

Life at Mars Rod and Gun Club  
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No guests after Oct 1 till Jan 1

100-YD Range Improvements Continue with Dirt Delivery

**\*\*100 and 200-yd ranges closed 7a-5p Monday through Friday until further notice\*\***

SnoBall Inhouse Trap League every Tues through March @ 4:30 – 8:00 PM

Trap Practice every Tuesday 5p – 8p. See new info below!

Mike Vogel meeting with those hunting the Club Property Oct 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM

Pancake breakfast @ Middlesex VFD benefiting Christy Nickl Sunday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00AM

Nov Monthly Meeting **Thursday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM** -Elections will be held—Bring your badge to verify a voting member (Regular, Senior and Life members)

Veterans Dinner- Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>- RSVP as soon as you can to Bob Lucas.

Dec Monthly meeting date is changed to Thursday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> due to hunting season.

Jan Monthly meeting changed to Thursday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 due to the holiday

**Membership Update:** The following names were read at the meeting and are being published here. They will be voted onto membership at the November meeting if there are no objections: David (R) and Jill Dudgeon (R), Cheryl Cera (A), Phil (R) and Valerie D'Amato (A), Brian Donnelly (R), Phillip Robertson (R), Heath Karoleski (J), and the families of John (R) and Christine Kilkeary (A), and Brendan (R), Oana (A), Regan (J) and Duke (J) Carroll.

**🍁 Have Questions About Membership? 🍂**

As the leaves turn and the year winds down, we want to make sure everyone feels welcome and connected. If you—or someone you know—has questions about membership, please reach out! You can contact **Faye directly** or use the **'Contact Me' form** on our website for more details. Membership is currently closed for hunting and the holiday session. 🍂 **New Member Orientation** 🍁 will resume on **Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 7 PM**. This will be the first session of 2026.

## 🍁 2026 Membership Renewals – Fall Update 🍁

- **Renewals Began September 1st, 2025**

Crisp fall air means it's time to renew your membership for 2026! Fees remain the same—only the way they're presented looks a little different.

- **Discount Opportunity:** Submit an activity card with **10 signed volunteer hours** by **December 31, 2025**, and subtract **\$100 off your dues**. Not sure how to get your hours in? Chat with any Officer, Board Member, or Committee Chair for ideas—there are plenty of ways to lend a hand this season.

- **September Raffle Bonus:** Thanks to all who paid their dues early. I appreciate it!

- **Payment Collection Options**

- A table will be available before the beginning of monthly meetings.
- Faye will hold **office hours** on Tuesdays 5pm-7:30pm.
- A **locked mailbox** is located outside the glass door by the fireplace.
- You may also **mail directly to Faye** (address listed on the renewal form).  
*Please place your renewal form in an envelope with your name and member # on the outside, unless you are mailing it.*
- If you are unable to print a renewal form and can't get to the stack we have at the Club, email the Club email address and tell me you would like a hard copy of the form sent out to you by snail mail.



**12 Days of Christmas Raffle** is ongoing. Get tickets from Jeff Carelle.

Our goal is to sell all the tickets so if everyone would sell a book of tickets, we would be able to get the most from the raffle. \$10.00 for 2 numbers. Gift cards for Dave's Meats, Giant Eagle, and Dunham's along with 3 guns or cash. Ticket stubs need to be turned in by Dec meeting or as soon as you sell them.

**Hunting the Club Property/Cashdollars:** Mike Vogel will meet with those interested in hunting the Club property and Skip Cashdollars property to review where to shoot/not shoot on **Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM**. Property lines will be discussed. Let Mike know if you have any questions.

**Veteran's Dinner at our Club is Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 1:00 PM.** Flyer is attached to the email with Newsletter. This is sponsored by the Harmony-Evans City VFW Auxiliary Post 499 and you as a Veteran and a guest are invited. Please RSVP to Bob Lucas by phone or text at 724-312-7720 as soon as possible.



**Fighting with Christy Pancake Breakfast is being held on Sun, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 8 AM to 1 PM** at Middlesex Volunteer Fire Dept. Christy Nickl has been a Regular member of our Club for 10 years, is the daughter of Life member John Morrison, wife of Regular member Jeremy Nickl, mother to Regular member Dan Nickl and sister-in-law to several other members. Tickets are \$10/person. Come to the breakfast or help with sponsorships, food donations, baskets, basket items, volunteering and much more. For more information, email Matt Nickl (also Club member) at [mnickl18@gmail.com](mailto:mnickl18@gmail.com). Cash is preferred but cards are an option with a fee. Flyer attached to email with newsletter.

Here is the link for donations if unable to attend....[gofund.me/matt-both-11sep](https://www.gofundme.com/matt-both-11sep). Also, Faye is still collecting donations/gift cards/etc for Christie from Club members unable to attend the breakfast or use the go fund me link.

**Apple Fest in Mars was October 4** - The Club had a booth at the Apple Fest and sold 18 books of tickets and merchandise. Thanks to Mark and Kat Amelio, Addam Snow, Chris Hasenflu, Julie McClelland, and Mark Sabina for being there to represent the Club. We got a list of people who are interested in membership for 2026 and the Women on Target program. Great time was had in the beautiful hot day!



**TRAP NEWS:** The Club has purchased a Garmin Shot Spotter, which is currently stored in the office. It is available currently on Tuesday nights at practice. Come and find out how it can help you shoot better, if you need any help.

**SnoBall Trap League: Every Tuesday through March.** Gather your friends and family, breathe in the autumn air, and **aim for the stars** in our 50-bird challenge! The first few shoots will set your average, which helps us form balanced teams. Once teams are in place, the friendly competition heats up—and that’s when the real fun begins. Each week, the **Top 5 shooters** will be highlighted.



Can’t make it every week? No worries—life gets busy! You can **shoot ahead** or **make up a missed round** on another night. Rules will be reviewed during the first couple of weeks.

 **Cost per 50 Birds**

- Adults: **\$14.00**
- Juniors: **\$9.00**

 FYI, the price of meals will be

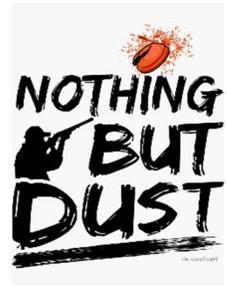
be increasing to \$6.00 /meal to cover costs.



**Trap Practice:** Happens every Tuesday from 5:00–8:00 PM so please come and join us for an evening of trap shooting. Shells are available for \$9.00/box, and it's just \$11.00/50 birds for members and non-members. Gate is open for the practice session. Bring family and friends that may be interested in

learning to shoot Trap. You will have a choice to shoot on the line alongside of League shooters (need to shoot 50 birds) or the following option below.

**This year** Tom B will be opening Trap 3 and possibly Trap 4 for newer shooters who may just be learning to shoot Trap. If you don't have a shotgun, the Club, along with some members will have some shotguns you can borrow for the night. You will be responsible for purchasing the ammo and paying the practice fee for the birds. There will also be a team from Aquinas Academy, some who are learning to shoot Trap and some with experience who will be present on Tuesdays also.



**Archery News:** Ten of the 3D targets have been set up in the Archery area. This will give people an opportunity to shoot. Help is needed to police the area and make sure the weed whacking is done and the targets are all set up. If you can help with this, let Travis Walsh know.

**Tree Stands:** Before putting up a tree stand or blind on Club property for hunting season, please check with Kraig Wolf at 412-580-5729. It must be registered with him and all stands/blinds must be marked with your name and member number. Talk to Kraig about the particulars.



**Kitchen Helpers!** 🍳 🍴 Kitchen Helpers Needed! 🍷

As the evenings turn cooler and the SnoBall League gets into full swing every Tuesday through March, we're looking for some culinary enthusiasts to keep everyone fed and cheerful! Whether you're an experienced cook or more of a "takeout aficionado," your assistance in the kitchen is appreciated. No special cooking skills are necessary—just

a willingness to help out. You can prepare part of a meal or simply pick up ingredients and cook—just keep your receipts and submit them to Mark or Faye for reasonable reimbursement.

🍁 How to Get Involved:

- Check the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door and sign up if you're available
- Or visit the website calendar for open slots
- Ready to lend a hand? Call Faye at (724-321-2691) or Mark at (724-679-0204)

Let's make our SnoBall League as delicious as it is enjoyable—because nobody wants to shoot on an empty stomach, especially if its cold! 🍷 🍲 🎯

**Grounds Work** 🍁 **Work Session this Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8-12 noon.** Will be cutting firewood and cleaning up along road and ranges.

**Can't Make a Work Session? No Worries!** 🛠️ Just like the autumn leaves that accumulate, there's always a list of chores waiting for your help around the Club! Check out the bulletin board outside the kitchen to find tasks you can do alone or with a friend—it's a bit like a fall treasure hunt, but instead of pumpkins and cider, you might find rakes, paintbrushes, or cleaning supplies.

If you need more information or want to discuss potential "projects," contact Joe Weltner at 412-292-2622. We're looking for anyone willing to assist with the big jobs of mowing, trimming, blowing grass off the sidewalks, and leaf removal. You'll receive quick guidance on how to use the equipment, which will be made available for you. Feel free to bring your own tools if you prefer.

🍁 Remember: every little effort contributes to keeping our Club thriving—and who knows, your reward might just be pizza or snacks shared with friends, or activity hours that help reduce your dues for next year!



**Lend a Hand Indoors!** 🍁 **Attention All Clean-Up Crew!** 🧹

Autumn is here, and with building rentals and events popping up faster than falling leaves, we need your help to make our Club **shine like freshly polished brass!**

If you signed up for the **Building Cleaning Committee**, reach out to **Faye at 724-321-2691**—text or email, whichever works best—and let her know when you can stop by to lend a hand. Gather your cleaning crew or come solo; either way, it's guaranteed to be **more fun than raking leaves on a windy day!**

And don't forget—once your magic is done and the Club sparkles, **sign the task list on the housekeeping closet door** so your activity card gets signed. Quick and easy, just like picking the perfect pumpkin! 🍷 ✨

## 🌀 Gear Up in Style! 🌀 🌀 🌀 🌀 🌀 🌀 Pumpkin Spice and Everything Nice—Including Club

**Gear!** Whether you're celebrating your love for the Club or hunting for the perfect gift, Tracey's got you covered! Stop by during meetings or League nights to grab some of our **snazzy fall-ready club merchandise that is at a discounted price**.



We've got:

- **Caps** to keep the autumn sun out of your eyes while you take aim \$15 (only orange left)
- **T-shirts** for those crisp days when you want a little extra freedom of movement-SS/LS
- **Hoodies/Zip hoodies** cozier than a warm campfire—perfect for chilly range mornings or crisp fall day.

Whether you're shooting at the range, representing the Club at an event, looking for new members, or just curling up on the couch with a pumpkin spice latte; our styles will make you feel **right at home in the season**.

## **The Club's Marketplace: Looking to get rid of your Old Gear?** 📢 "For Sale" Alert!

📢 Got firearms, ammo, or just some gear that's collecting dust? Let's make some room for new toys! Dave Snyder is your go-to guy for all things for sale—he's ready to chat, text, or email your listings into the spotlight. Just give him a shout at (412) 498-7432 or drop him a line at [dsnyder18@hotmail.com](mailto:dsnyder18@hotmail.com). Don't let those items gather cobwebs; let's find them a new home where they can be appreciated! 🌀

### **For sale by Jim Culley 724-888-2347 Cranberry Township:**

8 boxes (160 rounds) of 270 reloads 130-grain Nosler boat tail rounds and 2 boxes of sized Remington 270 brass for \$25.00 Reloads are 10-years old.

6 boxes (120 rounds) of 243 reloads 100-grain Nosler partition bullets and 3 boxes of 243 brass----all for \$25.00. Reloads are 10 yrs old

Rick Kaper is looking for a 20-gauge pump shotgun to purchase. If you have one that you are interested in selling, please call him at 724-991-3458. **Also, Rick Kaper has several items listed below for sale:724-991-3458**

- ❖ Right tail light for a 2017 Ford 250XLT Super Duty \$40
- ❖ Set of aluminum bifold ramps, like new – selling for \$125. Brand new normally sell for \$239

- ❖ Loggy SD Goliath climbing tree stand, Like new- asking for \$345. New sells for \$472
- ❖ 4X Non insulated Camo Bibs Brand new, Selling for \$25.00

Bob Lucas is selling 2 boats for a friend of his. **Bob will be the contact person @ 724-312-7720.**

16-foot Bass Attacker made by Sea Nymph to be sold with a 9.9 Mercury motor. Good bones for a project lake boat. Needs work for sure but controls are functional. Currently has a 50 HP motor on it along with the 9.9 (50 HP will be removed) Build date 1983, has not be run in a couple years. \$ 600. Located near Glade Mills Lake.



1981 4Winns Catalina boat-16-foot fiberglass boat, comes with a Johnson 9/9 HP motor. This boat also needs some TLC. Very clean, controls are functional but has not been run in a couple years. Also has the frame for a Bimini top but needs new material. \$600.



Anyone interested in a motorcycle that would be a great starter bike? 2007 Yamaha 650 V Star, black in color with less than 5000 miles on it. Garage kept. Unable to ride it and need the garage space. \$1000. Call **Mark Sabina @ 724-321-2691.**