



Official Newsletter of the Dormont / Mt Lebanon Sportsmen's Club August 2025 Edition

#Club News

- **MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The Meeting will be held on August 25th @ 7:00pm
- **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** has moved to the new website: <https://www.dmlsclub.com/>
- **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.
- **GATE CARD REPLACEMENT:** If you have lost or misplaced your gate card, send a \$10.00 check to:
 - DMSC
 - PO Box 12692
 - Pittsburgh, PA 15241-0692

Be sure to include your name, current address, & phone number. We will send you a new gate card upon receipt.

MEMBERSHIP YEARLY DUES

Full Membership	\$110
Senior (65yrs and up plus 10yrs consecutive membership)	\$50
Intermediate (18-21yrs)	\$50
Junior (12-17yrs)	\$25
Spousal membership	\$60
Lost Gate Card	\$10

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Shooting Events

Program	Contact	Centerfire Pistol	Rimfire Pistol	Air Pistol	Centerfire Rifle	Rimfire Rifle	Air Rifle	Shotgun	Muzzleloader
Monday Night Pistol	George Taylor (412) 855-6721 Bruce Ungar (412) 343-2256	X	X						
Outdoor Silhouette	Dave Willard (412) 759-3855	X	X		X	X			
CMP Rifle	Bruce Ungar (412) 343-2256				X				
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Indoor Air Pistol Silhouette	George Taylor (412) 855-6721			X					
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See our website for more detail about shooting opportunities at the club:
www.mdi.net/dml/programs.html

Women On Target



Dormont Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club

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Instructional Firearms Clinic for Women

Pistol, Rifle & Shotgun Clinic

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Dormont-Mt Lebanon Sportsmen's Club

476B Linden Road, North Strabane, PA 15317

Agenda

7:45 – 8:10 am Sign-in and continental breakfast

8:15—10:00 am Welcome and Classroom instruction

10:00— 12:00pm Range instruction

12:45pm – 4:00pm Open range time of your choice.

Firearms will be available for your use.

Please bring your own Eye and Ear protection. Both are Mandatory!

Personal firearms are welcome but must remain cased or bagged in your vehicle until you have checked in with staff.

*Must be 18 years old or over to participate.

To Register: Email

Bonnie Popso – Popsob4@gmail.com

Include your Contact Information

You will receive confirmation that you are registered.



#CMP Jr. Rifle Program

The Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club Jr. Rifle Program is currently scheduled to resume on Tuesday, September 23, 2025. Class starts at 7pm and runs until approximately 9pm each Tuesday, beginning on September 23 and running for 7 consecutive Tuesdays. The program consists of a 7-week instructional program emphasizing safety and marksmanship basics for new shooters.

******We will also be providing more advanced instruction for 3-position shooting to better prepare already experienced shooters for collegiate level competition.

Following the 7-week instructional program, additional practice and coaching are available every Tuesday at 7pm through the end of March.

- Focus of the program is juniors, suggested minimum age of 12
- Adult shooters may participate as well, class size permitting
- Rifles are .22 caliber target rifles which are sized for youth through adult
- You DO NOT need to be a member of the Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club to participate
- NRA Certified instructors lead the program
- Charge of \$20.00 total for the entire instructional program – includes instruction book, ammo, targets, rifles and all needed equipment
- After the 7-week instructional program, all students who have previously completed the instructional program may return to shoot and work on their qualifications in the 4 positions. Rifles and all the necessary equipment are provided. There is a weekly charge for the open shooting, cost \$5.00 per week.

Call Brian Herrig (412-341-0168) or Chuck Augenstein (724-255-6127) for more information and registration.

Ted's Thoughts

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Some of these views are my opinion and may not reflect opinions of the entire membership

Monthly Meeting Thursday August 28 @ 7:00 PM

Our programmed speaker is John Mahn or local Fish Commissioner. John will discuss the issues related to Wild and Stocked Trout. John is a new member.

The membership enjoyed **Dave Bates July program** as did Dave himself. He wrote this article in his weekly column of the Observer Reporter.

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/columns/2025/aug/02/dormont-mt-lebanon-sportsmens-club-invite/>

Dave's book Friendship Afield is a great read. Dave is a pistol lover for both hunting and defense but he is a good rifleman. He plans on attending a future CMP match at our club. **He manages and runs a defensive shooting program on his farm in Greene County. It is called Alpha Omega Shooting Solutions; check it out.**

The **June program was related to Service Dogs as presented by Tom Anderson** and Craig & Foxy. I received a report from Tom after the meeting. Tom indicated that they received \$1,150 from donations \$545 and sales \$620. Natalie Milhalek our local District 40 Rep was not present but arranged a \$100 donation. The Guardian Angel Service Dogs (GMSD) has a 102 acre campus in McDonald where they train dogs and Veterans. If members want to provide additional support and make donations visit their web page WWW.padogsforvets.org.

The program for **September will be Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.** It is a Congressionally Chartered non-profit service organization. The **October program will be Dan Sitler from the PGC which includes the Chili Off competition.**

Next year we will have on the agenda a special young lady, Olivia Jackson, who is involved in our Junior Program. She is involved in Scouting. She will discuss a debate which she won on venison. A good visit about Americana and deer hunting / venison. Venison was a significant product and trade item in our early history as were deer hides. Olivia was also the first recipient of a Daisy 17 caliber Air Rifle which I donate to our young members children and grandchildren. **It helps start them into the**

shooting sports. If you are a parent / grandparent with a potential young shooter, text or call me at 724-344-8171.

The American Flag

Do you know the significance reference to the flag colors? No, I didn't think so! Red: Symbolizes valor and bravery; White: Symbolizes purity and innocence; Blue: Symbolizes vigilance, perseverance and justice. Thanks for that info, Lee Kirchner!

There is an American Flag disposal box in the Taylor Annex (Front Glassed in area of Membership Hall). JB aka John Bradford constructed that box and maintains a program of proper disposal per protocol of the older worn flags. Thanks JB!

Club Tidd Bitts and News Items

Jim Walker is stepping up into the leadership of our Trap program. Bill Minnette, thank you for all your historical work in that program. **Paul Cerani is stepping up into the leadership of the High Power Rifle match program.** John Tupca, thank you for all your years of service / work in HP.

We owe a debt of significance to Bill Fertall and Dave Willard for making repairs to our gas well which provides us on site use of NG (Natural Gas). A contractor was hired via industry protocol but 80-90% of the work was done by Bill and Dave. In a similar effort on our stream management **Bill / Dave worked with several members including Kirk Marker and Mike Wetzal to remove over 300'+ of old gas piping from the stream.** Thank you, gentlemen, for that work effort, above and beyond.

On a similar vein Cliff Abbio and Scott Riggins have done a significant amount of work converting and setting up our new web page, dmsclub.org, to a new format and populating it. It is also appropriate to thank George Taylor for over a quarter century as our president and in establishing the original web page and maintaining it alone for all those years. **That is why we named a grant after him for training and developing our club youth in support of the NRA Whittington summer camp in New Mexico and other competitions / training programs.** Thank you, George aka GT aka Boss!

We have had a bear sighting at the club early in the year. Probably the same bear sighted by members Lee Kirchner in Peters Township and Conrad Rossetti in Nottingham Township. Typically, the result of the sow which pushes out the second year 16-17 month male cubs as she prepares to mate again. That separation is crucial to a bears life cycle and ensuring the female cub's survival and to prevent in breeding. Those young male cubs are the typical sightings we see in the spring. However, unusual, surprising and nice for us in Washington County!

Pistols

There is a whole new series of Next Generation (Next Gen) 1911 style pistols available on the market from Kimber. Ace SG has them in stock. Available in the favorite 9mm but also the venerable and reliable 45 ACP. So, some of you rookies might not know but that pistol design was by John M. Browning from, yes, 1911. It is still the most reliable defensive pistol today. US Special Ops / Marines personnel still carry and use that pistol today. What has it been, 114 years or 14 years plus a century. Browning was a firearm genius. Then in 1935 Browning using the same design developed the Browning High Power which was the first SA pistol with the double stack magazine. Developed in 9mm and 40 S&W! My opinion, go with the 9mm which now has better ballistic abilities and is easier to shoot. If you have an interest in this pistol, it is the Model 35 Browning HP. JMHO again but the Model 35 is the next best defensive pistol after the 1911 in 45 ACP. Old but effective and reliable! The original WW2 1911s if found on the market can go as high as \$2,500. What does that tell you!

I just read some history info on the 1911 Browning that struck me as significant. Winston Churchill, England's Prime Minister, during WW2 and in his earlier military history carried the 1911 Browning as his side arm. I have always liked Winston but I like him even better now with the knowledge of this new Tidd Bitt. There is another piece of Marine history story from WW2 in the Pacific where an officer shot and killed a Japanese soldier at 80 yards with one shot with his 1911. **The 45 ACP round is an extremely effective in a defensive situation and can be shot with accuracy. It is an historical cartridge still used in shooting competitions today.** In Vietnam in 67 when the new M16 was first issued it failed miserably. We were all scrambling to get a 1911 from the armorer or an M3 which used the 45 ACP round. Marines acquired Thompsons on the black market and from grunts who had VC Thompsons. The 45 ACP is also very easy to reload. The components are readily available.

Rifles

The latest **craze now is in lever action rifles.** I have written about it previously but mostly related to rifles in 22 Rim Fire with tubular magazines. All the leading manufactures are now into the market. The previous historical tie is to the Winchester Model 92 / 94 and the Marlin 336 and the 39A (22 RF).

Approximately 8-10 years ago the European manufactures were marketing replications with the tubular magazine and straight wall cartridges 44-40, 32-20 and 25-20 but also in 357 mag or 44 mag. Those first three are great cartridges dating back to the end of the Black Powder (BP) era; the end number is the grains of BP. These rifles are beauties made with parkerizing similar finishes to bluing and cerakote. I have a Uberti in 357 mag, beautiful rifle and accurate. In that chambering there is also the option to shoot 38 Special. **There is something special about levers that hunters and sportsman like. Probably the nostalgic connection to our earlier history.**

Whatever the logic the market is on fire with these new lever rifles but in modern rail configurations that allow for ease of adding scopes, slings and other options and on some there is an AR style hand guards. Originally the market was in tubular magazines but it now incorporates boxed magazines. This magazine configuration allows for chambering in modern cartridges such as the 223 Remington, 243 and 6.5 Creedmoor. The manufactures include Smith & Wesson, Savage, Henry, Ruger, Browning and some others. Check it out!

These rifles make a great option for shooting in our Silhouette Matches. However, please check with Dave or Kirk on eligibility via the NRA or constraints on our target systems. However, those in 22 Rim Fire are good as are the straight wall cartridge chambering previously mentioned. It's interesting to note that I'm not the only person to pick up on this craze. **Craig Boddington has a write up in Rifle Shooter / The Last Word in the September / October issue.** It is nice to be in concert and parallel with that fine gentleman.

There is also a new rifle out by Tikka. Tikka is the young sib of Sako. **You can't go wrong with rifles from these people, Finns. They are at the apex in rifles.** I have several Tikkas which are both accurate bolt action rifles. However, I'm now mesmerized by this new Tikka Model T3X Ace Game. It is a modern bolt configuration with M-Lok stock slots designed for hunting and long range shooting. It is not cheap at \$1,900. I'm checking that rifle out!

There is a nice article in the July 18 issue of Pa Outdoor News (ON) on the 308 Winchester aka 7.62x51 NATO round. Just like it's predecessor the 30 06 it is a great cartridge. Those two are fantastic rounds, reliable and accurate. Proven in our military history! Anyway, the article goes on to give you the 308s tie to the 260 Remington, 243 Winchester, 7 mm-08, 338 Federal and the 358 Winchester. That is quite an association. It is on page 20 of the ON. The 30 06 and 308 are my two favorite rifle cartridges.

There is a lot of media articles and info on suppressors. Look for future comments later in the year.

NRA

The new Executive VP / CEO of the NRA is Doug Hamlin. **He is the former Guns & Ammo publisher. Doug served six years as a Marine Officer.** He buys his own suits. And he has been cleaning house. Doug is just a humble business man and does not like to be high profiled in the press. Doug / NRA still has a rough road ahead but they are still the gun owner's best bet. Additionally, the new NRA President is Bill Bachenberg. **Trump has commented that his being made president is a positive and much needed step in the right direction.**

Ladies Pistol Group

Program is on 1st and 3rd Friday evenings from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM for ladies-only members. Meet at the Meadows Pistol Range April through September and indoors starting October. If the weather is questionable, call before going to the club. Use your own pistol of common caliber that you can easily control plus 1 or 2 extra magazines, and minimum 50 rounds of ammunition.

Each session is designed to have a new task to develop, enhance, or hone skills. Individual instruction is limited to corrections and skill enhancements depending on group size. This is also a good tool for seasoned shooters to hone individual skills and meet other like-minded female members.

Call or text Diane Farnella (412) 480-2333 to participate for a head count or email dianefarnella @ gmail.com. Events are also posted on Facebook.

CMP News and National Shoot

Marc Burnes was 78th with a 288 / 8X in the Presidents 100. Tom Morley as usual had a great shoot with 12th place in the Springfield Match, 16th in the Vintage Match, 15th in Modern Military and with his shooting partner Bruce Ungar, Gold in the Vintage Sniper Match. Tom is a master at getting gold medals in these matches. Look for him in a future program at one of our monthly meetings. Personally, I did not shoot well. However, my partner Bruce Long had an excellent score in the Vintage Sniper match. He only dropped 2 points at 300m and 5 points at 600m. I prevented him from medaling. I dropped 9 points at 300m but I could not finish my string at 600m after my 5th shot. Vision and arthritis in the neck in this prone match. The arthritis also forced me to shoot my other matches from the sitting position in lieu of slow prone and rapid prone. It is tough getting old and I'm in dire need of

cataract surgery. **My old and famous club friend Frank Shuster had the same arthritis problem. However, he mastered shooting from the sitting position.** Typically cleaning the target in slow and dropping a few if any points in rapid. Frank has passed but he visits my memory frequently. **God Bless you Frank!**

Either way I still had a lot of fun at Nationals. I enjoy significantly the comradery of participating. Bruce Long is a great competitor and likes to be early at the matches. So, we were first on the line ahead of the 500-600 competitors and CMP staff for squadding at 6 AM for two days; arriving at 5 -5:15 AM for two days. There is something serene about being there early for squadding and to see that big orange ball / sun coming up over the horizon on Viale (1000 m West Rifle Range). **Then colors in the early morning mist before 7 AM with all those competitors and staff at rigid and perfect attention for colors.**

The Passing of Foster Walker / Wednesday Open Shoot



It is with regret that I have to advise you of Foster's recent passing. He has been in a home for care for several years. **He was an iconic member just like Frank Shuster and Dave Faust. Basically, a 1911 pistol shooter.** His range presence on the UPR (Upper Pistol Range) every Wednesday at noon was a regimented given with Dave Faust and Ray English; also, Joe Valvo for a short period. It was that routine that stimulated the Wednesday Shoot. Every Saturday in the 1st quarter / winter we ran a competitive shoot in the morning. The competition was in air, 22RF and CF pistol. The attendance was so significant we had trouble getting time and space for everybody. So as a consequence, I arranged to set up another match day for range access for the membership; **Wednesday.**

Stimulated via the regimented Wednesday noon shoots by Foster, Dave and Ray, I established the Wednesday shoot. It was well attended. We shot air in the morning and then at noon we switched to RF / CF. At around 11 AM there was a significant group waiting so that it even became hard to arrange range space as just some of the air shooters left their position. Of course, there were those that shot both disciplines so space was limited. The shoot was an open activity but we also ran a competition. Earlier we were in a League with clubs from Massachusetts and Central Pennsylvania being the majority and league leaders. Eventually over time the league struggled so we set up our own internal club competition. Over time the new shooters in attendance just wanted to enjoy casual shooting so the competition ended. Today on Wednesday we have a great contingent with a significant element of husbands and wives attending.

The Wednesday air program runs all year. In the AM they start around 9 AM at the Lower Archery Range (LAR) going until noon or shortly thereafter. Then in the fall / winter that match moves indoors in the AM. **Mike Leone and Jeff Little have been managing the air shoots. Then starting in January we shoot RF (rifle & pistol) / CF pistol but still some shooters opt to continue to shoot air. Bruce Long with several supporters manages this Wednesday PM shoot.** Historically Foster would show up around 12:30 -1:00 PM for the Wednesday Winter PM open shoot along with Dave Faust and Ray English. **Those three shot regularly every Wednesday in the warm months on the UPR starting at noon then went indoors in the cold months. They were range UPR Wednesday summer icons / fixtures and regulars every Wednesday at the indoor PM winter shoot. Then later after their Wednesday shoot, they would break for a bite to eat and some libation at Applebee's. They were as regular as a clock!**

All of the above led to my significant friendship with Foster and his buddies Dave and Ray. I would occasionally join them. Foster was very quiet but friendly. **He was a skilled engineer and designer for Hankson from Dormont. He had a penchant for accuracy. Foster designed the air brake assist system for large trucks.** He worked for Hankson for over 25 years. So, when you hear that hissing and sound of big trucks braking, remember Foster. That system was his, Foster's design.

Veteran News

Camera Bartolotta is our local state senator from the 46th District. She is a great senator and leader. Constantly focused on Veterans and First Responders. Please see the following related to her efforts in the Senate and Community

Streamlining Fishing Licenses for Disabled Veterans

Thanks to the passage of [Senate Bill 232](#), disabled veterans with a 100% disability will no longer have to apply for a free Pennsylvania fishing license on an annual basis. Starting Aug. 29, all disabled veterans with a 100% disability determination from the VA, whether it is a permanent determination or not, will be able to purchase free lifetime fishing licenses.

Easing Repayment of PA Military Family Education Program Awards for Service Members Who Separate Under Certain Circumstances - Currently, Pennsylvania National Guard (PANG) service members participating in the PA Military Family Education Program who separate from the PANG must repay the total award plus interest. Through a change made by [Act 32 of 2025](#), service members will only be responsible for repaying a portion of the program's benefit if they separate from the PANG on

or after Sept. 5, 2025 due to death, medical reasons, discharge at the convenience of the Guard or other compelling circumstances which warrant forgiveness.

PA's Newest Brigadier Generals

In June, the state Senate confirmed the promotions of the following four Pennsylvania National Guard Officers from colonel to brigadier general:

- Brett J. Gagnon – PA Army National Guard
- Robert S. Noren – PA Air National Guard
- Brad W. Pierson – PA Army National Guard
- John M. Wenzel – PA Army National Guard

These individuals will continue to serve our Commonwealth and lead our National Guard with honor and distinction.

Reduced / Veterans' Group Life Insurance Premiums

Veterans insured coverage under the [Veterans' Group Life Insurance](#) (VGLI) program have started seeing [lower monthly premiums](#) for all ages. Discounts range from 2% to 17%, with an average reduction of 11%. Insured veterans are being notified of their monthly premium reduction through direct mail, email, online accounts and premium bills. No action is required.

Veteran Burial Benefits

The National Cemetery Administration has launched [Plan Today, Honor Forever](#), a nationwide campaign to help veterans understand their options and apply for VA pre-need burial eligibility. Eligible veterans have burial and memorial benefits for themselves, their spouses and qualifying family members whether being buried in a VA national cemetery or within a private cemetery.

Taking Veterans Out to the Ballgame

Baseball fans who have served in the U.S. Military can save some money when going to Major League Baseball (MLB) games at the ballpark. MLB teams, including the [Philadelphia Phillies](#) and [Pittsburgh Pirates](#), offer discounted tickets through [GovX](#) for home games throughout their seasons to veterans and their families.

National Legislation

There is a Senate Bill related to improving our military capability. This legislation was brought to my attention via the American Legion. It is related to revitalizing our maritime / Naval capabilities. **Urge support of S1541.**

Closing

I'm concerned about the reduced trend in religious structure in our Country. It is reflected in our national and family cultures. I blame that on the problems within our politics and current education systems. These are awkward and inappropriate changes. I found the following when reading my Bible as an appropriate reference. The verse below I feel is related to this issue. Please pray for change!

Old Testament PSALMS 33: III 8-12

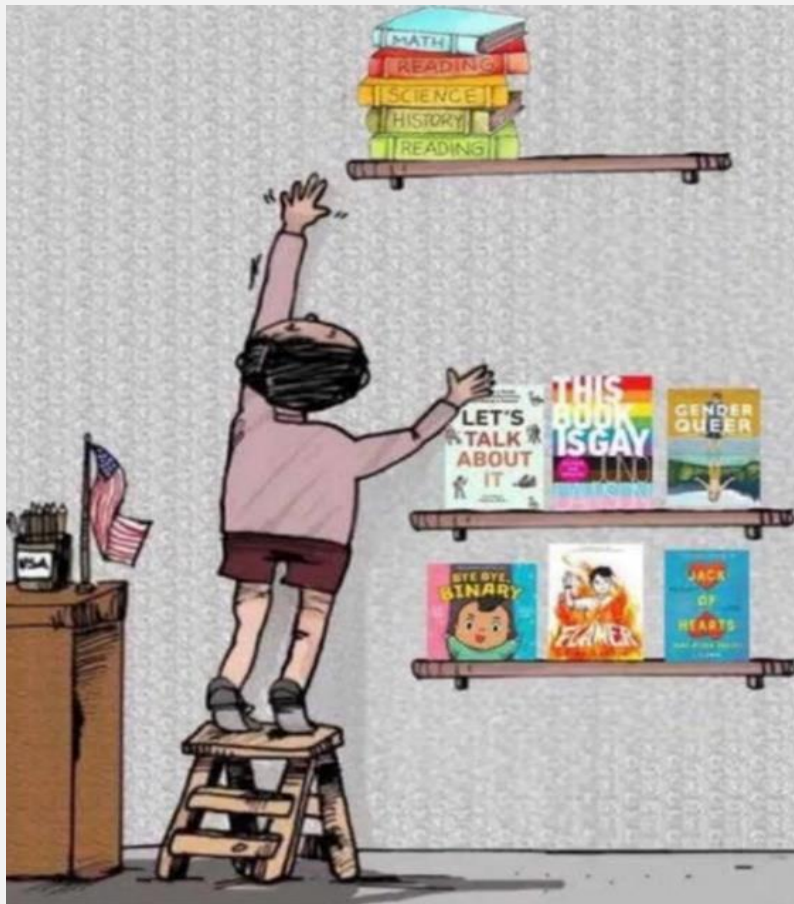
Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all who dwell in the world show him reverence.

For he spoke and it came to be, commanded and it stood in place.

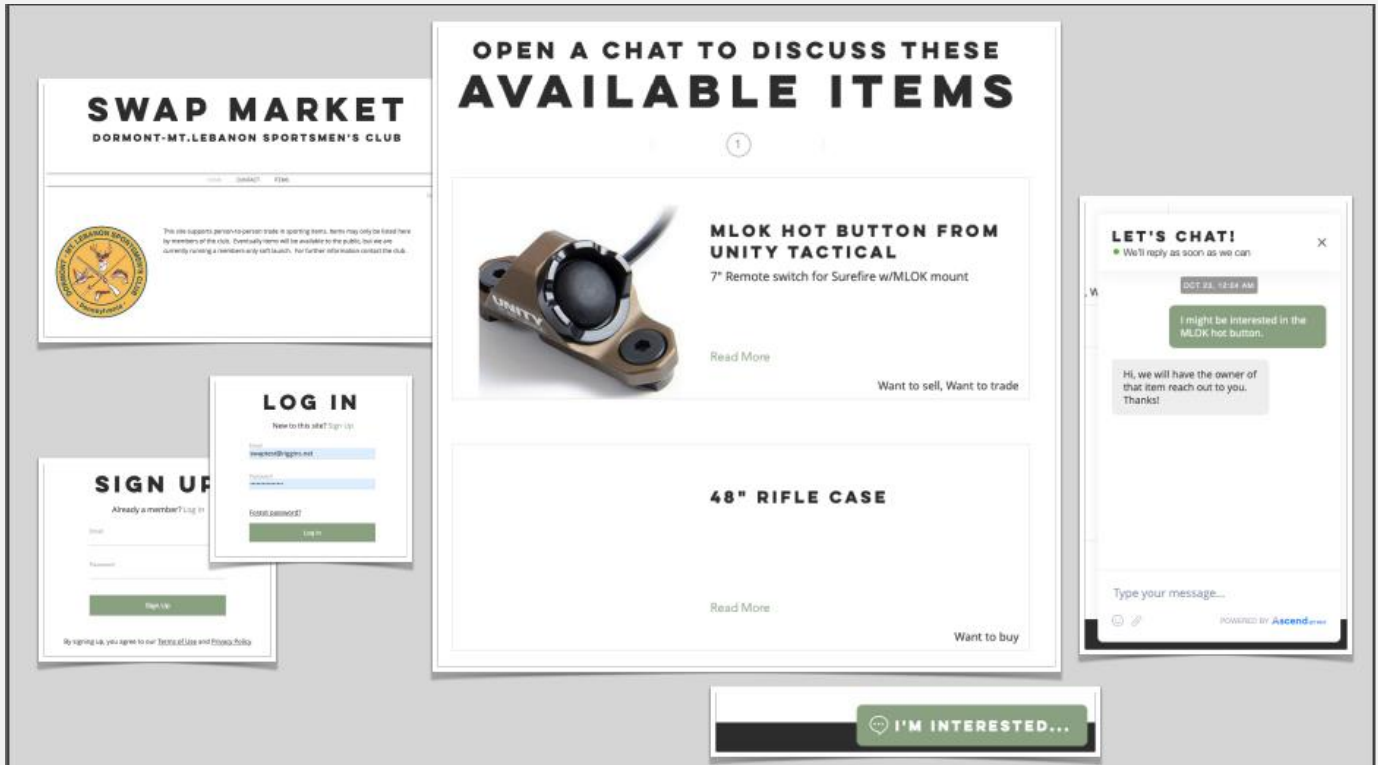
The Lord foils the plan of nations, frustrates the design of peoples.

But the plan of the Lord stands forever, the designs of his heart through all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people chosen as his inheritance.



Swap Market – Digital Swap Meet



- Members who sign up will be able to sell/trade items online.
- No transactions will occur within the site, all inquiries will require face-to-face interaction to complete the sale/trade.
- Chat will be available.
- For more information about the Swap Market, please contact [Scott Riggins](#)

America's Rifle Challenge (ARC)

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Schedule of Events 2025

**** Note:** Due to ARC requirements and range restrictions, each event will have a limited number of slots that will be assigned on a first come – first served basis. **You must reserve your spot by sending an email** to John T. dmlscNRA@outlook.com Registration will open one month prior to the month in which the event is held.

Event	Date	Registration Opens
ARC Plus (Pistoleer/PCC)	Sat April 12	March 1
Rifle Clinic/Basic Match	Sat May 10	April 1
Advanced Rifle Match	Sat June 14	May 1
ARC Plus (Pistoleer/PCC)	Sat August 9	July 1
ARC Plus (2 gun)	Sat September 13	August 1
ARC Plus 22LR Special	Sat October 4	September 1

Please stay tuned to Newsletters and Bulletin Board Flyers for more detailed information regarding each of these events.

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 ensure a safe yet challenging experience.

Clinics: entry level stages under the direction of NRA Certified Instructors and Range Safety Officers. **Advanced Rifle:** more rounds, more skills, more action. **ARC Plus:** The “plus” adds a pistol to the challenge and **don't forget** – we added a PCC category at the Pistoleer matches. Events incorporate the same skill sets and stages but involve matches using only the pistol or a pistol along with the rifle (2-Gun). We also will be bringing back the **22LR Special in October.**

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

Each month starting with February, the monthly online newsletter will have more detailed info regarding any upcoming events. By looking in the online newsletter section from 2024, 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!

ARC Plus 2-Gun Match

As part of the America's Rifle Challenge Program, DMSC will conduct a 2-Gun Match for 2024. Competitors will be required to change firing positions, move through multiple firing points and reload against the clock. Stages will consist of rifle only, pistol only, and transitioning from one firearm to the other. Squading assignments will be made comprising of 5 shooters. **The Course of Fire (COF) has been reworked to be more robust than in the past.**

Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025 **Pre-requisites:** Previous participation in a DMSC Advanced Match & Pistooleer.

Time: 7:30 AM **Cost:** \$5 for DMLSC members; \$10 for non-members.

Firearm Categories:

Iron Sights: a rifle or pistol that has only iron sights

Optics Limited: a rifle that has only a non-magnified optic, such as ACOG, EoTech, Red Dot, etc. ; a pistol that has only a non-magnified optic, such as a Red Dot, laser, etc.

Optics Open: a rifle with a maximum of two optic sights with only one being magnified.

- **Participants must have participated in a DMSC Advanced Match and a Pistooleer Match.**
- All NRA Safety Rules and DMLSC Rules apply.
- Competitors need to attend a mandatory safety briefing and must arrive at the designated time of their assigned squading.
- Keep all rifles and pistols cased and in your vehicles until instructed to bring them to the firing line.
- Eye/Ear Protection and Empty Chamber Indicators are mandatory (ECI's are available for a \$1 charge).
- Rifles need to be Zeroed for 100 yards **prior** to the match. **No** spotting scopes, shooting mats, or shooting jackets are permitted.
- Rifles need to have attached slings capable of being worn across the back.
- Pistols must be a semi-automatic of 9 mm caliber (or higher) **and securely carried in exterior holster (OWB).**
- Competitors should have a minimum of 3 magazines for the rifle and 3 magazines for the pistol and will need to carry them in a bandoleer, pouch, pocket, or similar device on the person for each stage.
- No incendiary ammunition. **All stages utilizing steel targets - Lead core ammunition only**, no armor piercing (AP), no solid or partial core ammunition containing steel or any metal other than lead.

The following is one example of a stage. The complete COF will be sent upon registering for the match.

Stage 1: 30 yds. (Transition Rifle to Pistol) Barricade Support Drill with Reload (RIFLE: Two 3-round magazines - PISTOL: One 5-round magazine) ** Magazine Retention Stage ** When time begins, place the support hand on the outside edge of the barricade, fire three shots kneeling, from behind the barricade **reload and retain the magazine**, then fire three shots standing using the outside edge of the barricade for support, **remove & retain the magazine - show clear to RSO**. Move forward with pistol drawn – **stop and chamber a round**, then fire five rounds. All shots to the A-Zone.

Space is limited to 15 shooting positions. Registration opens on August 1, 2025.
To ensure your participation, contact John T. via email: dmlscNRA@outlook.com

ARC Plus – 22LR SPECIAL MATCH

What is this all about and why is it Special??

Good questions deserve good answers: **Special** – a multitiered ARC event, conducted during the same match; **22LR** – the only caliber allowed. *There must be prior participation in a Pistoleer, Advanced, or 2-Gun event.* You then can sign up for the same event, only this time the entire match will be conducted using 22LR firearms. The same action shooting, same targets, same barricades, same reloading – only change – the fun of using a 22LR firearm.

Date: Saturday, October 4, 2025 **Time:** 8 AM **Cost:** \$5 for DMLSC members; \$10 for non-members.
Pre-requisite: Must have prior participation in the Pistoleer, Advanced, or 2-Gun.

22LR Firearms:

Pistol: any magazine fed semi-auto 22LR pistol.

Rifle: any magazine fed semi-auto 22LR rifle to include conversion AR's.

Sights: iron, red dot, laser, scope

22LR Special Match Course of Fire and Important Information

- Participants must have prior experience in the same event.
- All NRA Safety Rules and DMLSC Rules apply.
- Competitors need to attend a mandatory safety briefing.
- Keep all firearms cased and in your vehicles until instructed to bring them to the lower ranges.
- Eye/Ear Protection is mandatory.
- Pistols must be carried in an external holster and rifles must be carried on a sling.
- Participants must have a minimum of two (2) magazines per firearm (**3 is optimal**).
- 22LR only – no magnums.
- No suppressors – shot timers have a hard time to pick up the noise.

Note: After signing up for the match, a full detailed description will be sent along with other important information. An example of one stage is provided below.

Stage 5: (10+ yds.) Knock Over Steel Plate Drill

RO & PO – Two 5-round magazines

2G (pistol first) - One 5-round rifle magazine, one 5-round pistol magazine

When time begins, attempt to knock over 8 targets. When empty, **RELOAD/TRANSITION TO RIFLE** – there are two additional rounds to accomplish this.

Space is limited to 24 shooting positions. Registration opens on September 1, 2025

To ensure your participation, contact John T. via email: dmlscNRA@outlook.com

ARC Scores

ARC: PISTOLEER MATCH August 9, 2025

The America's Rifle Challenge, Plus version, conducted the second Pistoleer Match for 2025. You may ask "What is a Pistoleer Match?" - Well, let us do the math! Defensive shooting skills + 7 stages + multiple reloads + steel – paper – motion - no shoot targets + barricades + multiple distances = one fabulous time!

Just ask the 26 participants to verify that formula! The weather was hot but that did not deter anyone from over indulging in the challenge and pure out right fun. Top shooter was Joe Martin with a 122.2. Each shooter competes as an individual with the base score being "time". That score is then changed by shot placement for A – B – C zones along with missing or hitting the dreaded "no shoot" target. Thus, speed coupled with accuracy is the key – lower score means a better result. So – nice job Joe!

To get the full picture visit this website for the entire results.

[8/9/25 ARC Pistoleer | PractiScore](#)

NRA High Power Match Schedule 2025

- ~~Saturday~~ ~~April 5~~
- ~~Saturday~~ ~~May 3~~
- ~~Saturday~~ ~~June 7~~
- ~~Saturday~~ ~~July 12~~
- ~~Saturday~~ ~~Aug 2~~
- Saturday Sep 6

**All matches will start at 9:00 AM – participants should arrive NLT 8:00 AM
to help with set up.**

This match is shot at 200 yards and is a 50-round course (500 points total).
The course of fire is:

- 10 rounds slow fire-standing
- 10 rounds rapid fire-sitting or kneeling
- 10 rounds rapid fire-prone
- 20 rounds slow fire- prone

John T. is the Match Director. For more information, please send an email to
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Benchrest Scores

Benchrest Match July Results 2025

The Benchrest competition is an annually run match that takes place from May through August with scores tallied monthly. There are two match classes available, Rimfire at 50 yards and Centerfire at 100 yards. Competitors shoot on their own and must turn in targets by no later than the 5th day of the month (June 2025 targets were due July 5th).

July’s leaders include Centerfire- Al Seyedain, Mark Lofstead, and Tom Dailey. Rimfire- Al Seyedain, Jim Madar, and Chuck Augenstein. Note: July’s Rimfire results were identical for second and third place with no distinguishing advantage between competitors, hence four points were awarded to both Jim Madar and Chuck Augenstein.

2025 Centerfire 100 yards

		July		
Last Name	First Name	Score	X	Pts
Seyedain	Al	100	5	5
Lofstead	Mark	100	4	4
Dailey	Tom	97	3	3
Madar	Jim	96	3	
Mocker	Bill	96	1	
Lamb	Gary	78	0	
Farnella	Jerry	64	0	
Suhayda	Tom	62	1	
Rowing	Allen	8	0	
Denison	Trent	0	0	

2025 Rimfire 50 yards

		July		
<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	Score	X	Pts
Seyedain	Al	100	5	5
Madar	Jim	99	7	4
Augenstein	Chuck	99	7	4
Wolf	Tom	97	4	
Dailey	Tom	97	2	
Willard	Dave	95	3	
Lucas	Jason	94	1	
Tarbert	Chuck	94	1	
Mocker	Bill	92	2	
Campbell	Paul	91	3	
Nist	Ray	91	2	
Lucas	Isabella	90	1	
Lucas	Ed	90	1	
Rossetti	Conrad	87	1	
Lucas	Autumn	84	0	
Fertall	Bill	82	0	
Lamb	Gary	79	1	
Fertall	Sharon	78	0	
Rowing	Allen	45	1	
Denison	Trent	0		



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Next Meeting: August 25th, 2025
Presentation: John Mahn – Wild & Stocked Trout
Meal: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Salad, Cake

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 is 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