



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

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2025						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 10:00-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette 7:00PM-9:00 Open Shoot
2 12:30-3:30 Open Shoot 6:00PM - PSRL Rifle Practice	3 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) MPRL Week 3	4 7:00PM - Jr. Rifle	5 9:30AM-12:00 - Air Pistol & Rifle 12:00-3:00PM - Open Shoot 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice 6:00PM - PSRL Team@Home	6 7:30PM - Board Meeting	7 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice	8 10:00-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette 7:00PM - Intro to Action Pistol
9 12:30-3:30 Open Shoot 6:00PM - No PSRL Rifle Practice	10 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) MPRL Week4	11 8:00AM-5:00PM - WPIAL Teams 7:00PM - Jr. Rifle	12 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday 9:30AM-12:00 - Air Pistol & Rifle 12:00-3:00PM - Open Shoot 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice 6:00PM - PSRL Team@Home	13 8:00AM-5:00PM - WPIAL Individuals	14	15 10:00-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette 7:00PM Open Shoot
16 8:00AM-5:00PM - NRA Jr 4P Sectional 11:00AM CMP rifle match 12:00-3:00PM - Youth+Open Trap 6:00PM - PSRL Rifle Practice	17 President's Day 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) MPRL Week5	18 PIAA Team 7:00PM - Jr. Rifle	19 9:30AM-12:00 - Air Pistol & Rifle 12:00-3:00PM - Open Shoot 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice 6:00PM - PSRL Team@Home	20 PIAA Individuals 5:30PM-7:00PM - SWAP MEET 7:00PM - Membership Meeting	21	22 10:00-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette
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#Club News

- **MEMBERSHIP MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Meeting will be held on January 23rd @ 7:00pm**
- **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.

- **2025 Dues Reminder:** It's that time again. The dues remain the same for 2025 and are right over there ➡

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By the end of Jan 2025

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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Metropolitan Police Revolver League
Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League
National Shooting Sports Foundation

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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				
NRA High Power	John Tupta (724) 941-1494 teefam@verizon.net				X				
Pittsburgh Suburban Rifle League	Dean Trew (724) 239-3012					X			
Trap	Bill Minnitte (412) 400-8252 bminnitte1439@comcast.net							X	
Winter Indoor Shooting League	Ted Hildabrand (724) 344-8171 Mike Leone (724) 554-9544 Bruce Long (724) 941-3918 Dave Faust (724) 225-9057	X	X	X		X	X		
Antique Military Rifle Match	Bruce Ungar (412)343-2256 Gary Scherer (724)809-7358				X				
Scholastic Clay Target Program Youth Clay Crushers	Jim Locke (724)554-0211 Mark Sanders (412)418-1172							X	
Indoor Air Rifle & Pistol	Mike Leone (724) 554-9544			X			X		
CMP Junior Rifle Program	Chuck Augenstein (724) 255-6127 Brian Herrig (412) 341-0618					X			
Indoor Air Pistol Silhouette	George Taylor (412) 855-6721			X					
Benchrest Program	Cliff Abbio cliffabbio@gmail.com				X	X			

See our website for more detail about shooting opportunities at the club:
www.mdi.net/dml/programs.html

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January 31, 2025.**

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Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club
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Pittsburgh, PA 15241-0692**

Board of Directors Election

At its November 5th Board Meeting the Board elected the following officers for the year 2025:

President: Mark Sanders

Vice President: James Locke

Secretary: Bruce Long

Treasurer: Scott Riggins

Assistant Treasurer: Ell Vines

Executive Range Officer: Bruce Ungar

Ted's Thoughts

Ted's Thoughts January 2025

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

January Meeting – Thursday 23rd 7:00 PM Swap Meet at 5:30 PM

The program speaker is Matt Parrott. Matt is a Gunsmith from McKeesport. Matt is a Marine Veteran. Swap Meet starts at 5:30 PM

Christmas Party Program

The program was focused on **Small Bore competition by Natalie Welter**. She is a 16 year old competing at the highest level in or country. She only started shooting competitively in 2022 at our club in the NRA



National Four-Position Championship. She shot with the Dormont Mt. Lebanon Junior team in 2024. They won the **National Championship**. **Natalie shot a 398-30X (out of 400) that ranked her as the highest Intermediate Junior (under age 17) in the country.** She shoots competitively with our club in the Pittsburgh Suburban Rifle League. This group has senior competitors which she typically beats in competition. She just recently competed in the **Gary Anderson Invitational at Camp Perry and made the finals; top 8 out of 201 shooters.** She finished 7th! Quite a career for such a young lady. The party crowd was amazed by this young lady that shoots with our club

in competition at a National Level.

Lou Romito Retires

Lou has been our legislative Committee Chair for over 20 years or more. Also served as our Newsletter Editor for several years. A special tribute was given to Lou at the party

Sportsperson of the Year



Natalie Kukla was the awardee for 2024. She works tirelessly as the assistant Coach for the Mt. Lebanon Rifle Team in support of Dave Willard. She also supports and works at our summer Silhouette Matches. She is a common personality in several club activities. Congratulations Natalie!

Veterans and Related News

Veterans Breakfast Club is a super Vet organization here in Pittsburgh. They hold functions weekly, issue a periodical and put on pod casts. Please consider joining!

The USO (United Service Organization) is the leading service organization supporting our troops overseas. It was established in 1941 by FDR. It is a private organization. It relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities and mission statement. It is powered by volunteers to accomplish its objectives. FDR sought to lift the morale of our military and nourish support from home. It has continued to provide support and morale for our troops for over seven decades as they defend our country and its freedom. **They provide the most challenging duties around the world. The USO credo is to be always by their side. Their mission is "To Strengthen the well-being of the people serving in America's military and their family".**

I don't have too many fond memories of my service in Vietnam aside from the USO and the people and associations via service. During the first 5 months of my service USO ladies would come to our base on the West side of Da Nang. We would be excused from work to attend their function. They played **trivia** games with us for an hour or more. The one I remember most was naming the college via the nickname such as Tar Heels, Razorbacks, Gators etc. The ladies were typically young volunteer college girls of all shapes and sizes. It was amazing that they could provide you with a valuable connection from home in that short period of time from that game of laughing and joking. It was a significant boost in morale.

Subsequently I was transferred to a point on Hill 55 around 15 miles further West in Indian Country. USO visits were not common. However, the USO maintained a station near Red Beach in Da Nang. They served food at a nominal cost which was only milk shakes, French fries and hamburgers. If we were ever in Da Nang to pick up equipment or supplies, it was a must stop for lunch. It is hard to comprehend how that lunch could provide you with a quick connection to home and an enormous boost in morale.

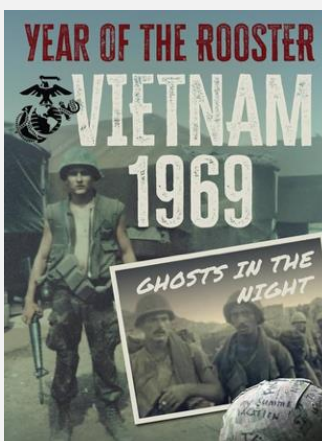
Those ladies that ran the USO were called **“Roundeyes”**. Marine Corps or military jargon! A fond connection to home if only for a few moments. We considered that term **“Roundeyes”** as an endearing reference to home. So, if you want to find a way to support our troops consider as donation to the USO. Again, please consider a donation to the USO in 2025?

Please consider contacting Guy Reschenthaler / Congressional House Rep and Congressional Senators John Fetterman and incoming Senator Bill McCormick to address Coast Guard parity pay issues in 2025. The Coast Guard is currently under the Department of Homeland Security. **Despite their duties in the Pacific, Atlantic and the other world water courses beyond our waters in defense of our country, they do not have the same pay parity as the other military branches.** That is a problem! Previous legislation under HR2693 (2023) was designed to address that parity problem. Considering the service history of Reschenthaler and McCormick our great state may be able to stimulate new legislation on this parity problem.

Look for a future article tied to Dave Resnovich’s son, Ryan. A connection to the club that initiates a military career. Indicating a strong connection to the Junior program and Chuck Augenstein. Plus, a strong association with the Madar family.

Pat Kealy a member of our club and Marine Vietnam Veteran has written a book related to his service called “The Year of the Rooster Vietnam 1969”. It is available on Amazon for \$16. However, I expect to

have copies available for sale at the January 23rd Meeting / Swap Meet on Thursday @ 7:00 PM.



Firearm Sales

Maureen Patton educated me on a good local outlet via Mon Valley Messenger. It is a monthly publication that is free locally. It has a good Classifieds section that incorporates firearms and archery equipment.

Training Programs

We had tried to initiate several programs in 2024 without success. However, I'm still getting some new requests for Handloading and Archery. If you are interested send me a text 724-344-8171. We will try to establish them.

Christmas Party Thank You

Please express thanks to Diane Randolph, Rich Kunz and his wife Karol for their hard work at set up and shut down. Diane coordinated the catering by Angelo's and via our club member Michael Passalacqua. I heard frequent praise for the Chicken Romano. **Thanks Michael / Diane / Rich / Karol!!!**

Christmas Party Set Up Crew and Decorations



We can thank Gretchen and Mark Sanders for the special Christmas tree decorations in the MH Lounge and in the main hall. The morning set up crew includes L to R: Bruce Long, Tom Gasmire, Frank Bumgard, Dave McGowan, Lee Kirchner, Brenda

McGowan, Dave Resonovich, Cindy Marker, Stanton Black, Kirk Marker, Phil Nicholson, Jack Ramsay, Larry Burke (kneeling), Fred Carroll, Ken Helfer, AJ Helfer and Ray English. A very special thank you for your continuing and ongoing support at Christmas. For some it has been a 20+ year work venture!!

Chili Off Champion – October 2024



Please see the pic of Doug Jamison and family. Doug was awarded an apron as his prize for the champion chili out of seven (7) entries. L to R

Jennifer, Doug, Sarah, and Clark.

Henry Rifle Raffle Winner



Dave is the lucky winner of the rifle. Interesting is Dave's continuing support for the Christmas Party for possibly 15 or more years by cleaning, setting up and picking up catered food orders when requested.

Swap Meet at 5:30 PM Thursday January 23, 2025

Members only for Swap tables. Please show up at 5:00 PM for set up. The meet is open to those attending the meeting and Swap meet; membership is not required for purchases and swapping. Transfers via FFL are the responsibility of the Seller and Buyer where appropriate.

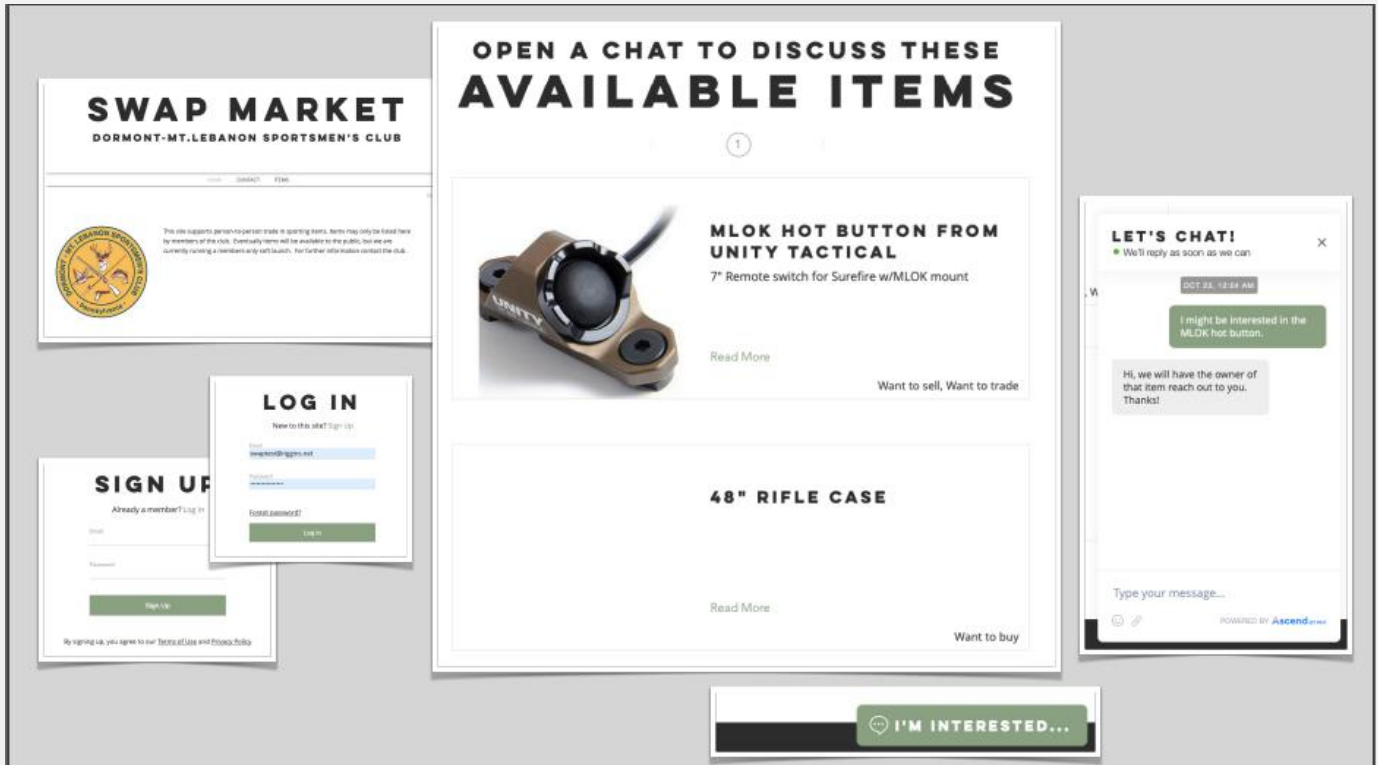
Closing

Please remember Walt Duffin in your prayers and thoughts. He passed away in June. He loved to shoot pistol both indoors and outdoors. He was a Wednesday PM show typically around 1:30 to 2:00 PM indoors and outdoors. He was a very quiet but friendly, nevertheless. Always with Chuck Dollins and Tom Bloss. A member for 20 years. Retired / Senior. The folding stool in the indoor range was purchased and given to us by Walt. He didn't need a stool but recognized the need by others. God Bless you Walt and may you rest in peace forever in our Lords company. **The stool shall now be called Walt's Stool.**

Response from Natalie on becoming Sportsperson of the Year

*"My sincere thanks and appreciate to the Club, it's members and Directors for the very surprising honor of being named the Sportsman of the Year! Although I said a few words, I missed the most important. My involvement since our family joined the Club would not be as great if it were not for the invitation from Dave Willard to be part of his coaching staff. That outreach led to a friendship I treasure, as well as great comradery at "work" and many additional friendships at the Club at Work Parties, Silhouette and just crossing paths at Jr. Clinic or as practice ends and another event enters for Range time. The DMSC is welcoming, an enjoyable place to spend time and I am grateful for all their kindnesses - in this award, but also in a million other acts of generosity and friendship which take place here regularly." - **Natalie Kukla***

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](#)

Action Pistol Clinic

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2 Sessions Available

Saturday, Feb 8, 2025, 7:00PM and Saturday, March 29, 2025, 7:00PM

Intro to Action Pistol Clinic is open to all current club members, and new member inductees, that would like to improve their pistol handling, shooting with emphasis on safe handling skills.

- The purpose of the program is to improve your Accuracy, Proficiency and Firearm Safe Handling Skills.
- All skill levels are encouraged to attend: New, Casual, Intermediate and Seasoned pistol shooters.
- We will coach methods that will improve your grip, stance, sight picture (both open and optic sights) & trigger control.
- You will be coached through multiple dry-fire and live fire drills that will help make you a better shooter.
- Attendees are required to bring their own Pistol, Ear and Eye Protection, Minimum 50 Rounds of ammunition and 2-3 Magazines.
- 20 Slots are available on each date.

**This program can be used as an "Approved Match Event" that is required for all new members.*

To secure your slot for one of these dates or have any questions please Email, Call or Text:

Mark Sanders: marksanders@verizon.net / 412-418-1172

Jon Stonestreet at stoneys@comcast.net

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!

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).
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
dmlscnra@outlook.com



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Next Meeting: January 23rd, 2025
Presentation: Matt Parrot - Gunsmith
Meal: Sliders, Soup, 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**