

# “Life at Mars Rod and Gun Club”

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

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## JULY 2026

No shooting on Sundays before 12 PM

Trap Practice every Tuesday 5PM – 8PM.

7/11/26 Bill's Pistol Shoot **Ranges close Dawn to 3 PM,**

Mandatory Safety Brief @ 9:45AM

7/12/26 Jon Ungers Precision 22LR Shoot Mandatory Safety

Brief 11:45AM, **Ranges closed till 330PM**

7/18/26 Saturday Women on Target **Ranges closed Dawn to 5P**

7/29/26 BCTL @ Mars Shooting starts at 4PM. **Ranges close at 3PM**

7/30/26 Thursday New Member Orientation 7PM,

8/3/26 Monday - NSTL @ Mars – shooting starts at 4 PM

**Ranges closed at 3PM**

8/6/26 August Monthly Meeting 7PM

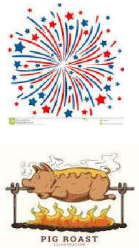
8/19/26 BCTL at Mars-Last one of the year at Mars 4 PM,

**Ranges close at 3PM**

8/22/26 PGC Hunter's Safety Class at the Club, **Ranges closed till 5PM**

**Membership Update:** The following individuals attended a New Member Orientation in June, their names read at the meeting and are published here. They are: Philip (R) & Linda Barton (A), Brian Gamber (R), Bob French (R), Sonny McManigle (R), Ed Newman (R), Eric Taylor (R), and Anthony (R), Kearston (A), Krysopher (J) and Jakob (J) Pappas family They will need to be at the August mtg to get voted onto Membership The following individual attended a NMO several months ago, name was read at meetings & published in the newsletter. It is Josh Vogel (R). He will need to be present at August mtg to be voted on.

If you—or someone you know—are interested in membership, we're here to help! Feel free to reach out to Faye directly or use the “Contact Me” form on our website for more information. Our next New Member Orientation will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 7:00 PM and then August 27, 2026, at 7:00 PM.



We came together and celebrated the **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USA with a Pig Roast on Saturday, June 27, 2026**. Thanks to Randy S, Gary H and Dale B., who were the roasters and they did a great job. We would like to thank everyone that brought a dish and helped with decorating, setup and cleanup. We had 65 people that participated for our first one! Thanks to Kraig Wolf for providing the fireworks and who didn't set anything on fire this year. A WIN-WIN for all!

**Women on Target Saturday, July 18, 2026! Talk to the women in your life and their friends and family about this event. Sign up sheets are available for registration. Need volunteers to sign up to help with set-up/clean-up/delivering water, etc. or with being a buddy for each woman participating in this event. One does not have to be a RSO but be familiar with guns and safety. Any questions, call Julie McClelland @ 412-443-6972. Sign up sheet is at the Club.**



**Bill's Pistol Shoot Saturday July 11, 2026.** Come see what those having fun looks like! Set up starts at 8am/clean up immediately after - one can get activity hours for this.



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. Call Bill Caudill for information 724-755-1876. Who can hit the Texas Star? The next event is planned for Saturday, August 29, 2026



**Mars Precision Rifle Match (PCB/NRL22) Sunday, July 12, 2026.** Set up starts at 11 AM, Registration 11:30, **Mandatory Safety briefing at 11:45**, shooting starts at 12: noon. 50 round minimum. Cost \$10.00. Call Jon Unger @ 724-584-6005 or email [Marsrimfire@gmail.com](mailto:Marsrimfire@gmail.com). Weather dependent so be sure to email Jon so knows who to get hold of if need to cancel. **Mark your calendar for future Rifle matches August 2, September 6, & October 4.**

**COMPLETED RAFFLE.** These raffles are being held to benefit Tom Yeager, who has had a significant change in his health over the past several months. The winner of the grill and turkey fryer was Jack Presken.

**Ongoing RAFFLE** - we are raffling off 2 guns Tom won at the Game Dinner a 1911 Colt 45 and a Savage Axis 6.5 Creedmore rifle. There are 4 numbers on a ticket which are \$20.00 each. This ticket winner will go off the PA State Lottery evening Pick 3 number on **July 31<sup>st</sup>**.

See Bryan Felsing, Adam Donaldson, Faye Sabina or Cecilia Ottenweller at Rosie's On Mars (old Jimmy's) Restaurant for tickets

**Scholarship Committee**-There will be a meeting on **Monday, July 27th at 6:00 PM** for anyone interested in helping on the Scholarship Committee or is interested in helping to streamline the process by utilizing technology; and to help create a scoring rubric for the future,. Anyone interested can call or text Christy.



**TRAP NEWS: 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! **If no one shows up by 6PM, Trap will be closed for the night** 🦃 🍁 Shells are available for **\$9.00/box**, and it's only **\$11.00/50 birds** for members and guests, with junior's round 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! 🦃 🎯 🦃 🦃 🍁

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 Also, learn to clean a shotgun! ✨ 📦.

**Butler County Traveling Trap League** (BCTL) is comprised of 4 Clubs: Mars, Evans City, RC Men's Club and Butler City. It meets on **Wednesday** nights and the next one at Mars is July 29, 2026. We rotate to a different Club each week. Registration/Shooting starts at 4:00 PM.

We will need help marking, loading the houses and in the kitchen and one will get activity hours for your time. Talk to Scott Cukovich if you have any questions about the League and Mark Sabina (724-679-0204) for questions about needs for the kitchen.

**North Suburban Traveling Trap League** (NSTL) comprises North Side, Rosedale, Mars and Millvale Gun Clubs and is held on **Mondays**. The next shoot at Mars is Monday, August 3, 2026. at 4:00 to 8 PM. League price is \$14.00/50 birds

If you are interested in shooting either League, let Scott C know. If you are interested in marking (scoring), loading the Trap houses with birds and cleaning up let Scott C. know or just show up to see what it is all about. We have papers in the office to help one learn what to

do. Activity hours are given for the hours you are present to work, not shoot. If anyone has any questions, call Scott at 724-679-9596.

We also have the Kitchen open for a meal each League night at Mars. Anyone interested in making entrees, salads or desserts, helping to serve and/or clean up let Mark @ 724-679-0204 know. Meals will be a \$6.00 donation. If anyone has any questions, call Mark .

**HUNTER'S SAFETY PROGRAM, August 22, 2026 at 9:00 AM. Must sign up on the PA Game Commission (PGC) website.** All first-time hunters and trappers, or anyone hunting out of state for the first time must complete Basic Hunter-Trapper Education before they can purchase a PA hunting or trapping license or an out of state license. Kraig Wolf is championing this class and it will be presented by the PGC. A light lunch will be served. Ranges closed till 5PM

**Grounds Work** 🍂 🛠️ Reach out to **Joe Weltner at 412-292-2622** if you can't make it to a work day for a list of things that need completed around the Club that can be done during the week or at your leisure.

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

With Spring events and rentals in full swing, we need help keeping the Club clean and welcoming. Please contact **Faye at 724-321-2691** (text or email) what time you can help.

🎯 🎯 🎯 **SUMMER SALE** 🌸 Looking for the perfect summer pickup—or a light, comfortable upgrade for yourself? Club merchandise is on sale now with Bob! Perfect for breezy 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 on these fresh spring deals! 🌸

**The Club's Marketplace Contact Dave Snyder at [dsnyder18@hotmail.com](mailto:dsnyder18@hotmail.com) or call him at 412-498-7432. None this month!**