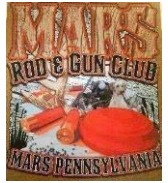


# Life at MRGC

## “The Official Newsletter of MRGC.”

### February ‘24



**Website:** [marsrodandgunclub.org](http://marsrodandgunclub.org)

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**Facebook:** Mars Rod and Gun Club Official Page-----Please answer all the questions!

**Membership:** Membership Renewals are now completed. People that did not renew have been removed from the rolls. We now have a total of 428 members. We will continue to hold New Member Orientation classes the last Thursday of each month (see calendar). If you or someone else has questions regarding membership, please give them Faye’s phone number or the Club email address.



The following prospective members completed their New Member Orientation Class in January 2024: **Troy Christie (R), John Dimoff (R), Marlene Dimoff (A), Shannon Ferroir (R), Preston Ferroir (J), and Stephen Illsley (S)**. Their names were read at the February meeting and published in this newsletter per the bylaws. If there are no objections, these individuals will be present at the March meeting and presented to the membership for a vote onto Probationary Status. Next New Member Orientation is Thursday, February 29, 2024 @ 7PM.

**The Meat Raffle** for Gift cards totaling \$1750 for Dave’s Meats is currently underway. 500 tickets are out for sale. Tickets are \$5.00. Drawing is May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Mother’s Day) and will be based on the 3-digit evening PA Lottery 1<sup>st</sup> number drawn at 7pm. Seller of winning ticket receives a \$50.00 gift card. Be sure to turn in your ticket stubs as soon as possible to Jeff.



**The Annual Wild Game Dinner** (the Club’s biggest fund raiser of the year) will be held on Saturday, **March 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. Anyone attending, please bring a wild game dish, vegetables, 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 starting Friday afternoon and evening, along with setup Saturday around 12 noon and clean-up Sunday am about 10am. Also, kitchen crew will be cutting up cheese & meats, setting up food service, serving appetizers, 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. It’s a great time to get almost all your hours in for the year.

**TRAP NEWS:** **SnoBall League** Don’t miss our every Tuesday league shoot starting at 4:30 PM to 8:00 P.M. through the end of February 2024 We need helping hands to set up and tear down, along with scoring. Adults can join in the 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. **SnoBall Banquet**, for those that qualify with 19 shoots, is on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Happy Hour 5:30PM.



**Trap Practice** (Call Scott Cukovich at 724-679-9596 with questions) Join us every Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for an exciting time. **(After SnoBall League is done for the year, if no one shows by 6PM, traps will be shut down for the night)**. 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.



**North Suburban Traveling Trap League** is scheduled to start on Mondays in April and the first shoot at Mars is **Monday April 22, 2024**. Help will be needed with set up, loading houses, marking, kitchen, etc. If anyone has any questions, call Scott (or Faye for Kitchen).



**Butler County Traveling Trap League** is also scheduled to start on Wednesdays in April 4:00PM – 7:30 PM and the first shoot at Mars is **Wednesday April 24, 2024**. Help will be needed with set up, loading houses, marking, kitchen, etc. If anyone has any questions, call Scott (or Faye for Kitchen).



**Kitchen Helpers!** Calling all that signed up for kitchen as a committee, and any that didn't 🧑‍🍳 ✨



Please let Faye know if can help and when as we are in need of hands for all our league nights! We would love to have your assistance, whether it is cooking and making casseroles, salads, or desserts—or simply helping to serve, 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 with monthly meetings or league nights, the Traveling leagues starting in the April on Monday and Wednesday evenings, usually once a month. Dates at Mars will be on the calendar along with on the Calendar on kitchen door to sign up for shifts.

**Black Powder League** Connect with Mark Caudill, for any questions: 724-355-0727. League continues



every Saturday till February 26th! 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. New targets will appear so pay close attention! If you have never fired a muzzleloader, come and see what all the hype is about.

Ladies who are firearms enthusiasts, our **"Gals and Guns"** gathering is on hold for the winter. **Women on Target** date is June 22, 2024. More information will be coming soon.



**Club Workdays!** Time is ticking away, and our to-do list is filled with many tasks, both big and small, which must be completed. Seeking energetic and younger club members to help! Our resolute 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. Due to continued winter weather concerns, you will be notified by email when the next workday is scheduled (or phone if no email). Call Joe or John if questions.



📄 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 week at the Feb Work Day!!


🔪 **Helping Clean the Clubhouse!** For those that signed up for Building Cleaning, starting in March, 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 during the week/evening, or weekends, etc.**

**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 us 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 all your gear and equipment, let's embrace a little stroll to the range—getting those steps in for the day



Raffle Winners in Feb were: 50/50 winner was Jeff Carelle --- **Congratulations!**   
Pick of the Table winner was Joe Katkic!! **Congratulations!**

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**"Biggest Buck Antler Contest of the Winners!"**



**Ryan Flynn**  
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🏆🏆 3 members brought their racks to enter the contest. **RYAN F.** had the biggest 10-POINT antlers with an 18.5" spread & he received a check for \$25.00 from the Club! Additionally, a youth prize was awarded to **Dominic R.** for his 7-point antlers with an 19.5" spread taken with a Crossbow! He also received a check for \$25.00. We all celebrated nature's magnificent wonders that they shared! 📅🌟



**Dominic**

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Thanks to judges Rick Martell, Randy Szymik & Bob Lucas

**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 .

**If you are unsure of the rules or guidelines, please ask a board member or an officer.**

**IN MEMORY** – Life member Maurice "Pete" Bish, who was 100 years old, passed away last week. The Club donated money to a charity he earmarked for the funds. Prayers to his family and friends.

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

February 2024 Dates	Event	Time	Ranges Closed	Comments
<b>Heart Healthy Month</b>				
February 13, 20, 27 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 17, 24 Saturdays	Black Powder League		Ranges closed till 3pm	Breakfast 8:00am Mandatory Safety Mtg
February 11 Sunday	Super Bowl Fun Shoot	12:00 PM	All ranges open At 12	Trap "Birds" are free today
February 14 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Happy Valentine's Day			
February 29 Thursday March 28 Thursday April 25 Thursday	New Member Orientation Mtg	7:00 PM-8:30 PM usually approx. a hour depending ?s		Must be present at the mtg to fill out application to start the Probationary Period
<b>March 2024 Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Ranges Closed</b>	<b>Comments</b>
March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Thursday	Monthly Mtg	7:00 PM -		
March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Saturday	SnoBall Banquet	5:30PM Happy Hour		
March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Sunday	Set your clock ahead!	2:00 AM		Don't forget....we Spring Forward!
March 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Friday	Clean up/set up club	1:00 PM on		
March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Saturday	Set up	12 noon		
March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Saturday	Wild Game Dinner	4:00 PM	All ranges closed	
March 17, 2024 Sunday Happy St Patrick's Day	Clean up Game Dinner	10:00 AM		Let the Shenanigans begin!
March 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Thursday	New Member Orientation Mtg	7:00 PM		

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