



Official Newsletter of the Dormont / Mt Lebanon Sportsmen's Club November 2024 Edition

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2024						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 6:00PM - PSRL Smallbore Rifle	2 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle practice 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC)	3 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle practice	4 10:00AM- 12:00PM - Air Pistol/Rifle 12:00PM-3:00PM Open Shoot 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle practice 7:00PM - PSRL Match	5 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle practice 7:30PM - Board Meeting	6 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle practice	7 Pearl Harbor Day 6:00-9:00PM - Lebo Rifle Team Dinner
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29	30	31 New Year's Eve 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle practice				

#Club News

- **MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The Meeting will be held on **November 21st @ 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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**Your 2025 Dues are now due and are due by
January 31, 2025.**

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**Dues are to be mailed to the Club's PO Box as follows:
Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club
PO Box 12692
Pittsburgh, PA 15241-0692**

NRA Whittington Center

“The George Taylor IV Grant”

NRA Whittington Center Funding Available

Each year our club awards the George Taylor IV Grant to provide financial assistance to youths to attend the two-week Adventure Camp program at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico. The 2025 camp will offer two sessions, one from June 8 to June 20, and the other from June 22 to July 4. Our club has reserved three positions in the second session for grant applicants.



The sponsorship is open to youths who will be aged 13 by the first day of their session and not turn 18 on or before the final day. Applicants must have a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian who is a member of the club or be a member of the Mt. Lebanon High School Rifle Team. The grant provides \$650 toward the \$1,300 camp registration and reimburses up to \$300 in travel expenses.

During the program, participants learn from highly trained NRA Whittington Adventure instructors who teach the fundamentals of pistol, rifle, muzzleloading, and shotgun shooting skills with safety always foremost in mind. Students are introduced to competitive shooting, rifle and pistol silhouette, and bullseye disciplines, plus skeet and trap shooting skills. Each student gets to fire more than 1,200 rounds of ammunition during their stay.

To be considered for the grant, please complete the grant application that follows this information and return it, along with a 200-word essay on how you will benefit from attending the camp, and a list of your extracurricular activities and shooting experience by **Dec. 31, 2024**.



2025 NRA Adventure Camp Grant Application Form

Applicant Name:		
Age During 2025 Camp Dates (6/22/25-7/4/25):		
Applicant's Mailing Address:		
Applicant's Phone Number:		
Applicant's Email Address:		
Parent/Grandparent/Guardian's Information	Name:	
	Phone Number:	
	Email Address:	

Extracurricular Activities

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Shooting Experience

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Please complete the grant application and return it, **along with a 200-word essay** on how you expect to benefit from attending the camp, by Dec. 31, 2024.

Application material may be emailed to dmscgrants@gmail.com, or delivered via U. S. Mail to:

The Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 12692
Pittsburgh, PA 15241-0682

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!!

Ted's Thoughts

Ted's Thoughts November 2024

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

November Meeting – Thursday the 21st @ 7 PM

Business program and discussion!

December Meeting – Thursday the 19th @ 7 PM Christmas Party

Gold Henry .22 Rifle Raffle



Winner will be pulled at the party!
Thursday December 19th, 2024
You must be in attendance to win.

Donation is \$5 each, 3 for \$10

Rifle Purchased Via Support from
ACE SPORTING GOODS, BEN ROMANOFF

The menu will be Italian catered via Angelo's. See attached pic of rifle to be raffled off at the party. The set up for the party will be done at 9 AM on the day of the party. Typically we have a group of 15-17 members participating at this short work party. It only takes about 2 hours. Please join us!



October Chili Off Championship



We had seven entries which included Stoney, Me, Dave McGowan, Karen Nicholson, Doug Jamison, Josh Hickman and Mark Sanders. It was quite a competition with four judges and an Official, Bruce Long, managing the competition. The winner was Doug Jamison! Congrats to Doug who will receive his Championship Apron at the Christmas Party.

October starts the initiation of dues for 2025. Please remit!

CMP Competition for 2024

There are two significant acknowledgements for the National Matches held at Camp Perry this year / 2024. Marc Burnes was a recipient winner of the Presidents 100. That is dramatic recognition, top 100, as the best of our Nation, including the military branch rifle teams' individuals. All of them compete in this match for the Presidents 100 recognition. Congrats Marc!

There was another club member with a significant win. Paul Ceriani came in 2nd in the Springfield match. That is another significant accomplishment. Congrats Paul. Paul typically shoots Vintage rifles in our local CMP matches.

Physical Therapy in Shooting

Don't be afraid to use it if you are struggling with mobility and other physical problems in your shooting. I was having trouble shooting prone due to arthritis in my neck. I was unable to tilt my head up in prone. I struggled for a year or more. So, I discussed it with my PC and he recommended PT. I didn't think it would work but I was wrong.

My good friend the late Frank Shuster had the same problem. He resorted to shooting his prone rifle competition in the sitting position. Frank perfected it and typically won most of our CMP rifle matches without shooting prone. I thought I was destined for the same solution. However, I will never be a perfectionist like Frank. It is tough getting old, but it beats the alternative.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)

They still have Garand's for sale. The availability and price will not last forever. You can buy a Garand and some other rifles online with proof of club membership and other ID. Contact Eli Vines to get a club ID. Please check out their web page. They also have ammo and other items for sale

Air Rifle Transfer



I was able to give another air rifle to Stephen Riffle for his son, Levi, helping him and his brother Caleb. Both are getting involved in the shooting sports. Kirk Marker helped me! The rifle is a Daisy Model 853 17 caliber. A very accurate rifle! We did the transfer at the Lower Archery Range. This range is at the end of the lower road. There is a 10-meter air rifle and pistol range set up there with a covered shed, targets and other range items to promote the air shooting sport. Mike Leone helps me with getting rifles from the CMP and installing a new trigger. Kirk, left in pic, helps with training! If you are a parent or grandparent and would like to get a rifle, please text me at 724-344-8171.

Veterans / Veterans Day November 11

If you are a veteran, please consider joining the Pittsburgh (VBC), Veterans Breakfast Club. They meet regularly in the Pittsburgh community. See their web page veteransbreakfastclub.org. They also have a quarterly periodical.

John Kinsel just recently passed away at 107 on October 22. John was a Marine Navajo Code Talker that served on Iwo Jima with 9/3. There were 29 Code Talkers. **God Bless You John and Thank You!!**

Tim O'Neal and Natalie Milhalek are our local State House representatives. They both maintain American Legion VA Advocate Services out of their local office. Both are great members of our club. Their respective local office phone numbers are 724-787-3315 and 724-942-2045. Tim has a leadership position in the House as the House Whip.

Augenstein Family

When you get a chance, please thank Chuck and his family. They traveled to North Carolina and transported three pieces of heavy construction equipment which was supplied by C.R. Augenstein Inc. They ended up rebuilding a road called Miller Cove Road that got access back to 15 properties that couldn't return to their home since the storm. Thanks to Chuck and his team who donated their time to help our neighbors in NC!

Shooting Mats

The club purchased some new matts for our Junior program. However, we maintained a large supply of the older mats that we kept in the front area of the Indoor Range Building. Those older mats are now missing. If anybody knows where abouts of those matts, please arrange the return of them. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Ungar or Chuck Augenstein.

Targets

We maintain a supply of special rifle targets for use by the membership. The targets are designed for the rifle ranges; Bench Rest and Marsico. The red block pattern is designed for minute of the angle data used for sighting in rifles. Please only use the targets for that purpose. Also please be judicious with the taking and use. The targets have been supplied by our State Senator, Camera Bartolotta. Camera is a member of our club.

Shuster Cup

The award for 2024 is **being awarded to Paul Cerinai**. Reference the info above page 2 about Paul's participation and score at this year's Nationals in the Springfield Match at Camp Perry, second place, and his continuing shooting and scoring high with Vintage Rifles in our club CMP matches. Congrats Paul!

Cartridge Comparison



I read an article recently about the comparison between the short action 223 Remington and the 308 Winchester / NATO. I decided to add in the venerable and historic .30-06. The 06 is obviously not a short action round. All three are military cartridges. The 30 06 is dramatically connected to the Garand and Springfield. The 308 NATO is connected to the M14 and the 223R to the AR. I added in a pic for a visual comparison. The .30-06 and the 308 NATO have similar ballistic performance and ranges. Except that the 06 can easily reach out to 1000 meters with a 200-grain projectile.

IMHO the 223R was a failure as a military round. It was originally designed for 300 meters. Subsequently redesigned as 5.56 NATO with faster twist rifling and heavier weight bullet. Recently the shooting community have added the 308 NATO round into Garand competitions. Some recent rifle configurations in the Garand now incorporate the 308 NATO. Interesting!

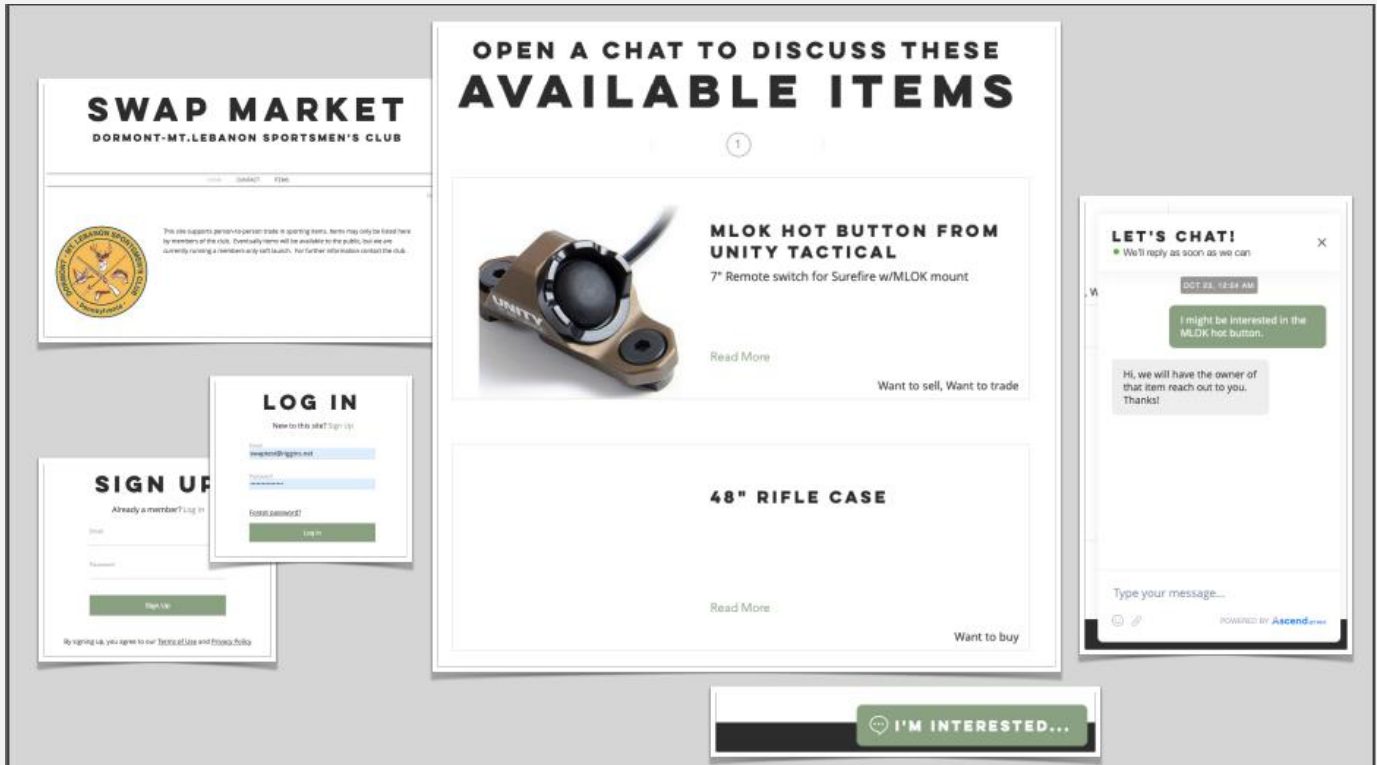
On the use for hunting, the 223R is my favorite varmint / ground hog cartridge out to 300 - 400 yards. The 308 NATO and 06 are essentially the same hunting cartridge. Unless of course if you want to use / load it with a 200 grain or similar heavier bullet. Obviously then you get more foot pounds of energy and capability at longer ranges. The .30-06 is well over 100 years old and is hard to beat as a hunting round. It can be loaded with 110 / 120 grain bullet as a Varmint and 200 grains for Brown / Grizzly Bears. Otherwise, 140 – 170 grain bullets are used.

Legislative Committee

Our infamous Chair, Lou Romito, is resigning after over 30 years of service. Lou is an extremely sophisticated and dedicated individual. Lou has a ton of integrity and is very transparent. Helping the club navigate the politics of our state and connecting with legislators in our lobbying efforts. Lou has developed a strong relationship with our local legislators. Even to the point of a legislator calling him by phone for input during a caucus session.

Lou also was our Newsletter Editor for a period and served on the board for several years. Lou's dedication and support for the club is beyond measure. Thank you, Lou!

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](#)



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Next Meeting: November 21st, 2024
Presentation: Annual Business Meeting
Meal: Classic Fried Chicken, Roasted Yukon Gold & Redskin Potatoes, Spinach 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