

Life at Mars Rod and Gun Club, Inc
The Official Newsletter of Mars Rod and Gun Club

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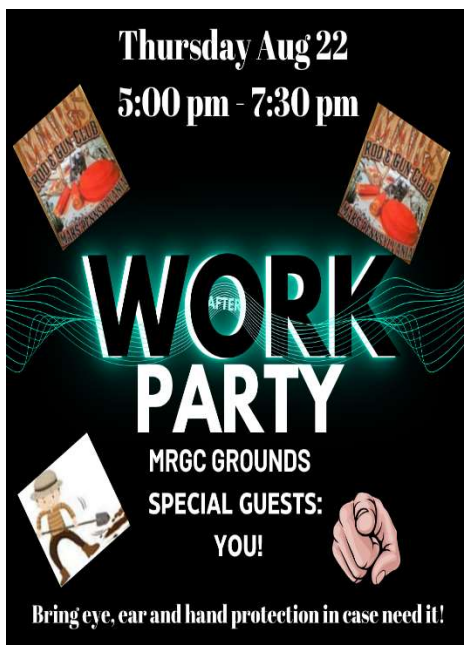
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Pistol Shoot: Bill's Pistol Shoot is on Saturday, August 17th, 2024.

Bill can be reached at 724-766-1876.

- Rimfire and Centerfire Combined
- Registration starts at 9:00a
- Mandatory Safety Meeting begins at 9:45a
- Shooting from 10:00a — 2:00p
- Hearing and eye protection mandatory
- Bring your own gun(s) and ammo
- Chamber Flag/Empty Chamber Indicator Recommended
- \$10.00 to participate (children shoot free) plus a donation for lunch



Thursday Aug 22
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

WORK PARTY
AFTER

MRGC GROUNDS
SPECIAL GUESTS:
YOU!

Bring eye, ear and hand protection in case need it!

Evening Work Party: Everyone says everything is scheduled on the weekends, ssssooooo...this is for you!

Work Party will be on Thursday, August 22nd from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Volunteers are needed. If you can't get there at 5:00 pm, get there when you can.

Please bring eye, ear and hand protection with you in case it is needed. Call Joe Weltner (412-292-2622) with any questions. Anyone with small chunks of time available, your help will be greatly appreciated!

PFSC Don't forget this weekend's Sporting Clays Fun Shoot at Lawrence County Sportsmen's Association on Saturday August 17, 2024 @ 9:00am. We have a group that is going to represent our Club! This is a fund raiser for PFSC (Pa Federation of Sportsmen's Association). Rain or Shine event!!! 100 birds/75.00 per person with Catered lunch, bucket raffles and a 50/50 raffle. For more information, call Bob Lucas at 724-312-7720.



PA Game Commission's HUNTER SAFETY CLASS: Is being held our club, MRGC on **Saturday August 24 at 9:00 am.** To register, go to PA Game Commission's site at www.pgc.pa.gov. for the specifics. Anyone who is planning on hunting out of state must have this class and get the credit card style attendance record to get an out of state license. Very convenient to have this class at our Club! The Club grounds and Clubhouse will be closed this day!

Membership: Congratulations to the following who completed their probationary period and were accepted to **FULL Membership** status: Bill Essary-R, Trish Essary-A, Hailey Essary-J, Hunter Essary-J, and Ben Maziare Myers-R. The proposed by-law regarding changes to the probationary program was passed by the Membership present at the June monthly meeting. 6 people completed their Probationary period early and were voted into **FULL Membership** status. They were Clayton Ford-R, Larry Kramer-S, Michael Lipinski-S, Jack Loadman-S, Donna Lisanti-S, and Rich Stoehr-S. Please welcome these members!



If you or someone else has questions regarding membership, please forward the Club's contact information to them or my phone number. If you give them the Club website, they can fill out and send a 'Contact Me' form. The next New Member Orientations sessions are Thursday, October 10th @ 7pm and one additional day that will be scheduled based on need in Oct. These will be the only sessions to start the new 2025 membership year.

Trap News: **PRACTICE:** The gate will be open every Tuesday from 5:00 - 8 p.m. for a great time shooting trap! The public is welcome. Remember when SnoBall League starts, on September 10th, you will be shooting with League members on the line, so you will need to shoot 50 birds. Shells are available for \$8.00. Cost for members and nonmembers is \$10.00/50 birds; Juniors are \$5.00/50 birds. Handouts with instructions for scoring are available at the office. Call Scott Cukovich at 724-679-9596 with questions.



North Suburban Traveling Trap League (NSTL): The next shoot is scheduled at Mars on Monday Sept 16th. Help is needed to set up, load houses, marking, kitchen, etc. If marking, scoring, loading the birds into the machine or kitchen during shooting



sessions will count towards your hours. Volunteers and/or questions can be directed to Scott Cukovich at 724-679-9596, or to Faye or Mark for kitchen help @ 724-679-0204



Butler County Traveling Trap League (BCTL): Over for the year...see you next summer! Thanks everyone that helped out during the League nights!

SnoBall Trap League: Will be starting on Tuesday Nights September 10th through March at 4:30 pm – 8p. The cost of League will be \$14.00/50 birds and Juniors \$9.00/50 birds. The gate will be open so the public is welcome. Talk to Scott Cukovich for more information or someone who shoots trap.

New Patterning Board: (for Shotguns only) was installed between Trap 2 and Trap 3. It is ready to be used. Any questions, please ask Mark Sabina. The rules for the board are as follows:

- Shotguns only
- Standing at the 35-yard line is recommended but it's your choice.
- Stainless steel markers are in the ground with distance indicated.
- Lead shot only. Target loads only. Maximum shot size 7.5
- When done shooting, use the roller with white paint located near the board to prepare for next person.

Rifle: 22LR Precision Rimfire Shoot: The next shoot will be on Sunday, Sept 8th, 2024. Jon Unger is the organizer of this event. The set up starts at 10:30 a.m. Registration starts 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. For additional information and to register, contact Marstrimfire@gmail.com or call 724-584-6005.



Kitchen Helpers! Calling all those who signed up for the kitchen committee (and even those who didn't)! We are in need of hands for many of our events, especially our once-a-month Traveling League on Monday 8/19/24 and 9/16/24. Then our SnoBall League on Tuesday nights starts 9/10/24 and is every Tuesday. We'd love to have your assistance, whether it's cooking, preparing casseroles, salads, desserts—or simply helping to serve. It's a great opportunity to learn about the club and meet people! All related receipts turned into Mark or Faye will be reimbursed. Please check the

calendar below or on our website for the schedule. Sign-up sheet can be found on the kitchen door. Or . . . just contact Faye (724) 321-2691 or Mark (724) 679-0204!



Club Workdays Get ready to jump into the school year! We've got a checklist full of tasks, both big and small, just waiting for your energy! We're looking for enthusiastic club members to join our team. We're excited to have your help with sprucing up our clubhouse and grounds, and for weekly maintenance. The more people who show up, the faster we can check off those tasks! Joe Weltner (412-292-2622) and a few others are ready to organize work sessions, day or night, with garage access and equipment available. Bring your tool-handling skills for safe and efficient work. Keep an eye out for emails, calls, or texts about our next workdays. Let's get things done together! Check out the updated task list on the bulletin board outside the kitchen and don't forget to sign your name, member number, hours, and the date. *****Thursday 8/22/24 5:00 – 7:30 pm Work party***** See note on first page!

If you prefer the cool indoors, our clubhouse could use some sprucing too! We're aiming to schedule cleanings every other week, and before rentals and events. We want to impress our guests. **Text or email Faye (724-321-2691) to share your availability any time.** Remember, more hands mean less time spent! Be sure to sign on the task list on door of housekeeping closet beside women's BR.



Call Jeff Carelle @ 724-448-4723 to make arrangements to turn in ticket stubs or an officer/BOD ASAP. Some tickets are still available for sale!!!! This raffle on Labor Day is for \$1,500 GC for meat @ Dave's Meats(or cash) along with a Blackstone portable grill. Great for tailgating and picnicking in style! The drawing is based on the Labor Day Monday September 2nd 3-digit evening PA Lottery Drawing & is the first number drawn at 7:00p.m.



Archery fanatics have a new 3D target walking course that has 15 targets and is located on both sides of the driveway (there are arrows to show you the entrances). If you can help with upkeep, please call Travis Walsh for further information @ 724-584-0138. Take a look on the website for more information. There is a donation container (\$10 suggested & kids under 12 free)) on the ledge of the kitchen and a small paper to fill out. Please take the time to fill it out to help us know if the range is being used and when you used it. It will be available till Fall. Have you used the range? If you are an archery shooter, why not?



Caution: There will be ongoing work to improve the 75 & 100-yd range, along with recreating a 50-yd target. Please be mindful of this ongoing work. Dirt is also being hauled in and a skidsteer/front loader will be moving the dirt around. **It may limit your use of the 100-yd and the 200-yd range so please be patient as it is a work in progress; and the Club members working on this project are also volunteers.** Also, the backstop has been removed from the 200-yd range due to extensive damage and is in the process of being replaced. Call Jon Unger for information of when help will be needed to complete the project.

FOR SALE Section:



1. We are going to be starting a "For Sale" section of the Newsletter for guns, ammo and other items you are looking to get rid of. Dave Snyder has offered to take the calls (412) 498-7432, texts and emails at dsnyderl8@hotmail.com with the information and format it for publication. Send your information to Dave so we can get the right stuff to the right people. One person's junk is another person's treasure. See below for our for sale item!

Available:

280 once-fired 308 Win brass, Winchester headstamp
220 once-fired 308 Win brass, Federal headstamp
100 once-fired 22-250 brass, Winchester headstamp
20 once-fired 22-250 brass, Hornady headstamp

I'll take any reasonable offer if the buyer will pick up at my house near Saxonburg.

Thank you,

Donald Bruckner

724-584-0567 (cell)

donald.bruckner@gmail.com <<mailto:donald.bruckner@gmail.com>>



2. Furniture Dollies: Have several that we don't need anymore as too big for our needs. Have not been used.
 - Have a total of 2 for sale
 - 33" x 18"
 - 1000 lb. capacity
 - Paid \$17.99 for each of them/would like to get \$12.00 each for themCall or text Mark Sabina @ 724-679-0204.

Don't waste your time in anger, regrets, worries, and grudges.
Life is too short to be unhappy." **Roy. T. Bennett**