

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

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2024							
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
					1	2 12:00-3:00PM - MTL Rifle practice	
3 DST Ends 6:00PM - PSRL Smallbore Rifle	4 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) 7:00PM - Doubles Trap	5 7:00PM - Jr. Rifle	6 10:00AM- 12:00PM - Air Pistol/Rifle 12:00PM-3:00PM - Open shoot 3:00PM-6:00PM - MTL rifle practice 7:00PM - PSRL Match	7 7:30PM - Board Meeting	8	9 12:00-3:00PM - MTL Rifle practice	
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#Club News

- MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The Meeting will be held on <u>October 24th @ 7:00pm</u>
- LOST & FOUND: If you believe you have lost an item of yours in or around the Range property, please email <u>DMSCNews@gmail.com</u> 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.

 CHILI COOKOFF 2024: This is chili time at DMLSC; Chili Championship. I expect an intense competition from Stoney and Dave McGowan. Dave is making a white chili. Stoney has won several of these, but we will see. The competition is open. Please contact Ted Hildabrand via text if you want participate @ 724-344-8171.

 2025 Dues Reminder: It's that time again. The dues remain the same for 2025 and are right over there
 Please send a check to:

DMSC
 PO Box 12692
 Pittsburgh, PA 15241-0692
 By the end of Jan 2025

MEMBERSHIP YEARLY DUES

Full Membership	\$110
Senior (65yrs and up plus	\$50
10yrs consecutive	
membership)	
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							
Outdoor Silhouette	Dave Willard (412) 759-3855	x	x		x	х			
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					х			
Тгар	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					х			
Indoor Air Pistol Silhouette	George Taylor (412) 855-6721			x					
Benchrest Program	Cliff Abbio cliffabbio@gmail.com				x	х			

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

<u># 2025 Dues</u>

2025 Dues

Your 2025 Dues are now due and are due by January 31, 2025.

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membership)		
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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

CMP Jr. Rifle Program

The Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club Jr. Rifle Program is currently scheduled to resume on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Class starts at 7pm and runs until approximately 9pm each Tuesday, beginning on September 10 and running for 7 consecutive Tuesdays. The program consists of a 7-week instructional program emphasizing safety and marksmanship basics for new shooters.

New for this year

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 **\$15.00 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 TBD.

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

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 <u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>.



2025 NRA Adventure Camp Grant Application Form

Applicant N	ame:			
Age During 2025	es (6/22/25-	-7/4/25):		
Applicant's Mailing Add	Iress:			
Applicant's Phone Nu		umber:		
Applicant's Email Ac		ddress:		
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Parent/Grandparent/Guardian's		Phone		
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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!!

<u># Ted's Thoughts</u>

Ted's Thoughts October 2024

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

Monthly Meeting – Thursday October 24 @ 7:00 PM

The program will be our local **Game Warden Supervisor Dan Sitler**. Dan is a familiar face and has been our October speaking guest for over at least 15 years or more. Dan is a member of our club. Always candid and direct, best of the best from the PGC!

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The Spirit in a Rifle

A rifle has a connection to the individual that has used it over time. Maintaining and using it in a sporting action. These two rifles are Winchester Model 92.



The rifle on the bottom was given to me by my Uncle Bill. He was a mentor in my life that taught me to hunt, fish and shoot. His spirit resides and thrives in that rifle. So that when I handle and use it, I can visit with its spirit and my Uncle Bill. It has some unique characteristics. The octagon barrel and the special front sight; a sliver of real ivory. The caliber is 32 20 Winchester CF. A cartridge originally designed for 20 grains of black powder. However, the most unique aspect is the history stories that come back to me that my uncle told me. Stories of hunting and shooting by my uncle with his brother.

The rifle above is a purchase I made a few years ago from Bill Phillips. It is also unique with its special rear aperture sight. It is in the caliber 25 20; you get the association per above. Bill has recently passed. However, I'm able to revisit my history with Bill in shooting it. Revisiting history in club shooting activity; NRA Bulls Eye Pistol, air rifle / pistol and associate social culture tied hunting, fishing and our veteran service. I use the rifle in our silhouette matches. It makes me think of Bill's wry sense of humor. Recalling his smile and laughter!

I cherish the rifles and their spiritual memories! Both rifles are very accurate despite the age and history of each.

Second Amendment Concerns

There are several issues brewing. Please pay very close attention to the political rhetoric that is being advanced. You need to make your own decision on what to believe or discount as Political BS; fancy term for BS and lies.

There are several national issues of concern. Typically generated via insight from Guns&Ammo – Spent Cases by Keith Woods on last page. There is also an issue locally raised recently on banking code / regulations that Lou Romito our Legislative Chair is investigating. It brings to focus the attack that is going on behind the scenes with the Feds on attacking 2A in a sneaky and clever way to restrict gun sales of small businesses and individuals. However, the Feds may not be pressing dramatically with the pending election in November, later. Look for future info from Lou on this Fed regulation problem / code problem.

Some bills of note are S4163 and HR705. The senate bill is legislation to help the supply chain related nitrocellulose. A key component required in the manufacturing of ammunition. IMHO if you can stock up on powder for reloading do it now. Not 1# but an 8# is what I would recommend. HR705 is directly tied to Veterans and their ownership of ammo and firearms. The other bill is HR7543 designed to provide parity of National Guard Veterans. This election is critical in both the Senate / House beyond the obvious Presidential ballot. The last day to register is October 21 if you haven't taken care of that item.

Taylor Grant

This grant is named after George Taylor our long-time president of DMLSC. It provides 50% for travel and fees for the NRA Camp Whittington Camp in New Mexico every summer for two weeks. Typically, that equates to around \$1,200 – 1,100 dollars for the camp fee and air fare. This year is the first year since we had the grant that we haven't sent any of our young people to that camp. We have already paid for three camp reservations that are now deferred to 2025. Originally there were three from the ML Rifle team that were planning to apply and attend. Then there was a member of the trap team that was scheduled and couldn't attend. The trap shooter's family had some had some unexpected family problems that inhibited their travel by car to New Mexico. The grant also provides training with the fee and travel etc. covered. Please consider applying for your children or grandchildren. Call me at 724-344-8171 or Jim Locke if interested?

Air Rifle and Pistol Open Shoots

We have a program that operates all year. During the warm seven (7) months it is at the LAR (Lower Archery Range). There is a covered shooting position, target frames, stools / other seating, shooting bench and paper targets supplied. It is managed and run every Wednesday from 9 AM until Noon. Then during the colder five months it is indoors starting at 10 AM until noon. Later in the year the start moves to 9 AM.



Air shooting is done at 10 meters. It is very competitive shooting with the air rifle 10 ring the size of a pinpoint. Not a pin head but a point. The pistol 10 ring is larger but again very small. It requires skill and good discipline to score in air shooting. The caliber is typically 0.17 but there are 0.22 caliber rifle and pistols. The program is managed by Mike Leone (L) and Jeff Little (R). The shoot is well attended by 4-5 couples and others. The group is very social and open to helping and supporting new shooters.

Reloading – Training and Other

There was only one respondent for the proposed training program. Obviously, there is not enough interest to establish another program. If you prefer to go alone, I will not recommend it. At least try to find a mentor to get you started. I would highly recommend buying and studying several reloading manuals. Hard to beat the basic Lyman manual. Manuals are typically published by bullet manufacturers. I have several Hornady manuals. I like their bullets, but I do not like their reloading equipment. Another hard to beat RCBS basic Rock Chucker Basic starter package.

Redding is another good option. Do some research and reading. All the dies are typically universal in use except for Hornady; logic because I do not like their equipment. I would recommend starting with single stage units, then moving to progressive reloading if that is your thinking. Dillon has the obvious and best progressive units. I highly recommend getting their "The Blue Press"

catalog. Additionally, they have a reloading online free program. The catalog is a great resource for tools and other, but it also has some nice articles with each monthly publication.

Air Rifle Gifts for Youth Development – Daisy Model 853



Several other members helped me with this program. We give to the parents and or grandparent an air rifle. We buy around four (4) rifles each year from CMP; Daisy model 853. Mike Leone replaces the trigger and tests each rifle. We also supply a tin of pellets, special gun oil and targets. The cost of the rifles is covered by special donations and raffles. There is no cost to the parent / grandparent. It is all done to support club youth and to support the shooting sports via development of our young people. See the pic of Conrad, grandson of Ingrid and John Provident. Conrad was a happy grandson and adapted quickly to mastering the Daisy 853, a great rifle. Kirk Marker, John / Ingrid Provident and our buddy Conrad in picture. If you are interested in getting a rifle for your child or grandchild, contact me 724-344-8171 / text or call.

Range Issues

Recently a father and son who were members lost their membership due to their response on range violations on the plinking range. I will not go into details on this case, but it should be a waking moment for some who may harbor similar attitudes. Our Executive Range Officer is Bruce Unger. He manages all the range violation issues. He has been doing it for a long time with great success. We have a safe club, and it comes from Bruce and support by others, membership. He is lenient and he is a peach to work with in all matters. However, there is no tolerance for not being transparent but evasive and inaccurate in responding to questions. Enough said!

The rules are posted at each range. These rules are also available on our web page. There is no excuse for not being cognizant. However, we are all human and not perfect. When called out on a range violation you need to be honest, candid and transparent in all your communications. Recognize and adjust to your errors! Always maintain your "A Game" when at the club and on the range. "A Game" is your attitude. Be polite, courteous and respectful to all, always.

A frequent range violation is not having your firearm clear when the range is cold when others go down range. Step back off the firing line showing clearance "Going Clear" between your firearm and your position. I highly recommend you use an ECI (empty chamber indicator). If you are unsure if the line is clear walk it to be sure before going down range. Don't be in such a rush to go down, you need to be sure the line is clear before going down range. Another frequent range violation is your muzzle position. It should always be in a safe position. It needs to be part of your DNA.

Every member should know the Range rules. We are all responsible for advising others when there is a violation. You should not be avoiding that responsibility. However, always be polite, respectful, and courtesy! We have a great safe club. Please help us keep it that way.

Veterans

There are several legislative issues impacting Veterans. In case you haven't read about them above please check them out; HR705 and HR 7543. There is another piece of old legislation "Firearms Arsenal Disclosure Act" which was a spin off the Brady Campaign. We need to make sure the left doesn't jam this at us again. Please interact with your national legislators; House Rep Guy Reschenthaler and Senator John Fetterman.

Please consider joining the Veterans Breakfast Club from Pittsburgh! VBC, 200 Magnolia Place, Pittsburgh, Pa 15228. Goggle it if you need more details or check their web page.

Please remember Russel Hamler in your prayers. He fought in WW2 with the infamous Merrill Marauders in Burma in 1944. He was the last surviving Marauder at 99; he passed on December 26, 2023. He was from Mt. Lebanon. Recipient of a Congressional Gold Medal from Congress in 2022.

Funny IMHO from Guns&Ammo



<u># Swap Market – Digital Swap Meet</u>



- 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

ARC Plus Pistoleer/PCC Match Scores

Name	Final	Bon	Pen	Div	Class	Cat
1-Martin, Joe	104.35	0	25	PCC Optics	Unclassified	
2-Rauscher, Joe	129.05	0	7	Pistol Optics	Unclassified	
3-Sanders, Mark	148.52	0	43	Pistol Optics	Unclassified	
4-Kees, Owen	202.77	0	50	Pistol Optics	Unclassified	
5-Vollmer, .	203.25	0	15	Pistol Optics	Unclassified	
6-Martin, Marcie 1	235.50	0	56	Pistol Optics	Unclassified	
7-Zenger, Dan 1	267.19	0	62	Pistol Iron Sights	Unclassified	
8-Bungard, Frank	290.80	0	64	Pistol Iron Sights	Unclassified	
9-Stonestreet, Jon 🏞	302.69	0	140	Pistol Optics	Unclassified	
10-Tupta, John	305.39	0	79	Pistol Optics	Unclassified	
11-Kees, Kevin	320.43	0	95	Pistol Iron Sights	Unclassified	
12-Nemeth, AJ 1	322.29	0	75	Pistol Optics	Unclassified	
13-Wilkin, Ron	353.28	0	115	Pistol Optics	Unclassified	
14-Kassekert, Diane	375.45	0	122	Pistol Optics	Unclassified	
15-Kassekert, Dave	469.39	0	214	Pistol Iron Sights	Unclassified	



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Next Meeting: October 24th, 2024 Presentation: Dan Sitler Meal: Chili Cookoff

KEEP IT SAFE	Safe	e Shooting Hou	rs
<u>ALWAYS</u> keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.	Dates	Begins	Ends
ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until you are	January 1-15	7:00 AM	5:30 PM
ready to shoot. <u>ALWAYS</u> keep firearms unloaded until ready to use.	January 16-31	7:00 AM	5:45 PM
<u>ALWAYS</u> unload, remove the magazine, and open the	February 1-15	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
action of a firearm when someone is going down	February 16-28	7:00 AM	6:15 PM
range.	March 1-10	7:00 AM	6:30 PM
NEVER handle firearms while someone is down range.	March 11-31	7:00 AM	7:30 PM
<u>ALWAYS</u> wear proper eye and ear protection at the range.	April 1-15	7:00 AM	8:00 PM
	April 16-30	7:00 AM	8:15 PM
DMSC Conducts Safety Reviews	May 1-15	7:00 AM	8:30 PM
•	May 16 - July 31	7:00 AM	8:45 PM
Range Safety Officers (RSOs) will conduct random membership checks and safety reviews. RSOs will meet with	August 1-15	7:00 AM	8:30 PM
members and guests while at the firing range. Membership	August 16-31	7:00 AM	8:00 PM
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	September 1-15	7:00 AM	7:30 PM
rules for each range used. The RSOs will be a wearing a	September 16-30	7:00 AM	7:15 PM
distinctive safety vest or hat and will only ask for a few	October 1-15	7:00 AM	7:00 PM
minutes of your time. Guests and Visitors are subject to the same rules as members. Violators will be subject to	Oct 16 - Nov. 5	7:00 AM	6:30 PM
disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from club	November 6-15	7:00 AM	5:15 PM
grounds and termination of membership.	Nov 16 - Dec. 31	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
	* Note: No shooti	ng 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