

The Bullet



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Of the Marion Road Gun Club

Pistol Bay #1 is Reserved for Saturday March 11 ,2022

A ladies church group is renting Pistol Bay #1 this Saturday for basic handgun safety and use instruction. Please use the other ranges on Saturday morning and early afternoon. Pistol Bay #2, the old Pistol Range (newly reworked to level the grade) and the General Purpose ranges are all open for pistol shooting. The rifle ranges are unaffected by this group's activities.

Pistol Range is OPEN! TNPL Begins March 17th

We still have a few more tasks to complete but **the pistol range is now ready for use.** A big thanks is due Zim Ogburn, Mike Jones, George Lucero and Richard Gambill for all the work they've done to bring about this improvement in functionality and safety on this range. This has been phase 3 of our 7 part range improvement plan. New target wire posts have been prepped and placed at the 7 ½, 15 and 25 yard target lines. A 50 yard target line is being prepared now for future use in 2700 point aggregate Bullseye Matches.



The retaining wall, removal of the trees behind the range, levelling of the range floor (it was a hill) and improvement of the berms and the target line layouts cost the club just under \$35,000. Included in that price was a huge improvement and increase of useable area around the conex box on the pistol bays.

The backboards on the pistol range are being hinged so that they can be raised in the Summer to increase airflow and reduce the temperature under the overhead cover. A new deck will be built to replace the old deck and the central opening will be moved 9 feet to the left so that's more in line with the center of the range. A 5-6' pathway along BOTH the left and right sides of the target lines, along with a 9' wide central path will provide much easier access to the range than we've had in the past.

A reminder that ALL rifle caliber cartridges are NOT to be used on the pistol range. AR "pistols" and AK "pistols" or any firearm that shoots a high velocity rifle cartridge is absolutely prohibited on the pistol range. Deliberately targeting the wire holding posts or setting of any target of any type directly thereon is grounds for immediate revocation of your membership privileges. Do not place any targets on the ground in the pistol range. The first 25 yards of the pistol range have been covered in a layer of washed screenings and we need this in place to aid drainage and make the range drier immediately after a rain. Use the rifle range or the general purpose range for ground targets only. Please help us keep the range safe and clean for all members.

The Monthly Action/Steel Matches Have MOVED!

In case you weren't aware, the monthly action steel, bowling pin or steel challenge matches have moved from the third Saturday of each month to the first Saturday of each month effective immediately. We post the match course and type with ammunition/firearms requirements on the Facebook page and it's on the club calendar on Google (also found on the club's website).

The past weekend, Match Director George Lucero set up two stages of steel challenge for 7 competitors and we have perfect weather, outstanding fellowship and some great shooting! We appreciate Dale Bills and George Lucero's efforts to host these monthly matches and you should try to attend if you have any interest in (mildly) competitive shooting. These matches are set up and run to introduce NEW shooters to the sport and all the regulars are more than willing to help a novice learn the ropes. Come out and enjoy, you won't regret it.



MR3G (Marion Road 3 Gun) –February 20th Was a Huge Success!



Marion Road Gun Club hosted its third, large format 3 Gun Match on Sunday, February 20th. We had shooters from all over come to our club to compete in a 5 stage, challenging 3 Gun match, complete with a Jungle Run. Word is definitely getting out that we're producing a quality match and the fact that we have competitors driving from Florida and Tennessee to shoot with us bears that out. Each stage was well thought out and offered the shooters multiple methods of engagement to complete it using their best strategy. It was really interesting to watch (& shoot). We had some club members come check it out and 6 members of 30 registered shooters shoot the match, with Match Director Lance Guest winning overall with the best score. This one match raised \$900.

High Lady: Cheryl Fordyce
Tac-Ops winner: Patrick Beckham
Tac-Ops runner up: Derek Giddings
Open Winner: Lance Guest (Match Winner)
Open Runner Up: Jamie Mondy



Lance Guest presents Patrick Beckham (left) Winner Tac-Ops



Lance Guest presents Cheryl Fordyce (left) Winner High Lady

If you want to shoot in one of these matches, you must register on Practiscore. It's very easy to set up an account there. All of our 3 Gun matches will be listed on Practiscore, on the club calendar with a link, and on Facebook. Notification will also come via the newsletter. <https://practiscore.com/marion-road-gun-club-mr3g-february-3gun-match/register>

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.