



Official Newsletter of the Dormont / Mt Lebanon Sportsmen's Club

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2020 Edition

December 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 New Year's Day	2 9:00-10:30 - Air Pistol 10:30-12:30 - Open shoot
3 12:30-3:30 Indoor Pistol 7:00PM - PSRL Rifle Practice	4 3:15-6:30PM - MTL Rifle Practice 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC)	5 3:15PM - MTL Rifle Match Hempfield@Home 7:00PM - Smallbore Rifle Practice	6 9:00AM-12:00 - Air Rifle 12:00-3:00PM - Open Shoot 3:15-6:30PM - MTL Rifle Practice 7:00PM - PSRL Practice	7 2:00PM - MTL Rifle Match @Woody Hills	8 E.O.C-3:15PM - MTL Rifle Match Butler JV@Home	9 9:00-10:30 - Air Pistol 10:30-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette
10 8:00-12:00 Noon - New Member Interview & Orientation 12:30-3:30 Indoor Pistol 7:00PM - PSRL Rifle Practice	11 3:15-6:30PM - MTL Rifle Practice 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) First MPRL Shoot	12 3:15PM - MTL Rifle Match Penn Trafford@Home 7:00PM - Smallbore Rifle Practice	13 9:00AM-12:00 - Air Rifle 12:00-3:00PM - Open Shoot 3:15-6:30PM - MTL Rifle Practice 7:00PM - PSRL Team @Frazier	14 3:15PM - MTL Rifle Match Armstrong@Home 7:30PM - Board Meeting	15 3:15-6:30PM - MTL Rifle Practice	16 9:00-10:30 - Air Pistol 10:30-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette
17 11:00AM - CMP Match 12:30-3:30 Indoor Pistol 7:00PM - PSRL Rifle Practice	18 ML King Day 3:15-6:30PM - MTL Rifle Practice 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) MPRL Week 2	19 2:00PM - MTL Rifle Match @Plum 7:00PM - Smallbore Rifle Practice	20 9:00AM-12:00 - Air Rifle 12:00-3:00PM - Open Shoot 3:15-6:30PM - MTL Rifle Practice 7:00PM - PSRL Green Valley @Home	21 3:15PM - MTL Rifle Match Butler@Home	22 3:15-6:30PM - MTL Rifle Practice	23 9:00-10:30 - Air Pistol 10:30-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette
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- **December Meeting: Due to the Governor's edict, ALL Membership meetings are cancelled until further notice. The outdoor matches have been resumed. The outdoor ranges are open, but please maintain separation and use masks. For the latest status, look at the Calendars on the website and not the Notes calendar.**
- **Feeling Under the Weather:** The Club would like you to evaluate yourself if you are going to be visiting the range. We are not your mother, so please effectively gauge how you are feeling and then decide on whether you are healthy enough to come to the range.
- **DMSC 2021 Annual Dues:** The time is here to ensure you pay your 2021 dues! Do not let your membership lapse! Dues are to be mailed to the Club PO Box:
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PO Box 12692
Pittsburgh, PA 15241-0692
- **Membership 2021:** DMSC will be opening the application process for accepting new members in 2021. We will be hosting 3 interview sessions and 3 orientations. If you know anyone interested in joining the Club, please direct them to the website for the application process.
- **RSO's and ACT 33 CERTIFICATION:** Just a reminder to keep your status up to date. Your RSO certification is due every 2 years and your ACT 33 certification is due every 60 months. Check yours now so you can keep them up to date.
- **CMP Junior Rifle Program:** In addition to what has been told by your coaches, please WATCH YOUR EMAIL for further program communications.
- **LOST & FOUND:** If you believe you have lost an item of yours in or around the Range property, please email DMSCNews@gmail.com to inquire about it.

MEMBERSHIP YEARLY DUES

Full Membership	\$100
Senior (65 and up, 10yrs consecutive membership)	\$40
Intermediate (18 -21)	\$40
Junior (12-17)	\$15
Spousal membership	\$50
Initiation Fee	\$100
Lost Gate Card	\$10

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Shooting Events

Program	Description	Contact	Centerfire Pistol	Rimfire	Air Pistol	Centerfire Rifle	Rimfire	Air Rifle	Shotgun	Muzzleload
Monday Night Pistol	This program takes place year-round. Indoors during the winter and outdoors during the summer. National Match Course. First line fires at 7pm indoors, and 6pm outdoors	George Taylor (412) 855-6721 Bruce Ungar (412)343-2256	X	X						
Outdoor Silhouette	This fires the 4th Saturday of the Month at 9 AM. April—September	George Taylor (412) 855-6721	X	X		X	X			
CMP Rifle	The Civilian Marksmanship Program rifle matches occur the third Sunday of every month January - October. Matches begin at 11 AM.	Bruce Ungar (412) 343-2256				X				
NRA High Power	200-yard match. 2014 season begins March 8. Matches begin at 9 AM. March - October	John Tupta (724) 941-1494 teefam@verizon.net				X				
Pittsburgh Suburban Rifle League	Our champion small-bore team practices every Sunday at 7 PM	Dean Trew (724) 239-3012					X			
Trap	Trap shooting occurs every Tuesday starting at 6pm. The season runs April - October	Wayne Thompson (412) 874-8888							X	
Winter Indoor Shooting League	The season runs January - March. The shooters participate and shoot concurrent with the indoor open shoots on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday	Ted Hildabrand (724) 344-8171 tkhaquariusnetwk@gmail.com Mike Leone (724) 554-9544 Bruce Long (724) 941-3918 Dave Faust (724) 225-9057	X	X	X		X	X		
Antique Military Rifle Match	This program typically takes place in June and November. Any centerfire original military rifle with original open sights, no scopes, manufactured prior to January 1, 1946 and in safe shooting condition. No semi-autos	Bruce Ungar (412)343-2256 Gary Scherer (724)809-7358				X				
Blackpowder Skirmish	The Black Powder matches are held Semiannually. See the club calendar for exact dates	Ron Watton (724) 941-5891								X
Indoor Air Rifle & Pistol	Wednesdays 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM. October - March	Mike Leone (724) 554-9544			X			X		
CMP Junior Rifle Program	Every Tuesday September - March at 7 PM.	Chuck Augenstein (724) 255-6127 Brian Herrig (412) 341-0618					X			
Indoor Air Pistol Silhouette	Saturdays @ 1pm January - March	George Taylor (412) 855-6721			X					

See our website for more detail about shooting opportunities at the club:

www.mdi.net/dml/programs.html

**WHATEVER YOUR FESTIVE
CELEBRATION IS THIS YEAR.**

**MAY IT BE FUN, HAPPY
AND FULL OF GOOD THINGS**

YEARLY DUES ARE BEING COLLECTED!!!

2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE OWED BY
JANUARY 31, 2021

DON'T LOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!

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DMSC Legislative Committee Overview of Activity for the PA General Assembly 2019-2020 Legislative Session

Submitted by Chair, Lou Romito

The 2019-2020 legislative session is ending. Accordingly, a review of the DMSC Legislative Committee activities (LEGCOM) relative to that session is in order.

During the session, the Committee consisted of Chair Lou Romito, Vice-Chair and Board Member Gary Scherer, Board Member Jim Locke, and Washington County Commissioner Diana Irey Vaughn. LEGCOM is not a standing committee. To mirror the requirement of standing committees to have three board members, Vice-President Ted Hildabrand served as LEGCOM advisor on Club positioning on legislative issues.

Additionally, Chet Krcil was, at times, a consultant in his role as President of the Washington County Sportsmen and Conservation League and the Chair of the PFSC SWPA Division. The Committee members provided input, reviewed proposed actions, and provided feedback to me.

At the beginning of the session, I visited several legislators, based on their proximity and/or committee assignments -- Environment, Game and Fisheries, Judiciary, and State Government. The purpose of the visits was to make the legislators' offices aware of the DMSC and establish relationships to open direct channels of communication for the discussion of the DMSC's position on legislative issues involving hunting, fishing, firearms, conservation, and the environment.

The visited legislators were:

- Senator Pam Iovino, Senate District 37, D (Bethel Park, Mt. Lebanon, Upper St. Clair);
- Senator Wayne Fontana, Senate District 42, D (Brookline, Dormont, Carnegie);
- Representative Natalie Mihalek (Judiciary), District 40, R (Bethel Park, Upper St. Clair);
- Representative Dan Miller (Judiciary), District 42, D (Mt. Lebanon);
- Representative Bud Cook (Game & Fisheries), District 49, R (Charleroi, California);
- Representative Matthew D. Dowling (Judiciary), District 51, R (Uniontown);
- Representative Ryan Warner (Game & Fisheries), District 52, R (Perryopolis);
- Representative Justin Walsh (Judiciary, Game & Fisheries), District 58, R (Rostraver);

During the year I continued those contacts and included:

- Representative Tim O'Neal (Environment), District 48, R (Washington, North Strabane);
- Representative Austin Davis, House District 35, D (McKeesport); and
- Congressman Michael Doyle, 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, D (Bethel Park, South Park, and Upper St. Clair).

Additionally, I met with Representative William Kortz, (Game and Fisheries, Minority chair) District 38, Democrat: Baldwin, West Mifflin, to specifically discuss HB808 (PFBC Fee Setting) and HB147(Sunday Hunting).

The meetings proved invaluable in communicating the Club's position to a degree beyond that of ordinary constituent contact. Although the pandemic curtailed in-person contact for the last eight months, I was able to continue our lobbying efforts via telephone and email.

Some of the results of those communications included:

- Senator Iovino sat on the Appropriations Committee. HB808 was stalled in that committee. I had extended discussions with Noah Erwin, Iovino's director of legislative affairs in Harrisburg, to persuade the Senator to help move the bill out of committee. My efforts include composing a letter for George Taylor's signature to outline the rationale for our Club's position. The bill was moved from Appropriations back to the committee for a vote.
- Representative Mihalek kept me updated with behind-the-scenes information from Judiciary Chair Kauffman on HB2344 (Addressing Gun Violence) and the movement of other second amendment legislation. She also provided pre-caucus assessment information on HB2440 (Outdoor Sportsmen's Clubs Guidelines).

During the initial confusion on the language of HB2440, I sent an email to Representatives Mihalek, Miller, and O'Neal delineating our position on the bill. O'Neal and Mihalek replied with messages thanking us for clarifying the issue from a club perspective.

Pre- pandemic, I also participated in other activities:

- Arranged for PA Game Commission officials Tom Grohol, Deputy Executive Director; Tom Fazi, SW Regional Director; Dennis Fredericks, Region 2 Commissioner, and I to meet at length with PA State Senator Camera Bartolotta to discuss the CWD issue and enlist the Senator for assistance in taking the steps needed to curtail the disease, including mediating with the PA Department of Agriculture.
- Attended the regional meeting of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (along with Jim Locke) where national issues such as HR3742 (Recovering America's Wildlife Act) and local issues such as CWD and Sunday hunting were discussed. We met with PA officials that included Brian Burhans, PA Game Commission, Executive Director and Mike Nerrozzi, PA Fish and Boat Commission, Director, Policy and Planning Office.
- Attended a Fish and Game Committee hearing in Charleroi (with Ted Hildabrand and Bill Fertall) regarding the "Saturday opener" and composed a letter for George Taylor's signature that established the Club's position on the topic. This testimony was entered into the record and was posted on the PA General Assembly website.
- Researched and presented to the Board an analysis of the viability of re-aligning with Allegheny County Sportsmen's League.

Over the year, with the distribution help of Gary Scherer, we monitored PA Legislative Services to track relevant legislation and provide members with updates on the progress of bills. When needed, we issued "All Member" emails calling for lobbying action. We also put together candidate profiles for the primary and final elections to provide our members with information to make selections that took into consideration the candidates' relation to club philosophies.

I presented state and federal legislation updates to the PFSC SWPA Division county representatives at the quarterly division meetings in Ligonier, PA.

Most recently, I contacted Val Finnell, PA State Director of Gun Owners of America (GOA) to explore relationships with that organization. After several emails and telephone calls I have established a good working relationship with Mr. Finnell. Although there is no current provision for an official affiliation, he has permitted and encouraged our use of GOA material to keep our members updated on second amendment issues. As the Club's contact point, I'll be receiving updated progress reports from Mr. Finnell.

In conclusion, the high-level interaction at the local level during the 2019-2020 session has resulted in small but significant inroads into the PA legislative process. It takes time to cultivate meaningful relations with legislators and organization leaders. To that end, prior to the start of the 2020-2021 session I will be contacting local legislators to reinforce existing relationships, establish relationships with newly elected legislators, and expand contacts to those local representatives I have not already reached.

AMERICA'S RIFLE CHALLENGE (ARC)

ARC can be summarized by three words: **Exciting – Challenging – Fun!** So, what is it really?

Exciting: **ARC is an action rifle & pistol program based upon defensive shooting skills using modern day firearms.**

Having a competition like format, events span entry level thru advanced, youth to adults, male, and female. Stages incorporate the four basic shooting positions, multiple targets (paper, steel, and motion), barricade use, and multiple reloads.

Challenging: **Events go beyond the typical target practice.** The program is designed under NRA guidelines to insure a safe yet challenging experience. **Clinics:** entry level stages under the direction of NRA Certified Instructors and Range Safety Officers. **Advanced:** more rounds, more skills, more action. **ARC Plus:** The “plus” adds a pistol to the challenge. Events incorporate the same skill sets and stages, but involve matches using only the pistol or a pistol along with the rifle.

Fun: **this program has a ton!** Sending rounds down range is great, but ARC takes it to a whole new level!

Personal note: *I have witnessed club members spending time shooting 50+ rounds from the bench or prone position on the Marsico Range. All those rounds are being fired at only a few targets including the 200-yard gong in a very repetitive shooting experience. You are encouraged to fire the same number of rounds and develop a whole bevy of skills while sharing a newfound camaraderie with other like-minded shooting enthusiasts.*

As a minimum – come out and watch an event or better yet – come out and give ARC a try.

John T.

Stay tuned to future newsletters for upcoming events in ARC 2021. By looking at newsletters from 2020, you will get a better feel for what the program entails as well as noting the increasing number of individuals who have already caught on to the American Rifle Challenge!



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At this time, all Membership meetings have been cancelled.

KEEP IT SAFE

- ALWAYS** keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.
- ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- ALWAYS** keep firearms unloaded until ready to use.
- ALWAYS** unload, remove the magazine, and open the action of a firearm when someone is going down range.
- NEVER** handle firearms while someone is down range.
- ALWAYS** wear proper eye and ear protection at the range.

DMSC Conducts Safety Reviews

Range Safety Officers (RSOs) will conduct random membership checks and safety reviews. RSOs will meet with members and guests while at the firing range. Membership ID's will be checked and a copy of the range rules will be made available. It's important for all members to review safe gun handling procedures and to focus on the safety rules for each range used. The RSOs will be wearing a distinctive safety vest or hat and will only ask for a few minutes of your time. Guests and Visitors are subject to the same rules as members. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from club grounds and termination of membership.

Safe Shooting Hours

Dates	Begins	Ends
January 1-15	7:00 AM	5:30 PM
January 16-31	7:00 AM	5:45 PM
February 1-15	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
February 16-28	7:00 AM	6:15 PM
March 1-10	7:00 AM	6:30 PM
March 11-31	7:00 AM	7:30 PM
April 1-15	7:00 AM	8:00 PM
April 16-30	7:00 AM	8:15 PM
May 1-15	7:00 AM	8:30 PM
May 16 - July 31	7:00 AM	8:45 PM
August 1-15	7:00 AM	8:30 PM
August 16-31	7:00 AM	8:00 PM
September 1-15	7:00 AM	7:30 PM
September 16-30	7:00 AM	7:15 PM
October 1-15	7:00 AM	7:00 PM
Oct 16 - Nov. 5	7:00 AM	6:30 PM
November 6-15	7:00 AM	5:15 PM
Nov 16 - Dec. 31	7:00 AM	5:00 PM

*** Note: No shooting before 9am on Sundays**

MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY THEIR GATE CARDS AND BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WHEN ASKED TO BY A RANGE OFFICER OR OTHER MEMBER