

The Bullet



A News Bulletin

16 March 2023

Of the Marion Road Gun Club

FIRST WORK DAY OF 2023:

On Saturday, March 18th (we were holding off for the weather) we'll need two to three able bodied volunteers to assist the officers of the club in fertilizing and grassing the areas on the left and right of the conex box near the new action shooting bays. We are also planning to unroll and stake the grass mats for erosion control in the same location. If you can come out to help, please let me know in advance so we don't have too many folks show up. President@marionroad.com.

You must sign up for this work day in advance in order to receive credit for the work requirement.

Thus far, Mike Jones, Ernie Campbell, Lee Pennington and myself are planning to be there. We'd like 2-3 more folks if you are free to help.

Match Date Changes for 2023

Our matches have been held on the same weekends for more than a decade now. Due to obligations and in order to increase the number of matches conducted each year, the following changes will take place in February 2023.

1st Saturday – Action Match – Registration begins 8:00 a.m.

2nd Saturday – High Power and Rimfire Rifle Matches – Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

3rd Saturday – Orientation on the Pistol Range 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

3rd Saturday – MRGC NRL22 Match (**NEW**) Beginning in May, the club will host NRL22 matches as published on the national org's website. Our first two matches will be "outlaw" until we sort out how to best run these types of matches, then we'll join the org and submit match scores via Practiscore. Look for more information later this month on the rules and equipment one would need to participate.

4th Saturday – Bullseye Pistol Match – Registration begins 8:00 a.m. **NEWLY REINSTATED**

Thursday Night Pistol League begins March 23rd, 2023 – sign up with Zim Ogburn

Tractor Needed for the Range:

The officers of the club are looking to purchase a 4 wheel drive tractor for use on the property. We'll need a front loader, box scrape, bush hog and ideally a backhoe attachment. We are planning to site an enclosed cover for this near the connex box at the pistol pits as we're already wired for 220 volt service to run a welder. Zim Ogburn will lead this effort to locate the equipment with assistance from Ernie Campbell.

Work Projects Planned for 2023

Water Line Extension to the Old Black Powder Range

Late next week, 3/23-24, look for a contractor to be onsite cutting in water lines from the Pistol Bays to the rear of the 100 yard rifle range, across the parking lot to the pistol range and beyond all the way to our extended overhead cover we plan to use as a cooking & picnic area. Please be considerate in your parking. Do not park on any road way or on the sides of any road on the property until the contractor finishes his work.

National High School Rodeo Association Light Rifle Match and Finals

The club has agreed to host the Annual Light Rifle Matches for the NHSRA in June of 2023. This will be the last year the organization will be in Perry for a few years. We had a great time hosting these young athletes last year and look forward to having them at our club again! We will need some volunteers to help set up for the match and to provide support during the conduct of the matches over three days. We will put out a call for specific duties needed before the practice day and match dates June 19th – Practice Day, June 20th – Main Event Matches 140+ competitors, June 21st - Finalists Match, tear down after 2:00 p.m. If you'd like to volunteer please contact Kyle Turner at president@marionroad.com.

Neighboring Clubs News and Activities:

MGGOA (Middle Georgia Gun Owners Association) Twin Oaks Range, Dublin Georgia

MGGOA (Middle Georgia Gun Owners Association) Twin Oaks Range <http://www.mggoa.com/> outside of Dublin will be hosting a steel challenge match on Saturday, March 18th, arrive before the 1:00 p.m. start time for registration.

Shoot 1,000 Yards! Red, White & Blue Gun Range, Tennille, Georgia

Want to be able to test your wind reading ability out to 1,000 yards without driving all the way to the CMP range in Anniston? There's a relatively new range and club just outside of Tennille, Georgia, about an hour away from MRGC that is operated by a group of bench rest shooters (International Benchrest Shooters) who really went the extra mile. Very nice facilities (concrete decks and shooting tables, overhead cover, electricity, water, etc.) and their range is open. Target lines range from 100 to 1,000 yards and you would be allowed to set up your own steel targets also. David and Donna Matthews are some of the nicest



folks around and they've even visited our club in January to observe the Action Match. You can contact them on Facebook via private messaging and they will be able to tell you if there's a match planned on site before you go. Cost right now is only \$60 per year and I think it's an outstanding value for distance shooters.

