

Life at MRGC

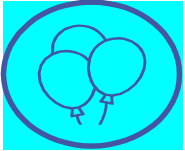
“The Official Newsletter of MRGC.”

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Welcome to our new Probationary Members In August 2023:

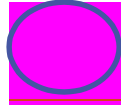
William Essary Jr (Reg)
Trish Essary (A)
Heather Essary (J)
Hunter Essary (J)
Ben Maziare Myers (R)

Welcome to the Club!

Probles voted Into Full Membership In August 2023:

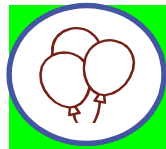
Roman Dokhovenko (R)
Ryan Flynn (R)
Al Tooch (S)
Andrew Wirth (R)

Welcome to Full membership!



PA Hunters Safety Course

@ MRGC Saturday Sept 9, 2023. Call Kraig Wolf for questions @ 412-580-5729. This is a free class & is for anyone who still has an old orange card from original course or who has never taken the class. You will definitely need this class if going out of state to hunt. Lunch will be provided by the Club. Registration is a must on PA Game Commission Website.



Membership Renewal-New for all!

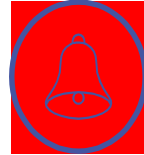
Incentive Program for Early Payments for 2024 MRGC membership renewals:

Pay your renewal fee and gate access card fees before 10/1/23, and you will be entered into a drawing to win a 2025 Membership renewal. Two (2) individuals will win! This only applies for the membership renewal fee and does not apply for the gate card access fee. Drawing will be at the October 6th mtg.

The 2024 renewal form can be filled out by:

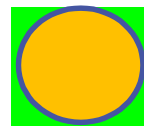
1. clicking on the link (I will send the link out by email when the form is ready), filling out the form, printing it , & submit it with your renewal fee/activity-work card; or
2. printing the form, fill it out legibly, & present it with your fee/activity card. **Link will be sent out as soon as fillable form is completed**

Renewal Information cont'd: A review of the



*Any member who already has their activity card completed for the year, may turn in their cards to Faye to file for the next renewal period.

*All probationary members need to have their 10 hrs. completed by the end of year so you do not have to pay for your gate access card. If you don't understand this, please ask me, an Officer or a Board member.



WORK DAY
Sunday 8-19 8-12p
or whenever finish up. Call Joe Welter for more information & let him know other times you may be available to work!
See note last pg.

**Labor Day
Raffle on Mon.
9/4th @ 7pm.
Please call
Tracey @ 412-
874-7702 with
questions, to
get tickets and
return stubs.**

**Based on the 3-
digit Evening
PA Lottery 1st #
draw. Only 500
tickets
available/2
numbers on a
ticket-- \$5
donation**

Winner takes all.
----Ruger 1911
Model P345-45
Acp S.S.
----Pointer
Acrius Max 5
20G,
Over/Under
Shotgun.
We still have
tickets available.
This is a
fundraiser for
our club so let's
sell all the
tickets.
**If everyone sold
2-3 tickets, we
would be sold
out in no
time! Again, if
you have
tickets, please
make
arrangements to
turn in the stubs
soon to Tracey
Heyl.**

current bylaws regarding renewals:

Failure to pay dues by 12/31/2023: Renewal fees must be paid prior to Jan 1 each membership year. A grace period from 1/1 to 1/31 of the membership year shall be available to current members to renew their membership. A \$50.00 late fee/initiation fee will be assessed to members during this grace period. No membership renewals will be accepted after 1/31. Members who fail to renew their membership by 1/31/24 shall lose all membership privileges and must reapply for membership, following the same procedure as a new member applicant (including payment of initiation fee.)

Payment methods/forms:

1. **Cash** for exact amount. A receipt will be given to you at the time of payment.
2. **Personal checks/Business checks** are accepted. Starter checks may not be used for payments. Make checks payable to Mars Rod & Gun Club.

We hope to begin to accept credit card payments by Oct 1, 2023. More info to follow.

Faye/(designee) will take in person payments:

- on Tuesdays after 5pm starting 9/12/23
- before and after monthly meeting



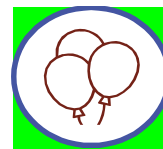
**Any questions, call Scott Cukovich
724-679-9596):**

**Trap practice/learning to shoot trap. Every
Tuesday 5:00-8:00 pm.** Starting 9/12, when
Sno Ball League starts, please remember you
may be shooting on the line with League
members.

- *Members \$10.00/50 birds \$5.00/25 birds
- *Jr Members \$5.00/50 birds \$2.50/25 birds
- *Nonmembers Adults/Jrs \$10.00/50 birds.

Trap Cont'd:

Come and learn to shoot trap and/or have
your kids learn with you! Or...come and
learn to help with marking/scoring/loading
the birds in the machine between shooting



**Pistol Shoot
Saturday August
26 (Call Bill
Caudill 724-766-
1876 for questions)**

Set up 8am.
Mandatory 9:45 AM
Safety meeting
which everyone
must attend.
**Safety Glasses &
Hearing Protection
required!**

Bring your own
firearm & ammo.
Cost is \$10.00. +
donation for lunch!
Children shoot free.

Targets will be set
up on the 10, 25, 50
yard ranges & 100-
yard rifle range
(for .22 LR only).

All ranges are
closed till 3pm.



**Holiday
raffle 12/25
See Jeff C.
for tickets**

-3 digit # Drawn
first @
7pm.\$10.00/
ticket. Only 500
tickets sold.

Winner takes all:

1.Colt Python
357 Magnon 6"
stainless steel
w/case & walnut
wood grips/1 bx
shells

&

2.Ruger M-77
Rifle 270 WSM
w/superpower
Vortex Scope &
1 bx shells



**Castlewood
Sporting
Clays Shoot
Benefit- New
Castle**

Sept 23rd Call

Bob Lucas for
more info @
724-312-7720

Lunch provided
for shooters-all
others \$10.

More info on
Club Bulletin
Board.

sessions. There are handouts available
courtesy of Rick Martell that review trap
procedures. Thanks Rick for your
hard working creating this guide.

North Suburban Trap League

**Monday, 8/21, 9/18, 9/25 4:00 PM-
8:30 PM.** Help needed to set up and tear
down the traps along with marking. Great time
to learn to mark/keep score!

Butler County Trap League

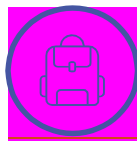
Wednesday 8/23 4:00 - 8:00p. Help
needed to set up, tear down along with
marking. Great time to learn to keep score.

**Sno Ball League Tuesdays starting
9/12/23 @ 4:30 – 8pm and then every
Tuesday through March 2024.**

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marking. Great time to learn to keep score.

**Kitchen help needed for all league
nights!!!!!!**

If you signed up for the Kitchen
Committee, we need your help. If you didn't
sign up for the committee, we would still love
your help. If you are willing to make food,
salads, desserts, etc. and drop it off at the club;
please let Faye know. This is a great way to get
your activity/work hours in. If you provide a
receipt, I will be able to reimburse you up to a
specific amount. Please call Faye for more info.



Cleaning the Clubhouse - for those that
signed up for 'Building Cleaning,' we are trying
to organize a group of people to clean together
or separately every 2 weeks and before a club
rental.

**Gals and
Guns...(call Julie
McClelland at 412-
443-6972 for apt)**

.....is a women's
pistol club
organized by
women for women.
Currently, Julie is
only providing 1:1
instruction or up to
a group of 4. Must
have your own
ammo. Call Julie for
an appointment.
Also, classes on
pistol cleaning are
also available.

HELP IS NEEDED!

Lots of help
needed for
events-set up,
tear down,
marking, safety,
possibly kitchen.
Come get your
**hours
completed
before your
December
renewal is due.**
If you are unsure
of what work you
can do for the
hours, talk to
Bill, Faye or any
chairperson.



In Memory

Our sympathies to member, Tom Whyel, on the loss of his brother, Jonathan, on July 29th, 2023. Prayers of support coming your way.



New members William (Bill) Martin & Peggy Walker recently got hitched! Congratulations on their marriage on 6/4/23 ...Yea! You are officially newlyweds....Mr. & Mrs. William Martin!!!!

We made a checklist so if someone comes to do work, they will have a guide to follow what has been completed already. The maintenance room has been reorganized so all the cleaning supplies & garbage bags are there. There will be a spreadsheet on the inside of the door to mark down the date, member # & hrs. worked. Please also mark down on the appropriate paper if need any supplies are needed.

No Parking in the Grass at ranges
Please remember that there are to be no cars in the grass at the ranges. No cars are allowed to be out of the parking lot. While we understand that you may have a lot of equipment with you to carry to the range, we all still need to get our steps in for the day. Thank you for understanding.

Work Day This Sunday 8/19

There was a technical issue in scheduling the workday last Sat, so it was rescheduled for Sunday & 3 people showed up to fix & jackhammer concrete on Trap 2 with many other tasks completed.

We still have much to do on the task list and we are running out of good weather to do it.

Work Day This Sunday 8/19

While we all are busy with life and home, those that need to get work time in before the end of the year (or will have to pay \$100.00 for gate fee) are running out of months to do the work. We are looking for younger and less worn-out Club members to do work , other than our average grounds & workday crew age of 65.

Joe and John are looking for ways to get others involved. They have been listening to what members have said. They are willing to set up work time in the evenings and make arrangements for you to have access to



Miscellaneous

- ✚ Winner of the 50/50 raffle was Gary Heyl
- ✚ Table Gun Raffle winner this month was Rick Caper
- ✚ A special thank you to Rep. Stephanie Scialabba for being present at the July mtg and answering member's questions.
- ✚ **Next Meeting Sept 7th. See you there!**

garage/equipment. We need to know that you know how to use the equipment. We have posted a Grounds and Maintenance Spreadsheet, which will be outside the kitchen door on porch's bulletin Board for you to sign the date, time spent and member # when you have completed work for the date.

If you can do something on the list, please check with Joe and John if there are tidbits of information you may need to know before you start. If it is a bigger project, we can attempt to find some people to help you. For the newer club members, if you have any special skills to help the Club, please let us know. Also, if you make plans to come and work and something else comes up, please call or text and let those know who may be expecting you. Thanks to those who have helped out, and look forward to working with you in the future.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUG & SEPT 2023

August Dates	Event	Time	Ranges Closed	Comments
8/19—This Saturday	Work Day	8:00 AM – 12:00PM See note previous page		
8/15, 8/22, 8/29	Trap Practice	5:00 PM – 8:00 P		If no one there by 6p, will be shut down
8/21 Monday	NSTL & Kitchen	4 - 8:00 PM	All 3PM till Dusk	Help needed set up
8/23 Wednesday	BCTL & Kitchen	4 - 7:30 PM	All 3PM till Dusk	Help needed set up
8/26 Saturday	Bill's Pistol Shoot	9:45am – 2PM	All closed till 3p	Mandatory Safety Briefing @ 9:45A
September Dates	Event	Time	Ranges Closed	Comments
9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26	Trap Practice	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Closed at 4PM 9/12 on	Pls know you may be shooting on a squad with the league members after 9/5.
9/7	Monthly Meeting	7:00 PM		
9/9	Hunter Safety Course	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM		Check PGC site for info and registration
9/12,	Sno Ball Trap League & Kitchen	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Ranges Closed 3:30 P on	Help needed set up
9/18	NSTL & Kitchen	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Ranges Closed 3 PM on	Help needed set up
9/19	Sno Ball Trap League & Kitchen	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Ranges Closed 3:30 P on	Help needed set up
9/23	Castlewood Benefit Sporting Clays Shoot			Check flyer on Bulletin Board
9/25	NSTL & Kitchen	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Ranges Closed 3 PM on	Help needed set up
9/26	Sno Ball Trap League & Kitchen	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Ranges Closed 3:30 PM on	Help needed set up

Officers

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