



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

February 2025 Edition

Calendar of Events

MARCH 2025						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 10:00-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette
2 12:00PM-3:00PM - Youth Clay Crusher Practice 12:30 - 3:00PM - Open Shoot 6:00PM - PSRL Practice	3 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) MPRL Week 7	4 7:00PM - Jr. Rifle	5 9:30AM-12:00 - Air Pistol & Rifle 12:00PM-3:00PM - Open Shoot 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice 6:00PM-8:00PM - Youth Trap Practice 6:00PM - PSRLTeam@HomeC	6	7	8 10:00-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette 7PM-9PM - Open shoot
9 DST begins 12:00PM-3:00PM - Youth Clay Crusher Practice 12:30 - 3:00PM - Open Shoot 6:00PM - PSRL Practice	10 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) MPRL Week 8	11 7:00PM - Jr. Rifle	12 9:30AM-12:00 - Air Pistol & Rifle 12:00PM-3:00PM - Open Shoot 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice 6:00PM-8:00PM - Youth Trap Practice 6:00PM - PSRLTeam@HomeC	13 7:30PM - Board Meeting	14	15 10:00-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette
16 11:00AM - CMP rifle match 12:00PM-3:00PM - Youth Clay Crusher Practice 12:00-3:00PM - Trap Range 12:30 - 3:00PM - Open Shoot Last Sun. Indoor 6:00PM - PSRL Practice	17 St. Patric's Day 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) MPRL Week 9	18 7:00PM - Jr. Rifle	19 9:30AM-12:00 - Air Pistol & Rifle 12:00PM-3:00PM - Open Shoot 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice 6:00PM-8:00PM - Youth Trap Practice 6:00PM - PSRLTeam@HomeC	20 Spring begins	21	22 4:00PM-9:00PM - Lebo Rifle Awards Banquet Membership Hall 10:00-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette 4:00PM-9:00PM - Lebo Rifle Awards Banquet Membership Hall 7PM-9PM - Open shoot
23 8:00AM-5PM - NRA Jr. Sectional 6:00PM - PSRL Practice 12:00PM-3:00PM - Youth Clay Crusher Practice	24 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) MPRL Week 10	25 7:00PM - Jr. Rifle Last Jr. Rifle	26 9:30AM-12:00 - Air Pistol & Rifle Last Wed. Air Pistol & Rifle 12:00PM-3:00PM - Open Shoot Last Wed. Open Shoot 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice 6:00PM-8:00PM - Youth Trap Practice 6:00PM - PSRLTeam@HomeC	27 5:30PM-7:00PM - SWAP MEET 7:00 - Membership meeting	28	29 10:00-12:30 - Open shoot Last Sat. Open Shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette Last Air 7:00PM - Intro to Action Pistol
30 6:00PM - PSRL Practice	31 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) MPRL Week 11					

#Club News

- **MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The Meeting will be held on **February 27th @ 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.

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF

PRESIDENT	MARK SANDERS
VICE PRESIDENT	JIM LOCKE
TREASURER	SCOTT RIGGINS
SECRETARY	BRUCE LONG
EXECUTIVE RANGE OFFICER	BRUCE UNGAR

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

NEWSLETTER EDITOR	CHRIS BIELINSKI
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	BRIAN FINK

CLUB DIRECTORS

BILL FERTALL	
BRUCE D. UNGAR	412-343-2256
BRUCE LONG	724-941-3918
MARK SANDERS	
CHRIS BIELINSKI	
DAVE WILLARD	
ELLSWORTH F. VINES	412-721-9632
GARY SCHERER	
GEORGE TAYLOR, IV	412-855-6721
THEODORE K. HILDABRAND	724-942-2125
JIM LOCKE	
CLIFF ABBIO	
TOM BENEDICT	
JON STONESTREET	
SCOTT RIGGINS	
RON WATTON, Emeritus	

AFFILIATIONS

Gun Owners of America
Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation
Metropolitan Police Revolver League
Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League
National Shooting Sports Foundation

SANCTIONED BY

National Rifle Association
Civilian Marksmanship Program
Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association

CLUB COMMUNICATION

Club Web Site: mdi.net/dml

Membership Inquiries: DMSCMembers@gmail.com

Legislative Matters: dmsclegcom@gmail.com

Email: DMSCNews@gmail.com

Facebook: facebook.com/DMLSportsmen

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

Ted's Thoughts

Ted's Thoughts February 2025

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

February Monthly Meeting – Thursday the 27th @ 7:00 PM in Membership Hall

The main program is a presentation by one of our most distinguished shooters, Dave Gannon. **Dave is a pistol shooter. I asked him to talk about revolvers.** Today most of our members are focused on SA pistols but the revolver is an excellent personal defensive weapon; aka Mr. Dependable.

Swap Meet at 5:30 PM Thursday February 27, 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. The meet stops at 7 pm at the start of the meeting but may resume after the meeting at the discretion of sellers and buyers.

Targets Available MH

There are some special targets in the glassed entrance Annex of MH. **Provided by our member and friend State Senator Camera Bartolotta.** These targets are for use on Marsico and the Bench Rest Ranges. The red grid is for minute of angle adjustments. Please be judicious with your taking and using them.

Range Operations

Please maintain your "A Game" (attitude) while on the range. Muzzle control must be in your DNA. Please go Clear when requested and use an ECI.

Special Notice – Membership Linking

Communications are a critical element for club operations. There are some issues with a few members. Typically, you have changed both your email and your phone number. So, if you are not receiving emails or phone calls periodically it is because we don't have your current contact data. Some of you may have moved since you first joined. Send us your new address. We are trying to reach out to some by phone to get your data current. Please try to help us by sending your current contact data (email, phone number, address) to our membership Chairman Brian Fink. Please just send an email to dmscmembers@gmail.com or mail info to the club via our postal address DMLSC Po box 2692 Pittsburgh, Pa 15241-0692. If you are receiving emails from the club your roster email is good. If you have not paid your 2025 dues, please promptly do so now. If you have a friend or associate from the

club that tells you that they are not receiving club emails and newsletters, please help them with the above.

Veterans info and Support



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, Pat expects to have copies available for sale at the February 27 Meeting / Swap Meet on Thursday. There were 20-plus copies sold and distributed at the January meeting. If you have completed your reading of the book, please reach out and write a review now to Amazon. In doing so you will help Pat with the sale and distribution of the book via Amazon. We owe Pat at least that much for his service and the writing of his book. You should all recognize that writing that book was not an easy task for Pat. This book is an enormous contribution to Marine and American military history and service in

Vietnam. Semper Fi and Thank You Pat!!

Salute to Service, there is a **new exhibit from the Pa House Archives** on display in 2025. Maps are available at capitol information desks. If you are in Harrisburg this year, take time to look.

DMLSC - February Hosting HS SB Prone Rifle Competition

On the 2nd and 3rd weeks in February we will be hosting again the Small Bore (SB) Prone HS Rifle Competition. On the first week it is the WPIAL regional competition with team competition on Tuesday the 11th and then the individual competition on the 13th. **The club awards annually the Taylor – Eddy Trophy to the top competitor. The trophy honors the late Earl Taylor and Mike Eddy. Both had distinguished HS careers in shooting and in the military. Also, former officers in our club and great historical mentors to the HS shooting sports.** Last year 2024 Carlee Valenta, on left, from Penn Hills was the trophy winner. Carlee’s sister will probably be in the mix this year. In 2023 and 2022 Riley Dunn, on right, from McGuffey HS was the trophy winner. Riley is in Nebraska competing with the Cornhuskers at the collegiate level. Brook Fanala, middle, from Hempfield was in 2nd place. Carlee and Brook were tied except for the center cuts (perfect concentric X). Riley came in 3rd only by one X count. Riley is a familiar face at the club as she also won the trophy in 2022 & 2023. Her father, grandfather / Ken Helfer, and Uncle AJ Helfer are all members of our club.

The club hosts the shooters in the Membership Hall during the competition’s multiple relays. There will



be school buses and limited parking. You may want to choose a different day to come to the range but your call.

On the 3rd week we will again be hosting matches. This week the top team and individuals in the state will be competing. The matches are hosted by region. So, on Tuesday the 18th there will be the team competition and, on the 20th, the individual competition. This week is not as busy as the previous but again buses everywhere and limited parking.

There is an “obvious” in looking at the pic. Girls excel in shooting among their bros. Women are more mature and more mentally focused which makes them great competitors in the shooting sports. The only sport where women excel above their male counterparts. So, parents / grandparents don’t be shy about encouraging your daughter and granddaughters to compete in this sport.

Training – Reloading

To accommodate those who have expressed interests I have decided on the format described below. The focus will be on the 38 Special as it has multiple options for use in club competitions in both pistol and rifle at our club. It is a straight wall case and parent of the 357 Mag. Loading it is reasonably easy to reload and can then establish a foundation for your future in shooting in target shooting pistol and rifle. Loading a bottle neck rifle cartridge is significantly more involved but at least this will be a start.

Listed below is an outline that I will follow. The last two steps (108 & 109) will be at a training session in house with other expertise from the club. So, the training outline is as follows:

- 101 - Buy / Read manual
- 102 - Buy equipment and components
- 103 - Cleaning Brass
- 104 - Environmental Awareness and Attitude
- 105 - Sizing
- 106 - Flaring
- 107 - Priming
- 108 - Loading
- 109 - Testing / Shooting

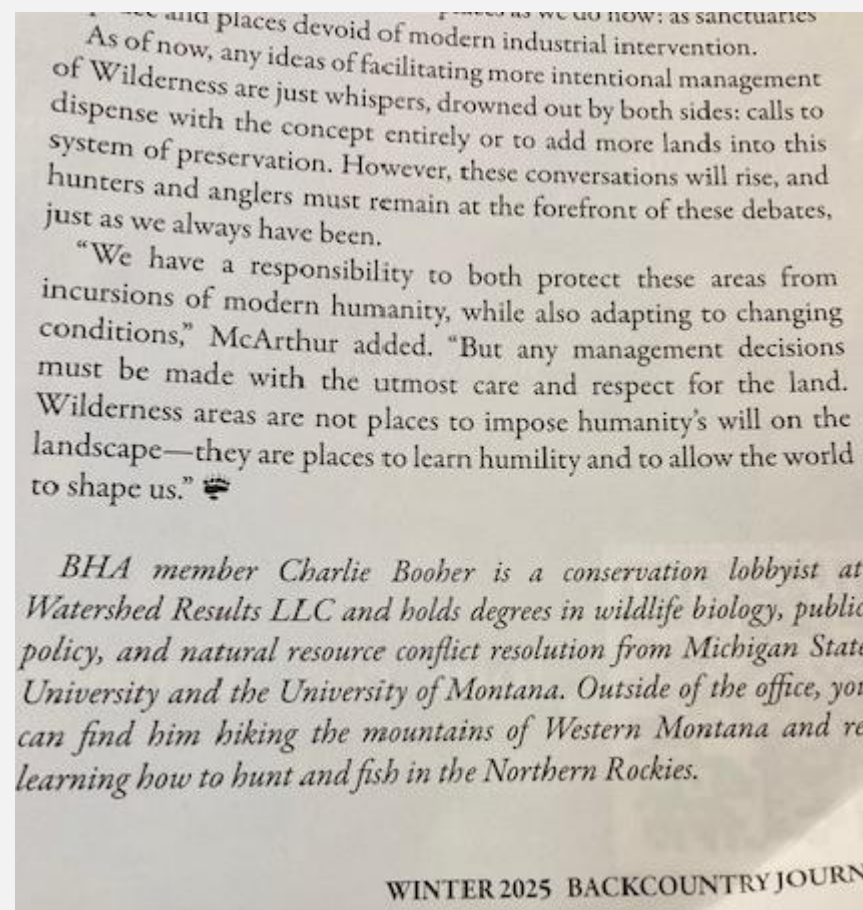
101 – Buy / Read Manual – Manuals are typically published by bullet manufactures such as Hornady, Speer, Sierra, Lyman and several others. You can buy new or buy a used book. The 38 Special has been around since 1902 so any typical used manual will work. Then read carefully the sections in the manual at least 2-3 times. Next look up in the manual the section devoted to the 38 Special. Read carefully this section and refer in the manuals to steps / chapters to the specific reloading steps in the manual or manuals. If you are not committed to doing this reading you are not ready to start reloading or continuing with this training program.

In the next month we will focus on equipment and components 102. However, you need to complete 101 – Buy / Read Manual before following in the training program. You may also want to seek out a friend and or associate that reloads and that is willing to help mentor you. Readily seek out discussion and ask questions! An association in our club is great as you have multiple personalities to seek out and explore your reloading interests.

Back Country Hunters Anglers (BHA) – Wilderness in an Uncertain Future

I'm a member of the BHA. Those who know me understand my focus on birds, trees and wildlife. I'm an avid hunter and fisherman. My grandfather has taught me an appreciation for trees / woods and wildlife. I'm a Conservationist.

There is a constant threat for private entities to control our public lands and stream for their own private interests in our nation and in our great state of Pennsylvania. There is considerable pressure in Utah, Montana, Idaho and several other Western states. However, there is the same pressure and concern locally and in our state. Typically, the wealthy and the political elements fall into this narrative. Trying to successfully generate income and private use of public streams and public lands. So it is that motivation to resist this element that led me to join BHA.



I read an article recently in the Winter 2025 Journal that struck me as being poignant, Wilderness in an Uncertain Future. See the attached closing paragraphs of the article by Charlie Booher.

Closing

To all those who have been asking, Mike Leone is back in the flow. I had lunch with him and the Marker's, Patton's, and Jeff Little Wednesday. Mike showed up and shot in the Air Open Shoot. He looks good and has obviously recovered from his stroke. Our prayers have been answered!

The Holocaust – Eighty Years

January 27 was formally designated Holocaust Memorial Day by a resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2005. But how we remember the Holocaust has evolved over the decades and even now - some 80 years on - it is a story of remembrance that is still unfinished.

"Dear boy," the short handwritten note from 1942 begins, "I was delighted with your May message. I'm healthy. I hope that I can stay here and see you again. I remain hopeful. Please write. Greetings, your father."

The note is one of thousands of documents

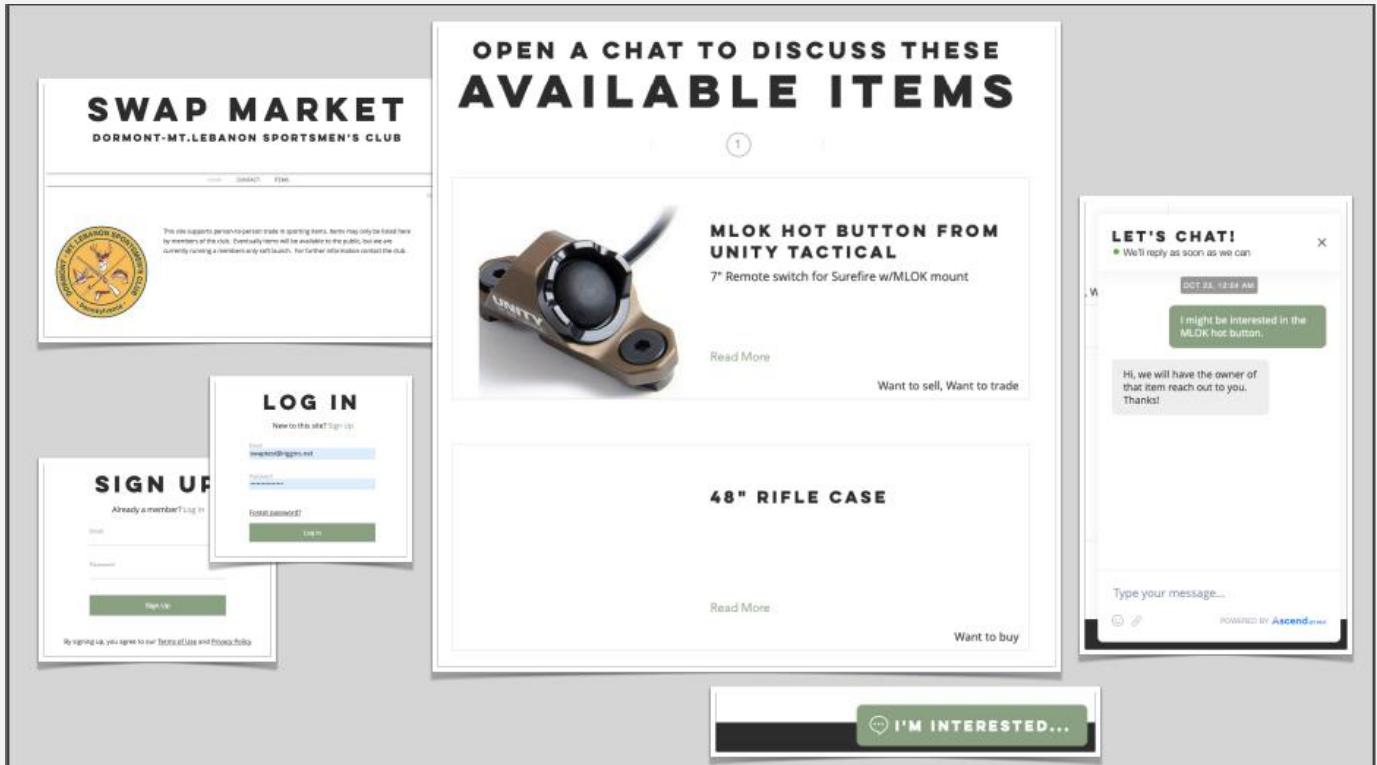
I read this in the news recently on BBC. I think it is only appropriate as a tie to the United Nations and world history. Remembering FDR and Truman and their contribution to our history and involvement in WW2. IMHO it is very appropriate to never forget our allies and friends from WW2 and the Korean War.

Just to follow the note; the father was killed by Hitler and his horrible cronies. Those same personalities exist today in our world. It is imperative that we maintain a connection with our allies and friends. Otherwise, we will have a repeat of the same types of atrocities. These atrocities are still happening in Europe, Africa and the Middle East today. Pray for World

Peace! Peace by commitment to our friends and allies. Being an isolationist doesn't work. FDR / Truman proved that!



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)

America's Rifle Challenge (ARC)

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 – Pistoleer/PCC Match

As part of the America's Rifle Challenge Program, DMSC will conduct **the first of two** Pistoleer/PCC Matches. Pistoleer/PCC Match?? **Just what is a Pistoleer/PCC Match?** If you have been shooting down on the lower ranges, then you are a "Pistoleer" and this match may be something of interest to you. Participants will compete in several "pistol only" stages firing at paper, steel, and motion targets. This is an action pistol match and the course of fire entails modern day defensive shooting skills involving distances from 5 to 30 feet, multiple targets, barricades, several reloads, **and a whole lot of fun.**

*** **A PCC is short for a Pistol Caliber Carbine and as such can also be used.** ***

Date: Sunday, April 12, 2025 **Time:** 8 AM **Cost:** \$5 for DMLSC members; \$10 for non-members.

Pistoleer/PCC Course of Fire : Total rounds - 80

**** Note:** After signing up for the match, a full detailed description will be sent along with other important information. Below is an example of one of the seven stages. **

Stage 3: (7 yds.) Multiple Target Drill with Reload (Two 6-round magazines.)

**** This is a magazine retention stage**** When time begins, fire 2 shots to the left target's **lower A-Zone** and 1 shot to the left target's **upper A-Zone** and fire 2 shots to the right target's **lower A-Zone** and 1 shot to the right target's **upper A-Zone**, **reload while retaining the magazine**, then repeat the shot sequence.

Firearm Categories:

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

Optics: a pistol or PCC that has only an optic, such as a Red Dot, laser, etc.

• **While there are no pre-requisites, this match will not involve any instruction and participants should possess safe pistol handling skills.**

- All NRA Safety Rules and DMLSC Rules apply.
- Competitors need to attend a mandatory safety briefing conducted at the clubhouse.
- Keep all pistols cased and in your vehicles until instructed to bring them to the lower ranges.
- Eye/Ear Protection is mandatory.
- Calibers from 9 mm through 45LC are allowed, but no magnums. **All pistols must be securely carried in an exterior holster and PCC's need to have a sling attached.**
- The match will be conducted as an individual utilizing a shot timer. Scoring will be a combination of speed and accuracy. All stages will begin from the low-ready position.
- Competitors should have a minimum of 3 magazines for the semi-automatic pistols/PCC, and will need to carry them on the person for each live fire 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.

Space is limited to 24 shooting positions. Registration opens on March 1, 2025. To ensure your participation, contact John T. via email: dmlscNRA@outlook.com

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



Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club
P.O. Box 12692
Pittsburgh, PA 15241-0692

Next Meeting: February 27th, 2025

Presentation: Dave Gannon / revolvers. Pat Keally / book sale & signing and Anna Lucarelli / Eagle badge quest.

Meal: ¼ lb. Grilled Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Chips, Spinach Salad, and 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