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|  | Life at MRGC “The Official Newsletter of MRGC.”October 2023 |  |
|   **Website: marsrodandgunclub.org Email:** **marsrodandgunclub@gmail.com** **Facebook: Mars Rod and Gun Club Official Page---Please answer all the questions!** |
| **Holiday raffle 12/25 See Jeff C. for tickets**-3 digit # Drawn first @ 7pm.$10.00/ ticket. Only 500 tickets available.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**Veteran’s Day Dinner Sunday Nov 12th, 2023 at Mars Rod & Gun Club. Call Bob Lucas at 724-312-7720 by Sunday 10/15.** The club will be hosting a dinner this Veteran’s Day November 12th to honor those who have served our country. We will also be hosting the Evans City VFW. All veterans from both organizations are welcome to attend. Doors open at 1:00 PM and meal will be served at 2:00 PM. Must pre-register with Bob Lucas by phone or text 724-312-7720**Elections** Thursday 11/2/23 at the Annual Mtg.You must have attended 7 meetings to be considered eligible to run for an office. If you are unsure of your eligibility, please call Kraig Wolf. Regular, Senior & Life members may vote.Nominating Committee was selected & is as follows:Brian FelsingRick MartellMark Sabina**REMINDER #1**Starting October 1, no guests are permitted at the club to shoot until Jan 1st, 2024. The only exceptions are Sno Ball League nights or sponsored shoots (Zombie Shoot.) Any questions, ask an Officer or Director.**REMINDER #2**Do not let anyone in the gate without proof of membership or you know them to be a member. **REMINDER #3****No Parking in the Grass at any of the ranges.**Please remember that there are to be no vehicles in the grass at the ranges or 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**.** |  |  | 2025 MRGC free memberships winner for taking advantage of Incentive Program:Won by Andrew Wirtz-Regular membership & Thomas Dubensky Sr-Senior membership. Thank you to everyone that paid their renewals in September (110 of you!)**Renewal Information:** A review of the 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.

 **Faye (or designee)** will take in-person payments: * on most Tuesdays after 5pm
* before and after monthly meeting

We hope to begin to accept credit card payments by Nov. 1, 2023. More info to follow. **Trap News** TRAP NEWS**Any questions, call Scott Cukovich 724-679-9596):****Trap practice/learning to shoot trap. Every Tuesday 5:00-8:00 pm.** Once 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.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 sessions. There are handouts available. **Sno Ball League Tuesdays @ 4:30 – 8pm and then every Tuesday through March 2024.** 32 shooters this year. Help needed to set up, tear down along with marking. Great time to learn to keep score. Adults $13.00/50 Juniors $8.00/50 Normally, there are shells available for purchase.**Kitchen** help needed for **all league nights**!!!!!!! If you signed up for the Kitchen Committee, we need your help. Please sign up on the calendar posted on the door when you are available. 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 -** 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 any supplies are needed.**Work Day @ the club can be Any Day!****We still have much to do on the task list and we are running out of good weather to do it.** 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 willing to set up work time in the evenings and make arrangements for you to have access to garage/equipment, but 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. Please check with Joe and John if there are tidbits of information you may need to know before you start. Please be respectful of others time if you make plans to come and work. Thanks to those who have helped out, and we look forward to working with you in the future.**Credit Card Payments:**We are in negotiations with GabPay to allow you to pay fees at the Club utilizing a credit card. We are hoping to take renewal fees, payments for merchandise, and possibly payments for league shooting eventually. I will notify you when we have received the equipment necessary to complete the process. and will send out an email when this begins. Any questions, call Faye.**Next Meeting Nov 2nd, 2023.**Conservation Officer Gunderson will be present at the November meeting again and will have a short presentation. **See you there!****\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*A**nyone interested in helping with Newsletter, new Website upkept, or computer work, please let Faye know. Most work can be done at home after we set it up!\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* |  | \*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. Scary zombie man, halloween theme Zombie Stock Photo**Zombie Pistol Shoot Saturday 10/21/23 (Call Greg Shumashko 724-816-1892 for questions)** Set up Fri 10/20 3pm and Sat 8am. Mandatory 8:45 AM Safety meeting whch everyone must attend.**Safety Glasses & Hearing Protection required-** Cost is $10.00 > 18 yrs of age, < 18 yr shoot free. 5 shots/$5.00 for Zombie Eyes. Donation for lunch! Must Bring Your Own Pistol And Ammo, None Will Be available At The Club 25 Field Targets, 50 Round Course, All Metal Targets, Can Use .22 - .45ACP Straight Wall Pistol Cartridges Only, NO Magnums * Need RSOs and markers for the day

Gals and Guns... “On hold for winter”**Black Powder League** Contact Mark Caudill with any questions 724-355-0727 -Will start Saturday, January 6th and continue through February 24th for 8 weeks – Breakfast and Safety meeting at 8:00AM with shooting starting at 9:00AM - $10 per person – Walk through course **HELP IS NEEDED!**Come get your hours completedbefore 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.**Miscellaneous** * Winner of the 50/50 raffle was Faye Sabina
* Scott Cukovich was the winner of “The Pick of the Table”

**Merchandise:*** is available for purchase. See Tracey
* **SS T-**shirts:

L/XL $18  2XL $20  3XL **LS T-shirts:**L/XL $21  2XL $23  3XL $24 **Hoodies:** L/XL $30 2XL $32 3XL $33 **Zip Hoodies:**l/XL $36 2XL $38 3XL $39 **Caps:**L/XL $20 |

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCT ‘23 & NOV ‘23**

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| **October Dates** | **Event** | **Time** | **Ranges Closed** | **Comments** |
| Oct 12th Thursday | Board mtg | 7:00 pm |  |  |
| Oct 15th Sunday **Everyone Invited!** | **Work Day** | 8:00-12:00 pm | As needed | Painting, grounds work |
| Oct 17, 24, 31 Tuesdays | Sno Ball Trap League & Kitchen | 4:30 PM -8 PM | All Closed at 3:30 PM every Tuesday |  |
| Oct 17, 24, 31 Tuesdays | Trap Practice | 5PM – 8Pm | All Closed at 3:30 PM every Tuesday |  |
| Oct 19 Thursday | Kitchen Mtg | 7:00 pm |  | **Call Faye if interested** |
| Oct 20 Friday | Set up Zombie Shoot | 3:00 pm on | As needed |  |
| Oct 21 Saturday | Zombie Shoot | 9AM – 3 PM | All closed till 4p | **Set up Saturday 8:00am. Mandatory Safety Mtg @ 8:45 am** |
| Oct 26th Thursday | New Member Orientation | 7:00 pm |  |  |
| NOVEMBER DATES | EVENT | TIME | RANGES CLOSED | **COMMENTS** |
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| Nov 2 Thursday | Annual Mtg-Elections | 7:00 pm |  |  |
| Nov 4th Saturday | Rental | All day | Open all day | **Rental** |
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| Nov 7,14,21 TuesdaysNo league 11/28 | Sno Ball Trap League & Kitchen | 4:30 PM -8 PM | All Closed at 4PM every Tuesday |  |

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| Nov 12th Sunday  | Veterans Dinner | Doors open at 1pm Dinner 2pm  | RANGES CLOSED ALL DAY |  |
| November 23 Thursday | **Happy Thanksgiving** |  |  |  |
| Nov 25, 26, 27, 28 & 12/2 | Hunting Season | All Day | Ranges closed each day |  |
| No guests permitted October 1, 2023 till Jan 1, 2024 |  |  |  |  |

**Officers:**

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