

Life at Mars Rod and Gun Club

The Official Newsletter of Mars Rod and Gun Club, Inc.

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Brief Calendar of Important Dates

SnoBall Inhouse Trap League 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10 @ 4:30 & will be every Tues thru Feb 24

Trap Practice every Tuesday 5p – 8p.

Black Powder League continues every Sat thru 2/28

1/22/26 Thursday New Member Orientation (NMO) 7 PM

2/5/26 **Monthly Meeting & Big Buck Contest** 7 PM

2/8/26 Super Bowl Sun Fun Shoot -starts @12 noon. Dinner 2P

2/15, 20, 22 Shotgun Classes (Class full)

2/25/26 Wednesday CCW Seminar @ 6:30 PM Open to Public

2/26/26 Thursday, NMO 7PM

3/5/26 **March Monthly Meeting Thursday at 7 PM**

Save the Date: Annual Wild Game Dinner - Sat. 3/14/26

Save the Date: Women on Target Sat. 7/18/26

Membership Update: These individuals attended a NMO session on 1/7/26: Philip Corrie (R), Dave Martin (R), Russel McDowell (R), Alex Whisler (R). They will be voted on at the February meeting.

These individuals were voted onto membership at the January mtg:

Kristen, Parker, and Brooks Mason, Gideon Sheldon, and Nicholas, Ella and Jack Tirch.

Welcome to the Club!

Have Questions About Membership?

As the snow falls and the temperatures drop, 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. The next New Member Orientation is Thursday, January 22, 2026. If you give me information about someone interested in joining, it would be helpful to have their email so I can send them out information.

2026 Membership Renewals—Done but not done...LOL This is a reminder that **2026 membership renewals are due by January 31, 2026, at 11:59 PM**. If you do **not contact me** and payment is not received by **January 31, 2026**, you, your associate, and junior members will be **dropped from the roster and your access card deactivated**. Once dropped, anyone wishing to rejoin must attend a New Member Orientation, submit a new application, and pay dues **plus** the initiation fee. Previous membership years will **not** count toward Life Membership accrual. I will still be at the Club on Tuesday nights,

- If you decide not to renew, please email me to let me know and **return any access cards, fobs, or keys**.

These may be: Dropped in the **locked mailbox at the Club**, or turned into the **kitchen**, sealed in an envelope with your name on it. This helps avoid additional reminder emails—thank you!



New Badges & Supplies.....New light blue badges have been snail mailed out. From your recommendations, we made the first name larger to be able to see it better. Please remember your badge is to be worn when you are at the Club. If you haven't received yours by the end of January, please let me know. If you need a **new badge holder, lanyard or clip, they are** available on the bulletin board by the office window. Activity/work cards are in a plastic bag on the bulletin board also.

Would this apply to you? Club members who can't drive at night, lack transportation or can't find a parking spot in the lower lot and can't walk the steps may be able to get a ride to meetings or events, as the Club is looking into this option. If anyone is interested in getting a ride to the meeting and home, **please let Faye know (724-321-2691.)**

Are you able to help? If you are someone who could pick a member up and bring them to a meeting/event and home again, **please let Faye know**. Great way to earn some hours towards your yearly discount.

Food available: The Kitchen crew is going to be making food left over after events into meals that will be available to anyone who would be interested. These meals will be frozen and available in a small freezer in the meeting room. The kitchen crew will monitor the food, and the meals will be dated when made. These meals will be available to anyone, no questions asked. We are considering having a little food pantry available also for nonperishable foods that are within the product's expiration date. If anyone is interested in donating to this, bring it to a meeting or when you are around the Club. **Call Faye with questions** or ask anyone in the kitchen.

BLACK POWDER LEAGUE: Frosty greetings! Shake the icicles off your powder horns and celebrate the season with the **Black Powder League**, commencing under the winter sun on **January 9th, 2026, at 8:00 AM**, and continuing on Saturdays through the end of February!

This frozen-in-time tradition honors the primitive ways—**flintlock black powder firearms only**, please (modern or inline guns will be left out in the cold). We'll thaw out with a hearty breakfast served at **8:00 AM** (legend has it, the fare is enough to melt the deepest frost). A mandatory safety briefing at **8:30 AM** ensures everyone stays on the "nice" list before the smoke begins to rise at **9:00 AM sharp**.



Whether you come to brave the range or simply to watch the sparks fly from the sidelines, you are welcome at our hearth. The alchemy of black powder is truly magical, and you'll find plenty of warm-hearted folks ready to show you the ropes.

Bundle up in your thickest wool and join us for a winter of smoke, sparks, and seasonal cheer!

✦ **Mark your frozen calendar and get ready for a snowy kickoff!**



The **Super Bowl Sunday Winter Shootout** takes the frosted field on **February 8th at 12:00 noon**. It's a championship-level day of wintry fun—all ranges are open, enjoy **FREE** clay pigeons soaring like snowflakes, and a perfect matchup for bringing family and friends out to shoot or even learn the game. We'll have plenty of experienced marksmen on deck to offer frosted tips, coaching, and seasonal encouragement. Word from the ski lodge is that Bill Caudill will be setting up steel targets and the brand-new Texas Star, so bundle up, see what all the hype is about, and take your best shot in the crisp air.



❄️ **Potluck Playbook Halftime** comes early! 🏆 Our buffet dinner kicks off at **2:00 PM**. Everyone is asked to bring a hearty winter dish to share. The Club will be providing chicken, hot drinks, and paper products. Please be sure your name is clearly marked on all crockpots, dishes, and utensils—no fumbles in the cleanup zone!

Don't miss this championship-level day of shooting, food, and fun. Bring your A-game and join us for a Super Bowl Sunday you won't forget! 🏈 ✨ 🏈



Shotgun Class Mike Lipinski, NRA Instructor of Instructors, is planning a class, which is a 3-part series of classes. The classes consist of:

- Basic Shotgun class, which will be held on Sunday, Feb 15, 2026, from 8a-6p.
- Basic Instructor class which will be held Friday Feb. 20, 2026, from 5p-11p
- NRA Shotgun Instructor class which will be held Sunday, Feb 22, 2026, from 8a-8p

You must attend all 3 classes. The normal cost of these classes is \$350.00, but Mike is charging members \$200/3 classes. The class is full. These classes must be held for 10-hour and 6-hr continuous sessions and since we have Black Powder every Saturday that is why we need to hold the classes on Sundays. The ranges will be closed on the Sunday classes for training.

Concealed Carry Seminar- Wednesday, February 25, 2026. Sponsored by Rep. Aaron Bernstine's office and FOAC. Unsure if Mike Slupe/Sheriff will be there and also trying to get a rep of Game Wardens office to be present. **This is open to the public.** More information to follow. Put the date on your calendar and tell your friends.



32nd Annual Wild Game Dinner- Saturday, March 14, 2026,
Doors open 4:00 PM Appetizers 4:30 PM Dinner at 5:00 PM!

Get your tickets soon.....\$40/each and you have a chance to win one of 4 guns:
Ruger American Rifle 243 CAL
Vanguard Obsedian Rifle 308 CAL
Remington 870 Super Mag 12 GA
Glock 43 Pistol 9 MM

We need help collecting door prizes and there are letters available to give to a business you may know that would love to participate. Get the letters from Bryan F or there is a stack near the office at the Club.



There is so much we need help with. There will be sign-up sheets for duties along with what you are bringing for the meal. Everyone is asked to bring a game dish, a side or a dessert. The Club will provide dinner rolls, cookies along with all paper products. Please be sure your name is clearly marked on all crockpots, dishes, and utensils—so no mix ups occur in the kitchen!

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Game Dinner Cont'd There will be a need for a cleanup crew Friday at 4p on, setup on Saturday starting at 1pm and clean up at end of the night, and cleanup on Sunday at 10am. Great way to get your hours in for the year! **Ask Bryan what you can do to support this event.**



Would you be interested? Need to know who would be interested in a Pig Roast on Saturday, July 4th, 2026 at the Club. We will be able to get the pig to roast and have someone willing to roast it. There would be a possibility of Fireworks too! We would ask everyone to bring a dish and may be a cost of \$5 or \$10.00/per person with children being free. Details will be forthcoming once we figured out if we have enough people interested to sponsor the event. **RSVP to Faye 724-321-2691.**



Women on Target Saturday, July 18, 2026! More info to come!

TRAP NEWS: **SnoBall Trap League:** Continues every Tuesday through February 24th



Gather your flock of friends and family, fill your lungs with crisp winter air, and take your best shot at our 50-bird challenge! Once the teams are carved and ready, the friendly competition starts to heat up—just like a Christmas feast in the oven. Each week, we recognize our Top 5 shooters.

Can't join us every Tuesday? Don't worry. You can shoot ahead or make up a missed round on another night. We'll go over the rules during the first couple of weeks. 🍁
Cost per 50 Birds for Adults: **\$14.00** **Jrs \$9.00** 🍁 FYI, meal price is \$6.00/meal

Trap Practice: Happening every Tuesday from 5:00–8:00 PM, we'd be **grateful** to have you join us for an evening of trap shooting fun! 🍁 🍁

Shells are available for **\$9.00/box**, and it's only **\$11.00/50 birds** for members and guests, with juniors paying their round for just **\$6** 🍁 💰. The gate will be open for our practice session, so

bring family and friends who might want a taste of trap shooting fun! 🧑🏫🎯 You're welcome to shoot on the line alongside the League (50 birds needed) 🦅.

🧑🏫🦅 No shotgun? No problem! The Club and some generous members will have a few to borrow for the night. You'll just need to purchase ammo and cover the practice fee for the birds 🦅📦.

Grounds Work 🦅🔧 Just like the snow piling up winter, there's always a **list of chores** waiting for your helping hands around the Club! Swing by the **bulletin board outside the kitchen** to find tasks you can tackle solo or with a buddy—it's a bit like a winter treasure hunt, except instead of elves and deer, you might discover rakes, paintbrushes, or cleaning supplies. Need more details or want to chat about possible "projects"? Reach out to **Joe Weltner at 412-292-2622**. Also, remember when it snows/ices, the sidewalks and special parking areas need care too!

❄️ **Winter Clean-Up Help Needed for inside!** ❄️

With winter events and rentals in full swing, we need help keeping the Club clean and welcoming.

A **Cleaning Crew meeting** will be held **Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 PM** for members who signed up for the Building Cleaning Committee. Please contact **Faye at 724-321-2691** (text or email) to confirm attendance or to schedule a time you can help.

After completing your tasks, remember to **sign the list on the housekeeping closet door** so your activity card can be signed. Thank you for helping keep the Club shining this winter ✨

🎯🎯🎯 **FIRE SALE** 📺 **Winter Gifts That Never Miss** 📺

Looking for an easy winter gift—or a warm upgrade for yourself? **Club merchandise is on sale now with Joanne!** Perfect for chilly days, meetings, and everyday wear.

Stop by **meetings or League nights** to shop:

Caps (\$15)

Short sleeves (\$10)

Long sleeves (\$15)

Zip & pullover hoodies (\$15) Great prices, great gear—don't miss out! ❄️





JOHN NOTO (724-996-4805) is selling the following:

1. FOR SALE MUZZLELOADER
TC PATRIOT 45 CAL. TARGET PISTOL
WITH POWDER, ROUND BALLS, EXTRAS,
AND CASE, EXCELLENT CONDITION
\$ 425 / Best Offer
2. TC RENEGADE 54 CAL PERCUSSION RIFLE
BLACK POWDER , FIBER OPTIC, OPEN ADJUSTABLE SIGHTS,
APPROVED FOR MARS BLACK POWDER LEAGUE.
NICE CONDITION.....GREAT BORE
\$ 300
3. CUSTOM MAUSER ACTION 6 MM REMINGTON BUILT BY SHAWS, NEW
SHAWS BARREL. LOTS OF CUSTOM WORK DONE TO
ACTION, AFTERMARKET TRIGGER , LEUPOLD SCOPE,
LOADED AMMO, DIES ,BULLETS ,
NEW BRASS---A TRUE CUSTOM BUILD
\$ 1025 or BEST OFFER