

The Bullet



A News Bulletin

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Of the Marion Road Gun Club

Proposed Bylaw Change is posted on the club's website – Vote in Aug.

Please note that there are new bylaws proposed for the club which are posted on the club's website. The members in regular attendance at the monthly business meetings have modified and reviewed these proposed changes with the aid of Mr. Ward Stone (special thanks to Mr. Stone) who supplied the initial set of documents when we approached him with the idea of seating a board of directors. This effort has been an ongoing concern for two years now and we are ready to present the changes.

These new bylaws are referred to as the "Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Marion Road Gun Club." We are publishing these bylaws to the membership for consideration before a vote to approve & adopt them is called during the August business of this year. The new bylaws call for seating a Board of Directors. The chairman and members of this board will have the authority to seat committees and appoint committee chairs or other positions within the club's organization to better handle the regular and ongoing business of the club. For most of MRGC's history, these tasks have fallen on the elected volunteer executives of the club.

This change in how we operate will be unnoticed by most members of the club as the primary purpose of the proposed change is to ensure continuity in the implementation of the long-range development plan (approved 2016) and to distribute the regular workload borne the club's elected executive officers. The initial seating of the board members (9) will be by invitation extended to the current officers of the club (match directors and members of the long-range planning committee). Other members may be appointed and voted on by the initial board or by direct election from the membership itself.

The initial board members proposed to serve the club in this capacity are:

Richard Gambill (Chair or the Long-Range Planning Committee)

Zim Ogburn (MD – TNPL)

Jim Ellison (MD – High Power and Smallbore Rifle)

Ernie Campbell (Vice President of the Club)

George Lucero (MD – Action Steel/3-gun/PCSL)

Bob Meloche (MD – Bullseye Pistol)

Mike Jones (R/O Appleseed)

The amended and revised bylaws can be found -> [HERE](#)

Marion Road Gun Club's Offices are Moving after 40 Years

In late 2023, we accepted a 33% increase in our monthly rent from our then current landlord, from whom we'd been renting for decades. That owner sold the building to a concern from Tucker, Ga., and the new landlord published a "proposal" to the existing tenants wherein he planned to increase the rent another 100% to nearly \$980 per month, along with conditions that we would have to install separate water and power meters for our offices. I found these conditions to be unreasonable and the landlord wasn't willing to negotiate. As a result, Glenda and I set out to find new office space quickly (as we had only 60 days to vacate) and we are moving to 141 New Street, downstairs on the left, 2nd door at the end of the hall. We will complete this move during the last week of August 2024 and begin using the new address on September 1st, 2024. If you are planning an office visit for any reason and are physically able, please use the parking lot in the rear of the building and walk around to the front door. Otherwise, we'll have three spaces assigned to us on the left side of the front parking lot, entrance on New Street.

Reminder of Monthly Match Dates for 2024

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 mid 2024.

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 June, the club will host NRL-22 matches as published on the national org's website. I've signed up the club as a member org and plan to submit match scores via Practiscore. Check out the links on the club's website to the national org's rules and COF descriptions for the 2024-2025 season. Matches are set to start in the mornings.

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

Also on the 4th Saturday - (NEW) MONTHLY 2 OR 3 GUN MATCH

Lance Guest, George Lucero, James Collins, Cody Weimer or Robert Smith will be (rotating) match director for a recurring monthly 2-gun or 3-gun type match, 2 – 4 stages, check the club Facebook page for details for each month's match. This match will almost always use both Pistol Bays 1 & 2 and sometimes the rifle ranges. Registration will be available on Practiscore.com or you may walk on if you register before 8:30 a.m. at the club.

If you haven't been to a monthly 2-3-gun or PCSL match, you should drop by to see what the rage is all about. These monthlies have become our most well attended matches and draw 35 – 45 competitors regularly.

Special Thanks to the Club from the Georgia Highschool Rodeo Ass'n.

The Georgia Highschool Rodeo Association held an awards ceremony and dinner/dance at the Perry National Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 25th 2024. I (Kyle Turner) was asked to attend on behalf of the club and towards the end of the evening, I was called to the front to accept this plaque as token of the Georgia Rifle Team's appreciation for hosting their matches and coaching the competitors. The team is competing at Nationals out West this week. ALL of the young people who shot the last events at our club were very complimentary about our volunteers and facilities provided to their nationals the previous two years.

