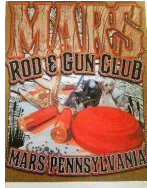


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“The Official Newsletter of MRGC.”

Happy New Year 2024

January ‘24



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Membership: Deadline for renewing memberships went away on **December 31st, 2023**. A winter wonderland grace period remains from January 1st to January 31st, allowing our cherished members to renew their memberships. During this **magical grace period**, a \$50.00 late fee/initiation fee will be charged to Regular members and \$25.00 for Sr members. Remember, **no renewals will be accepted after January 31st**. Those who miss out and fail to renew their memberships by January 31st, 2024, will find themselves losing all membership privileges. To rejoin our club, they'll need to complete the same procedure as a new member, including payment of the initiation fee.

The following members completed their years probationary period and were voted into **full membership**: Chris Marvin(R) and Lynda Marvin (A). Congratulations and welcome to our new members. Chris, along with Lynda jumped right into action during probation and have been working not only in the kitchen but also on IT and the new website. Thanks for all your hard work!



Christmas Raffle Winner-Steve Tuzikow's son was the winner! Steve bought tickets and put in the family stockings for Christmas. What a great present! And a great idea for future birthdays and big events.

The Meat Raffle for Gift cards totaling \$1750 for Dave's Meats is currently underway. Only 500 tickets will be sold and all tickets have been handed out. Tickets are \$5.00. Drawing is May 12th, 2024 and will be based on the 3-digit evening PA Lottery 1st number drawn at 7pm. Seller of winning ticket receives a \$50.00 gift card.



The Annual Wild Game Dinner (the Club's biggest fund raiser of the year) will be held on Saturday, March 16th 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Anyone attending, please bring a wild game dish, vegetable, salad, or dessert. Please mark your dishes and utensils with your name. There will be a 50/50, Gun Raffles, Door prizes and Chinese Auctions. Donation is \$40.00. There will be Club clean up Friday afternoon and evening, along with setup Saturday around 12 noon. Also, there will be preparations in the kitchen, cutting up cheese, setting up, etc. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the door at the Club for what food you are making and where you are interested in helping. Great time to get almost all your hours in for the year.


SUPER BOWL SUNDAY FUN SHOOT will be held Sunday February 11, 2024, from 12:00 PM on for members and their families. The Club will supply the meat for the meal, and everyone is asked to bring a dish. Please label your dishes/utensils with your name. Great time to bring your family to learn to shoot and to meet Club Members. Bring your guns and bring your ammo. All the ranges and the Trap Houses will be open and birds are free for the day.



TRAP NEWS: Don't miss our **SnoBall League** every Tuesday starting at 4:30 PM to 8:00 P.M. through February 2024! This year, we have 32 shooters. We need helping hands to set up and tear down, along with scoring. Adults can join in the snowy fun at \$13.00/50 birds, while our Junior participants can join in at \$8.00/50 birds. We've got shells available for purchase also. Call Scott Cukovich at 724-679-9596 with questions.

Trap Practice, Call Scott Cukovich at 724-679-9596! Join us every Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a great time. As SnoBall League continues, please remember you will be shooting alongside our League members! Practice for members and nonmembers is \$10.00/50 Birds, Jrs \$5.00/50 birds. Bring the family and learn the art of shooting trap together! Or, if shooting isn't your cup of tea, learn to assist with marking, scoring, and loading the birds into the machine during our shooting sessions. We have handouts available for you that review what to do for scoring—just ask at the office!



 Calling all **Kitchen Helpers!** 🧑‍🍳 ✨ We're in need of hands for all our league nights! We'd love to have your assistance, whether it's cooking and making casseroles, salads, or desserts—or simply helping to serve, please let Faye know. It's a great opportunity to learn about the club and meet people! For those offering to make food, please turn in your receipts to Mark or Faye if you would like to be reimbursed. If you can't help now for monthly meetings or SnoBall, there will be traveling leagues starting in the Spring on Monday and Wednesday evenings, usually once a month. Calendar on kitchen door to sign up for shifts.


Black Powder Welcome the New Year with a bang at the **Black Powder League!** Connect with Mark Caudill, for any questions: 724-355-0727. League has started and continues every Saturday till February 26th for 8 weeks of fun! Your day will begin with a scrumptious Breakfast and Safety Meeting at 8:00AM, followed by shooting at 9:00AM. \$10 per person as you stroll through our exciting walking course. If you have never fired a muzzleloader, come and see what it's all about.



 Ladies who are firearms enthusiasts, our **"Gals and Guns"** gathering is on hold for the winter.


Club Workdays! Time is ticking away, and our to-do list is filled with tasks that need to be completed. **Seeking energetic and younger club members to help! Our dedicated crew, with an average age of 65, would love your assistance in maintaining our grounds.** 🗝️ Joe Weltner (412-292-2622) and John Noto (724-996-4805) are willing to schedule evening work sessions, granting access to the garage and equipment as needed. Volunteers should possess the necessary equipment-handling skills for a safe and productive time. You will be notified by email when the next workday scheduled or phone if no email.



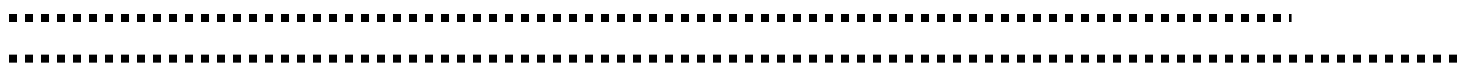
 📄 Find the Grounds and Maintenance Spreadsheet outside the kitchen door on the porch's bulletin board. You can see what work needs done and have a place to sign in with the date, time spent, and your member number upon completing tasks. Don't forget to consult with Joe and John for important information before starting. A huge thanks to those who helped out last year! 📄 **Anyone interested in helping with the block wall at Trap 2, please give Joe W. or Tom Brosenitsch (724-822-4666) a call.**

Helping Clean the Clubhouse! 🧹 Starting in February, 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 clean! **Please email or text Faye to let her know your availability to help.**



 **Gate Reminder:** Please remember not to allow entry through the gate unless individuals present proof of their membership or you personally recognize them as members. Let's keep our grounds safe & secure.

Parking Reminder: 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 steps in for the day!





🎉 We're thrilled to announce that the winner of our 50/50 raffle at January's meeting is none other than lucky Bob Leonberg! 🕒 Congratulations! We are also thrilled to announce the "Pick of the Table" winner was Bob Lucas!!

Save the Date for the monthly meeting February 1, 2024, at 7:00 PM! Get ready for the excitement 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! Food will be served at 6:15 PM. 📅 🎉



Please review the following guidelines and rules:

- ◆ Please wear your membership card when on Club grounds
- ◆ All ranges are closed till 12:00 noon every Sunday.
- ◆ NO ALCOHOL before or during shooting or on the ranges at any time.
- ◆ Always wear eye & hearing protection.
- ◆ Practice safety when using the ranges.
- ◆ Only paper targets are to be used. Please do not shoot at steel poles, top bars, or trees.
- ◆ All ranges have firing lines. Shoot from firing lines only.
- ◆ No center fire semi-auto rifles permitted on lower ranges,
- ◆ Please remember we have cameras all over the property. Anyone breaking the rules is subject to losing their membership.
- ◆ Some events may run over the published times posted on calendar. You are not permitted to interrupt the event! If "all or any ranges are closed" for an event, the ranges are closed until the event is over.
- ◆ Ranges are closed if the calendar is highlighted in Yellow. There have been several occasions when others have shown up to shoot when the Trap Leagues are at our Club. You will be asked to leave. Ranges are open during Trap Practice only .

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Mark your calendars and join us for these events as we celebrate the upcoming months !

January 2024 Dates	EVENT	TIME	RANGES CLOSED	COMMENTS
January 15, 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 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 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
February 2024 Dates	Event	Time	Ranges Closed	Comments
February 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays	SNO BALL Trap League TRAP Practice	4:30 – 8:00 PM 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Ranges closed after 3:30 pm	
February 3, 10, 17, 24 Saturdays	Black Powder League		Ranges closed till 3:00 PM	
February 1 Thursday	Monthly Meeting	7:00 PM		Big Buck Contest!
February 11 Sunday	Super Bowl Fun Shoot			
February 29 Thursday March 28 Thursday April 25 Thursday	New Member Orientation	7:00 PM		Person must be present at the mtg to fill out application & to start the Probationary Period
March 16	Annual Wild Game Dinner	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM		

Everyone stay safe and healthy!! Frosty the Snowman says: “Think twice before walking on ice!”