



Marshfield Rod & Gun Club

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Military Match



George McCarron—Match Director

On November 4th the club will conduct its 2nd Military Match of 2018. These matches are conducted in the vicinity of Patriot's Day and Veteran's Day. It is an opportunity for members and guests to take their military firearms and see how they function. Any military firearm used by any military is eligible to participate. While the main prizes are bragging rights, we do award modest prizes in all categories, chiefly all gun-related items. If you don't have a military firearm but would like to see how your own weapons would perform there is a special category for those as well.

The match has targets for both rifle and pistol categories. Target-grade firearms are excluded and iron sights only for both rifles and pistols. Targets are huge and distances are short; 50 ft. for pistols and 50 yards for rifles. In past matches we have had firearms from the U.S., Great Britain, Germany, Russia, Rumania, France, Italy, and Israel to name a few. It's a great opportunity to see and hear these firearms in action and if desired, to see how your own stack up against them. In the near future, posters will be mounted on club bulletin boards and ranges that give full particulars on the match.

In addition, member George McCarron's email: glmcc2@verizon.net is available to answer any questions one might have in regards to the match.

One last item; in keeping with the spirit of this match we ask that any participant dress in any item of military clothing that they may have whether it's just a hat or a shirt or whatever one might have. Military dress is not mandatory, it's only a suggestion for the event. A look at the club website under "Members-Around the Club" will show how some participants dress for the occasion, especially those for the 2017 matches.

Archery



Rob Kirkaldy

Another year has come and gone, but let's take a first look at the past year. The Tri-County Archery League had a rough start here at the Marshfield Rod and Gun Club. We had to cancel our first shoot in January due to weather and snow. The rest of the season went very well, with three shoots under our belts that averaged sixty shooters, that brought income into the club. It could not have been accomplished without volunteers like you! So thank you.

Learn-to-Shoot Archery went well with a bunch of new shooters. New shooters are awesome, I love it. Learn-to-Shoot Archery is suspended for now, however look forward to an upcoming class on arrows, and the Tri-County Archery League moves forward with four dates picked out; the first on January, 6, 2019. Look for the new Tri-County Archery schedule around Thanksgiving. Also I will be looking for help with reviving the field archery butts. Look to your emails and the events calendar for more details.

Thanks to those who help out with the Tri-County Archery shoots. Thanks for your patience.

Shotgun Sports



Rick Braccia—Shotgun Sports Coordinator

Shotgun sports, specifically skeet and trap, at the Marshfield Rod & Gun Club are run by a volunteer committee. The hours of operation are posted weekly in the “This Week at the Club” email. The fields are open to the public during these hours. A round of skeet or trap costs \$5.00 and shooters are required to supply their own guns and shells. All gauge shotguns are allowed. Shot size is limited to #7 ½- #9.

Our club is predominantly a skeet shooters’ club, but we have a trap field with a voice controlled release system. A new machine has recently been installed in the trap house, and in fact, all of the traps (target launchers) at our fields are two years old or newer, minimizing down time for maintenance and repairs. Members that wish to shoot trap during the hours of operation are encouraged to notify the committee ahead of time, since the setup of that system is time-consuming.

We have installed a patterning plate to the left of skeet field #1, adjacent to the utility-access road. A patterning plate is used to check shotguns for point of aim/point of impact (POI) and to analyze shot patterns. Typically POI is checked at 16 yards. Patterns are checked at 21 yards for skeet and 40 yards for trap. The plate is designed to be used with #7 ½ -#9 LEAD SHOT ONLY. Assistance with patterning is offered by some shotgun committee members. The plate CAN NOT be used while rounds of skeet are in progress.

Club members that wish to use personal target launchers outside of the normal hours of operation should set up on the outfield, behind house #1. The line of shot should be directed away from the rifle range; point of aim will be left-to-right facing the field.

Although we run an occasional “Learn-to-Shoot Skeet Day” we welcome new shooters at all times. In fact, anyone wishing to learn the game will get better attention and more focused instruction by arranging a time with one of our committee members. New and inexperienced shooters who wish to come up unannounced during normal hours may expect to wait for regular squads to clear the fields before they can take instruction.

We hold periodic charity events, called “Lucky Bird Shoots.” At these events, we charge slightly more per round, but offer shooters a chance to win prizes. All proceeds of these events are donated to the designated charity for that shoot.

We have been in talks with NSCA certified instructors about holding a sporting clays clinic in the spring. This event will be open to shooters that are interested in learning the basics of what is the fastest growing shotgun sport in the country. Further information about this event will be posted on the club website.

We are quite proud of our shotgun facility. We have what may be the nicest skeet setup on the South Shore. Our committee members are dedicated to growing the sport, and are committed to help make it fun for all shooters, regardless of skill or experience. Among our hopes is that we can use our fields to host corporate events or team-building sessions. If any club member has any suggestions as to how to facilitate this, please let us know.

Contact information for shotgun sports is posted on the MRGC website.



Action Shooting



Steve Trindall

MRGC Action Shooting expands to include USPSA affiliation

Action shooting is a sport that utilizes the practical skills of using a handgun including drawing from the holster, shooting at moving and hidden targets, and engaging targets while on the move and from multiple positions. The two major governing bodies of the sport in the United States are the International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) and the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA). IDPA matches use stages of fire that simulate real-world defensive situations and require using skills such as engaging targets in tactical priority order, using cover as protection, and managing reloads. USPSA matches use stages of fire that emphasize problem solving stages of fire in a manner that maximizes the combination of speed and accuracy.

In June Marshfield Rod and Gun Club became the newest member of the New England section of Area 7 (New England and New York) of

USPSA. The first official match was July 8th. MRGC now hosts official matches recognized by both the USPSA and IDPA organizations. Four more club members became certified as IDPA Safety Officers or USPSA Range Officers bringing the roster of safety officers to 18. This has allowed us to expand our



Action Pit #3 set up with 2 classifier stages for July USPSA match

monthly matches to 5 full stages which is at the same level as other clubs in New England.

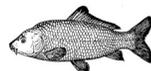
We continue to train and certify new members during our twice monthly practices that are now held

on the first Tuesday night and the third Sunday afternoon and in Introduction to Action Shooting clinics. The practice pit located to the left of the outdoor range allows us to hold the clinics and outdoor practices without impacting the availability of any other range.

Club members are encouraged to attend practices and learn the sport. If you are just curious about what it is all about feel free to spectate at one of our Sunday matches. All that you need to do is bring eye and ear protection and introduce yourself to one of the safety officers and they will be glad to help you

understand the workings of the match. The match and practices are listed on the club calendar and the club website Action Shooting page will tell you everything you need to know about the equipment requirements.

Kids Fishing Derby—2018



Steve Prouty

MRGC hosted our annual Kids Fishing Derby on June 3rd. We ended up with a beautiful New England spring day. Several families entered comprising a total of 65 children all trying to catch the largest trout and take first place. I believe samples of all species in Clark Pond were caught. Eels, sunfish, crappies, pickerel, and of course large mouth bass and trout were the highlights. Thank you to all of the children who participated and congratulations to the winners (pictures on page 4)! Twenty prizes were handed out and the day ended with many smiles. Special thanks go to Ray and Mark Gajewski for the fine grillwork, Brian MacFee for the announcements, Dan Rosen for controlling the traffic, Kim Derby and Siobhan Ross for managing the fish board, and Trish Reilly and Steve Trindall for handling the registrations. Derek Morrison had the fun job of passing out worms. We had many other volunteers who wore many hats to keep the day flawless. Thank you to John Adams for mowing the grass and Dick Striano for putting on an introduction to fishing class! I apologize for any volunteers who I did not mention. A special thank you to Belsan's Bait & Tackle for providing the worms and Gene Gingras for donating three sets of handmade spinners. Many thanks to Crest Family Catering for donating all the food for lunch. Thank you to all and see you in June 2019!

2017 KIDS FISHING DERBY; BELATED THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Dave Campbell and Paul Trainor for their generous donation of 10 Fishing Rod & Reel Combs! You both made 10 kids very happy! SORRY this is so late!

Pistol Team

George McCarron

The pistol team is off to a great start this season with a 3 win, 0 loss record as of October 4th. The team shoots on Thursday nights, and is always looking for new shooters who want to improve their handgun skills. There is no better way to improve than to do it through competitive shooting.

A lot of people say "I'm not good enough to shoot with an established team." That's nonsense because of the way pistol matches are run. During a match EVERYONE shoots. Then the top 5 scorers from each team constitute the teams for that particular match. That way everyone has the opportunity to shoot without feeling that they have to have a great score. This way everyone has a chance to shoot without feeling that they have to do well and believe me not everyone does well. Some do and some don't and everyone participating knows and understands this.

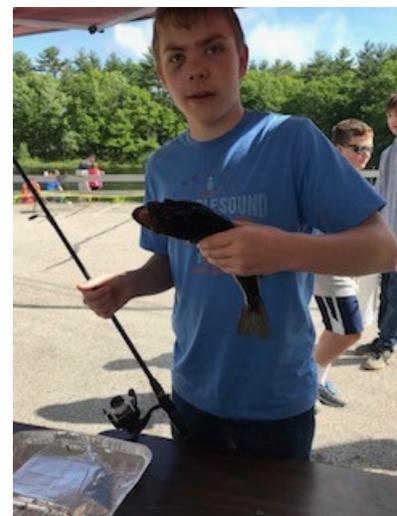
Shooting with others invariably tends to make people better shots. In the almost 60 years that I have been with the team I have seen time and again how people improve their own skills, competing against others and sometimes competing against themselves. The equipment is as simple or as expensive as the individual wants it to be. All that is required is a .22 caliber pistol (target pistols predominate) and some form of eye and hearing protection.

If a person is interested in seeing what equipment team members are using I would suggest they come to the club on a Thursday night and see for themselves. Matches start at 8 PM and usually run for about an hour and a half. The course of fire at 50 feet is 10 shots in 10 minutes, followed by two strings of 5 shots in 20 seconds and ending with two strings of 5 shots in 10 seconds. A perfect score would be 300 but I have only seen that twice in the years I've been shooting; most scores are quite a bit lower.

Marshfield has had 2 members over the years qualify for the National Olympic Team. Don Hamilton (now deceased) and Greg Derr (still an active team member). Greg occasionally conducts seminars with new and veteran shooters to help them improve their scoring and also with care and maintenance of their pistols. The team is one of nine that comprise the South Shore Rifle and Pistol League. We shoot against one another 3 times during a season. The match locations vary, one at home and the next one away. It's a good opportunity to visit other clubs from Braintree down to Attleboro (and places in between) and to meet with other shooters.

I would suggest that many questions that you might have could be answered by a visit to the club on the night that we have a home match. The team's schedule is posted on the bulletin board next to the entrance to the indoor range. The Team is always looking for new members and we hope to see you some Thursday night. If there are any questions I can be reached via email at glmcc2@verizon.net and I hope to see or hear from you soon.

2018 Kids' Fishing Derby Pictures



Around the Ranges

John Barilaro—Range Officer

McCarron Indoor Range:

The range is seeing increased usage. Cleanup day brought it back to condition (picture below). Please clean up after yourselves by picking up brass, targets and any debris coming off the targets. Leave the range better than when you came!

Outdoor Range:

Next phase of no-sky upgrade is past the planning stage and we are waiting for estimates. Cleanup day brought the range into fine shape for the fall and winter season. Thanks to Lou Piper for all his work making target stands. Lou has decided to retire from the stand shop and Rob Snow has kindly stepped up to take over. Thanks Lou and Rob!

Williams Archery Range:

The archery range is still seeing good use. We are planning to start upgrading the Field archery stands.

Craig Shotgun Field:

We thank Don Carll for all he has done for the shotgun sports. Don has decided to step down and we are pleased to have Rick Braccia as the new Shotgun Sports Coordinator. Rick is planning new events for our members. Thanks Don and Rick!

From The Range Officer:

“The Officers and Board of Directors is concerned with the increase in safety violations being observed on our ranges. Round count violations, people handling firearms while the warning lights are on and people not observing the warning lights and going down range. There have been incidents of members moving outdoor short shooting stands. This is not allowed “Do Not Move” ANY target stands on the outdoor range. The rules are there for everyone’s safety!”



Junior Rifle

Ernie Studley

MRGC South Coastal Rifle and Junior Rifle groups are as busy as ever. Mikaela Richards became our first NRA Distinguished Expert in April and looking to compete in her last year as a Junior Olympian. Ethan Walker and Jared Hardenburg made NRA Expert. Eliza Walker, Jared, Ethan and Dan Butka are all going for Distinguished Expert.

We had 26 Marshfield Boy Scouts get a day of rifle shooting during their weekend at the club, and the Duxbury Junior Police had a day at the range with 18 young shooters.

We have received over 5 thousand dollars in donations, and with the NRA grant have 3 Anchutz 1903 rifles with accessories that are driving scores up and all our shooters have access to rifles that can deliver '10s' consistently. With precision sights, adjustable butt plates, cheek pieces and a one pound trigger pull these bring out the best in our shooters.

We are ready for the regional matches and Junior Olympics this winter thanks to our Coaches; John Dalco, Mikaela Richards, Ray Gajewski, and our newest addition Michael Cheverie. Our program is set for a great year of more fun, higher scores and more accomplishments!

See pictures on next page....

MRGC South Coastal Rifle and Junior Rifle Pictures



**WINNERS
ALL!!**

