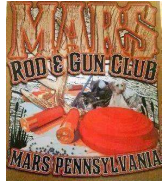


Life at MRGC

“The Official Newsletter of MRGC.”

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Membership We will continue to hold New Member Orientation classes the last Thursday of each month (see calendar) through May. If you or someone else has questions regarding membership, please give them Faye’s phone number or the Club email address. Next New Member Orientation is Thursday, March 28, 2024 @ 7pm.



The following prospective members completed their New Member Orientation Class in February 2024: **Wayne Allison (R), Mitchell Hendrickson (R), Thomas Mason (R), Jr Mason (J), Timothy May (R), Nicholas Moraites (R), and William Krol (S)**. Their names were read at the March meeting and published in this newsletter per the bylaws. If there are no objections, these individuals will be present at the April meeting and presented to the membership for a vote onto Probationary Status..

The following prospective members were accepted into Probationary status for one year: **Troy Christie (R), John Dimoff (R), Marlene Dimoff (A), Shannon Ferroir (R), Preston Ferroir (J), and Stephen Illsley (S)**. Please welcome these new members!



The tickets for the Meat Raffle for Gift cards totaling \$1750 for Dave’s Meats have all been sold. Drawing is May 12th, 2024 (Mother’s Day) 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. **Be sure to turn in your ticket stubs as soon as possible to Jeff.**

The Annual Wild Game Dinner (the Club’s biggest event 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, vegetables, salad, or dessert. Please mark your dishes and utensils with your name.



There will be 50/50 drawings, 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** 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. Great time to get almost all your hours in for the year.

TRAP NEWS: SnoBall Banquet , was held and Ryan Trugan was awarded a prize for the top trap shooter of the SnoBall League. Scott Cukovich won second place. Team Hornet led the pack as the winner this season.



Trap Practice (Call Scott Cukovich at 724-679-9596 with questions) Join us every Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a great time. **(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.



Butler County Traveling Trap League is also scheduled to start in April on Wednesdays 4:00p – 7:30 and the first shoot at Mars is Wednesday April 24, 2024.



Black Powder League is over for the winter. They had a total of 95 shooters for the league with weather having a significant impact on numbers along with medical issues of members. Breakfast was provided by Jinnie Stora, Dave & Lyle Goodworth, and Robin & Bill Grandstaff—thank you to all of them for their help.

Mars Precision Rimfire Rifle Shoot – 22-LR only. Jon Unger is organizing this shoot which will be held on Sunday, April 7th. This is the first event of this kind to be held at MRGC and the first one of the year for Precision Rimfire Rifle Shooting. Information is as follows: Set up starts at 11:00 AM. **For additional information and to register.....Contact Marsrimfire@gmail.com or call 724-584-6005.**

- Registration starting at 11:30 AM.
- Mandatory safety briefing at 11:45 AM.
- Post match meeting
- 50-round minimum
- Ear and Eye Protection required
- The organizer will assess youth acceptance based on firearm experience and safety, rather than solely on age. Their judgment will be the final determining factor.
- **Chamber Flag/Empty Chamber Indicator Mandatory**- if you don't have one, you can purchase one, or I have been told you can use Weed Wacker string.
- \$10.00 a shooter

Bill's first Pistol Shoot of the year is on Saturday, April 27th, 2024.
Rimfire and Centerfire Combined



Registration starts at 9:00 am.

Mandatory Safety Meeting at 9:45 AM

- Shooting from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Hearing and eye protection mandatory
- Bring your gun(s) and ammo
- \$10.00 to participate (children shoot free) + donation for lunch



The date for **Women on Target**® is June 22, 2024. Registration forms will be out soon. Event will start with Registration at 8:00 AM, Introductions at 8:30 AM and classes start at 9am. Groups will rotate through sessions on pistol, rifle, shotgun, and other education. Additional time from 2-4pm if needed. Preregistration is necessary, and the cost is \$60.00 per person and nonrefundable. Cost includes use of firearms, targets, and ammunition. Clinic is held rain or shine. Goody bags are provided to all registrants. Event is limited to 30 participants Please note anyone under the age of 18 must have a legal parent or guardian accompany them to and for the duration of the class.

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



Please let Faye know as 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, 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 League nights, the Traveling leagues starting in April on Monday and Wednesday evenings, usually once a month. Dates at Mars will be on calendar along with on the Calendar on kitchen door to sign up for shifts.

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 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.

Cleaning the Clubhouse! Please email or text Faye to let her know your availability to help during the week or evening, weekends, etc.. Would like to set up a schedule for cleaning every other week and before rentals.

Raffle Winners at March mtg: 50/50 Winner was --- Robin Grandstaff **Congratulations!**

'Pick of the table' winner was Rich Williams! **Congratulations!**

7th Annual Car Cruise at Old Union Church sponsored by the Pontiac Club is Saturday May 18th. It starts at 10:00 AM and is till 2:00 PM, rain or shine. Blessing of the Vehicles is at 12 :00 PM. Spectator judged. Food, music, fellowship and fun! Dash plaque to the first 50 cars. Minimum donation asked for is \$10.00. Help support the Club's nearby community members

Guidelines and Rules: 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, not League nights.
- ◆ Please remember not to allow entry through the gate unless individuals present proof of their membership or you personally recognize them as members.
- ◆ Please refrain from parking in the grass at any of our ranges. Remember, vehicles should stay within designated parking lots.

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

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

March 2024 Dates	Event	Time	Ranges Closed	Comments
March 15 th , 2024 Friday	Clean up/set up club	1:00 PM on		
March 16 th , 2024 Saturday	Set up	12:00 PM		
March 16 th , 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		
March 28 th , 2024 Thursday April 25, 2024 Thursday May 30, 2024 Thursday	New Member Orientation Mtg	7:00 PM-8:30 PM usually approx. an hr depending ?s		Person must be present at the mtg to fill out application &

APRIL 2024 DATES	Event	TIME	Ranges Closed	Comments
April 7 th , 2024 Sunday	Percison Rimfire 22LR shoot	11 am	All closed till 4p	
April 20 th , 2024 Saturday	Knoch Hockey Shoot	7:00a set up	All closed all day	
April 20 th , 2024 Saturday	60 Bird 2 Man Protector	4:30 pm	“ “	
April 22, 2024 Monday	NSTL @ Mars	4:00 pm	All closed after 3pm	
April 24, 2024 Wednesday	BCTL @ Mars	4:00 pm	All closed after 3pm	
April 25, 2024 Thursday	New Member Orientation	7:00 pm		
April 27, 2024 Saturday	Bill's Pistol Shoot	8:00 am	All closed till 3 pm	
April 27, 2024 Saturday	NRA Dinner	4:00 pm		American Legion, Butler