



# The Sportsman

## The Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association Newsletter

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#### *MECHANICSBURG SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBER AND COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY*

By Sharon Gregg, Event Coordinator

Come out and join the fun on Saturday September 17, 2011 as we hold the first annual Member/Community Appreciation Day.

The Club will be open to Members and their guests along with the Silver Springs Community from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Portable Pond will be set up for children from ages 2-6 to fish and win prizes and there will be free children's seminars.

There will be light refreshments, raffles, Gerald Putt prints for silent auction, along with tours of the Club grounds and much, much more.

There will be a ½ hour question/answers seminar in the morning at 9:00 and at 3:30 in the afternoon for Club Members from the Board of Directors.

There will be free educational seminars held though out the day from the Game Commission, Fish Commission, and even a Guns of WWII seminar to list a few. There will only be room for 50 per seminar. We will be taking registrations closer to the day of the event.

Please check the Club Web Site [www.msa-pa.org](http://www.msa-pa.org) for list of the seminars and dates along with other events being held on the Club Grounds or you can contact the Club Event Director Sharon Gregg @ 717-691-7930 for more information.

Funds raised the day of the event will be used toward our Youth Programs and our NRA Training Classes. Donations will be accepted.

I am just getting started on the arrangements so keep your eyes on the web site!

There will be a Club Cleaning Party on Saturday September 10, 2011 and I am looking for helpers. I will be calling the volunteer list!

#### *HUNTER-TRAPPER EDUCATION*

*by Dave Still*

The third and final 2-day PGC Hunter-Trapper Education class was held on June 17-18, 2011. As with the February and March classes, registration for the class was at the maximum capacity of 60 students. Recent changes to the PGC on-line registration process have improved the accuracy of class rosters by allowing prospective students to only sign up for one class at a time. This in turn results in better planning and allocation of club resources. The PGC Certified Instructors who helped me make the Hunter-Trapper Education classes so successful are WCO Tim Wenrich, DWCO Bob Koch, Eric Joyner, and John (Jay) Tisserand. Thanks to the volunteers who prepared lunch for the students. Thanks to all for taking time to serve our youth.

#### *FIREWOOD*

Firewood is available at a cost of \$10 per pickup truck load to club members and to non-members accompanied by a member. No live trees may be taken—only downed trees, cut limbs, and tree tops. Permits will be issued only to members; contact Jerry Coleman (766-2250) or Dennis Fillmore (732-6540) for a permit and directions as to which areas of the club has wood to be harvested.

***Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association  
Officers, Directors, & Chairpersons***

**Officers**

President	Dave Still	730-7373
Recording Secretary	Dave Prosser	576-6725
Membership Secretary	Sandra Box	732-5259
1st Vice President	Stan Gregg	691-7930
2nd Vice President	Ron Keslar	432-9039
Treasurer	Dan Moyer	732-2838

**Directors**

Archery	Phil Mentzer	766-8001
Buildings & Grounds	Vern Vandevender	691-0712
Calendar Coordinator	Gary Box	732-5259
Event Coordinator	Sharon Gregg	433-8025
Finance & Fund Raisers	Bob Dunn	766-0770
Firearm Safety-Chief Range Officer	Ron Keslar	432-9039
Fish Nursery & Block Shoots	Dave Eakin	245-9664
Fish Pond	Jim Weigher	790-9339
Game Legislation & Habitat	Don Heckman	761-5925
Indoor .22 Range	Glenn Zimmerman	766-3308
PA Federation of Sportsmen	Dennis Fillmore	732-6540
Trap	Bill Gardner	732-7849
Youth Archery	Julia Yarlett	579-7339
Youth Competitive Shooting Sports	Linda Tucker	766-7011
Advisor to the Board	Charlie Kemberling	737-3326
Advisor to the Board	Jerry Coleman	766-2250

**Committee Chairpersons**

Range Safety & Security	Stan Gregg	691-7930
Hunter Education	Dave Still	730-7373
Jubilee Day	Sharon Gregg	691-7930
Kids' Fishing Derby	Sharon Gregg	691-7930
Newsletter	Ron Keslar	432-9039
Public Relations	Sharon Gregg	691-7930
Rifle Range Maintenance	Russell Brooks	
.22 Rifle	John Gingrich	
Web Site	Rob Szivek & Carl Keslar	www.msa-pa.org

**JOIN THE NRA**

Show your commitment to defend the Second Amendment. Join the National Rifle Association. Membership in the NRA has many benefits including a subscription to one of three great NRA monthly magazines, \$1000.00 in firearms insurance coverage, and a wide variety of discounts and special offers from many national companies, and much more! Most important, you will be doing your part in defending our Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Join or renew through our club and MSA benefits, also. Adult and Junior NRA Memberships are available. Contact the membership secretary to learn more about joining the NRA.



**REMEMBER AND USE THE NRA  
GUN SAFETY RULES**

Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.  
Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.  
Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Memorial Day celebrates the remembrance of all those who are serving, and have served, our Nation's freedom throughout the years. Many of those who served paid the ultimate price for their service. Memorial Day also ushers in the twilight of Spring when school is nearing an end, and ushers in Summer when outdoor activities are enjoyed by all. The month of May and Memorial Day are a special time for me because it marks the anniversary of the passing of one of my parents. This year, 2011, will mark the passing of Linda Tucker, one of MSA's long-time Directors. So, as you enjoy all the activities and facilities at MSA, take the time to remember all those who are serving, and have served, MSA and its membership all these years. Without their service and dedication, MSA would not, could not, be the club it is today.

Construction continues on the new storage facility at the upper clubhouse. Dates and times have been set for the first *MSA Membership and Community Day* to be held in September. This event will open club grounds to the public at large while simultaneously providing a special day to recognize club members. See information in this and other local community newsletters about this exciting event.

We all have many demands on our time these days, but find time to visit the club and enjoy the many programs and events for both youth and adults. Lastly, be informed. Attend the Membership Meetings held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM. I look forward to seeing you and your families at MSA.

Dave Still

## MSA DIRECTOR LINDA TUCKER



MSA Director Linda M. Davis Tucker passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2011. She is survived by her companion, Ronald Keslar of Dillsburg, her mother, Dorothy Ort Davis of Mifflintown, PA, and one son, Major Daniel Hosler (USAF) of San Antonio, Texas. Linda was an active youth and women's leader in the shooting sports. She brought a high quality education and training program to MSA.

Linda worked as Personnel Division Chief for PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources for 28 years. She was an accomplished musician, playing the violin and clarinet among other instruments. She enjoyed photography and competition shooting, was a 4-H Leader, and was very active in numerous state and local sportsmen's groups. She was a Chief Range Safety Officer and Director at Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association and Harrisburg Hunters & Anglers Assn. Linda was part of the 4-H State Training Team. She was an NRA Benefactor and NRA Senior Training Counselor. She was a Director of the PA Rifle and Pistol Association and State Junior Director for the Civilian Marksmanship Program. She will be missed.

### ***DONATIONS IN THE MEMORY OF LINDA TUCKER***

The following donors are recognized for their generous contributions to youth and women's programs in the memory of Linda Tucker:

MSA member Frank Kenski donated a substantial quantity of NRA Training Materials to be used for instructing new and youth shooters.

Ed and Vicki Kennedy of Ed's Sport Shop, Tamaqua, PA, made a significant donation that will be used for the development of youth and women's programs.

### ***JUNE NRA WOMEN'S PISTOL CLASS***

*By Ron Keslar*

Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association held a very successful NRA Pistol Class for Women on Sunday, June 5, 2011. The program was well attended, with the participants receiving the NRA Pistol First Steps Certification. Thanks to the NRA Instructors and Range Officers who volunteered their time and talents: Don Atkinson, Len Burg, Chuck Fields, Sharon Gregg, Stan Gregg, Dan Moyer, and John Schellenberger.



## July 2011

Mon	4	NRA High Power Rifle Match, 9am-2pm@	Mon	18	Block Shoot, 7:00 pm*#
Tue	5	Archery Club Meeting, 7:30 pm#	Thu	21	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm
Wed	6	General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm%			4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#
Thu	7	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm	Sat	23	Archery-State Field Shoot
		4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#	Sun	24	Archery Shoot
Sat	9	Boy Scout Merit Badge, 8am-2pm%	Wed	27	Directors' Meeting, 7:30 pm%
Thu	14	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm	Thu	28	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm
		4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#			4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#
Sun	17	NRA HP Sporting Rifle Match, 9am-2pm@			

Indicates closed: \*Indoor .22 range, # Indoor archery range, % Indoor pistol range, & 25 Yard Range, \$ 50 Yard Range, @ 100 Yard Range

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE DISPLAYED WHILE ON CLUB GROUNDS!

## August 2011

Wed	3	General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm%	Thu	18	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm
Thu	4	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm			4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#
		4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#	Thu	25	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm
Sat	6	Boy Scout Merit Badge, 8am-2pm%			4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#
Thu	11	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm	Sun	28	NRA High Power Rifle Match, 9am-2pm@
		4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#	Wed	25	Directors' Meeting, 7:30 pm%

## September 2011

Thu	1	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm	Thu	15	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm
		4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#			4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#
Sat	3	Boy Scout Merit Badge, 8am-2pm%	Sat	17	MSA Community Day
Wed	7	General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm%	Sun	18	NRA High Power Rifle Match, 9am-2pm@
Thu	8	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm	Thu	22	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm
		4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#			4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#
			Wed	28	Directors' Meeting, 7:30 pm%
			Thu	29	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-7:30 pm
					4-H Shooting Sports, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#

### *TROUT IN CLUB POND*

By Dave Eakin

**The directors have approved a NO catch and release of trout in the club pond if you are using bait.** Spinners and flies are ok. We found quite a few dead trout floating in the pond this spring. We saw too many people catching a trout they considered too small and not taking care how the fish was returned to the water. Trout that are deep hooked or are handled incorrectly are going to die. They are very fragile fish and the club buys the trout that go into the club pond. **The pond will be monitored for compliance of all rules!!**

**2011**  
**Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association**  
**Membership Application**  
**493 Sample Bridge Road, Enola, PA 17025**

**Mail this application to:**  
MSA Membership Secretary, 493 Sample Bridge Road, Enola, PA 17025

Make Check or Money Order Payable to: Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association.

New applications, received by the last Wednesday of the month, are voted on at the Membership Meeting, held at 7:30pm the first Wednesday of each month. Membership cards are mailed within 7 days after the meeting. Membership begins when you receive your card in the mail. Please check your application before submitting. Incomplete or missing information may delay processing your membership.

Membership is on a **calendar year and expires December 31 each year.**

For club information call (717) 691-9323 or visit our web site at [www.msa-pa.org](http://www.msa-pa.org).

**OUR CLUB WILL BE AS GOOD AS YOU HELP MAKE IT**

As club members, we get to use the club's great facilities for shooting sports, fishing, hunting, and much more. Our membership dues cover only part of the funds needed to pay for the operating expenses and youth programs of the club. Get involved at the club by volunteering to help at one of our fundraising events, with maintenance, or sponsor one of our events or youth programs.

**Are you able to volunteer**, please check all areas that are of interest to you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Fishing Derby                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle Range Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Education Class Instructor          | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen / Food Stand / Help at Club Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Nursery            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Field Day                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Masonry                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Shoots                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Party              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trap Shoots                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                |  |

**No time to volunteer?** *Please consider a donation in lieu of volunteer work. See page 2 of application.*

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***Range Courtesy***  
***Before shooting, make sure all others on the range***  
***have their hearing protection on!***

# 2011

## Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association

### Membership Application

493 Sample Bridge Road, Enola, PA 17025

Main gate and indoor range access will be updated January 2.

Membership expires December 31.

Renewals are due October 1 thru December 31. You must renew by February 15 to avoid the \$15.00 Reinstatement Fee.

**\* Required Information**

\*NEW APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_ \*RENEWAL / LIFE MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

\*NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \*BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

\*ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\*CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ \*STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ \*ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*I agree to obey all MSA Rules, Regulations, and By-laws. If a Family Membership, I am responsible for my family to obey all MSA Rules, Regulations, and By-laws. Children under the age of 18 must be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardians (who must be an adult family member of MSA) while on the Association grounds. I understand failure to comply may result in suspension of membership. A copy of the Ground & Range Rules and By-laws is sent to new members, and is available to members upon request. Contact the Membership Secretary.*

\*APPLICANTS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ \*DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

\*SPOUSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \*BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

*List children age 17 and younger. List additional children on separate paper.*

\*CHILDS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \*BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ **\$25.00 Initiation Fee and Gate Access Fob:** Required with NEW membership application.

\_\_\_ **\$15.00 Reinstatement Fee:** Required for processing late RENEWAL application.

\_\_\_ **\$50.00 Adult Membership:** Age 18 and older.

\_\_\_ **\$85.00 Family Membership:** Includes member, spouse, and children age 17 and younger.

\_\_\_ **\$25.00 Spouse:** ANNUAL fee to add spouse - Life Members only.

\_\_\_ **\$15.00 Indoor Range #1 Access:** Indoor Archery / .22 rim fire range [Short, Long, LR only].

To obtain indoor center fire pistol range access for the first time, contact Ron Keslar at 432-9039 or attend a membership meeting.

\_\_\_ **\$15.00 Indoor Range #2 Access: For RENEWALS only.**

\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_ **Donation in lieu of volunteer work.**

**Join / Renew NRA Membership** (Provide NRA ID# to renew: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ **\$35.00** 1-year    \_\_\_ **\$60.00** 2-years    \_\_\_ **\$85.00** 3-years

Choose one magazine to receive with NRA Membership:

\_\_\_ American Rifleman \_\_\_ American Hunter \_\_\_ America's 1st Freedom

**Join / Renew NRA Jr. Membership** (Provide NRA ID# to renew: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ **\$15.00** 1-year (Age 18 and younger): Junior members receive **Insights Magazine.**

\_\_\_ **\$ 5.00 Club Patch**

\_\_\_ **Active Duty Military Membership:** Contact Membership Secretary.

\_\_\_ **Life Membership:** Must be a current member to apply. Contact Membership Secretary.

TOTAL REMITTANCE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CASH

CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

# Mechanicsburg's Leighton Wins Three-Gun Aggregate at 2011 Eastern CMP Games

*By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer*

CAMP BUTNER, NORTH CAROLINA - The 2011 Eastern CMP Games brought new and old friends to the firing line under four days of sunny North Carolina skies 7-10 May. A few new champions were crowned and many came away with CMP achievement medals, but all took home some great shooting memories and experience in competitive marksmanship.

The fifth Eastern CMP Games were the largest in the series of matches that feature competitions using former military rifles, sporter rifles and more. The Butner event is the spring bookend to the Western CMP Games at Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, Arizona fired in October. The events are virtual mirror images of each other with the exception of a pistol competition at Camp Butner.



Val Forgett III, president of Gibbs Rifle Company, left, and match director Dennis DeMille, right, present Sean Leighton a replica 1903A3 Springfield rifle for winning the Three-Gun Aggregate Match at the 2011 Eastern CMP Games. Leighton won the John C. Garand and Springfield matches outright and finished second in the Vintage Rifle Match.

In addition to the games matches, the CMP offered four clinics during the Games. A Garand & Springfield Match Clinic was taught by retired CMP Director Gary Anderson and J.J. O'Shea, head of M1 for Vets, held a Range Officials Certification Program, both on Saturday morning. In addition, shooters were also given an opportunity to participate in a Vintage Sniper Match Clinic and Hornady Reloading Clinic; both conducted by Dave Emary, chief ballistician at Hornady.

The backbone of the Eastern and Western CMP Games are the "GSM" As-Issued Military Rifle matches. Three different 30-shot Garand, Springfield and Vintage Military Rifle Matches were fired on Saturday afternoon, Monday morning and Tuesday morning so competitors could have an opportunity to fire all three rifles. For shooters who wished to shoot the same gun more than once had the option to re-enter with the same or second gun on Monday and Tuesday. Competition for the High Three-Gun Aggregate (GSM) award also ran high throughout the event.

Sean Leighton, of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, won the GSM series (870-15X), capturing the John C. Garand and Springfield rifle matches outright. Leighton was edged out of the three-gun sweep in the Vintage Military Rifle match on center X's by Glendale "Don" Rutherford, of Tallapoosa, Georgia, (291-10X to 291-3X), who finished second overall in the GSM (862-18X). Barry Waits, of Waxhaw, N. Carolina, scored third place honors in the GSM with an aggregate score of 855-20X. Nevertheless, Leighton's overall score of 870-15x won him the Three-Gun Championship.

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## MENTORED YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT

*by Dave Still*

The Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association will offer its annual Mentored Youth Pheasant Hunt on a Saturday in October 2011. The hunt will be limited to 8-10 first time hunters ages 12-16. Applicants will be given priority in the following order:

1. Club members who are first-time pheasant hunters,
  2. HTE Participants who are first-time pheasant hunters,
- Club members who have hunted pheasant before.

Each youth hunter will have the opportunity to shoot clay birds at MSA's automatic trap ranges and gain valuable instruction from experienced, certified, trap shooters. Participants will also get to meet several of the dogs, both pointing and flushing, that will accompany them on their hunt and gain valuable instruction on how to approach the different types of hunting dogs for a safe shot. Both male and female pheasants will be launched to simulate what hunters may see in the field. We will also use this opportunity to discuss fair chase, 'shoot-don't shoot' scenarios, zones of fire, and how to hunt 'in line'. Refreshments will be provided on the day of the hunt.

Space is limited; register to take advantage of this fun event by contacting Dave Still at [still3@verizon.net](mailto:still3@verizon.net).

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*By Stan Gregg, Chief Security Officer*

Summer has finally arrived. With the change to warmer and nicer weather comes an increase in use of our outdoor ranges. When you joined Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association and signed your application you agreed to abide by all Club Bylaws—please read and follow them.

There continues to be a concern about club members who are not displaying their club ID. If found on club grounds not displaying your club ID, you will be given a warning. If you are found a second time not displaying your club ID, you will be asked to leave club grounds and your name will be taken to the Board of Directors for discussion. Wearing your club ID assures the club security and other members that you are a current club member and belong on club grounds. Any member has the right to ask to see your club ID if it is not being displayed.

There has also been an increase of members bringing guests onto club grounds without a guest pass. You must obtain a guest pass before bringing a non-member onto club grounds. This is a one-time pass. If you are found with a guest on club grounds with NO PASS, you will be asked to purchase a pass or to leave the club grounds.

I ask that you read your bylaws that you received with your membership. According to the bylaws, you can be suspended or your membership terminated if club rules are not followed. With over 2500 club members, we must enforce these bylaws.

I recently received a call from a club member reporting damage in the Indoor Center Fire Range. There were signs of rounds being skipped off the floors, walls and some signs of rounds in the ceiling. We have been reviewing the security camera tapes. If you are found damaging club property your membership can be terminated.

Our club is maintained by Directors and volunteers. We spend a lot of time keeping the club grounds and ranges clean and available for your use. Respect the property as if it were your own.

If you see any concerns while out on the club grounds or if you have any questions on club rules please feel free to contact me via email or give me a call.

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The Board of Directors would like to announce that Russell Brooks has accepted the position of Rifle Range Maintenance. Russell will be in charge of the Maintenance of the 25-, 50-, and 100-Yard Ranges.

The Board of Directors would like to recognize Wayne Minnich for his generous donation of a new push mower to be used for the lawn maintenance of the 25-, 50-, and 100-Yard Ranges.

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The Board of Directors approved a 7-yard and 15-yard pistol range to be beside the current 25-yard range. The Board also approved improvements to the roof of the 50-yard range. If you would like to volunteer to help with the roof or make a donation toward these projects, please contact First Vice President Stanley Gregg @ 717-226-1674.

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**MSA HOSTS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS INSTITUTE**

*By Ron Keslar*

The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute, the education and training affiliate of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association, was founded in 1983 for the purpose of developing and providing educational materials and training seminars for District Attorneys and their staffs.

The Basic Prosecutor's Course, conducted by the Institute twice a year, is a four-day, intensive course for newly hired assistant district attorneys. Since 1984, the Institute has trained thousands of new assistant district attorneys through this course. The curriculum has been designed to give each assistant the "basics" in such areas as the Crimes Code, Rules of Criminal Procedure, search and seizure, drug prosecution, child abuse and DUI.

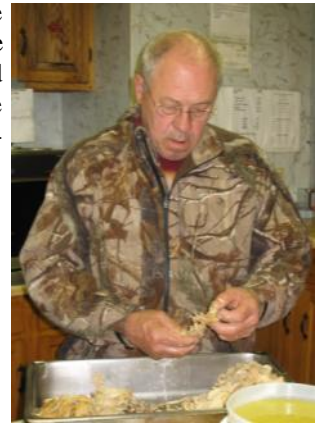
Twice a year, Mechanicsburg Sportsmens Association hosts one day of the DA Institute's Basic Prosecutor's Course with the Pennsylvania State Police providing a presentation on forensics and the Dauphin County Detectives conducting a firearms familiarization and live-fire exercise with the assistant district attorneys. The June 9, 2011 training saw almost 50 in attendance.

## CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY

By Sharon Gregg, Event Director



I would like to thank all who came out and volunteered this year at the Children's Fishing Derby. Special thanks to my Event Co- Chair Dave Weaver for the collecting of the prizes and all his hard work. We had over 150 children in attendance this year. It was a great day. A little wet and cold but again the kids did not seem to mind. Below are pictures of our volunteers and a few of the catches.



## FISH NURSERY

By Dave Eakin

Our stocking of the local streams and club pond is finished for the summer. Our special needs derby is the second Saturday in July at the fish nursery. We will be stocking the club pond this fall after the pond temperature gets low enough. Thanks to all the feeders that keep our trout well fed and healthy. We will get our little trout (4" - 6") from the Fish and Boat Commission on June 27. We will also be buying little fish sometime in July. We will setting up our fish pond for the Community Day in September.

A Big thanks to REN SHEIBLEY for his donation of his time and equipment to stone our driveway into the fish nursery!! BIG improvement, very nice job done!!

## PROPAGATION

by Dave Still

Repairs to the flight pen were delayed due to the unusually wet weather this Spring. Additional damage occurred to the pen during the severe storms in late May. Birds from local propagators are also available later than normal likely due to the weather and colder temperatures. We anticipate birds approximately 8 weeks of age will be placed in the flight pen in early to mid-July.

## NRA FOUNDATION SUPPORTS YOUTH HIGH POWER RIFLE COMPETITION CLINIC

By Ron Keslar

Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association hosted the Annual Memorial Day High Power Rifle Clinic on May 21, 2011. The youth were joined by a number of adults with a total of 13 attending in all. The morning was spent in the classroom learning about safety and range operations, equipment and ammunition, the fundamentals of rifle shooting, the history of high power rifle competition, parts and operation of the service rifle, and opportunities for continuing marksmanship development. After the noon lunch break, students moved to the club's 100-yard range where they hung targets and set up their equipment.

The shooting exercise saw the youth firing a 50-shot National Match Course. Thanks to adult volunteers from the high power program, each participant had a coach to help them learn how to safely and effectively participate in high power rifle competition.

Following the range session, they returned to the classroom for a rifle cleaning exercise. The clinic closed with the presentation of National Rifle Association Rifle training certificates and recognition of small arms proficiency by the Office of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship.

Instruction was by NRA-Certified Instructors, Coaches, Range Safety Officers and High Power Rifle competitors. Special thanks go to MSA's Sean Leighton (Distinguished Rifleman and NRA High Master) and Mark Burkhead. Thanks also to EJ Barben, Sharon Gregg, Stan Gregg, Dennis Fillmore, Jason Burkhead, and Bill Laird. AR-15 rifles were furnished by American Legion members. North Harrisburg American Legion Post 1001, with the assistance of a grant from the NRA Foundation, provided the ammunition, targets, NRA training packets, and other materials necessary

for the clinic. The program was designed by Ron Keslar, who has been conducting youth high power rifle clinics since 1988.

The American Legion holds the Annual Memorial Day High Power Rifle Clinic as part of its Americanism Program. Thanks also go to the Friends of the NRA, for the funding that made the training possible. For more information, contact Ron Keslar at [ronald@keslar.net](mailto:ronald@keslar.net), 432-9039.



## 2011 NRA HIGH POWER RIFLE

By Ron Keslar, Match Director



MSA's first regular High Power Rifle match of the year was fired on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, May 29, 2011 at the club's 100-yard range. Match winner was Jeff Karchner, 486-14x. Sean Leighton's 485-7x put him in second place. Frank Rizutto captured third place with a 481-12X. Rizutto's 100-5x set a new Range Record for Service Rifle Sitting Rapid Fire. Most of the sixteen competitors used AR-15 type rifles. A number of youth, primarily from the previous weekend's clinic, took part in the competition. The American Legion provided rifles and ammunition for the youth as part of its Americanism Program.

The June 19 match saw EJ Barben as the match winner (464-11X) with Stan Gregg (463-7X) taking second place. Once more, there was a good turnout of youth at the match.

The remaining matches are scheduled for July 4, August 28, and September 18—all are open to the public. A limited number of M1 Garands and AR-15's are available for use at no charge. The matches meet one of the requirements of the Civilian Marksmanship Program for purchase of US Government rifles and ammunition. Matches are co-sponsored by American Legion Post 1001. For more information, contact Ron Keslar at [ronald@keslar.net](mailto:ronald@keslar.net), 432-9039.



### ADVERTISEMENTS

If you would like to have an advertisement in the newsletter, contact Ron Keslar (432-9039), [ronald@keslar.net](mailto:ronald@keslar.net).

Full Page-\$100 Half Page-\$50 Quarter Page-\$25 Business Card-\$15

### NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR MECHANICSBURG SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

For a number of years, the club has utilized a post office box in Mechanicsburg. That box is no longer in use. Correspondence should now be sent to the club's current actual address (493 Sample Bridge Road, Enola, PA 17025) as noted on the front and rear pages of this newsletter.

**Shoot Safely: Be sure of your target and what is beyond!**

### CHILD GUN SAFETY

Teach your children that if they see a gun, they should

**STOP! Don't Touch.**  
**Leave the Area. Tell an Adult.**

Support the NRA's Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program!

### PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS

By Dennis Fillmore, Outdoor Writer



As a longtime member of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, our club is represented on a regular basis on Capitol Hill. The PFSC represents our interests as hunters, anglers, and gun owners. It is also involved in environmental and conservation

issues that affect us all. I would like to receive members' input on their deer season and other impressions. Please feel free to e-mail me with your opinions, observations, and suggestions concerning hunting in Pennsylvania. You can contact me at 732-6540, or online: [dennyfill@aol.com](mailto:dennyfill@aol.com).

### AFFILIATIONS

Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association is affiliated with the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (PFSC), National Rifle Association (NRA), Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association (PRPA), Amateur Trap Association (ATA), Pennsylvania State Archery Association (PSAA), Cumberland Valley Archery League (CVAL), Penn Dutch Archery League, and National Field Archers Association (NFAA); MSA partners with American Legion Post 1001, which supports the club's youth, gun safety, and high power marksmanship programs.

**2011 NRA HIGH POWER SPORTING RIFLE**

High Power Sporting Rifle is a relatively new sport for our 100-yard range. Competitors may use any center fire hunting-type rifle weighing nine and a half pounds or less. Any sights, including scopes, may be used. After a time to sight in, the 32-shot competition is fired in four stages: Slow Fire Prone-8 shots in eight minutes; Slow Fire Standing-8 shots in 8 minutes; Rapid Fire Kneeling or Sitting-8 shots in sixty seconds; Rapid Fire Prone-8 shots in sixty seconds. Rapid fire stages are broken into two 4-round 30-second strings of fire with off-the-clock time to reload, since the magazines of most hunting rifles have limited capacity.

Sporting Rifle matches will be held July 17, August 28, September 18, and October 16. For more information, contact Ron Keslar at [ronald@keslar.net](mailto:ronald@keslar.net), 432-9039.

**BLOCK SHOOTS**

*by Dave Eakin*

Our block shoots are done for the year. We will start up again the first Monday after Labor Day in September. I will have some numbers in next newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who came out and spent some money. Big thanks to all the helpers who make our block shoots run smoothly (most of the time) and profitably. Don't forget the money round carry-over. Big bucks. So make sure you are there in September.

We need to make sure our Block Shoots continue to produce these kind of numbers. We need help in the block houses to set targets and learn how to judge. Please contact me if interested.

**Range Safety**

**Shoot together and check targets together!!**

**Unload your gun and step back from it whenever someone goes down range.**

**Never handle your gun while someone is down range!!**

**MEMBERSHIP CARDS  
MUST BE DISPLAYED  
WHILE ON CLUB  
GROUNDS!**



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