

The Bullet



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Of the Marion Road Gun Club

MR3G (Marion Road 3 Gun) – Next Match is Scheduled for Sun, February 20th!

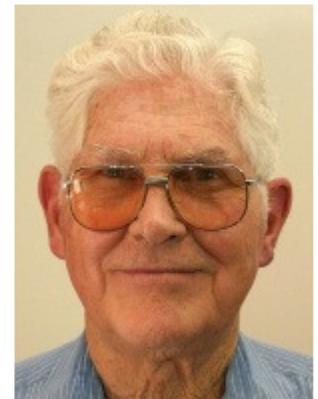
Marion Road Gun Club will host its Winter 3 Gun Match on Sunday, February 20th. We expect 30 shooters to register (5 spots left as of this writing) so we'll have three squads. Set up will happen the night/afternoon before so plan your range trips accordingly. We will be using both Pistol Bays, the 200 and 100 yard Rifle Ranges for this match. They will be occupied on Sunday, February 20th! If you haven't seen a 3 Gun match, come out! We'll be hosting shooters from Georgia and other states and you'll get to see some interesting gear and shooting strategies!

If you want to shoot in the match, register on Practiscore please as we must prepare the score sheets in advance of the match. <https://practiscore.com/marion-road-gun-club-mr3g-february-3gun-match/register>



Louis Johnston, Chief Range Officer, Retires

Mr. Louis Johnston, WWII veteran, club member and Chief Range Officer for many decades, has stepped down from the role of caretaker of our range. Myself and Mike Chambers have been performing the regular maintenance and trash removal in his stead and I can tell you that we all owe Mr. Johnston (oldest living member of MRGC to my knowledge) a sincere and heartfelt thanks for his selfless service to our club. We could use another Chief Range Officer if you are interested in volunteering for the club. I can provide a review of what needs to be done each week and where we keep supplies with any prospective candidate. Mr. Johnston has left gigantic shoes to fill, I promise you.



Club Work Day, February 12th, 2022

We are holding a work day on Saturday, February 12th, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you can, come out and complete your half day of work if you are able and willing. We'll need volunteers for a little cleanup and prep work for the 3-gun match scheduled for the 20th of February, 2022.

We have hundreds of volunteer pines growing now on the berms of the new pistol pits. This is bad for maintenance and stability and they must be sprayed or pulled. We plan to spray them and need agile members capable of balancing on the slopes of the berms.

There are 10 pine trees growing behind the rifle range. While Zim has his Case Super E on site, we want to cut these trees down at ground level and he can move them out of the way to the open field below the pistol pits. We need about 3 to 4 men to help rigging them for dragging.

We'll be seeding and fertilizing the newly improved pistol range if time permits. Also laying erosion control matting and pinning that in place on the berms. I have two staple setters available to save our knees!

If you can attend this work day and aid in the preparation and maintenance tasks, please let me or Ernie Campbell know.

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2022 Thursday Night Pistol League is Open

March 17 - May 19, 2022

ABSOLUTELY NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

Registration ends 12 March – email name to zogburn@gmail.com, must register to participate.

Space limited to 20 shooters – open to public, new shooters welcome.

Shooters will compete with both centerfire and rimfire pistols, be prepared.

Cost is \$5 per match, per shooter (CASH ONLY).

Must shoot in 7 of 10 matches for place in standings.

Match dates: 17 March 2022 through 19 May 2022, each Thursday evening.

Matches will begin at 6:05pm SHARP on the pistol range.

1. Twenty (20) slots are available - first come, first served. The League is open to MRGC club members and the public. Registration will end March 17, 2022, or until all slots are filled, whichever occurs first. You MUST register in advance if you want to participate. Email zim.laura@yahoo.com to register or if you have questions. Put "TNPL" in subject line and include your name in your email.

2. Similar to other types of leagues (for example, bowling), signing up is a commitment. It is understood that participants will sometimes miss matches for various reasons. Before signing up, make sure your calendar is clear so regular attendance won't be a major problem. You must compete in 7 of the 10 weeks' matches in order to be placed in the standings.

3. Shooting will begin each Thursday evening at 6:10pm sharp beginning March 17, 2022. There will be a total of TEN matches on the following dates: March 17th, 24th & 31st ,April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, , May 5th, 12th & 19th.

4. Any handgun in any caliber is acceptable as long as it can be loaded with a least five (5) rounds at a time. Each shooter will need 60+ rounds per match—50 rounds for score plus a few sighters. No alibis will be allowed.

5. Iron sights and optics are allowed and will compete in a single class. There will be required shooting of RIMFIRE and CENTERFIRE handguns during the ten matches.

6. Each shooter's final standing will be determined by the average score of their 7 best matches; therefore, shooters must participate in at least 7 matches to be considered for final standings and/or bragging rights.

7. The league will feature NRA B-8 Targets at 25 yards on the pistol range. Match format may vary at the match director's discretion. EAR AND EYE PROTECTION IS MANDATORY.

8. Again, registration will end March 16, 2022. Email zogburn@gmail.com to register or if you have questions. Put "TNPL" in subject line and include your name in the email. You may also check the club's Facebook page for information and updates.

Rules Reminders and S.O.P.s at MRGC

Everyone should receive a copy of the Range Use Rules and Safety Rules when they renew their memberships. Please review these rules carefully. There have been a number of rules violations and even some property theft recently and that will not be tolerated. Flagrant safety or range use rules violations will result in membership being suspended immediately and without refund. Please help us keep the property clean and safe for shooting. A few things I'll ask for your help with are:

Place no live ammunition in trash cans for any reason. Take duds away with you and dispose of properly.

Take your food waste and food containers away from the property. Food waste draws varmints and pests. We do not have a waste removal service.

Shooting at plastic bottles or metal cans or other refuse of any type is prohibited now. In the past we've allowed members to shoot at these types of "targets" provided they remove them from the property when finished, but that has become an issue with overfilled trash cans and in many cases, members simply leaving their trash on the range where they've been shooting it.

Do not bypass the end lock on a multiple lock chain. This is really simple to understand and it's a mystery why members insist on bypassing the locks we provide to service companies and vendors by locking the combination high up on the chain. That last lock(s) on the end of the chain is there because you aren't the only person who has to access the range.

Our club is staffed by unpaid volunteers. We have a dedicated cadre of officers and match directors who run the club and perform almost all the work needed outside of "work days." We do this to keep dues reasonable and the range clean and safe. Please help us maintain our reputation as a clean, safe place to shoot.

ACE Pistol Team Continues to Practice on Thursdays

Remember that the pistol pit(s) will be in use from 3:30 until dusk most Thursdays during the winter for the shooters on the ACE Pistol Team to practice Steel Challenge. If they aren't on the property and in the pits after 4:00, assume it's open for your use.

MRGC Hosted Its First "Pistol Seed" January 22nd, 2022.

From the Shoot Boss's After Action Report:

First, let me thank the Marion Road Gun Club for once again hosting a great event and going above and beyond to make sure we had what we needed. Saturday began cold and wet but... well it stayed that



way all day, but the students persevered. And some even did a little Improvise, Adapting and Overcoming. One student set up a propane heater in the prep area. Free

forgot his boots but a couple trashbags fixed him up.



We began the day by framing things with the First Strike of the match. After that, we moved right into instruction. Safety Block, Pistol terminology and familiarization and then shot the Redcoat.

Congratulations Jeremy for clearing the morning redcoat. Huzzah!

Then the instruction really began with Grip and stance.

Then we were really moving along. Low Ready, Close Retention, 6 Steps, NPOA, Trigger Reset, Mag Changes, Clearing Malfunctions, and Controlled Pairs before we broke for lunch. At lunch we heard the Second Strike of the Match and the Onion of Self-Defense.

After lunch, we were back at it with more practice on controlled pairs. Next we moved to One-handed shooting and spent a little time on that. Then we did some slow fire shooting. After that we took a break and enjoyed the third strike of the match.

Then it was time for some PQTs! We shot two PQTs, then a redcoat (which Mike cleared, huzzah!) before hearing the benediction. When all was said and done we had 2 new Pistoleers (Jeremy and Mike) as well as a requalified Pistoleer (Free)! Huzzah! Good job Gentlemen!



Pistol Range Leveling Project is Nearing Completion

We are nearing completion of the pistol range improvements project (Phase 3 of our approved development and improvement plan). The ground will be level now (or nearly so) and the first 25 yards covered in #10 screenings. Steel target wire posts are being prepared this weekend for placement and the rock is to be delivered early next week. Fertilizing, seeding and matting of the berms will finish off the impact area improvements and we'll begin lifting the bottom backboards for improved air flow during the summer months. The panels will be hinged and can be locked in the upright or down positions. A new deck/table top is planned for the length of the range under cover and the center opening will be moved to align with the pathway in between the target lines.

Proposed Pistol Range Layout

5-6" steel tube



Shelf under overhead cover

<- 40' ->

Shelf under overhead cover

<- 10' ->

<- 40' ->

Taps

The least favorite duty I perform as an officer of the club is notifying the membership when a notable person and contributor to the club's development and history has passed away. Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Harrison III, age 90, of Macon, Georgia passed away on Monday, January 31, 2022. Ben was one of the principal authors of the club's current constitution and bylaws. He also served as a match director for Black Powder Silhouettes and penned many club match direction documents. His style of handwriting is unmistakably elegant, unlike anything I've ever seen. Ben was a good friend, and I enjoyed his story telling. There will be a private service for family only but I'm including a link to his obituary.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/macon/name/benjamin-harrison-obituary?id=32658629>

