



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

January 2024 Edition

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 3:00-6:00PM- MTL Rifle Match Penn Trafford@Home	2 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice	3 9:00-10:30 - Air Pistol & Rifle 10:30-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette
4 12:30-3:30 Open Shoot 6:00PM - PSRL Rifle Practice	5 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) MPRL Week 3	6 12:00PM-5:00PM - WPIAL Teams > 7:00PM - Jr. Rifle	7 9:30AM-12:00 - Air Pistol & Rifle 12:00-3:00PM - Open Shoot 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice 6:00PM - PSRL vs Akron Zips@Home	8 12:00PM-5:00PM - WPIAL Individuals 7:30PM - Board Meeting	9 3:00-6:00PM - MTL Rifle Practice	10 9:00-10:30 - Air Pistol & Rifle 10:30-12:30 - Open shoot 1:00PM - Air pistol Silhouette 7PM-9PM - Open shoot
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#Club News

- **MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The Meeting will be held on **January 25th @ 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 15241-0692Be sure to include your name, current address, & phone number. We will send you a new gate card upon receipt.
- **2024 Dues:** It's that time of year again. Please send in your dues by **January 31st, 2024**.
Membership Due prices are over there →
Send your dues to:
 - Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club
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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				
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				
Blackpowder Skirmish	Ron Watton (724) 941-5891								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

2024 Dues

Your 2024 Dues are now due and are due by January 31, 2024.

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Dues are to be mailed to the Club's PO Box as follows:

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Ted's Thoughts January 2024

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

Monthly Meeting Thursday January 25 – Swap Meet @ 5:30 PM

Preceding our regular meeting we will have a Swap meet starting at 5:30 PM. It will temporarily shut down for the meeting at 7:00 PM. However, it can resume for a few minutes post meeting.

Swap Meets @ Monthly Meetings 2024

January 1/25, February 2/22, and March 3/28

Starts @ 5:30 PM but temporally suspended at 7:00 PM

- Buy, Sell, Trade – Firearms & other etc., Hunting and Fishing Gear.
- Seller / Vendor Tables must reserve space in advance; see below.
- Members only may be Sellers at the Swap Meet
- The public / proposed new members are welcome to buy at the Swap Meet but cannot be a Seller / Vendor Table.
- Seller / Rep must be at the Vendor Table when Meet is active.
- All Firearm Transfers are the responsibility of the Seller and Buyer
- Absolutely no activity will be allowed during the meeting.

Swap Meet Vendors / Tables – Access via the rear door only for set up. Club members are the only approved Vendors / Tables for the Swap Meets. Please see Ted Hildabrand (724-344-8171) if you have any questions. Sellers must reserve a table or space in advance via email tkhaquariusnetwk@gmail.com ; otherwise Seller space may not be available.

Thursday January 25 Meeting Program

Cliff Abbio will be presenting "Cleaning Your Rifle for Accuracy". Cliff is an accomplished rifle shooter who runs our Bench Rest Match. He approaches rifle shooting using scientific principles and logic. This program will give you a lot of new insight and thinking on how to clean your rifle. Cliff is the most recent addition to the board of directors. He brings a lot of professional insight to the board table with his business and IT experiences. Cliff is retired and is an icon on the benches / right side of the Marsico Range. You can learn a lot from him which is the special connection we have as members of the club. Cliff has presented previous programs on reloading for accuracy.

Meal will be pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans, spinach salad and cake for dessert.

Thursday February 22 Monthly Meeting

We will have a Soup Off typical of our Chili Off which we will call ***Souper Bowl***. You get the drift. It is Stoney's, aka Jon Stonestreet, idea. I already have four maybe five entries. However, the door is open for more competitors. If you want to compete text me at 724-344-8171. To date soup competition list includes Pasta Fagioli, Italian Wedding, Beef Noodle with a Zip and a *Mystery* entry by Stoney.

Tis the Season and Tis the Club Spirit

This is your ***Christmas Party Set Up Crew for 2023***; see page 4. Seventeen members and 34 hands all excited with the Christmas Spirit making their annual contribution to the membership for our Christmas party. All working as a team with the best interest of the club as their sole focus to make you club party successful. There is a lot of history for this typical crew. So, if you were not a member since 2018 you would not make the connection. There are some that have passed and some that have been added but it is essentially the same crew.

Its origin started 12- 15 years ago. Back then the Christmas Party was held in the old building or indoor range with a small lounge. That facility required a massive cleanup effort every Christmas. This range building interior was a dirty mess due to the active / constant use of the indoor range with lead and powder residue. However, at Christmas with spouses and friends in attendance at the party we needed an aggressive cleanup effort. Everything, everything was scrubbed with hot soapy water, cleaning solution and even power washed; walls, floors, tables, benches, etc. The lounge furniture and accruements all needed cleaning as did the old kitchen. I can still remember Bruce Long climbing on a step ladder to clean the open truss section of the building roof girders that were always filthy.

It was cleaned but even then, some of us still cringed before our party. It was also a monthly venue for meeting that didn't get the same Christmas effort. It was tedious hard work that took 5-6 hours by the typical crew. The concern for this problem was the motivating factor for our new building "Membership Hall" (MH). Now the "Set up Crew" with our new MH just comes in and can set up for the party in 90 minutes. Again, with the same enthusiasm and Christmas spirit! That is the trademark of our membership.

Then there is **Team #2** mostly made up from Team #1. This group of four or five typically make pickups at Giant Eagle, Heisler's and other vendor sites. They were not needed this year as Diane elected to have it catered and delivered. Then there is **Team #3**. This is the Team that cooks, works the food line, sets out appetizers and does whatever is needed to make the party work. None of our members cooked this year since the meal was catered from one source. Overall, there are typically 25-30 people that want to help. All are motivated by ***Christmas Spirit and that Magical Club Sprit.*** All a very good thing and typically makes for a great party! Teamwork!



Left / Right: Jason Neely. Bruce Long, Chuck Talbert, Larry Burke, Jack Ramsay, Dave Resanovich, Lee Kirchner, Dennis Dee, Ray English, Jack Keane, Tom Gasmire, Dave McGowan, Ken Helfer, Frank Bungard, Kent Kirkham, Matt Neely and Kirk Marker (not in photo)

Christmas Photo – Henry Rifle Winner



Paul Boardley was the winner of the Henry 22rf carbine rifle at our Christmas Party. Obviously one happy member via this photo from his home in Washington.

Blue Bird Houses

Chuck Talbert has been working with Jerry Lucarelli and his family on Boy Scout Troop project to construct eight houses. All to be set on our property. The club connection ties to the first item in the



Purpose of the Club which is “conservation of our natural resources of game, aquatic life, forests and streams”. So, the Lucarelli’s and Chuck have been working on helping some of our bird friends. The above team has just completed assembly of the eight houses. So please meet Anna and Gerard who assembled the houses. Those two good Scouts attend Seaton LaSalle HS. These young people in the Lucarelli family have very interesting and admirable career goals; more on that later. Chuck thank you with working and supporting the Lucarelli’s.

We will be working with a pre-spring mini work party to set these houses. Sites tied to a trail project and other key areas of our property. If you would like to participate get in contact with me 724-344-8171.

Trout Fishing Montana 2024

Start booking and thinking now if you have an interest in great trout fishing out West. I highly recommend SW Montana / NW Wyoming! Points at and North of Yellowstone country or “close there to” are the best and prime water! Typically, the best time is after the June snow melt, hence July. The airport of choice should be Bozeman. The best car rental agent is National / Enterprise, avoid all the others. Your car rental will be a significant expense, so you need the best agent. Best river, my opinion from 20 + years of experience, is the upper Madison. You don’t need a guide or a float trip to have success. All those are avoidable expenses. If you can catch a trout on a fly in Pennsylvania, you can have the same success in Montana / Wyoming. You must fish hard and smart, but you don’t need to be an expert to catch quality trout. More info later or text me 724-344-8171.

Future Reloading Training Program – 38 Special



I need to discuss this program with Bruce Ungar and some others. However, my thought is to focus on the 38 Special round / cartridge. The straight wall cartridges are commonly used at the club in target shooting. One of the first steps in reloading is cleaning your brass before resizing. Just my opinion is use corn cobb media and time. A good reference to



know that your brass is clean is the condition of the primer pocket and interior floor of the case. Note that on these pics! More later but the plan is to get it done in 2024. There are a lot of members with more expertise on this program than me. My plan is to incorporate them!

Firearm “Tid Bit”

Tony Molinaro, gunsmith / passed member, taught me how to remove micro rust and other related foreign material from firearm blued finishes. Use #0000 (4) steel wool with a good gun oil! Go slow to start and take your time! Do not try to use other abrasive materials.

Closing – Have a Happy and Holy New Year



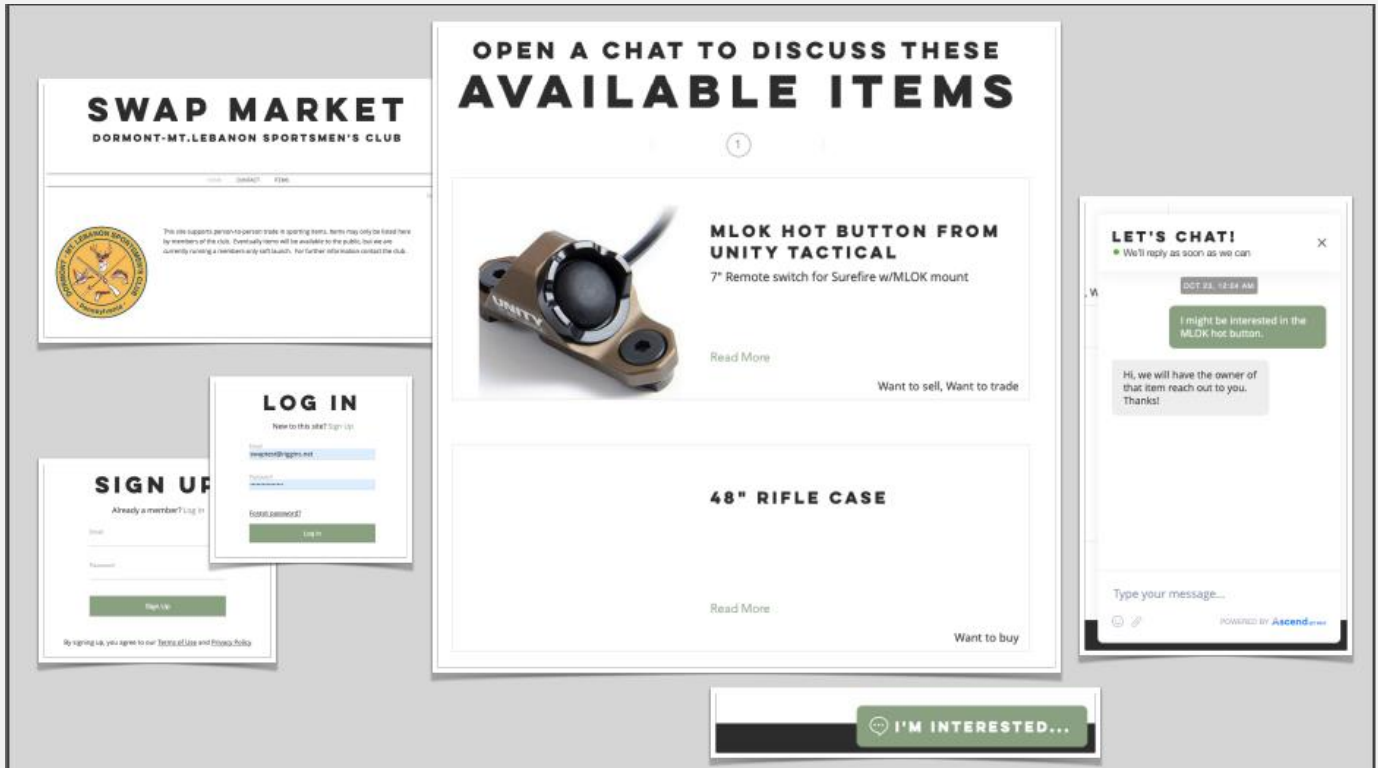
A neighbor's child or grandchild put this colored book page for Christmas in my mailbox. It made my Christmas great. I had put out my grandfather's 65 + year old nativity life size wood figurines out in front of our house this year. The message is spot on for the true meaning of **Christmas**!

Pray for and remember our friends in the Ukraine and Israel. God Bless!

Future Programs

- **February** – John Petrone on Center Fire .17 Caliber / Coyote Hunting
- **March** - Lee Brletich on retirement as an Air Force Officer with Special Ops History / Lee was born raised in our local Mon Valley.

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)

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 insure a safe yet challenging experience.

Clinics: entry level stages under the direction of NRA Certified Instructors and Range Safety Officers. New for 2024 will be a Clinic - Introduction to Practical Pistol Shooting.

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).

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

SNEW for 2024!!!

What's new??? Plenty – New Targets – New Skills – New Stages.

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 2023, 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!

America's Rifle Challenge (ARC)

Schedule of Events 2024

**** 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.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Registration Opens</u>
Intro to Practical Pistol	Saturday April 13	March 1
ARC Plus (Pistoleer/PCC)	Sunday April 28	March 1
Rifle Clinic/Basic Match	Saturday May 11	April 1
Advanced Rifle Match	Saturday June 1	May 1
ARC Plus (Pistoleer/PCC)	Saturday July 13	June 1
Advanced Rifle Match	Saturday August 10	July 1
ARC Plus (2 gun)	Saturday September 7	August 1
ARC Plus (Pistoleer/PCC)	Saturday October 5	September 1

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

INTRODUCTION TO PRACTICAL PISTOL SHOOTING

The America's Rifle Challenge (ARC Plus) program here at DMSC will conduct an inaugural Clinic - **Introduction to Practical Pistol Shooting.**

This clinic offered for the first time ever will provide the new or less experienced pistol owner with an opportunity to learn **how to safely use their pistol, learn basic shooting skills**, and be **introduced to other programs** that are available at DMSC and other nearby clubs.

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024

Time: 8:00AM, 9:30AM, and 11:00AM

COST: Members/Candidates \$5; non-Members \$10

The clinic will begin at the indoor range with a rolling registration at 8:00AM, 9:30AM, and 11:00AM. While indoors, all participants will receive instruction on safe handling of their pistol, basic shooting skills, and dry/live firing activities. Additional opportunities will then be offered at an outdoor range - weather permitting. NRA Certified Range Safety Officers will be present for all phases of the clinic. **Each participant will receive individual attention to make this a more meaningful experience.**

- All NRA Safety Rules and DMLSC Rules apply.
- Eye/Ear Protection and Empty Chamber Indicators are mandatory (ECI's will be provided).
- Participants should have a minimum of 2 magazines and some type of case or optional holster.
- 9mm or higher caliber is preferred. Use of a 22LR pistol will negate the dry firing portion of the clinic.
- ***Participants must provide their own pistol and ammunition (approximately 50-100 rounds)***

Space is limited.

To ensure your participation, contact John T. via email:

dmlscNRA@outlook.com

Pre-registration is required and will be open starting March 1, 2024.



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Next Meeting: January 25th, 2024

Presentation: Cleaning Your Rifle for Accuracy by Cliff Abbio

Meal: Pulled pork sandwiches, Cole slaw, baked beans, 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**