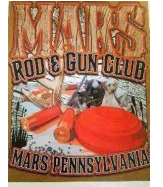


Life at MRGC

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RENEWALS:

'Tis the season for merry renewals at the Mars Rod & Gun Club! As we step into the joyous year of 2024, it's time to jingle those bells and review our bylaws concerning renewals. To keep the festive spirit alive, please remember that the deadline for renewing memberships by paying dues is twinkling away on **December 31st, 2023**.

But fear not! A winter wonderland grace period frolics from January 1st to January 31st, allowing our cherished members to deck the halls of their memberships with renewal fees. Yet, during this **magical grace period**, a snowy \$50.00 late fee/initiation fee might snug into the pockets of Regular members and \$25.00 for Sr members. Remember, like Santa's sleigh, no renewals will dance their way in after January 31st. Those who miss the sleigh ride and fail to renew their memberships by January 31st, 2024, will find themselves amidst the winter frost, losing all the delightful membership privileges. To rejoin our festive club, they'll need to jingle all the way through the same procedure as a new member, including payment of the initiation fee.

To make your renewals as holly jolly as possible, there are different ways to drop off your payments. Feel free to fill Santa's bag with the exact cash amount for a receipt or scribble a check made out to Mars Rod & Gun Club. Please note, starter checks won't be allowed in our cheerful sack of payments. Faye or her festive helpers will gladly accept your payments in person on most jolly Tuesdays after 5pm, before and after our monthly meetings. Oh, but if you decide to wait and join us at the January meeting to drop off your payment, Rudolph's red nose will remind you that an initiation fee will tag along unless you've had a direct chat with me beforehand. Merry renewals to all, and to all a joyful membership at the Mars Rod & Gun Club!



Hark! 'Tis the joyous season at the December meeting where we've welcomed **New members onto Probationary Status** with open arms, wrapping them in the warm embrace of our festive community!

Let the bells jingle and snowflakes dance as we extend a cheerful welcome to Clayton Ford -R, Larry Kramer-Sr, Michael Lipinski-Sr, Jack Loadman Sr, Donna Lisanti A, and Richard Stoehr Sr. Oh, what merry times await as these fine souls begin their probationary journey with us!



But wait, the yuletide spirit brings even more joy! With hearts aglow, we joyfully announce that the **following members have pranced off Probationary Status and landed snugly into the heartwarming embrace of full membership**. Join us in spreading the cheer for Brandon Bowden R, Steven Faurie R, Austin Mackalica J, William Martin R, Peggy Martin A, Lorene Moore R, Tom Pia R, Addam Snow R, John Solomon R, Barry Steigerwalt R, and Cora Steigerwalt A. Let the halls resound with jubilation as we celebrate their full membership in our merry band!

A festive congratulations and a hearty welcome to our fully embraced members during this season of goodwill and cheer!



Attention Probationary members! 'Tis the season to spread joy and fulfill your 10 hours of service by year's end to secure your gate access card without spending \$100. Remember, the membership year twinkles from Jan 1 to Dec 31, requiring a renewal fee. If you're tangled in tinsel over this, give me a jingle for clarification!



Ho Ho Ho! 'Tis the season for **Trap Practice** and learning to shoot trap in the most festive way possible! 🌲 For any inquiries or if you need a touch of holiday magic, call Scott Cukovich at 724-679-9596! He's our very own Christmas elf, ready to assist you with anything you might need for a joyful and enchanting experience! 🎅 ☀️ 🎁 🌲 Join us every Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for an enchanting Trap Shooting session. Once the Sno Ball League begins, brace yourself for the possibility of shooting alongside our merry League members! 🎮 Here are our merry special practice rates:

- Members can enjoy the holiday cheer at \$10.00/50 birds
- Junior Members get a special treat at \$5.00/50 birds or \$2.50/25 birds.
- Nonmembers (both adults and juniors) can join the Christmas fun at \$10.00/50 birds.

🌲 Bring the family and learn the art of shooting trap together! Or, if shooting isn't your cup of cocoa, learn to assist with marking, scoring, and loading the birds into the machine during our jolly shooting sessions. We even have festive handouts available for you!



🎯 Don't miss our **Sno Ball League** every Tuesday starting at 4:30 PM and jingling all the way through March 2024! This year, we have 32 shooters dashing through the snow. We need helping hands to set up and tear down, along with marking the occasion. It's the perfect opportunity to learn the art of keeping score in this merry season!

🎁 Adults can join in the snowy fun at \$13.00/50 birds, while our cheerful Junior participants can enjoy at \$8.00/50 birds. Plus, don't worry, we've got shells available for purchase to ensure your Christmas shooting is nothing short of magical! 🌲 ❄️ 🎮



🌲 Calling all Christmas **Kitchen Helpers!** 🎮 ✨ We're in need of merry hands for all our league nights! We'd cherish your assistance! If you're keen on spreading holiday cheer through food—whether it's crafting delightful dishes, salads, or heavenly desserts—simply let Faye know. It's a splendid opportunity to fulfill your activity/work hours in the most festive way! 🎅 🍰 🍷 For those offering their culinary delights, keep your receipts



🌲 🎮 🎁 🌲 **Black Powder** 🎮 🎁 🌲 Welcome the New Year with a bang at the **Black Powder League!** Connect with Santa's Helper, Mark Caudill, for any inquiries at the North Pole Hotline: 724-355-0727. Join us as we kick off the New Year's celebrations starting Saturday, January 6th, and continue the festive spirit through February 26th for 8 weeks of joyful gatherings! Our day begins with a scrumptious Breakfast and Safety Meeting at 8:00AM, followed by a sparkling start to shooting at 9:00AM. Embrace the beginning of the year for just \$10 per person as you stroll through our exciting course. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to ring in the New Year with us! 🌲 🎮 🌲



Join our magical **Holiday Raffle** on December 25th! ✨ At 7 PM, the enchanting moment arrives as we draw the first winning 3-digit number! ✨ Remember, all tickets must be turned in immediately for your chance to win! 🗳️ 🗳️ Wishing the merriest of luck to all participants! 🗳️ 🗳️



Ladies who are firearms enthusiasts, our **"Gals and Guns"** gathering is nestled snugly on hold for the winter season like a present under the tree. 🎄 Stay warm by the hearth, for this festive event will soon sparkle back to life like twinkling holiday lights



🎄 ✨ **Spread Christmas Cheer through Club Work Days!** 🛠️ 🗳️ Time is ticking, and our to-do list is brimming with tasks that need a festive touch before the year's end! As we jingle our way through the season, it's crucial to complete work hours to avoid a \$100.00 gate fee.

✨ Seeking energetic and spirited club members, especially the younger elfin ones, to help! Our dedicated crew, with an average age of 65, welcomes your merry assistance in maintaining our grounds. 🛠️ Joe and John are willing to schedule evening work sessions, granting access to the garage and equipment. Volunteers should possess the necessary equipment-handling skills for a safe and productive time.

📄 Find the Grounds and Maintenance Spreadsheet outside the kitchen door on the porch's bulletin board. Sign in with the date, time spent, and your member number upon completing tasks. Don't forget to consult with Joe and John for important information before starting. 🗳️ Let's be considerate of each other's commitments. Huge thanks to those who've already helped this year! Looking forward to more festive collaborations in the future! ✨ 🗳️



✨ Spread Christmas Cheer by **Helping Clean the Clubhouse!** 🗳️ Starting in the new year, join us on Wednesdays or Thursdays every other week to spruce up the clubhouse, especially before club rentals! 🗳️ All cleaning supplies and trash bags are now tucked away in the maintenance room next to the women's bathroom.

✨ Inside the room, discover a spreadsheet where you can note the date, your member number, and the hours spent lending a hand. 📄 Don't forget to jot down any needed supplies on the provided paper. Let's work together to keep our clubhouse merry and bright! 🗳️ 🏠



Thanks to Tony Olesnevich & Tom Yeager for their years of service on the Board of Directors. **Welcome to Gary Heyl & Randy Szymik** for a two-year term on the Board.



Holiday Gate Reminder: For a holly-jolly time, please remember not to allow entry through the gate unless individuals present proof of their merry membership or you personally recognize them as members. 🗂️ 📄 Let's keep our festive grounds secure and filled with the joyous spirit of our cherished members! ❄️ 🎁



Merry Tree Stand Notice: Ho-ho-hold onto your holiday cheer! 🗂️ 🗂️ To spread joy safely, all tree stands used on Club property must be registered with Santa's helper Kraig Wolf and adorned with the member's name and assigned number. Otherwise, they might embark on a sleigh ride of their own and be removed. 🎁 ❄️ Let's ensure a festive and organized season together! 🦌



Festive Parking Reminder: Let's keep the holiday spirit sparkling! Please refrain from parking in the grass at any of our ranges. Remember, vehicles should stay within designated parking lots. ❄️ While we appreciate your gear and equipment, let's embrace a little stroll to the range—getting those merry steps in for the day! 🗂️ 🦌 Thank you for spreading joy and understanding during this magical season! 🎁 ❄️



❄️ ❄️ **Christmas Magic Alert!** 🦌 ❄️ We're thrilled to announce that the jolly winner of our enchanting 50/50 raffle is none other than Mike Vogel! 🗂️ ⌚ Congratulations on your festive win, Mike! 🎁 🦌 May this joyful surprise bring you extra cheer during this merry season! ❄️ 🦌



🦌 🦌 ⌚ ❄️ 🦌 Get ready for the excitement at our February meeting with the **"Biggest Buck Antler Contest!"** 🦌 🦌 Show off your impressive antlers for a chance to win big!

🗂️ The adult who brings in the biggest buck antlers will receive a check for \$25.00 from the Club! Additionally, a prize awaits the youth showcasing the largest antlers. ❄️ 🦌 🦌

🗂️ Save the date and join us at the meeting for a chance to display your hunting glory and potentially claim the prestigious title! Let's kick off the year celebrating nature's magnificent wonders! 🦌 🦌 Last years prestigious winner was Kraig Wolf.



❄️ 🦌 **Save the Date for a Holly Jolly Meeting!** 🗂️ ❄️ Our next gathering is set for **January 4th, 2024, at 7:00 PM!** Get ready to join us with bells on for a festive start to the new year! 🗂️ ❄️ Looking forward to seeing you there for a merry and productive meeting! 🎁 🦌

Mark your calendars and join us for these merry and delightful events as we celebrate the joyous holiday season and ring in the New Year together! 🎄🍷

DECEMBER 2023 Dates	EVENT	TIME	RANGES CLOSED	COMMENTS
Dec 12, 19, & 26 Tuesdays	SnoBall Trap League & Kitchen	4:30p to 8:00 p	Ranges closed 3:30p	
Dec 12, 19 & 26 Tuesdays	Trap Practice	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Ranges closed 3:30p	
Dec 7 th	Hanukkah begins			
Turn raffle ticket stubs in ASAP				
Dec 25	Merry Christmas & Holiday Raffle	7:00 PM		
Dec 31, 2023	Renewals due by 11:59 pm			If pay after 12/31, will pay initiation fee also
January 2024 Dates				
January 2,9,26,23, 30 Tuesdays	SNO BALL Trap League TRAP Practice	4:30 – 8:00 PM 5:00 – 8:00 PM	Ranges closed at 3:30pm	
January 4 Thursday	Monthly Meeting	7:00 PM		Food served @ 6:15 PM
January 6,13, 20, 27 Saturday	Black Powder League	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Ranges closed till 3pm	Help needed for set up, Breakfast 8a followed by Mandatory Safety briefing
January 7 Sunday	Clubhouse rental	10:00am to 9:00pm	Ranges & Grounds open	
January 18 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM		
January 25 Thursday February 29 Thursday March 28 Thursday April 25 Thursday	Prospective New Member Orientation	7:00 PM		Tell your friends & family
January 31,2024	Late Renewals due	11:59 PM		Membership will be suspended with loss of yrs. of service toward Life Membership

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