot and stay out of the operator's way. Also please do not stop him to ask questions.

Questions can be directed to projects@okcgunclub.org

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