

WELWYN PHOENIX RIFLE CLUB

PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

This course is based on the Home Office requirements for Probationary Members of Rifle Clubs and is endorsed by the National Rifle Association. It is run over a minimum period of three months. Successful candidates completing the course will qualify for Full Membership of Welwyn Phoenix Rifle Club and if they wish, will be able to join the National Rifle Association. Successful completion of the course fulfils the legal requirements for a Firearms Certificate application.

Aim of the course Probationary Members show that they can handle and use firearms safely as required for Full Membership of WPRC and the NRA.

Session 1 Safety Procedures and an introduction to the Full bore Target Rifle. Theory and practical range sessions.

Sessions 2 & 3 Range procedures, safe handling and firing of the Full bore Target Rifle. Theory and practical range sessions.

Session 4 Range procedures, safe handling and firing of the Full bore Target Rifle. Administrative NRA procedures. Theory, practical range sessions and final assessment test.

Assessment Trainees are examined by continuous assessment and by a final practical test. A formal daily report is made on each trainee by the coach.

All live firing is done under one-to-one supervision by a Club coach on the firing point.

This WPRC course does not provide for training in either Gallery Rifle or Muzzle Loading Pistols. If this additional module is required, trainees will be directed towards another club who shoots this discipline and is prepared to offer the appropriate training.

WPRC PROBATIONARY COURSE OUTLINE

SESSION 1

Theory

- a) Introduction to the NRA, Bisley Ranges and the WPRC Probationary Membership Course.
- b) Safety, security and personal responsibility.
 - NRA Rules of Shooting.
 - NRA Bisley Range Regulations.
 - Basic Safety Rules (Do's and Don'ts).
- c) Target Rifle Equipment.
 - The 7.62mm bolt action Full bore rifle and ammunition.
 - Hearing protection.
 - Shooting jackets and other equipment.
- d) Introduction to the Four Principles of Marksmanship.
 - Position and hold.
 - Natural alignment.
 - Correct aim picture.
 - Shot release and follow through.
- e) Loading / firing / unloading.
- f) Fitting of equipment and setting up the firing position.
 - Moving on and off the range.
 - Moving on and off the firing point.

Practical on Gallery Range

- Moving on and of the range / on and off the firing point.
- Application of safety rules.
- Setting up the firing point.
- Alignment.
- Dry and Live firing, introductory shoot.
- Repeat of skills with additional live shoot(s).

SESSION 2

Theory

- a) Recap of Session 1.
- b) Misfire Procedure.
- c) Scoring the target.
- d) Use of the radio.

Practical on Gallery Range

- Recap of all practical skills in Session 1.
- Use of Radio.
- Dry and Live firing shoot.
- Misfire drill.
- Scoring the target.
- Repeat of skills with additional live shoots.

SESSION 3

Theory

- a) Recap of Session 2.
- b) Measuring adjustments on sight scales.
 - Minutes of angle.
 - Flight of the bullet.
 - Elevation setting.
 - Vernier setting and reading.
 - Wind effects.
 - Wind scales.
- c) Zeroing the rifle.
- d) The score card.

Practical on Gallery Range

- Recap of all practical skills in Session 2.
- Dry and live firing shoot.
- Assessing wind conditions.
- Setting and adjusting the sights.
- Using the scorecard.
- Repeat of skills with additional live shoots.

SESSION 4

Theory

- a) Recap of Session 3.
- b) NRA procedures for hiring targets, rifles etc (Range Office and Armoury).
- c) NRA procedures for recording member attendance and shooting.
- d) Preparing the rifle for shooting.
- e) Cleaning the rifle after shooting and storage.

Practical on Gallery Range

- Recap of practical skills in Session 3.
- Live firing shoot with coach.
- Probationary Member to conduct own shoot (prepare, adjust sights, spot and record scores etc.) ASSESSMENT will be carried out by coach.
- Repeat own live firing shoot. ASSESSMENT will be carried out by coach.
- Clean and store rifle after shooting.