



Marshfield Rod & Gun Club Newsletter

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A Message From The President

Dave Greenwood

In the last 5 years, the club has come a long way. The Williams Archery Center was built. The 3d Archery paths and target areas have been cleaned up. The indoor range was improved with new flooring, new lighting, improved the backstop, and set it up for short shooting. The outdoor range has had a major facelift with 3 action pits, improvements to the berms, set up for short shooting, and major

grooming work done and woodchips added to the range. We get many compliments from the members on being able to shoot at closer distances. We finished the rifle house and added heat for cold weather shooting. Recently we finished building a state of the art Skeet/Trap field with two skeet fields and two trap fields. The club is doing great and the membership is booming at over a 1000

members. We are also experiencing growing pains. Our club is being used more than ever, keeping up with maintenance has been difficult, and we need your help to maintain our club. It bears repeating, if you see a mess and it is not yours do not walk away and assume someone is going to clean it up, take pride, and clean it up for the good of the club...

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Around The Ranges

John Barilaro

McCarron Indoor Range
Indoor range use has significantly increased. It has become a challenge to keep it clean. 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! Now that the skeet project is coming to an end, plans

for a complete overhaul of the indoor range will commence. Standby for future information on that!

Outdoor Range
Due to a mild winter, the outdoor range has seen more use than a normal winter. To allow members the ability to practice meaningful training, short-

shooting has been allowed. This does cause damage to range stands and baffles but we feel the training outweighs the small cost of repairs. We are continually evaluating and adjusting

range equipment to find a balance. During cleanup day, the next round of repairs and adjustments will be made.



Please consider joining these groups that are fighting to preserve our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms:



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Around The Ranges (cont)

Williams Archery Range

We are pleased with the use the Archery range has had throughout the winter. The condition is holding up nicely and regular maintenance will be done on cleanup day.

Craig Shotgun Field

G&R construction has finished work and the fields are up and running. Hours are back to normal with the addition of Thursday 9am-1pm. Thanks to all involved we have one of the nicest facilities around.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members who have stepped up and volunteered their time and efforts to the club. Our officers, directors, instructors and all of you have pitched in and made our club a great place to be. Let’s keep up the good work.

-John Barilaro

Junior Rifle

Junior Rifle has trained several new members this year with Ernie Studley coaching a select group

to competitions. We continue to follow the club's charter of firearm education by teaching new stu-

Meredith Knowles

dents every month. Thank you to MRGC for the generous donation of rifles, ammo and targets.

Action Shooting

Action shooting is the fastest growing shooting sport in the country. MRGC Action shooting practices both IDPA and USPSA formats on alternating months and the new outdoor pits have triggered new interest by many members. Close to

400 club members have expressed an interest in learning more about action shooting and many have come out to our practices and matches.

Action shooting focuses on reinforcing safety, muscle memory and good

Meredith Knowles

shooting discipline while presenting the shooter with practical shooting scenarios. We encourage anyone interested in advancing their pistol skills beyond target shooting to join us at practice on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Try a Gun

The Try a Gun event on October 9th was a resounding success with over 100 guns available to try and over 50 members coming out to participate. There were guns from the Iraqi Republican Guard (thank

you Brian MacFee) and some high end STIs (thank you Chris Dicenso) as well as normal guns for the rest of us! It was a fantastic event and a sincere THANK YOU goes out to the club for sponsoring the

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ammo and the pizza and to all of the members who were so generous with their firearms.

Pistol Team

The pistol team finished this season with a 7 and 14 record. Many of the wins came in the last half of the season as some of the newer shooters improved. We are looking forward to the summer

league which will begin sometime in June and run for ten weeks. Weather permitting matches will be shot in the outdoor range. We currently have practices on the second and fourth Thursdays

Bernie Patriacca

of each month starting at 7:30pm. All new shooters are welcome to come and check out the most exciting sport the club offers.

Military Match

Good weather brought out an enthusiastic group of 35 shooters who posted a total of 81 targets. Match receipts were \$399.00 and expenses for targets and food were \$179.48 leaving a club profit of \$219.52.

It was very gratifying to see many participants wearing military gear in keeping with the nature of this event.

While there were no perfect scores registered there were some very high scores recorded. Brian MacFee led rifle shooters with a 197 7x score (out of a possible 200)

and Matt DuBois had a 99 3x (out of a possible 100) in the pistol match. In the sniper match where the target is a 3/4 inch dot at 50 yards, Paul Lawton drilled it dead center. A lot of scores were very close being decided by the number of x's.

Match scores will be sent to the Club Website and also posted on the bulletin board in the Club's main hall.

The difficult jobs of registering participants and scoring targets was capably handled by Bernie Patriacca assisted by Rick Larsen, Lou Piper,

George McCarron

Jess Tucker and Jake Berrick. Bernie also provided the chili for this event, a menu item that is always well received.

A memorable event for me occurred during the match when Plymouth County Sheriff Joe McDonald presented me with plaques promoting me to the rank of Honorary Deputy Colonel in the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department for my work in organizing and running the Military Matches. This was an unexpected moment for me and one that I will treasure.

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Clark Pond

Clark Pond was stocked in December with the hopes of an ice fishing derby. Mother Nature was against us this year when it came to providing safe ice. The pond is now open for all to enjoy and will be restocked at a later date for our Annual Kids Fishing Derby on June 5th. This year we are not going to close the pond before the Derby so members can fish over Memorial Day Weekend. Please remember that all Massachusetts fishing laws apply, so you may want to review the rules before fishing. Enjoy one of MRGC's assets and come for a picnic even if you don't fish!

Steve Prouty

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A Message From The President (continued from page 1)

Take extra care to keep the bathrooms clean. If a bathroom is out of toilet paper, please replace the roll. You will find extra rolls on the back of the toilet or in the bathroom, which has the cabinet above the toilet. There are replacement paper towels there as well. Put away your chairs and vacuum the hall if it is dirty. If the range is dirty, please clean it up for the next member who comes along. More importantly clean up after yourself, pick up your brass, throw away your used targets, and clean up the range. In the meantime, we are working hard to improve our maintenance programs at the club. Please bear with us as we determine the best way to address our current usage. Our next improvement project will be to improve the indoor range after we have paid off the new skeet fields. Stay tuned for an even better MRGC!

Membership Report

Norm Cedarstrom

Membership in the Marshfield Rod and Gun Club is at an all time high. It has more than doubled in the past five years. In December 2011 we had 499 members and now we have 1,054. Broken down into categories then/now:

	2011	2016
Junior Members	18	19
Life Members	99	78
Senior Members	362	863
Spouse Members	14	56
Sr. Members College	4	28
Sr. Members Military	2	10

South Coastal Junior Rifle

Ernie Studley

In October last year we had our first shooter in a big Match, 16 yr old Stephanie Dyer from Pembroke, the 'U.S. Army Marksman's Unit Eastern 3P-Small bore and Air Rifle Championship' in Woburn Ma. In March, Miss Dyer and 15 yr old Aly Reynolds from Quincy both were competitors in the 'NRA Open 3P Small-bore Rifle Indoor Sectional Champion-

ship' in Reading Ma. Both these young ladies are members of the Olympic shooting organization 'USA Shooting' and are NRA members and rated NRA competitors. They are both working on Sharpshooter prone qualification. We have 3 Marksman 1st class, 2 Marksmen, and 3 Pro- Marksmen. We just had our 66th consecutive monthly Match at MRGC. We practice on the 3rd Monday night, and our Match on

the 4th Monday night year round, are open to ANY young person 12 to 18 yrs old interested in .22 caliber competitive rifle shooting. MRGC Junior Rifle programs are teaching gun safety and promoting the shooting sports to the next generation!!!



Ladies Launching Lead

Roe Blanchard

L³ provides a chance for women to connect with other ladies at MRGC who also enjoy the art of shooting. We don't close the range because it is also fun to shoot with the guys. Our purpose is to provide an opportunity for members to meet other female shooters and shoot socially as well as find support and education, if needed. We have a very unique Club where women are not only welcome, but encouraged to participate and learn from men and women alike. Please feel free to come join the fun whether you are a seasoned shooter or have just received your LTC.

Who can come:

Any female member who wants to practice the use and safe handling of her firearm(s) is encouraged to attend. Like all of our programs at MRGC, L³ is a strictly volunteer program. Sometimes instructors will be able to attend and they can also be a great resource for old and new shooters alike. Other times it will be all members coming together to share knowledge and skill with one another. All in all, it is about connecting, sharing information and having fun participating in a sport we all love.

When:

We schedule once a month, on the second Monday, from 7:30-9 PM at the indoor range. (If you are interested but cannot make the designated time, please let us know).

If you have questions, please email **Roe Blanchard** roefitforlife@gmail.com or text her at 781-718-0248.



From the Women of the NRA[®]

The Club will be hosting two Women on Target events again this summer. These are great opportunities for women to try their hand at recreational shooting in a controlled, supportive atmosphere that focuses on safety. Experience hands-on instruction in shotgun, rifle, pistol and archery by our certified instructors.

- No need to be a member of Marshfield Rod & Gun Club to participate
- No previous experience is required
- This event does not qualify for an LTC or FID certificate
- Cost is \$50 per event (you may select one or both)

This course will be offered on Saturday June 18th and again on Saturday July 9th from 8:30-3:00 at the Marshfield Rod & Gun Club, 300 School Street, Marshfield MA.

To sign up simply go to the club's website, click on "Courses" and choose "Women on Target". If you have questions, please email **Roe Blanchard**: roefitforlife@gmail.com or text her at 781-718-0248.