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Subject:
Cherokee Gun Club Safety and Errant Bullet Mitigation Measures

Brittany;
In response to your request, we have put together this document, including photos, to provide you with a description and examples of the procedures and physical construction details to address the issues you mentioned. I trust that this will address any questions you may have.

Cherokee Gun Club [CGC] is a private, limited access, club and shooting range. All members must complete a safety and range orientation program covering general safety rules as well as range specific safety rules and regulations. All members must remain compliant with our documented safety rules and policies, which are updated and published whenever required. All guests at the facility are strictly supervised either by the host member or the coordinator of “open to the public” events such as leagues or matches.

We have been located at the Candler Road address since 1986 with no known incidents reported to us. All Ranges, Bays, and Clay Target Stations are positioned so the direction of fire is toward the internal areas of our own property; this extends the distance to the property line, limiting the possibility for projectiles to exit our property. Our Airborne Clay Targets are specifically thrown in directions and heights to ensure the fallout zone is within our property lines.

CGC maintains emergency trauma first aid stations at the clubhouse as well as throughout the facility. We have also worked with and registered with Hall County EMS/ Fire, specific “911 Emergency” locations throughout the facility.

While members play a pivotal role in addressing your question, the shooting range construction, location and use restrictions, such as targets and target placement, are also key factors in controlling errant bullets or shot. In addition, CGC has clearly defined limitations as to what firearms and ammunition may be safely fired on any specific range. Cherokee Gun Club ranges are constructed to meet or exceed NRA and DOD shooting range design criteria.

Where applicable, on rifle and pistol ranges, bullets impact into the lower 1/3 of earthen berms. These earthen backstop impact areas are of heights sufficient to provide a wide safety margin against errant bullets. Shotgun fields are laid out such that shot fallout is into vacant space within CGC property.

CGC plans target designs and placement to work in conjunction with range design to help ensure safe operation of the club. Any target used on CGC ranges must be approved by the club Range Officer for safe use before placement on any range. All ranges have clearly defined and marked "Target Positions i.e. lines" and "Firing Positions i.e. lines" as seen in the photos. These are specifically located such that shots fired will impact safely into the target backstops. A variety of steel targets are used all constructed of steel capable of safely absorbing the impact of the ammunition allowed to be used. The various steel targets are also constructed and placed to deflect safely downward, into the ground, any bullets or bullet fragments. CGC also has an ongoing program to monitor, repair or replace targets or target stands deemed un-fit for use.

PHOTOS

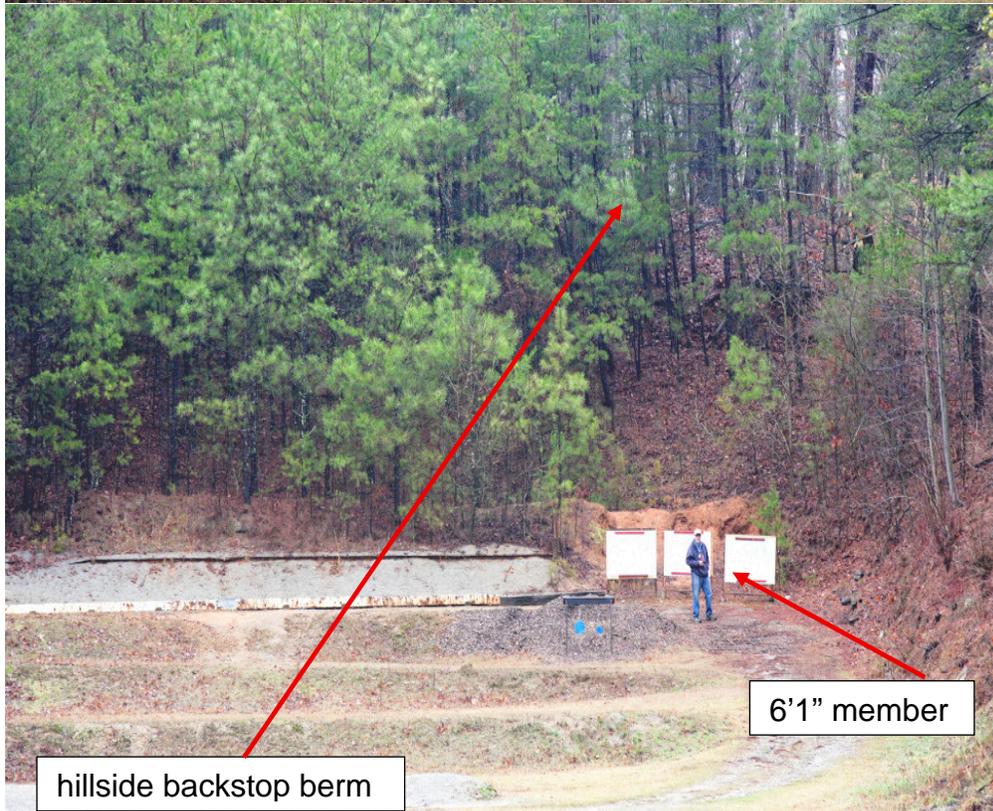
100 yd rifle range [targets @ 35, 50, 75 & 100 yds] each with a berm backstop.



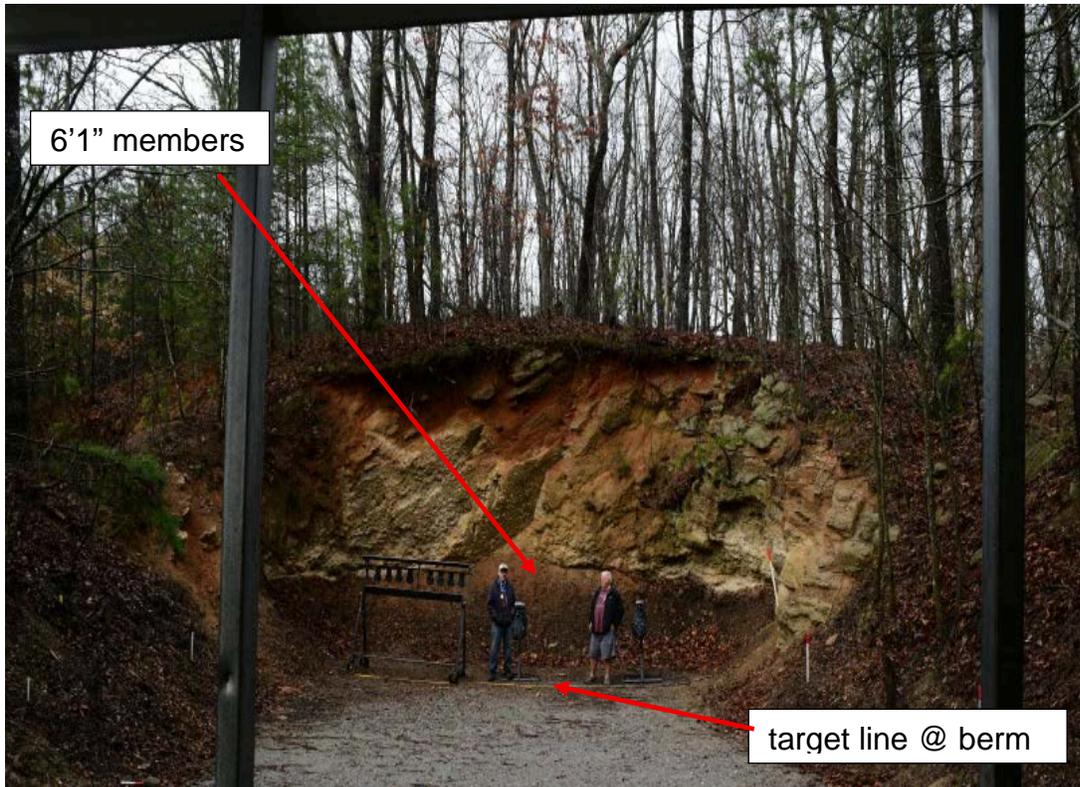
Members at the 75 & 100 yd target line / berm



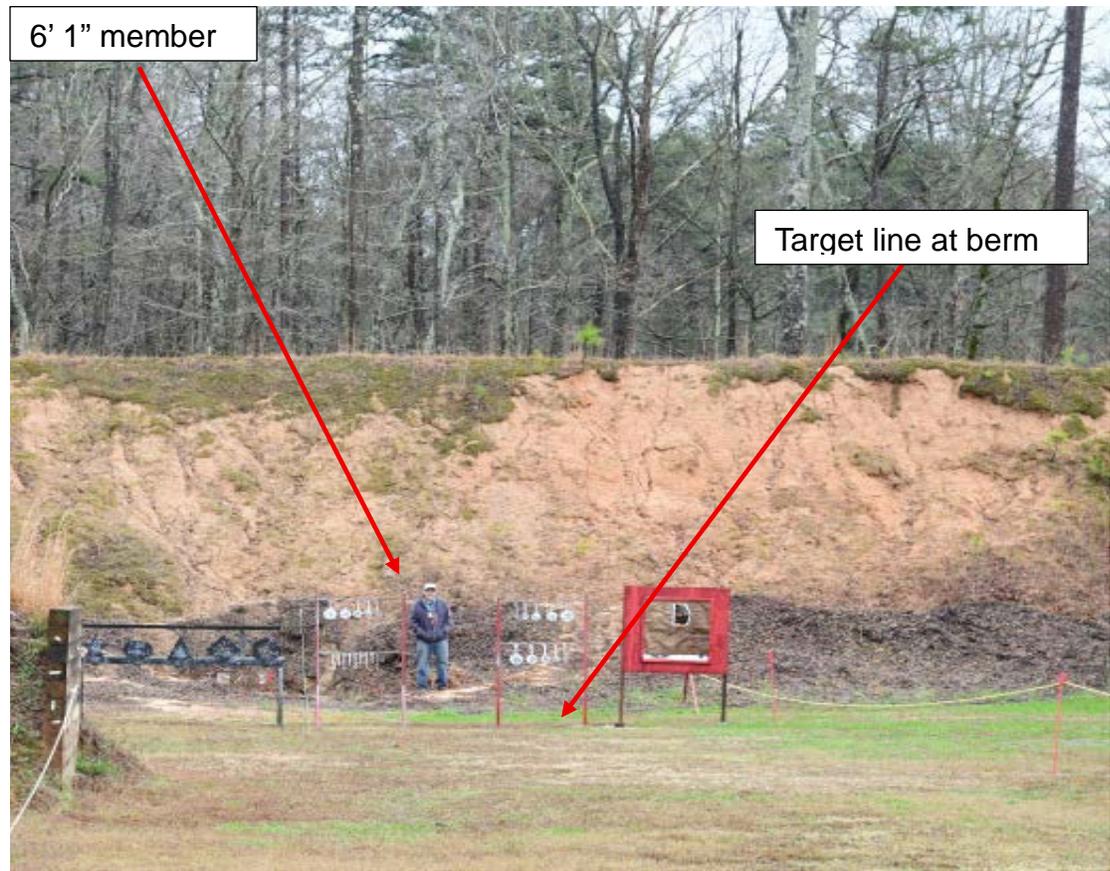
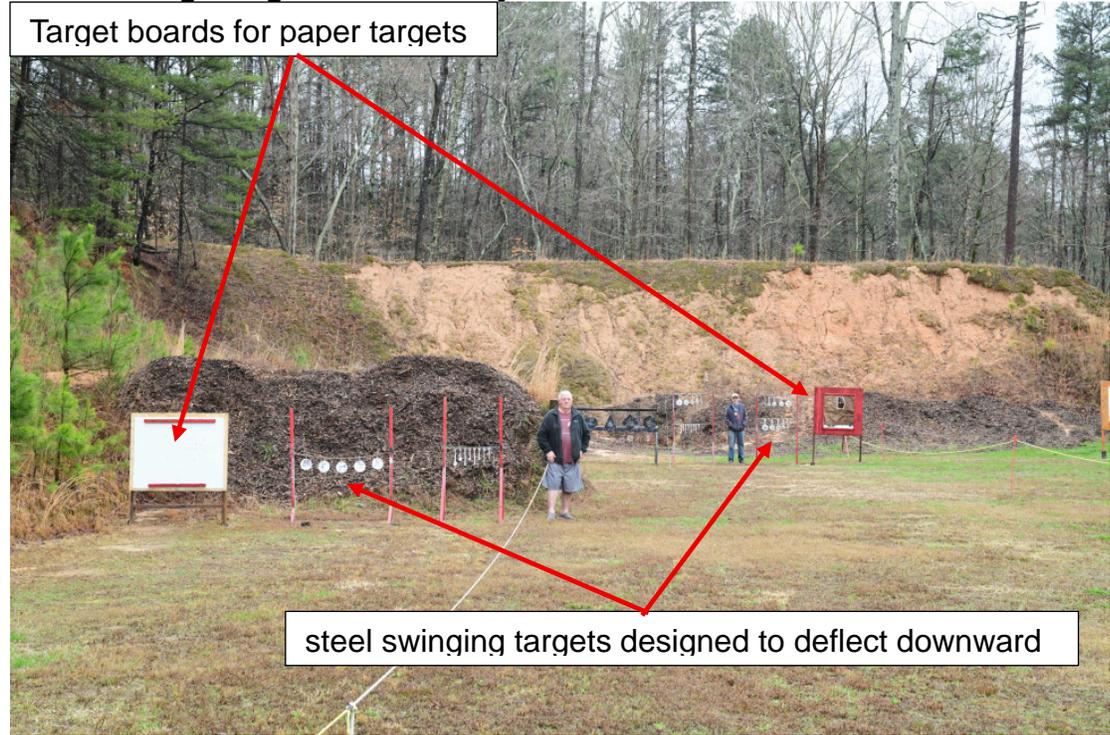
100 yd Silhouette & 225 yd Rifle ranges



Pistol bay from firing position downrange to target line & berm.



Rimfire range targets at 25 & 50 yds



Swinging steel targets designed to deflect downward to the ground. All steel construction designed for controlled impact and deflection.



Steel target designed to hang freely and swing backwards on impact deflecting bullets or bullet fragments downward into the ground.



Trap and Skeet fields laid out so that shot fallout will be within CGC property and in an un-used wooded area



Shotgun ammunition is limited to “target loads” of maximum 7 1/2 size shot, 1-1/8 oz loads.

For the Cherokee Gun Club Board of Directors

Sincerely,

Range Officer, Cherokee Gun Club